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Area	Height (Meters)	Height of Lift (Meters)	Water Usage in TMC
Medigadda	92		16.17
Yellampally	148	56	75
Mid-Manair	318	170	25.873
Sriram Sagar	332.54	14.54	200
Malakpet	432.50	127.5	8.6
Anantagiri	397	95	3
Ranganayak Sagar	490	117	11
Mallanna Sagar	557	103	108
Konda Pochamma Sagar	618	120	29

Now, BJP MLA too lands in sit-up row



PNS ■ SUNDARGARH

After a BJD MLA has landed in a similar soup, now a BJP legislator is also in controversy over a sit-up row for alleged noncooperation by Government officials.

BJP MLA Kusum Tete from the Sundargarh Assembly constituency has drawn media attention for her aggressive attitude towards Government officials at a recent panchayat samiti meeting at Hemagiri.

Tete broke the protocol by calling upon two of her associates to the meeting dais. As her supporters' names were in the bottom of the signature register, she tore the paper and openly threatened the officials to force them to do sit-ups publicly.

Notably, as per the proto-

col, no one except the concerned official is allowed to sit on the dais at such a meeting.

Tete directed the panchayat officials to prepare a new register with her associates' names on top. She threatened the officials to make them sit-ups for failing to obey her order in future.

It may be pointed out that Patnagarh BJD MLA Saroj Meher is now in trouble for forcing a PWD Junior Engineer to do sit-ups earlier this month for alleged substandard road works.

Though Meher has tendered an apology for his inappropriate attitude towards a Government official, engineers' associations and the tribal community have been demanding his arrest.

JE SIT-UP ROW HC defers MLA Meher's bail plea hearing

BJP demands CM's clarification on issue

PNS ■ CUTTACK/ BHUBANESWAR

The Orissa High Court (HC) on Thursday deferred hearing of an anticipatory bail petition of Patnagarh MLA Saroj Meher, who has landed in controversy for forcing a PWD Junior Engineer, Jaykant Sabar, a tribal, to do sit-ups in public as punishment for road construction works of poor quality.

The court directed police to submit a case diary in connection with the incident that happened earlier this month.

Meanwhile, the BJP on the day slammed the State Government alleging that it is

shielding the BJD MLA. At a Press conference, BJP State spokesperson Lekhashri Samantsinghar demanded a clarification from Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on the issue and immediate arrest of Meher.

Besides, the Balangir District Tribal Welfare Association threatened to gherao the Sub-Collector and SDPO offices on Friday and the State Assembly on June 26 in protest against lack of appropriate action against Meher.

Notably, a case has been lodged against Meher at the Patnagarh police station though he has tendered an apology for his conduct.

Rainwater harvesting to cover all big buildings STATE GOVT TO AMEND BUILDINGS ACT

TATHYA ■ BHUBANESWAR

The State Government is contemplating to retrofit all the existing buildings above 100 sq meter roof to instal rainwater harvesting (RWH) system within a period of three years.

With Government of India taking up rain water harvesting (RWH) very seriously, the State Government has decided to bring amendments in Buildings Act so that all the existing big buildings will be covered under RWH.

In the meantime, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has written to all Sarpanches across the country stressing importance of the need for taking up water conservation and related measures to optimise the storage of rainwater. The action has ignited action at the State level



for taking up massive programme on RWH, said sources.

Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has decided to participate in all Government of India programmes to promote prevention, conservation, recycle and reuse of water resources for sustainable development.

Principal Secretary Water Resources Pradeep Jena held discussion with senior officials of the Department of

Water Resources (DoWR) in this regard.

A brain storming is going on whether a family will be able to meet its requirement of water for daily use without taking support of Urban Local Body (ULB) water supply system. Experts feel that this can be done, thanks to the RWH system.

According to official sources, in last two years, over 10,000 buildings in both Government and private sector have installed roof top water harvesting systems. The DoWR is providing technical knowhow and facilitating installation of the RWH system.

Besides the State Government has made it mandatory for all new buildings to incorporate roof top water harvesting as part of building plan and No Completion

Certificate shall be issued to the building owners without installation of the system.

An elaborate enforcement mechanism has also been developed to monitor implementation of system, said a senior official in DoWR.

While a stress is on setting up of RWH systems, a move is on to provide piped drinking water to every household by 2024. This will be done by harnessing both surface and ground water in a harmonious way, sources said.

The DoWR has taken up to set up about 15,000 medium to large check dams and the Department of Panchayati Raj and Drinking Water has taken up 30,000 small check-dams with a view to augmenting surface and ground water availability of surface water.

Dipping Hirakud water worries authorities Obstruction by C'garh, silt in dam prime causes

PNS ■ SAMBALPUR

The water level in the Hirakud reservoir is decreasing fast. While the obstruction of water by Chhattisgarh is attributed to be the prime reason, no early monsoon is also said to be another cause.

As per dam control room sources, the present water level in the Hirakud dam reservoir stands at 601.47 feet whereas it was 604 feet last year on this day.

Hence, there is a sharp decline in storage quantity this year and release of water to the Hirakud, Sasan and Barghar canals for preliminary prepa-

ration of agricultural activities has already begun, it added.

"Since Chhattisgarh continues to obstruct water even during the scarcity time, the problem is aggravated this year too during the current season," a senior dam project engineer said, adding, "But as the monsoon is expected by June 20, we expect improvement in the situation."

Decreasing in the water level apart, the silt problem has come as a major threat for the water holding capacity of the reservoir.

Due to massive deforestation in the upper catchment areas of the dam

that feeds water to the reservoir, silting has reduced 17 per cent water holding capacity. This has been confirmed during a survey in the year 2005 conducted by the National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC).

But nothing has been done so far for de-silting of the reservoir to increase its water holding capacity, as is seen.

Late monsoon and obstruction by Chhattisgarh even after change of Government has caused headache for the dam authorities as they are requiring more water now for the three major canals for the Hirakud command area.



CUO staffs trained on skill dev, officer mgmt

Resource persons from Tejur University join

PNS ■ KORAPUT

The Central University of Orissa (CUO) organised a two-day workshop on "Skill Development and Officer Management" for its non-teaching employees on June 17 and 18 under the chairmanship of VC Prof SK Palita.

Prof Subhansu Shekhar Sarkar, Head of Department Commerce, Tezpur University

and Dr Biren Das, Registrar, Tezpur University, Assam joined as the resource persons of the workshop.

Prof Asit Kumar Das, Registrar, CUO, delivered the welcome address.

Prof Palita expressed the importance of skill development and office management for non-teaching employees of the university in his inaugural address. He said "In a changing competitive world, India is emerging as a global leader. For this every institutions of India requires skilled manpower who can take the institution forward. For the growth and develop-



ment of Central university of Orissa, non-teaching staff as an important stakeholders need to be skilled and efficient for office management."

Prof Sarkar highlighted the recent trend on functioning, policy making and funding in the central higher education system. He delivered three lec-

tures in an interactive mode i.e. food governance for academic administration, ranking process and different parameters for the university and Role of IQAC and its functioning in quality building. He also highlighted self governance including punctuality/discipline, participation, accountability, responsiveness, effectiveness and efficiency, office keeping and dignity of labor in his lectures.

Two-time Registrar of the Tezpur University Dr Das shared some of the important information of his administrative experience for building the university.

'Stop making Ravenshaw a biz unit'

RBA opposes hike in application fees in varsity

PNS ■ CUTTACK

Coming down heavily on the hike in fees of application forms for UG and PG admissions in the Ravenshaw University, the Ravenshaw Bikash Abhijan (RBA) has urged the authorities to withdraw the increased fee and stop "converting" the university to a business unit.

"Fees of application forms for UG and PG courses have been increased from Rs 300 to Rs 500 this year. Similarly, such fees have been increased from Rs 500 to 1,000 for MPhil and from Rs 1,000 to Rs 2,000 for PhD admissions. When people of the State have been severely

hit by Cyclone Fani, the increase in application fees is only a mockery of poor meritorious students," alleged RBA members at a Press conference here.

Stating that the cost of application form was only Rs 50 when it was a college, they wanted to know the justification behind increasing application and admission fees every year by the Ravenshaw University authorities.

"The Ravenshaw College was upgraded to a university with an aim to further enhance quality education imparted by it. But the very objective has failed as efforts are being made to commercialise the institute. Apart from increasing fees, many regular courses have been changed into self-financing ones, adding to the woes of students and parents," lamented they.

Deer carcass found in Astaranga

PNS ■ PURI

A deer was found dead near Manduki village of Astaranga on Thursday.

On being informed by locals, Astaranga forest range officials recovered the decomposed carcass from near a bush and sent it for postmortem.

Though the cause of death is yet not known, however, it is suspected to be handiworks of some antisocial elements who have killed the deer and thrown up there.

The incident is believed to have taken place last night.

On Thursday morning, while it was raining incessantly, the matter came to the notice of some locals. They found some parts were absent in the carcass with forelegs tied with a rope.

The deer is suspected to have been hunted for meat purpose and after collecting required flesh, the rest portion was thrown up there. Forest officials are in search of the hunters.

OVER-BRIDGE MISHAP IN PURI; 2 KILLED

PURI: Two persons were killed and another was seriously injured in a road accident on an over-bridge at Malatipatpur near Puri in the wee hours on Thursday.

The mishap took place early in the morning at around 4 am when a motorcycle by which the three persons were travelling dashed against the parapet of the over-bridge and they fell off the bridge.

The deceased were identified as Biswajit Barik and Rudra Barik of the Bhandaripokhari area in Bhadrak district.

The injured person, identified as Rakesh Puhana, was rushed to the SCB Medical College Hospital in Cuttack for treatment. PNS

Contract docs' tenure to be extended by two years

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

Health and Family Welfare Minister Naba Kishore Das on Thursday declared that the age limit of doctors for contractual engagement would be extended by two years. While referring to the move for implementation of a new health policy on the second day of the

Chief District Medical Officers' (CDMOs) Conference at the State Secretariat, Das said that the retirement age of contractual doctors would be increased from 68 years to 70 years.

Besides, the Minister directed the CDMOs to recruit contractual doctors if and when required. The CDMOs were also asked to submit reports to

the department on the numbers of vacant doctors' posts in Government hospitals in their jurisdictions by July 15.

Notably, a roadmap of 100 days was being prepared at the CDMOs' Conference on 'Priority Programmes and Schemes' under the National Health Mission (NHM) and the State Budget.



TALKS ON NAT'L EDUCATION POLICY 'Adequate infra, teachers needed for quality edu'

Parents' Fed also suggests uniformity in salary, research-based education

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

The Odisha Parents' Federation has suggested to the Union Government to make provisions of creating ample infrastructure and appointing adequate numbers of teaching and nonteaching staffs in educational institutions in the proposed National Education Policy.

The federation held a two-day workshop to discuss various points on the Draft National Education Policy 2019 and make suggestions for formulating the new policy as wanted by the Human Resource Development department of the Union Government.

Educationalists, representatives of educational institutions, parents, teachers, administrative officials and the Education Minister participated in the

workshop. The suggestions cropped up during discussions would be presented in form of a document to the HRD Minister, said federation members.

Apart from the two suggestions, many participants also laid emphasis on providing training to teachers and imparting of research-based education. 'Equal work, equal pay' and uniformity in appoint of teachers were suggested by many others. The workshop was presided over by federation president Basudeb Bhatt.

While Anil Pradhan highlighted about the Right to Education, Rama Devi University's Dr Bani Sengupta discussed about Indian Language and mother tongue in the first session. In the second session, CYSID's Basant Nayak made a speech on 'education and finance'. Bhumohan Patnaik talked about various problems of private educational institutions. Raghunath Mandal and Smruti Ranjan Jena discussed about syl-

labus and education for differently-able persons, respectively. Teachers' leader Golak Nayak and Dr Gagan Beura emphasised on higher education.

Attending concluding ceremony, Prof Binayak Rath discussed about various positive aspects of the education system. ODM Principal Satyabrata talked about importance of parents in the field of education. While federation advisor Manoj Jena criticised Government rules, Ashok Kumar Paikaray wanted that the Centre allocate more funds for the education sector. Laxmikant Paikaray presented the full report of the two-day workshop. Lili Jenamani successfully coordinated the two-day programme.

Federation vice-president Prasanna Bishoyee, Satyabrata Parida, Swapnendu Samantray, Minati Khuntia, Nandakishore Mallick, Shubadeep Mohanty, Alok Patnaik and Chatrika Tripathy guided the programmes.

Schools to be awarded for quality education

'Ujjwal', 'Utthan' classes to resume in all schools

BHUBANESWAR: To encourage imparting of quality education in primary level, the State Government would launch a 'School Certification Programme' to recognise and award Government schools for progress from the current academic session 2019-20, informed Odisha School Education Programme Authority (OSEPA) Project Director Jyoti Prakash Das. "The schools will be awarded under the programme if students are able to achieve grade-level competencies," said Das. He said schools can nominate themselves to be certified and an expert team would make such assessment of certification.

Meanwhile, the School and Mass Education Department has planned to resume the 'Learning Enhancement Programme' (LEP) to make Class II to V students "Ujjwal" and Class VI to VIII students "Utthan". The key objective of these programmes is to bring students to the grade-appropriate learning level before teaching them advanced topics in the syllabus of their grade. The LEP will be conducted for all periods for 40 days after schools reopen and one period per day for the rest of the academic year, the department said in a release.

The teachers of elementary schools have been trained extensively for launching of the programme. The district, block and cluster-level officers have also been trained to monitor schools online and support teachers in classroom transaction.

The department has also taken steps to provide textbooks to all primary students before reopening of the schools after summer vacation. As the Cyclone Fani has affected some schools in the coastal districts, the department has taken steps to teach students in nearby schools to ensure that they don't get disturbed in getting classroom teaching.

Moreover, to curb absenteeism a Maha-Parent Teacher's Meeting (PTM) will be held in schools after summer vacation to inform parents about the benefits of LEP and importance of sending students to schools regularly. PNS

Plus II admission dates extended Online application till June 25

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

The date for application submission for admission to Plus II courses in junior colleges has been extended from June 20 to June 25. Candidates can apply online in common application form (CAF) at www.samsodisha.gov.in till 11:45 pm of June 25, a Government notification said.

Similarly, the last date for submission of print copy of CAF and manually filled in (offline) CAF at any SAMS Resource Center was rescheduled to June 26 till 5 pm.

The first round selection merit list will be published on July 2 at 2 pm. The admission of the applicants selected in the first round will be between July 3 and July 6 till 5 pm.

Also, the second round selection merit list will be out on July 12 at 5 pm and admission will be held between July 12 and July 16 till 5 pm. Publication of spot selection merit list will be on July 20 at 11 am. Registration of students for spot admission will be on July 22 at 2 pm and the list will be out at 5 pm on the same day. Admission of students selected in spot selection has been scheduled between July 24 and July 26. Classes for Plus II first year students will begin on July 29.

Plus III admission notification issued CLASSES TO BEGIN FROM AUG 24

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

The notification for admission into Plus III courses in various degree and autonomous colleges in the State for the academic session 2019-20 was issued by the Higher Education Department on Thursday.

The Common Application Form (CAF) would be available online on June 24 at 11 am and it can be downloaded from www.dheodisha.gov.in or www.samsodisha.gov.in. The deadline for online application through the website would end at 11 pm on July 8.

The last date of submission of the print copy of the online applied CAF at any SAMS Resource Centre along with supporting documents (if not validates online) is July 11 (5 pm).

The first-round selection merit list would be published on July 18 at 11 am. Admission of the applicants selected in the first round would be between July 18 and 21 till 5 pm.

The second round selection merit list would be published on August 5 at 5 pm and admission would be held between August 5 and 8 till 5 pm.

Publication of the spot selection merit list would be on August 14 at 11 am. Registration of students for spot admission would be on August 16 from 11 am. The last date for registration of students for spot admission is August 17 till 5 pm. Online deposit of spot admission fees is scheduled between August 19 and 21 till 5 pm. And classes would commence for the Plus III first year students from August 24, according to the notification.

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2/3rds TDP RS members join BJP

Chandrababu puts up brave face as MPs seeks legislature party merger with BJP

PNS ■ NEW DELHI/HYDERABAD

As Telugu Desam Party (TDP) chief Chandrababu Naidu vacations in Europe with his family, his party on Thursday landed in a deep crisis. On a day of fast-paced developments, four of the TDP's six Rajya Sabha members passed a resolution to merge their legislature party in the Rajya Sabha with the BJP, "inspired and encouraged" by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "impeccable" leadership. Later, they submitted their petition seeking the merger to Upper House Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu, who will take a call on the matter.

BJP working president JP Nadda announced the merger of the "Group of Four" — YS Chowdary, CM Ramesh, G Mohan Rao and TG Venkatesh — with the BJP here at the party headquarters. The merger of the RS group comes even as one of the three TDP Lok Sabha members, Kesineni Nani, is also likely to follow suit and cross over to the BJP.

Their decision to back the BJP will give a boost to the saffron party in the Upper House as the BJP-led NDA does not have a majority there yet, though it is the largest block. The Rajya Sabha has a strength of 245 members and the BJP is the single largest party with 71 MPs while its allies have strength of 35 members.

The latest developments triggered speculation about



TDP Rajya Sabha members Y Sujana Chowdary, TG Venkatesh and CM Ramesh submit their resignation to Rajya Sabha Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu as they resign from the party in New Delhi on Thursday PTI

the BJP aiming for a majority in the Rajya Sabha by engineering defections as the numbers to pass several key Bills in the Upper House elude the saffron party. With four of six TDP MPs breaking away from their party, it will meet the legal requirement of anti-defection law, which mandates the support of at least two-thirds members for a split to be recognised in Parliament.

Interestingly, till recently, Chowdary — the TDP legislature party leader in the Rajya

Sabha — was being raided by the Enforcement Directorate in connection with an alleged money laundering and bank fraud case against a firm promoted by him. The ED had seized the firm's assets worth ₹315 crore.

Reacting to the development, Chandrababu Naidu sought to put up a brave front saying, "We fought with the BJP only for Special Category Status for Andhra Pradesh and the State's interests. We sacrificed Central Ministers for spe-

cial status and condemn attempts of the BJP to weaken the TDP. Crisis is not new to the party. Leaders and cadre have nothing to be nervous about." He is scheduled to return home on June 24.

Welcoming the TDP MPs, Nadda said merger would make BJP stronger in Andhra Pradesh where "we would expand BJP's base."

He said for long these MPs were impressed with the "dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and

organisational skills of party president Amit Shah" and wanted to join the BJP.

He said the MPs held a meeting and gave Shah the proposal for a merger which the party accepted. "I assure them that the BJP believes in politics of positivity and inclusiveness," Nadda said and hastened to add BJP's now famous tagline "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas".

Barring Mohan Rao, who had hurt himself, three other MPs were present at the conference of Nadda. Speaking on the occasion, Chowdary said he and his RS colleagues joined the BJP to contribute to the "nation building" under Modi's leadership. He said all of them thought that the best course is cooperation and not confrontation as far as the implementation of the issues in relation to the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act are concerned and the BJP was the best forum to sort it out.

"You are aware of the mood of the nation," he said and pointed out that he had already worked under Modi as an MoS. The trio later attended the PM's dinner along with other leaders cutting across party lines.

The four apart, several of TDP senior leaders and former MLAs held a closed-door meeting at a hotel of Kakinada discussing their future. The meeting has fanned the speculation of them too quitting the party.

Prez: Govt to continue dev journey for inclusive India

Kovind underlines Modi Govt's resolve to remove 'social evils' of triple talaq, illegal infiltration with NRC crackdown

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Outlining the "very clear mandate" for the Narendra Modi dispensation in the Lok Sabha polls for continuing the uninterrupted "development journey" that it started in 2014, President Ram Nath Kovind on Thursday said the Modi-2 Government is "moving ahead to create strong, secure and inclusive India".

Kovind underlined the Government's resolve to remove "social evils" of triple talaq and "nikah halala", intensify crackdown on corruption and to implement the National Register of Citizens (NRC) to check infiltration. The NRC is currently being updated in Assam on priority basis in areas affected by infiltration.

In an hour-long address to the joint sitting of Parliament with the PM, Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu and MPs of both Houses in attendance, the President said national security was paramount to the Government, he also revealed that the Centre will soon announce a new industrial policy — replacing that of 1991—



President Ram Nath Kovind, accompanied by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, arrives to address the Joint Session of Parliament in New Delhi on Thursday AP

to promote growth of industries and creation of jobs.

The BJP had played the national security card during the elections to the hilt by showcasing the Balakot airstrikes even as it had been at the receiving end over rising unemployment.

The customary address of the President is prepared by the Government of the day.

India "jumped" to 77 position in ease of doing business ranking from 142 in 2014 and would now "work to reach the top 50 in the world", he said, adding, towards this end

process of simplification of rules will be further expedited in collaboration with States.

The President said work is underway in full earnest to transform India into a global manufacturing hub.

"Keeping in view Industry 4.0, a new industrial policy will be announced shortly," he said. The new policy will replace the industrial policy of 1991 which was prepared in the backdrop of balance of payment crisis.

This will be the third industrial policy after the ones released in 1956 and 1991.

CAPSULE

32 DEAD AS BUS FALLS IN DRAIN IN KULLU
Shimla: At least 32 people were killed and 28 others severely injured when a bus fell into a deep drain in Kullu district of Himachal Pradesh. The private bus fell into the over 300-metre-deep nullah near the Dhothi Morh in Banjar tehsil of the district. The vehicle was en route to Gada Gushaini.

7 KIDS FEARED DROWNED AS VAN FALLS IN CANAL
Lucknow: Bodies of three children were recovered during search operations after seven of them went missing when a van plunged into a canal near here.

BIHAR ENCEPHALITIS TOLL MOUNTS TO 118
Muzaffarpur: Three more children suffering from Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES) have died here since Wednesday evening, taking the total number of deaths caused due to the outbreak to 118.

1 KILLED, 3 INJURED IN CLASHES IN BENGAL
Kolkata: One person was shot dead and three others were seriously injured in Bhatpara area of West Bengal's North 24 Parganas district as clashes broke out between two groups.

Central GST Asst Commissioner axed Lone from Odisha to be in Centre's tainted officers' list

PNS ■ SUNDARGARH

An Assistant Commissioner of Central GST Rourkela Commissionerate office, who figured in a list of fifteen tainted Central Government officials, has been removed from his job.

Surendra Singh Bist was removed from his job with payment of three months' salary.

The Narendra Modi Government, after assuming the charge for the second time, had shortlisted 15 corrupt senior officials. Bist was the only officer from Odisha in this list.

During 2013, when Bist was working as a Superintendent of Central Excise Department at Kolkata, he had faced allegation of corruption, following which a CBI probe was initiated against him. He had allegedly demanded and received Rs 10 lakh

from one Universal Agency, which had asked for permission for exporting of fertiliser. Despite pendency of the CBI case, Bist had got a promotion to the post of Assistant Commissioner in 2015 and was transferred to Rourkela.

Bist, however, defended himself and condemned the decision of the Central Government. "I had neither received any bribe from anybody nor the CBI had recovered any amount from me in the alleged corruption case," said Bist, adding that he would challenge the action against him in a court.

Former IPS officer Sanjiv Bhatt gets life term for 1990 custodial death

PTI ■ JAMNAGAR

A court in Gujarat on Thursday sentenced sacked IPS officer Sanjiv Bhatt to life imprisonment in a custodial death case dating back to 1990 when he was posted as an additional superintendent of police in this district.

Bhatt, who earlier made allegations against then Gujarat Chief Minister Narendra Modi over his handling of the 2002 Gujarat riots, has been behind bars in Palanpur for the last nine months in another case of allegedly framing a man in a drug seizure matter.

The Gujarat-cadre officer was suspended from the Indian Police Service in 2011 and sacked by the Union Ministry of Home Affairs in August 2015 on grounds of "unauthorised absence from service".



6 subs first big Make-in-India project Govt issues tender for Indian Strategic Partners for ₹45K cr submarines

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

In the one of the first big decisions after assuming charge for the second term, the NDA Government has issued a tender worth over ₹45,000 crore for manufacturing six submarines in India. These submarine will be made under the Strategic Partnership (SP) model as part of an initiative of "Make in India" to propel Indian industry into the front league of nations capable of manufacturing front line fighter jets, submarines, warships, tanks and helicopters.

The tender or expression of interest was issued by the Defence Ministry on Thursday for shortlisting potential Indian Strategic Partners for construction of six conventional submarines as part of Project-75I. At present, the Navy has nearly 15 submarines with more than half of them on their last legs of the operational life. The first Scorpene class submarine built with French collaboration joined the forces last year while the remaining five



will be inducted over the course of next one and half years. The Mazagon Docks Limited (MDL), Mumbai, is building these submarines.

Giving details of the latest tender, officials said here as a major initiative towards Make in India, the Government immediately has issued the Expression of Interest(s) for shortlisting of potential Indian Strategic Partners (SPs) for "Construction of six Conventional Submarines" for

P-75(I) Project of the Navy.

This is the second project being undertaken under the latest SP Model, with the first being the procurement of 111 Naval Utility Helicopters (NUH). This would provide a major boost to the indigenous design and construction capability of submarines in India, in addition to bringing in the latest submarine design and technologies as part of the project. The case was approved by the Defence Acquisition Council

on January 31. The tender for shortlisting of Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) will be issued in two weeks. Most of the submarine builders are foreigners.

The SPs in collaboration with OEMs have been mandated to set up dedicated manufacturing lines for these submarines in India and make India the global hub for submarine design and production. All six submarines under this project will be built in India by the selected Indian Strategic Partner in collaboration with the selected OEM.

In addition, the Indian Navy would have the option to manufacture six more submarines under the project. The project would not only aid in boosting the core submarine/ship building industry but would also greatly enhance manufacturing/industrial sector, especially the medium scale industries by development of an industrial eco-system for manufacture of associated spares/systems/equipment related to submarines.

Cong will decide successor, I've not named anyone: Rahul

Denies giving nod to Gehlot to lead party

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Congress has no way out but to choose a new president as incumbent Rahul Gandhi on Thursday made it clear he will not back down from his decision to resign from the top post owning responsibility for the party's Lok Sabha debacle. At the same time, he maintained that it will be his party, and not him, which will decide on his successor.

Rahul said he is not the person to take a decision on his successor, even as he denied reports that he had given his nod to Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot to lead the party in his place. "I am not the one who will appoint the party president," Rahul told

reporters when asked on who would be his successor.

On reports claiming that Gehlot will be his successor and he has given his approval for the same, he said, "No such thing."

Rahul has been adamant on stepping down as party president following the debacle in the elections, but the CWC, the highest decision-making body of the Congress, has rejected his resignation offer and asked him to restructure the party at all levels. Rahul has maintained that the new party president should be a non-Gandhi, apparently to shed the image of the party being controlled by one dynasty.

By resigning he has also sought to showcase that there has to be accountability at all levels.

