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CONGRESS CALLS MODI VERY BIG SALESMAN
New Delhi: The Congress party leader in the Lok Sabha, Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, on Monday said the BJP returned to power as Prime Minister Narendra Modi was a "very big salesman" and Congress failed to gain grounds in the 2019 LS polls as it could not market its products.

DERA HEAD PAROLE: SIRSA POLICE TO GIVE REPORT
Chandigarh: Sirsa Police is yet to give its report to the deputy commissioner on the parole application of jailed Dera Sacha Sauda chief Gurmeet Ram Rahim Singh, with a senior police official on Monday saying it will be prepared keeping in view merits and demerits of the plea.

S JAISHANKAR JOINS BJP, TO ENTER RS FROM GUJ
New Delhi: External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar formally joined the BJP on Monday in the presence of party working president JP Nadda. Meanwhile, the BJP on Monday named Jaishankar as its candidate for a Rajya Sabha seat from Gujarat. Jaishankar, a career diplomat and former foreign secretary, was inducted by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in his Cabinet and given high-profile job.

Bua chucks Bhatija, BSP to go it alone

SP raps Maya as she blames it for political divorce

PNS ■ LUCKNOW
BSP president Mayawati on Monday declared her party in the future will contest all elections "small and big" on its own, signalling the end of the Bahujan Samaj Party-Samajwadi Party alliance forged for the Lok Sabha polls. The BSP chief, known to have made and broken many an alliance in her political journey, said her party had adhered to the "gathbandhan" dharma in the interest of the country but was now forced to do a rethink. Hours after Mayawati announced her plans to go solo in future elections in a series of tweets, a senior SP leader made a caustic reference to "malkin" (woman owner) of the alliance and accused her of weakening the fight for social justice. The RLD, a minor partner in the grand alliance, said it had nothing to do with Monday's developments and its alliance was with the SP, not the BSP. Mayawati's announcement

came a day after she held a meeting with party workers to review the BSP's performance in the recent Lok Sabha polls. "Everyone is aware that forgetting everything of the past as also the anti-BSP and anti-Dalit decisions like reservation in promotions and bad law and order during the SP rule in 2012-17, the BSP adhered to the 'gathbandhan dharma' with the Samajwadi Party in the interest of the country," she tweeted in Hindi. "But the SP's attitude after the elections has forced the BSP to think, will it be possible to defeat the BJP in the future? This is not possible," she said. "Therefore, in the interest of the party and the movement, the party will contest all small and big elections on its own strength," Mayawati added. She did not elaborate on what she meant by the SP's attitude. Soon afterwards, SP national general secretary Ramashankar Vidyarthi told journalists in Balia that Mayawati was speaking against



the SP in haste because of the Dalit support to his party and its leader Akhilesh Yadav. "She is weakening the fight for social justice," he said, adding that Dalit society is getting connected with the SP and Akhilesh in a big way. People know about the reality about what the "malkin" of the

alliance has done, he said. "Our party has nothing to do with the BSP," said Uttar Pradesh RLD president Masood Ahmad. He said the RLD was in alliance with the Samajwadi Party and not the BSP. "Our alliance is intact," he said. "Today's development con-

cerns the SP and the BSP and they have to decide," Ahmad said, adding it will not impact RLD's alliance with the SP. The BSP-SP-RLD alliance in Uttar Pradesh for the Lok Sabha polls failed to make an impact in the politically crucial State. The BSP won 10 seats, a big gain from the zero in 2014,

but the SP just managed to maintain its tally of five seats though it faced humiliating defeats in Badaun, Kannauj and Firozabad where its sitting MPs and family members. The RLD drew a blank in all the three seats it contested. Commenting on the development, Congress spokesperson Dwijendra Tripathi said commitment is most important in politics. "Commitment with the people as well as among political parties is very important... If people feel that politicians cannot keep their words while dealing with each other, they will not be able to keep their promises made to the people," Tripathi said. The problem that we are seeing now is an outcome of lack of commitment, he remarked. The BJP was equally scathing. "BSP chief Mayawati had sought votes from the Dalits, and had marginalised them. She cannot think about anyone beyond her family. Her history is full of betrayals..." Akhilesh should

have thought 100 times before joining hands with Mayawati for opportunistic and selfish politics," BJP's UP spokesperson Harish Srivastava said in a statement. An inkling of what was to come was available immediately after the Lok Sabha poll results were out on May 23. Mayawati then said her party would go it alone in the upcoming bypolls to a dozen Assembly seats in UP. Mayawati, according to party sources, had said the alliance was useless and Yadav votes were not transferred to the BSP. For the record, however, she said at the time that electoral ties with the SP would continue. In a statement 10 days after the defeat of the alliance in the Lok Sabha elections, Mayawati had said she can work with the SP in future if Yadav is able to "fulfil his duties". The often mercurial leader has patchy loyalty record with her party known to make and break alliances with more than one party.

Murder spurts torment Capital

9 killings in 24 hours echo in Upper House; facing flak, Delhi Police says crime under control

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The issue of law and order in the national Capital in the wake of nine murders in the last 24 hours has created an atmosphere of unease among Delhiites, particularly senior citizens. The latest being the sensational murder of a septuagenarian couple and their domestic help in their South Delhi house. The issue reverberated in the Upper House of Parliament after Sanjay Singh of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) raised it. Singh said Delhi is emerging as the "crime capital" of the country and urged the Home Ministry to convene a meeting to discuss the issue. Meanwhile, a day after his party held the BJP responsible for a spurt in crimes in the national Capital, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said, "I will fully cooperate with the Centre to improve the law and order situation in the city." "The city has reported nine murders since Saturday. We need to work together to



improve the law and order situation in Delhi," Kejriwal said. It may be noted that the AAP Government has started installing CCTV cameras at a large scale. "This will help a lot in controlling crimes in the Capital. We will get the feed of any crime taking place in the city. It will help in taking necessary steps immediately," the Delhi CM said. "All agencies, Governments and residents of Delhi need to work together. We will fully cooperate with the Central Government. Keeping politics aside, we need to work together to improve the law and order situation in the city," Kejriwal said. The CM's remarks came a few days after he assured Prime Minister Narendra Modi of his Government's cooperation to develop Delhi. At a meeting with the PM recently, he had

said he would examine the possibility of integrating the Centre's Ayushman Bharat programme with his Government's health scheme in Delhi. Since the AAP came to power in 2015, the Delhi Government has been at loggerheads with the Centre over several issues. Kejriwal, his Ministers and party leaders have often accused the Modi Government of creating hurdles for the city Government. Facing flak for the deteriorating law and order situation and an increase in crime rate, Delhi Police top brass came claimed the crime situation is well under control in the city. However, the murder of elderly couple Vishnu Mathur and his wife Shashi Mathur, along with their domestic help Khushbu Nautiyal in their South Delhi house, has sent shock waves.

JE sit-up row: Patnagarh MLA arrested



Sent to jail after bail plea rejected

PNS ■ BALANGIR

Police on Monday arrested newly-elected Patnagarh BJD MLA Saroj Kumar Meher for allegedly forcing a Public Works Department Junior Engineer to do sit-ups in public and passing casteist remarks at Belapada in the district. On June 6, a video showing the MLA forcing the JE to do sit-ups had gone viral on social media. Though the MLA tendered an apology a day after the incident, a case was lodged against him on the basis of a complaint filed by the JE's wife against him accusing him of publicly humiliating her husband. Police said the case was registered under different sections of the IPC and the SC, ST Atrocities Act. Demanding action against the MLA, the Balangir District Tribal Welfare Association had embarked on an agitation and threatened to gherao the State Assembly on June 26. In the view of the MLAs' arrest, the threat was withdrawn on Monday.

CM grievance cell to reopen on July 1

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

The grievance cell of the Chief Minister and the Chief Secretary would reopen for public from July 1, an official release said on Monday. The grievance cell of the Chief Minister and those of district Collectors and SPs were temporarily closed since April in view of the heat wave conditions across the State. The grievance cells at the district level would function on Monday in every week, the release said. During the temporary closure of the grievance cells, people were lodging their grievances either through email or by post.

70 new posts for VIMSAR, SCB

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on Monday sanctioned 70 new posts for the VIMSAR Nursing College, Burla and SCB Nursing College, Cuttack. Among the posts, 24 teacher posts and seven ministerial posts have been created for the VIMSAR Nursing College. The teacher posts include a Principal post, a Vice-Principal post, a Professor post, three Associate Professors, eight Lecturers and 10 Tutor posts. For SCB Nursing College, 32 teaching posts and seven ministerial staff posts have been created. The teaching posts include a Principal, a Vice-Principal, a Professor, four Associate Professor posts, six Lecturer and 19 Tutor posts.

IN 5 FANI-HIT DISTRICTS 1-month addl pension to beneficiaries

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

The State Government on Monday announced to provide one month's additional pension to the beneficiaries under the Madhu Babu Pension Yojana (MPY) and the National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) in the Cyclone Fani-affected areas. The additional benefit would be provided to the beneficiaries in the districts of Puri, Cuttack, Jagatsinghpur, Kendrapada and Khordha. An amount of Rs 48.91 crore has been sanctioned for the purpose, official sources said.

No reliable estimates of black money: House panel

Unaccounted income highest in real estate, mining, pharma sectors

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

A Parliamentary Standing Committee on Finance on Monday said there are no reliable estimates of black money generated and held within and outside the country. In its report titled "Status of

Unaccounted Income/Wealth Both Inside and Outside the Country — A Critical Analysis", the standing committee cited the studies conducted by the three premier institutes — NIPFP, NCAER and NIFM — between 1980 and 2010 — which estimated black money in the range of \$216.48 billion to \$490 billion. The studies conducted by the three institutes have found that the sectors where unaccounted income is found to be the highest included real estate,

mining, pharmaceuticals, pan masala, gutkha, tobacco, bullion, commodity, film, and education. According to the report, which was tabled in the Lok Sabha on Monday, there are no reliable estimates of black money generation and accurate methodology for making such estimation. The report said the draft report on demonetisation could not be adopted by the committee due to the lack of consensus among the members.

'Concerned' SC seeks Bihar, Centre's replies on encephalitis care

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday said the deaths of more than 100 children in Muzaffarpur due to the outbreak of acute encephalitis syndrome (AES) is a matter of "grave concern" and directed the Centre and the Bihar Government to file their response on medical care facilities there within a week. A Bench of Justices Sanjay Khanna and BR Gavai asked the Bihar Government to file an affidavit on the adequacy of medical facilities, nutrition and sanitation and the hygiene conditions in the State. "This public interest litigation relates to outbreak of acute encephalitis syndrome virus that has caused deaths of



about 150 children in different districts in the State of Bihar. The writ petition raises issues of grave concern and importance relating to public medical care facilities, nutrition and sanitation or hygiene. "The respondents will file their response within seven days specifically dealing with the question of public medical care facilities, nutrition and sanitation or hygiene. List the writ petition after 10 days," the Bench said.

Haldia waterways may put Varanasi turtles in deep waters

ARCHANA JYOTI ■ NEW DELHI

As the Narendra Modi Government embarks on its ambitious Haldia-Varanasi Inland Waterways Project along the Ganga, researchers from Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kanpur and Wildlife Institute of India (WII), among others, have red flagged the project over its adverse impact on the Varanasi Turtle Sanctuary (VTS). The project, National Waterway-1 (NW-1) under the Jal Marg Vikas Project (JMVP), requires dredging of the river, which will severely impact the aquatic life as well as entire biodiversity of the river, said researchers in a study that appeared in the latest edition of "Current Science". Notified under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, way back in 1989, the VTS — a 7-km long stretch from Ramnagar to Malaviya Bridge in Ganga River — is the world's



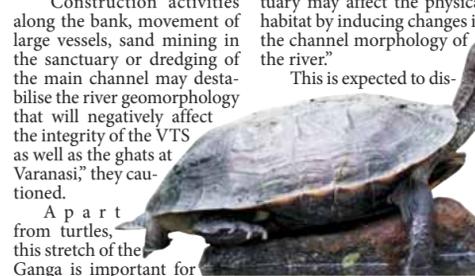
only protected area dedicated to freshwater turtles. Gaurav Kailash Sonkar and Kumar Gaurav from Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences, Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Bhopal, Niladri Dasgupt and Syed Ainal Hussain from Wildlife Institute of India (WII) and Rajiv Sinha from Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur examined the eco-geomor-

phology of the VTS for its stability using hydraulic geometry of the channels, such as width, depth and discharge acquired from an acoustic doppler current profiler, and the mapping of planform morphology from remote-sensing images. "The assessment suggests a well-defined, stable cross-section profile along this stretch of the river. It provides conclusive evidence that the geomorphology of the Ganga river

within the VTS has remained stable for the past 50 years, except for some minor changes in the form of bar growth and erosion both upstream and downstream of the sanctuary," the report said. However, the researchers warned that any construction activity, which is bound to happen once the National Waterway-1 starts, does not augur well for the tortoise as well as other aquatic animals in the sanctuary. "Construction activities along the bank, movement of large vessels, sand mining in the sanctuary or dredging of the main channel may destabilise the river geomorphology that will negatively affect the integrity of the VTS as well as the ghats at Varanasi," they cautioned. A part from turtles, this stretch of the Ganga is important for

other conservation dependent species such as gharials (Gavialis gangeticus), dolphins (Platanista gangetica) and several island nesting birds. The proposed Jal Marg Vikas Project (JMVP) is aimed at enabling the passage of cargo ships and boats through VTS. After a preliminary analysis of the morphology and hydraulic parameters of the Ganga at VTS, the researchers discuss how the passage of boats and cargo ships through the sanctuary may affect the physical habitat by inducing changes in the channel morphology of the river. This is expected to dis-

rupt the morphological and ecological sanctity of VTS. In order to evaluate the impacts of these large-scale interventions, it is important to assess the scale of alteration(s) they may cause to the eco-geomorphic attributes of the river, the researchers concluded. As per the Government plan, NW1 will go from Allahabad in Uttar Pradesh to Haldia in West Bengal along the Ganga and then along its arms — the Bhagirathi and the Hooghly. It will involve the construction of more barrages along the river, and heavy dredging of silt, so that a width of 45 metres and a depth of 3 metres can be maintained throughout. This would enable passage for barges carrying 1,500-2,000 tonnes of cargo. The 1,620-km long national waterways project will be funded jointly by the Centre and World Bank at an estimated cost of ₹5369.18 crore.



'Help in making Odisha corruption-free'

Lokayukta urges people to lodge complaints if any

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

Odisha Lokayukta Chairperson Justice Ajit Singh on Monday sought support from people to make the State free from corruption while hailing the Government's cooperation to make the Lokayukta of the State a "Model Lokayukta".

The Lokayukta appealed to the people not to become victim of corruption and to approach by making a complaint and assured that everything possible would be done to ensure that the complainant is not subjected to any corrupt practice by public servants.

Addressing a first ever Press conference, the Chairperson said the Lokayukta has plans to reach out to the people by holding awareness camps in all the



districts in a phased manner. The first such awareness camp would be held in Sambalpur district on June 29.

Apart from the Chairperson, all two Members of the Lokayukta, Justice BK Nayak and Dr Debabrata Swain, were present. They briefed about the functioning of the Lokayukta.

The objective of the Lokayukta is to ensure highest standards of integrity in public services and eradication of corruption in public life and transparency in governance. The body is empowered to receive a complaint alleging

whom allegations of corruption are made.

After concluding an enquiry, the wing is required to submit its report to the Lokayukta within 60 days. Thereafter, the Lokayukta if finds prima facie case against the public servant may make recommendation to proceed with one or more of the following actions namely investigation by any agency (including any special investigation agency); initiation of the departmental proceedings or any other appropriate action against the concerned public servant by the competent authority; closure of the proceedings against the public servant and take action to proceed against the complainant under section 46.

Interestingly, the Lokayukta can even direct for an investigation by an investigating agency if on receiving a complaint it finds that prima facie case already exists against a public servant. The investigating agency is again under an

obligation to carry out the investigation as expeditiously as possible and complete investigation within a period of six months.

It is relevant to mention here that Section 44 of the Lokayukta Act mandates that a public servant shall make a declaration of his assets and liabilities in the manner as provided by or under this Act.

Out of 592 cases received from the erstwhile Odisha Lokpal and Lokayukta, 62 cases have been dismissed and 54 cases involving allegation of corruption against public servants have been taken up. A total of 476 matters involving personal grievances have been transferred to the Government. So far, 28 numbers of new complaints have been instituted before the present Lokayukta. So, in total, 82 cases are on the board of the Lokayukta.

Presently, the Lokayukta institution is accommodated in the Toshali Bhawan, Satyanagar.

BJD, BJP candidates file nominations for RS

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

The two Biju Janata Dal (BJD) candidates and the sole Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) for by-elections to three Rajya Sabha seats from the State filed their nomination papers at the State Assembly here on Monday.

BJD's IT Cell chairman and spokesperson Amar Patnaik and spokesperson Sasmit Patra filed their nominations before the Returning Officer, the Assembly Secretary, in the presence of party supremo and Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Bikram Keshari Arukha.

BJP candidate Ashwini Vaishnav, a former bureaucrat, also filed his nominations before the Returning Officer on the day.

Vaishnav, who was Private Secretary to former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee,



had joined the BJP only two days ago, on June 22, a day after the party fielded him as its Rajya Sabha nominee.

Polling for the Rajya Sabha seats will be held on July 5 between 9 am and 4 pm and counting of votes will take

place at 5 pm on the very day.

The three seats which have fallen vacant were held by BJD's Achyutananda Samanta, Pratap Keshari Deb and Soumya Ranjan Patnaik.

While Samanta has, meanwhile, been elected to the Lok Sabha from the Kandhamal seat, Deb and Patnaik have from the Aul and Khandapada Assembly constituencies, respectively.

The terms of Samanta and Patnaik in the Upper House of Parliament were to end in April 2024 while Deb's term in was till July 2022.

RULE FLOUTED ON SNANA PURNIMA

Puri MLA, servitors issued notices by SJTA

PNS ■ PURI

The Shree Jagannath Temple Administration (SJTA) has issued notices to several servitors and local BJP MLA Jayanta Kumar Sarangi for allegedly violating temple rules on the last Snana Purnima. The servitors have been asked to reply immediately in this regard.

Servitors Somnath Khuntia and Rajaram Khuntia had allegedly facilitated Puri MLA Sarangi to reach the Snana Mandap (bathing platform) on the day of Snana Purnima, thereby flouting the rules laid down by the temple administration. The two servitors have, meanwhile, been suspended

by the administration.

The SJTA had prohibited presence of servitors not having any connection with the Snana Purnima rituals on the Snana Mandap. Violating the norms, several non-concerned servitors had also reached the Snana Mandap and touched the idols of the deities.

The notices have been served after examination of CCTV footages of the incident.

On the other hand, MLA Sarangi said he did not touch the idols while having darshan at the Snana Mandap. "I was not aware of the rules and those present at the spot did not stop me from going near the deities," he pleaded.

UTP killed in brawl in Choudwar jail

Accused detained by authorities

PNS ■ CUTTACK

An under-trial prisoner (UTP) was killed in a clash in the Choudwar Circle Jail following a brawl with another inmate on Monday.

The deceased was identified as Ramesh Pradhan, a resident of Tulasipur in Cuttack city. He had been lodged in the jail for the last five years over a case of murder that took place in 2011.

Pradhan and another prisoner, Jalandhar Samal, had an altercation while both were working in the prison garden. In a fit of rage, Samal slit the throat of the victim with a sharp weapon.

Pradhan was rushed to SCB Medical College Hospital



in a critical condition, where he succumbed to the injuries. He was supposed to be released from jail on July 3.

The culprit, who is currently serving life imprisonment was detained and interrogated by the jail authorities. The incident has again raised questions on the security measures in the highly sensitive jail, where many hardened criminals of the State are lodged.

Mo Bus conductors go on strike in city

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

Bus passengers were left in lurch in the city on Monday as the 'Mo Bus' conductors went on a strike over nonpayment of salary to them.

A vast majority of the bus conductors ceased work alleging they are not only underpaid but their salary has also not been paid for last three months.

A total of 190 conductors are engaged in 95 buses run by the Capital Region Urban Transport (CRUT), a company formed by the State Government for providing public transport in Bhubaneswar connecting neighbourhoods. Out of them, 180 conductors joined the strike.

An agitating conductor said, "We are not getting the amount of salary promised to



us during our recruitment. Even the fixed salary has not been paid to us for last two or three months. It has become a big problem for us to manage our households without regular salary."

He said the conductor are paid an average of ₹7,500 to ₹8,000 each monthly after deduction from the total salary

of ₹12,000. When asked about the deduction, the authorities said it is done for EPF (11 per cent) and ESI (3 per cent). But if the percentage is taken into account, an amount of ₹1,440 to ₹1,500 should be deducted. When asked about rest of deducted amount, the authorities failed to provide the details.

Satpathy joins as Assembly Secretary

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

Dasarathi Satpathy took charge as Secretary of the Odisha Legislative Assembly (OLA) here on Monday, a day before beginning of the first session of the 16th OLA.

The Government had announced the appointment of the 2005-batch OAS officer to the post on June 21.

The post had been lying vacant after retirement of Amiya Kumar Sarangi since March 31. Till date, Joint Secretary Shisir Kanta Swain was managing the post with additional charge as Secretary.

'Mining scam kingpin for Rajya Sabha'

Divulge 'open pact', demands Srikant

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

The BJP and the BJD have jointly nominated an associate of a ₹2-crore mining scam kingpin in the State to the Rajya Sabha, alleged former Union Minister Srikant Jena on Monday.

A Union Minister on Sunday said this is due to an "open pact" between the BJP and the BJD. Don't the people of the State have a right to know about this "open pact", he questioned.

Jena said that in the last elections, the BJP had repeatedly said that if it come to power it would send the mining mafias to jail and confiscate their properties. But, instead, sending them to the Rajya Sabha is sheer betrayal of the people, he stated.

How would BJP and BJD workers face the people on this issue, he questioned. But

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—Ex-Union Minister Srikant Jena

there is a brotherhood feeling among the two parties. Odia people tolerate everything and don't protest, he remarked.

"I have earlier said that the leaderships in Delhi and the State in partnership with the mining mafia are looting the State. Now, that has been proved," Jena said.

IN MAYURBHANJ

Kangaroo court justice: Lovebirds tonsured

PNS ■ BARIPADA

In yet another instance of a kangaroo court justice, a group of villagers in Mayurbhanj district forcibly shaved the heads of two lovebirds. This came to the fore when a video of the bizarre incident went viral on social media.

The incident took place at Mandua village on June 22 under the Karanjia police station. A case was registered and investigation is underway after the girl lodged a complaint with Karanjia police on Sunday.

The girl's alleged boyfriend had come to Mandua on Saturday to meet her. As the boy belongs to a community other than the girl's, some villagers took law into their hands and tonsured the duo's heads.

The video shows the villagers holding the boy and the girl tightly and one person cutting their hairs.

No one has been arrested so far in connection with the incident.

Karanjia SDPO Narayan Nayak said, "On the basis of the victim's complaint, a case has been registered and we have launched a manhunt to nab the culprits."

Notably, two days back, a woman was dragged out of her home and thrashed by a group of villagers in Nayagarh district for her denial of a theft charge against her.

NITI Aayog seeks list of best performing officers

Of 10 Aspirational Dists in State

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

The NITI Aayog is interested to get a list of five officers in each of the Aspirational Districts, who are consistently performing in an outstanding manner.

Accordingly a list of 50 officers is being prepared in 10 Aspirational Districts of the State, said official sources.

Those districts are Dhenkanal, Gajapati, Kandhamal, Balangir, Kalahandi, Rayagada, Koraput, Malkangiri, Nabarangpur and Nuapada.

In fact, there are 112 Aspirational Districts in the country and all other State Governments will be sending the list of performing officers.

These outstanding officers are serving in the backward districts and have been performing their assignments in an effective manner.

NITI Aayog CEO Amitabh Kant has written to the district Collectors of Aspirational Districts to send the list of those five outstanding officers, who are continuously performing well in the respective sectors in the district.

Teachers' body decries closure of 966 schools

Demands withdrawal of decision

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

The Democratic Teachers' Organisation (DTO), Odisha on Monday criticised the State Government's decision to shut down as many as 966 primary schools in which the student strength is less than 10 in the current academic session.