But then, while Rahul has been consistent on not backtracking on his decision, the party has taken a hit, be it in Karnataka or Rajasthan, where factionalism is rife.

Interiors of Shreemandir go viral Sevayat suspended



PNS ■ PURI

Pictures of the interiors of the Jagannath Temple here have again gone viral on social media. The sevayat, who is alleged to have uploaded the photos, was suspended by the Patara Nijog following resentment over the incidence.

The photographs were clicked in the Mahalakshmi shrine in the main temple premises. The servitor had clicked the photograph while

Paitas or sacred threads were being prepared for Lord Jagannath and His siblings in the Mahalakshmi temple.

After the matter came to the fore, the Patara Nijog suspended the servitor and reported it to the Shree Jagannath Temple Administration (SJTA).

The incidence has raised questions on the security measures in the Shreemandir as android mobile phones are being carried to the temple despite a ban by the SJTA.

Monsoon may reach State today: IMD

Heavy rainfall alert for several places

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

The delayed southwest monsoon is expected to hit the State in the next 24 hours.

The Regional Office of the India Meteorological Department (IMD) here on Thursday said the cyclonic

circulation over east central and adjoining north Bay of Bengal has intensified into a low pressure system and it has strengthened the monsoon's onset over the Odisha coast.

The weather office has further issued heavy rainfall alert for several parts of the State for the next three days.

Heavy to very heavy rainfall is likely to occur at one or two places in the districts of Cuttack, Puri, Ganjam, Khordha and Jagatsinghpur

in the next 24 hours.

Heavy rains are also likely in the districts of Jajpur, Bhadrak, Gajapati, Koraput and Nayagarh.

Heavy to very heavy rainfall would also occur at several places in Jajpur, Cuttack, Bhadrak, Kandhamal, Dhenkanal and Angul districts in the next 48 hours.

Several parts of Sundargarh, Sambalpur, Bargarh, Nabarangpur and Koraput districts would also experience rainfall in 72 hours, said the IMD.

State Budget ₹1.36L crore

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

The size of the State's Annual Budget for 2019-20 is likely to cross the Rs 1,36,000-crore mark. A meeting of the Council of Ministers held under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik at the State Secretariat here on Thursday approved the amount of the Budget.

Sectors like agriculture, education, health and MSME have been given focus in the draft Budget, according to sources. It may be noted that the Finance Department had collected opinions from the general public for preparation of the draft Budget.

SCHOOLS TO REOPEN TODAY

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

Keeping in view the changed better weather conditions, the State Government on

Thursday directed all private and Government schools to start classes from Friday. Earlier, the School and Mass Education Department had

extended the vacation of all schools till June 25.

As per the previous schedule, the schools were to reopen on June 19, but due to heat

wave conditions, the vacation was extended. But it was rescheduled again for June 21 on Thursday.

"The earlier order is modified and all schools in State shall reopen on June 21," a department notification stated.

Crores go in drain as DDN project left halfway in B'pur

BeMC authorities under scanner

KRUSHNA CHANDRA PANDA ■ BRAHMAMPUR

The full implementation of Digital Door Numbering (DDN) system in Brahmampur has led to gross misappropriation of tax payers' money as no one is yet made accountable for its failure.

According to sources, the DDN (one address for all utilities), is an innovative project of one of its kind in the State providing house numbering to all households as mandated by the Municipal Corporation Act. The project generates digital door numbering through satellite imagery information from ORSAC (Odisha Space Application Center) and field survey across the BeMC area. The project was undertaken by

technology partners Zippr, Hyderabad.

The DDN system demands that each house will be given a door number plate, and this number could be used in all provisions, including all basic services and fees like water tax, electricity bill, subsidy programmes, etc. and can prove an effective aid not only for identification but also can aid in e-governance of the local bodies better.

The failure of the project and its incompleteness proves how the BeMC authorities, the elected representatives and UD Department in the State paid deaf ears to such lapses and their failure to implement the project.

In January, 2018, former Mayor of BeMC K Madhavi and the then BeMC Commissioner Nikhil Pawan Kalyan went to Delhi reportedly at the BeMC's expense to receive "Skoch order of Merit" from a Hyderabad-based com-

pany, interestingly to whom the task of implementing/executing "Digital Door Numbering (DDN) system for BeMC was entrusted. According to BeMC records, Kalyan and Madhavi visited Delhi and received the award on behalf of the BeMC.

Notably, Skoch Award, instituted in 2003, is said to be the highest civilian honour in the country conferred by an independent organisation. It recognises people, projects and institutions that go the extra mile to make India a better nation. The award covers the best of efforts in the area of digital, financial and social inclusion. It encompasses the best of governance, inclusive growth, excellence in technology and applications, change management, corporate leadership, corporate governance, citizen service delivery, capacity building, empowerment, etc.

According to an estimate,

currently there are nearly 60,000 residential houses of different class under the administrative ambit of BeMC and there is a spiraling increase in the number of new residential houses in lower and slum areas and on the outskirts of the city every day which too was initially included in the DDN project for assigning digital door number to each of them. Accordingly, the work order was entrusted to a Hyderabad-based firm for which the firm was reportedly paid advance worth several lakhs of rupees out of the funds donated by various social and commercial organizations for undertaking various development works of the BeMC. Now, it has come to the public notice that, the firm used digital number on a piece of colored paper and pasted on the wall of thousands of houses in the silk city, which have now either been lost or torn out

or washed away due to rain or faded out and become invisible. Had the firm subscribed the digital number in a solid aluminum, copper or brass plate before affixing the same on the walls of individual houses, the digital number plates would not have been lost causing irreparable loss to the BeMC, now questioned the tax payers.

When asked about the full implementation of DDN system for the houses which is yet to be done, an insider of the BeMC on condition of anonymity said that the project for assigning DD number has been stopped. Notably, the tenure of the elected representatives to BeMC ended in last October and since then the administration is in the hands of the two senior bureaucrats - the Commissioner and the district Collector as Chief Administrator. On the one hand, the DDN project has already been left in an inconclusive

state, while on the other, the citation and award (Skoch Award of Merit) showing successful implementation of the DDN system has been well displayed and preserved in the BeMC office as a show piece to befool the public.

Now, several social organizations, intellectuals, taxpayers, NGOs have questioned as to how the BeMC got prize without completing the DDN system in its area?

Significantly, some houses of Gandhinagar 3rd Lane Extension (west) a posh locality, have not been assigned digital door numbers yet for the reasons best known to the BeMC.

Now who is responsible for loss of lakhs of rupees already paid to the firm undertaking the DDN work? The BeMC must disclose to the public as to how much money has already been paid to the firm for completing the system, demanded MASM convenor A Gaya.

INBRIEF

GIRL DIES, 2 INJURED IN LIGHTNING IN JSUR Jagatsinghpur: A 15-year-old girl, Sujata Bhoi, died and two other persons were injured when lightning struck them at Naranpur village under the Sadar police station in Jagatsinghpur district on Thursday morning. Sujata was sitting in her thatched house when the tragedy occurred. Her family members took her to the District Headquarters Hospital here, where doctors declared her dead.

KHARIAR COLLEGE GETS AWARD FOR RED CROSS WORKS

Nuapada: The Khariar Autonomous College has received an award from Governor Prof Ganeshi Lal for its best performance in different Red Cross activities. College Principal Dr Harendra Panda said, "We performed better in activities like blood donation, Swachh Bharat Abhijan, road safety, brotherhood in jail, AIDS awareness, anti-plastic pollution drive, tobacco control, women empowerment, yoga, plantation, etc., under the Red Cross. We are thankful to our students for their active involvement in such activities that brought us this honour." The college is one of the three of Odisha which got the awards. The award was received by Dr PK Pradhan, Counsellor, Red Cross, and Principal Panda at Bhubaneswar.



ARYA IRON AND STEEL DONATES ₹5L FOR FANI RELIEF

Champua: The Arya Iron and Steel Pvt Ltd situated near Barbil has donated Rs 5 lakh to the Chief Minister's Relief Fund (CMRF) for relief of Fani-affected people. Company Senior GM (corporate affairs and commercial) Parvesh Pandey handed over a cheque of this amount Keonjhar district Collector Ashish Thakre in his office.

Jawan cremated with State honours in D'nal

Thousands pay tributes shouting patriotic slogans

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

The body of Odia jawan Ajit Kumar Sahoo, who was martyred in an IED blast in Pulwama of Jammu and Kashmir, was cremated in his native village Badasuala village under Kamakhyanagar block in Dhenkanal district with full State honours on Thursday.

The large crowd which was in attendance shouted patriotic slogans like, 'Saheed Ajit Sahoo Amar Rahe'.

Earlier, the body reached the Biju Patnaik International Airport here late on Wednesday night. It was then taken to the



120 Infantry Battalion campus here, where the jawan was given guard of honour.

Governor Prof Ganeshi Lal, Ministers Ashok Panda

and Prafulla Mallick and MLA Ranendra Pratap Swain and BJP leader Prakash Mishra offered floral tributes to Sahoo.

"We are living peacefully in the country only because of the sacrifice of these brave soldiers," said Lal.

Minister Prafulla Mallick said the State Government would provide all support to the bereaved family of the martyred jawan.

Later, the body was taken to Dhenkanal Mini Stadium and later to his village in a procession, during which thousands of people lined the streets.

On June 17, Sahoo was injured in an IED blast triggered by militants and later succumbed. Sahoo, had joined the Indian Army in 2015.

Jumbo killed in train accident in D'nal

PNS ■ DHENKANAL

A female elephant died when it was hit by a goods train near Kaunriapal under the Sadar Forest Range in Dhenkanal district on Thursday.

According to reports, a herd of elephants was crossing the railway track at the spot in the morning at about 6 am when the train dashed against the victim one leading to its instantaneous death.



The elephant's carcass was first spotted by locals, who informed Forest Department officials about it. Officials reached the place and initiated an investigation into the circumstances of the pachyderm's death.

R'gada student murder: 5 including 3 juveniles held TRIANGULAR LOVE BEHIND INCIDENT



BADAL TAH ■ RAYAGADA

Police on Thursday claimed to have cracked the murder case of a college student, Mahadev Suresh Kumar, of Kasturi Lane in Rayagada town with the arrest of five persons, including three juveniles.

The arrestees included the three juveniles and Niranjana Bidika and P Pawan Kalyan.

Notably, Mahadev, who was a student of the Rayagada Autonomous College, was found dead under mysterious circumstances near a shopping complex in Kasturinagar in Rayagada town on June 16.

The murder was due to a dispute between the deceased Mahadev and a juvenile (name not disclosed because of Juvenile Justice Act), both of whom loved the same girl. This led to a dispute between Mahadev

and the juvenile and both had a fight over it, police said.

On the same night on June 15, the accused juveniles along with Bidika and Kalyan called Mahadev from his home and took him to a secluded place and severely thrashed him.

After he became unconscious they took him and dumped him near the shopping complex and fled from the spot. Later, Mahadev succumbed to the injuries.

During investigations, the police from CCTV footages came to know that more than two people are involved in the murder. Based on all evidences the police arrested the Bidika, Kalyan and three juveniles. They have confessed to have committed the crime, police said. All the accused were forwarded to court on the day.

K'pada Biju statue vandalised

BJD activists demand culprits' arrest



PNS ■ KENDRAPADA

Protesting unidentified miscreants' act of vandalising the statue of former Chief Minister Biju Patnaik near Trinath Bazaar in Rajnagar, BJD activists on Thursday took to the streets demanding immediate arrest of the culprits.

The activists, carrying banners and shouting slogans, staged a demonstration at Dakbungalow Chhak in

Pattamundai of the district. They alleged that the miscreants intentionally beheaded the statue of the legendary leader.

BJD activists had also staged a blockade on the Pattamundai-Rajnagar main road at Trinath Bazaar on Wednesday by disrupting vehicular movement. They withdrew the agitation after police reached the spot and pacified them.

IN BALESWAR HC Bench demand: Lawyers on 3-day stir

BALESWAR: The advocates following a decision of the District Bar Association abstained from work on Thursday for three days in protest of nonfulfilment of their long standing demand for a permanent High Court Bench in Baleswar.

"The demand for a High Court Bench in Baleswar for north Odisha is pending for about 12 years. In view of pending cases of the region, including Mayurbhanj, Bhadrak and Keonjhar, and distance to Cuttack from remote places, there should be a bench in Baleswar. The demand was made before the Commission of Inquiry of Justice CR Pal for establishment of HC bench," said Bar Association president Niranjana Panda.

"Following unanimous decision, the advocates have embarked on cease-work from Thursday till Saturday. The lawyers will resume work from Monday," he informed.

"There have been demands

for HC Benches in western and southern Odisha but the pendency volume in north Odisha region is quite high. The demand for a bench for north Odisha zone is quite genuine and Baleswar district is the most suitable place," observed Bar Association secretary Sambit Nandy.

"The heat wave is unbearable due to soaring mercury graph. The litigants are facing a tough situation to attend courts. Those coming from far remote places are encountering the worst situation. Under the circumstances, the cessation of work would be helpful to the litigants as well as lawyers at least up to Monday," said member of executive body of the Bar Annapurna Nayak.

In the meanwhile, the association has urged the district Judge to take measure to provide air-conditioned facilities in all the court rooms and halls as unbearable heat was adversely affecting the efficiency of court works. PNS

GT Tech launches 3D printer machine

BHUBANESWAR: The GT Technologies entered in the domain of 3D printer and launched their first product in 3D printer machine on Thursday.

The product is named as "Imaginator Home" which is a series of their product under brand Imaginator. Bed size of Specification of Imaginator Home is 210 mm x 210mm x 210 mm which is based on fused deposition modeling and available in 30 colours, print resolution is 0.1 mm/100 microns and supports materials PLA, ABS,

HIPS and others for printing through single extruder. Other 3D printer machines in series are Imaginator Lite, Plus, Ultra with different bed size of printing.

Managing Director, Dassault Systemes Samson Khaou graced the occasion as chief guest and inaugurated the 3D Printer machine.

Managing Directors — Gram Tarang Technologies Rabindra Sah, Head- Additive manufacturing Suman K Singh, Vice-President Centurion University Prof DN Rao, among others, spoke. PNS

Athagarh lawyers launch cease-work DEMAND BASIC FACILITIES IN COURT PREMISES

ATHAGARH: Members of the Athagarh Bar Association under the leadership of its president Prasanna Kumar Rout and secretary Manoranjan Mohanty launched an indefinite cease-work stir from Thursday demanding fulfilment of their

basic requirements like provision of safe drinking water, uninterrupted power supply, air-conditioning of the chambers of judges and advocates and canteen facilities in the courts premises.

Rout said, "Here, we find

the Courts of SDJM, JMFC, Additional District Judge, Assistant District Judge, Executive Magistrate and Sub-Divisional Magistrate run in one campus having a single bar chamber. Due to lack of the basic facilities, everybody com-

ing here for court works suffers a lot. So, the lawyers have resorted to the protest."

Works in all court were affected due to the cease-work by lawyers. Rout said the stir would continue until the demands are fulfilled. PNS

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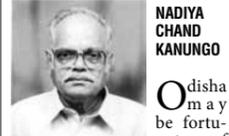
Bike-borne miscreants loot ₹4.85 lakh in B'ngir

BALANGIR: In a daring broad daylight robbery, unidentified bike-borne miscreants allegedly looted Rs 4.85 lakh cash from the manager of a businessman in Kantabanji town of the district on Thursday.

The incident took place in when one Sunil Sharma, manager of local businessman Kishore Kumar Aggarwal, was on his way towards Kishore's residence on his two-wheeler after withdrawing Rs 4.85 lakh from the Kantabanji SBI branch. As he was about to reach Aggarwal's house, two miscreants on a Bajaj Pulsar bike waylaid him on the road. They snatched the money bag from him and fled from the spot in a flash.

Sunil immediately informed Kishore about the incident who rushed to Kantabanji police station to lodge a complaint. While police initiated an investigation, frequent loot incidents over the past few months in the area have alarmed the residents, who have criticised the police for their inability to curb such crimes. PNS

Revive mangroves to ward off oceanic disasters



NADIYA CHAND KANUNGO

Odisha may be fortunate of having a pretty long coastline right from Icchapuram in the south to the east Digha in West Bengal, but it remains like other coastal States vulnerable to oceanic disasters. It is but natural that the low pressure belts are created in the ocean as compared to landmass.

Two types of ecosystems are seen in the oceanic boundary throughout the country and also in the world. It is the nature's pride that the rivers of the globe join the ocean and therefore 71 per cent of space of the globe is water.

The physical properties of the ocean constitute the distribution of nutrients, oxygen, carbon dioxide and maintenance of biochemical properties of the oceanic body. The marine biology of ocean constitutes the primary production of standing crops, fisheries, plankton etc. Large scale monsoon circulation is also expected due to physical and chemical properties of the ocean. And the oceanic cyclone is also due to physical and chemical action of the planetary water

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mass. We always damage the geological composition and sedimentation of the oceanic process. As the entire biology of the oceanic planet depends on physiological and geological properties of ocean water, different types of crop compositions are seen in marine lands. The Indian Ocean is said to be biological centre of the globe.

In respect of Odisha coast, mangroves are widely seen which are a certain group of plants in the plant kingdom. The mangrove species are salt tolerant species and occur in the tropical and sub-tropical intertidal estuarine region having other special adaptabilities. The word "mangrove" is derived from "Mangal" and its Portuguese form is "Mangrove". About 3,56,500 hectares of land in the coastal regions of India are protected naturally. There are mangroves or salt bearing ecological systems not only in Odisha. The mangroves also are found in the States of Gujarat, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, West Bengal and Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

In Odisha, there are 200 sq km of mangrove forests, which are generally known as

Mahanadi mangroves.

These forests are totally destroyed habitats now as they are lost due agricultural practices and spread of industrialization and development of ports. The dense mangrove forests are found in the mudflats of river Brahmani-Baitarani-Dhamara-Devi rivers. The Bhitarkanika wild life estuarine sanctuary is very much famous as it is declared as protected land since 1975.

The total area of such mangroves is 67,200 sqkm. The seeds of mangrove germinate on the mother plants before they fall from the mother plant on ground. If these specially adapted plant communities of sea-coast are removed who will protect us from cyclonic weather of the coastal region? All coastal species are evergreen and having dense crown coverages which hinder the passage of sea-wind towards landmass. Other than ceasing and sealing properties of oceanic wind, the mangrove species have unique properties of absorbing heat of the land. All green coverages of sea coast have character of absorbing the heat of the wind of coastal region and also have the power of discharging excess salt than the body requirement of each plant. So the plants which have come naturally

either in mud-flats of river mouths or in the sand-cast areas should not be replaced by any other plants which are not able to adapt with the regions.

Due to loss of green coverages in the Smart City of Bhubaneswar and indiscriminate felling of Chandaka forest for expansion of the city and side by side, due to rising of multistorey buildings, the chlorophyll action of the region has totally been lost. The chlorophyll has the property of heat absorption as compared to other colours.

So the Government should make a rule that all buildings be painted with the colour of green to reduce the atmospheric temperature and keep the biodiversity of the land risk free. To protect the coastal region from cyclonic disasters and heat wave, the role of green barriers cannot be denied. The mangroves forests provide us such protective barriers against oceanic disasters. So the protective coverage of mangroves should be maintained to divert the movement of cyclonic wind usually from ocean towards landmass. When low pressure belt is created in the oceanic body, the wind from low pressure belt moves towards land mass and the wind from high pressure belt present in the landmass fill up the vacuum in oceanic land. It is a usual process

of the nature in the oceanic land. The gravity of disaster depends on the extent of low-pressure belt on the ocean surface.

Odisha is prone to oceanic disasters, particularly cyclone. If we support the nature, the nature will surely support us. So the mangrove barriers in general should be maintained to protect us from future disasters.

Recently the oceanic cyclone "Bayu" blew in Gujarat sea-coast; and three lakhs people had to be shifted to safe areas from pre-affected areas. The Gujarat mangrove lands are very poor and need to be revived for protection from several cyclonic disasters in future.

There are 14 States including Andaman and Nicobar, which are prone to oceanic cyclone disasters in India. Mostly the eastern and western States are prone to cyclonic disasters as the ocean forms the boundary of these States. So if the rivers of such lands are joined for water sources management, the lands of mangroves will certainly be affected and reduced due to less deposition of river borne silt. The planners should not forget this point while going ahead with the river joining projects.

(The writer is a former forest officer and an environmentalist. M-9937460649)

Govt. of Odisha e-procurement Notice
Bid Identification No. rwsstc-03/2019-20

The Executive Engineer, RWS&S Division, Cuttack on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites percentage bid through e-procurement in single cover system according to norm of e-procurement.

- Nature of work : Augmentation/Restoration of RPWS Schemes.
- No. of tenders : 4 Nos.
- Tender Paper Cost : Rs.4,000/- to Rs.6,000/-
- Value of Work : Rs.6.83 Lakhs to Rs. 43.06 Lakhs
- Class of Contractor : "D", "C" & "B" Class
- Date and time of availability of bid document : 11 hour of 20-06-2019 to 29-06-2019 up to 17 hours in portal
- Date & time of seeking tender clarification : 27-06-2019 up to 17 hours
- Date & time of opening of tender : 01-07-2019 at 11:30 Hours in the office of the Executive Engineer, RWS&S Division, Cuttack
- Time of completion : 60 to 90 days.
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Conserve monsoon rainwater: PM to CMs

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

Concerned about the water crisis and drought conditions, Prime Minister Narendra Modi wrote to Chief Ministers of all States advising them to conserve rainwater during the forthcoming monsoon.

The PM had earlier written a personal letter to 'Gram Pradhans' (village chiefs) urging them to conserve rainwater. The issue of drought conditions and water scarcity was discussed at the highest level at the NITI Aayog's governing council meeting last week.

According to a NITI Aayog report, Delhi is among 21 major cities that will run out of groundwater by 2020. Situation in Maharashtra, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu is also grim. It is not much better in Gujarat, Rajasthan and Andhra Pradesh. About half of Maharashtra - including the districts of Latur, Beed and Osmanabad in Marathwada region - comprising nearly three-fourth of 36 districts of the state are



"Most-of these measures need to be taken at the local level by mobilising gram panchayats and communities, and dovetailing resources from various ongoing Government programmes. Recent studies have also shown a marked reduction in fecal contamination of groundwater resources in many States owing to improvements in sanitation and use of toilets"

facing severe drought situation. In Karnataka, two dozen of its 30 districts - nearly 80 per cent - are reeling under drought.

In his letter, the PM advised the CMs to focus on the construction of farm pond structures, desilting and rehabilitation of irrigation tanks, micro-watersheds, construction of groundwater recharge structures, building of rainwater harvesting structures - both roof-top and ground-level tanks. "Most-of these measures need to be taken at the local level by mobilizing gram

panchayats and communities, and dovetailing resources from various ongoing government programmes. Recent studies have also shown a marked reduction in fecal contamination of groundwater resources in many states owing to improvements in sanitation and use of toilets," Modi stated in the letter.

The Prime Minister also asked them to take this matter on high priority and issue necessary instructions to the concerned departments and districts to draw up action plans with concrete.

According to the Drought Early Warning System (DEWS), about 42 per cent of India is 'abnormally dry' which around 6 per cent is more than last year. The pre-monsoon season this year is the second driest in 65 years, with gross rainfall deficiency recorded at 25 per cent, said private forecaster Skymet. Chennai and its suburbs are experiencing severe water scarcity this summer, with borewells and lakes going dry, forcing people and commercial establishments to depend on water supplied through tankers from villages

in neighbouring districts.

A study by the National Geophysical Research Institute (NGRI) from earlier this year found that groundwater levels in Delhi are depleting at an astonishing rate of 10 cm per year.

"Measurable outcomes and implement them under your personal supervision. I am requesting the Cabinet Secretary to follow up with your Chief Secretaries. The Central Government will continue to provide full support to States in the matter. We need to collectively take timely measures to enable optimum utilization of the coming monsoon rainfall by way of storing and conserving it for future use," Modi said.

According to India Meteorological Department (IMD), monsoon rain deficiency has touched 43 per cent till June 20 in the country. The monsoon has covered just about 10-15 per cent of the country so far, whereas normally, two-thirds of India should have received monsoon rains by this time of the year.

AN-32 crash: IAF retrieves remains of 13 personnel

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

here on Thursday.

The mortal remains were now in the process getting airlifted from the crash site to Jorhat air base where the IAF will hand over the bodies to the next of kin after necessary official formalities, they said. Six bodies and seven mortal remains were recovered, it was learnt.

The IAF, after 17 days of massive search and rescue operation, has finally managed to recover the bodies and mortal remains of all 13 on board the ill-fated AN-32. It had crashed on June 3.

A team of more than 20 mountaineers and commandos of the army were involved in the recovery effort of the bodies of the deceased. The bodies and mortal remains were recovered on Thursday as the rescue teams were unable to conduct the necessary actions due to inclement weather in the last four days. Moreover, the helicopters were also not able to reach the wreckage site located at a height of more than 12,000 feet in Lipo area near Mechuka advanced landing ground in Arunachal Pradesh due to low clouds and rains for the last few days, sources said

Incidentally, in 2009, an AN-32 had gone down in the same region killing all 13 passengers.

The rescue effort to locate the AN-32 which went missing on June 3 saw the IAF carrying out more than 220 sorties of all kinds of planes including SU-30 fighter jets, C-130J special operations planes, P-8 I long range reconnaissance aircraft and Mi-17 and advanced light helicopters. The wreckage was sighted on June 9 by a Mi-17 on a steep ridge amidst dense jungles.

Mechuka advanced landing ground is located a height of 6,000 feet and is the lifeline for troops deployed on the line of actual control (LAC) facing China. The distance of this airfield from the LAC is about 30 kms as the crew flies thereby making it strategically important.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will pay homage to the 13 personnel on Friday.

INSHORT

INDIA'S VOTE NOT AGAINST PALESTINIAN CAUSE: MEA

New Delhi: India's vote in the UN's ECOSOC against a Palestinian NGO should not in any way be construed as a vote against the Palestinian cause, MEA spokesperson Raveesh Kumar said on Thursday. In a rare move, India on June 6 voted in favour of Israel in the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) to deny the Palestinian non-governmental organisation 'Shahed' the observer status, after Israel said the organisation did not disclose its ties with Hamas.

SC WILL PASS ORDER ON DEEMED VARSITY SEATS

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Thursday said it will pass orders on whether to allow deemed universities and private colleges to fill up their vacant seats in PG medical and dental courses by extending the schedule of counselling.

INDIA SHRUGS PAK'S PARLEYS CLAIM

New Delhi: India on Thursday rejected a Pakistani media report claiming New Delhi is ready for talks with Islamabad, saying Prime Minister Narendra Modi and External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar made no such reference in their responses to congratulatory messages from their counterparts in that country.