DTO president Bibhuti Bhusan Nayak said the Government has a deep-rooted conspiracy in closing the schools to benefit the private educational institutions. The Government is clearing ways for the private educational institutes to attract the students and parents towards them, he added.

Nayak said that if the Government doesn't roll back the decision, it would lead to

further privatisation of the education system. Those who have money would be able to get education and crores of poor students would be deprived of it, he further stated.

DTO secretary Nrusingha Charan Panda said that due to the Government's decision, employment opportunities for highly-educated, trained youths would be blocked. Students in remote areas would be totally deprived of getting education, he said.

The DTO demanded that the Government withdraw the decision and urged different teachers' bodies, students' organisations and parents' bodies to come forward and join hands to oppose the move.

It might be mentioned that after its decision, the Government has stated that the students of the closed schools will be enrolled in the nearby functional schools.

NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY

Parents' body sends suggestions to HRD Min

Monitoring of nutrition, 1:15 teacher student ratio in tribal areas

Transparency in pvt school accounts; no use of 'Public' by them also suggested

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

The Organisation of Parent Associations' Forum (OPAF) on Monday sent a list of suggestions to the Union Ministry of Human Resource

Development (HRD) for framing of a National Education Policy (NEP) that would maintain conducive atmosphere in the educational institutions and overall development of education sector in the country.

The suggestions were made by educationists, lawyers, social workers, teachers, students etc at a seminar organised by the OPAF here recently.

The suggestions include provision of a strict monitoring mechanism for nutrition, health, playing equipment and hygienic area for physical and mental development of children of 0-3 year age group, teacher and student ratio at 1:15 in tribal areas, various facilities,

including hostel, for children belonging to economically background children and strict implementation of Child Labour laws to check dropouts, making mandatory of refreshable and orientation course for teacher in every two years' gap, equal works for equal works and regularisation of all contractual, part-time, Block Grant, temporary and ad hoc teachers.

Provisions of development of Standalone Education institutions into multidisciplinary schools, a clear definition for selection of members to District Education Council (DEC) and Zilla Siksha Parishad (ZSP) for making the process transport and fair, IT-based grievance

redressal for parents, empowerment of RSA or DSE to take necessary action on any violation of regulation/policy/provision/operation of education system and provision for SSRA to make robust and easily accessible public grievance and redressal mechanism were also suggested.

As regards to private schools, the OPAF also suggested that the term 'private philanthropic' must be clearly defined and schools must be refrained from expensive advertisements and unnecessary things like attractive decoration on exterior designs on school building, gates to bring down the un-equality psychology of

children. Private schools should be refrained from using the word "Public" in their name and verification of books of their accounts should be made by the Government. Mandatory disclosure of books of accounts and necessary documents for years together on their school websites and accounts must be maintained for transparency and fixation of optional fee for extra facilities.

Besides, the parents' body also suggested that the expenses for children admitted under the RTE head in a school must not be burden to other parents at any cost for which there should be a crystal clear guideline/policy.

RD University exam results out

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

The Rama Devi (RD) Women's University here announced the results of both +3 and Post Graduate (PG) final examinations 2019 in various streams on Monday.

A total of 6,547 students cleared the +3 examinations out of 3,737 with a pass percentage of 84.61 this year. Subhashree Priyadarshani (Botany) of the Shaibalala Women's College emerged as the topper in the examinations.

In the PG examinations, 277 girls achieved success out of 315 with pass percentage of 84.94.



Has Kalpana's demise brought an end to her legacy?

- State Government shuts eyes to ace mountaineer's bereaved family
- Her dream of mountaineering academy stands shattered

KRUSHNA KUMAR MISHRA ■ DHENKANAL

While a month has elapsed to the death of Dhenkanal-born international mountaineer, Kalpana Dash, who died at the balcony area of Mount Everest during her return after successfully posting the Indian national flag at a 8,848-metre high, unfortunately, the State Government seems to have turned its back to Dash's bereaved family.

The callousness of the authorities is loud and clear, given the fact that the State Government has not hesitated to spend crores of rupees to

promote hockey and nationally and internationally reputed athletes.

Dash had brought glory to the State for being the first woman mountaineer to have scaled the Everest for the first time on April 21, 2008 only at age of 39. Late Pyari Mohan Mohapatra, who was well-known as the chief adviser of Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, had told in a public meeting here during the Dhenkanal Mahotsav as to why the Government should ignore the talent of Dash by just engaging her with a job. Rather, the Government would open a mountaineering academy and



appoint her as its head to train the aspirants, he promised.

The assurance of Mohapatra has fallen flat because so far the Government has not shown an iota of sincerity in promoting Dash's legacy or mountaineering in the State.

When neglected much, ultimately, Dash had to stage a dharna at Puri Bada Danda for Government help; and on

media pressure, the district administration of Dhenkanal had arranged a job for her at a private power generation company, LANCO. But soon, she had to lose her job as the plant was closed within a few months of functioning.

Dash, who had started mountaineering from a village mountain, Banka Mundi, since her childhood to worship Goddess Maheswary, the temple

endowed by her father late Gunanidhi Dash, she developed a passion for mountaineering later. However, when the family members shifted from her native Paniahala hill to Kanchan Bazar Dhenkanal, Dash focused on mountaineering and since then never looked back.

She completed graduation from the Dhenkanal Women's College and LLB from the Dhenkanal Law College. She used to climb Paniahala hill and Kapihala hill ranges in Dhenkanal. Later, she availed training from the Himalaya Mountain Institute of Darjiling. She learned Odishi dance from Nataraj, as it was required during Campfire, at the training institute.

She reached the top of the Mount Everest for the second time on May 23 at about 12 noon, but unfortunately while returning, she died on her way at the age of 49, spreading shock and gloom all across State.

The State Government though had done nothing when she was alive, it agreed to spend money to bring her body from Mount Everest and finally, Dash's body reached her home town Dhenkanal after 12 days of her death. Her family members could not perform any death rites as the time was over.

Meanwhile, the Alternative Rhythm Theatre staged a play entitled 'Kalpana, the wonder' as a lasting tribute to the mountaineer.

Seven lakh saplings to be planted in A'garh forests

DFO silent on cost of proposed plantation

PNS ■ ATHAGARH

Over seven lakh saplings of teak, chhatian, bada chakunda, sishu, gambhari, piasal, nails, amla, bahara, karanja, faso, kaintha, Radhachuda, Krushnachuda, jamun, champ, bara, neem, guava and bamboo species have been developed through nine nurseries here.

The saplings will be planted in the Athagarh Forest Division area during the current rainy season to develop the forest stretch.

At least 4.63 lakh sixty-three saplings would be distributed free of cost to the beneficiaries with certain terms and conditions. Over 2.50 lakh saplings would be planted in Athagarh forest area from which one lakh saplings will be planted in 500 hectares as a part of Artificial Natural Regeneration programme and 28,000 bamboo saplings will be planted in another

70 hectares of land under the CAMPA scheme. Similarly, 20,000 saplings would be planted under Increasing Green Cover programme while another 20,000 saplings would be planted under the Green Mahanadi Mission plan.

Under bald hills plantation programme, 56, 000 saplings would be planted in 35 hectares of land. This apart, under the scheme of DRDA and NREGS, several hectares would have plantations, said Athagarh DFO Sasmita Lenka.

When asked about Cyclone Fani-affected Athagarh jungle and the status of fallen trees and wildlife, the DFO declined to say anything. She also failed to say on the target and achievements of plantation made last year. She could not say on the project cost under different plan and programmes which puts the department under scanner.

POST FANI

ShapoorjiPallonji undertakes extensive relief works

Also donates ₹51L to CMRF

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR/ GOPALPUR

The ShapoorjiPallonji Group contributed ₹51 lakh to the Chief Minister's Relief Fund (CMRF) for relief and restoration works in the Cyclone Fani-affected areas.

Gopalpur Port Director and CEO Sandeep Agarwal and ShapoorjiPallonji Ports AVJ Jagdish Rout presented the electronic transfer documents in support of the donation to Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik.

Earlier, the ShapoorjiPallonji Ports donated a 1,000-million litre per day Aqua Guard RO water purification system to the Puri Medical Hospital. Puri district has been facing a possible outbreak of cholera, causing serious worry for the district



administration and hospitals. The water purification system will provide clean and safe drinking water to patients, doctors, hospital staff as well as visitors. The water purification system will be maintained by the ShapoorjiPallonji Group for five years after which it would be handed over to the hospital authorities, informed an official release.

After the Fani devastation, the SP Group conducted a 3-day relief camp from May 28, 2019 to May 30, 2019, where they distributed relief materials among the affected families of Puri district. SP Group representatives also visited many

Fani-affected villages under Puri Sadar block and distributed kits with livelihood essentials such as tarpaulin and rope for shelter, plates and tumblers, sleeping mats, buckets and mugs, toiletries including soaps, towels, toothbrushes and toothpaste apart from mosquito coils. The kits, importantly, had sanitary napkins keeping in mind the need for women. They also provided chlorine tablets to the families as the groundwater in the affected area was feared to have been contaminated and not fit for consumption.

About 240 affected families in Mangarajpur village (120 families), Chakrabati Patna village (60 families), Uttar Bhoi Sahi villages (60 families) under Puri Sadar block had received relief kits.

Restoration relief materials, including diesel generator set of 82.5 KVA capacity, were provided to district officials to address the electricity disruption caused by the cyclone.

Similarly, heavy machinery, trucks etc were provided from the port for clearing debris and other relief works in Bhubaneswar, Puri and other affected areas.

The Gopalpur Port provided basic utilities like flattened rice, 244 boxes of candles and 120 bags of water pouches to the Ganjam district administration for distribution.

The ShapoorjiPallonji Group has passionately stood in support of the people of Odisha who are impacted by the Cyclone Fani. This support has come in the form of emergency relief material, financial contribution and solutions to basic problems like water and daily amenities.

"We have contributed to the massive relief work being undertaken by the Odisha Government and have attempted to help the people at the grassroots level in the State," said the Managing Director ShapoorjiPallonji Ports.

Health camp for Gajapati cops held



Various tests held

PNS ■ PARALAKHEMUNDI

A workshop followed by screening tests for metabolic disorders like diabetes, hypertension and cholesterol problems were conducted for staffs of Gajapati district police under the guidance of Gajapati SP Sarah Sharma.

Busy schedule coupled with improper diet, lack of regular physical exercise and mental stress arising out of profession lead to quantum jump in lifestyle disorders in police personnel and make them prone to such

diseases.

Dr Sunil Kumar Kota explained to the staff about symptoms, complications, diagnosis, prevention and treatment of diabetes, hypertension, thyroid and cholesterol problems. The interactive question and answer sessions were followed by testing for blood sugar, blood pressure, thyroid, nerve function and urine test for micral (indicator of kidney dysfunction). Around 180 police personnel got benefited from this programme.

The meeting was attended by DSP Prakash Chandra Jena and RI Dambarudhara Hinaka. An education material was distributed among the attendees.

INBRIEF

RPF MAN SAVES PASSENGER AT BBSR STATION

Bhubaneswar: A Railway Protection Force (RPF) personnel turned a Good Samaritan when he saved a passenger from getting crushed under a running train at the Bhubaneswar Railway Station on Sunday evening. According to reports, RPF Constable NB Rao of the Bhubaneswar ACP Prevention Team was on duty on platform no. 2 when the passenger Najir Mallick was alighting from the Bhubaneswar-Bhadrak MEMU train. Mallick was slipping under the train when it had started moving from the station.



SITANSU ROUT TAKES OVER AS KHORDHA DM

Khordha: Sitansu Kumar Rout took charge as new Collector of Khordha district on Monday. District's senior officials and intellectuals welcomed and presented him mementoes. After taking charge, Rout said that with the help of the officers and employees of different department, he would expedite the developmental schemes in the district.

MUKESH MISHRA NEW CESU CGM COMMERCE

Bhubaneswar: Mukesh Mishra has taken over as the new Chief General Manager Commerce of the Central Electricity Supply Utility of Odisha (CESU). He is also in charge of Social Media Officer and Consumer Grievance. Previously, Mishra had taken part in the Cesu cricket team and played matches at outside of the State in the All India Electricity Sports Control Board Cricket Tournament. He has experience in billing, IT and consumer-related services.

OWNER, WORKER KILLED IN HOUSE WALL COLLAPSE

Jajpur: A wall of a house collapsed at Balipatana village under the Kuakhia police station in Jajpur district on Monday, killing two persons on the spot and injuring another. The tragedy took place while repairing of the house was in progress. The deceased were identified as house owner Banamali Barik (55) and a labourer, Chandan Lenka (25). Another labourer, Panchu Nath, who was injured, was admitted in the Dharmasala hospital.

Defunct R'gada sugar firm ex-employees hold stir

Demand land

BADAL TAH ■ RAYAGADA

The family members of 300 former employees of the Jeypore Sugar Company (JSCO) under the aegis of Retired Employees Union staged a blockade in front of JSCO main gate demanding land for housing purpose.

The JSCO is one of the oldest company of Rayagada having its registered office now in Chennai. It was established in Rayagada during 1936 and then diversified into a distillery and ferro-manganese company. All these companies at Rayagada flourished and opened other branches in Andhra Pradesh.

The company became dysfunctional in eighties due to more focus in Andhra units. During the year 1992, the then Revenue Officer of Rayagada after inspection noticed JSCO to return 507 out of 787 acres of land under Land Ceiling Act.



JSCO appealed the higher courts of Sub-divisional Magistrate and Additional District Magistrate who upheld the Revenue Officer's order. JSCO then went to the Orissa High Court where the matter is still pending. The State's legal counsel is not appearing because of a nexus

"Being assured by the company 300 employees deposited Rs300 each for a housing plot

measuring 20 cents during 1971. We waited indefinitely. Since 1980 we have been requesting JSCO authorities to allot house sites in Khata number 46 with Plot numbers 284, 286/1 and 17. Responding to our request, during the year 1985 the MD deputed Rama Chandra Rao, Civil Engineer, Chagallu for demarcation and preparing a lay-out plan. Thereafter she kept silent. Now

many of these employees have expired. The remaining employees and their legal heirs are toiling hard without the basic need of a house of their own. We even went to its registered office at Chennai several times to meet its MD Raja Rajeswari Rama Krishnan. But she refused meet us," said the agitators.

"The lands in question are not subject matter of ceiling case pending in Orissa High Court. So for the Government authorities, it will not be difficult to settle those lands in our favour as homeless and landless persons. We have requested in written and approached in person to the concerned authorities of JSCO time and again for the subject cited above. We also had a peaceful protest in front of the non-functioning factory at Rayagada. But unfortunately the management of JSCO has not paid any heed to our request and democratic means of protest," said Venkat Rao Senapati, legal advisor of the union. Rao, himself a son of a

retired employee, warned that if the company authorities do not heed to their single point demand, they will be compelled to lock JSCO's main gate permanently and may go for blockade of Rayagada town.

Rayagada Tehsildar Umashankar Sahu had a discussion with the protesters and assured them to take the matter to the Advocate General for further necessary action.

Interestingly enough, Jeypore Rani Saheba said to this correspondent that the entire land of 787 acres belongs to the Jeypore King and the lands were leased to JSCO. In connivance with the State revenue authorities, JSCO has fraudulently managed to make ROR (Record of Rights) in its name. They are now preparing for a legal battle to restore the land in their name. They are also prepared to part with the land for the development of Rayagada district, including housing sites to the poor landless and former employees of JSCO.

IN KENDRAPADA

Trader attacked, looted of money, mobile

PNS ■ KENDRAPADA

Unidentified miscreants stabbed and critically injured a trader at Bharatpur under the Pattamundai police station and snatched his money and mobile phone late on Sunday night.

The victim, identified as Nirakar Nayak of Pokhariapada village, was returning home after closing his shop in Singiri Bazar when the incident took place.

The looters followed and waylaid Nayak at Bharatpur Chhik and tried to snatch away his cash bag. As he offered stubborn resistance, the robbers stabbed him with a knife and snatched the bag carrying Rs 8,720 in cash and mobile phone.

Later, Nayak was rescued by some locals and rushed to the Pattamundai Sub-Divisional Hospital.

Police have lodged a case in connection with the incident and are trying to trace the accused. The incident has triggered panic among other traders in the area.

Land losers hold stir before IOCL Refinery



Demand employment

PNS ■ PARADIP

More than 200 land losers and displaced families including men and women on Monday held a rally and sat on dharna in front of the IOCL Paradip Refinery project office here under leadership of former anti-posco leader Abhay Sahoo demanding employment.

The agitators said that even if three years have passed, the IOCL authorities have ignored

their legitimate demands. They pointed out that 95 per cent of the employees of IOCL Paradip are non-Odia.

They hoped that Union Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, who is an Odia, would fulfil the demands as soon as possible.

Besides, Congress leader Bapi Sarkhel joined the dharna.

It might be mentioned here that as many as 1,252 families have handed over their lands and 352 families have been displaced from the project area.

Siren goes off; looters flee in Dhenkanal

Gramya Bank robbery bid foiled

PNS ■ DHENKANAL

A robbery bid was foiled at the Gramya Bank here on Sunday night after the bank's strong room siren went off at the right time.

The miscreants tried to enter the bank by breaking the bank's asbestos roof. But as the siren blew at that time it triggered panic among the robbers and they had to beat a hasty retreat from the spot.

As the bank is located at a stone's throw distance from the Dhenkanal Town police station, the siren also alerted the cops.

Immediately, police personnel rushed to the spot but the miscreants had vanished from the spot. Later, the bank manager was informed about the incident.

In the morning, Town police station Inspector-in-Charge Abhinav Dalua along with a forensic team and a sniffer dog initiated investigations. Branch Manager Prafulla Behera after inspecting the bank said nothing was looted from the bank.

Of late, unguarded banks in secluded places have become soft targets for miscreants.

Man kills 5-yr-old son in Rourkela

Suspecting wife's extramarital relation

PNS ■ ROURKELA

A person allegedly killed his five-year-old son by slitting his throat at RS Colony under the Bandhamunda police station in the city on Monday.

The accused was identified as Andhu Oram. Later, he was arrested by police on charges of murder.

Andhu's wife, Sunkha, spotted the boy's blood-stained body on the bed and screamed following which neighbours rushed to Andhu's house and immediately informed the police about the matter.

Being informed, cops reached the spot and sent the

body for postmortem and nabbed the accused. Later, a scientific team also reached the spot to investigate.

While the exact motive behind the brutal crime is yet to be ascertained, it was initially suspected that Oram murdered his son after a dispute with his wife.

But preliminary investigations revealed that Andhu might have taken the extreme step after suspecting that his wife has an extramarital relationship. Following the suspicion about his wife having an affair with another man, Andhu killed the boy while his wife was in the bathroom, sources said.

Andhu was interrogated by police and a detailed investigation into the incident was on.

NITR researchers discover alternative chemo therapy

PNS ■ ROURKELA

The researchers at the National Institute of Technology (NIT), Rourkela, have recently discovered an alternative therapeutic molecule, piRNA, a small non-coding RNA, which has demonstrated the ability to curb the growth of cancer.

The small RNA molecule of about only 29 bases long surprisingly also showed a 'macro effect' and enhanced the effectiveness of a widely used chemotherapeutic drug, doxorubicin.

Professor Bibekanand Mallick, the lead scientist of this pioneering work who is also Head of Department of Life Science, says, "Cancer is a major public health concern, which is regarded as one of the leading causes of mortality worldwide. The cancer burden in India is also increasing day by day. Cancer cells have the potential to originate at one place but spread over



to other places in the body, the property known as metastasis that makes them more lethal and difficult to diagnose and control their growth. Since days chemotherapy is being used to get rid of notorious cancer by stopping the uncontrolled growth. However, cancer often comes back again after a period of remission, termed as 'recurrence'

in spite of chemotherapy. Further, the effectiveness of the chemotherapeutic drugs are not enough and often associated with several side effects such as cardiotoxicity, renal impairment, and many more."

Dr Mallick further informed, "The small RNA therapeutics via RNAi mechanisms is quite promising and the need of the

hour is safe and cost-effective treatment compared to chemotherapy. These RNA molecules are produced in our body and we are harnessing them for cancer therapy."

Another Researcher Jyoti Roy and Neha Jain say, "Chemotherapy treats many types of cancer effectively. But like other treatments, it often causes side effects. The side effects of chemotherapy are different for each person. They depend on the type of cancer, location, drugs and dose, and your general health."

"The small piRNA regulate some key genes which are previously reported to have potential for cancer treatment and hence could be a promising therapeutic molecule for treating the malignancy," says Basudeb Das, the research student of the RNAi team. PhD student Das worked on the project with Professor Mallick.

California gears up for Rath Yatra



PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR
Preparation for Rath Yatra of Lord Jagannath in Irvine (USA), known as Orange City of South California is in full swing.
The Rath Yatra is being celebrated in Irvine following traditional rituals in Puri style since 2012. The temple administration along with members from Odia Society of California represented by Tapas Das, Sudam Mishra, Sabyasachi Panigrahi and Bibhu Das are looking after this year's Rath Yatra celebration.
With active co-operation of devotees and Shree Jagannath Society of California, deities of

the trinity have been established in the temple complex at Reynolds Avenue in Irvine.
To look after day-to-day affairs of the temple, a board of management has been formed comprising Deepak Sharma, Suresh Lohiya, Aditya Shah, and Mahesh Gupta among others.
Hundreds of non-resident Indians staying in Irvine and nearby cities along with their families and friends irrespective of caste, creed, and religion turn out every year to take active part in the Shreegundicha Yatra and Bahuda Yatra. On behalf of the temple management every year devotees are served with Prasad during such occasions.

IN SUNDARGARH Two arrested for burning vehicle, obstructing road

PNS ■ SUNDARGARH

A youth and his associate were arrested and forwarded to court on Sunday evening by the Jhirpani police here allegedly for burning their Activa scooter on Saturday night on a bridge and for obstructing a public way.

The Activa scooter was completely burnt and only frame of the scooter was recovered by the police.

According to sources, Anil Ekka (22), along with his associate Mohammed Aiyumul (34), were returning on Jhirpani bridge in an Activa scooter on Saturday night at around 8.30 pm. While they were returning, the scooter suddenly got stopped on the bridge.

Anil tried to start the scooter repeatedly and failed and his associate Mohammed also tried to start the vehicle but could not start.
Anil then in a fit of rage



took out petrol from scooter and threw it on the vehicle and set it ablaze.

After getting information, fire brigade rushed to the spot. However, Anil in inebriated condition, tussled with police while public were stranded on both sides of the bridge for more than one hour.

On Sunday evening, the Jhirpani police arrested Anil and his associate.

Samanta felicitates KISS rugby players

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

Five members of the Indian Women Rugby team, Sumitra Nayak, Hupi Majhi, Rajani Sabar, Meerarani Hembram and Parbati Kisku of the Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS), were felicitated by KIIT and KISS founder Dr Achyuta Samanta here on Monday.

The Indian women's rugby team on Saturday created history by registering their first-ever international 15s victory and got bronze medal against

top ranked Singapore 21-19 to finish third in the four-team Asia Women's Division 1 Rugby XV's Championship. The tournament was held in Manila, Philippines 17-23 June-2019. In the last one minute Indian team Sumitra Nayak kicked a penalty to claim the narrow victory.

"KISS has been playing a vital role in popularising Indian Rugby in the international level. Both the Boys' and Girls' Rugby player of KISS have been performing best in various international tournaments,"



said Samanta. He also thanked the Secretaries and Presidents of IRFU and ORFA.

NDA's massive win decimated politics of dynasty: Chouhan

Ranchi: Former Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan Monday said that the BJP-led NDA's massive victory in the recent Lok Sabha elections has decimated politics of dynasty.

"The maha vijay (super victory) in the Lok Sabha has ended politics of family, dynasty and pseudo secularism," the BJP's national vice-president said while addressing a meeting on membership drive here.

Chouhan said that the BJP's 'mantra is saab ka saath, saab ka vikas, saab ka viswas' (together with all, development for all and trust of all) and expanding the party across caste, faith, society and section and strengthen the party's grip at booth level.

He claimed that the BJP is the biggest party with 11 crore members and said the people gave 303 seats to BJP and 353 seats to the NDA to serve them.

"This has been possible due to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's popularity, BJP president and Home Minister Amit Shah's skillful political strategy and hard work by lakhs of party workers," he said.

Chouhan said more hard work was needed as the party has to form governments in states like West Bengal, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, TamilNadu and Odisha.

The party will launch membership-drive from July 6 across the country, marking the birth anniversary of Syama Prasad Mookerjee, he said.