CORBETT RESERVE SENDS NOTICE TO 15 WEBSITES

New Delhi: Authorities at Corbett Tiger Reserve have sent notices to 15 websites for fraudulently using its name to accept bookings from people for wildlife tourism and other facilities.

PREVIOUS ORDINANCES TABLED IN PARLIAMENT

New Delhi: Copies of 10 Ordinances, which could not be converted into law by the previous Government in the last session of the 16th Lok Sabha, were tabled in both Houses of Parliament on Thursday.

RAHUL'S REJOINDER TO NCST'S NOTICE

New Delhi: Responding to a notice over his "new law to shoot tribals" remark, Congress president Rahul Gandhi has told the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST) that he made the comments in "free flow of a political speech". He had made the remarks while addressing a rally in Shahdol in Madhya Pradesh on April 23.

PASWAN TO BECOME RS MEMBER FROM BIHAR

New Delhi: Union Minister for Food and Civil Supplies and Lok Janshakti Party president Ram Vilas Paswan will be accommodated as Rajya Sabha member from Bihar. He will file his nomination papers on Friday. Paswan, who did not contest the Lok Sabha election in 2019 from his bastion Hajipur, owing to his health issues, had reluctantly given his nod to be sent to Upper House from another State.

BOOK ON AYURVEDA RELEASED

New Delhi: The book 'Tattva- Eat and Live' penned down by author Dr Shaily Agarwal and co-authored by Dr. MB Kavita, was released on Friday. The book launch event was organised by Syed Arshad of the Blue Rose Publishers. The author said the book gives an insight on basics of Ayurveda very briefly to help readers to know why the change in their diet is required.

IMA jewels: K'taka MPs meet Fin Min, seeks investigation

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

BJP MPs from Karnataka Prapat Simha and Tejasvi Surya met Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Thursday and submitted a memorandum to her requesting a high-level probe into the IMA jewels case.

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has issued summons to IMA jewels scam main accused Mohammed Mansoor Khan to appear before it on June 24. But he has reportedly fled the country after threatening to commit suicide.

The police have formed teams to trace him. Names of

senior Congress ministers including RV Deshpande, current revenue minister and defected MLA Roshan Baig have surfaced in connection with the scam, though both of them have denied any involvement.

The scam came to light on June 10 when an audio clip of Khan blaming MLA Baig and other government officials of corruption went viral. In the video, Khan allegedly said that he defaulted on loans and couldn't pay back on account of giving bribes.

Since then, investors have been protesting outside IMA's office. As the number of grieving investors increased, police set up counters for them to file

complaints. The number of complaints increased from a few thousand in the first two days to 10,000 and now stands at 40,000. In addition, there was a separate counter at a different location for 200 employees of IMA, who have invested in the company taking loans from banks and have now lost their jobs.

The BJP MPs also apprised Sitharaman over Institute of Banking Personnel Selection (IBPS) issue. "They requested to reinstate 2014 notification which made knowledge of native language study till 10th grade mandatory to apply for Regional Rural Banks exams," BJP MPs said.

Centre deploys 8 ambulances in Muzaffarpur

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

To ensure timely treatment to the patients affected with Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES)/Japanese Encephalitis (JE), the Centre on Thursday deployed 8 additional advanced life support ambulances (ALS) in Muzaffarpur in Bihar to ferry them from remote areas to the hospitals. Meanwhile, the State Government has launched a social audit along with active door-to-door case finding campaign and moving the prospective patients to the nearest PHC for early intervention.

The death toll has reached to 118 while the total number of AES cases registered since June 1 was 398 at the SKMCH

and 154 at Kejriwal hospital, according to figures provided by the district administration.

In view of the situation arising due to the AES/JE cases in Muzaffarpur and other adjoining districts in Bihar, the Union Health Ministry has instructed for deployment of eight advanced life support ambulances (ALS) in the affected districts.

"Accordingly, eight additional advanced life support ambulances (ALS) have been pressed into service for transportation of critical patients under National Health Mission (NHM)," said a statement here.

A central team of 10 pediatricians and five para-medics has already started working in coordination with the state government while sixteen

senior district officials and medical personnel have been sent to the vulnerable blocks for monitoring and early identification of cases and ensuring daily reporting. Their headquarters have also been shifted to these blocks also, the statement added.

Union Health Minister, Dr Harsh Vardhan said that the District Collector (DC) has now got involved and is personally taking responsibility. He has deputed the Senior Deputy Collectors (SDC)/District level officers to lead various block teams. These teams will be assisted by a district level Medical Officer and Medical Officer in charge (MOIC) to do the overall work at block level.

"The State government has started a social audit along with

active case finding campaign through house to house survey and moving the prospective patients to the nearest PHC for early intervention. Surprise checks are also being conducted at the PHCs by the Senior Deputy Collectors (SDC). Additionally, the early morning inspection of Anganwadi Centres is also being undertaken by SDCs and Child development Project Officers (CDPOs). They are also distributing of ORS to each house in the affected villages," he stated.

Also, an ICMR team of experts has been deployed at the Sri Krishna Medical College and Hospital (SKMCH) hospital for making the virology lab operational at the earliest, said Dr Harsh Vardhan.

US Secy of State Michael Pompeo to visit India from June 25-27: MEA

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

In the first high-level visit from any country following the Lok Sabha polls, US Secretary of State Michael Pompeo will be in India from June 25-27 and hold talks with the leadership here to strengthen the strategic partnership.

His visit comes ahead of a meeting between US President Donald Trump and Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the sidelines of the G20 Summit in Osaka, Japan on June 28-29.

During his visit, Pompeo would hold talks with External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and call upon other dignitaries, Ministry of External Affairs Spokesperson Raveesh Kumar said at a media briefing.

"We look upon the visit as an important opportunity for both sides to further strengthen the India-US strategic partnership and continue high-level engagement on matters of mutual interest, including bilateral, regional and global issues," Kumar said.

"This is the first high-level engagement between India and the US following the elections. This is also the first incoming

high-level visit from any country. We look upon this visit as an opportunity to discuss all the issues which will be on the table," Kumar said.

He said most of the issues under the bilateral framework will be discussed and there will be some talks on regional as well as global issues of mutual interest.

Asked about media reports on the US considering caps on H-1B work visa, Kumar said, "We have not heard anything officially from the US government. We continue to reiterate and engage with the US government on this matter."

On whether the issue will be taken up with Pompeo during his visit here, Kumar said it would not be right to speculate on the agenda of his meetings here.

"There is no (official) report as such. There is no US official who has come up with a statement. It is a source-based report. We have not yet heard anything from the US government on this. We remain engaged with the US administration, we remain engaged with the Congress on this issue," Kumar said.

INX Media: CBI seeks nod to try four officials

BRIBERY CHARGES AGAINST PC, SON

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

CBI has sought sanction for prosecution against four former officers, including three IAS officers, working in the Finance Ministry in the INX Media case involving charges of bribery against former Finance Minister P Chidambaram and son Karti.

The officers found to be involved in conspiracy with Chidambaram in illegally approving the FIPB clearance in 2008 were former NITI Aayog CEO Sindhushree Khullar, former secretary of the Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises Anup K Pujari and current principal secretary in the Himachal Pradesh government, Prabodh Saxena and retired under secretary Rabindra Prasad.

These officers were then working at Economic Affairs Department and had illegally approved the FIPB clearance to INX Media. Karti is accused of accepting bribe of Rs. five crore from the TV channel promot-

ers Indrani Mukerjea and Peter Mukerjea. Indrani has already become approver in the case, blaming Chidambaram for pressuring her to pay bribe to save her from the Income Tax prosecution.

Khullar was then additional secretary in Economic Affairs Department and was earlier OSD to Chidambaram. Pujari was Joint Secretary and Saxena was Director in Finance Ministry. The Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) already approved CBI's sanction for prosecution and the files are currently in Finance Ministry now.

CBI is expected to file chargesheet soon in the fast track court meant for MPs and MLAs as the two accused Chidambaram and Karti are Parliamentarians. CBI has already arrested Karti in February 2017 and attached his Rs. 55 crore worth properties in Delhi, Ooty, Cambridge and Spain.

The Delhi High Court has already reserved its orders on the anticipatory bail granted to Chidambaram and CBI's request to cancel it seeking custodial interrogation of the former Finance Minister.

MUNGER ARMS CASE

NIA raids 12 locations in Bihar, UP

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Thursday carried out searches at 12 locations in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh in connection with investigation of Munger Arms Case. During the raids, the investigators seized rifles, laptops and cash worth Rs. 29 lakhs.

"On the basis of credible evidence collected during investigation, searches were conducted in the houses of suspect Hulas Pandey and his close associates at different places at Buxar, Bhojpur, Rohtas, Varanasi and Patna"

The case pertains to recovery of three AK-47 along with other weapons on the disclosure of accused Shamsheer Alam from the house of his sister Rizwana Begum. In this case a large number of prohibited weapons including AK series weapons were stolen and smuggled out of the COD, Jabalpur to various Naxal organisations and criminal gangs," said NIA in statement.

"On the basis of credible evidence collected during investigation, searches were conducted in the houses of suspect Hulas Pandey and his close associates at different places at Buxar, Bhojpur, Rohtas, Varanasi and Patna," added the agency.

NIA has arrested and remanded 15 accused in the case and so far 9 accused persons have been chargesheeted including kingpin of the racket Purushottam Lal Rajak, Suresh Thakur, Imran Alam and Niyajul Rahman. Total 22 AK rifles, smuggled from COD, Jabalpur have already been recovered. Investigation in the case is continuing, said NIA.

US filtering only anti-American content on terror

RAKESH K SINGH ■ NEW DELHI

The US continues to make distinction between good and bad terrorists and hosts the servers of a number of websites and app-based communication channels of terror groups circulating radical content online.

The US Government is not encouraging the American companies to remove radical or terror-related content completely from the servers based there. Instead, the American companies are only bothered to filter only anti-US content, said sources tracking online radical content.

The contents of Pakistan-based terror group Jaish-e-Mohammad, banned by the United Nations, are available through American servers including through a number of websites like ranqonour.com, alqalamonline.com and telegram channels.

In addition, the JeM is also contributing terror content through joint venture channel alribat, the official mouthpiece of Al Qaeda in the Afghanistan-Pakistan region. Terror groups sponsored by Pakistan's notorious spy agency Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) as also Jaish contribute content through joint venture channel. The Brigade 313 which was earlier headed by listed terrorist Ilyas Kashmiri (now dead) also contribute radical content online through the joint venture channel whose server is also located in the US.

"During the last two decades, a noticeable trend of the US to hand over terrorists nabbed by the American forces from terror-infested areas like Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria to the country of belonging of ultras is also leading to terror threat. Such terrorists handed over by the US forces are ultimately freed after serving a few years of sentence and again start radicalisation which culminates into armed struggle against the government in the name of jihad," counter-terrorism expert Dr Rituraj Mate said.

During the Afghan operations, the US has handed over

a number of nabbed terrorists to a range of countries and asked them to punish according to their laws and portrays such actions as counter-terror cooperation.

Recently, the US had nabbed a Kashmiri ISIS operative Adil Ahmad Wada from Syria and US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo may propose handing him over to India during his visit to New Delhi next week and seek to paint it as a major counter-terrorism cooperation despite Washington treating Kashmir as a disputed territory.

In the backdrop of the US hiding advance inputs on David Coleman Headley who was co-opted by the American government despite his linkages to the Pakistan-based terror group Lashkar-e-Tayyaba that carried out the 26/11 Mumbai terror attack in November 2008, the government here should be extremely cautious while accepting Wada's custody from Americans, sources said, adding Washington would tout it as a major counter-terrorism cooperation to seek various concessions or clear pending arms deals.

Mate said Wada's return to the Kashmir Valley could lead to strengthening of the fledgling Islamic State Jammu and Kashmir (ISJK) and could lead to a spurt in violent incidents by the global terror group. Wada hails from Jammu and Kashmir and had been studying in Australia before he left to Syria after joining the ISIS.

The US, however, does not return terrorists nabbed by its forces to countries like China and instead sends them to third countries from where anti-China radicalisation and terror activities are undertaken, sources said.

Google's Indian American CEO Sundar Pichai on Tuesday claimed YouTube has recently made "significant revisions" to its hate speech policy and removed over nine million videos in the last quarter as part of a process to reduce the spread of harmful content.



Union Home Secretary Rajiv Gauba and CBI Director Rishi Kumar Shukla pose for a group photograph during the 6th ILO's conference at CBI HQ, in New Delhi on Thursday

PTI

Summer of discontent

After PM 2.5 spikes, alarming levels of ground-level ozone are posing a hazard for Delhiites



Just when we had begun to internalise the deadly impact of increasing levels of particulate matter and nitrogen dioxide from toxic fumes, usually in winter, Delhi now has a new pollution threat from ground-level ozone. A recent study by the Centre for Science and Environment (CSE) has pointed out to what could become a new summertime hazard with noxious emissions by the city's vehicular fleet and industrial units combining under severe heat conditions to form polluting or bad ozone,

which is very different from the good ozone in the stratosphere that cuts out ultra-violet rays. The CSE has warned that this complex atmospheric chemistry needs investigation and immediate action as ozone dominance has been found to be stubborn in the city's air quality indices. In fact, we are waking up to the ozone threat only now as repeated assessments over the last year have already isolated vehicles as the highest source of nitrogen oxides (NOx). A SAFAR study, too, last year had concluded how vehicles in Delhi were responsible for 62.5 per cent and industry 24.4 per cent of the total NOx load from all sources. A separate Teri-ARAI report the same year had found vehicles responsible for generating 81 per cent of NOx. Clearly, summer is more than just about discontent, it is about dysfunction.

Ground-level ozone, or O3, is considered extremely damaging to human health and the environment, leading to respiratory problems, exacerbating asthma and in extreme cases complicating heart and lung issues like atherosclerosis. It equally harms vegetation and wildlife, particularly affecting photosynthesis in plants and crops. Rapidly formed as by-products of combustion collide with each other under the sun, ground-level ozone is believed to have caused more than a million deaths each year besides millions of dollars worth of crop losses. Already this year, there has been an uncharacteristic increase in throat irritation, infections and breathing problems being reported at doctors' clinics. The World Health Organisation (WHO) refers to several European studies to deduce that daily mortality rates could rise by 0.3 per cent for every additional 5 parts per billion (ppb) of ozone in the air. A study using data from 2010 found as many as 316,000 deaths in China that year due to ozone, accounting for 28 per cent of all respiratory deaths. In India, with the projected figure at about 450,000 deaths, that rate would be over 32 per cent! Of course, while Delhi has over the years greened its public transport fleet with CNG and even tried the odd-even formula, the pollution overload keeps on increasing each year. And while electric vehicles are still far away from reality as affordable, workable options in terms of charging infrastructure and costs, the fact is Delhi needs faster correctives in emission and exhaust systems. In the US, for example, they have technologies to cut down ozone-inducing components and change fuels used in power plants and vehicles. The auto industry there has already managed to cut emissions of ozone-inducing pollutants by more than 99 per cent over a few decades by changing gasoline formulation as well as engine technology. One auto industry group has claimed that by 2025, passenger vehicle emissions of NOx will have dropped 99.8 per cent. Urban forests also help in absorption of harmful substances. But for emergent powers like China and India, they do not even have a buffer time and there is a need to balance development requirements with clean air. Also, there has to be a good mix of alternatives. For example, a switch to biofuels in vehicles, like Sao Paulo did in 2014, led to an increase in ozone pollution, necessitating a switchback to gasoline. But when it comes to Delhi, other than control measures — and these now have to rise above political or votebank-motivated concerns to be result-oriented — what is most needed is a change in behavioural and consumption patterns. Limiting private car use and using public transport will have to be seen as a lifestyle necessity rather than a choice.

Closing the gates

Donald Trump's threats to restrict H-1B visas must be taken seriously but India must not wilt on data storage



You have to hand it to US President Donald Trump and his style of negotiations with countries when it comes to trade that most governments, fearing being locked out of the world's largest consumer economy, go to the discussion table fairly quickly. Even the primary target of his ire, China, which initially decided to face him down, has now found itself being dragged deeper and deeper into a trade war with one of its marquee companies, Huawei, a target. Mexico, the US' southern

neighbour, folded quickly when Trump threatened to completely shut the border for Mexican transportation which would have crippled that nation. And now, after a few months of trying to bully India, Trump has suddenly found a soft spot to beat our assertiveness with. He has decided to go after the H-1B visa quotas for Indians, which have allowed Indian IT companies like Tata Consultancy Services, Infosys, Wipro and HCL to become big players in the American services space and given an opportunity to millions of Indians to effectively emigrate to the US. Trump believes that threatening to cap the H-1B quota for Indians at just 15 per cent of the available limit will force India's hand in trade negotiations. Considering Indians currently use up two-thirds of the 120,000 available H-1B visas annually, that would indeed be a huge hit.

There is no doubt that such a cap will have a detrimental impact on the fortunes of American companies but Trump is being egoistic about linking it to getting his way on tariff and loosening up data protection. India is one of the few large open economies in the world that is left for American companies and the largest technology firms like Facebook, Google and Uber depend on India for the bulk of their users. India is also an active participant with the US in containing China, and while the Trump administration has some valid complaints against India on some tariff issues and e-commerce, the data storage aspect, which seems to have American financial company Mastercard very upset, is something India should stick its guns on. If our data is not in our control and sits outside, it will not be subject to our laws. Besides, why should we compromise our strategic bargaining chip? There is no doubt that India needs America as a trading partner but it needs us as well and Trump's nativist antagonism will not help. While "waiting and watching" is not a great strategy for policymakers, the fact is that the US does go into a presidential election in the next 15 months. It would be fatal to assume that Trump cannot be re-elected. One should hope that the American Congress, where the opposition Democratic Party has a majority, will defeat most of his proposals given the adversarial nature of his politics. However, India must open up its economy a bit more. This is vital if we are to grow jobs and improve trade. But we should not give in to Trump's bullying tactics and if he acts too tough, we should show how difficult we can make life for American companies.

Morsi's death was foretold

The former President is only one of the thousands of Egyptians who have been murdered or tortured by the military regime that overthrew him in 2013



GWYNNE DYER

Egypt's first and last democratically elected President, Mohamed Morsi, died on July 17, lying on the floor of the courtroom where they were trying him on yet more charges. (He was already serving several life sentences). It was probably a heart attack, but according to witnesses, they left him lying there for 20 minutes before medical help arrived.

His death drew criticism from international and local human rights groups, which accused the Egyptian government of deliberately denying Morsi access to medical care in jail. He was only 67, but he was not in good health: He had both diabetes and liver disease. But he was not getting proper treatment for those illnesses. A British parliamentary group that investigated his situation at his family's request last year concluded that without urgent medical assistance, the damage to his health could be "permanent and possibly terminal." Well, it was.

Morsi was held in solitary confinement for six years and saw his family just three times. His living conditions were such that the United Nations Human rights office has called for a "prompt, impartial, thorough and transparent investigation" into his death. Fair enough, but he is only one of the thousands of Egyptians who have been murdered or tortured by the military regime that overthrew him in 2013.

Morsi, Egypt's first democratically elected President, who hailed from the now outlawed Brotherhood, was ousted by the military in 2013 after massive protests against his divisive rule. The authorities subsequently launched a major crackdown on the Brotherhood, arresting Morsi and many others of the group's leaders.

Morsi was not a very good President: He was a narrow, stubborn man, who governed solely in the interests of his own Muslim Brotherhood party and its Islamic priorities. He behaved like this even though he had barely scraped into the presidency with the votes of many, who, though secular in their views and values, feared that otherwise the candidate of the old regime would win.

They fully shared his desire to uproot the secular "deep state" that had ruled Egypt through three military dictators and six decades but they had not signed up for an Islamist constitution instead. So they started demonstrating against Morsi and only a year after he was elected, they cheered when the military stepped in and overthrew him, like so many turkeys voting for Christmas.

Morsi and his party behaved badly, the secular pro-democracy activists were, they have both paid a high price in blood and misery for their mis-



takes. So is there any particular reason to highlight the fact and manner of Morsi's passing?

Yes, because it creates an opportunity to consider what might have happened if he had not been overthrown.

He would probably still be alive, because he would have been getting good medical care, but he would no longer be in power. His four-year presidential term would have expired in 2016 and he would not have won a second term.

Whoever won the first election after the long-ruling dictator Hosni Mubarak was overthrown in 2011, was winning a poisoned chalice, for the Egyptian economy was already on the rocks when the protests began. In fact, that's why they started and the long period of protesting and politicking that followed meant that nobody even started thinking about the economy again until early 2013.

The whole of Morsi's first presidential term, had he served it out, would have been spent struggling to pull the economy out of the ditch. In the course of that, he would

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have had to impose all sorts of austerity measures that would have hurt exactly the people who were his core voters: The pious poor. And half of them wouldn't have voted for him next time.

The whole tragedy of 2013, which ended up with General al-Sisi's snipers killing more than a thousand unarmed protesters in Rabaa and Nahda Squares in Cairo and wounding at least 4,000 others — a massacre perhaps as bad as Tiananmen Square — was completely unnecessary. People more experienced with democracy would have known that Morsi and Muslim Brotherhood rule would both be rejected in the 2016 elections.

All they had to do was wait it out and let the voters sort it out next time. That's what Americans, who deplore President Donald Trump, are doing right now but they have more than two centuries of democratic Government under their belt.

The voters may choose to make the same "mistake" again, of course, being only human but mostly they don't.

And even if they do, there will be another chance to fix things the next time around. As long as the decisions are not completely irrevocable, they can eventually be reversed — and you get to keep your democracy.

If Morsi had not been overthrown, the biggest Arab country, with one-third of the world's Arabic-speaking people, would still be a democracy. Other Arab countries like Algeria and Sudan, where they are trying to make democracy happen today, would have a powerful supporter in Egypt, not a sworn enemy. Syria would probably still have suffered a civil war and so might Yemen but the ultra-conservative monarchies of the Gulf would no longer dominate the Arab world with their money.

Nobody can question the courage of the young men and women who overthrew the Egyptian dictatorship in 2011 but they were too ready to dispense with democracy at the first sign of trouble.

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

SOUNDBITE

We are advancing to such a degree of development, we have to have control, we have to have protection and have to give protection to inventors.



Former CJI —Dipak Misra

A good Punjabi film is better than a Hindi film with a bad script. If it is a Hindi film, doesn't mean it'll be superior.



Actor —Diljit Dosanjh

New India will be sensitive and also economically prosperous. But for this to happen, the nation's security is of utmost importance.



Indian President —Ram Nath Kovind

The President's address was just a repetition of Modi's speech. He has missed major points like unemployment and GDP downfall.



Congress leader —Anand Sharma

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Celebrate yoga day

Sir — As the world celebrates Yoga Day today, people should be aware of the many benefits of our traditional and comprehensive well-being ritual so that everybody can take advantage and practise it as a healthy way of life. Yoga is the only discipline which aligns the body and mind and helps us gain inner peace. Just five minutes of a yoga routine a day can change one's life. It can help improve concentration, too.

Varsha Tiwari
 Via email

Review preparedness

Sir — It is sad that militancy has once again reared its ugly head in Jammu & Kashmir. In yet another encounter, another Army Major died while another officer of the same rank and two soldiers were injured in an encounter in south Kashmir earlier. Our Army has shown indomitable spirit in protecting the borders of the country so that the people, especially in Jammu & Kashmir, remain safe. It is for the Government to make sure that

When real issues take a back seat

It was strange to read an excerpt from the book, *India Positive*, by Chetan Bhagat and the article, "Reimagine trust with prosperity" (June 17) by Bindu Dalmia. Both articles overlooked the deliberately created fissures in society and the state of the unintelligently handled country's economy. Also, the New India, which is now being attempted to be inaugurated, seeks to mutilate the original idea of India, which our founding fathers had espoused.

Social media, the magnified byproduct of the internet, seems to be in a tearing hurry to annihilate fairness and liberal values. Fake news, misinformation campaigns and Goebbelsian methods compete with each other of the ruling dispensation. Hindi, Hindutva and Hindu *rashtra*, which used to be undercover projects, are now being orchestrated openly and loudly, disdainful of its potential to sow the seeds of sectarianism. A sizeable number of people, sworn to faiths other than Hinduism, face the prospect of being marginalised and forced into irrelevance. If this trajectory is encouraged anymore, only the regions, which remain unattached to this subaltern



scheme, would prosper economically and socially. Others may face social unrest and economic regression.

It is disheartening that those in the Hindi heartland, trapped in the relentless rhetoric, seem to barter bread-and-butter issues for imaginary threats and jingoism. To make the manifesto for change and the imagined trust with prosperity a reality, India needs to become first once again.

Haridasan Rajan
 Kozhikode

Task cut out

Sir — Now that JP Nadda has been appointed the Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) working president, he has a task at hand that can only be described as onerous. Nadda, who headed the Health Ministry in

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's first tenure, is a symbol of dynamism, perseverance, sobriety and maturity. His ascent from a students' leader to the working president of the BJP — at a time when the party has flourished in a majority of States and has decimated the Opposition in the

recent parliamentary polls — makes it special and significant as it will likely take him to the top slot by December.

J Akshay
 Bengaluru

Lead a healthy life

Sir — Yoga is panacea for all types of physical, mental, emotional, psychic and psychological imbalances. In the famous documentary on meditation, *Spiritual Reality: Journey Within*, many benefits of yoga have been enumerated upon. The documentary reveals how yoga replenishes and rejuvenates a yogi physically, mentally and spiritually. In the state of perfect yoga, one receives abundant cosmic energy, which heals, energises and rejuvenates each and every cell, nerve and organ of the physical, mental and spiritual body of a man. It cleanses the body of all its ills and toxins that might develop into some fatal ailments. We must practise yoga for a healthy, happy and fulfilling life.

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FIRST COLUMN

When military rules the roost

In Pakistan, the shadowy arm of the military establishment is all-pervasive. Yet another proof is Zardari's recent arrest on corruption charges



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Early this month, former President of Pakistan and co-chairman of the Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP), Asif Ali Zardari, was arrested on corruption charges from his residence. The National Accountability Bureau (NAB), Pakistan's anti-corruption body, made the arrests in connection with the use of alleged fake bank accounts to park ill-gotten money and subsequently transferring it out of Pakistan through money laundering channels. Zardari's arrest happened after the Islamabad High Court rejected the extension of anticipatory bail for Zardari and his sister Faryal Talpur. But is this case only about corruption? Anti-corruption investigations have often been used as a weapon by Pakistan's military establishment to cut 'errant' politicians down to size. Yet another example is that of former Pakistan Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif.