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Two AOC-in-C take part in Mirage-2000 formation, Dhanoa calls its rare gesture

Gwalior: In a rare gesture, two senior IAF officers of the rank of Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief Monday flew aircraft as part of a 'vic' formation of five Mirage-2000 at the air base here to commemorate 20 years of the Kargil War.

An impressive fly-past was organised at the Gwalior Air Force Station in which, besides Mirage-2000, MiG-21, Jaguar, and an Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) also were used.

"As an (IAF) chief, I am very, very proud of the fact that both of my AOC-in-Cs were flying in the formation today. I think I need to go back and check if it is the first time that six stars were part of the formation," Air Marshal B S Dhanoa said.

An AOC-in-C is a three-star officer by rank, a senior IAF official said.

Dhanoa was interacting with reporters at the air base, flanked by the two AOC-in-C -- Air Marshal R Nambiar AOC-in-C of the Western Air Command and Air Marshal R Kumar AOC-in-C, Central Air

Command.

Dhanoa and the two AOC-in-Cs, all three are Kargil War veterans.

The IAF also tweeted about this rare occasion. "#RememberingKargil: To commemorate #20YearsOfKargilWar, 5 aircraft Mirage-2000 formation was flown at AFS Gwalior. The Formation was led by Gp Capt H Kumar and & were part of the flypast," the IAF said.

The IAF chief earlier participated in a dramatic reenactment of the Tiger Hill attack and its recapture that was held at the air base to mark the 20th anniversary of the attack on the hill by the Indian armed forces.

He attended the commemorative event as the chief guest and wore an olive flying overall.

Dhanoa on May 27 had flown the 'missing man' formation in a MiG-21 aircraft to pay tribute to Squadron Leader Ajay Ahuja and other fallen heroes of the Kargil War. He was accompanied by Air Marshal R Nambiar in the fly-past organised at the Air Force Station in Bhisiana.

PTI

After 13 yrs, schools in naxal-hit village in Sukma reopen

Raipur: Students in Jagargunda village in Chhattisgarh's Sukma district, which bore the brunt of naxal violence, were elated Monday with reopening of government schools after a long gap of 13 years.

Jagargunda villagers had left their homes in fear after the launch of the Salwa Judum, the erstwhile anti-Naxal movement, in 2005-06.

Subsequently, the villagers, comprising around 1200 families, got settled in government-aided relief camps in the area. Schools and hostels in Jagargunda were then shifted to

Dornapal, around 50 kms from the village, Sukma Collector Chandan Kumar told PTI Monday.

Since then the students of the area were studying in nearby porta-cabin (pre-fabricated structures), he added.

"After a gap of 13 years, the district administration took initiative on the direction of Chief Minister and renovated the dilapidated school buildings, and also constructed new ones," Kumar said.

He said the local residents, particularly students, are very happy over reopening of the

schools and admission have already begun.

"The government schools and hostels which were lying closed in Jagargunda village panchayat since 2006 in the aftermath of Salwa Judum militia clash, were reopened," he said.

The collector hoped that the development would boost confidence of villagers.

Industry Minister Kawsal Lakhma, an MLA from Kanta constituency in Sukma, inaugurated the middle, high and higher secondary schools, an 'ashram shala' or a residential

school for boys and hostels for pre-matric boys and girls in Jagargunda.

The minister has expressed happiness over reopening of the schools.

"The state government has included classes 9 and 10 under the Right to Education and now students will get free and compulsory education from class 1 to class 12," Lakhma was quoted as saying in a release.

Salwa Judum, an anti-Maoist civil militia which comprised tribal youths, was disbanded in 2011 on a supreme court order.

PTI

Six MP cops assaulted; villagers, police trade charges

Rajgarh (MP): Six policemen were injured after villagers in Madhya Pradesh's Rajgarh district allegedly assaulted them on the intervening night of Sunday and Monday, an official said.

Those involved in the assault, all residents of Baman, some 30 kilometres from the district headquarters, however, claimed that two of the policemen had molested a woman, he said.

Inspector Virendra Dhakad said the fracas started when a Chappihada police station team was trailing a vehicle suspected to be smuggling liquor.

"The liquor-carrying vehicle knocked down and injured a policeman. When the team following the vehicle entered Baman village, people there encircled the policemen, threw

chilly in their eyes and tore off their uniforms. They then severely assaulted the police team," he said.

"Six policemen were injured while others fled from the spot to save their lives. Villagers held two police personnel hostage and forcibly made them consume liquor," Dhakad said.

But villagers had a different version, claiming that police entered the house of an accused in the village and took the latter's sister, who was alone inside, along with them.

"They took the woman in their vehicle on the pretext of taking her to the police station. But the policemen stopped at a deserted place in Sonkheda. Two of them molested her," said a villager.

PTI

Bargari sacrilege case key accused cremated; SIT to probe murder

Kotkapura (Pb): A Dera Sacha Sauda follower, who was a key accused in a four-year-old sacrilege case in Bargari, was cremated Monday evening after officials held marathon talks with sect members and Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh announced an SIT to probe his death in an attack in Nabha prison.

At a high-level meeting of police and administrative officials in Chandigarh, Amarinder Singh ordered constitution of a Special Investigation Team to probe the killing of Mahinderpal Bittu (49) in the high-security prison allegedly by two inmates.

In Kotkapura, Faridkot deputy commissioner and district police chief held a marathon meeting with the Dera members, who were demanding a judicial probe

into the killing, and withdrawal of the sacrilege case against Bittu.

They told the Dera members and Bittu's family members that an inquiry has been ordered into the incident and assured them of an impartial probe into the matter.

The officials also informed them about the constitution of the SIT following which the Dera members and the family agreed for cremation.

The SIT will be headed by ADGP (Law and Order) Ishwar Singh, who will probe all aspects of the attack, an official statement said.

"The SIT will ascertain the conspiracy, if any, in the killing of Bittu by prison inmates. It will also investigate the role of the prison staff," it said.

The SIT members include IG Patiala Amardeep Rai, DIG

Intelligence Hardial Mann, SSP, Patiala Mandeep Singh, and AIG, Counter Intelligence Kashmir Singh.

Taking a serious view of the attack, the chief minister directed the jail minister and ADGP prisons to take all necessary steps to prevent the recurrence of such incidents in the future.

Amarinder Singh warned that such brazen violation of law and order, and laxity in prison security will not be tolerated.

Reacting to the demand of Dera followers for withdrawing the sacrilege case against Bittu, he said the law will take its own course as the final reports of investigation into the cases against him have been submitted in the court.

It was up to the court to take any decision on the way forward, he added.

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DRG jawan injured in IED blast in Chhattisgarh

Dantewada: A District Reserve Guard (DRG) jawan was injured on Monday when an improvised explosive device (IED) laid by Naxals went off in Chhattisgarh's Dantewada district, police said.

The explosion took place at Hiroli village where a road opening party (ROP) of security personnel was deployed on protection duty, a senior police official said.

Around 50 administrative officials, including Dantewada Superintendent of Police Abhishek Pallava, and other personnel had gone to Hiroli for a probe into the alleged fake gram sabha held in 2014 for approval of mining in iron ore deposit no.13 of the National Mineral Development Corporation.

The iron ore deposit falls in the Hiroli gram panchayat area. In view of the visit

of administrative officials, an ROP of security forces was deployed to ensure protection to them.

A jawan who was part of the ROP inadvertently stepped on a pressure IED placed under a dirt track outside the village, located around 450 km from here, triggering the blast that left him injured, the official said.

The injured jawan was being shifted to a local hospital for treatment, he added.

Tribals recently staged a protest against the proposed mining on a hill in the deposit no. 13, claiming that they revered the hill as their deity. In the wake of the protest, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel directed for immediate halt of cutting of trees in the iron ore deposit no.13 in Bailadila hill range of Dantewada and other works related to the project.

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Rain brings down mercury in Himachal

Shimla: The maximum temperature in Himachal Pradesh fell by three to four notches from normal with rain lashing several parts of the hill state on Monday, the Meteorological (Met) Department said.

Tourist hotspot Chail received the highest rain with 62 mm rain, which was followed by Sundernagar 56 mm, Solan 33 mm, Sarahn 26 mm, Shimla 18 mm, Una 10 mm, Kufri 9 mm, Manali and Rajgarh 5 mm each, Dalhousie, Fagu and Baghi 2 mm each, Kangra and Chamba 1 mm each, the weatherman said.

Una continued to be the hottest place in the state with a high of 36.5 degree Celsius, whereas the lowest temperature was recorded at tribal district Lahaul and Spiti's administrative centre Keylong at 9 degree Celsius.

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HP delegation discuss collaboration with Dubai Min

PNS ■ SHIMLA

A delegation of Himachal Government led by Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur and Industries Minister Bikram Singh called on Minister of Climate Change and Environment of UAE Thani Al Zeyoudi at Dubai on Monday.

The delegation discussed possible areas of collaboration particularly in the areas of tourism and real estate.

The Chief Minister extended him an invitation for attending the global investors meet scheduled to be held in November this year.

Later, the delegation also had a meeting with Chairman of Dubai Chamber of Commerce Majid Saif Al Ghurair.

Vice President of the Chamber Hassan Al Hashemi welcomed the delegation. Dubai Chamber of Commerce assured all possible support for the global investors meet being organized by Himachal Pradesh.

It was decided in the meeting that the state government would share the list of investible projects for onward sharing with the members of the Chamber.

Dr. Zeyoudi assured of all

possible support to the government of Himachal Pradesh. He also assured to fix up certain good and relevant B2G meetings of the state delegation during the visit to UAE. He assured to extend invitations to UAE business community to participate in the maiden investment meet being held in Himachal Pradesh.

HIMACHAL CM INVITES LULU GROUP TO INVEST IN STATE

After his arrival, Jai Ram Thakur along-with the high powered delegation held a meeting at Dubai with Chairman and Managing Director, Lulu International M.A. Yusuf Ali and explored investment opportunities in tourism and hospitality sectors.

A statement issued here said the Chief Minister invited the group to invest in shopping malls and hypermarkets in tourist destinations of Himachal Pradesh like Shimla, Manali, Dharamshala and industrial hubs of the state.

The delegation discussed various areas of collaboration and invited the Lulu Group to participate in the Himachal Pradesh global investors meet scheduled for November 2019.

Industries Minister Bikram Singh assured of all possible help



and support to ground the proposed investments. He said Himachal Pradesh is a land of abundant opportunities for investment in various sectors.

The state government has simplified procedures for attracting investment in the state, he said.

Yusuf Ali explained about the diverse businesses of the

Group. He said his Group will explore possibilities in fruit processing and procurement and small shopping malls as per the demand of the state. He said

that he will constitute a team immediately which will visit Himachal Pradesh within next 20-30 days to explore areas of collaboration.

Notice to power dept on death of female leopard in Gurugram

MANOJ KUMAR ■ CHANDIGARH

Taking serious note of the death of two-year-old female leopard who was electrocuted in Sohna's Lala Kherli village, Gurugram district of Haryana on June 20, after being ensnared in an overhead high-tension power cable, the forest department (wildlife) has decided to serve notice to power department or agency concerned for not removing trees below high-tension power wires.

Moreover, district forest officers (wildlife) of the state have also been strictly directed to conduct survey in the protected forest areas and ensure that all the trees below high-tension power wires are removed without delay, said VS Tanwar, Principal Chief Conservator of forests and Chief Wildlife Warden, Haryana.

There are guidelines to keep animals such as elephants, tigers, lions, sloth bear, deer, peacocks, monkeys and flamingos from high tension wires as they may come in contact with high-power tension wires, crossing in the forest area. To protect them while high-tension power wire

being installed in the reserved forest areas (wildlife) the power department or the agency concerned was earlier given instructions to remove trees below high-tension power cable. It was blatant violation of provisions of the Wildlife (Protection) Act and Forest (Conservation) Act for not implementing such instruction by the agency concerned.

ML Rajvanshi, Chief Conservator of Forests (wildlife) admitted that female leopard could be saved, had power department officials followed the forest department's guidelines by removing all trees below high-tension power cable. Moreover, the district forest officers (wildlife) should have directed the power department officials or agencies concerned to remove such trees.

This is the first case where-in a female leopard died after being ensnared in an overhead high-tension power cable. Department inquiry will be conducted over this issue along with this a notice will be served to the power department for such negligence causing death of female leopard.

CONGRESS CALLS MODI SALESMAN

Adhir: Cong failed to sell

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Congress on Monday said the comeback of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to power was the result of his "salesmanship" and asserted its primary role in the nation-building, even as the BJP insisted that it was the ten-year-long "policy paralysis" of the Congress rule which made the country realise the importance of strong leadership.

Initiating the debate on the motion of thanks on President's address, Congress leader in the Lok Sabha Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury launched a blistering attack on the Modi Government as the chair expunged some of his comments against the ruling dispensation.

Lashing out at the BJP for alleging a scam in the sale of 2G spectrum, he said if there was a wrongdoing why are UP chairperson Sonia Gandhi and Congress president Rahul Gandhi not in jail. "Why are they still in Parliament," he said and challenged the Modi Government to walk the talk.

He charged the BJP Government has developed "political plagiarism" syndrome and is only a "travesty of truth", saying it only tries to highlight its achievements ignoring the foundation laid down by his party.

Recalling former Prime Ministers Jawaharlal Nehru, Indira Gandhi and Rajiv Gandhi, Chowdhury listed out the achievements under the Congress Government and accused the BJP of just renaming 19 of the 23 schemes of the Congress party.

"This Government has developed a new syndrome called political plagiarism... Congress party has been contributing to growth (since Independence), but one morning you suddenly say the Congress has done nothing and you are doing all development work. It is nothing but travesty of truth..."

"You are a Government which can be called complacent addicted Government driven by manipulation," said Chowdhury who was the first speaker from Opposition to



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initiate discussion on the Motion of Thanks.

Congress leader Sonia Gandhi continued to prompt Chowdhury while he was attacking the BJP in his speech. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah were present in the House.

Stating it was the Congress party which initiated revolution like Green Revolution, White Revolution and Technology Revolution in the country, and increased GDP growth, Chowdhury said it was under the Congress that host of CPSEs like ONGC, IOC, NTPC, SBI and HAL were set up.

"The Congress is the soul of the nation. The Congress is synonymous with India... For us, country is ahead of the party... Although we have 52 members in the House, but we will continue to fight for the common man," he said.

He said the BJP rode-back to power as Modi is a "very big salesman" while the Congress failed to market its product in the Lok Sabha polls, he said, adding he accepted this fact.

"Our Prime Minister is a very big salesman. We (Congress) have been unable to sell our product, that is why we lost (Lok Sabha elections)," he said.

Taking a dig at Union Minister Pratap Sarangi, who had initiated the discussion for the Government, he said Sarangi crossed limits in his praise of Modi. This invited sharp reactions from the Treasury Benches as they referred to "India is Indira, Indira is India" remarks made by Congress leaders when Indira Gandhi was Prime Minister.

He said BJP MPs did not take steps to mitigate miseries of the people as they think

Modi will do everything. "They think that praising Modi is sufficient, he will help them sail through (Modi baba paar lagayenge)," he said.

Opening the debate for the Government, Sarangi hit out at what he called the Congress Government of "policy Paralysis", "accidental Prime Minister" and "Tukde-tukde-gang".

In his address, which barely touched on the contents of President's address, Sarangi was effusive in his praise for Modi and his leadership. Sarangi said he is grateful to Modi for making a man like him, who hails from a humble background, a Minister.

Sarangi's long speech was replete with "Sanskrit slokas" and interspersed with Bangla, Odiya, Hindi and English quotes.

Sarangi's jibe at the Congress on its refusal to accept people's mandate to Modi, made the Prime Minister smile. Taking on the Opposition party, Sarangi said the Congress made the BJP realise the importance of strong leadership as policy paralysis was a "new norm" during the ten-year rule of the party with the "accidental Prime Minister" at the helm.

"Policy paralysis was a new norm during those ten years. And it was Congress which made us realise the importance of strong leadership," he said.

Without naming former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, he said even the Congress Prime Minister was an "accidental Prime Minister".

Emphasising that both Modi and his Government are committed to the welfare of the poor and downtrodden, Sarangi said by 2022 every poor person will have a "pucca" house with toilet.

Return old India where there was culture of love: Azad

Keep New India to yourself and give the old India where there was no lynching and no hatred...Where Hindu and Muslims used to feel the pain of each other, says LoP in RS

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Leader of Opposition in the Rajya Sabha, Ghulam Nabi Azad, on Monday said the BJP won the Lok Sabha polls by practicing divisive policies, but in the process the 'nation stood defeated'.

Unleashing a fierce attack on the Government, Azad said under the 'New India', humans dreaded humans, glorifiers of killers of Mahatma Gandhi were in the ruling party, and incidents of mob lynchings were rampant.

Speaking on the motion of thanks to the President's address in the Rajya Sabha, Azad said unemployment is at all time high and heinous crime like rape on minors are abnormally on the rise.

Launching a scathing attack on the Government and its policies, Azad said a party could win elections on divisive policies but the "Nation stood defeated".

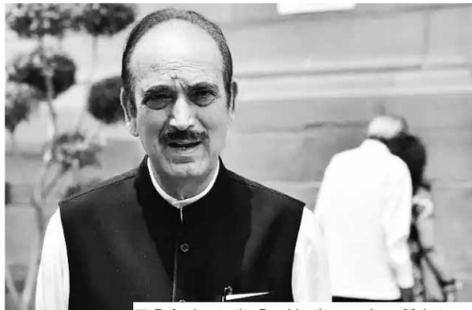
"Keep your New India to yourself but return our old India where there was a culture of love and... Where there was no lynching and no hatred...Where Hindu and Muslims used to feel the pain of each other," he said.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi was present in the House during Azad's address.

Referring to the President's speech on Mahatma Gandhi's 150th anniversary celebrations, Azad said unfortunately a candidate of the ruling party called the killer of the Father of the Nation a patriot and no action was taken and the candidate was a parliamentarian now.

"My tongue will burn...I cannot repeat the remarks...I have a complaint to the Prime Minister, why didn't you take action. Mahatma Gandhi may be Congress President but he was Father of the Nation...I would not have mentioned it here but President's speech mentions his birth anniversary celebrations...BJP should take action...It still has time till October..." Azad said.

While attacking BJP for defending 2008 Malegaon blast accused Sadiya Praga Thankur, Azad, however did not mention her by name and said: "How is this possible and how someone can defend this? Though it doesn't make any difference to us, this is a blot on



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On New India, he said it was full of hatred where people were afraid of people and not afraid while being in jungle.

"In old India, there was no hatred, anger or lynching. New India is one where humans are enemies of each other. You won't be scared of animals in a jungle but you'll be scared of humans here. Give us India where Hindus, Muslims, Sikhs and Christians live for each other."

Reacting to a recent case of lynching in Jharkhand, he said, "Jharkhand has become a factory of lynching and violence. Dalits and Muslims are being killed there every week. PM Modi, we are with you in the fight of 'Sabka saath sabka vikas' but it should be there for people to see it. We can't see it anywhere."

In a recent lynching incident, Tabrez Ansari, 22, died in a Jharkhand hospital on Sunday, days after he was brutally thrashed by a mob at Dhatkidih village in Seraikela district on suspicion of stealing a bike.

"We prefer to remain in opposition for 1,000 years but

cannot adopt your path...We cannot run government through TV. We can afford to be out of Parliament...A party can win on decisive policies but the Nation has lost. We want victory of the country," he said.

He said rapes were at all time high including heinous crimes like rapes on minor and that "Beti Padhao and Beti Bachao" was just plain talks. Azad said crime against women have risen manifold and urged government to ensure 50 per cent reservation to women in Parliament as it was having absolute majority. He said Congress's attempts were thwarted last time though the Women's reservation Bill was passed in Rajya Sabha. Unemployment, he said was at its peak with government trying to curb reports by various agencies and that the youth who voted for BJP needed justice. He said as per NSSO report, the unemployment was highest in the last five years.

On triple Talaq legislation, he said, the Opposition was also in favour but the government's intent should be clean.

He also attacked the BJP saying if the former Prime Ministers Jawaharlal Nehru, Indira Gandhi, Lal Bahadur Shastri and Rajiv Gandhi did not do anything then who laid the foundation of power plants, dams and hydro-electric projects, and cautioned the government to not be so callous.

Nadda reaches out to Opp for smooth RS run

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Reaching out to the Opposition parties and seeking their cooperation in smooth conduct of the House, BJP working president JP Nadda on Monday asked the Opposition to realise that disruption affected them the most.

Initiating a debate on the Motion of Thanks to the President's address in Rajya Sabha, Nadda said, "We should agree to disagree in the House. But we should not disagree just for the sake of disagreement. I appeal. I need all of yours support. There were many disruption in the House in the past. This (disruption affects) the opposition the most."

Outlining the direction of newly formed Modi 2.0, he told the House that this Government would work toward improving ease of living in the next five years to further reach out to the commoners in the country.

On Prime Minister Narendra Modi getting several international awards, he said: "These are all awards for India. Now India is not just a spectator but also a player in the international scene."

Seconding the motion, BJP member Sampatiya Uikey lauded the NDA Government for working for women's progress and improving their lives through various social sector schemes and policies during the past five years.

Speaking on the motion, SR Balasubramanian of the AIADMK suggested that elections which stretch too long should be avoided in the future, citing the example of the recently concluded general elections spread over seven phases across the country.

Referring to electronic voting machines (EVMs), he said, of late, there have a number of demonstrations by a political party that it can be tampered with on a booth level. Many advanced economies have paper ballot system. We must also go back to the paper ballot system, he said.

On the suggestion of hold-



ing Lok Sabha and State polls simultaneously, Balasubramanian said he does not know how feasible such a proposition is as reports so far suggest it is impractical.

Observing that funds which have to be disbursed to states must be given in time, he claimed that Central Government owes thousands of crores to Tamil Nadu which must be released at the earliest as otherwise the implementation of schemes would suffer.

Ram Gopal Yadav of the Samajwadi Party said some of the schemes cited in the President's address seem unachievable based on their proposed size and scale.

He alleged that fake encounters were taking place in the country on a large scale and FIRs are also not being lodged in such cases.

"If the country is safe then why our borders are shrinking," Yadav said, asking if it is not true that China is doing something or the other on our borders regularly.

"You (Government) can always raise your eyebrows against Pakistan but what happens when it comes to China," Yadav said.

He claimed that there was discrimination being practiced on the basis of religion and caste and alleged that some Samajwadi Party workers had been killed in Uttar Pradesh after the BJP-led Government came to power in the State.

Referring to the situation of jobs in the country, Yadav said the youth are disgruntled and disappointed.

Opp protests against EVMs, cheers for ballot paper

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

TMC leader Saugata Roy on Monday demanded avoiding of Electronic Voting Machine (EVM) and bring back the ballot system to ensure "transparency" in election process. BSP leader Danish Ali also questioned the reliability of EVMs. Both MPs were speaking on the Motion of Thanks to President's address in Lok Sabha.

"EVMs should be jettisoned. I am opposed to EVMs. Ballot papers should be brought back," Roy said in the Lok Sabha. He questioned how BJP leadership "knew" in advance the number of seats they were going to win in the Lok Sabha elections.

Roy said BJP president, a day before the election results were announced, declared that his party will win 300 seats. The party won 303 seats. "How is it possible?" His speech was interrupted by BJP MP Nishikant Dubey who objected to Roy raising the issue of EVMs in the House saying that Election Commission cannot be questioned. On point of order raised by Dubey, the Chair said that whatever is objectionable would be removed from records.

Danish Ali (BSP) said Prime Minister Narendra Modi should have convened an all-party meeting on the issue of EVMs and not simultaneous

polls. He claimed that the EVMs have helped the BJP return to power. Several BJP members hit back, saying that he, along with several other opposition members have also won the polls. He also alleged that the electoral bonds were used to help parties like BJP get funds from corporate houses.

Ali said corporate houses do not fund parties like the BSP, hence the electoral bond scheme was aimed at helping parties like the BJP.

Saugata Roy also charged that BJP is dividing the nation and has created mayhem in West Bengal. "They are dividing the country. We shall resist NRC tooth and nail," he said, regretting that former pracharak of RSS outfit, which was banned in 1948 for murder of Gandhi, has become the Prime Minister. "We will resist with all our might to save secularism".

Earlier in the morning, TMC MPs are holding a sit-in in front of Mahatma Gandhi's statue on the Parliament's premises, demanding election be held by ballot paper instead of electronic voting machines (EVMs).

The party, which has been crying foul over the use of EVMs in the recently-concluded Lok Sabha polls, on Monday said their agenda for the protest was — "No to EVMs, Yes to paper ballots."



TMC MPs stage a protest against the use of Electronic Voting Machines (EVM) in elections, at Parliament complex, in New Delhi, on Monday

Bill proposing voluntary use of Aadhaar as ID proof tabled

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Government on Monday introduced the Bill to allow voluntary use of Aadhaar as identity proof and reservations in jobs at Jammu & Kashmir to replace the Ordinances. Opposing the Aadhaar Bill, RSP MP NK Premchandaran said it was a "grave violation" of the Supreme Court's judgement on Aadhaar. He argued that private entities can get hold of Aadhaar data and violate fundamental rights especially the Right of Privacy.

Responding to the RSP MP, Union Information and Technology Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad said Aadhaar is a valid law, it is in national interest and doesn't violate privacy. He said so far more than 60 crore people have taken mobile SIM cards through Aadhaar and now it is not mandatory. Suggesting the Bill is in line with the apex court judgement, Prasad said people of India have accepted Aadhaar.

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The Bill proposes to allow voluntary use of Aadhaar number for authentication and identity proof in opening of bank accounts and procuring of mobile phone connections. The Bill also seeks to give a child an option to exit from the biometric ID programme on attaining 18 years of age, while stipulating stiff penalties for violation of norms set for use of Aadhaar and violation of privacy.

The EC had maintained that the dissent notes cannot be made part of the order as the poll code violation cases are not quasi-judicial in nature and that they are not signed by the chief election commissioner (CEC) and fellow commissioners. "They are like executive orders. They are summary decisions where decision is taken by the EC without hearing out counsels of the two parties. The orders are brief which are not signed by the three commissioners," explained an official after meeting.

Such orders are usually signed by the principal secretary or secretary of the EC concerned, the official said. Lavasa had reportedly dissented in as many as 11 EC decisions involving complaints against Modi and Shah for alleged MCC violation and where they were given a clean chit.



Besides this, the proposed amendments provide for establishment of Unique Identification Authority of India Fund, and confer enhanced regulator-like power on the UIDAI. The Jammu & Kashmir Reservation (Amendment) Bill, 2019 was introduced by Minister of State for Home G Kishan Reddy on behalf of Home Minister Amit Shah who was present in the House. People living along the International Border (IB) in Jammu & Kashmir will get benefits of reservation in direct recruitment, promotion and admission in professional courses on par with those living along the Actual Line of Control (ALoC), according to a Bill introduced in the Lok Sabha.

The Bill seeks to provide relief to people living in areas adjoining the International Border in Jammu & Kashmir. They can now avail benefits of reservation in direct recruitment, promotion and admission in different professional courses. People living in areas adjoining the IB in Jammu & Kashmir were not included in the ambit of the Jammu and Kashmir Reservation Act, 2004 and Rules, 2005.

Due to continuous cross-border tensions, persons living along the IB suffer from socio-economic and educational backwardness. Shelling from across the border often compels residents to move to safer places, which adversely impacts their education as schools and colleges remain closed for long periods.

Disclosure of Lavasa's dissent note may 'endanger life' of individual: EC

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Election Commission (EC) has refused to disclose under the RTI Act the dissent notes of its Commissioner Ashok Lavasa on decisions pertaining to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's speeches which were alleged to have violated model code, saying it was exempted information which may "endanger the life or physical safety" of an individual.

The EC was responding to Pune-based RTI activist Vihar Durve who had demanded Lavasa's dissent notes, pertaining to speeches given by Modi in rallies at Wardha on April 1, Latur on April 9, Patan and Barmer on April 21 and Varanasi on April 25.

The full commission of the panel, comprising Chief Election Commissioner Sunil Arora and members — Lavasa

and Sushil Chandra — had deliberated on the contentious issue, after which the EC said dissent notes and minority views would remain part of records but would not be part of its order.

"In the meeting of the Election Commission held today regarding the issue of MCC (Model Code of Conduct), it was, inter alia, decided that proceedings of the commission's meetings would be drawn, including the views of all the commission members," the EC had said in a statement after the meeting on May 21.

In the meeting, Lavasa is learnt to have stuck to his ground, pressing for his demand to include dissenting views in the orders. Since copies of the orders are sent to the complainant and respondents, they become public even if the commission does not share it with media.

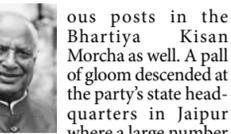
Raj BJP chief Madan Lal Saini passes away

Jaipur/New Delhi:

Rajasthan BJP president Madan Lal Saini died on Monday while undergoing treatment at AIIMS in Delhi, a party spokesperson said. Saini, also a Rajya Sabha MP, was 75.

He was diagnosed with infection in lungs and was admitted at a private hospital in Jaipur. On Saturday, he was shifted to Delhi owing to his deteriorating health and was being treated under the Hematology Department at AIIMS. "He was later shifted to the ICU after his condition further deteriorated. He passed away today around 7.09 pm," a source at AIIMS said.

Saini, who hailed from Sikar district, was appointed BJP state president last year. He was a former MLA and RSS volunteer who held vari-



ous posts in the Bhartiya Kisan Morcha as well. A pall of gloom descended at the party's state headquarters in Jaipur where a large number of BJP leaders and workers gathered after hearing the news of Saini's death.

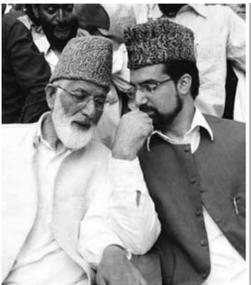
His body will be kept at the party office in Jaipur for visitors on Tuesday morning.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed grief and said Saini's death was a major loss for the BJP. "The passing away of Madanlal Saini Ji is a major loss for the BJP family. He contributed to strengthening the party in Rajasthan. He was widely respected for his congenial nature and community service efforts. My thoughts are with his family and supporters. Om Shanti," he tweeted. PTI

PAPER WITH PASSION

Will talks take off?

J&K Governor Satya Pal Malik and Hurriyat's Mirwaiz Umar Farooq may yet find a salve to a seriously damaged Valley



Given the shadow of the worst militant attacks in Pulwama and the ice-cold freeze on talks between India and Pakistan following the Balakot airstrikes, one had not expected this reciprocity. But the relentless overtures of Jammu and Kashmir Governor Satya Pal Malik in reaching out to the Valley's youth, village communities and now even the Hurriyat Conference for talks and dialogue have clearly got things moving. Hurriyat's moderate face and chairman Mirwaiz Umar Farooq has confirmed being part of the talks, saying a government with a massive mandate should initiate a political process and end the cycle of violence. At least the acquiescence to the Governor's olive branch assumes significance at a time when Hurriyat leaders are being watched closely and have certain security restrictions in place. It is no secret that the Government is cracking down severely on Pakistan's funding of militant activity, a move that has affected the Hurriyat, too. This squeeze perhaps explains the willingness of its leaders to sit across the table. But practically speaking, it seems the Hurriyat doesn't want to be seen as a deal-breaker either. Of course, the bigger question is whether the talks will indeed take place or just be reduced to another round of tokenism as it has happened before.

Looking at the offer through the post-Balakot prism, which redefined the dynamic of deterrence for Pakistan-exported terrorism for good, there are new realities to be confronted by both sides. The most worrying aspect of the Pulwama attack was that the suicide attacker was a local youth who had been drafted in by the Jaish-e-Mohammad. The government can hardly afford more young men falling into the snare set by Pakistan-sponsored militant networks and trainers. And the hostile environment cannot be allowed to fester. So it is looking for ways and means to mainstream the dispossessed youth, the village contact programme breaking the status quo of the local leadership, which had almost taken this section of society for granted. Besides, unlike the flagrant belligerence of tall claims made by the central leadership of the ruling BJP, the Governor has been prudent, staying away from committing himself to any talk on Article 371 and Article 35 A, declaring how the flag of Kashmir was being placed next to the national flag on his car, publicising his earnestness to settle the anger of the younger generation and pledging to fight the drug menace in the State, a plank raised by the Mirwaiz, too. Further, by announcing the distribution of free-to-air *Doordarshan* set-top boxes to residents of border areas in Jammu and Kashmir, Malik has also neutralised the one-way information propaganda rather tidily. Even before Pulwama, the government had been insisting on talks with locals, acknowledging separatists as stakeholders in the dialogue process in its earlier term. By making the right noises, the government is trying to steer the Hurriyat away from the Pakistan-dictated narrative and reminding its leadership that its appeal too would be lost without a connect with the local youth. At the same time, by trying to heal the disturbed youth, it is reaching out to a society that is clearly tired of the violence and whose members do not have it in them to send more martyrs to a lost cause. The common Kashmiri now wants peace, stability and anchorage and does not want to consider being a migratory species. Already the apolitical Kashmiri talent pool has all but left the Valley. Even the Hurriyat realises that it cannot lose its social endorsement. And though it is still in the Government's calipers, it doesn't want to lose its psychological hold over the locals or risk their weariness. Particularly at a time when Pakistan is under global pressure to tone down its adventurism. This is the reason why the pathological hatred of the hawkish Hurriyat leader Syed Ali Shah Geelani towards any peace move, which has been scuttling the talks process for years, is no longer relevant. And though the Hurriyat has been a collective identity, individually Mirwaiz and Yasin Malik had taken divergent positions. While there is no dilution of the Government's "no talks without terror" line with Pakistan, Governor Malik's non-adversarial, velvet glove approach has clearly softened the edges. Trust takes time to develop and the Government has to tread the ground cautiously without fanning jingoistic irritants and avoid missteps like the rubber pellet firing at children instead of stone pelters.

Delhi crimes

The easy availability and influx of illegal arms is a serious matter and should not be politicised



It would be easy enough to dismiss Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's claim of the city soaring high on the crime graph and the Delhi Police refuting his claim of nine murders in 24 hours as another bout of the persistent Centre-State duel. Some would even argue that the heightened rhetoric was geared towards the Assembly elections at the end of the year or early 2020 and that the Chief Minister was busy building a case for full statehood and handing over of policing powers to the State government. But that would be facetious for cold

facts seldom lie. So it is that a 1,169 crimes have already been recorded till May 2019 as against 842 in 2018. At least 220 bullets have been fired on the streets in 43 incidents over the last 30 days, resulting in 16 deaths. Of course, these do not include cases where victims were held at gunpoint or were waylaid, accosted, stabbed or bludgeoned. The crime map is uniform, equally prevalent in east, west, north and south. Worst, the shootings are not the result of gangland rivalries but triggered by petty issues of personal enmity, attempted robbery or snatching, even extortion, and have all taken place in the public eye.

There is no doubt about growing criminality in a stressed society as a tool for negotiation, considering that the justice redressal system is horribly compromised. But to get killed at the drop of a hat, either by strangers or friendlies, clearly is a major anomaly in the country's capital. Except, a surgical analysis clearly shows that street crimes have proportionately increased with the entry of illegally manufactured and procured weapons. Sleuths have actually narrowed down on illegal supplier networks. These retailers are safely ensconced in the Mewat region of Haryana, Aligarh in West Uttar Pradesh, Khargone in Madhya Pradesh and Bhawani Mandi in Rajasthan. Surprisingly, retired engineers and craftsmen, too, have been drafted into the illicit trade of arms manufacturing. For example, the Government owned British-era gun factory in Munger was shut down four decades ago and left hundreds of workers unemployed. They took to arms manufacturing in illegal units as they knew no other work. Besides, Delhi itself is fast emerging as a transit hub for arms. These illegal manufacturers have built factories, taking cover in forested areas or non-descript residential complexes. Though Delhi Police might be defending itself, let it not be forgotten that the High Court has been pulling it up for not evolving an effective pan-city mechanism of crime control and instead selectively addressing complaints and more recently, scaring citizens with brutalisation. Clearly, there is a security breach.

Delimitation debate

In no other State has 'political reservation' of seats taken place as in J&K. Governor Malik must use legislative powers to set up a commission and fix glaring anomalies



SANDHYA JAIN

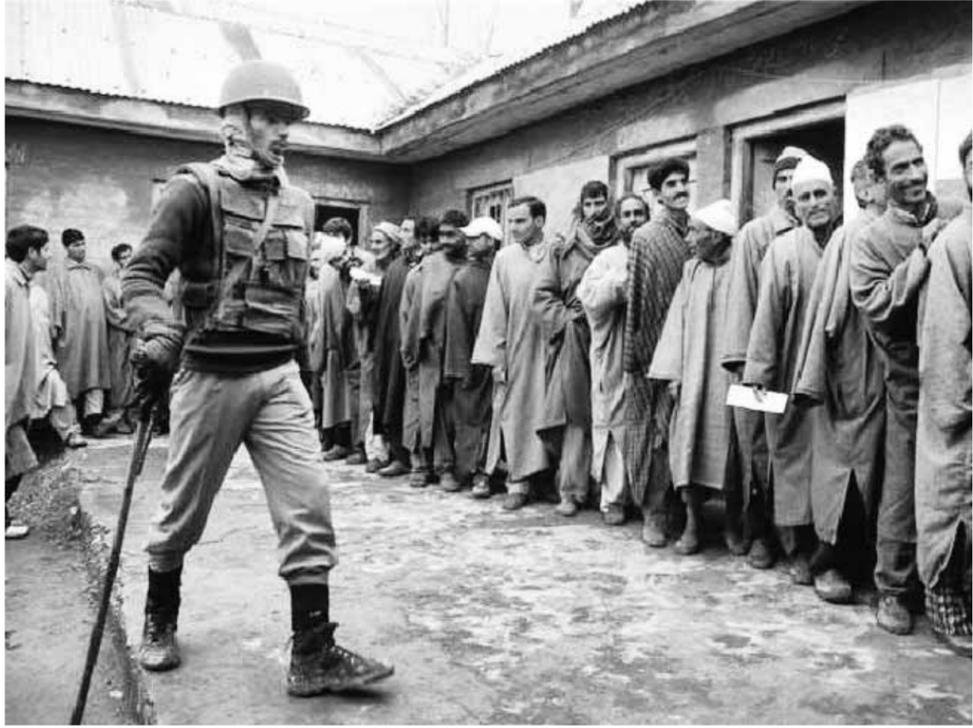
The recent euphoria over a fresh delimitation exercise to restructure the lopsided constituencies in Jammu & Kashmir quickly dissipated as the Centre denied media reports that Home Minister Amit Shah is considering such a move. Since then, Governor Satya Pal Malik has earned the public ire for asserting that the Government has no intention of scrapping Articles 370 and 35-A; his recommendation that the time is ripe for talks with separatist Hurriyat leaders has further inflamed some passions. Perhaps these are straws in the wind that suggest some changes are in the offing.

In a little-noted development, on June 16, the Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) Jammu & Kashmir unit passed a resolution seeking fresh delimitation of Assembly constituencies and de-freezing of at least eight of the 24 seats reserved for Pakistan-occupied territories. It lamented the "gross injustice done to Ladakh and Jammu regions" by previous National Conference (NC) Governments that gave undue weightage to the Kashmir valley and proposed that the eight seats be allotted to the Jammu region, for families that fled Pakistan-occupied Jammu & Kashmir (PoK) in 1947-48, currently estimated at 12-13 lakh.

It bears stating that the BJP has tried to ensure Indian citizenship to Hindus fleeing religious persecution in Pakistan. Under the first Modi Government, refugees settled in Rajasthan were granted citizenship and the trend continues. On World Refugee Day (June 20), 19 Pakistani migrants in the border district of Barmer received citizenship and another 10 people in Pali and five in Jalore were promised citizenship. Reports suggest that there are thousands of Pakistani Hindus in Rajasthan who are likely to receive citizenship soon. It is difficult to believe that the Centre will indefinitely ignore the plight of West Pakistan refugees in Jammu & Kashmir.

The BJP State unit also urged political reservation for Scheduled Tribes (Gujjars, Bakarwals, Gaddis and Sippis), who were given Schedule Tribe (ST) status in 1991, but denied reserved seats. Further, it objected to the law requiring Kashmiri Pandit migrants to fill the "M Form" for voting in the Valley. The regional angst over Kashmiri domination over the State is valid. After Maharaja Hari Singh's accession to India, the Constituent Assembly was set up but Sheikh Abdullah used the political weightage gifted to him by former Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru to unilaterally declare the delimitation: Kashmir (43), Jammu (30) and Ladakh (2). This became the entrenched orthodoxy that was later only tinkered with: Kashmir (46), Jammu (37) and Ladakh (4). Abdullah reserved 25 seats for the occupied regions, which was subsequently reduced to 24.

When the delimitation controversy broke out on June 4, former Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, in a number of tweets, offered the "legal position" on delimitation in Jammu & Kashmir. The freeze, he claimed, was imple-



mented only to bring the State at par with the rest of the country after the Constitution (84th Amendment) Act 2001 froze delimitation throughout India, until the first census is taken after the year 2026. The truth is a little more complex.

During Emergency, the Congress moved the Constitution (42nd Amendment) Act 1976, to freeze fresh delimitation after Census 2001, on the plea that changing the number of seats according to population punished States that had controlled their population growth. This protected the number of seats of southern States like Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Karnataka in the Lok Sabha and was generally viewed as fair by the rest of the country. In 1977, the Congress fared well in precisely these States.

A quarter century later, the Constitution (84th Amendment) Act 2001, postponed delimitation and prevented reallocation of seats to the States to reflect their growing population until the Census after 2026, ie, Census 2031. However, the 84th amendment permitted redrawing of boundaries of constituencies within the States to mitigate large differences and enable constituencies of more or less equal population strength.

The problem in Jammu & Kashmir begins with the arbitrary and partisan allocation of seats on provincial basis by

“IT SEEMS DOABLE TO USE THE LEEWAY GRANTED BY THE 84TH AMENDMENT ACT TO REDRAW THE CONSTITUENCIES WITHIN JAMMU & KASHMIR AFRESH, WITHOUT A PREDETERMINED WEIGHTAGE TO ANY PROVINCE, GIVING DUE REGARD TO POPULATION ON THE BASIS OF CENSUS 2011”



SOUNDBITE

We can survive if we have to do without a Nehru-Gandhi as the titular head of the party, provided they remain active.



Congress leader —Mani Shankar Aiyar

My autobiography can be perceived as an inspiration for those who live in small towns or even big cities. If I can reach here, then they can, too.



Actor —Anupam Kher

They (Pakistan) have closed their airspace that is their problem. Our economy is vibrant and air traffic is a very important part.



Air Chief Marshal —BS Dhanoa

I request you (Prime Minister Modi) to keep New India to yourself and give us our Old India where there was love and culture.



Congress leader —Ghulam Nabi Azad

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Afghan shocker

Sir — In Saturday's nail-biting encounter between India and Afghanistan, it was Mohammed Shami who ensured India's victory. He produced a brilliant hat-trick, thereby becoming the second Indian after Chetan Sharma to achieve this feat at the World Cup. Afghanistan put up a brave fight till the last over. The collapse of India's middle order is a cause for concern. This needs to be worked upon.

Sravana Ramachandran
Chennai

Not mending ways

Sir — This refers to the editorial, "Financial pressure" (June 24). Pakistan's bluff has been called many a time in the recent past. So this time, its failure to act against terrorism will not find any takers on world fora. India has done well to reiterate its position time and again that talks and terrorism cannot go hand-in-hand. But this alone has not pushed Islamabad into taking demonstrable action. Now, Pakistan has been told by the Financial Action Task Force

India's 'shameful' malnutrition crisis

In Bihar, more than 150 children lost their lives to the outbreak of encephalitis. Still, the avoidable mass deaths — a national tragedy and disgrace — do not seem to have galvanised the nation into action to mitigate malnutrition. Skeletons found adjacent to a hospital made a statement about the value attached to human life. Medical scientists have found out that malnourished children, who eat the litchi fruit during the day and go to bed on empty stomach, are more vulnerable and less immune than well-nourished children who miss the supper after eating the fruit.

The real killer is not the fruit but malnutrition — a by-product of dehumanising poverty. Malnutrition, like caste status, is inherited and can be eliminated by bringing about radical changes in political, social and economic order. The chance of that happening in the foreseeable future looks bleak. At the same time, it is practically possible 'here and now' to strengthen the public distribution system and provide guaranteed



minimum income to those living at or below the poverty line so as to combat hunger and starvation and avoid deaths. We are such an unequal society that we are faced with tackling the twin dialectical problems of obesity and malnutrition.

G David Milton
Maruthancode

Afghanistan's star leg-spinner Rashid Khan, who conceded 110 runs in his nine overs against England, also made a good comeback during the match with India. Had Mohammed Shami not accomplished his hat-trick in the final over, things for both the teams could have been entirely different.

Tushar Anand
Patna

Precarious situation

Sir — It is a sorry state of affairs in Chennai that water tankers take up to a month to deliver the volume you have booked. Consequently, people have to be dependent on private operators, who demand ₹3,000-₹5,000 for one tanker. Certainly, things would not have reached such alarming proportions had the water bodies been maintained properly and if sewage and garbage had not been dumped into them.

Shashank
Via email

Luck by chance

Sir — India's thrilling win over Afghanistan at Southampton by just 11 runs has sent the message loud and clear — no team should be underestimated. All rounder Mohammed Nabi, who played exceptionally well, deserves compliments for performing consistently so far.

Bal Govind
Noida

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FIRST COLUMN

A real solution to water woes

The Chennai water crisis calls for the establishment of a National Water Committee, consisting of scientists, administrators and domain experts



MARKANDEY KATJU

The country is witnessing acute water shortage in many areas either due to the failure of rains or inadequate rainfall. The crisis has been brewing in many States like Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Rajasthan, Gujarat and even the national capital of Delhi because of which people are suffering terribly.

In Chennai, women were seen lining up in queues, holding plastic buckets and waiting for tankers, some of which are reportedly fleecing the public. IT firms, restaurants and the construction industry have all admitted that they are struggling without water. Violent clashes between residents on the issue of water sharing, too, have been reported. Meanwhile, reservoirs supplying water to Chennai have all dried up.

A BBC report said, "India is facing its worst water crisis in its history." *India Today* stated that "50 per cent" of the country is staring at "drought." In this connection, this writer had written an article titled, "Water Woes", which was published recently in *The Hindu*. I also issued an appeal to Prime Minister Narendra Modi to immediately set up a 'National Water Committee' consisting of scientists, administrators and other eminent people to deal with the problem on a war footing.

This writer had set up a similar committee by a judicial order as a judge of the Supreme Court in *MK Balakrishnan vs Union of India* (2009) case under the chairmanship of former Secretary in the Union Ministry of Science and Technology, Thirumalachari Ramasami. In the case of *Delhi Water Supply & Sewage Disposal Undertaking vs State of Haryana* (1996), the Supreme Court observed, "Water is a gift of nature. Human hand cannot be permitted to convert this bounty into a curse, an oppression." However, scant notice was given to this admonition and the natural resource has been converted into precisely that.

When this writer was the Chief Justice of the Madras High Court (2004-2005), a Bench, presided over by him in *L Krishnan v. State of Tamil Nadu* (2005), noticed that most of the lands marked in the revenue records of the State as ponds or lakes had been encroached upon. Many houses and illegal shops were built on them. The Bench directed the removal of all illegal encroachments. It is doubtful if the order was effectively implemented by the authorities. In Karnataka last year, a piquant situation cropped up. While in the coastal and Malnad region as also some districts of the State, the rain fury wreaked havoc, other regions, especially the northern part of the State, witnessed drought-like situation during the same time. This was unbelievable.

China, too, experienced a similar situation before the 1949 Revolution. Some areas (those next to Hwang He, also known as the 'river of sorrow') experienced frequent floods, while others experienced drought. After the Chinese Revolution of 1949, the authorities constructed huge dams on these rivers. Canals were built to carry excess water to drought-hit areas. This way, flood as well as the drought problem was solved. Why could this not have been done in India, too?

States along the coastal lines have access to unlimited sea water but it needs to be desalinated. Desalination methods like reverse osmosis are extremely expensive. But with the help of scientific research, inexpensive methods can be found out. The Himalayas, too, have almost unlimited water in the form of snow but it needs to be harnessed properly. Other techniques like rain water harvesting must be made mandatory in all human settlements. All such efforts call for a strong political will — on the part of the Central as well as State Governments — using scientists (both Indian and foreign). Unfortunately, this will was missing until now.