From the very inception of the state, the military establishment in Pakistan has meddled in domestic politics. In 1958, Army chief General Ayub Khan deposed the then President Iskander Mirza to usurp power (there was a presidential system of Government then). In 1977, Army Chief General Zia-ul-Haq deposed Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto. In 1979, Zulfikar Ali Bhutto was executed for having been found guilty of "conspiracy to murder" in a trial widely seen as a sham. In 1990, the then President Ghulam Ishaq Khan dissolved the Benazir Bhutto Government on charges of "alleged corruption and incompetence." Fresh elections were held and Sharif, groomed under Zia as the head of the Islami Jamhoori Ittehad (JI), was elected as the Prime Minister. It is worth noting that back in the day, Sharif played the same role as what is being played by Imran Khan today. Again in 1993, President Ghulam Ishaq Khan dismissed the Sharif Government for alleged "corruption and incompetence." Do the charges not sound familiar? The same allegations were levied against Sharif and Zardari this time around, too.

There are multiple factors behind the arrest. After the arrest of Altaf Hussain — once the fearsome 'Don of Karachi' — and Sharif, action against Zardari was on the cards as per its Army's "Minus-3 Formula," which means that the military has already pushed three major national leaders into oblivion. It all started with Hussain and the Muttahida Qaumi Movement (MQM) in the stronghold of Karachi and Hyderabad. Then, the Punjab heavyweight, Sharif, was incarcerated. Now, the focus has shifted to the Sindh heavyweight Zardari.

Imran Khan seemingly wants to show both Sharif and Zardari their place though Sharif is higher on his hit list. On the other hand, Zardari is giving it back to both Imran Khan and the military establishment by being vocal about economic issues, the failure of the State to govern and speaking in favour of the Pashtun Tahafuz Movement (PTM). The NAB, which arrested Zardari, has also been under intense pressure from the establishment. After the NAB chairman, Justice Javed Iqbal, refused to toe Imran Khan's line on Pakistan Muslim League (Nawaz) [PML(N)] and PPP a sex scandal emerged. This was seen as a plot by the establishment as he didn't follow their *diktats*. In Pakistan, the shadowy arm of the military establishment is all-pervasive.

Zardari escaped crackdown till a point by dealing with the establishment. PPP, thus, managed to get its deputy chairman elected by cooperating in the Senate elections. Zardari's bail also kept getting extended. PML(N) then announced that it would start protests against the Government after Eid. PPP, on which pressure was building up from the military establishment, said that it would also join them. That was the last straw. Zardari's arrest also served to pressurise PPP as the budget session was on the next day. The establishment did not want any protests inside Parliament. Zardari has said it publicly that he doesn't care if he is incarcerated, having already served a decade-long term before.

Former PPP member of provincial Assembly, Sharmila Farooqi, said that the unfortunate trend of incarceration of political opponents has become a trademark of the Imran Khan Government. Zardari had earlier spent 11 years in jail and was eventually acquitted in the politically motivated cases by the Sharif regime. This time, too, we saw it coming and yet again, he might come out clean. The military establishment doesn't want the Opposition to gang up in a way that blocks the Government's functioning. Since public anger is mounting due to high prices of essential commodities, it is a ripe moment for largescale political protests. Hence, members of Opposition will face pressure on corruption charges to prevent them from leading such protests.

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A COMMITTEE WILL BE CONSTITUTED TO GIVE ITS SUGGESTIONS ON THE SUBJECT (ONE NATION, ONE ELECTION) IN A TIME-BOUND MANNER.

—UNION MINISTER RAJNATH SINGH

POINTCOUNTERPOINT



IT (ONE NATION, ONE ELECTION) IS LIKE MAKING A RULE THAT EVERYBODY SHOULD LIVE FOR 60 YEARS. IF PEOPLE DIE EARLIER, WHAT WILL HAPPEN THEN?

—FORMER UNION LAW MINISTER M VEERAPPA MOILY

Breaking new ground

A dynamic business environment, widespread mobile and digital infrastructure and digital finance products are the three building blocks towards achieving the promise of inclusion



MOIN QAZI

Digital technologies have now become the most powerful lever for financial inclusion and are considered the smartest way to rapidly unlock economic opportunity and accelerate social development with economic empowerment. Digital tools have fostered speedier and more inclusive growth by dramatically reducing financial service providers' costs and making services more convenient and accessible for users, especially low-income subscribers in remote locations. Money sits in a virtual account on a server where it can be transferred with the click of a button.

Digital finance payments and financial services delivered via mobile phones and the internet are greasing the wheels of the economic system and transforming the lives and economic prospects of individuals, businesses and Governments across the developing world, thus boosting GDP and making the goal of financial inclusion a reality.

In contrast to digital financial systems, physical channels are prohibitive for even low income populations. First, physical banking is relatively costlier and riskier for consumers to perform even while engaging in basic financial activities — payments, savings, investments and remittances. Second, it is very costly for utility firms, banks, insurance companies and other institutions to transact with them as it makes their operations infeasible and unsustainable. Digital channels offer a robust fix for the problems encountered by both consumers and financial institutions in traditional systems of finance.

Digital finance can be defined as financial services delivered over digital infrastructure, including internet and mobile, with low use of cash and traditional bank branches. Computers, mobile phones or biometric payment cards used over Point-of-Sale (PoS) devices connect individuals and businesses to a digitised payments infrastructure, enabling seamless transaction across all parties.

The popular term for the digital financial revolution is "fintech," which has fundamentally changed people's lives and transformed the business landscape. In many markets, cash is fast becoming obsolete and transactions are mostly via digital tools. Banking is also moving into a presence-less, paperless and real-time era: While there will always be bank branches, banks will become more "invisible" in how they deliver their services — many of which will primarily be accessed online.

The fintech revolution is led by a host of players, including commercial banks, telecommunications firms, payment banks, small finance banks and financial technology companies. It is harnessing technology to reinvent traditional business models, creating opportunities to connect India's hitherto unbanked communities to affordable and reliable financial tools at an unprecedented speed and scale. It offers a preview of what the global banking model may look like a generation from now.

Fintech has freed bank staff from counters and relieved customers of the inconvenience of transacting solely during banking hours. Most of the financial work can now be done via the smartphone, improving payment systems, eliminating paper receipts and reducing a number of frictions thus not only saving customers' time and money, but improving their quality of life.

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Meanwhile, the phenomenal data footprint provided by smartphones and data-connected mobile phones is providing an unprecedented opportunity to bring people with limited credit-history into the formal mainstream through alternate credit profiles. In conjunction with this digital data, Artificial Intelligence and machine learning algorithms can assess the credit worthiness of the user, making it possible to provide loans to them even in the absence of a traditional credit history.

Digital finance also offers major technological and infrastructure challenges. Sparse populations, inconsistent network coverage, insufficient capital for building new business models and customers' lack of trust and comfort with technology can stand in the way of success, particularly in remote or underserved communities. And the risks of implementing digital financial services are not just operational and technical: There are also concerns about the security, affordability and safety of these new financial channels. To take just one example, loss of customer privacy is all but inevitable, despite efforts to create safeguards. For India's financial inclusion industry to capitalise fully on the benefits of digital finance, the accompanying risks must be understood and adequately addressed.

However, digital finance can have negative effects for financial inclusion. Providers of digital finance services can be profit-seeking corporations that use digital finance to maximise their profitability or to maximise the profitable opportunities of businesses affiliated with digital finance providers, namely banks, financial and non-financial institutions. Corporate providers of digital finance services can

discriminately use a more aggressive marketing tactic to persuade high and middle income customers to use a new or existing digital finance platform or infrastructure. They must use a less-aggressive marketing tactic to persuade low-income and poor customers to use new or existing digital platforms or infrastructure if they believe the latter cannot afford the associated fees.

The most important need is to strengthen the entire ecosystem within which last-mile agents, clients and financial service providers interact with technology. To facilitate a seamless transition in digital financial services, India will have to consider the following:

- The need to balance the regulatory framework to support innovation and competition, while ensuring the safety and soundness of the financial system.
- Maintain openness to new players and models such as non-bank players like fintechs, telecom-supported financial services providers, crowd funding and big data analytics.
- The role of regulatory sandboxes to test new digital ideas and initiatives.
- The importance of sufficient digital infrastructure.
- The role of national identification systems, biometrics and tiered know-your-customer digital solutions that reach beyond the banking system.

While ground-breaking technology and innovative business operations provide fresh business opportunities, there are also new risks, which relate to implementing digital financial services, not just operational and technical. Loss of privacy is the most obvious one. Despite efforts to create safeguards, it is all but inevitable. Though these risks cannot be eliminated, they can be mitigated. We must keep in mind the

concerns of security, affordability and safety.

India's central bank has been espousing a cautious approach in addressing concerns around consumer protection and law enforcement. The key objectives of the regulator have been to create an environment for responsible fintech innovations, to expand the reach of financial services for the unbanked population, to regulate an efficient electronic payment system and to provide suitable options to consumers.

While India is right in espousing a cautious approach, it would be more practical if it strikes a balance between protecting investors and consumers and giving banks, retailers and financial technology and telecommunications companies room to compete and innovate. Because regulations often shut out non-bank competitors, Governments should consider a tiered approach, whereby businesses, without a full banking licence, can provide basic financial products to customers.

Success cannot occur in a vacuum. To capture the opportunity, Government, leaders and businesses have to make a concerted and coordinated effort. Three building blocks are required: A dynamic business environment for financial services, widespread mobile and digital infrastructure and digital finance products that meet the needs of individuals and small businesses in ways that are superior to the informal financial tools used today. As the Government and the fintech industry work to navigate the many challenges ahead, efforts to maintain a balance between safety and innovation must continue.

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Unlock India's green funding potential

Our journey towards green finance is currently at the beginner's stage. To emerge as a potential big player in this field, greening investments require efforts in terms of capacity-building, improving governance and new investment policies



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That sustainability and economic growth are co-dependent is well-known. Green funding ie, financing environment-friendly activities and projects, can act as a catalyst to fulfil both. Hence, it is important to link the financial sector to make it responsive to climate-related concerns. Green funding can have two aspects — first, financial institutions ensuring (before granting any credit) that no project financed breaches current environmental standards. The second relates to preferring activities or projects that are climate-friendly ie, ones that reduce emissions or help cope with vagaries of climate change.

The "business-as-usual" scenario without achieving environ-

mental goals may lead to loss of civilisation. Such a world will support a small fraction of the current global population, with many places (like the Gulf Cooperation Council) becoming unfit for living. However, there's hope. A recent report by the Global Sustainable Investment Alliance shows at least \$30.7 trillion is held in green investments, up 30 per cent from 2016. How did this happen? And how can we accelerate the same?

Greening investments require efforts in terms of capacity-building, improving governance and new investment policies. The current flow of capital to the green sector is mostly from the private sector, with many involved players largely directing capital to these causes, as per the inclination of the asset holders ie, people, whose money, various institutions like mutual funds and insurance companies invest.

These asset holders are aware of the consequences of climate change and want the money to be invested so as to address the issue. The world needs a lot of capital to fight climate change. As per a report by the World

Economic Forum, it would need an added investment of around \$0.7 trillion per year to sustain the challenges posed by climate change.

The notion of green funding in India is very recent. However, within this short period, notable institutions like SBI, Axis Bank, Power Finance Corporation and a few independent power producers like Renew Power and Greenko have tapped dedicated green funds existing in the West by issuing green bonds. To scale up the efforts locally, a collective effort on the part of all stakeholders, including the Government, banks, institutions and regulators is needed to build a climate resilient nation via green funding. "Green banks" are considered to be a promising solution to develop green infrastructure markets. An obvious question that emerges here is: How can India unleash its potential?

Nearly 1,500 investors globally, with \$45 trillion of assets under their management, have made public commitments to responsible investment. The benefits that directly emerge for investors allocating capital to green causes are — access to green

assets/projects without higher project risk, achieving environmental and financial return on investment, compliance to green mandates, awareness and commitment to green growth, and deeper engagement with firms managing green issues. Undoubtedly, this hints towards investors with substantial corpus, who are active supporters of climate change. It is but natural that these investors have an appetite for green bond funding. It is to mop up funds from these sources that the Indian institutions mentioned earlier issued green bonds.

There is evidence that several developing nations like Bangladesh, Nigeria, Fiji and Indonesia among others have committed themselves to green financing. Nigeria, Fiji and Indonesia have issued sovereign green bonds. Given India's existing emission trajectory, it is essential for us to tap green financing to ensure minimum emissions with greater resilience. The International Finance Corporation (IFC), a member of the World Bank Group, and Amundi, Europe's largest asset manager, announced the successful launch of the world's largest

targetted green bond fund focused on emerging markets, the Amundi Planet Emerging Green One (EGO), in March 2018. With a \$256 million cornerstone commitment from IFC, the fund aims to increase the capacity of emerging market banks to fund climate-smart investments. Subsequently, an announcement was made about IFC tying up with HSBC Global Asset Management to set up a similar fund targeted at non-banking segment.

How does India fare on attracting green investments? As per a report by Bloomberg New Energy Finance, India reserved the second position in global ranking in attractiveness for renewable sector investments, primarily coerced by its policy push towards increasing renewable energy. Further, it had the second biggest (2017) renewable energy investment market among all such climate-conscious economies, drawing \$9.4 billion fresh funding.

Despite evidence of increasing private sector interest in clean energy and associated green investments, the scale of green investments has a lot

more to cover. Closing this gap is our collective task. Development finance institutions like IFC and ADB among others may support by credit enhancements instruments like guarantee, besides investing in some key projects and help in slashing the overall cost of capital. The unified action of public and private funding leverages far greater capital flow, compared to standalone private sector finance.

India is trying to be a big player here. Nevertheless, more needs to be done. The launch of the Amundi Planet EGO can be an incentive to developing nations, including India. The long time scale and large size of the fund, which will actively invest in emerging market green bonds issued by financial institutions through to 2025, is expected to significantly increase the scale and pace of climate finance in emerging markets.

Further, consistent positions on financial policy and market intervention by Governments can help give confidence to both domestic and international investors. Similarly, consistent policy positions and support for green growth and environmental

objectives will boost investors' confidence in green funding.

A missing piece of the puzzle, however, is a substantial amount of dedicated green capital that exists locally in the Indian markets. This has started with dedicated green funds slowly finding their ground here. Currently, there are a few funds like GEF Capital Partners, Eversource Capital, which are dedicated to green causes. Recently, Avendus, a leading financial service provider, announced that it has launched India's first ESG fund. Is India ready to launch a large "green fund" in which retail or even high net worth individuals are substantial contributors? Industry veterans are not positive about it. Then how do we get there? Clearly, greater awareness is the answer. The good thing is that the journey has already started. Still, more momentum is required to provide the desired impetus.

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NCLT admits Jet for bankruptcy

Sets 90 days for resolution

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) on Thursday admitted the insolvency petition filed by the lenders consortium led by State Bank against Jet Airways.

The tribunal has also appointed Ashish Chhaucharia of Grant Thornton as the resolution professional for the crippled airline that stopped operations on April 17.

The tribunal comprising VP Singh and Ravikumar Duraisamy directed the RP to try and finish the resolution process in three months even though the law allows six months, saying "the matter is of national importance."

In its plea, SBI has made a claim of ₹967 crore and said it had given ₹505 crore in working capital loans, and an overdraft facility of ₹462 crore to

the company.

However, the tribunal rejected the plea by the Netherlands based vendors for filing an intervention application, saying the Dutch district court had no jurisdiction to order bankruptcy of Jet Airways.

The representatives of two Dutch two logistics vendors wanted the tribunal's nod to make an intervention petition.

It can be noted that two logistics vendors of Jet in the Netherlands had confiscated a passenger jet at the Amsterdam airport late March seeking dues and a local had in May ordered bankruptcy process against the grounded airline and had appointed Rocco Mulder as the administrator for the bankruptcy proceedings.

The tribunal also rejected the bankruptcy pleas filed by two operational creditors of Jet-Shaman Wheels and Gaggar Enterprises. These companies claim ₹8.74 crore, and ₹53 lakh respectively from the airline, and were the first to take the airline for bankruptcy on June 10.

Unprecedented rally in Jet Airways shares; zoom over 122%

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Shares of Jet Airways witnessed an unprecedented rally on the bourses Thursday, bouncing back sharply after days of massive fall to close the day over 122 per cent higher.

After a highly volatile trading day, the scrip skyrocketed 93.35 per cent to close at ₹64 on the BSE, helped by robust bag end buying. During the day, it zoomed 133.68 per cent to ₹77.35.

Earlier in the day, shares of the company had touched its all-time low of ₹27, down 18.42 per cent.

At the NSE, shares rose by 122.20 per cent to close at ₹73.55. In intra-day trade, it touched a high of ₹82.75 and an all-time low of ₹26.55.

Economic activity clearly losing traction: Das at MPC meet

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The Indian economy has been clearly losing traction and needs a decisive monetary policy to promote growth, said Reserve Bank of India Governor Shaktikanta Das while voting for a 25 basis points (bps) rate cut along with other five members at the MPC meet earlier this month.

Das, as per the minutes of the June 3-6 Monetary Policy Committee, said that since the last meeting of the rate-setting panel in April 2019, greater clarity has emerged about the evolving macroeconomic situation.

The RBI released the minutes of the meeting Thursday. Overall, there is clear evidence of economic activity "losing traction" with the GDP growth in the fourth quarter of the last financial year slowing to 5.8 per cent, he said.

"In sum, growth impulses have clearly weakened, while the headline inflation trajectory is projected to remain below 4.0 per cent throughout 2019-20 even after considering the expected transmission of the

past two policy rate cuts.

"Keeping in view the evolving growth inflation dynamics, there is a need for decisive monetary policy action. Hence, my vote is to reduce the policy repo rate by 25 basis points," he said.

He also favoured shifting the stance of monetary policy from neutral to accommodative to send a clear signal, indicating that more measures could be taken in the near future to boost growth.

It was for the third time in a row that the RBI cut the key lending rate (repo) by 25 bps.

MPC member and RBI Deputy Governor Viral Acharya said the mixed picture on economic growth has morphed into one where at least some aspects have weakened considerably over the past two quarters. He also flagged some upside risks, including deficiency in monsoon and volatility in crude oil prices, to inflation.

"In spite of my dilemma, I vote — albeit with some hesitation — to frontload the policy rate cut from 6 per cent to 5.75 per cent..." the minutes quoted him as saying.

Jaypee Infratech creditors meet to take stock of insolvency process

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Debt-ridden realty firm Jaypee Infratech's creditors, which include banks and homebuyers, Thursday met to assess the progress of the ongoing insolvency proceedings and decide the future course of action.

According to sources, the Committee of Creditors (CoC) did not take any decision on the way forward. The decision on whether to consider bids of Adani Group or Jaypee Group would be taken after a hearing in this matter in the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) on July 2.

Business Corner



In the presence of Thaaarchand Gehlot, Union Minister of Social Justice & Empowerment, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Ambedkar International Centre (DAIC), Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and Dalit Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DICC) on Thursday. From DAIC, the Director, Atul Dev Sarmah and from DICC, Milind Kamble, the Founder Chairman signed the MoU



Manoj Kumar Prasad, a mining engineer with over 34 years of hands-on experience in mining has taken charge as the Director (Technical) in South Eastern Coal fields Limited



NHPC has been appointed as an "Aggregator" by PFC Consultancy Ltd through e-tendering for Pilot Scheme-II notified by Govt of India, Ministry of Power. The scheme is to facilitate the procurement of Power for 3 years from coal based Power Plants which are already commissioned and do not have Power Purchase Agreements



SCOPE in association with Forum of Women in Public Sector (WIPS) conducted a workshop on Leadership Development for Women Executives on Thursday which was inaugurated by Dagmar Walter, Director, ILO. UD Choubey, Director General, SCOPE also addressed the inaugural session along with Kirti Tiwari, President Apex, WIPS and Poonam Sahgal, lead resource person



After creating a stir internationally, now Dhanush's *The Extraordinary Journey of The Fakir* is all set to release in India this Friday. The film marks the debut of National award winning actor Dhanush on the international stage. And the film has already been released in over 160 countries

Two ex-IL&FS executives sent to ED custody till June 25

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Two former IL&FS executives arrested by the Enforcement Directorate for their alleged roles money laundering for the crisis-hit lending firm, were Thursday remanded to six-day custody of the central agency.

IL&FS former joint managing director Arun K Saha and

its transportation network MD K Ramchand were remanded in ED's custody by a special PMLA court till June 25.

The two were arrested late Wednesday and produced before Judge P P Rajvaidya of the special court set up under Prevention of Money Laundering Act. The duo were the first arrests in the case of financial irregularity by IL&FS.

Sitharaman-led first GST Council meet to decide on tax cut on e-vehicles, NAA extension

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The GST Council will on Friday consider slashing GST rate on electric vehicles to 5 per cent, from 12 per cent currently, along with extension of the tenure of the anti-profiteering authority by a year till November 2020, an official said.

The 35th meeting of the GST Council and the first under Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman will also consider a couple of anti-evasion steps such as integration of e-way bill with NHAI's FASTag from April 1, 2010, and asking businesses with a turnover of over Rs 50 crore to issue e-invoice for B2B (busi-

ness-to-business) sales, as well as asking states to make e-ticketing mandatory for all movie halls.

The Council will also consider tweaking GST rate on lottery. An 8-member group of state finance ministers could not reach a consensus on whether a uniform tax rate should be imposed on lotteries or the current differential tax rate system be continued.

Currently, a state-organised lottery attracts 12 per cent GST, while a state-organised lottery attracts 28 per cent tax.

Also, the Council is likely to discuss a mechanism for single-point sanctioning and processing GST refunds.

Airbus signs MoU with Pawan Hans to introduce 2 new categories of helicopters

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Airbus on Thursday said it has signed an MoU with Pawan Hans Limited (PHL) in Paris for collaboration in introducing two new categories of its helicopters - H145 and H225 - in the latter's fleet sometime in the future.

The Airbus also said according to the MoU, signed on Wednesday evening, it would provide "predictive and scheduled maintenance" for the repair, maintenance and overhaul of PHL's existing fleet of AS365N Dauphin helicopters.

Government-owned PHL is the largest customer in the world for Airbus Dauphin helicopters. It currently has 37 Dauphin units deployed for offshore oil and gas operations, VIP trans-

portation and other utility duties.

"The MoU stipulates that Airbus Helicopters will support PHL in growing its onshore, offshore and inland travel markets by introducing the best-in-class H145 and H225 rotorcrafts (helicopters) into their fleet," Airbus said Thursday.

The H145 and H225 are multi-role helicopters, ideal for supporting PHL's wide range of missions across the country, Airbus said.

The MoU, signed by Air Commodore Dayasagar, Executive Director at PHL and Ashish Saraf, Head of Airbus Helicopters for India and South Asia, also includes customised training and an on-site Safety Management System (SMS) for PHL pilots.

NORTHERN RAILWAY
E-TENDER NOTICE
Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/Traction Distribution, DRM's Office, State Entry Road, New Delhi for & on behalf of the President of India, invites open e-tender under single packet system for the under noted work- (1) Name of Work with its location: Design, supply, erection, testing & commissioning of 25 KV AC OHE Modification work in connection with opening of halt station at village Baroda between Barsola-Uchana station on DL-BT1 section. (2) Approx. Cost of work: Rs. 27,15,996 (Rs.). (3) Earnest Money Deposit: Rs. 54,300/-. (4) E-Tender Bid Online Submission Period: 20.06.2019 (00:00 Hrs.) to 04.07.2019 (15:00 Hrs.). (5) E-Tender Bid Submission End Date & E-Tender Open Date & Time: Rs. 04.07.2019 (15:00 hrs.). (6) Fund Allocation: 43377103. (7) Website particulars where complete details of tender documents can be seen: www.irpns.gov.in No.: 06-TRD-NDL-2019-20 Dated: 19.06.2019. 1974/2019
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SEARCH FOR MISSING
General public is hereby informed that a girl namely **Aashiya**, D/O Sh. Seikh Raja R/O C-877, Jahangir Puri, Delhi. The girl has been missing since 19.05.2019 from the area of P.S. Jahangir Puri, Delhi.
In this regard **DD No. 12A**, dated 21.05.2019 has been lodged at P.S. Jahangir Puri, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the missing girl but no clue has come to light so far.
The description of the missing girl is as under:
Name: Aashiya, **Age:** 20 Years, **Height:** 5', **Complexion:** Fair, **Face:** Round, **Built:** Thin, **Wearing:** Yellow Colour Suit and Blue Colour Salwar.
If anyone has any information regarding this missing girl, kindly inform SHO/P.S. Jahangir Puri, Delhi.
Email: cic@cbl.gov.in, Website: <http://cbl.nic.in>
Ph.: 011-23015229, 23015218
Fax: 011-23011334
SHO P.S. Jahangir Puri, Delhi.
DP/9014/NW/19 Ph. No. 011-27456072, 08750870232

SEARCH FOR KIDNAPPED
General public is hereby informed that a girl namely **Seema @ Kallo**, D/o Sh. Rakesh Kumar R/O 6033-34, Near Satnarayan Temple, Phoolwali Gali, Neemwala Chowk, Nabi Karim, New Delhi has been kidnapped since 20.05.2019 at about 10:00 a.m. from her house. In this regard a case vide **FIR No. 175/19, U/S 363 IPC**, dated 21.05.19, has been registered at P.S. Nabi Karim, New Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the kidnapped girl but no clue has come to light so far.
The description of the kidnapped girl is as under:
Name: Seema @ Kallo, **Gender:** Female, **Age:** 10 years, **Height:** 3', **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Built:** Slim, **Face:** Long, **Mental condition:** Abnormal, **Id mark:** Handicapped as her right hand is partially working and her both legs are uneven in length, **Wearing:** Green colour Frock and White colour Shorts.
If anyone has any information regarding this kidnapped girl, kindly inform the SHO/Nabi Karim, New Delhi.
E-mail: cic@cbl.gov.in
Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641
Fax: 011-24368639
SHO P.S. Nabi Karim, New Delhi
DP/6372/CD/19 Ph. No.: 011-23521081, 8750870428

SEARCH FOR MISSING PERSON
General public is hereby informed that this person namely **Panna Lal S/o Jyoti Parsad R/o A-770, Jahangir Puri, Delhi** Age: 60 years, **Height:** 5'6", **Face:** Round, **Complexion:** Sallow, **Built:** Normal, **Wearing** shirt and pant, has been missing since 20.04.2019. In this regard **DD No. 38-A** dated 29.04.2019 has been lodged at P.S. Mahendra Park, Delhi.
Any person having any information or clue about this missing person may kindly inform to the following:-
E-mail: cic@cbl.gov.in SHO: P.S. Mahendra Park, Delhi
Website: <http://cbl.nic.in> 27632502
Fax: 24368639, 27632502
Tel.: 24368638/24368641

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF PERSON ACCUSED
See Section 82 Cr. PC
Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person namely **Sagar S/o Balwan Singh**, R/o H.No. 222, Village Harewali, Delhi, has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence **FIR No. 231/16 u/s 307/34 IPC** at P.S. Bawana, Delhi, and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said Sagar cannot be found and whereas it has been to shown to my satisfaction that the said Sagar has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation u/s 82 CrPC is hereby made that the said Sagar accused of **FIR No. 231/16 u/s 307/34 IPC** is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 24.07.2019.
By Order
DP/373/ON/19- Ms. Manu Goel Kharb
(Court Matter) Metropolitan Magistrate-05 (North)
Room No. 114, 1st Floor, Rohini Court, Delhi