Now that his Government has a mandate, it is hoped that Prime Minister Narendra Modi will not miss this opportunity. He should immediately set up the National Water Committee, giving it adequate funds and other support.

(The writer is a former Judge of the Supreme Court)



THE BJP RETURNED TO POWER AS MODI WAS A VERY BIG SALESMAN WHILE THE CONGRESS FAILED TO MARKET ITS PRODUCTS IN THE LOK SABHA POLLS.

—CONGRESS LEADER
ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY

POINT COUNTERPOINT



THE OPPOSITION SHOULD RESPECT PEOPLE'S MANDATE FOR A MAN WITH HUMBLE BACKGROUND LIKE MODI AND AGAINST DYNASTY.

—UNION MINISTER
PRATAP CHANDRA SARANGI

The Emergency saga

Successive failures of the Congress are stern lessons for those in power as well as the Opposition. Perhaps one can find succour by reading the *Jnanappana*, which is still relevant



KUMAR CHELLAPPAN

The 44th anniversary of the Emergency is an ideal occasion to recall what George Santayana, the Spain-born essayist, poet and novelist had said: "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it." Santayana may not have studied much about Indian politics or democracy but what he said is relevant even today. He was brought to the Indian narrative by the legendary Nanabhoy Palkhivala. He was the one who gave us back our democracy from the very people who robbed us of it. The Emergency declared by the then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi on June 26, 1975, remains a blot on the nation. Fundamental rights were suspended by Indira Gandhi to safeguard her authority and power from marauders in the Congress itself for which there was no dearth.

The run-up to the declaration of the Emergency had begun immediately after the 1971 general election, which returned the Congress to power with a record number of 352 seats. Raj Narain, the Opposition candidate who was defeated by Indira Gandhi from Rae Bareilly constituency, challenged her victory by filing a complaint in the Allahabad High Court. Narain's contention was that Indira Gandhi had violated all norms mentioned in the Representation of the People Act, 1951, and had even misused official powers during the election campaign. Interestingly, the truth was that she would have won the election even if she had not used her official position because the Rae Bareilly constituency was the home-turf of the Nehru-Gandhi clan.

Justice Jagmohanlal Sinha, who heard the petition filed by Narain, was convinced that Indira Gandhi had committed Constitutional impropriety by misusing the services of her officials as well as senior pilots of the Indian Air Force, who ferried her from one place to the other for campaign meetings. On June 12, 1975, Justice Sinha, in a landmark judgement, set aside the election of Indira Gandhi and disqualified her for six years from contesting elections. Once the court delivered its verdict, a race for the top post began in the Congress, which threatened the Gandhi clan's hitherto unchallenged supremacy in the party and in the Government. It was to quell this rebellion that Indira declared internal Emergency by subverting the Constitution.

Chroniclers attribute the advice to declare Emergency to Siddhartha Shankar Ray, the then Chief Minister of West Bengal, who was an eminent jurist and trouble-shooter for the Congress. The rest is history as the party resorted to blatant misuse of official machinery and throttled civil rights. The media was subjugated to suit the convenience of Indira Gandhi and her second son, Sanjay Gandhi, who was in a hurry to occupy the chair of the Prime Minister. Those, who now cry from the rooftops over the violation of media freedom, should also focus on historicity and analyse why it is so easy to coerce the media today. Sadly, the Emergency doesn't have a discernible recall in recent memory simply because there was no internet or 24x7 news channels back then.

The official national media, the *All India Radio*, ended up as All India Radio, broadcasting the speeches made by her and singing paens in her support. People started whispering that *akashvani* has degenerated into *Indirawani*! Newspapers and magazines had to get news reports and features cleared by the official censor appointed by the Government. The management of the anti-establishment *Indian Express* was usurped by the

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JNANAPPANA HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH HINDUTVA, SECULARISTS, COMMUNALISTS AND RATIONALISTS WILL GAIN A LOT BY READING THIS POETRY. IT IS AN IDEAL FOUNDATION STONE THROUGH WHICH ONE CAN BUILD A SELFLESS AND DEDICATED CAREER. IT IS WRITTEN IN CHASTE MALAYALAM SO THAT EVEN ILLITERATE MASSES CAN UNDERSTAND THE PRIDE AND THE TRUE WORTH OF WEALTH
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Government of the day. But what shook the conscience of the nation and the world was the scant disregard shown by Indira Gandhi towards the titans of India's freedom movement.

Opposition leaders like Jayaprakash Narayan, Morarji Desai, Pilloo Mody, George Fernandes, Biju Patnaik, Charan Singh and hundreds of leaders like them were arrested and put behind bars under the provisions of the dreaded Maintenance of Internal Security Act. But the Communist Party of India stood like a solid rock behind Indira's misadventure. Many activists in Kerala were taken into custody by the police and subjected to third degree torturing, which resulted in them losing their health and source of livelihood. Members of the Association of Emergency Victims, who are still around in Kerala, recount the police brutalities experienced by them during the dark days.

As she came under international pressure, Indira Gandhi was forced to call for the general election in March 1977. As per the norms, the general election should have been held in 1976 after the customary five-year tenure. But Indira Gandhi had got the Constitution subverted and managed to prolong the tenure of her Government. The 1977 election saw the Congress getting decimated by the Janata Party, a hastily formed conglomeration of Opposition parties, many of whom hated each other. The Indian voters gave a befitting reply to the high-handed behaviour of the rulers. It was a warning to the dictators that howsoever hard they suppress the people and keep them subjugated, the voters would repudiate and reject them at the first available opportunity. The 1977 results were a reminder that *ahimsa* was still alive. But rulers failed to learn the cardinal law about democracy that people are the king-makers.

Though the Janata Party was formed under the guidance of Jayaprakash Narayan, by merging a number of political outfits, it did not last long because of a turf war between some prominent lead-

ers and their insatiable thirst for power and wealth. Instead of fighting against anti-democratic forces and those undermining the country from inside, the Janata *parivar* fought among themselves.

"Divided we fought, united we fell" was the moral of the Janata story. In the 1980 general election, voters were left with no alternative other than Indira Gandhi, who approached the voters with slogans like "Government that works" and "Indira bulao, desh bachao".

She was given a huge mandate with 353 seats. It is doubtful whether Indira Gandhi or her party, the Congress (yes, it was Indira's Congress. DK Barooah, former Congress president had declared that Indira was India and India was Indira), had learnt anything from the ignominy of the 1977 defeat. For thereafter, corruption reached new levels. When her detractors cried foul, Indira Gandhi retorted that corruption was a global phenomenon and India could not stay insulated from its impact.

While a decimated Opposition looked on helplessly, Chief Ministers were ousted in quick succession. State Governments led by the Janata Party were made to defect *en masse* to the Congress and declare support to Indira Gandhi. The likes of Bhajan Lal, the then Haryana Chief Minister, were the 'mascots' of Indian politics. The name of Bhajan Lal cropped up recently when one saw the defection of four Telugu Desam Party MPs to the BJP under the guise of merger. These were the same MPs who had stalled the proceedings of the Rajya Sabha for days in 2018, demanding special category status to Andhra Pradesh. Isn't this a repetition of history?

Neither Indira Gandhi nor her son Rajiv Gandhi learnt from past mistakes. To a question from the media whether he would resort to internal Emergency, Rajiv Gandhi, who succeeded Indira after her assassination, replied that he would declare Emergency if the situation demanded. The then Prime Minister went

to the extent of describing the Opposition as limpets and parasites. Victory had gone to Rajiv's head and there was no return from that "exalted" position.

Successive failures of the Congress are a stern reminder to those in power as well as the Opposition. Poonthannam Nambudiri, the great Malayalam poet (1547-1640) wrote in *Jnanappana* (the *Song of Divine Wisdom*) that "Maalikamukal Eriya Mannante Tholi Maarappu Kettunnathum Bhawan", meaning: "God can make the King who is sitting in his palace to end up as a beggar with a dirty bag hanging from his shoulders." *Jnanappana*, written in chaste Malayalam so that even illiterate masses could understand the follies behind pride and arrogance and the meaninglessness of wealth, is a mirror where we can see the reflections of modern-day life.

No, it has nothing to do with Hindutva. Secularists, communalists and rationalists will gain a lot by reading this poetry. It is an ideal foundation stone through which one can build a selfless and dedicated career. In modern times, dirty bags might have given way to smart phones as we find any number of opportunists in Tamil Nadu and Kerala operating with connectivity provided by telcos. *Jnanappana's* relevance to modern-day politics increases when one sees MK Stalin of the DMK calling for the coronation of Rahul Gandhi as the Prime Minister of India. It was Indira Gandhi who summarily dismissed the democratically elected DMK Government headed by M Karunanidhi in 1976 and that too during the days of internal Emergency. The English version of *Jnanappana* is still available around. People can approach Swami Chidanandapuri of Kulathur Ashram in Kerala for a discourse on the same. Listening to *Jnanappana* is a refreshing experience and can help us to stay firmly with our foot fixed on the ground.

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Some merit in 'one poll' idea

Both the Centre and States should focus on governance for a full five years without any distraction and implement structural reforms for sustainable development besides saving tens of thousands of crores in election expenses. Let's at least debate the idea



UTTAM GUPTA

The Prime Minister's idea of "one nation, one election" is being staunchly opposed by many political parties, mainly on the grounds of it being undemocratic and an assault on the federal polity and, hence, unconstitutional. Opposition parties have argued that in the case of simultaneous poll to both Parliament and State Assemblies, national issues will dominate over State-specific subjects. This may yield fortuitous benefit to the dominant national party as the voter won't be able to clearly articulate his/her choice while casting the vote to elect members to the Assembly.

which does not enjoy the confidence of the State subjects on local issues, will get to rule the States, too. Most parties fear that in the pursuit of "one party rule," the Modi-Shah duo intends to use the "one nation, one election" idea to install and perpetuate the BJP-led Government across the country.

Frankly, the political apprehensions need to be dispelled. One might argue that while voting at the same time for the Parliament and the Assembly, the choice of the voter will get obliterated. Yes the centrist party stands to benefit from a nationalist swell, particularly if it is in a dominant position in the State. And unless the voter is able to make educated and informed choices on local and national issues, things could go its way. But we should not under-estimate the voter as is amply corroborated by the just-concluded Lok Sabha polls. Elections to some State Assemblies, viz Andhra Pradesh and Odisha, were held co-terminus. Despite an overriding national narrative favouring Prime Minister Modi, voters in these States showed clear preference for regional parties, namely the YSR Congress and the Biju Janata Dal, who



got an absolute majority. Just because the voters exercised franchise at the same time for both the Lok Sabha and the State did not deter them from giving overriding importance to local issues. Nevertheless, one cannot write off the possibility that there could be uniformity of narratives.

Critics have also raised doubts about uncertainties that could arise if the ruling party loses the vote of confidence before its mandated term. But they need to recognise that these can

at best be a rare situation and not a matter of routine (public gives mandate to a Government to run its full-term and all stakeholders should ensure that this is honoured). Still, such a scenario (albeit rare) can be addressed by either electing a new leader (who enjoys the confidence of the House) or holding fresh election for the "residual" term.

Even so, our forefathers had contemplated simultaneous elections only. Things were on the right track till the mid-1960s, when the then ruling dis-

pensation disturbed the appellation by "premature" dissolution of some State Assemblies (1968/1969) and the Lok Sabha (1970). With the dismissal of many more elected Governments (courtesy, misuse of Article 356 on most occasions) thereafter, the mismatch got aggravated.

At present, a State Assembly goes to polls almost every other year. Of course, this does jeopardise the continuity and implementation of Central policies in a continuous manner. This imposes unprecedented social and economic cost on the nation. It is not just the official expense of conducting elections (in a big state like Maharashtra, it can go up to ₹1,000 of crores) but also several thousand crores being spent by political parties. In turn, this gives boost to corruption and other unethical practices even as parties seek to raise funds to support the mammoth expenditure.

The bigger damage, however, arises due to distraction from issues of governance (as parties are in election mode all through) even as the imposition of the Model Code of Conduct (MCC) — each time an election exercise is taken

up — leads to stoppage of all major policy decisions which impede development (a case in point is delay in completion of the dedicated freight corridor project).

Furthermore, with almost every political party prone to promising more and more sops/subsidies to win elections, no incumbent Government has the gumption to implement hard reforms, which would entail withdrawal of certain subsidies like fertilisers and power among others, not even to the better-off sections of the society or not so poor. Forget that, it can't even take harsh measures needed to rein in power theft due to the fear of losing its vote bank in *juggis*/slums.

This subsisting chaotic system needs attention. Both the Centre and States should focus on governance for a full five years without any distraction and implement structural reforms for sustainable development besides saving tens of thousands of crores in election expenses. It would also pave the way for electoral reforms. Of course, the ball has just got rolling. Let there be a comprehensive debate.

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FOREIGN EYE



LOST GROUND

In the case of trade with China and North Korea's nuclear weapons development, getting deals that Obama couldn't would be welcome. But without a road map, Trump's brinkmanship with China could still escalate into a mutually ruinous trade war, and Kim might decide that North Korea's only option is to accelerate its nuclear programme. The G-20 meeting will be Trump's chance to show that he has learned what friends are for. (The New York Times)

Jet creditors asked to submit claims by July 4



PTI ■ MUMBAI

The resolution professional for Jet Airways, which was admitted to the NCLT last week for bankruptcy, has invited claims from all creditors to the grounded airline.

The airline owes over ₹8,500 crore to a consortium of 26 banks led by State Bank, and over ₹13,000 crore to the tens of hundreds of vendors and around 23,000-odd employees.

"The creditors of Jet Airways are hereby called upon to submit their claims with proof on or before July 4, to the interim resolution profession-

al. Financial creditors shall submit their claims with proof by electronic means only," resolution professional Ashish Chhawchharia of Grant Thornton said in a public notice.

All other creditors shall submit their claims with proof in person, by post or by electronic means, it added.

The lenders, who had been owning the airline since March 25 with 51 percent stake, had on June 17 decided to take the airline, which stopped flying on April 17, to the NCLT as they could not find a buyer.

Even the only preliminary bid from the Etihad-Hinduja

consortium reportedly wanted the banks to take 90-95 percent haircut and also exemptions from open offer norms, which would not have been possible for the lenders to commit.

On June 20, the National Company Law Tribunal admitted the insolvency petition filed by State Bank of India against the airline.

On that day, the tribunal comprising VP Singh and Ravikumar Duraisamy had given a verbal direction to the RP to try and finish the resolution process in three months even though the law allows six months, as "the matter is of national importance."

₹ does U-turn, rises 23 paise to 69.35 against US dollar

PTI ■ MUMBAI

After opening on a weak note, the rupee recovered the lost ground and finally settled 23 paise higher at 69.35 to the US dollar amid weakening of the greenback against major currencies.

At the interbank foreign exchange (forex), the domestic currency witnessed heavy volatility. The local unit opened at 69.58 a dollar and touched a low of 69.60 and high of 69.34 during the day.

The local unit finally closed at 69.35 against the American currency, registering a rise of 23 paise over its previous close.

On Friday, the rupee had settled at 69.58 against the US dollar.

"Sustained weakness in the Dollar Index could be the prime reason for strength in the domestic currency," said V K Sharma, Head PCG & Capital Markets Strategy, HDFC Securities.

The dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, fell 0.22 per cent to 96.00.

Forex traders said the uptick in the rupee assumes significance amid Brent above \$65 per barrel, foreign fund outflows and resignation of RBI Deputy Governor Viral Acharya.

Brent crude futures, the global oil benchmark, fell 0.14 per cent to trade at \$65.11 per barrel.

I-T Dept issues notices in 380 cases of undisclosed foreign assets of ₹12,260 cr



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Income Tax Department has issued notices in 380 cases involving undisclosed assets of over ₹12,260 crore under the foreign black money act, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said Monday.

In a written reply to a question in the Lok Sabha, she said prosecution has been launched in 68 cases.

"As an outcome of the actions taken by the I-T Department under Black Money (Undisclosed Foreign Income and Assets) and Imposition of Tax Act, 2015, as

on April 30, 2019, notices under the Act have been issued in over 380 cases involving undisclosed foreign assets and income valued over ₹12,260 crore," Sitharaman said.

The Department takes actions, like searches, surveys, enquiries, assessment of income, levy of tax/interest/penalty and launching prosecution, against those possessing black money.

As per data, the Department has conducted searches on 983 groups and seized ₹1,584 crore in 2018-19, up from 582 cases involving seizure amount of ₹993 crore in 2017-18 fiscal.

Business Corner



Another moment of pride came into the lap of Assam Rifles, when the legendary woman boxer MC Mary Kom agreed to guide, motivate & interact with the Assam Rifles Boxing Teams



Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID), has signed MoU with Energy Management Centre (EMC), Kerala to have long term association in the areas of Energy Efficiency and Sustainable Energy



NHDC Limited, a Joint Venture of NHPC Limited and Government of Madhya Pradesh, has signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the financial year 2019-20 at Faridabad with NHPC Limited, India's Premier Hydropower utility and a Schedule 'A' Mini Ratna Enterprise of the Government of India.

Indian suppliers integral part of our global supply chain: Boeing

HAL celebrated a milestone with Boeing with the delivery of 150th gun bay door for F/A-18 Super Hornet

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Indian suppliers are an integral part of Boeing's global supply chain, a top official of the aerospace major said as Boeing and Hindustan Aeronautics Limited marked an important milestone in their collaboration.

Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) celebrated a milestone with Boeing with the delivery of the 150th gun bay door for the F/A-18 Super Hornet.

The Boeing F/A-18 Super Hornet is a twin-engine supersonic all-weather, carrier-capable multi-role combat jet delivering cutting-edge, next-generation multi-role strike fighter capability.

HAL has been Boeing's

long-term supplier in India for over 25 years. Boeing awarded HAL the contract to manufacture gun bay doors for the Super Hornet in 2007.

"We are proud of our partnership with HAL. This delivery of the 150th gun bay door for the Super Hornet demonstrates that Indian suppliers are an integral part of Boeing's global supply chain," Salil Gupte, president, Boeing India, was quoted as saying in a statement.

"This milestone is yet another endorsement of our commitment to India, which is well recognised today, because we've been investing and making in India for several years now," he said.

"Our investments in India are robust and ongoing, spanning technology, hi-tech innovation, production capacity, establishing a supply chain network, and developing skilling centres for aerospace manufacturing in India," Gupte added.

Boeing has offered to build a 21st century aerospace ecosystem in India for manufacturing the F/A-18 Super Hornet with Indian partners, HAL and

Mahindra Defence Systems (MDS), the statement said.

This production will create thousands of jobs and hundreds of suppliers in India, similar to the largest Boeing aerospace ecosystem that exists in the US, to help realise the Make in India vision to its full potential, it said.

DLF Camellias tops super luxury segment in India: PropEquity study

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

In a note released by PropEquity, a real estate data, research and analytics firm on Monday, it said DLF Camellias has emerged as the No 1 project in the Super luxury segment in India both in terms of Price appreciation and Absorption.

The project has appreciated annually by 15% since its launch in 2014 and has appreciated by 88% on an absolute basis. Over 65 percent of the project has been sold.

Ready to sign 'no back-door' pact with Govt; others should also sign it: Huawei

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Chinese telecom gear maker Huawei Monday said it is ready to sign "no back door" agreement with the Indian Government to discourage espionage, and other companies should also follow suit.

Huawei's business engagement in India is under scrutiny by the Government after the US restricted hardware as well as software supplies to it.

"We are proposing to the Indian government that we are ready to sign 'no back door' agreement. We encourage other OEMs (original equipment manufacturers) also to sign this kind of agreement with the government and telecom operators," Huawei India Chief Executive Officer Jay Chen told PTI.

"Back door" in technology products refers to arrangement with government or with any third party to share customers' data in an unauthorised manner with mala fide intention.

The telecom department had come up with security

guidelines in 2011 that mandated telecom operators to install certified equipment and devices in their network to ensure they are free from malicious softwares or bug.

It proposed hefty penalties on telecom companies for failing to ensure compliance to the law. However, the government is yet to set up labs to examine security issues in telecom gears and products. The US Government has alleged that law in China warrants its companies to share data with country's intelligence for national security.

Chen said that Huawei has conducted research on Chinese law on its own and with the help of big legal firms based in the US, UK and Australia.

"They did some comparison. The Chinese intelligence law says that citizens and companies are supposed to cooperate if there is some national security threat but they never asked to share data or cooperate for state spying. Similar laws exist in the US, UK, Australia and India too," Chen said.

BHEL wins ₹840 cr emission control equipment order from NPGCL

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Amidst stiff competitive bidding, Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) has won an order for emission control equipment from Nabinagar Power Generating Company Limited (NPGCL) - a subsidiary of NTPC Ltd. Valued at about ₹840 crore, the order involves supply and installation of Flue Gas Desulphurization (FGD) system for control of SOx emissions at the 3x660 MW Nabinagar project of NPGCL in Aurangabad district of Bihar.

BHEL has been a major player in this area for over a decade and was one of the earliest entrants in the Indian market for emission control equipment, having successfully executed FGD system at Tata Power's Trombay Unit 8 in 2008. With this order, BHEL is presently executing FGD systems for 23 units of NTPC and its JVs.



Rakesh Kumar Arora has assumed the additional charge of Director (Finance), NBCC (I) Ltd., in addition to his current assignment of Director (Finance) in Housing and Urban Development Corporation (HUDCO). An order to this effect has been issued by the Company's Administrative Ministry, the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India

Thomas Cook India launches 'Travolution'

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Thomas Cook (India) Ltd., an integrated travel and related financial services company, championing the spirit of Yoga with the introduction of "Travolution", on the occasion of International Yoga Day. Giving impetus to physical and mental well-being, its Travolution wellness packages, invite Indians to travel to find inner peace; yoga being an integral component.

Through this initiative, the company plans to revolutionize holidays into transformational travel via its unique yoga and wellness experiences.

Bajaj Allianz Life unveils 'Life Goals Preparedness Survey'

New Delhi: Leading private life insurer, Bajaj Allianz Life, on Monday, unveiled India's first ever study on the country's life goals. India's Life Goals Preparedness Survey 2019 is the company's first flagship survey to identify the life goals, and aspirations of India, and how Indians are preparing to get them done.

In the Bajaj Allianz Life India's Life Goals Preparedness Survey 2019 over 150 life goals were mapped. What stands out in these goals is how seriously Indians are considering unconventional life goals. PNS

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified male Age : About 50 years, Height: 5'7", Complexion: Shallow, Face: Round, Build: Thin, Identification: "卐" tattoo on both hands, wearing White colour lining shirt and Grey colour half pant, was found unconscious on 19.06.2019 at Chowk Hauz Qazi. He admitted in LNJP Hospital, during the treatment doctor declare him dead. In this regard a DD No. 42-A dated 19.06.2019 u/s 174 Cr.P.C. has been lodged at P.S. Hauz Qazi, Delhi. The dead body has been preserved for identification for 72 hours in the mortuary of MAMC, Hospital, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone nos.

SHO : P.S. Hauz Qazi, Delhi
Ph.: 011-23210414, 23212482, 23234511

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED BOY

General public is hereby informed that a boy namely Sonu, S/o: Neetu Singh, R/o: RZ-Q-172/A, Khasra No. 36/5, Nihal Vihar, Delhi has been missing/kidnapped since 31.05.2019 from the area of P.S Nihal Vihar, Delhi. In this regard FIR No. 365/19 u/s 363 IPC, dated 01.06.2019 has been registered at P.S. Nihal Vihar. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing/kidnapped boy but no clue has come to light so far. The description of missing/kidnapped boy is as under:

Name: Sonu, Age: 12 Years, Height: 4'6", Face: Round, Complexion: Shallow, Wearing: Black T-Shirt, Blue Jeans Pant and Red Sandal in feet, Identification: A black mole on right side thigh.

If anyone has any information about this missing/kidnapped boy please inform P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi.

Email: cbc@cbi.gov.in Website: http://cbi.nic.in SHO Ph.: 011-23015229, 23015218 Police Station, Nihal Vihar, Delhi Tel.: 011-24368639 Ph: 011-25946700, 25946710

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person Upender, S/o: Brij Kishor, R/o: C-755, Mangol Puri, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case E-FIR No. 873/16 u/s 379/411 IPC at P.S. Mangol Puri, Delhi and his warrant of arrest there upon issued has been return with the report that the said Upender, cannot be found and whereas if has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Upender, has absconded (or is evading himself to avoid the service of the warrant.) Proclamation is hereby made that said Upender, accused in E-FIR No. 873/16 u/s 379/411 IPC at P.S. Mangol Puri, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 14/11/2019.