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION
General public is hereby informed that one male was found dead Rama Road T Point, Patel Road, near Kirti Nagar Metro Station, Moti Nagar Delhi on 12.06.2019. In this regard a **DD No. 12A u/s 174 Cr. Pc**. Dated 12.06.2019 has been lodged at P.S. Moti Nagar, Delhi. The description of the dead body is given as under:
Name: Unknown, **S/o:** Unknown, **R/o:** Unknown, **Age:** Approx. 55 years, **Height:** 170 Centimeter, **Complexion:** Shallow, **Face:** Long, **Built:** Thin, **Hair:** Black, **ID Mark:** Left Hand Cutted, **Wearing:** Orange T-Shirt, White Pajama & Black Chappal.
Dead body has been preserved in the mortuary of Deen Dayal Hospital, Hari Nagar. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the information about the dead male but no clue has come to light so far. If any one is having any information about this dead male please inform the undersigned.
S.H.O P.S. Moti Nagar, Delhi
DP/8299/WD/19 Ph. No. 011-25101150, 08750871125

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED
(See Section 82 Cr. PC)
Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person namely **Koshish Aggarwal Owner of M/s SBM Logistics R/o AT-65, Laxmanpuri Faizabad Road, Lucknow** **Uttar Pradesh** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in a **CC No. 589/18 u/s 138 NI Act, PS Samaipur Badli, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrants of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **Koshish Aggarwal Owner** could not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Koshish Aggarwal Owner** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused person **Koshish Aggarwal Owner of CC No. 589/18 u/s 138 NI Act, PS Samaipur Badli, Delhi** is required to appear in the court to answer the said complaint on or before 27.08.2019.
By order
Ms. Neha Gupta Singh,
Metropolitan Magistrate North Distt.
Room No. 319, 3rd Floor,
Rohini Courts, Delhi
DP/359/ON/19

SEARCH FOR MISSING
General public is hereby informed that a girl namely **Ishika D/o Sh. Sahib Masih**, R/o C-1510, Jahangir Puri, Delhi, Age: 17 yrs. 6 months, Height: 5'4", Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Oval, Built: Medium, Wearing: Blue Colour Jeans, Badami Colour Top and Black Colour Chappal in Feet, has been missing / kidnapped since 29.04.2019. In this regard a case **FIR No. 232/19** dated 30.04.2019 u/s 363 IPC has been registered at P.S. Jahangir Puri, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local Police to trace out the missing / kidnapped girl but no clue has come to light so far.
if anyone have any information about this missing / kidnapped girl please inform undersigned
Website: <http://cbl.nic.in>, Email: cic@cbl.gov.in, Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641, Fax: 011-24368639
SHO P.S. Jahangir Puri, Delhi
Ph.: 011-27301200, 27301400

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED
General public is hereby informed that a girl namely **Soni**, D/o: Raju, R/o: H.No. 20/25, Phase-IV, Sector-26, Rohini, Shahbad Dairy, Delhi has been missing/kidnapped since 21.05.2019 from the area of P.S. Shahbad Dairy, Outer North District, Delhi. In this regard **FIR No. 229/19 u/s 363 IPC**, dated 23.05.2019 has been registered at P.S. Shahbad Dairy. The description of missing/kidnapped girl is as under:
Name: Soni, **Age:** 15 Years, **Height:** 4'5", **Face:** Round, **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Built:** Thin, **Wearing:** Gajri colour suit, **Black Salwar** and Chappal in feet.
If anyone have any information about this missing/kidnapped girl please inform P.S. Shahbad Dairy, Delhi.
Web: <http://cbl.nic.in>, Email: cic@cbl.gov.in
Ph.: 011-24368638/24368641, Fax: 011-24368639
SHO Police Station, Shahbad Dairy, Delhi
DP/354/ON/19 Ph: 011-27821047, 27822207

Sr. No.	Name of Board/Corp./Auth	Name of Work/Notice Tender	Opening Date (T/M)	Closing Date (T/M)	Amount / EMD (Approx.) in Rupees	Website of the Board/Corp./Auth	Nodal Officer/Contact Details/Email
1	HSIDDC	UP-GRADATION OF INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES I.E. ROADS WITH INTERLOCKING PAVEMENT, STORM WATER DRAINAGE & SEWERAGE NETWORK AT I.E. JIND UNDER S/D SCHEME	21.06.2019	08.07.2019	257.30 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9818327861 huidn@hry.nic.in
2	J.C. BOSE UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY YMCA FARIDABAD	UPGRADATION OF SUB-STATION BUILDING AND P/FI&C OF 1000 KVA TRANSFORMER P/FI&C HIGH MAST LIGHT AND DISMANTLING AND CONSTRUCTION OF POST OFFICE BUILDING	20.06.2019	10.07.2019	127.09 LACS	www.ymcaustd.in	9616374943 seemajal@gmail.com
3	HSVP	CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD, PROVIDING WATER SUPPLY SCHEME, SEWERAGE SCHEME AND SWD SCHEME IN SECTOR-18 & 18A, ROHTAK "SUPPLYING AND LAYING EARTH, GSB, WMM, BM & PC STRIKING OUT, D.I. PIPE FOR WATER SUPPLY & OTHER WORK"	14.06.2019	21.06.2019	1378.50 LACS	https://www.hsvphr.org.in	01262-266163 xenrhtk@gmail.com
4	HSVP PALWAL	PLANNING, DESIGN, ENG. CONST. OPT. & MTC FOR 10 YRS. OF CEST WITH ALL ALLIED WORKS OF 10MLD CAP. TERTIARY TREATMENT INC. ACC. OF LAND REQ. AT I/A HATHI, PALWAL.	11.06.2019	02.07.2019	560 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	xenbudpalwal@gmail.com
5	GMDA	SPECIAL REPAIR OF MASTER ROAD BETWEEN SECTOR-21/22 AND REZANGLA CHOKK TO OLD DELHI NH-BIRGAUD KINSEY I.D. 46 & 48; GURUGRAM (RE-INVESTED) & 2 OTHER WORKS.	14.06.2019	24.06.2019	1039.33 LACS	https://www.gmda.gov.in	0124-2746614 scd.gmda@gov.in

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that the following share certificates are registered in my name has been lost. Therefore I have applied for issue of duplicate share certificate to the Transpek Industries Ltd. 6th Floor, Marble Arch, Race Course, Vadodra-390007. So, General public are hereby warned not to deal with the following securities and if company do not receive any objection within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice on above-mentioned address of the company, or to the company's R & T agent Link Intime India Pvt. Ltd. B-102 & 103, Shangri-la Complex, 1st floor, Opp. HDFC Bank, Near Radhekrishna, Char Rasta, Akola, Vadodra-390020. The Company will proceed for the issue of duplicate share certificate in my name.
Folio No. S3617, Name of Share Holder: Jai Singh, Distinctive No. 1752401-1752450, Certificate No. 53763 No. of shares-50.
Date: 21.06.2019 Place: New Delhi

2 dead, 5 hurt in Bhatpara 'police firing'

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SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ NAIHATI/BHATPARA

At least two persons died and five were seriously injured in an alleged police firing on Thursday even as fresh violence erupted along Bhatpara-Jagaddal area in Barrackpore parliamentary constituency where political clashes have become a regular affair since the conclusion of the general elections on May 19.

The incident started when clashes broke out between two groups leading the police to intervene. While victims' families

accused the police of opening fire at the fleeing crowd killing two persons on the spot, local police officers said, they had only resorted to tear-gassing and blank fire in a bid to disperse the violent mob.

"There were violent clashes between two groups and the police had to rush in. When we reached the spot our vehicles were attacked. The car of the Assistant Commissioner-II was badly damaged and it was at this juncture that the police had to fire in the air and burst tear gas shells," a senior officer said adding, "things are being investigated."

From Kolkata Home Secretary Alapan Bandopadhyay said the two dead persons had been identified as Rambabu Sahu and

Santosh Sahu adding the people of Bhatpara had been fleeing area in the wake of continuous violence adding some outsiders were disrupting peace in the area.

"Police have been rushed to the area and the situation has been brought under control," he said adding the area had been brought under Section 144 (IPC).

All shops along the 3-km area in this area remained closed with hardly any people venturing outside. Bhatpara is barely 45 km from Kolkata and is one of mega city's satellite townships. The region had been witnessing intermittent trouble for the past several weeks with goons of both the Trinamool Congress and BJP engaging each other in bomb-

and-gun battles forcing the Government to open a new police station in the area.

The inauguration of the police station on Thursday was however was indefinitely postponed against the backdrop of the violence. "The situation was so grim that State DGP Virendra who was supposed to inaugurate the police station had to return from mid-way. He was however sent to the area late on Thursday following Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's order, sources said.

The condition of five other injured persons was stated to be "very very critical" by doctors of a private hospital where there were being treated in Kolkata. "They are being operated upon and nothing can be said about them before 72

hours," a doctor treating them said. Local BJP MP Arjun Singh accused Mamata Banerjee of provoking the violence in the area. "It is the goons of the TMC who have been rampaging the area. And the police are siding with them. They killed two poor and ordinary citizens from a point-blank today."

Pointing fingers at the Chief Minister, BJP's observer for Bengal Kailash Vijaybargya said "Mamata Banerjee cannot digest the defeat she has faced at the hands of the BJP and so she is creating trouble in various places encouraging the goons to attack the BJP supporters." He said a central team of MPs would soon visit Bhatpara on a fact finding mission.



Grieving family members of the children, who are feared drowned after a van fell into the Indira canal, at Nagram area of Lucknow on Thursday. The van carrying 29 people, who were returning from a marriage ceremony, fell into the canal late Wednesday night

PTI

Mamata war on 'cut money' hits party hard

PNS ■ KOLKATA

Two days after Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee warned her party men against taking cut money from the people for getting their works done under various schemes the stated cut-money controversy caught wind on Thursday with more villages of Birbhum district getting hit by intermittent clashes between supporters of the local TMC leaders who allegedly received bribe from the locals for getting their work done and those who paid bribe.

At least five people got bullet injuries at Birbhum's Dubrajpur and Sainthia region

when clashes erupted between the supporters of the local TMC leaders and the people who gheraoed their houses asking for the cut money to be paid back.

Banerjee had earlier in a meeting of party councilors said that she would not tolerate accepting cut money. "I hear that some of you even take ₹200 for a work of ₹2,000 to be done. I will not tolerate this. No one will take cut money and those who have taken them will have to return that money."

As people started gathering outside the houses of local TMC leaders to get their money back clashes started, sources said.

At higher level the "cut money" crisis took an uncomfortable turn for the Trinamool Congress leadership with party's Birbhum MP Shatabdi Roy telling reporters in Delhi that "such a step should have been taken earlier," wondering "what will happen to the share of the bribe that had gone upwards from the lower level."

She also feared "while in lower level the people may stop taking cut money but where is the guarantee that the higher leadership will not charge their share of cut money at higher rates?" The TMC leadership refused in Kolkata however to comment on Roy's statement.

Maha to make Marathi compulsory subject: CM

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

Taking serious exception to several of the central board and English medium schools not teaching Marathi as a language, the BJP-led Maharashtra Government announced on Thursday that it would make Marathi a compulsory subject in all schools run under various school boards in the State.

Coming out with a major policy initiative, Maharashtra chief minister Devendra Fadnis said: "It has come to our notice that several schools - particularly CBSE and ICSE schools - do not follow the legislation relating to the Marathi language. In order to make Marathi as a compulsory subject in schools run under all the school boards, we will

CM takes serious note of schools particularly ones run under CBSE, ICSE boards not teaching Marathi language

State Govt to make law stringent to make Marathi compulsory as a subject in all schools in the State

enforce the relevant legislation to make it more stringent and enforce it strictly in schools across the state."

Fadnis was responding to starred question raised by Shiv Sena MLC Neelam Gorhe in the State Legislative Council as an issue of propriety. Gorhe was trying to draw the attention of the Maharashtra government about the plans by several Marathi litterateurs, led by All India Marathi literary confer-

ence president Lakshmi Kant Deshmukh and president of a forum set up to foster the growth of Marathi language Madhu Mangesh Karnik, to stage a protest at the Azad Maidan here on June 24 to demand that Marathi be made a compulsory subject in schools run under all school boards in the state.

The chief minister said that the forum set up to foster the growth of Marathi had proposed: that Marathi be made compulsory in education institutions run under all boards along the lines of the state language policy practised in Tamil Nadu, that a Marathi language development authority be set up, that the standard of Marathi schools be improved in the state, that the quality of education be enhanced to ensure against recurring closure of Marathi schools, circulars be issued to encourage the reading habits among students in schools and that a Marathi language centre be set up in Mumbai.

The chief minister said that he and Education Minister Vinod Tawade, who is also the minister for Marathi language, would meet a delegation of Marathi litterateurs on June 24 to discuss and decide on their various demands.

Truck driver shot by guard for ₹20

Lucknow: In a sensational murder reported from Hamirpur, a truck driver was shot dead by the security guards of a sand mine in the district for paying them Rs 20 less of the extortion amount.

The truck driver was reportedly paying Rs 30 to the security guards as 'rangdaari' (extortion) instead of Rs 50. Surprisingly, this cold-blooded murder took place right under the nose of the local police even when the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) is probing into illegal mining in Uttar Pradesh, including in Hamirpur. Station house officer of Sisolar police station, Rakesh Kumar Pandey, said the incident took place around 4 am on Thursday.

PNS

Court rejects Pragya's plea for exemption from appearance

PTI ■ MUMBAI

A trial court here on Thursday rejected an application made by BJP MP Pragya Singh Thakur, prime accused in the 2008 Malegaon blast case, seeking permanent exemption from appearance once a week.

The newly elected Bhopal MP had said in her plea that she was suffering from various ailments and was not in the condition to attend the court.

Thakur had also said that being a 'sadhvi' (a woman ascetic), she has to follow strict discipline for her 'sadhna' (worship) and adhere to certain dietary rules.

In view of all this, it was not possible for her to travel from Bhopal to Mumbai every week, said the application filed by her lawyer advocate J P Mishra.

She had also cited her duties as Bhopal MP as a reason for not being able to attend the court.

Advocate Mishra had also submitted that as per her party's whip, she needs to attend the ongoing Parliament session.

Therefore, she should be exempted from appearance at least till the end of Parliament session on July 26, the lawyer said.

However, special judge for National Investigation Agency (NIA) cases V S Padalkar said these grounds were "not reasonable and genuine". The judge, though, exempted her from appearance on Thursday.

"Attendance of Parliament is necessary and one should obey whip of the party", however, no documentary evidence about any such whip was produced, the judge said.

Thakur, during her last appearance, had complained about dust in the courtroom and the chair provided for her.

7 kids feared drowned as van falls in canal

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

Three children drowned while four other kids were feared drowned after the driver of a pick-up van carrying 29 people lost control as a result of which the vehicle plunged into Indira Canal in Nagram area of Lucknow early Thursday morning.

Senior police officials and District Magistrate Kaushal Raj Sharma reached the spot to oversee rescue work.

As per reports, Ram Bahadur of Sarai Pandey area of Barabanki along with members of his extended family had come to Lucknow to attend the marriage of a kin's son in Patwa Kheda area. After attending the wedding ceremony, they left for Barabanki by a pick-up van around 2:30 am on Thursday.

As the van carrying 29 persons, including 22 adults, neared

Chheda Kheda village, driver Durgesh of Barabanki probably dozed off as a result of which the van plunged into the canal.

Later, a massive rescue operation was launched by personnel of National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) along with local police.

To control the agitated crowd that had gathered at the spot, PAC jawans and cops were deployed. Firemen were also pressed into service to locate the missing persons.

The 25-foot water in the canal posed a stiff challenge in the rescue operation. To speed up rescue work, officials diverted water to bring down the water level in the canal and reduce the current.

The rescuers managed to fish out the bodies of three children, identified as Aman (9) of Nagram, Saurabh (8) and Shani

(5) of Sarai Pandey area of Barabanki.

However, four other kids, identified as Sachin (6), Sajan (8), Mansi (4) and Manish (5), all from Barabanki, were missing and efforts were on to locate them.

Later, recalling the ordeal, a victim said, "It was pitch dark outside. As the van hurtled down into the canal, the driver screamed in fear which sent us into a tizzy. By the time we could gather ourselves, the van landed on the canal bed. All of us tried to locate our children. But as it was becoming difficult to hold breath in the water, we somehow came out of the canal. Most of the children were missing and we started crying for help."

A police spokesman said that the bodies were recovered about 200 metres away from the mishap spot around 4 pm.

No place for corrupt officers, staff in Govt: Yogi

Lucknow: Taking a cue from the Centre, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said that there was no place for corrupt officers and staff in the Government and they could be shown the door by giving them compulsory retirement.

The Chief Minister said this while reviewing the work of Secretariat Administration department at Lok Bhawan here on Thursday.

He asked the officials to prepare a list of corrupt officers, saying that such officers could be forced to take voluntary retirement.

He also advised firm action against corrupt employees, saying that they be barred from promotion.

Yogi also asked the officials to ensure payment of employees' dues pending for over four months and to take action on issues related to promotion, filling up of vacancies and retirement of employees.

Enquiring about e-office system, Yogi directed officials to expedite work on connecting every office with the system.

"(e-office system) should later be taken to district offices and arrangements should be made to preserve important documents of the secretariat," he said.

Yogi also issued directive that data of employees be fed on Manav Sampada portal so that their service-related matters could be disposed of in a time-bound manner.

"Soon, biometric system will be installed in secretariat," he said.

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSONS (SEE SECTION 82 Cr.P.C.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused persons 1. Chanda, W/o Sh. Gurvinder Singh Sethi and 2, Lakshya Sethi @ Nikhil, S/o Sh. Gurvinder Singh Sethi, both R/o H.No. D-62-A, 3rd Floor, West Vinod Nagar, near Subzi Mandi, Delhi have committed (or are suspected to have committed) the offence in case F.I.R. No. 153/15 punishable u/s 498A/406/34 IPC, P.S. Shahdara, Delhi and it has been returned to a Warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused Chanda and Lakshya Sethi @ Nikhil can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Chanda and Lakshya Sethi @ Nikhil have absconded (or are concealing themselves to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused persons Chanda and Lakshya Sethi @ Nikhil of F.I.R. No. 153/15 punishable u/s 498A/406/34 IPC, P.S. Shahdara, Delhi are required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before dated 02.09.2019.

By Order,
Ms. Deepthi Devesh
Metropolitan Magistrate, Mahila Court No. 1,
DP/1069/SHD/19 Room No. 55, Karkardooma Court, Shahdara, Delhi

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is hereby informed that one person (depicted in the photo) namely **Abhorik Yadav**, S/o Sh. Amar Singh, R/o H.No. B-19, Kaushal Puri, Delhi has been missing from the area of P.S. Bharat Nagar, Delhi since 02.05.2019. In this regard D.D. No. 33-A, Dated 04.05.2019 has been lodged at Police Station - Bharat Nagar, Delhi. His physical description is as under:- **Age:** 40 years, **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Height:** 5'6", **Build:** Thin, **Face:** Round, **Hair:** Black, **Clothing:** Light blue colour shirt & blue colour jeans pant.

Any person is having any information/Clue about this missing person, may inform undersigned.

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Cong Veerashaiva-Lingayat leaders seek OBC status

PTI ■ BENGALURU

Karnataka Congress leaders from Veerashaiva-Lingayat community Thursday met Chief Minister HD Kumaraswamy and demanded that the government recommend to the Centre, granting of the OBC status to the community.

The leaders also sought setting up of Veerashaiva-Lingayat Development Corporation.

The delegation that met Chief Minister in the presence

of Deputy Chief Minister G Parameshwara included-KPCC Working President Eshwar Khandre, Home Minister M B Patil, senior legislators Shananur Shivashankarappa and S R Patil, among others.

"Those in Veerashaiva-Lingayat community who are backward- socially, economically and in education- for them Veerashaiva-Lingayat Development Corporation has to be set up.

All of us leaders and MLAs have submitted a memoran-

dum to the Chief Minister," Khandre told reporters after the meeting.

"Also, we have requested to recommend inclusion of Veerashaiva-Lingayat in the Other Backward Class (OBC) list at the Centre. CM and DCM have responded positively," he added.

Leaders said, various subjects of the community are already on the OBC list in the State.

Patil, who was part of the delegation, said there was no politics involved in it.

Priyanka hits out at Yogi over law and order in UP

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

Congress general secretary in-charge UP East, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra attacked Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath over deteriorating law and order, saying that members of the fairer sex were forced to live in an atmosphere of fear in Uttar Pradesh.

In a tweet on Thursday, Priyanka hit out at Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath "for his failure to check crime", saying that innocent minors were

being subjected to brutality in UP and women had been pushed to live in fear of falling prey to sexual abuse.

She alleged that even men were torched alive in the state and those enjoying power had preferred to keep their eyes shut towards such atrocities. The Congress leader sought to know when would the UP government start taking responsibility of saving the modesty of girls and women and when would they ensure a society free from fear to everyone.

Actress and TMC MP Nusrat Jahan ties the knot with Kolkata-based businessman Nikhil Jain, in Bodrum, Turkey on Wednesday PTI



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Tender for supply and installation of High End Cardiac Surgical OT Table for Department of Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery AIIMS Raipur	Rs. 6,91,000.00	15-06-2019	24-06-2019 At 03:30 pm	13-07-2019 at 03:00 pm
Supply of Broadbased QR for Body Plethysmograph with Diffusion Study for Department of Pulmonary Medicine	Rs. 77,000.00	13-06-2019	Nil	11-07-2019 at 03:00 pm

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SH: Anti-Flood Measures for Panchkuan Road Drainage Pump House Connaught Place
Tender ID No. - 2019, NDMC, 173489_1
Estimated cost: Rs. 7,59,744/-
Earnest money: Rs. 15,195/-
Time allowed: Three and half Months
Date of release of tenders through e-procurement solution: 20.06.2019 at 06:00 PM
Date and time for Pre-Bid Meeting, if any: Nil
Last date/time for receipt of tenders: 01.07.2019 at 03:00 PM
Further details can be seen at <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in> & www.ndmc.gov.in (e Tendering System Government of NCT of Delhi)
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Sunaina: I was assaulted



SUNAINA ROSHAN sister of actor **Hrithik Roshan** alleged that she was assaulted by her family since she is in love with a Muslim man. She claims that her brother Hrithik hasn't helped and he has broken a promise to provide her with an apartment of her own. "Hrithik had promised me that he would get me a house of my own, wherever that I wanted in Mumbai, but he has not done that. When I found a rented apartment for myself in Lokhandwala, he said it's too expensive for me. Is 2.5 lakhs rent too expensive for him?" she told a Mumbai-based website. She also said that her parents have limited her finances.

'I would've definitely been disappointed if any other actor would've recreated Tip Tip Barsa Paani, a song which has been synonymous with me and my career and I can't thank Ratan Jain ji enough. At times you realise, we may have come a long way but we also go back a long way.'
—Akshay Kumar



Actress **PRIYANKA CHOPRA JONAS**, UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador for Child Rights, marked World Refugee Day with a special message. She pledged her support to children who have been forced to flee their homes. She even shared a video of herself from her meetings with children at refugee camps on social media.

"The truth is quite simple, the future lies in the hands of the children of today. But the harsh reality is that there is an entire generation of innocent children growing up without any future prospects. These children are affected by displacement due to conflict and emergencies in their various regions," says the actress.



It was on a summer evening in 2013 when a video, showcasing a group of performers who presented a flashmob recreation of Rembrandt's famous painting *The Night Watch*, surfaced on Youtube and went viral overnight. One must remember that this was a pre social media sensations world. The stunt was organised to coincide with the return of the painting, which is considered one of the Dutch artist's greatest works, to Amsterdam's Rijksmuseum.

Fast forward to 2019 and you have "Public Radio," a unique art installation at District Hall's outdoor plaza in the Seaport, Boston's home for innovation. Standing 10 feet tall, elegantly sloped along at its front face with the soft rainbow LEDs glowing behind half-inch of frosted acrylic, it's an innovative way to activate a public space using a combination of interactive art and technology. You can turn the metal-rimmed dials to tune to a different station as the corresponding LEDs light up on this giant radio inviting the public to play with and listen to the latest broadcasts and music. Built by New American Public Art in the Microsoft Garage at the New England Research and Development Centre, Public Radio is an interactive art installation with microprocessor parts and a futuristic look that encourages a spirit of community, working and grooving together.

In interactive art works, where the art itself engages with the audience at a public space, it is presumed that the viewers are no longer passive onlookers but the ones who complete the work's purpose through participation. These could also be deliberately left open-ended in order to make it more understandable and readable for the audience and draw them into what was once considered erudite and classic.

STREET ART

From art in caves to graffiti and sign illustrations in churches, fresco in mosques and tombs, Madhubani art to miniature paintings on fortified walls, the age-old tradition of street art is the first one that comes to mind when we talk about art in the public space.

Giulia Ambrogio, co-founder and curator of the St+art India Foundation, talks about how street art directly engages the population, triggering conversations and beyond the confined walls of a gallery.

"The idea was to move away from the elusive nature of the uptight art gallery concepts that the cities offer. It's important because cities need identities. The great power of street art, the skills and the sensitivity of the artists speak, everywhere they go they try to respond to the local narratives. Street artists have to keep in mind a lot of things while making the murals — the architecture, texture of the wall, specific city in which they are, country, colours around them, the people that they meet, area that they breathe in, flora and fauna, everything should merge together in conceptual-

Art alive

The do-not-touch policy no longer applies to artworks as they evolve and change with the participation of the audience, says CHAHAK MITTAL



Priya's Mirror



One Thousand Tears

isation and eventually execution of their pieces."

She feels we live in a time and age where people are disconnected because of the fast chaotic life. "There should be some moment in which we recognise ourselves in our own cities." For instance, artist Dattaraj Naik, who recently painted one of Goa's biggest football-themed murals, where a child is sitting in a classroom and thinking about football, which is below his feet. The artwork aimed at representing the common aspirations and feelings of school students who try hard to keep a balance between academics and sports.

Artist and illustrator Rohan Chakravarty's *Gaj Yatra* was a series of comic strips displayed at the Mandi House Metro Station, engaging people and triggering conversations around vanishing habitats of elephants.

Time Changes Everything at the Lodhi Art District changes with the angle of the sun. Come at noon to see the wall's metal cut-outs cast perfect shadows that spell out words like "hope", "ambition", "time", "people"—all concepts that shift meanings over time. At 6 pm, the shadows are melting; at night or early morning, there are none at all. It is a commentary on the nature of street art, which is ephemeral because once a piece has been made, it is abandoned.

FLASHMOBS

At the Kiran Nadar Museum of Art (KNMA) recently, a group of performers dressed in the costumes from the 19th century, who casually converged in the central atrium of a mall and broke into a dance in the city. The presentation aimed at recreating artist Raja Ravi Varma's *Portrait of a Family*, where the artist captures a South Indian family in their respective attires. Kiran Nadar, chairperson, had earlier said that since Indians are deeply fond of dance and music, so what could be a better way to connect with the public for spreading awareness for Indian art heritage?

TACTILE ART

In most art galleries and museums, the 'Do Not Touch' rule is non-negotiable. But there could be some people who can't resist flouting rules. However with more innovative art coming to the fore, the rule doesn't really stick to them by including people in the pattern that the artwork follows.

For instance, the *Mirror Box* at the Museum Centre in Krasnoyarsk, Russia creates a never-ending myriad of reflections of everyone who peeped inside the box. On the other hand, Alan Parkinson's *Luminarium* installation allowed the viewers to step inside a circular pavilion surrounded with vibrant colours and soft lights. It is important

not to confuse these for 3D artworks.

Anahita Taneja, director, Shrine Empire, tells us about their recent curation at the gallery, which allowed viewers to engage in a direct conversation with the artwork on display.

The installation titled, *One Thousand Tears* by artist Suchitra Gahlot, asked a thousand people from the audience 'Why did you cry last?' Their one word replies were labelled on to a thousand small vials. They were then filled with a saline solution that matched the exact composition of human tears. An accompanying use and throw book had the one-word replies printed on tissue paper. Once read, the answers are lost forever.

Taneja says, "It was so beautiful to see how people were constantly getting attracted towards the work. It showed how interactive works make a difference to people, especially the artwork that is touchable. Other sculptures and paintings in a gallery are mostly looked at and forgotten but such works stay within the person even when s/he walks out. They would not only be engaged with it at that time, but would also tell the story to people they know outside."

AUGMENTED REALITY

Priya's Mirror, the art exhibition, curated by art connoisseur Mukta Ahluwalia, brought together a range of artworks and augmented reality installations by four different artists that aimed to invoke in people a sense of responsibility towards the society. The artworks were divided into four chapters, featuring India's first female superhero, 'Priya Shakti.' She is a rape survivor, who helps a group of acid attack survivors to find their strengths and overcome their fears — finding similarity with the way she had conquered her fears after the brutality she went through.

One of the visuals had a young girl, in a quiet land, sitting on the back of a tiger. To make it appear real, one had to install a free application on their phones called Blippar, and scan the image through their phone's camera. The app would activate the digital programme, which in turn would allow people to see the images moving. Here, the girl sits on the back of the tiger and flies away.

She explains that since art is capable of instilling in people a sense of responsibility, then "why not make it more interactive through various media we have today?"

Astral, by Australian illustrator and designer Stuart Campbell (popularly known as Sutu), features a sequence of 21st century tableaux vivants that give participants the sense that they are actually stepping into the paintings.

In another illustration, *Dark*, by California-based digital artist Steve Teeple, technology and organic matter converge within an inverted, globular space where a few multi-coloured lights pierce through the uncharted inky black terrain of deep, dark space.

Coping mechanism

The ancient science of yoga can benefit children with autism in a variety of ways, says NITIN BIDLISH

Yoga is a complementary therapy for children diagnosed with autism and special needs. As the identification and detection of autism is on the rise, schools and parents have started to participate in several innovative yoga programmes. According to Centre for Disease Control, one out of 68 parents and educators faces challenges in supporting children with ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorder).

Autistic children face difficulty in being expressive, social and face emotional challenges and sensory integration deficits. Many children with special needs experience heightened levels of anxiety.

Yoga provides supplementary support. By connecting the mind, body, and breath, it improves physiological and psychological processes through breathing techniques, postures, relaxation and meditation. It increases strength, co-ordination, balance and flexibility while improving social-emotional skills, body awareness, communication, self-regulation, improves concentration. It reduces impulsiveness, anxiety, obsession and aggression.

They display decreased co-ordination, body awareness, sensory integration and competitive physical outlets can be frustrating for them. Yoga is non-competitive and increases self-confidence. It allows people with autism to process the stimuli easily and self-regulate. Research on yoga has confirmed qualitative behaviour changes in them including increased tolerance of sitting, adult proximity and subsequent socialisation.

"They should practise yoga and asanas which direct the flow of blood towards the brain. This increases the blood circulation and oxygen flow in the nervous system. Asanas such as *Halasana*, *Vipreet Naukasana* for five times a day for 10 seconds are helpful. It strengthens their immune system, growth of tissues. Research has proved the importance of *pranayam*," says Dr Deepak Jha, yoga consultant and expert at Medanta hospital.

AWARENESS AND EXPRESSION OF EMOTIONS

Yoga not only creates awareness of social cues like actions, facial expressions and social behaviour but puts them in touch with their own emotions. Controlled breathing teaches them to release emotions like anger, anxiety and frustration in a healthy and constructive manner. It provides them with an outlet and gives out the message that it is okay to feel such emotions.

REDUCES ANXIETY

They experience high levels of anxiety which adversely affects their behaviour, mood, health and sleep. Children can be constantly anxious because of sensory integration deficit, difficulty in communication along with several other challenges. Yoga has specific breathing strategies to reduce anxiety and soothe nervous systems.

INCREASES SOCIAL COMMUNICATION SKILLS

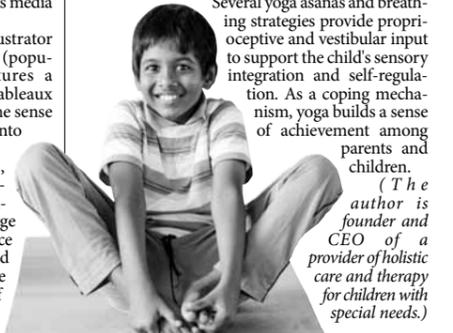
Yoga is an effective tool for improving social communication and cognitive skills in children. There is also the development of skills like eye contact, sitting tolerance, receptive as well as non-verbal communication skills. Once they follow the instructor and listen to their mind and body, it enables them to develop emotions, language and communication skills.

GREAT REDUCTION IN CHALLENGING BEHAVIOURS

Children with ASD may display challenging behaviours which can be improved with the intervention of yoga. It not only reduced anxiety but also impacted mood and behavior.

Several yoga asanas and breathing strategies provide proprioceptive and vestibular input to support the child's sensory integration and self-regulation. As a coping mechanism, yoga builds a sense of achievement among parents and children.

(The author is founder and CEO of a provider of holistic care and therapy for children with special needs.)



KUSHAN MITRA



What would Sherlock Holmes say?

The MG Hector tries very hard, a bit too hard

The road between Coimbatore up to the Nilgiri mountains that overlook the city has clearly been resurfaced recently. It has some amazing turns and switchbacks. Despite the suicidal two-wheeler riders that seem to populate all hill roads in India, traffic is relatively moderate and even though the road is slightly narrow at times, it would be a great road to drive in, if you had the right vehicle. Something like a Mini, or even a Swift for that matter. The new MG Hector, on the other hand, is not quite the right vehicle. This was the wrong stretch of road to drive this much anticipated new SUV, purely from a physical point of view.

And I am fairly sure that I am not alone in these complaints. The MG Hector had noticeable body roll. Sure I was attacking the corners and not driving with passengers in the back, but the amount of body roll reminded me of vehicles from the mid-2000s. The last time I had such a wobbly ride in the mountains while driving was back when I drove the Hyundai Santro ZipPlus

back in 2003 between Hubli and Karwar. Of course, the soft suspension set-up meant the Hector cushioned the impact of uneven surfaces better than most, but this was certainly not the sort of road to do the first drive impressions on.

And then there was the petrol engine. This 1.5-litre unit with 150PS of power is sourced from MG's parent company Shanghai Automotive Industrial Corporation (SAIC), again a statutory reminder that while Benedict Cumberbatch is quite English, the MG Hector is very Chinese. Frankly again, much like the wobbly suspension, you tend to notice flaws in a vehicle on certain roads. Mountain roads, for example, involve a lot of gear changes, and since MG only had the manuals and I was driving the petrol Hector uphill, there is the sudden realisation that there is barely a third gear. Many Indian cars have what we call "tall" gears. Explaining tall and short gears is a highly technical subject but tall gears are primed for fuel economy and shorter gears for better accel-

eration. Many gearboxes nowadays have a mix of both, short first and second gears and tall fifth or sixth gears. This is all due to modern manufacturing methods for gearboxes.

Long story short, with the Hector petrol, when you shifted from second to third at the engine speeds you would normally shift, maybe a bit higher than usual because one is in the hills, you would discover that there is nothing in third. Nada, you press the accelerator and find no power whatsoever. Which is disappointing in the mountains. But it could be a big concern while overtaking on the plains. That said, the Fiat-Chrysler sourced 2-litre diesel that also does service on the Compass, complete with its six-speed gearbox, is far superior to drive. The heavier engine up front also makes the diesel Hector feel ever so slightly more planted. Sure,



you can argue that the MG Hector will mainly be bought by folks who will be driven around, and the driving dynamics really do not matter all that much and the soft suspension will be appreciated by people who work in Okhla Industrial Area for example.

But what about the Hector's

party piece, since the car even wears an 'Internet Inside' badge, and you have undoubtedly seen that advert where Benedict Cumberbatch is talking to the car and the sunroof opens and we are told it is all thanks to 'artificial intelligence' (AI). Well, a couple of things, voice controls have been

around in cars for two decades now, and they have never really been all that great until recently.

The AI aspect of all this is that the system is now connected through the cloud to a back-end which analyses the voice commands for you. I tried such an AI assistant on the new BMW 3-series last December in Portugal and it worked fabulously well. On the Hector, well, it did open the sunroof, the driver side window and allowed me to set the temperature. Very nice. But it could not find our hotel, Le Meridien in Coimbatore. One possible reason is that in the hills, India's notoriously poor cell-phone networks are diabolically bad. But you know what, voice recognition and AI assistance via Apple CarPlay and Android Auto, which the Hector also has support for, worked fine.

Frankly, on the Hector and the Hyundai Venue for that matter, some of these aspects seem redundant and other bits of AI as being promised seem positively Orwellian. More on that in a future column. I agree that voice commands powered by a back-end, like Amazon's Alexa,

are the future and you will likely see that even on entry-level hatchbacks within years. The Hyundai santro and Maruti WagonR, both already have support for third-party systems from Apple and Google. Opening the sunroof is quite gimmicky but I do expect MG to work on the AI that will continually update itself. Next time, it might even recognise the place I want to go to, although somehow I trust Google Maps more than the in-built TomTom system on this car.

So should you buy one? Frankly, it depends on the price. And MG gave us no indications of what the price will be. It has to undercut the Hyundai Tucson. In fact, top-spec models have to come close to the Hyundai Creta prices to make it worthwhile. Because the vehicle, as is, cannot command a price premium. As far as Chinese products go, the analogy I'd use is that it aimed to be a OnePlus but ended up being a Realme, not bad and it will possibly be value for money, but not a vehicle to get excited about. If Sherlock Holmes could drive, this wouldn't be the vehicle he would go about London in.

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Of late, Aerocity has evolved as Delhi's favourite party spot, which perfectly caters to those who are looking for a place to simmer down over weekends. An entrant which has been making waves, stiffening up the competition further is The Imperfecto Shor Café at Hotel Pride Plaza. The place promises to transport you back to the Renaissance era. Designed by Nuria Rodriguez Parra, the decor of the Goth-inspired café borrows heavily from the Romanesque architecture from 17th to 18th century. Brick walls, broken windows, vintage

portraits, hand-made, rustic chandeliers and large castle doors, this place is delightfully nostalgic, yet has a new-age vibe. Finally, the industrial detailing and warm hand-made lights impart the café a distinctive character. There is no dearth of theme-based cafés in the city but Shor's attention to detail is certainly creating some *shor* (noise) among the guests.
The carefully-curated menu by chef Akansha Dean took us on a journey through Europe, America, Asia and even India, giving heart-felt comfort food. What caught my

Culinary travel tales

JAYESH PAWAR embarks on a journey that takes him through a world menu

attention were the names of dishes which were inspired by 18th century iconic poets, rulers and famous scoundrels.

To beat the heat, I began my meal with *Helen Charlotte's Heavenly Spirit*, a watermelon salad. Served in a bowl made of engraved marble, the presentation of the salad was appealing as the brightness of the watermelon was in stark contrast with the background. Though the Greek combination of watermelon and feta was classic, where the tanginess of the cheese was balanced by the sweetness of the fruit, it was the raspberry dressing that gave it a tarty twist. The perfect fruit-cheese-arugula combination whetted my appetite for more.

Next up was the *Royal portal*, which were classic Spanish croquetas with chicken filling. Served in a round white plate with onion dip, the presentation was dim but the first bite was enough to reveal that they were cooked to perfection. While the roll was crisp on the outside, the filling of chicken was soft and creamy. The marination of the chicken was well-done as it imparted the flesh a creamy texture, with a bit of tanginess.

Having dug deep into

the Mediterranean fare, I travelled all the way to Asia in a matter of minutes. Since the place has an eclectic range of vegetarian and non-vegetarian sushi, I decided to order a spicy salmon roll. The dish arrived on a black rectangular tray, perfectly showcasing the vibrant colours of the different elements. The portion size was more than adequate as eight pieces were served in a single portion. I loved the meticulous preparation that went into each layer. The cucumber and onion bits topped added crunch to each bite. I devoured the dish as it was like an explosion of multiple flavours in my mouth.

I ordered *Aamchi Aam*, the bartender's recommendation. The drink scored high on presentation as it was served in a bronze glass, resonating with the café's theme. The drink was a joyful mix of *aam panna*, litchi juice, served with a pinch of kaffir lime. The almond pistachio mango ice-cream floating on the drink was like cherry on the cake. The tanginess of the *panna* and the sweetness of litchi juice created a perfect balance where neither of the two strong flavours overpowered the other.

Moving to the main course, I stuck to my Indian roots and ordered *Dal-e-shor* and *Shor's royal murg*

makhani, the restaurant's version of classic North Indian butter chicken. There was butter *naan* to accompany. Served in identical golden bowls, the dish's flavours remained true to the original. The taste reminded me of a typical Punjabi *dhaba*, a rarity in cafés.

Finally, it was time for

desserts. On the chef's recommendation, I ordered the *Quinoa fruits pudding*. To give the dessert an Indian touch, the high protein quinoa was cooked like a *kheer* which was topped with seasonal fruits like mango, apple and melons. The flavours of the fruits imparted the quinoa a mild

sweet taste. Indeed, the dessert was a refreshing and fruity ending to my meal.

While the food scored full marks on its satiety value, we loved the service. The staff was professional and well-trained. And this courteous behaviour was not confined to the serving staff. Every now and then Chef Akansha took time off from the kitchen to interact with guests in order to make them more comfortable and find out their preferences. So let us create some *shor*.



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12	PWD B&R, KURUKSHETRA	SPECIAL REPAIR OF VETERINARY HOSPITAL, KIRIMACH BLOCK THANESAR DISTRICT KURUKSHETRA. + 3 OTHER WORKS	18.06.2019 27.06.2019	57.81 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01744-238066
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14	PWD B&R, GURUGRAM	CONSTRUCTION OF NEW ROAD FROM VILLAGE KASSAN TO PANCHGAON KM 0.00 TO 2.11 IN GURUGRAM DISTRICT. + 9 OTHER WORKS	CLOSING DATE 24.06.2019	2092.95 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01242322424 / pwd-eeep1-gurgaon@hry.nic.in
15	PWD B&R, CHARKHI DADR	CONSTRUCTION OF LINK ROAD FROM GHASOLA TO BHARVI KM 0 TO 6.50 IN PROVLD. DIVN PWD B&R B&R, CHARKHI DADR (CMA NO. 24472 DT 06.01.2018) + 1 OTHER WORKS	12.06.2019 26.06.2019	706.10 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
16	PUBLIC HEALTH ENGG. TOSHAM	PROVIDING RENOVATION OF EXISTING 3 MLD STP BASED ON MBR TECHNOLOGY FOLLOWED BY TERTIARY TREATMENT AND CHLORINATION AT TOSHAM - 3 OTHER WORKS	CLOSING DATE 25.06.2019	26.57 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01253-258774 eetosham@gmail.com
17	PUBLIC HEALTH ENGG. GOHANA	TENDER NO. 2019_HRY_81776 A MTC OF WS SCHEME IN RURAL AREA (RURAL WORKS) (FALLING UNDER PHED NO. 1 GOHANA). REPAIR OF PUMPING MACHINERY OF EXISTING 21 NOS. MOTOR TWS, 36 NOS. + 8 OTHER WORKS	18.06.2019 27.06.2019	55.93 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01263-258417 ee1gohana@gmail.com ee1gohana@phedharyana.gov.in

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SALE PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER-II, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-III, DELHI
4th Floor, Jeevan Tara Building, Parliament Street, Patel Chowk, New Delhi-110001
R.C. No. 653/2018 Dated: 15.05.2019

PROCLAMATION OF SALE UNDER RULES 38, 52(2) OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961 READ WITH THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS DUE TO BANK AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTION ACT, 1993
HDFC Bank Ltd. Vt. Rajesh Kumar Sharma & Others
CD No.1. Rajesh Kumar Sharma, Proprietor, M/s Parashar Trading Company, Shop No. 2141/C, Anaj Mandi, Narela, Delhi - 110040. Also at: Shop No. 12, Ground Floor, New Anaj Mandi, Narela, Delhi - 110040.
CD No. 2. Rajan Sharma, House No. T-284, Plot No. 2 Out of Kharsa No. 214, Village Narela Indra Colony, Narela, Delhi - 110040.
CD No. 3. Sunita Sharma, House No. T-284, Plot No. 2 Out of Kharsa No. 214, Village Narela Indra Colony, Narela, Delhi - 110040.
Whereas you have failed to pay the sum of Rs. 1,36,25,381.04/- (Rupees One Crore Thirty Six Lakhs Twenty Five Thousand Three Hundred Eighty One and Paise Four Only) Payable by you/ him as per recovery certificate in OA No. 695/2016(DRT-III, Delhi) dated 22.08.2016 issued by the Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal, Delhi, and the interest and costs payable as per recovery certificate. And whereas the undersigned has ordered the sale of property mentioned in the Schedule below in satisfaction of the said certificate. And whereas a sum of Rs. 1,36,25,381.04/- (Rupees One Crore Thirty Six Lakhs Twenty Five Thousand Three Hundred Eighty One and Paise Four Only) alongwith incidental expenses and interest thereon @12% simple from the date of filing of the OA, jointly and severally, till its realization in full are due against the you/CDs.
Notice is hereby given that in absence of any order of postponement, the said property shall be sold on 24.07.2019 between 03:00 PM to 04:00 P.M. (with auto extension clause in case of bid in last 5 minutes before closing, if required) by e-auction and bidding shall take place through "On line Electronic Bidding" through website - M/s C1 India Pvt. Ltd. Udyog Vihar, Phase-2, GID Petrolchem Building, Building No. 301, Gurgaon, First Floor, Haryana-122015, Help Line No. +91-124-4302020/12223234, Mob: 09813887931, e-mail ID: support@bankeuctions.co.
For further details contact: Shri Ankush Saini, Officer of the CH Bank, Mobile No. 9818008790. Intending bidder may contact aforesaid officer for inspection of the properties.
The sale will be of the property of the defendant above named as mentioned in the schedule below and the liabilities and claims attaching to the said property, so far as they have been ascertained, are those specified in the schedule below.
The property will be put up for sale in the lots specified in the schedule. If the amount to be realized is satisfied by the sale of a portion of the property, the sale shall be immediately stopped with respect to the remainder. The sale also be stopped if, before any lot is knocked down, the arrears mentioned in the said certificate, interest costs (including cost of the sale) are tendered to the officer conducting the sale or proof is given to his satisfaction that the amount of such certificate, interest and costs have been paid to the undersigned.
No officer or other person, having any duty to perform in connection with sale, however, either directly or indirectly bid for, acquire or attempt to acquire any interest in the property sold. The sale shall be subject to the conditions prescribed in Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act, 1961 and the rules made there under and to the further following conditions.
The particulars specified in the annexed schedule have been stated to the best of the information of the undersigned, but the undersigned shall not be answerable for any error, mis-statement or omission in this proclamation.
1. The reserve price below which the property shall not be sold:
S.No. Property description Reserve Price/EMD
1. House No. T-284, Plot No. 2 Out of Kharsa No. 214, Village Narela Indra Colony, Narela, Delhi - 110040. Rs. 1,00,00,000/- (Rupees One Crore Only) EMD Rs. 10,00,000/- (Rupees Ten Lakhs Only)

2. The amount by which the bidding are to be increased shall be Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Only), in the event of any dispute arising as to the amount of bid, or as to the bidder, the lot shall be again put up to auction.
3. The highest bidder shall be declared to be the purchaser of any lot. It shall be in the discretion of the undersigned to decline/acceptance of the highest bid when the price offered appears so clearly inadequate as to make it inadvisable to do so.
4. EMD shall be deposited by 22.07.2019 by way of DD/pay order in favour of Recovery Officer-II, Debts Recovery Tribunal-III, Delhi to be deposited with Recovery Officer, DRT-III, Delhi in sealed cover. EMD deposited thereafter shall not be considered for participation in the e-auction.
5. The copy of PAN Card, Address proof and identity proof, E-mail ID, Mobile No. and declaration if they are bidding on their own behalf or on behalf of their company. In the latter case, they shall be required to deposit their authority, and in default their bids shall be rejected. In case of the company copy of resolution passed by the board members of the company or any other document confirming representation/authority of the company and the receipt/coupler file of such deposit should reach to the said service provider of CH Bank by e-mail or otherwise by the said date and hard copy shall be submitted before the Recovery Officer-II, DRT-III, Delhi.
6. Unsuccessful bidders/ers are directed to file an application along with identity proof in the Registry of DRT-III on or before the schedule date of hearing of the RC for refund of their EMD which shall be refunded on the schedule/subsequent date of hearing of the RC accordingly.
7. The successful highest bidder shall have to deposit 25% of his final bid amount after adjustment of EMD by next bank working day i.e. by 3.00 P.M. in the said account as per detail mentioned in para 4 above.
8. The successful highest bidder shall deposit the balance 75% of final bid amount on or before 15th day from the date of sale of the property. If the 15th day is Sunday or other Holiday, then on the first bank working day after 15th day by prescribed mode as stated in para 4 above. In addition to the above the purchaser shall also deposit poundage fee with Recovery Officer-II, DRT-III, Delhi @ 2% upto Rs. 1,00,00,000/- and @1% of the excess of said amount of Rs. 1,00,00,000/- through DD in favour of the Registrar, DRT-III, Delhi.
9. In case of default of payment within the prescribed period, the deposit, after defraying the expenses of the sale, may, if the undersigned thinks fit, be forfeited to the Government and the defaulting purchaser shall forfeit all claims to the property the amount deposited. The property shall be resold, after the issue of fresh proclamation of sale. Further the purchaser shall also be liable to make good of any shortfall or difference between his final bid amount and the price for which it is subsequently sold.
10. The property is being sold on "AS IS WHERE IS AND AS IS WHAT IS BASIS".
11. The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids if found unreasonable or postpone the auction at any time without assigning any reason.
No. Description of the property to be sold with the names of the co-owners where the property belongs to defaulter and any other person as co-owners. Revenue assessed upon the property or any part thereof. Details of any encumbrance to which property is liable. Claims, if any, which have been put forward to the property, and any other known particulars bearing on its nature and value.

1. House No. T-284, Plot No. 2 Out of Kharsa No. 214, Village Narela Indra Colony, Narela, Delhi - 110040. Not available Not available Not available

Given under my hand and seal on this 15th day of May, 2019. (Vikash Jaitly) Recovery Officer-II, DRT-III, Delhi

DISTRICT POLICE HEADQUARTERS JAMMU

Phone No. 0191-2561578 E-Mail: sspjammu@jkpolice.gov.in
Fax No. 0191-2547807

Hue and Cry Notice
Rule No. 712/191

SHO P/S Miran Sahib, Jammu has intimated that accused Ramesh Lal S/O Baldev Raj Caste Batwal R/O Gazian Tehsil R.S. Pura is evading his arrest in case FIR No. 73/2019 u/s 363 RPC of P/S Miran Sahib, Jammu since the commission of crime.
As such photograph of above mentioned accused is being published for the information of Police establishments / Public in general having any clue related to the whereabouts / present location of above named accused, kindly communicate the same on the below mentioned contact/Telephone numbers.
Description Roll :-
Name : Ramesh Lal
Son of : Baldev Raj,
Permanent Address Batwal, Gazian R.S. Pura, Jammu
Age : 26 years
Height : 5 feet 6 inch
Build : Normal
Complexion : Fair
Contacts/Telephone Numbers:-
1. DPO, Jammu - :0191-2547807, 0191-2561578
2. SSP Jammu Mail I.D. :- :sspjammu@jkpolice.gov.in
3. PCR Jammu :- :0191-2542000
4. SP Hqrs., Jammu :- :0191-2439919
5. SDPO R.S. Pura :01923-250240
6. P/S Miran Sahib :01923-263259 Sd/- Sr. Superintendent of Police, Jammu
No: DIP/J-2668/19 Dated: 19.06.2019

WESTERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice No. C 78/11/SLR/04/2019 dated 17.06.2019
Divisional Railway Manager (Commercial), Western Railway, Mumbai Division, Mumbai Central invites open e-tender, for leasing of SLR on single trip basis on payment of lumpsum rates for loading/unloading of parcels in specific trains for a period of 5 years. Leasing Contract of 3.904 tonnes space in SLRs Compartments of the trains mentioned below. (Period of Contract = 5 years). Earnest Money Deposit shall be accepted only through online Net Banking or E-payment gateway

Sl. No.	Train No.	From / To	RP (₹)	Sl. No.	Train No.	From / To	RP (₹)
1	1226-FWLRRM	MMCT-RJT	15,311/-	29	12995-FSLR-I	BDS-AII	4,769/-
2	22989-FWLRRM	BDS-MHV	9,704/-	30	FSLR-I-12995	BDS-AII	4,769/-
3	22991-FWLRRM	BDS-VRL	9,979/-	31	12995-MSLR-III	BDS-UJZ	2,622/-
4	22993-FWLRRM	BDS-BHUJ	9,240/-	32	MSLR-I-12995	BDS-UJZ	2,622/-
5	22993-FWLRRM	BDS-MJV	9,704/-	33	12995-RSLR-I	BDS-UJZ	2,622/-
6	22923-FWLRRM	BDS-JAM	9,004/-	34	MSL-R-III-22945	MMCT-VRL	5,118/-
7	19043-FWLRRM	BDS-BGKT	10,222/-	35	22945-FSLR-I	MMCT-OHKA	5,489/-
8	22947-FSLR-I	ST-BGP	26,742/-	36	19023-FSLR-II	MMCT-FZR	17,337/-
9	22947-FSLR-II	ST-BGP	26,742/-	37	19045-FSLR-I	ST-CPR	25,758/-
10	22947-FSLR-III	ST-BGP	26,742/-	38	19045-FSLR-II	ST-CPR	25,758/-
11	15068-RSLR-I	BDS-BKN	18,156/-	39	19051-FSLR-I	BL-MFP	17,500/-
12	12490-FSLR-I	DDR-BKP	6,649/-	40	19053-FSLR-I	ST-MFP	29,708/-
13	12989-FSLR-I	DDR-ADI	2,745/-	41	19053-FSLR-II	ST-MFP	29,708/-
14	22953-FSLR-II	MMCT-ADI	1,512/-	42	19115-FSLR-I	DDR-BHUJ	9,478/-
15	22953-FSLR-II	MMCT-ADI	1,512/-	43	19707-FSLR-I	BDS-JP	12,087/-
16	19061-FSLR-I	BDS-RMR	8,258/-	44	19707-FSLR-II	BDS-JP	12,087/-
17	19015-FSLR-II	MMCT-PBR	2,682/-	45	19707-FSLR-I	BDS-JP	12,087/-
18	19015-FSLR-II	MMCT-PBR	2,682/-	46	19003-FSLR-I	BDS-BSL	6,734/-
19	22951-FSLR-I	BDS-GIMB	4,856/-	47	19003-FSLR-II	BDS-BSL	6,734/-
20	22474-FSLR-I	BDS-BKN	6,516/-	48	19003-FSLR-II	BDS-BSL	6,734/-
21	22474-FSLR-II	BDS-BKN	6,516/-	49	22910-FSLR-I	BDS-AII	16,829/-
22	22915-FSLR-I	BDS-HSR	3,721/-	50	22910-FSLR-II	BDS-AII	16,829/-
23	22915-FSLR-II	BDS-HSR	3,721/-	51	22901-FSLR-I	BDS-AII	16,829/-
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Iran shoots down US drone amid tension

AFP ■ TEHRAN

Iran's Revolutionary Guard shot down a US drone Thursday amid heightened tensions between Tehran and Washington over its collapsing nuclear deal with world powers, American and Iranian officials said, though they disputed the circumstances of the incident.