By Order
Sh. Rakesh Kumar-II, Metropolitan Magistrate, (North-West Distt.)
Room No. 105, 1st Floor,
Rohini Court, Delhi
DP/2336/OD/19-(Court Matter)

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General Public is hereby informed that one girl Namely: Seeta, D/o: Ram Bilash, R/o. 652, Saini Mohala, Nihal Vihar, Nangloi, Delhi has been missing/ kidnapped since 05.02.2016 from the area of P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi. In this regard a case vide FIR No. 121/16 u/s 363 IPC dated 07.02.2016 has been registered at P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi. The description of the missing/kidnapped girl is as under: Age: 15 years Height: 4'10", Face: Long, Complexion: Wheatish, Wearing: Red Suit-Black Salwar and cream plastics chappal in feet. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the girl but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this girl kindly inform to the following.

Website: http://cbi.nic.in E-mail Id - cbc@cbi.gov.in Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641 SHO Fax No. 011-24368639 P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi DP/2327/OD/19 Ph.: 011-28363001, 7065036120

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is hereby informed that a Male namely Satbir Sharma S/o Late Sh. Ram Kishan Sharma, R/o 3617/5, Narang Colony, Tri Nagar, Delhi, Age : 60 yrs., Height : 5'6", Complexion : Fair, Face : Long, Built : Normal, Wearing : Green Colour T-shirt and Sky Colour Pajama, has been missing / kidnapped since 11.06.2019. In this regard a case DD. No. 14-A dated 13.06.2019 has been lodged at PS. Keshav Puram, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local Police to trace out the missing / kidnapped Male but no clue has come to light so far.

if anyone have any information about this missing / kidnapped Male please inform undersigned.

Website: http://cbi.nic.in, Email: cbc@cbi.gov.in, Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641, Fax: 011-24368639

SHO PS. Keshav Puram, Delhi Ph.: 011-27181325, 27156090

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is hereby informed that a boy namely Nikhil, S/o Sh. Raj Kumar Soni, R/O Jhuggi No.163, Double Phattak, Near Nala, Kishan Ganj, Delhi. The boy has been missing from the area of P.S. D.B.G. Road, Delhi since 15.06.2019.

In this regard FIR No. 116/19, u/s 363 IPC, dated 16.06.2019 has been registered at P.S. D.B.G. Road, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the missing boy but no clue has come to light so far.

The description of the missing boy is as under: Name: Nikhil, Age: 9 Years, Height: 4'2" Complexion: Shallow, Face: Oval, Built: Thin, Wearing: Light Green & Black Colour Full Sleeve Shirt, Black Colour Jeans and Black Colour Foam Sandal in his Feet.

If anyone has any information regarding this missing boy, kindly inform SHO/P.S. D.B.G. Road, Delhi.

Email: cbc@cbi.gov.in, Website: http://cbi.nic.in SHO Ph.: 011-23011334 P.S. D.B.G. Road, Delhi DP/6376/CD/19 Ph. No. 011-23537374, 08750870429

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General Public is hereby informed that one girl Namely: Jaya Chaudhary @ Payal, D/o: Anil Kumar, R/o: H. No. B-64, Vill, Naharpur, Sec-7, Rohini, Delhi, near Saini Chopal, Age: 18 Years, Height: 5'3", Face: Round, Complexion: Fair, Wearing: Red Colour Suit & Salwar has been missing/ kidnapped from the area of PS North Rohini since 24.02.2019. In this regard DD No. 33-A dated 26.02.2019 has been lodged at PS. North Rohini, 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 the undersigned.

SHO PS. North Rohini, Delhi Ph.: 011-27048210, 27048211

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is hereby informed one girl namely Mansi, D/o Madan Lal, R/o H.No. B-225, Rishal Garden, Nihal Vihar, Delhi, Age: 17 Years, Height: 5'2", Complexion: Fair, Face: Oval, Wearing Orange Top-Blue Jeans and Blue Hawaii Chappal in feet, has been missing/kidnapped from the area of P.S. Nihal Vihar since 21.05.2019. In this regard a FIR No. 346/19 u/s 363 IPC, Dated 22.05.2019 has been lodged at P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the girl but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about her please inform undersigned.

Website : http://cbi.nic.in E-mail : cbc@cbi.gov.in SHO Ph: 011-24368639 P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi DP/2287/OD/19 Ph.: 011-25946700, 25946710

ADMK, DMK in water war

Opp says it won't allow transportation of water from Jolarpettai in Vellore district to Chennai



Water woes
CHENNAI

The water crisis plaguing Tamil Nadu has turned out to be a full blown out water war between the ruling AIADMK and the Opposition DMK. As part of its efforts to unseat the AIADMK Government, the DMK leadership declared on Monday that it would not allow transportation of water from Jolarpettai in Vellore district to Chennai.

Chief Minister Edappadi Palaniswami had announced on Friday that a 50 wagon train would be pressed into service to transport 10 million litres water per day from Jolarpettai to Chennai. The Government has set apart Rs 65 crore to meet the cost of transporting the water and other expenses. Palaniswami told mediapersons after a Cabinet meeting which was convened to discuss the water shortage in Chennai.

But Durai Murugan, treasurer, DMK, declared that his party would oppose the State Government's move to transport water from Jolarpettai to Chennai. Murugan who was the Minister for Public Works Department in the previous DMK Government disclosed that at present the Tamil Nadu Government was bringing stagnant and polluted water from quarries. "I have seen people dumping carcasses of animals in these quarries. The AIADMK Government is supplying water through tanker lorries so that it could get commission from lorry owners," alleged Murugan.

The declaration of Murugan that his party would prevent transporting water from Jolarpettai to Chennai has taken the people by surprise. "Till now, the water war was confined to States. The announcement by Durai Murugan would lead to a situation where people in one district fight their counterparts in neighbouring district," said Narayanan Thirupathi, BJP leader.

Murugan is reportedly worried over the poll prospectus of



DMK chief MK Stalin addresses protesters (below) during protest against AIADMK Government over water crisis in Tamil Nadu, in Chennai, on Monday



his son Kathir Anand, the DMK candidate from Vellore Lok Sabha constituency. The poll from this constituency was rescinded following large scale seizure of unaccounted money from the residence and business premise of Durai Murugan.

Meanwhile, the AIADMK is planning to launch a counter agitation blaming the DMK for its efforts to derail the Water Train project.

Dr Nanditha Krishna, director, CPR Environmental Centre said this was the worst water crisis to hit Chennai in the last three decades. "Groundwater has almost been depleted and there is no possibility of finding any new water bodies in the metropolis or in surrounding areas," Dr Krishna said.

This week will see Tamil Nadu Government launching the works of the third desalination plant in a Chennai suburb which has the capacity to supply 150 million litres water per day is expected to be operational in three years. The AIADMK Government is going ahead with plans to set up a fourth desalination plant for the metropolis.

"This is too late and too little. The Government should have launched the works of three or four desalination plants at least in 2012. Under the present conditions, the only option

BJP warns TMC goons of 'encounter' and 'UP model'

SAUGAR SENGUPTA n KOLKATA

In what the Trinamool Congress promptly saw a "safron roadmap to paint Bengal in blood," two senior BJP leaders from the State on Monday said their party would chart the Uttar Pradesh model should they come to power in order to teach the TMC's "Tolabai" (extortionist) and criminal brigade a lesson.

The BJP leaders' statements came against the backdrop of one more shootout death at Mathurapur in South 24 Parganas where a person was shot dead by alleged TMC goons and three others were received serious bullet injuries during a political clash.

Senior State party leader Sayantan Basu said "if the

TMC goons do not chart the right path and come back to their senses then the police will be told to either arrest them or shoot them in encounter."

Most of these "TMC goons have created havoc in their regions by extorting money from the people and spreading violence," he said, adding when the BJP would come to power it would follow the UP model. "I warn you TMC goons we will chart the UP model and ask the police either to arrest the goons or if they try to flee away to Bangladesh then simply kill them through encounters before they can cross the border."

Basu who lost from Basirhat parliamentary seat to TMC's actress-turned-politician Nusrat Jahan was pulled up by the Election Commission when he

appealed to the CRPF to "shoot through the TMC goons chests instead of aiming at their legs."

Echoing Basu's statements another State party general secretary Raju Banerjee warned the Trinamool men who were extorting money from the people to "watch out and mend your ways or else when we will come to power we will not stop the police from dealing with you in encounters."

He said "after BJP comes to power you (TMC goons) will be seen standing in front of your houses with placards asking for pardon and saying 'spare us and we will never do it again,'" Banerjee said adding "we will not intervene if the police dealt you in encounters."

Reacting sharply to the BJP leaders' statements senior

BJP activists protest in front of the office of Superintendent of Police, Birbhum, against the deterioration of law & order, on Monday

Trinamool leader Firhad Hakim said "what they are telling now only speaks of their character ... This only speaks about the encounter ideology that their party, particularly their former party president and present Home Minister Amit Shah fol-



BJP activists protest in front of the office of Superintendent of Police, Birbhum, against the deterioration of law & order, on Monday

Another setback for TMC as more leaders, MLA join BJP

SAUGAR SENGUPTA n KOLKATA

Trinamool Congress suffered yet another setback as BJP on Monday filched a whole district board, an MLA and a district Trinamool president from the Bengal ruling party while its senior leader Mukul Roy said what the people saw on Monday was only a trailer of the movie that was going to be enacted in seven stages.

Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's recent endeavours to revive her party in North Bengal suffered a major setback as former South Dinajpur district TMC party president Biplab Mitra joined the BJP along with local Zilla Parishad president Lipika Roy who switched over to the safron outfit with a team of 10 ZP members.

A third blow to the TMC came from Kachchhi further deep inside North Bengal's Doorga area from where sitting party MLA Wilson Champramary joined the safron outfit. With Champramary's joining the BJP the total number of Trinamool MLAs joining the safron outfit post general elections went up to five.

All the TMC leaders joined the BJP in Delhi in presence of Kailash Vijabargiya the party's observer for Bengal and Mukul Roy.

With the South Dinajpur 10 ZP members joining the BJP the 18-member district board will naturally go into the hands of the safron outfit. Former TMC MP and present TMC district president Arpita Ghosh who replaced Mitra in the wake of the general elections that saw South Dinajpur (Balurghat seat) going to the BJP however said at least four out of the 10 ZP members who had joined the BJP would soon come back to the TMC.

"They told me that they were forcibly taken to Delhi and promised to rejoin the Trinamool after their return to Balurghat," she said.

In Delhi, Roy told reporters, "this is only a part of the first phase of the seven stages in which the TMC leaders will join the BJP ... by the end of the seventh phase Mamata Banerjee Government will fall from power," reminding "yeh to abhi trailer hai, pura picture abhi baki hai (this is

only the trailer and the whole film is to come)."

On why he joined the BJP Champramary said "Mamata Banerjee has converted TMC a one-man party. She runs it according to her own whims and fancies. No one has any voice in the party as everyone must carry out her orders. She suppresses the voices of the people in a manner that today her party is trying to impose Bengali language on the people. They are telling that if anyone has to live in Bengal he has to read Bengali. This is unacceptable." The turncoat MLA further said, "TMC is charting the CPI(M)'s path with more ferocity."

Mitra once TMC's charge de affairs in North Bengal and a powerful organiser too echoed Champramary's voice saying "people have come to know about Mamata

Banerjee's dictatorial ways even as she tries to win all the elections by putting her photograph in display. But people like us do not rely on her picture because we have our own organisational support base. We will not submit anymore to her dictation."

TN CM seeks Modi's intervention on Mekedatu issue

PTI n CHENNAI

The Tamil Nadu Government on Monday sought the Centre's 'urgent' intervention on the Mekedatu reservoir issue, saying Karnataka seeking environmental clearance for the project was in violation of an award of the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal and a Supreme Court judgment.

In a letter to Prime Minister

Narendra Modi, Chief Minister K Palaniswami requested him to direct the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change to "reject outright" Karnataka's proposal.

Palaniswami sought Modi's "urgent personal intervention" to deny permission to the proposal of Karnataka's Cauvery Neeravari Nigama Niyamita seeking environmental clearance for the Mekedatu Balancing Reservoir and

Drinking water project.

The neighbouring State seeking such clearance was in "utter violation" of the final order of the Cauvery water disputes tribunal and a judgment of the apex court in February 2018, he said. Palaniswami said the Tamil Nadu Government has been conveying its strong objections and been urging the Centre to reject outright and return the Detailed Project Report of the Mekedatu project.

Raj to implement Centre's health insurance scheme jointly with its own

Jaipur: The Rajasthan Government has decided to implement the Centre's flagship health insurance scheme, Ayushman Bharat, by integrating it with the state's own Bhamashah insurance scheme.

State Health Minister Raghu Sharma on Tuesday said the Centre's scheme will be implemented in integration with the State's Bhamashah insurance scheme. Ayushman Bharat provides for cashless medical treatment worth up to Rs 5 lakh to the beneficiary families per year.

Sharma said the amalgamation of the two schemes has been completed. Rajasthan is currently providing benefits to 97 Lakh families under the Bhamashah scheme and many of the eligible families under the Ayushman Bharat scheme are already covered under the Bhamasha scheme.

Peace talks gains momentum in J&K

MOHIT KANDHARI n JAMMU

Even in the absence of any formal invite from the BJP-led Central Government, peace talks are gradually gaining momentum in Jammu & Kashmir.

After Hurriyat leadership, several mainstream political parties have welcomed the 'idea' of resuming talks with in the ambit of the Indian constitution. But it seems the State unit of the BJP is still not in sync with the ruling dispensation in Delhi.

After several Kashmir-based politicians, including National Conference Chief Dr Farooq Abdullah and PDP Chief Mehbooba Mufti batted for early resumption of talks, State BJP spokesman on Monday issued a written statement claiming, "any talks with the Joint Resistance leadership/Hurriyat at this stage without them publicly accepting pre-conditions will be counter-productive and a retrograde step."

On the other hand, BJP national vice-president and the J&K affairs in-charge, Avinash Rai Khanna, in Srinagar said, "Centre was open for dialogue with the Hurriyat leaders "but within the ambit of Indian constitution."

"We are open for talks. Hurriyat leaders are own people, they are the residents of J&K so they are most welcome to talk to us including the Prime Minister Narendra Modi but within the ambit of Indian constitution," Khanna told mediapersons on the side-lines of a party function in Srinagar.

First of all, the ball was set rolling by the J&K Governor Satya Pal Malik in Srinagar on Saturday where he made a first 'cryptic' statement saying, "it was encouraging to see Hurriyat's readiness for talks".

Governor Malik had stated that the Hurriyat leaders, who had once shut doors on Ram Vilas Paswan, when approached for dialogue, were "now ready for talks, which was an encouraging sign."

Without wasting any time Hurriyat Conference (M) led by Mirwaiz Umar Farooq too reacted positively claiming, "the amalgam has always been in favour of talks "as the means of resolution."

Reacting to the political

development, National Conference President and sitting Member Parliament from Srinagar Dr Farooq Abdullah Monday said, "The Governor says Hurriyat has agreed to talks. Then, talks should be held with them."

Similarly, former Jammu & Kashmir Chief Minister and Peoples Democratic Party president on Monday said she was relieved that Hurriyat has "finally" softened its stand on talks with the Centre.

Quoting a famous Persian couplet, daer ayad durust ayad (Better later than never), Mehbooba said on Twitter, "Dair aye durust aye. The underlying purpose of PDP-BJP alliance was to facilitate dialogue between GoI & all stakeholders. Tried my best to make it happen in my tenure as CM but relieved that Hurriyat has finally softened their stand."

Meanwhile in Jammu, State spokesperson of BJP Brig Anil Gupta said, "None of the Hurriyat leaders have signaled any change in their stance and continue to promote separatism." "Mere appeals for talks with the Centre is no indicator of any change in their mindset", he added.

BJP spokesman said, "Hurriyat is the perpetrator of most of the problems in Kashmir. With the inflow of Hawala money controlled, they are now strapped of cash and thus asking for talks. The JRL should publically acknowledge the undisputable status of J&K and it being an integral part of India. They should also commit their loyalty to Constitution of India and seek talks only under its ambit," asserted Brig Gupta.

"Any talks with the JRL/Hurriyat at this stage without them publicly accepting these pre-conditions will be counter-productive and a retrograde step. It will also be a huge set back to the ongoing extremely successful operations against terror and the terror support network, of which Hurriyat is a major culprit".

In 2016, "the same leadership had spurned the offer of talks within the ambit of Constitution because at that time they enjoyed backing and support of Pakistan. The present offer of talks is a mere ruse and time gaining exercise to regroup and reorganise," warned Brig Gupta.

POLICE HEADQUARTERS J&K, SRINAGAR

Amendment

Following amendment is issued in PHQ NIT No.29 of 2019 dated 22.05.2019 floated to purchase Anti Riot Gas Mask :-

- The basic objective is quick donning and doffing along with safety. There is no bar for the 6 strap system if the above objectives are fulfilled.
- The material must be of high quality. Halo Buty Ruber has been quoted only as an example.
- The following requirements must be fulfilled :-
 - Rigid and strong.
 - Impact resistant.
 - Light design.

The vendor is free to offer any solution that fulfils the above requirements.

- 1/4 inch steel sphere travelling at a velocity of 450 m/sec" is what is ideally required. It is not a qualifying condition but any bidder offering it would be preferred.
- Clause "that provides maximum resistance to the known CBRN agents" is dropped from the tender.
- Conformation Certificate with regard to NIOSH compliances to be provided.
- Gas Mask must be guaranteed against leakage for facial hair upto 1 inch.

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

Sd/- (Mubassir Latifi) JKPS, AIG (Provision/ Transport) For Director General of Police, J&K Srinagar

No:DIPK-NB-1368/19 Dated: 24.06.2019

POLICE HEADQUARTERS J&K SRINAGAR

Amendment

As a follow up of Pre Bid Meeting and also pursuant to report received from the Technical Committee with references to queries of various intending bidders, following amendment is issued in PHQ NIT No. 25 of 2019 dated 21.05.2019 floated to purchase X ray baggage Scanners 100 x 100 cm :-

- 3D view is not a qualifying condition. Requirement is clearly defined in Annexure "A" of the NIT, serial no 1.
- The machine must be able to generate clear images that can be visualized appropriately. Vendors are free to offer any solution that fulfils requirement as defined in Annexure "A" of NIT, serial no 1.
- Conveyor capacity = 200 Kg or above.

Other terms and conditions of tender shall remain unchanged. Detailed tender documents with terms and conditions are available on J&K State e-procurement Portal www.jktenders.gov.in.

Sd/- (Mubassir Latifi) JKPS, AIG (Provision/Transport) For Director General of Police, J&K Srinagar

No: DIPK-NB-1367/19 Dated: 24.06.2019

PRESS E-TENDER NOTICE

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

Sr. No.	NIT No.	Name of Work	Head of Account (In Rs.)	Estimate Cost (In Rs.)	Earnest Money	Time Allowed	Tender ID No.	Last date & time for submission of Price Bid
1.	EE/CD-VII/NIT/2019-20/18	Construction of protection wall on both side of sub minor no -4 at Kadi Vihar in Burari A.C.	2702 Revenue	19,15,564/-	38,311/-	03 Months	2019_IFC_174357_1	03.07.2019 upto 15.00 Hrs
2.	EE/CD-VII/NIT/2019-20/19	Maintenance of Bankner Link drain from RD-0 m to RD- 5400 m by keeping it clear from maiba/MSW/garbage/floating material including brooming on road sides and cutting of unwanted vegetation/ bushes & C&D waste etc. from the banks berms & bed of drain including disposal of accumulated waste to the near by Dhalao complete for the period of six month.	2711 Revenue	6,86,766/-	13,735/-	06 Months	2019_IFC_174342_1	03.07.2019 upto 15.00 Hrs.

- The enlistment of the contractors should be valid on the last date of opening of tenders. In case, the last date of opening of tender is extended, the enlistment of contractor should be valid on the original date of opening of tenders.
- Earnest money in physical form and self attested copy of Registration of enlistment & other documents (eg. ESI & EPF registration, copy of PAN card, Copy of VAT documents) should be submitted in the Office of Executive Engineer, Civil Division-VII, I&FC Deptt., Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Sector-15, Rohini, Delhi-110085 upto 2.00 PM on the last date of submission of technical bids for obtaining the deposit slip for uploading.
- The details of above mentioned work(s) can be seen and downloaded from the website <http://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>
- The agencies who do not fulfill eligibility criteria do not submit required documents upto the stipulated time, their tenders shall be rejected summarily at technical bid stage.
- Tenders submitted through e-procurement portal shall only be considered and no manual tender shall be accepted.
- Intending tenders participating in tendering process in EE CD-VII, I&FC shall furnish ESI & EPF registration along with other required documents and the same shall be uploaded while bidding. Moreover the ESI & EPF registration documents of all contractors shall be kept on records and ESI & EPF registration documents of lowest tenderer to whom the work awarded shall form the part of the agreement. (I&FC department office order No.1417-48 dated 29.01.2016).

Sd/- DIP/Shabdarth/0257/19-20 EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (CD-VII)

New Okhla Industrial Development Authority

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

E-TENDER NOTICE

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

A. (1/43/Noida/GM(K)/SM-WC-6/ET/2018-19- Name of Work:- P/F Barbed wire fencing (P/F Barbed wire fencing and Board in different place of Work Circle-6 area) Noida, Cost Rs. 48.90 Lacs. Which can be uploaded by date 02.07.2019 upto 5.00 PM. Pre-qualification shall be opened/downloaded on date 03.07.2019 at 11.00 AM.

General Manager Noida

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Ministry of MSME, Govt. of India

Gandhi Darshan Pavillion, Rajghat, New Delhi-110 002

Ph.: 011-23724695 Fax: 23724692 E-mail: rrkvc@gmail.com

No. RRO/Tender-AMC/2019-20 TENDER NOTICE

Sealed offers are invited from the interested parties/ Agencies/ Firms for Empanelment for providing following services:

Sr. No.	Description	E.M.D./ Security (In Rs.)	Date for the sale of tender	Last Date for the sale of tender	Cost of Tender Form (In Rs.)
1.	Security Guards (Armed and unarmed)	2.00 Lac	25.06.2019	23.07.2019	1000
2.	Manpower Services (Stenographer, Computer Operator, Cook, Sweeper, Helper/ Multi-task staff, Sales Girls / Boys	4.00 Lac	25.06.2019	23.07.2019	1000
3.	Rental Taxi Services	0.50 Lac	25.06.2019	23.07.2019	1000

The detailed terms and conditions are given in tender document which can be purchased in cash, on any working day between 10.00 Hrs. to 17.00 Hrs. Tender forms can also be downloaded from our website www.kvic.org.in, however, the cost of tender form will have to be deposited along with the tender in the shape of demand draft / pay order drawn in favour of "Resident Representative, KVIC, New Delhi".

Tenders will be opened in the presence of bidders on 24.07.2019 at 15.00 Hrs. The Dy CEO/RR will be empowered to cancel one or all the tenders without assigning any reason.

(Vinay Kumar) Director

Trend Blazer

Alia, all smiles in RK's family photo

Actress ALIA BHATT is all smiles in a photograph featuring actor Ranbir Kapoor's family. Actress Neetu Kapoor shared a series of photographs on social media. The first image features veteran actor Rishi Kapoor, Riddhima Kapoor Sahni, Ranbir, Alia and Neetu posing for the camera. Neetu captioned the image, "Your family is your whole world. So so many loves in these beautiful moments." Alia's mother and veteran actress Soni Razdan commented, "All looking so well and happy."



'I play a popular model from a local city in Lucknow in Bala. Unlike a lot of characters shown on the screen so far, my character is a local model who's famous in a local town. There are basics I understand of the character. Of course this character is very different and something I haven't done before.'



—Yami Gautam



Actor SALMAN KHAN is giving major fitness goals as he flaunts a perfect 180 degree split. This is not the first time the star has shared his workout routine. The *Bharat* star, who is praised for his well-chiselled body, had previously shared videos showing his workouts to stay fit and flexible, how his security team helps in his fitness regime and a clip of him doing a back flip into a pool. His forthcoming projects include the next season of TV reality show *Bigg Boss*, Sanjay Leela Bhansali's *Inshallah* and another instalment of his popular franchise *Dabangg 3*.

'Love having career as a songwriter'

Swedish singer TOVE LO, who received a Grammy nomination for co-writing Ellie Goulding's chart-topper *Love me like you do*, takes a lot of pride in having a big pop star sing a song co-written by her. She says its an amazing feeling. Tove along with Max Martin, Ali Payami, Savan Kotecha and Ilya had co-written the 2015 song that had featured in the film *Fifty Shades of Grey*. Didn't she feel like singing that song instead of letting Ellie go behind the mic for it? "No, I mean it's funny with that song. I helped out with the lyrics a little bit and I think it was always meant for her. I really love having a career as a songwriter too, so I take a lot of pride in having a big pop star sing a song that I have co-written," Tove said.



'Everyone can see the irony'

Amid controversies, SUNAINA ROSHAN's boyfriend RUHAIL AMIN talks about how Roshans had put a security ring around her when she told them about their inter-religion relationship

Ruhail Amin's name had hit the headlines when Sunaina Roshan, Hrithik Roshan's sister and his alleged girlfriend, said that her family was not accepting him for being a Muslim. Ruhail said in an interview with a TV news channel, "This incident has once again exposed the dark underbelly of identity politics at play in today's liberal times which are totally uncalled for." Sunaina had earlier called her life as "hell" and talked about how her family has been making her life unbearable. In an interview with an entertainment website, she revealed that she had asked Kangana Ranaut and Rangoli Chandel to help her fight for justice. Talking about the love jihad angle their story has taken, Ruhail

called it as unfortunate. "Labelling someone extremist just because he/she belongs to a certain religion is simply outrageous and needs to be condemned in strongest words," he said. Ruhail said that the two had lost touch for some time while he was covering entertainment for news channel, and only reconnected through social media. Ruhail said that when he first spoke to Sunaina's family, they were not happy about their bond. He added, "They did not approve of our friendship. I also got to know that her parents put a security ring around her post our friendship and when she told me about it, my first reaction was of disbelief and later a good laugh." In a previous interview, Sunaina had revealed that she fell in love with Ruhail, a journalist,



a year ago. Her father Rakesh Roshan, however, slapped her and allegedly called Ruhail a 'terrorist'. "Calling someone a terrorist just because of his Islamic identity is unjustified. Religions and geographies should not become the cornerstones of defining extremism. We need to move beyond that mindset. Most importantly, we need to stand up against ignorant viewpoints, whoever has them," said he. Ruhail said that he has been in touch with Sunaina. "She wants to restart her life on a positive note and wants her family to support her decisions," he said. When asked why is there a problem now even though Hrithik Roshan was married to Suzanne, a Muslim, Ruhail said, "Everyone can see the irony here."

Earlier, actor Hrithik Roshan's former wife Suzanne Khan had come to his defence amid ongoing family tensions regarding his sister Sunaina Roshan, whom she had called a loving and a warm person. Suzanne had written on social media, "As a part of my experiences with all concerned and in my lifespan of being a part of this close knit family, I know Sunaina, to be an extremely loving, warm, caring person, who is in an unfortunate situation. Sunaina's father is undergoing a major health crisis. Her mother is herself vulnerable to say the least. Please respect the families tough period, each family goes through such times. I needed to say this as someone who has been a part of this family for long." —Agencies

Halfway there

Producer AJIT ARORA tells SAKSHI SHARMA that just like inter-caste marriages took a long time to be accepted in society, embracing the LGBTQ community is an emotional change, which demands time and patience



prevalent. If people did, they were disowned. Eventually, things changed with time. They broadened their mindsets. This is an emotional change, which is why it demands time for people to adapt to changes. Talking about the impact of the film, Ajit said, "People were asking, 'Acha ye crime tha kya, iske liye jail ho sakti thi kya?' (Was this a crime? Could somebody be imprisoned for this?) They were not aware of the fact that 377 was a crime and the bearer were these people. They did not know that it was legalised by the High Court earlier and then reversed by the Supreme Court." His first film was streamed on ZEE5, an online channel. Hence, talking about the intricacies of the platform, he said that web has a longer shelf life as compared to cinema. One can watch it even after 10 days. This has taken the space of TV viewers and given it a big time dent. India has been fortunate enough to be the youngest populated country. People have evolved, the new generation is completely young at heart and mind at the same time. They are so well aware of the happenings in the world. We are lucky enough that such content is coming to our route. It offers the option of watching any genre and 500-1,000 things at a time. He apprised us that powerful content is important, it can not always be driven by social causes but by a regular person's dream too. Good content has to be supported by the treatment of how you show it on screen. Ajit laid stress on portraying reality. "I can't fabricate the content to make it larger than life or blow it out of proportion so that everyone likes it. It is not the way reality should be shown. If tomorrow people say that the law has put a big embargo on the Haryana panchayat then I will be happy to make a film right then and there. We should not think about the verdict or the film as supportive of one community. We are supportive of social cause, it is something which was a landmark." He is currently working on many verticals, one of which is a common person's journey to achieve a goal. It's a film which conveys a social message. Through this, he is trying to portray social causes coupled with regular life content. It might drown you in a pool of emotions to ignite some thought.

Discrimination has been a burning topic in the country. Actor Ayushmann Khurrana, who is continuing on the path of backing groundbreaking content with *Article 15*, says the film industry is a secular world where no one discriminates on the basis of caste or religion. Ayushmann, whose filmography is dotted with unconventional stories, features as a police officer in Anubhav Sinha's *Article 15*, a film which emphasises on prohibition of discrimination on grounds of religion, race, caste, sex or place of birth, which finds a mention in the Indian Constitution. As for the film industry, Ayushmann said, "There is no discrimination in the industry. It is purely on the basis of merit. Nobody discusses caste and religion in the industry. If you are good, you are applauded and rewarded. The industry is very secular and democratic." The actor has a knack for working on quirky and unconventional stories such as *Dum Laga Ke Haisha*, *Bareilly Ki Barfi*, *Shubh Mangal Saavdhan* and *Badhaai Ho*, which also give out a social message. What attracted him to *Article 15*? "I have always aspired to do something different and *Article 15* is a film which has never been tried by filmmakers in the mainstream space. I am glad this is happening right now as this is the time where we can be courageous with the subjects of our films. This is the era where we can do different stuff and still command credibility at the box office at the same time," he said. After *Article 15* Ayushmann, who will be seen as a gay man in *Shubh Mangal Zyada Saavdhan*, says he never thought about the "box office game" while shooting *Article 15*. "This is something very close to my heart and I completely believe in it," said Ayushmann. The film, releasing on June 28, has earned the ire of the Brahmin community in Uttar Pradesh over the fact that the story has been "tweaked". With the intention of portraying the accused men as Brahmins, they feel it will defame the community. It depicts how caste equations are prevalent in the area. Ayushmann is sure that the film does not take any sides and has no intention to show any community in a bad light. "As of now, they are reacting to the trailer but with the film we have not offended anybody. The censor board has cleared the film. They are the ones who should be taken seriously. Like the particular community who are getting offended, when they will see the film, they will realise that whatever they are doing is a redundant exercise as there is nothing like that in the film," he said. He also said the film is not based on a particular event. "It is an amalgam of different events which keep on happening in our country." —IANS

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Breaking old chains

Actress KAMYA PANJABI tells JAYESH PAWAR that television and theatre are like her children. While one is of 15 years, the other is a new-born



pendent." While everybody on the team had a lot of time for rehearsing for the play, Kamya had to manage the shooting schedule of *Shakti* and the rehearsal of the play. Speaking about what she used to do to make the most out of the short practise sessions, she says, "I made sure that I knew my lines by heart, not just my lines, infact I knew other actor's lines as well. By doing this I had the whole play in my mind. Now when you have memorised everything then you actually know what is happening in which scene, like after my dialogue, I knew who will speak and even what are they going to speak. So the whole situation became a bit easy." Kamya feels that there is a huge risk that one takes while improvising in theatre, whether the other actor can handle the improvisation or not, that's a chance that one takes. "In television if I improvised something and if the other actor didn't understand it, the scene can be cut but in theatre there are no cuts. Even if you have handled the situation by improvising it and still the

other actor cannot deliver his dialogues then it'll still be a big mess," she adds while comparing the process of improvisation in television to that in theatre. Further talking about the theme of the play, Kamya shares that what does it mean to be a modern Indian women. "In our society people are really judgemental and everybody is worried about the fact that what will people think. This thought of what would people think or say is the biggest worry. Sometimes in the fear of this thought, we don't share our views, opinions and our pain with our family also. So, we need to stop that and stand up to express ourselves. I mean it is literally the high time that we start taking a stand. This is the time when kids and women are being abused both physically as well as mentally. The things that are happening in today's era must come to an end and this can only be done by taking a firm stand for ourselves. The concept of modern Indian women for me is to speak for yourself and stand up against wrong because if you can't take a stand for yourself then nobody else will." Apprising us about her experience of the time spend in the world of theatre, the newbie says, "I have realised that there's still a lot to learn and it's a never-ending process. The world of theatre has a lot to offer and I am looking forward to learn new things as well as performing better. Television and theatre are like children to me, while one is of 15 years, the other is a newborn. Although I want to keep on doing television for the rest of my life but theatre has got a different kind of high in it." (The play will be staged on June 29 at Sri Ram Centre for Arts.)



A sea of emotions

Through metaphysical imagery, dripping colour and an array of symbolism, *My Summer Garden* aims to resurrect harmony and hope. By UMA NAIR

There is a certain energy that invites and engages all art lovers who walk into Anu Bajaj's Art Positive gallery. Nothing like a summer morning when the lanes are empty to walk in and look at a fresh take on the world around us by a group of artists. Critic and curator's Georgina Maddox's *My Summer Garden* embodies a mix of paintings and sculptures.

ELANCHEZHIAN PICHAIKANNU

Right in front and imposing as well as elegant in composition and oxidation, the patina of green Pichaikannu's tree with *Jallikattu* bulls is the 'pièce de résistance' of the show. Here is a veritable master as a sculptor. His understanding and virtuosity of playing with form and moulding it to an abstracted perfection is indeed something both valuable and vintage. The beauty of his work brings in the harmony of different elements of nature as well as the authority of the tenets of creating forms born of the deeper rhythms of the earth.

GOGI SAROJ PAL

Gogi Saroj Pal's little *nyikas* go back to nearly 60 years. They frolic and endure in the fervour of feminine fables. Gogi's brush strokes have about them a piquant panache, rendering themselves in the depth of the colourative chasms of tonalities. She has always had verve and vivacity in the manner in which her *nyikas* preen, peer or float about in a sea of emotions. Gogi's women are born of literature, mythology and



remind us of the little *kinmaris* from ancient lore. Her colours are warm and inviting, having about them a certain echo of the past and the present.

GEORGE MARTIN

Lithe and light, George

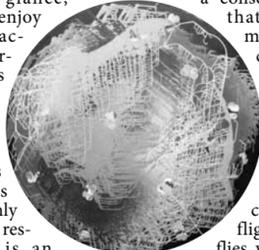
Martin's works light up the gallery for their luminous tints created in his mastery of minimalist modes to create maximum impact. They possess an insight when speaking about life, by reflecting back to his memories, small events

or moments that help in understanding or interpreting the present. Martin insists that this is an open-ended effort and one is totally free to look at his artworks from different or maybe original perspectives.

He plays with an ensemble of images to convey fundamental ideas, he also invites viewers to glance, gleam and enjoy multiple reactions and interpretations from the multiple mappings of thoughts he presents with. His world is highly receptive and resonant and is an amalgam of his love for films, literature and memories.

BISWAJIT PANDA

The Odisha-born artist recently described his works as "cathartic cleansing, a powerful house of positive energy that has culled itself out of vicissitudes and trying times." At Art Positive, his circular earth-shaped canvases have a charming energy that recall the beauty and balance of a cosmic dance, in an interplay



of dynamic and spiritual energies flows, reflecting eternal life forces. Panda plays with the brilliance of abstract as well as figurative forms to create corollaries in his cosmic oeuvre.

His circular charcoal grey canvases echo endless nights, his streaks of red, brown and silver trace their own path like a conscious cascade that breaks the monotony of the charcoal. Panda plays with metaphysical imageries, within the profusion of dripping colours and the flight of butterflies, who symbolise hope, change and resurrection in the Christian theology. He also gives us an array of symbolisms that actually are deeply rooted in the entire cosmos of the creativity of man and nature. Impressionable and full of a stirring impact are his works that make them a perfect choice by Maddox.

SEEMA KOHLI

The largest work in the show belongs to artist Seema Kohli. It reflects the panora-

ma of feminine subjectivities. She alters the concept of feminine sexuality with a deepened tenor of spiritual essence and ethos. She extols the balance and beauty of physical attributes, with a profound arc of intellect, thoughts, dreams and realities, all woven into the paradigms of patterns that are born of the womb and of the earth.

She engages, studies and recreates the power and the deeper intensities of the *Hiranyagarbha*, that has evolved from one of the *mantras* of the *Yajur Veda*. It reflects the quiet and subtle beauty of constant procreation. The feminine spirit and the form are itself a prayer to the eternal self — a sojourn of deeper tenets of meditation. Her composition echoes the dynamics and design of the spiritual but it is by no means religious, and yet it explores a poetically elegant and richly sensual female form.

Kohli's work is symbolic of the progress and recycling of thought processes in the human mind, portrayed as calm, evolved and serene, both in palette and poise. If this large canvas is a gesture of the divine, a prayer to the eternal self, then being in the *Garden of Flowers* itself is elevating.

NORTHERN RAILWAY
TENDER NOTICE (Through e-tendering)
Name of work with its location: Laying of 20 pair PUFJ Underground cable b/w ASM Office to Lobby over DLI Division for TSR Work.
App. Cost of the work (₹): ₹ 62,51,711.61/- only
Tender Document Fee (₹): ₹ 5,900/- only
Earnest Money Deposit (₹): ₹ 1,25,000/- only
Address of the office: Senior Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer-I, Northern Railway, 3rd Floor, Annex-1, DRM office, New Delhi-110055.
Date & Time for upload the tender / closing of tender: Tender uploading / closing date & time - 17.07.2019 up to 15.00 hrs.
Website particulars, & notice board location where complete details of the tender can be seen etc.: See the Northern Railway website : www.ireps.gov.in & Notice board at S&T branch, 3rd Floor, DRM office, State Entry Road, New Delhi-110055.
Tender No. 558-Sig-16-Tele-OT-891. Dated : 24.06.2019 2022/19
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NORTHERN RAILWAY
TENDER NOTICE (through e-tendering)
Tender No. 558-Sig-16-Tele-OT-905 Dated : 24.06.2019
Name of work with its location: Replacement of non-RDSO type old Multi-line TDBs with RDSO approved 10 Line TDBs at NDLs Railway station.
App. Cost of the work (₹): ₹ 70,44,738.58/- only
Tender Document Fee (₹): ₹ 5,900/- only
Earnest Money Deposit (₹): ₹ 1,30,900/- only
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Website particular & Notice Board location where complete details of the tender can be seen etc.: See the Northern Railway website www.ireps.gov.in & Notice board at S&T branch, 3rd Floor, DRM office, State Entry Road, New Delhi-110055.
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General public is hereby informed that my Client (1) Ashok Kumar S/o Marakhan Singh and (2) Raj Kumari W/o Ashok Kumar both resident of H. No. B-128 ST. NO. 10 West Karawal Nagar, Dayalpur Delhi-110094, has disowned and disinherited their son Naveen Kumar and daughter-in-law Rekha Kumari W/o Naveen Kumar from all their movable and immovable properties and also not responsible in any manner if any dispute (legal or otherwise) would arise between their son and daughter-in-law in future.
Dheeraj Kumar (Advocate)

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It is Notified that Ms. Pinky Pandit D/o Mr. Shambhu Nath Pandit R/o S-24/7, DLF City Phase-3, Gurugram has lost Apartment Buyer's Agreement of Apartment No. D-901, The Palm Springs, Sector- 54, Gurugram. Finder Contact Ms. Pinky Pandit- 9810811115, Emaar MGF Land Pvt Ltd 1800 103 3643

One-woman man

As actor FARHAD COLABAVALA single-handedly enacts six characters on the stage in *Kasturba Panda Ki Pantie*, director MADHAV MEHTA tells CHAHAK MITTAL why this aspect did not majorly become a challenge, rather gave more layers to the play

In a red-bordered white-coloured saree, with a large maroon *bindi* adorning his forehead, Farhad Colabavala plays a demure 'Auntie Ji' for a while, then switches over to being a man, performing animated stunts, flirting with other males and even faking an orgasm. In the process, the actor challenges all notions of gender politics and clichés and drives home the point of the satirical play, *Kasturba Panda ki Pantie*. It was the summer of 2012 when the idea of presenting a solo show through theatre birthed in theatre actor and director Madhav Mehta's mind.



As the duo is set to re-present the play at Akshara Theatre, seven years after its first presentation, Madhav tells us why he kept it as a one-man show, who plays all the six characters in the plot. "I thought it could be a very fun element to the play. Farhad and I have been working together since 2007. And it was just one random evening when I got this idea that 'What if I do the play only with him in it?' It was a new idea but this is why we worked hard to make it work out."

The play, an adaptation of Carl Sternheim's 1910 German satire *Die Hose*, revolves around the story of Kasturba, a frustrated wife of a failed businessman and a compulsive gambler, Ranjan Panda, who has rented out his Sundar Nagar Apartment to recover his monetary losses. However, the flat fails to attract prospective tenants. When Bollywood actor Salman Khan is wooed to make an appearance at Sundar Nagar's Diwali Mela, Kasturba, a die-hard Salu fan, rushes to the fair. She becomes the talk of the town, as she stretches on her tiptoes to catch his glimpse, when her underpants accidentally slip off. Chaos follows. In a matter of minutes, the number of parties 'interested' in taking up Ranjan's rental apartment offer skyrockets.

The director says that the plot is a farce on chauvinism and a conservative value system that tries to confine women to particular roles in the society. Her husband, a stereotypical chauvinist, "is actually surprised when all of a sudden tenants start to come on board after the incident."

Farhad, on the other hand, says, "This very part of the play is its funniest aspect. And we have worked hard to make it not look weird to the audience. The story was originally inspired by the German and European culture. But here, in India, we contextualised the Indian society and how a woman operates when surrounded by a group of over- and ever-dominating conservative males."

(The play will staged on June 26 to 29 and July 3 to 7 at 7:30 pm at Akshara Theatre.)

WATCH OUT

Prameya Art Foundation presents *A Time for Farewells*, an international group exhibition, curated by Premijsh Achari. Through the exhibition, he attempts to resurrect the importance of the idea of future, which was a part of modernity, was later abandoned and whose arrival is now delayed. WHEN: July 19 till August 10 TIME: 7 pm WHERE: Shrine Empire, Defence Colony.

Korean Cultural Centre presents *The Food Diplomacy*, an exhibition curated by M Haryo Hutomo, who has collaborated with a few Indonesian artists who work individually or collectively. WHEN: Till July 30 TIME: 5 pm onwards WHERE: KCC, Lajpat Nagar.

India International Centre, in collaboration with Embassy of Mexico, presents an exhibition by Joel Rendón, a Mexican Master Engraver, presenting a combination of Mexican tradition of relief prints, contemporary techniques and motives linked to the cultural heritage of the country. WHEN: June 25 TIME: 6:30 pm onwards WHERE: Annexe Art Gallery, IIC.

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7.	Aakaar Singh Bhatia/ Prikshat Singh LBGUR00001971765	Flat No. D- 2/ 131, 13th Floor, Aravali Heights Sector 24 D- 1 Block Dharuhera Rewari Haryana 123401 June 19, 2019	October 31, 2018 Rs. 44,43,128/-	Rewari
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10.	Mange Ram Jain/ Anamika Jain LBNOD00002011506	Flat No. D- 2/ 134, 13th Floor, Aravali Heights, Dharuhera, Haryana And/ Or D- 2/134, 13th Floor, Dwarakadhish, Sector 24, Aravali Height, Dharuhera, Rewari 123401 June 19, 2019	October 31, 2018 Rs. 39,34,551/-	Rewari
11.	Mange Ram Jain/ Anamika Jain LBNOD00002029715	Flat No. D- 2/ 131, 13th Floor, Aravali Heights, Dharuhera, Haryana And/ Or D- 2/131, 13th Floor, Dwarakadhish, Sector 24, Aravali Height, Dharuhera, Rewari 123401 June 19, 2019	October 31, 2018 Rs. 38,39,407/-	Rewari

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ICICI Bank Limited

Date : 25-06-2019
Place : Delhi/NCR

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Invitation of Applications for appointment to the post of Vice-Chancellor, Magadh University, Bodhgaya, BRA Bihar University, Muzaffarpur & Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Magadh University, Both Gaya.

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Interested eligible individuals should apply online on Chancellor's Secretariat website governor.bih.nic.in. The Applications should be submitted on or before **15.07.2019 by 6:00 P.M.**

Search-Committee may invite shortlisted applicants for a presentation and interaction.

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[See proviso to rule 8 (6)]
Notice for sale of immovable property

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Ltd. will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis as per the brief particulars given hereunder:

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(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)
1.	Bishamber Lal lamba/ Rupali Lamba (Co-Borrower) - LBCB00001490991	Flat no. A-2, 306, Third Floor of Silver State, Plot no. F 29, Sector 50, Noida. Area is 1735 Sq. Ft.	Rs. 47,04,964/- as on June 11, 2019	Rs. 97,00,000/-	Rs. 9,70,000/-	July 11, 2019, From 12:00 Noon to 2:00 PM	July 19, 2019, From 12:00 Noon

The online auction will take place on the website of auction agency Shriram Automall India Ltd. (URL Link - <https://eauctions.samil.in/>). The Mortgagors/ Notices are given last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till **July 18, 2019, before 5:00 P.M.** failing which, this/these secured assets will be sold as per schedule. The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit their offer along with aforesaid earnest money deposit (as referred in column No. 2) in a sealed envelope subscribed "offer for purchase of property" so as to reach at **ICICI Bank Limited, 2nd Floor Videocon Tower, Block E-1, Jhandewalan Extension, Rani Jhansi Road, Delhi-110055** or our marketing agents Shriram Automall India Ltd having their office at **2nd Floor, Best Sky Tower, Netaji Subhash Place, Pitampura, New Delhi - 110034** on or before **July 18, 2019 before 5:00 P.M.** The marketing agency has also been engaged as auctioneer for proper conduct of auction. EMD DD / PO should be from a Nationalised/Scheduled Bank favouring "ICICI Bank Limited" payable at Delhi.

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Sd/-
Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

Date : June 25, 2019
Place : Delhi/NCR

Top Sri Lanka defence official faces charges

AFP ■ COLOMBO

Sri Lanka's most senior defence official on Monday became the latest government figure to face possible criminal charges over "major lapses" linked to the Easter Sunday bombings that killed 258 people.

Hemasiri Fernando, who was defence secretary before the April 21 bombing of three churches and three hotels, should be investigated for his failure to prevent or minimise the attacks, Attorney General Dappula de Livera said.

The attorney general said in a letter to Sri Lanka's acting police chief that a presidential commission of inquiry had found "major lapses" by Fernando, who has since resigned from his top job.

EASTER ATTACKS

While Fernando is the most senior defence official to face action, President Maithripala Sirisena also suspended police chief Pujith Jayasundara after he refused to step down over the handling of the attacks.

Jayasundara and Fernando have testified before a Parliamentary inquiry and accused Sirisena of failing to follow established protocols in assessing threats to national security.

Last week, the attorney general ordered investigations against nine police officers for failing to act on warnings ahead of the bombings, carried out by Islamic State-backed local jihadists.

All nine were senior offi-

cers in the districts where the attacks were carried out and have now been transferred from their posts pending disciplinary action and criminal investigations.

Authorities have admitted that warnings sent by India of an impending attack by a local group, the National Thowheeth Jama'ath (NTJ), were ignored.

Some 45 foreign nationals were among the dead and 500 people were injured in the attacks. The tourist hotspot has been under a state of emergency since.

Sri Lanka's State Intelligence Service (SIS) has also been criticised for failing to act on the Indian warnings, but no-one from the state spy service has been put under investigation.

Pompeo in Saudi Arabia, Iran threatens more US drone attacks

AP ■ DUBAI

US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo held talks on Monday with the Saudi king and crown prince after days of mounting tensions following the downing of a US drone last week and after President Donald Trump pulled back from the brink of retaliatory military strikes on Iran. Iran's naval commander, meanwhile, warned that Iranian forces would not hesitate to act again and shoot down more US surveillance drones that violate Iranian airspace.