The Guard said it shot down the drone over Iranian airspace, while two US officials told The Associated Press that the downing happened over international airspace in the Strait of Hormuz. The different accounts could not be immediately reconciled.

Previously, the US military alleged that Iran had fired a missile at another drone last week that was responding to the attack on two oil tankers near the Gulf of Oman. The US blames Iran for the attack on the ships; Tehran denies it was involved.

The attacks come against the backdrop of heightened tensions between the US and Iran following President Donald Trump's deci-

sion to withdraw from Tehran's nuclear deal a year ago.

Separately, Saudi Arabia said Thursday that Yemen's Iranian-allied Houthi rebels launched a rocket targeting a desalination plant in the kingdom the previous night. The White House said Trump was briefed about that attack.

Iran has quadrupled its production of low-enriched uranium and threatened to boost its enrichment closer to

weapons-grade levels, trying to pressure Europe for new terms to the 2015 nuclear deal.

In recent weeks, the US has sped an aircraft carrier to the Mideast and deployed additional troops alongside the tens of thousands already in the region.

From Yemen, the Houthis have launched bomb-laden drones into neighboring Saudi Arabia.

Pentagon confirms Iran shot down US surveillance drone

AFP ■ WASHINGTON

The Pentagon confirmed on Thursday that Iranian forces shot down a US naval surveillance drone but insisted the aircraft was in international air space, not that of Iran.

The BAMS-D drone was downed by an Iranian surface-to-air missile system while flying in international air-

space over the Strait of Hormuz, a US Central Command spokesman, Navy Captain Bill Urban, said in a statement.

He said it happened at 2335 GMT Wednesday.

"Iranian reports that the aircraft was over Iran are false," he added. "This was an unprovoked attack on a US surveillance asset in international airspace."

Macron sends senior diplomat to Iran to defuse US tensions

AFP ■ PARIS

President Emmanuel Macron sent his top diplomatic adviser to Iran this week as part of European efforts to defuse tensions between Tehran and Washington, the French presidency said Thursday.

The adviser, Emmanuel Bonne, held "high-level meetings" Wednesday in Tehran, "with the aim of contributing to the deescalation of tensions in the region", Macron's office said.

The presidency refused to say whom Bonne met, adding only that he left Tehran on Wednesday evening.

The strains between Washington and Tehran increased Thursday with Iran's announcement that it had shot down a US "spy drone" that violated Iranian airspace near the Strait of Hormuz.

The United States has yet to respond.

The incident marks the latest escalation in tensions following last week's attacks on two oil tankers in the Strait of



Hormuz, which the United States blamed on Iran.

Tehran has denied any involvement.

Tensions between the long-time foes, who have had no relations since the hostage crisis that followed the 1979 Islamic revolution, have increased sharply since US President Donald Trump last year abandoned a landmark 2015 nuclear agreement with Iran and reimposed sanctions.

Macron, who is travelling to a G20 summit in the Japanese city of Osaka on June 28-29, will "have contact with the main players" in the stand-off, his office said.

Hong Kong protesters call for new demo after demands are snubbed

AFP ■ HONG KONG

Hong Kong opposition groups called for another major demonstration on Thursday after the pro-Beijing government did not respond to demands of protesters who have shaken the city with massive rallies.

Millions have marched this month to oppose a proposed law that would have allowed extraditions to the Chinese mainland, but the huge protest movement has morphed into a larger rebuke of Hong Kong's administration.

Under-fire chief executive Carrie Lam has apologised and suspended the controversial bill, but that has failed to quell the opposition, with protesters demanding she step down and completely withdraw the legislation.

A number of protest groups, including student unions, called for supporters to mobilise on Friday, asking people to gather at the city's main government complex to "hold picnics" outside the legislature starting 7.00 am on Friday (2300 GMT Thursday).

They also recommended a



Activists from various groups, stet, hold placards of picture of police commander with Chinese reads "The child is not rioter, Carrie Lam is the tyrant", outside the Government office demanding to stop shooting their kids in Hong Kong on Thursday

go-slow protest on roads and public transport, and urged people to gather in other parts of the city to show their support.

"Blossom everywhere," read a statement circulated in a chat group on the messaging app Telegram by eight informal protest groups.

"There are many ways to participate. Think carefully about your own ways to show your love to Hong Kong. June 21 is not the end of the fight, there will be more in the com-

ing days." The groups also recommended a mass strike, but it was not immediately clear which business or professional groups would support such a call.

In addition to Lam's ouster and the extradition law's withdrawal, protesters have also demanded the release of those detained during sporadic clashes with police last week, and an investigation into allegations of police brutality.

GLOBE TROTTERING

SRI LANKA IN TALKS WITH CHINA FOR \$1 BN LOAN

Colombo: Sri Lanka is seeking a loan of nearly \$1 billion from China for energy, highways as the island recovers from the devastating bombings, the Finance Ministry said on Thursday. Talks are underway with China's Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank for new loan in addition to the \$1.2 billion obtained from international agencies this year.

NOBEL MUSEUM GIFTED EINSTEIN'S RELATIVITY DOC

Stockholm: The Nobel Museum in Stockholm is gifted Albert Einstein's first paper published after he received the Nobel Prize in 1922 and discussing his then still controversial relativity theory. Swedish businessman Per Taube bought the two-page document at an auction for 1.2 million krona (110,000 euros) in Dec last year.

UK Treasury chief issues stiff no-deal Brexit warning

AP ■ LONDON

Britain's Treasury chief is urging Conservative Party leadership contenders to be honest with the public and spell out what they would do if their plans for leaving the European Union falter.

Philip Hammond is expected to use his Mansion House showcase speech in the City of London on Thursday to say the candidates should outline what their Plan B might be if Parliament rejects both the Brexit deal negotiated by out-

going Prime Minister Theresa May as well as taking on Brexit with no deal at all.

He plans to urge candidates to offer realistic strategies for taking the economy out of a "holding pattern" in which it has been stuck as May sought to get the deal through the House of Commons — possibly even if it means another referendum on leaving the EU.

"We cannot allow ourselves to be forced to choose between our democracy and our prosperity," Hammond's excerpts said. "If the new prime minister cannot end the deadlock in Parliament, then he will have to explore other democratic mechanisms to break the impasse."

American forces detain leaders close to Karzai

AVEEK SEN ■ NEW DELHI

Jeopardising peace talks in Afghanistan, American forces in the war-torn country has taken into custody local leaders close to Afghanistan's former President Hamid Karzai.

According to Aimal Faizi, a former aide to the then President, Karzai told top US military commander in Afghanistan General Miller that the forces' activities militated against the efforts to find a peaceful solution to the crisis in Afghanistan.

"That is why you have intensified bombing, night raids and other types of military operations in Afghanistan," Karzai told General Miller.

A number of night raids have been conducted on influential local leaders close to Karzai recently. The house of Karzai's brother in Kandahar was hit by American forces' rockets and a security guard was killed in the attack in early June.

Turkey sentences 24 to life in 'coup ringleaders' trial

AFP ■ SINCAN (TURKEY)

A Turkish court on Thursday gave life sentences to 24 people including senior military officers in one of the biggest trials over the 2016 failed bid to overthrow President Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

The judge handed 17 of those sentenced 141 aggravated life terms each over the deaths of 139 people, for "violating the constitution" and "attempting to assassinate the president", state news agency Anadolu reported.

Seven others were given between one and 17 aggravated life sentences each, according to Anadolu.

Such sentences carry harsher prison conditions. More sentences are expected to be handed down on Thursday against others among the 224 suspects on trial.

Among them is US-based Muslim preacher Fethullah Gulen, who Turkey accuses of ordering the attempted putsch which left hundreds dead and thousands more injured in July 2016.

Gulen strongly denies the claims. Turkey has failed to

secure his extradition.

Former air force chief Akin Ozturk and Mehmet Disli, the brother of former ruling party lawmaker Saban Disli, who since September has served as Turkey's ambassador to the Netherlands, were among the 17.

One suspect, Lieutenant Colonel Levent Turkkan, who was the aide to then Chief of Staff General Hulusi Akar, was given one aggravated life sentence, Anadolu reported.

Akar was appointed defence minister in July 2018.

There was a tense atmosphere minutes before the judge issued his verdicts with dozens of people including relatives of those killed during the coup bid in July 2016, lambasting the court for not allowing them to enter.

Salih Arigun, whose son was killed on the night of the failed overthrow, pressed herself against the gates, crying and shouting to be allowed inside.

"The state should be ashamed," she said. Even as the verdicts were handed down, the strained mood continued with

further attempts by individuals to enter the courtroom complex by force.

An AFP correspondent was not allowed to enter the courtroom by police.

The trial began in May 2017 in the country's largest courtroom inside a prison complex in Sincan, outside the capital Ankara.

The court also handed down an aggravated life sentence for "violating the constitution" to Colonel Ali Yazici, Erdogan's former military aide, Anadolu reported.

Appeal for Identification



General public is hereby informed that one male Name: Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: Approx 35-40 Years, Height: 5'6", Sex: Male, Complex: Wheatish, Wearing: Black Colour T-Shirt having Logo Championship and Shoes Sign SPL & Black Colour Payjama was found dead

on 03.06.2019. Place of Recovery: Ganda Nala, Near Hanuman Mandir, Village-Nangli Poonia, Swaroop Nagar, Delhi. In this regard DD No. 47-A, dated 03.06.2019 has been lodged at PS Swaroop Nagar, Outer North Distt., Delhi. Any clue come to notice please inform undersign.

SHO PS. Swaroop Nagar, Outer North Distt., Delhi DP/379/ON/19 Ph.: 011-27811415

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform public in general that Kotak Mahindra bank Ltd has organized an auction in below mention respect of Vehicles.

- VEHICLES FOR SALE**
- 1) TATA 912 BUS REG. NO. UP75M8750-YOM 2015
 - 2) TATAMOTORS T2515FBGD1 REG. NO. HR55L2150-YOM 2010
 - 3) TATAACE REG. NO. DL1LV7077-YOM 2015
 - 4) 1059 GOODS REG. NO. DL1LR8757-YOM 2012

UNDER HYPOTHECACTION WITH M/S KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK IS UNDER SALE IN ITS "AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION" INTERESTED PARTIES CAN GIVE THEIR QUOTATIONS WITH IN 7 DAYS AT

BRANCH ADDRESS: 3RD FLOOR, PLOT NO. 7, SECTOR 125, NOIDA-201313 OR CONTACT : RAJESH ANIL KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK LTD. CONTACT NO. : 9711173320

IN THE COURT OF MOTOR ACCIDENTS CLAIMS TRIBUNAL (A.D.J) HOSUR M.C.O.P: 198/2018

Mr. Murali Vs. Petitioner
1. M/s Delhi Baroda Road Carrier Pvt. Ltd. 2. The Branch Manager, National Insurance Company Limited Ghaziabad Respondents

Notice to the Respondent No.1

To M/s Delhi Baroda Road Carrier Pvt. Ltd., No.480, Udyog Vihar, Ph-V Gurugram, Haryana - 122 001. Please take notice that the petitioner has filed the above case for compensation of Rs.30,00,000/- for the injuries sustained by him, in a Road Traffic Accident caused by your Bharat Benz Container Lorry bearing Registration No. NL-01-Nn-2057, on 05.04.2017 at 04.00 P.M., at Krishnagiri - Hosur NH road, near Thorappalli Division Road. The said petition is posted on 26.06.2019 for hearing. If you have any objection you may appear before the Hon'ble court either in person or through your counsel on the said date at 10.30 A.M. and state your objections, failing which this Hon'ble court will proceed to decide the matter exparte.

(By Order of the court)
V.Bharathy, B.A., L.L.B., Roll No. M.S.651/A/93 ADVOCATE, HOSUR. Mobile: 9443127656

Turkey says it will ensure Morsi's death is not forgotten

AP ■ ISTANBUL

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said on Thursday his country is determined to ensure that former Egyptian President Mohammed Morsi's dramatic death in a Cairo courtroom is not forgotten.

Erdogan spoke during a meeting with a group of foreign journalists a day after he claimed that Morsi didn't die of natural causes but was killed. He compared Morsi's death to the brutal killing of Saudi columnist Jamal Khashoggi, slain killed at the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul in October.

"In the same way that we didn't allow the murder of the late Jamal Khashoggi to be forgotten, we will never allow Morsi's drama to be forgotten," Erdogan said.

The Turkish leader, who is a fierce critic of Egyptian President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi, added that he believed that the United Nations should take up "Morsi's suspicious death." In Cairo, Egyptian Foreign Minister Sameh Shoukry lashed out at Erdogan, saying the latest stream of his remarks reveal the depth of his ties to the Muslim Brotherhood, a pan-Arab movement that Egypt has banned as a terrorist group.

18 ISIS fighters killed in joint op with US: Niger

AFP ■ NIAMEY (NIGER)

Eighteen members of the Islamic State in the Greater Sahara were killed in a joint operation by US, French and Niger troops near Niger's border with Mali, the defence ministry said on Tuesday.

The June 8-18 operation took place "in the northern border region of Tongo Tongo targeting a gang of ISGS terrorists implicated in an ambush on May 14," in which 28 Nigerien soldiers were killed, it said.

"The toll on the enemy side is: 18 terrorists neutralised, five terrorists, of whom three are Nigerien, taken prisoner." There were "no human or

material losses" during the operation, which was code-named ACONIT, it said.

"Important materiel was recovered including equipment belonging to the Niger armed forces which were taken by the attackers after the ambush," the statement said.

In October 2017, the ISGS claimed responsibility for a raid which killed four US soldiers and five Nigerien troops in the same region, a mere 20 kilometres from the Malian border.

On June 8, a US army vehicle hit a landmine near the town of Ouallam, about 100 kilometres north of the capital Niamey, but there were no casualties.

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WHEREAS the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of M/s. Cholamandalam Investment And Finance Company Limited under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 hereinafter called the Act and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rules 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued demand notices calling upon the borrowers, whose names have been indicated in Column [B] below on dates specified in Column [C] to repay the outstanding amount indicated in Column [D] below with interest thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers in particular and the Public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties mortgaged with the Company described in Column [E] herein below on the respective dates mentioned in Column [F] in exercise of the powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the Act read with Rule 9 of the Rules made there under.

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SL NO.	NAME AND ADDRESS OF BORROWER & CO-BORROWER LOAN ACCOUNT NUMBER	DATE OF DEMAND NOTICE	OUTSTANDING AMOUNT	DETAILS OF PROPERTY POSSESSED	POSSESSION DATE
A	B	C	D	E	F
1.	(Loan No. X0HEELD00001650668) 1. Ramesh Kakkar (Borrower), 2. Divya Kakkar (Co-Borrower), 3. M/s Divy Hotel Pvt Ltd (Co-Borrower) 4. Hari Ram Kakkar (Co-Borrower) 56, 1st Floor C-4 Safdarjung Development Area Hauz Khas South, New Delhi-110016	22-11-2018	Rs. 3,93,32,168.84 as on 20.11.2018 with further interest.	Entire First Floor in Plot Bearing No.C-4/56 admeasuring 418 Sq.yds Situated at Safdarjung Development Area New Delhi Bound on East Service Road, West Road 60 Wide, North Plot No.57, South Plot No.55	18-06-2019

Date: 21.06.2019
Place: Delhi
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EXTRACT OF STATEMENT OF STANDALONE AND CONSOLIDATED AUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2019
(Rs. In lacs except earning per share)

Sl. No	Particulars	Standalone Quarter Ended		Standalone Year Ended		Consolidated Year ended	
		31.03.2019	31.12.2018	31.03.2018	31.03.2019	31.03.2019	31.03.2018
		Audited	Unaudited	Audited	Audited	Audited	Audited
1	Total Income from Operations	154.13	68.95	53.54	371.72	149.11	158.06
2	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	7.51	(26.64)	(21.91)	(65.36)	(27.63)	(27.72)
3	Net Profit/(Loss) before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	7.51	(26.64)	(21.91)	(65.36)	(27.63)	(27.72)
4	Net Profit/(Loss) after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	7.51	(26.64)	(21.88)	(64.38)	(31.87)	(31.96)
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax))	7.51	(26.64)	(21.88)	(64.38)	(31.87)	(31.96)
6	Equity Share Capital	675	675	675	675	675	675
7	Reserves (Excluding Revaluation Reserves)	-	-	-	(20.70)	44.18	(21.41)
8	Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations)	0.11	(0.39)	(0.32)	(0.95)	(0.47)	(0.47)
	(a) Basic	0.11	(0.39)	(0.32)	(0.95)	(0.47)	(0.47)
	(b) Diluted	0.11	(0.39)	(0.32)	(0.95)	(0.47)	(0.47)

Notes:-
(1) The above results for the quarter and year ended March 31, 2019 have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and Approved by the Board of Directors at their Meeting held on June 20, 2019 and have been audited by the Statutory Auditors of the Company.
(2) The above is an extract of the detailed format of quarterly & year ended Results filed with the Metropolitan Stock Exchange of India Limited (MSEI) under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the said Quarterly & year ended Results are available on the Stock Exchange website www.msei.in and on the company's website www.ojswi.com.

For and on behalf of Board of Directors
Sd/-
SandeepGarg
Director
(DIN: 00021295)

Place: New Delhi
Date: June 20, 2019

SEARCH FOR MISSING



General public is hereby informed that a female (depicted in the photo), Name : Munesh W/o Sh. Ravinder R/o H. No. D-1158, Jahangir Puri, Delhi is missing since 21.05.2019. In this regard a case vide DD No. 27-A dated 22.05.2019 has been lodged at PS Jahangir Puri, Delhi. Her physical description is as under :-

Age : 30 year, Height: 5', Complexion : Fair, Built : Medium, Face : Long, Wearing : Unknown.

Any person is having any information/clue about this missing female, may inform SHO, Jahangir Puri, Delhi at E-mail : cbc@cbi.gov.in or Website: http://cbi.nic.in.

SHO P.S. Jahangir Puri, Delhi North-West Distt., Delhi DP/9013/NW/19 Ph. No. 011-27631600, 27636000



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IT'S (SHIKHAR'S INJURY) A BIG LOSS BUT I DON'T THINK IT WILL DERAIL INDIA'S CAMPAIGN. THEY HAVE GOT ENOUGH DEPTH TO COVER HIS PRESENCE IN THE TEAM
— MIKE HUSSEY

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TODAY LIVE



England vs Sri Lanka
3:00 pm IST
VENUE: Headingley, Leeds

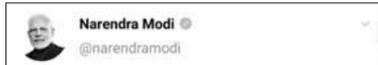
Mahi way



BCCI posted Hardik Pandya, Yuzvendra Chahal, Virat Kohli and MS Dhoni's picture collage on its Twitter account with new haircut captioning 'Who's haircut ?????????? is the coolest?'

After some clinical performances on the field, the Indian cricketers were handed a two-day break before they regrouped in Southampton on Wednesday. And no sooner did they hit the training ground did they catch the attention of the fans with their new haircuts. Skipper Virat Kohli along with stumper MS Dhoni, all-rounder Hardik Pandya and leggie Yuzvendra Chahal were all spotted in new hairdos and the social media was flooded with pictures of them. Dhoni, who has been always been known for following the latest style trends, got a new haircut along with Hardik from celebrity hairstylist Aalim Hakim. The hairstylist posted photographs of the duo on Instagram. In the pictures, Dhoni is seen sporting faded sides along with his beard. In fact, Kohli was also seen sporting the same look with a heavier beard. The India cricket team also took to social media to post photos of the four and asked the fans to vote on who they thought looked the coolest.

Mann ki baat



Dear @SDhawan25, no doubt the pitch will miss you but I hope you recover at the earliest so that you can once again be back on the field and contribute to more wins for the nation.



Prime Minister's responds to Shikhar Dhawan's tweet after he was ruled out of Indian squad due to fractured thumb

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday wished India opener Shikhar Dhawan a speedy recovery. After being forced out, an emotional Dhawan had tweeted that the "show must go on" without him at the ongoing World Cup. Retweeting the opener's tweet, PM Modi wrote: "Dear @SDhawan25, no doubt the pitch will miss you but I hope you recover at the earliest so that you can once again be back on the field and contribute to more wins for the nation."

Master's wish

Cricketing great Sachin Tendulkar believes injured India opener Shikhar Dhawan will come back strongly after he was forced out of the ongoing 2019 World Cup with a fractured thumb. Tendulkar also backed Rishabh Pant, Dhawan's replacement, to do well. Taking to Twitter, Tendulkar said: "Feel for you Shikhar. You were playing well & to be injured in the middle of such an important tournament is heart-breaking. I'm sure you'll come back stronger than ever." Meanwhile, wicketkeeper-batsman Pant, who flew in as Dhawan's cover ahead of India's game against Pakistan in Manchester, was officially named his replacement on Wednesday evening. Wishing the young stumper, Tendulkar said: "Rishabh you've been playing well & there can't be a bigger platform to express yourself. Good luck!"

PRELIMINARY STAGE

Pos	Team	P	W	L	N/R	Net RR	Pts
1	NZ	5	4	0	1	+1.591	9
2	ENG	5	4	1	0	+1.862	8
3	AUS	5	4	1	0	+0.812	8
4	IND	4	3	0	1	+1.029	7
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	6	1	4	1	-0.193	3
9	PAK	5	1	3	1	-1.933	3
10	AFG	5	0	5	0	-2.089	0

English wickets flat, difficult: Bumrah



Jasprit Bumrah prepares to bowl in the nets during India's training session

PNS ■ HAMPSHIRE BOWL (SOUTHAMPTON)

For Jasprit Bumrah, wickets in England are the most difficult to bowl on, when it comes to white ball cricket. He dispelled the popular notion that the cloudy conditions give bowlers a lot of help in English conditions and said, for him England has been the toughest turf to strategise his bowling on.

"In white ball cricket, England is the flattest and the most difficult wicket to bowl on for any bowler. Usually, there is no help. It may seem as if in the cloud conditions the ball will swing but the ball doesn't swing nor does it seam. So, in these conditions, we have to rely on our accuracy and clarity. Knowing there our flat wickets, we accordingly adjust. We prepare for the worst situation and then if there is help we focus on that," he told journalists after training at the stadium here on Thursday.

However, he said, overall till now that wickets in the World Cup have been decent. "In the first game that we played here, there was some help with the new ball but still it was a decent wicket. As the ball got older, it got better to bat on. The oval was a flat wicket with 350 runs etc. There is some help at times, but you don't focus on all those things. You see on a given day what works for you, analyse the wicket quickly, if there is no help you go back to your strengths. If there is help, you try to swing the ball and try to take wickets. But most of the time it is always easier to analyse the wicket and decide on the day how the wicket behaves," he said while talking about 400 plus scores not happening.

Talking about the entry of Mohammed Shami into the opening overs due to Bhuvneshwar Kumar's hamstring injury, Bumrah said it made no difference for him. "We are just focussing on our strengths and discussing the same with Shami. The three of us have played before and I am just focussing on what we have to do and not on does it affect us or not," he said.

Though, he said, the injury of Shikhar Dhawan was unfortunate, he was all praise for KL Rahul's adaptability and how the team benefits from such strengths. Him batting up the order "shows a lot about the ability of the player to adjust to the situation. He was playing at No 4 and he adapted well. In the game against Australia, he got few balls but he cleared the ball well. It says a lot about the quality of the player if he can adjust according to situation. Whenever he wants to accelerate he can so that gives us a lot of flexibility and no headaches when we are facing an injury. That's a positive sign for us," he added.

According to his skipper Virat



Vijay Shankar, left, and Bhuvneshwar Kumar participate in a training session at the Hampshire Bowl in Southampton on Thursday

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Kohli, Bumrah bowls as seriously as he does in the matches and in doing so he had hit Vijay Shankar in the nets yesterday. Talking about it, the bowler not many batsmen have been able to fathom, said: "We don't obviously want to injure the batsmen but... nobody tells the batsmen not to hit so they hit as well. It was unfortunate that he got hit but he is fine. You have to do all your preparation (in the nets). You have to practice all your deliveries so best preparation for me is to bowl to batsmen," he said.

And does he plan his strategies to a batsman? "Sometimes you can do that, sometimes you want to try something but before that you try it in the nets because it is easier. You want to execute everything in the nets in the match, it is just about repetition so I try to do all of that be it anything be it death bowling," he added.

Talking about his late burst against Pakistan he said, it was a stop and start game against the arch rivals. "We had a good start against South Africa against Australia. As a bowling unit we did well against Pakistan too despite the conditions. The ball was getting wet... It is difficult sometimes for the bowlers to adjust in getting in and out of the field but it was a good match for us. We didn't take a lot of wickets early up, we kept the runrate under check so when the spinners came in the middle overs, they had to take some chances. They had a good partnership but once Kuldeep took a wicket a lot of wickets came after that because the runrate kept going up. After that when we came, we came to know that in five overs Pakistan had to make some 135 runs so we were just focussing on getting through the overs and just get along with the game," he said.



Hardik Pandya has a play session with local school kids after nets at Hampshire Aegis bowl on Thursday

Pioneer Photo

Toe-hit Shankar skips nets

PNS ■ SOUTHAMPTON

Just one match old in the tournament, young the all-rounder Vijay Shankar who found space in the playing 11 against Pakistan, suffered an injury scare at training on Wednesday due to which he had to skip training on Thursday.

Talking to the media, pacer Jasprit Bumrah allayed all fears regarding the hit on the toe and said he was fine. It was Bumrah's yorker that had hit Shankar on his toes.

On Thursday, Indian players entertained a group of school kids with a light game of cricket, Shankar was spotted walking

in his slippers with a slight limp before he jogged for a bit in his gym trainers. That just half a lap of the field. He preferred to do some basic exercises after that not taking part in the usual drills and the net session.

Having bowled Imam-ul-Haq in his very first delivery in the game against Pakistan, Shankar proved himself with his medium paced arm and carries a good reputation as a middle order batsman.

The Team India injury roster has been growing with Shikhar Dhawan out of the tournament due to a metacarpal fracture and Bhuvneshwar Kumar out for at



Vijay Shankar performs stretching exercises during a training session

THE TEAM INDIA INJURY ROSTER HAS BEEN GROWING WITH SHIKHAR DHAWAN OUT OF THE TOURNAMENT DUE TO A METACARPAL FRACTURE AND BHUVNESHWAR OUT FOR AT LEAST TWO GAMES

least the games against Afghanistan on Friday and the one after that in Manchester against the West Indies on June 25.

The team management is confident that Kumar's hamstring "stiffness" would allow him to be up and bowling before the England encounter on June 30 till when Shami would be opening the defence with Bumrah. A hamstring tear would have packed Bhuvneshwar out of the tournament.

Pacers Khaleel Ahmed and Ishant Sharma are on back-up list in case Kumar needs to give way.



Winner all the way

Kane Williamson has to be New Zealand's greatest ODI player of all time — and innings like that against South Africa tells you exactly why. He's already there now and by the end of his career his record will far exceed anything we've had in the past or present, he really is that good.

Kane has done so much in such a short period, whether a captain or not, he's been exceptional and he's an absolute joy to watch. He plays all the shots, he knows how to manipulate the strike and he's always going to run hard.

What differentiates him from a lot of batsmen in this day and age is his sole focus is winning the game and he tailors his batting towards that.

The wicket was tricky, the South African bowling was very good and they took the pace off the ball well, it was a tough time to bat.

But the way he understood that situation and got his team across the line was exceptional, it's what makes him one of the greatest in the world now and by the end of his career he'll be up there with some of the greats of all time.

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Then you have him alongside Ross Taylor and you just want to sit down and watch, for New Zealand to have both of those together at a World Cup is pretty amazing.

You can't underestimate Colin de Grandhomme's influence in this win as well — he came out and was fluent and had the best strike rate of anyone in the match.

To come out there in a pressure situation and play your natural game takes a lot of guts, it is Colin's game and the way he plays and he does that no matter what.

He took the pressure off Kane and allowed him to rotate the strike — that wicket was always going to be tough to start on but these two really nullified that and made it easier for guys around them.

They looked unflappable. There were overs where you'd have dots and a couple of runs but they never worried at all.

Colin only plays one way! He sees ball, hits ball, and that simplicity makes him a good player. He'd have got confidence from the way he bowled and at times he's been criticised for the way he bats but you take the rough when you get the smooth of these games.

If New Zealand play on that type of wicket against a team with lots of spinners it's going to be a challenge, so that's something that will be on the forefront of their mind.

But it was a great game of cricket and a type we don't see too regularly anymore, 240 plays 240 is really exciting to watch because you simply don't know who is going to win.

This is a game that made you want to watch right to the bitter end and it's really great to have that alongside the high scores. You don't see many other sports with the variables quite like cricket and the sport is very fortunate.

Next up for New Zealand is West Indies, a side who haven't quite matched the expectation they had of them before the tournament.

On paper they're very impressive but they're going to need something from that top order if they want to beat New Zealand. Trent Boult and Matt Henry will look to be as aggressive as possible early on.

On the flip side Martin Guptill is someone who will enjoy the pace coming onto the ball that he can really get into with a chance to be aggressive.

But for now it's another win on the board for New Zealand, they've put in another good performance and should be more and more confident with each game that comes. Courtesy: © ICC Business Corporation FZ LLC 2019

The Kiwi with simple mantra

On a day when everyone found batting to be tough on a slow track, Colin de Grandhomme was the only player to show fluent stroke-play and he credited his mantra of “keeping it simple” for the knock.

De Grandhomme (60 off 47 balls) played a crucial role in New Zealand's four-wicket victory over South Africa on Wednesday.

“I just tried to watch it as hard as I can. I tend to see the ball and hit the ball and it worked. That's just my game and that's how I play. It went well. I just try to do my job when I can. Some days it doesn't work, today it did. Cricket is a simple game,” said De Grandhomme.

Chasing 242 in 49 overs in the rain-truncated match, New Zealand recovered from a mini slump at 137 for five, riding on a 91-run stand between skipper Kane Williamson (106 not out off 138 balls) and de Grandhomme, to reach home with three balls to spare.



De Grandhomme acknowledged that having a player of Williamson's calibre alongside him made the task easier.

“Having Kane at the other end makes it a lot easier, knowing he's a gun. He didn't give me too much advice, I don't take too much in.”

“We had to take it to the last 10 overs so we had to build for 10 overs. Then we could see where we were. Luckily the run-rate didn't get above seven so we were always still in the game,” explained De Grandhomme.

South African Rassie van der Dussen, who was instrumental in his team posting a mildly competitive 241/6 with an unbeaten 67 off 64 balls, said it was a brilliant learning curve for him.

“Every game, I go out there and I try and perform, learn and adapt. Every game is an experience, especially here,” he said.

“A lot of the guys have never played on these fields and for me, I've never played against a lot of these guys so coming up against them and doing okay, I will definitely draw on that going forward.”

The pitch here was slower than expected and Van Der Dussen felt South Africa's total could have been enough to seal a narrow win had a little bit of luck gone their way.

“We knew 240 was a good score. It's tough when you play well and you leave it all out there and it doesn't go your way. That's what we did,” said the 30-year-old.

Van Der Dussen is currently South Africa's second highest run-scorer in the World Cup behind Quinton de Kock and has shown a hunger to contribute in tough situations.

“It's the national team, it's the best batters in the country. When you get to this level, you've got to know what you're about and I've been lucky that it has come off for me.”

“If that shows leadership, then so be it. Every game, every time you represent your country, the Proteas, is a good day and it's an honour,” said Van Der Dussen.

South Africa have just one win from six matches so far and their semi-final hopes hang by a thread. But Van Der Dussen said the Proteas would not compromise on the intensity in the remaining games.

“It's a game for your country and why we play this game. We won't let up on the intensity at all. Our character will be shown in these remaining three games,” he insisted.

Why didn't Kane walk?

Former South Africa spinner Paul Adams has questioned New Zealand skipper Kane Williamson's integrity after he did not walk out despite being caught behind by wicketkeeper Quinton de Kock.

Williamson struck a composed unbeaten century to help New Zealand post a four-wicket win over South Africa on Wednesday.

However, his knock was marred by a controversy after he was caught behind by Kock in the 38th over off the bowling of leg-spinner Imran Tahir. Williamson was at 76 then.

“Why didn't Kane Williamson walk,” Adams wrote on his *twitter* page sparking a debate.

He further added in another tweet: “Kane Williamson was Mankad after he didn't walk. Would he be upset?”

Interestingly, Tahir had appealed against the inside edge of Williamson's bat, but it was turned down by the umpire. The South African team did not request for a review and later replays showed a nick from Williamson.

South Africa skipper Faf du Plessis, in the post-match presser, explained that he trusted de Kock's judgement and that's why he didn't go for a review.

“We weren't aware of it. I think I was at long on at the time, and Quinny is the closest to the action. He's always my go to man,” du Plessis said.

“I just thought it was a plain miss. I just heard about it now at the post match that he said he had a nick on it. But even Kane said he didn't know he had to fine tune it. He would have referred to it. But that's not where the game was won and lost,” he added.

PTI ■ BIRMINGHAM

Paul Adams @PaulAdams39

Why didn't Kane Williamson walk 🙄

#CWC19 🏆 #SAvsNZ

12:41 AM · 20 Jun 19 · Twitter for iPhone

40 Retweets 207 Likes

Paul Adams @PaulAdams39 · 15h

If Kane Williamson was Mankad after he didn't walk. Would he be upset 🙄



Slow & steady wins the race

Heaping praise on De Grandhomme, Williamson said: “The partnership and the knock from Colin was outstanding in terms of swinging that momentum, and he hit the ball beautifully. Perhaps coming in fresh rather than trying to negotiate the surface prior might have been a positive thing.”

The next match at Old Trafford against the West Indies is likely to provide a very different challenge but Williamson believes his team has shown its ability to adapt to different conditions as they remain unbeaten.

“We also know that we've got a number of games left on different surfaces. We'll be back here again at some point.”

“We won't know the difference that will hold for us, but we'll also have Manchester, where we go next, and once again, I know that's been playing well,” said the 28-year-old.

Williamson said they would have to keep on adapting during the tournament depending on opposition and surfaces.

“We know that, coming into the back-end of the tournament, there will be some extremely tough games on different wickets again, and we'll have to wait and see what they hold for us.”

“We'll just have to adapt and keep playing the sort of cricket that gives us the best opportunity to win cricket games, but day in, day out, that can vary a lot depending on opposition and surfaces,” said Williamson.

AFP ■ BIRMINGHAM

Captain Faf du Plessis was left contemplating the ruins of another World Cup campaign on the ground where South Africa experienced their greatest heartache in the competition 20 years ago.

The Proteas' hopes of reaching the semi-finals in England and Wales are all but over after a four-wicket defeat by New Zealand on Wednesday.

One minor consolation is that the recriminations from Wednesday's reverse at Edgbaston are unlikely to be as great as those at Warwickshire's headquarters 20 years ago when a disastrous run-out saw them tie with Australia and miss out on the final due to an inferior net run rate.

South Africa are still alive at the World Cup but with just one win from six matches it would take an extraordinary combination of results to see them into the semi-finals from a 10-team round-robin group phase.

Fans of AB de Villiers will argue this proves the Proteas were wrong to refuse the gifted batsman's offer to come out of international retirement for the World Cup, but others will say the offer came far too late for it to be accepted by South Africa's selectors.

Inevitably, given their painful World Cup history, the question of whether South Africa “choked” on Wednesday is bound to be asked.

“Choking”, however, implies

Down and out

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squandering a winning position, whereas this match in Birmingham was more of a see-saw contest determined largely by Williamson's knock.

The New Zealand skipper is a world-class batsman and the truth is that South Africa's World Cup campaign was in trouble long before this fixture.

Losing Dale Steyn without the veteran fast bowler delivering a ball at the tournament was blow, but South Africa were gambling on the 35-year-old recovering from a long-standing shoulder injury.

South Africa did not help themselves on Wednesday when Williamson, who had then made 76, got a thin edge off Imran Tahir to wicketkeeper Quinton de Kock.

The Proteas did not request a review, only for replays to show a nick.

This World Cup could well mark the last appearance at the global showcase for players in their mid-30s such as Du Plessis and Proteas opener Hashim Amla, who never really got back to his best after being hit on the head by a bouncer from England's Jofra Archer.

“If you look at our batting unit, we've got some future talent and some promising players, but if you put our top six and you put the other top sixes around the world, purely on a numbers point of view, we won't be in the top three,” admitted Du Plessis.

Lankans battle for survival

SL ready to lock horns with England to stay alive in competition

UPNEXT



PTI ■ LEEDS

Still recovering from their 87-run drubbing against Australia, former champions Sri Lanka will now face a tough battle for survival when they lock horns with a dominant England in their World Cup fixture here today.

With just one win, Sri Lanka are currently at the sixth spot with four points and will have to win rest of their four matches to salvage hopes of a semifinal berth.

The 1996 champions had lost their opening match against New Zealand and then rain robbed them off a chance to fight when two of their games were washed out.

Last week, Sri Lanka suffered a 87-run loss against Australia at London and it will take a special performance for the Island nation to keep themselves afloat for the knockout stage when they come across hosts England, who have looked simply unstoppable.

England are placed comfortably at the second spot with four wins from five games, the only blemish being their loss to Pakistan.

Eoin Morgan and his men have emerged as the best batting side this World Cup as they have blown away their opponents, amassing 300 plus scores in four of the five games — two of them being 386/6 against Bangladesh and 397/6 against Afghanistan.

In fact, five English batsmen are among the 10 highest-scoring batsmen this World Cup and the team boasts of five hundreds out of the 12 World Cup centuries so far.

Though England missed the services of opener Jason Roy due to an injury, Morgan's brutal 148 which was studded with a record 17 sixes helped them put 397-6 against Afghanistan, with Joe Root playing the second fiddle.

To stop this brute force called England, Sri Lanka will have to play out of their skins with the onus resting on the pace duo of Lasith Malinga and Nuwan Pradeep.



England captain Eoin Morgan smiles during team's practice session England Cricket/Twitter

In batting, Sri Lanka too have to address their vulnerability in the middle order which saw them collapse in every match so far.

While against New Zealand, Sri Lanka lost five wickets for 14 runs to be bundled out for 136, they were dismissed for 201 in 36.5 overs by Afghanistan after

losing seven wickets for 36 runs.

In their last match against Australia, Sri Lanka slipped from 205 for 3 to be all out for 247 and the Dimuth Karunaratne-led side will have to come up with an extraordinary batting effort to counter the likes of Jofra Archer and Mark Wood, who have 12 and 9 wickets so far respec-



Sri Lankan pacer Lasith Malinga in action during game against Australia Cricket World Cup/Twitter

HEAD TO HEAD

	Played	Eng	SL	NR/Tied
Matches	74	36	35	2/1
Day matches	38	16	21	1
In World Cup	10	6	4	—
Last 5 matches	5	3	1	1

HIGHEST TOTALS

England	366-6 in 50 overs at Colombo	23-10-2018
Sri Lanka	333-9 in 60 overs at Taunton	11-06-983

PERFORMANCE IN WC

Team	P	W	L	T	N/R	Success%
England	77	45	30	1	1	59.74
Sri Lanka	76	36	37	1	2	49.34

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SQUADS

England: Eoin Morgan (capt), Moeen Ali, Jofra Archer, Jonny Bairstow, Jos Buttler, Tom Curran, Liam Dawson, Liam Plunkett, Adil Rashid, Joe Root, Jason Roy, Ben Stokes, James Vince, Chris Woakes, Mark Wood.

Sri Lanka: Dimuth Karunaratne (capt), Dhananjaya de Silva, Nuwan Pradeep, Avishka Fernando, Suranga Lakmal, Lasith Malinga, Angelo Mathews, Kusal Mendis, Jeevan Mendis, Kusal Perera, Thisara Perera, Milinda Siriwardana, Lahiru Thirimanne, Isuru Udana, Jeffrey Vandersay.

XFACTOR

- English pace attack
- Joe Root's golden run with the bat
- Karunaratne and Kusal Perera's opening stand
- Eoin Morgan, Dimuth Karunaratne's leadership
- Lasith Malinga's spell
- Eoin Morgan, Jos Buttler and Ben Stokes' power striking

MEN WHO MATTER

JOE ROOT (ENGLAND)

Eng's Mr Consistent, Root is second on the tournament run charts, with 367 runs that include two centuries and two fifties in five innings. Root is playing his part to perfection: by holding the innings together and building it, he's letting the rest of Eng's fearsome line-up come out and express themselves without inhibitions. That spells ominous signs for all the other teams.



DIMUTH KARUNARATNE (SL)

What Root is doing for England, Karunaratne is doing for Sri Lanka as their captain, although of a lesser magnitude. Karunaratne is leading by example, and his form is even more impressive, considering that before this tournament, he had played just one ODI in the last four years.



Leeds should wake up to a sunny day with some clouds hanging overhead, but chances of rain are extremely minimal. There should also be a moderate breeze. This will be Headingley's CWC19 debut.

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■ **What plans do you have to restrict England?**

I think generally the England side are a good side. I think they have good batting line-up so we know we need to defend less than 300. We have to give them less than 300, so we have a couple of plans against the batters. And those are the things we are trying to do in the middle as well.

And the batting line-up, actually, the middle part, need to take some responsibilities to know if they have scored more than 300, you have to definitely go for that. So those are the key things we discussed before the match and we were trying to do them.

■ **What kind of things have you been working on so that the middle order can come back to form?**

I think the only thing is we have to mentally prepare. They have lots of talent and, they did really good things for Sri Lanka in the recent past and I think the only thing we need to do now is come up with a good mindset. That's a key area. If you are playing against good teams, you need a strong mind thing.

We discussed lots about the mindset, and there's no point talking about the past matches. And already we know what happened with the last four matches and, what are the areas, what are the key areas where the main thing is we lost those matches and we need to have a good mindset and prepare the England game.

There's four games left so we have to play a good, play good, positive cricket with a good mindset.

■ **England hit 25 sixes against Afghanistan. Who do you think is their most dangerous batsman?**

I think everyone is a dangerous batsman. If you take and start with their batting line-up, Bairstow, if you take Roy, those are the explosive batsmen, they can change a game. So everyone is — we are not taking everyone. We are taking everyone as a good batsman and good explosive batsman, so we have a plan for each individual and hopefully it will work in this game.

■ **Do you think you have the bowling strength to restrict England for less than 300?**

If we don't have, or if we have or if we don't, it would be hard to do that. We need to do something like that. If we don't have good pace, we have to think out of the box so I think that is what we need the last few days what we had to do with the England batters because we played in a home series before with them, so we have a couple of ideas so we need to work on those things in the middle.

■ **Do you see England's batting against spin?**

I think England is the best batting line-up against the spinners in the world, so if you take the Asian countries, England are playing better than them, so that is why we need to think about that, check the grounds and what are the combinations we have going through for England game.

Are we playing two spinners? Or are we going with the extra batsman or fast bowlers? Those are the things we are discussing now. The only thing is they are a good side against the spinners so far.

■ **What is the update we have on Malinga? Is he with the side? What is the update?**

Yeah, he is here with the side. His mother-in-law's passed so that is why he went. Those are the things in the end and we have to accept those things and he was keen to come and play. He came yesterday and he was hitting with us and we had a chat, all those things he's doing.

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KNIGHTWRITER



By HEATHER KNIGHT England women's captain

It was awesome to watch Eoin Morgan play an innings like that against Afghanistan. His performance was literally a highlights reel from start to finish, it was great hitting.

It was definitely important for him to deliver as the captain. There's been a lot of talk about positive cricket over the last four years and Morgan just went out there and showed it from the off.

The way he plays, how he lives the game, that innings was brilliant. It was remarkable how he struck the ball so consistently. He obviously got a life on 28 and then just took the game to Afghanistan.

A lot was made of their spinners coming into the game but he just hit them out of the park — literally. It was not just him, though, as all the top four batsmen contributed to England's total of 397/6.

That batting order is in real good shape at the moment with everyone playing their part. I think Morgan was the only one who hadn't really gone on and got a big score so that'll be nice for him.

I know from personal experience, it's always nice to be out there scoring runs when you're leading a side.

All round, it was a very professional performance from England. I thought the way they approached it was impressive, Jonny Bairstow being very aggressive upfront and Joe Root looking very comfortable easily getting a run-a-ball 80 then Morgan just went mad.

The bowlers also did their job and I've been really impressed with Mark Wood. There's been a lot of talk about



English pacer Jofra Archer in a file picture AP

Jofra Archer in the build-up to the World Cup — and he's performed brilliantly — but I think Mark's bowled outstandingly well, especially considering the injuries he's had.

England will be desperate to keep him fit as that friendly competition with him and Jofra is probably pushing him to the next level. I think they're probably looking at the speed gun after games and it's healthy friendly competition which is pushing both guys forward.

The way England have played over

the last four years, it was always going to be interesting going into a World Cup to see whether they would stay so aggressive, it can be harder in a World Cup.

To see them doing that at Old Trafford was great. They are really living and breathing that mindset of cricket that's pushing the boundaries, they're playing that positive cricket, and the performance against Afghanistan was a clear example of that.

I know Afghanistan haven't had the best competition but they're a potential banana skin so for England to come out and play like that and win so convincingly is a really good sign.

They've got Sri Lanka next, who haven't had a great competition either, but then England have got some real testing games so they'll take a lot of confidence into those and I think they'll be glad they have those testing games just before they hopefully play in the knockout stages.

Sri Lanka, like Afghanistan, are a dangerous side on their day so they'll want to get that win and secure their place in the top four as they can relax a bit then.

They can then keep playing the way they play. Bar the top few, Sri Lanka's middle order haven't really contributed in this World Cup so it'll be a tough test for them against Jofra and Mark.

England will be looking to continue their fine run of form and keep contributing with the bat and keep the bowlers bowling the way they have. Hopefully the weather will stay away too.

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AFP ■ LEEDS

Moeen Ali says he will always cherish being part of England's one-day revolution ahead of what could be his 100th one-day international appearance against Sri Lanka on Friday.

Moeen, 32, has played a key role in England's rise to the top of the ODI rankings after they crashed out of the 2015 World Cup in the first round.

The Eoin Morgan-led team have played an aggressive brand of cricket since then and have lived up to their pre-tournament favourites tag, with four wins from five matches so far at the World Cup.

"It obviously means a lot," said Moeen, a left-handed batsman who bowls off-spin.

"To play 100 ODI games for England is obviously a dream. It's just being part of the team, being part of the change.

"Looking back, if I was to retire I'd always be able to say I was part of that change, the whole mindset changing and the great cricket we've played."

Coming in at number seven in England's last game against Afghanistan, Moeen smashed 31 off just nine balls to give the side fresh impetus after Morgan blasted a record 17 sixes in his breathtaking 148.

Moeen, who made his ODI debut in 2014, said batting down the order was not easy but was an important role.

"Seven is not an easy position in my opinion," he said. "You're dictated to by the pace of the game and you have to try to get quick runs which doesn't always happen."

"Top players like Jos Buttler and Ben Stokes find it hard as well. I once heard from a great player that if you come off three times in 10



Moeen Ali bowls during nets session England Cricket/Twitter

you've done really well but if you come off make sure it's properly."

The fancied sides at the World Cup are laying down a powerful marker but Moeen said there was still room for upset.

"At the moment, the top four are there for a reason, because they're probably playing the best cricket of all of the teams and the most consistent," he said.

England, finalists in 1979, 1987 and 1992, have never won the 50-over World Cup but Moeen said that they are hoping for glory on home turf.

"As a team we know that a trophy matters for us. Hopefully this is it," he said.



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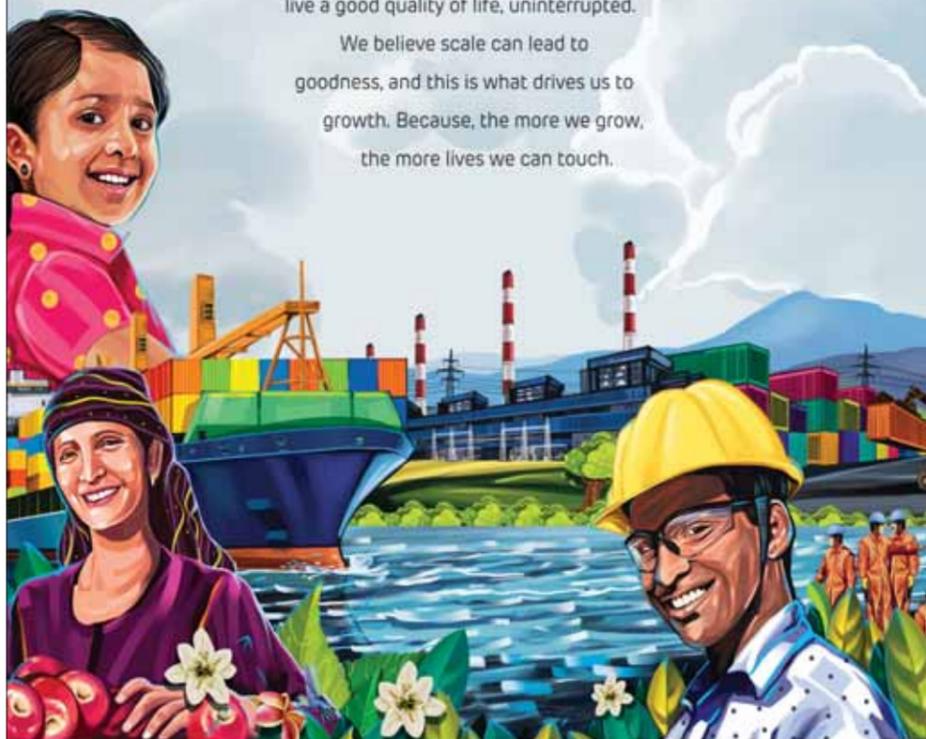
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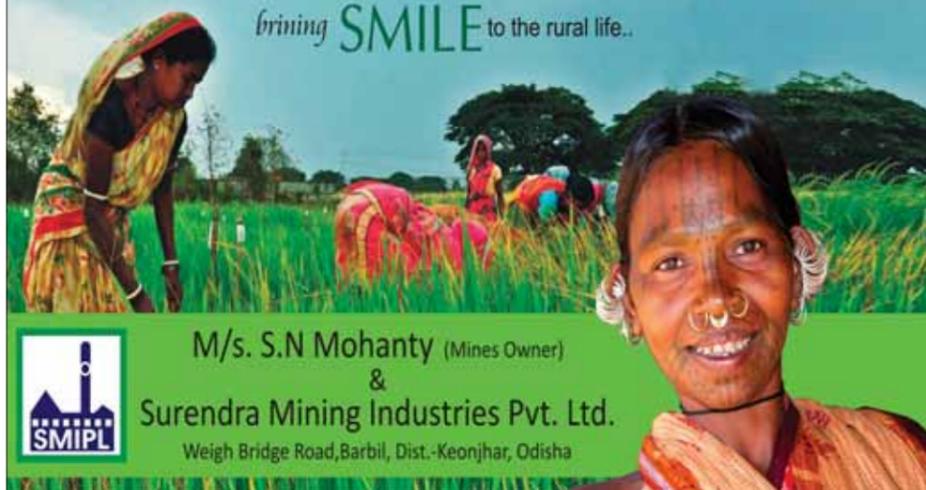


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