The US denies the drone, valued at more than \$100 million, violated Iranian airspace. Trump said he backed away from planned strikes after learning that 150 people would be killed but that military action remained an option.

On Monday, Pompeo held separate talks with King Salman and Crown Prince Mohammed



US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo meets with Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, at Al-Salam Palace in Jiddah, Saudi Arabia

bin Salman in the Saudi port city of Jiddah to discuss the escalation with Iran.

Pompeo wrote on Twitter that he had a "productive meeting" with King Salman and discussed "heightened tensions in the region and the need to promote maritime security" in the Strait of Hormuz near the Persian Gulf, through which roughly a fifth of the world's traded oil passes.

From the kingdom, Pompeo

will travel to neighbouring United Arab Emirates, another close US ally.

The regional stops, made on his way to India, may be aimed at reassuring Washington's Sunni Gulf Arab allies that the White House remains committed to maintaining pressure on Shiite Iran following Trump's last-minute about face, which likely raised questions about US willingness to use force against the Islamic Republic.

Opposition win in Istanbul a blow to Turkey's Erdogan

AP ■ ISTANBUL

The opposition candidate for mayor of Istanbul celebrated a landmark win Sunday in a closely watched repeat election that ended weeks of political tension and broke the long hold President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's party had on leading Turkey's largest city.

"Thank you, Istanbul," Ekrem Imamoglu, 49, said to the tens of thousands of people who gathered to mark his victory after unofficial results showed he won a clear majority of the vote.

The governing party's candidate, former Turkish Prime Minister Binali Yildirim, conceded moments after returns showed him trailing well behind Imamoglu, 54% to 45%. Imamoglu increased his lead from a March mayoral election by hundreds of thousands of votes.

Erdogan congratulated Imamoglu in a tweet. Analysts noted the president, who is grappling with an economic downturn and several international crises, could limit the mayor's power or undermine

Imamoglu's authority in other ways.

Imamoglu narrowly won an earlier mayoral election on March 31, but Erdogan's Justice and Development Party, AKP, challenged the vote over alleged irregularities. He spent 18 days in office before Turkey's electoral board annulled the results after weeks of partial recounts.

Trump puts Saudi arms sales above Khashoggi enquiry

AP ■ WASHINGTON

President Donald Trump brushed aside the grisly killing of Washington Post columnist Jamal Khashoggi, saying his death has already been investigated and a Saudi pledge to spend billions of dollars on U.S. military equipment "means something to me."

He spoke just days after an independent U.N. report revealed new details of the Saudi journalist's death and apparent dismemberment at the hands of Saudi agents. It said there was "credible evidence" that war-

ranted further investigation into the possible involvement of Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman and called for an FBI investigation.

Trump, in an interview on NBC's "Meet the Press," said the subject of Khashoggi "didn't come up" when he and Salman spoke on Thursday, the day after the report was released.

The president said the Middle East is a "vicious, hostile place" and that Iran and other countries in the region are also guilty of the type of behavior Saudi Arabia has been accused of engaging in.

China says it 'won't allow' G20 discussion on Hong Kong

PTI ■ BEIJING

China said on Monday it would not allow the G-20 nations to discuss the mass protests in Hong Kong during their summit this week, as US President Donald Trump plans to raise the issue during his meeting with President Xi Jinping in Japan.

Hong Kong has been rocked by major protests over a bill that would allow people to be extradited to the mainland to face trial in courts controlled by the Communist party.

Protesters block Hong Kong building access, plan new action

AP ■ HONG KONG

Protesters fearing an erosion of Hong Kong's legal autonomy blocked access to a government office building for nearly two hours Monday and plan more demonstrations to draw the attention of leaders attending the G-20 summit this week.

About 100 demonstrators jammed the entryway and lobby of the Inland Revenue Tower, a skyscraper in the Wan Chai district in the city center.

US cyberattack on rocket launchers failed attempt: Iran

FIANS ■ TEHRAN

The recent US cyberattack against Iranian missile control systems failed to cause any problems for Tehran, a Minister said in a tweet on Monday.

"They (the American) try hard, but they haven't yet carried out a successful attack," Iran's Minister of Information and Communications Technology Mohammad Javad Azari Jahromi tweeted.

According to media reports on Saturday, the Pentagon launched a cyberattack on Iranian rocket launch systems which disabled the military machinery, reports Xinhua news agency.

On Monday, the Iranian minister decried American cyberattacks on Iran over the past years, saying that "we have been facing cyber-terrorism for a long time."

"Last year, we neutralized 33 million attacks with the (national) firewall," Jahromi added.

Iran plays down threat of new US sanctions

AFP ■ TEHRAN

Iran on Monday played down the threat of new US sanctions as Washington was expected to tighten punitive measures on Tehran in a standoff sparked by the US withdrawal from a nuclear deal.

Tensions have flared after Iranian forces shot down a US drone Thursday, the latest in a series of incidents including attacks on tankers in sensitive Gulf waters that have raised fears of an unintended slide towards conflict.

Both the US and Iran have repeatedly said they want to avoid going to war, but the spiralling tensions saw US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo travel Monday to meet with Saudi leaders to build a "global coalition" against the Islamic republic. Tehran says the drone violated Iranian airspace and Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif has backed the claim with maps and coordinates -- allegations dismissed by Washington.

MISSING/KIDNAPED

General public is hereby informed that one girl, **Name: Reshu Shukla D/o Ram Prakash Shukla, R/o Baba Haridas Colony, Sotam ka Makan, Tikari Border, Delhi** has been missing/kidnaped since 23.04.2019 from the area of P.S. Mundka, Delhi. In this regard, a report vide DD No. 39-A Dated 25.04.2019, has been registered at P.S. Mundka, Delhi. Investigations has been carried out but despite best efforts, the girl could not be traced. The description of the missing/kidnaped girl is as under:

Name: Reshu Shukla D/o Ram Prakash Shukla, R/o Baba Haridas Colony, Sotam ka Makan, Tikari Border, Delhi, **Age:** 18 years, **Height:** 5'1" Feet, **Face:** Round, **Complexion:** Shallow, **ID Mark:** Old Cut Mark on Left Cheek, **Wearing:** Pink Suit-Salwar. If anyone has any information about the missing/kidnaped girl, then please inform P.S. Mundka, Delhi. and inform on the following Nos.

email: cic@cbi.gov.in S.H.O
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PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

(See Section 82 Cr. P.C.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person **Kunal Singh S/o Shivji Singh R/o 2094/4, H-1, Gali No. 19, Prem Nagar, New Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **C.C. No. 433/1/18, u/s 138 N.I. Act** registered at P.S. Mangol Puri, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon that the said **Kunal Singh** could not be found and where it has been shown to my satisfaction that the accused **Kunal Singh** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Kunal Singh** is required to appear before the court to answer the said complaint on or before **07.11.2019**.

By Order
Sh. Rakesh Kumar-II
 Metropolitan Magistrate, (North-West Distt.)
 (Court Notice) Room No. 105, 1st Floor, Rohini Courts, Delhi

CENTRAL PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Notice Inviting e-Tenders

The Executive Engineer (E), Parliament Annexe Electrical Works Division, CPWD, 36 GRG Road, New Delhi (Phone No. 011-23034394) on behalf of President of India re-invites bids for e-auction of unserviceable/dismantled materials.

1. NIA No. 01/EE(E)/PAEWD/2019-20 (Recall),
 Name of Work: Unserviceable/dismantled material for PAEWD, CPWD, New Delhi.
 Reserve Price Rs. 13,50,000.00.
 Earnest Money: 1,35,000.00. Last date and time of submission of earnest money and online request to allow participation in e-auction 28-06-2019 upto 15.00 Hrs., time and date of start of e-auction on 01-07-2019 upto 11:00 Hrs. & closing time of e-auction on 01-07-2019 upto 12:30 Hrs.
 The bid forms and other details can be obtained from the website www.tenderwizard.com/ CPWDAUCTION, and this notice is also available at www.eprocure.gov.in/ www.cpwd.gov.in

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

(See Section 82 Cr. P.C.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person namely (1) **Santosh Jha S/o Devendera Jha R/o A-35, R.No.11, Near Well No.-2, Katwaria Sarai, New Delhi** (2) **Vinod Kumar Chauhan S/o Prem Singh R/o Kh. No.38/9/1, Near Railway Colony, Vill. Khera Kalan, Delhi** and also H.No.445, Near Pandit Niranjan Chakki, Vill Khera Kalan, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No. 47/2004 u/s 420/468/120-B IPC, PS Paschim Vihar East, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused (1) **Santosh Jha** (2) **Vinod Kumar Chauhan** could not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused (1) **Santosh Jha** (2) **Vinod Kumar Chauhan** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused person (1) **Santosh Jha** (2) **Vinod Kumar Chauhan** of **FIR No. 47/2004 u/s 420/468/120-B IPC, PS Paschim Vihar East, Delhi** are required to appear in the court to answer the said complaint on **28.07.2019**.

By order
Sh. Puneet Nagpal
 Metropolitan Magistrate
 Room No. 268, 2nd Floor
 Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

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1	HSVP PANIPAT	CONSTRUCTION OF WAR MUSEUM WITH AUDITORIUM AT TAU DEVI LAL TOWN PARK, IN SECTOR-7-8, PANIPAT COMPLETE IN ALL RESPECT AND ALL OTHER WORKS CONTINGENT THEREFO	21.06.2019 06.07.2019	3065 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	0180-2660068 xenpanipat@gmail.com
2	HSVP PANCHKULA	A/MTC OF P.H SERVICES IN SECTOR 1 TO 21, IND. AREA PH-1 & II, PANCHKULA (OPERATION RUNNING AND MAINTENANCE OF 39 MLD 2ND UNITS IN STP IN SEC-20, PANCHKULA)	CLOSING 05.07.2019	1.07 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	xenhd21@gmail.com
3	HSVP	ANNUAL MAINTENANCE OF EXTERNAL SEWERAGE SCHEME (BIO AUGMENTATION OF SEWER) IN SECTOR-20 P.I, II & III, SIRSA	OPENING 27.06.2019	EMD- 63750	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	Exec Eng
4	HSVP SONIPAT	CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS IN URBAN AREA OF LAND FALLING VILLAGE PATLA RGEC SONIPAT. *CONSTRUCTION OF 18MTR, 15MTR, & 12 MTR WIDE ROAD IN VILLAGE PATLA RGEC SONIPAT + 1 OTHER WORK	24.06.2019 03.07.2019	8.51 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	130-2218377 xengrcs2@gmail.com
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6	PT. B. D. SHARMA PGIMS ROHTAK	LONG TERM E-TENDER NOTICE NO. UHSR/PURCHASE/2019/19 DT 20.06.2019 REGARDING RATE CONTRACTS/PURCHASE OF MEDICINE, M&S/M&E ETC FOR USE IN PGIMS/UHS ROHTAK	21.06.2019 23.07.2019	NIL	www.uhsr.ac.in	9416514111 purc@uhsr.ac.in
7	CHAUDHARY BANSI LAL UNIVERSITY BHIVANI	PURCHASE OF BENCH TOP NMR	25.06.2019 25.07.2019	70 LACS	https://cnlu.ac.in	9034352948 dramyankkinger@cnlu.ac.in

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B'desh 'Tree Man' wants hands amputated to relieve pain

AFP ■ DHAKA

A Bangladeshi known as the "Tree Man" because of his bark-like growths on his body said Monday he wanted his hands amputated to relieve him of unbearable pain.

Abul Bajandar has had 25 operations since 2016 to remove growths from his hands and feet caused by a rare syndrome.

Doctors had believed they had beaten the disease but Bajandar fled a Dhaka clinic in May last year following a relapse.

The 28-year-old father of one was readmitted to hospital in January because the condition worsened, with some growths several inches long.

"I cannot bear the pain anymore. I can't sleep at night. I asked the doctors to cut off my hands so I can at least get some relief," he told AFP.

His mother Amina Bibi supported the plea. "At least he will be free of pain. It's a hellish condition," she told AFP.

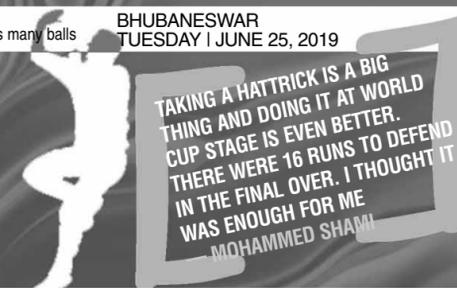
Bajandar suffers from epidermodysplasia verruciformis, a rare genetic condition also known as "tree man syndrome".

Bajandar said he wanted to go abroad for better treatment, but he does not have the money to cover the expenses.

Samanta Lal Sen, the chief plastic surgeon at Dhaka Medical College Hospital, said a board of seven doctors will discuss Bajandar's condition on Tuesday.



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TAKING A HATTRICK IS A BIG THING AND DOING IT AT WORLD CUP STAGE IS EVEN BETTER. THERE WERE 16 RUNS TO DEFEND IN THE FINAL OVER. I THOUGHT IT WAS ENOUGH FOR ME
— MOHAMMED SHAMI

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England vs Australia

3:00 pm IST

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Pakistan fan holds a banner that proclaims that Pakistan recovered from India defeat at Manchester during Pakistan-South Africa World Cup game in London on Sunday
ICC/Twitter

Win not an answer

Pakistan were desperate for a positive result after enduring a "difficult" week following a below-par performance against India in the World Cup but the win over South Africa is "not an answer to the critics", says skipper Sarfaraz Ahmed. Pakistan faced severe criticism from fans and former players alike after their seventh World Cup defeat to arch-rivals India on June 16 but the team bounced back to outwit South Africa by 49 runs on Sunday, reviving their semi-final hopes. "Our win is not an answer to the critics. We are here to play cricket, and like any other side, believe we can win the World Cup," said Sarfaraz in an interview released to the Pakistani media by the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB). The under-fire Pakistan skipper insisted that the mantra of the team was "we lose as a team and we win as a team". "This has been the mantra of the Pakistan cricket team," he said. "The win over South Africa was the result of a complete team effort. We badly needed a positive result following a difficult last week, when our below-par performance against India was followed by severe criticism, some justified and some unjustified."

Jr Sachin at nets

India Under-19 pacer Arjun Tendulkar, son of cricket legend Sachin Tendulkar, was seen helping England batsman at the nets ahead of their crunch World Cup tie against Australia here on Tuesday. Arjun, who impressed with his bowling in the three-day Second-XI Championship contest in High Wycombe, was seen bowling in full tilt to English batsmen, who are all set to take on fellow favourites Aussies at Lord's. Playing for MCC Young Cricketers, Arjun recently took two wickets against Surrey Second XI, including one off a beautiful delivery that was shown on a video on Twitter via Lord's Cricket Ground. It made quite a buzz on the social media platform. Arjun ended his spell with figures of 2 for 50 in 11 overs.

Mohsin returns

Former Test batsman and head coach Mohsin Hasan Khan is set to return in an important role in Pakistan cricket either as chief selector or national team manager after the ongoing World Cup. Mohsin, who was head coach and also the chief selector in 2012, recently stepped down as head of the PCB's Cricket Committee. But a reliable source said Mohsin is being considered for an important responsibility after the World Cup. "Mohsin is being considered for the job of chief selector or manager of the Pakistan team," the source said. Mohsin, 64, was chief selector in 2010 and 2011 before the PCB made him the interim head coach of the national team. But after Zaka Ashraf took over as PCB Chairman, Mohsin was replaced for a foreign coach, Dave Whatmore despite the fact that Pakistan white-washed England in the Test series in early 2012 in the UAE. The PCB has announced that after the World Cup its Cricket Committee, which until now was dormant, would hold a robust inquiry into the team's and support staff's performances in the last three years before making recommendations to the Chairman and Board of Governors.

Agencies

PRELIMINARY STAGE

Pos	Team	P	W	L	N/R	Net RR	Pts
1	NZ	6	5	0	1	+1.306	11
2	AUS	6	5	1	0	+0.849	10
3	IND	5	4	0	1	+0.809	9
4	ENG	6	4	2	0	+1.457	8
5	SL	6	2	2	2	-1.119	6
6	B'DESH	6	2	3	1	-0.407	5
7	PAK	6	2	3	1	-1.265	5
8	WI	6	1	4	1	+0.190	3
9	RSA	7	1	5	1	-0.324	3
10	AFG	6	0	6	0	-1.712	0

It's not coming home

Bumrah, Warner to decide World Cup fate as Clarke rules out England as favourites

PTI ■ MANCHESTER

Jasprit Bumrah's amazing skill-set gives India a realistic chance of winning the World Cup but a "freak" called David Warner might just retain it for Australia, feels 2015 World Cup-winning captain Michael Clarke.

Former Aussie skipper Clarke explained why India and Australia are top three contenders while making it clear that the coveted Cup may not "come home" for the hosts contrary to what the likes of Kevin Pietersen and Michael Vaughan are wishing.

One of the most delightful batsmen to have played the game, Clarke is in awe of the legend of Bumrah which has been on the upswing for two years now.

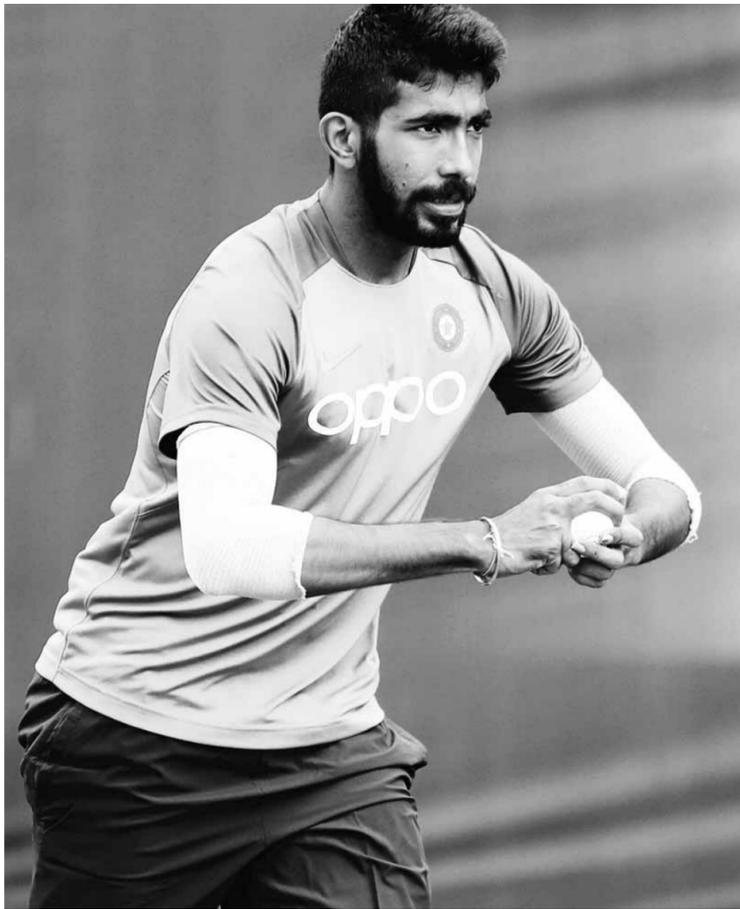
"I think there is nothing that he (Bumrah) doesn't have. He is fit and healthy. I hope he stays that way as he would play a big part in India's success in this World Cup," Clarke observed.

But Bumrah will face quite a challenge from Australia, especially Warner, who has already scored 447 runs in six games with two hundreds.

"I did expect an exceptional performance from David because he is an exceptional player. He is a freak. He is the X-factor in this team. If Australia go on to win the World Cup, David Warner will be the highest run-getter in my opinion," opined Clarke and then went on to separately analyse what made the two individuals special.

Questioned as to what makes Bumrah such a difficult proposition for batsmen, Clarke elaborated, "With the brand new ball, he can swing and seam it. When the ball is doing nothing in the middle overs, he has the extra pace to trouble batsmen."

"He can bowl close to 150 clicks and then at the death, he bowls those yorkers as good as anyone else. And if there is reverse swing, he is a genius," the former Australian cap-



Jasprit Bumrah prepares to bowl in the nets during a training session ahead of their World Cup match against Afghanistan
AP

tain summed up the Indian pace spearhead in a nutshell.

Virat Kohli or for that matter no captain could have asked for a better 'Go To' option than Bumrah, according to Clarke.

"As a captain, probably, you need someone like him to throw the ball to when you need wickets. He can open the bowling, bowl that 35th over when nothing is happening or bowl those last four overs at the death, which can win India a World Cup final," said

the veteran of 115 Tests and 245 ODIs.

Would Bumrah be as good as Wasim Akram had there been just one new ball instead of two?

"I think he would have. He is that good that he would have found out ways to adapt," the former Australian skipper said.

Nothing makes Clarke more happier than to see Warner in prime form putting all the controversies behind him.

Warner was roundly criticised for his slow batting against India but that is the approach which is now giving Australia a real chance against a lot of other teams.

"ODI is different from T20s and it has taken him a bit of time to get back into ODI format. He has been patient at the start of his innings."

"People are saying David Warner is not at his best. But he has had two scores of 150. That shows how good a player he is and he is now a lead-

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— MICHAEL CLARKE

ing run-scorer in the tournament," Clarke looked excited and happy speaking about his former teammate.

"David has probably played a little bit differently to what everybody expected at the start of the World Cup. But he has played smart. He has batted for a period of time. Remember before he got back into ODI cricket, he was back in T20 cricket after a 12-month lay-off."

As far as captaincy is concerned, Aaron Finch's leadership has been "impressive" according to Clarke, who lauded Kohli for using two wrist spinners, which he termed both "positive and aggressive".

"India is a very skilful team and I think they have made the right decision in going in with two wrist spinners. That's the aggressive approach and that probably made the difference with two-wicket taking bowlers in those middle overs."

"Virat's captaincy has been very good so far in the tournament. They are playing unbelievable cricket at the moment," said Clarke, who has always rated the Indian captain highly.

The Australian humour comes out when asked if he, like the England fans, thought that the "Cup is coming home".

"Well, I am not sure if everyone was thinking that. I know Kevin Pietersen and Michael Vaughan were thinking that. I wonder if they will change their mind now. It's still a long way to go," he grinned.

"We will find out how good an ODI team England are now because they will probably need to win 2 out of the next 3 games and they have got Australia, India and New Zealand to play."

"If they do it and go on to win the World Cup, it will be a fantastic achievement. I would be commenting on the June 25th game (England vs Australia) at Lord's. I can't wait for that game to begin," he said.

PTI ■ MANCHESTER

West Indies were dealt a severe blow ahead of their crucial match against India after all-rounder Andre Russell was Monday ruled out of the remainder of the World Cup with a knee injury.

Russell, who had a terrific IPL prior to the mega-event, has been replaced by Sunil Ambris for the remaining three matches of West Indies.

"The International Cricket Council has confirmed that the Event Technical Committee of the ICC World Cup 2019 has approved Sunil Ambris as a replacement player for Andre Russell in the West Indies

Russell ruled out



Russell gets up before walking off the field of play with an injury
AP

squad for the remainder of the tournament," the ICC said in a statement.

"All-rounder Russell has been ruled out of further participation in the event due to an injury to his left knee. The 26-year-old Ambris, a top-order batsman, has played six Tests and six ODIs for the West Indies," it added.

The replacement of a player requires the approval of the Event Technical Committee before the replacement player can be officially added to the squad.

Much was expected from Russell

in the World Cup, especially after his stupendous show in this year's IPL, but Russell was far from his best in the quadrennial event while struggling with chronic knee issues.

In the four matches out of six he played in the World Cup, Russell managed just 36 runs at an average of 12.

With the ball in hand, he had picked up five wickets at an economy rate of 5.31.

West Indies are all but out of the World Cup as they are languishing at the eighth spot in the 10-team competition with just three points from six games.

West Indies take on favourites India here on Thursday.

Actions speak louder than words

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By CLIVE LLOYD
Former WI Captain

I'm hoping that after his hundred against New Zealand, Carlos Brathwaite realises that he can be as good as any all-rounder in the world.

He hits the ball so well and is a top-class cricketer; he's not a T20 player alone, as his performance at Old Trafford demonstrated.

There's no doubt in my mind that Carlos can make big scores and win games for the West Indies, but now he needs to turn his potential into reality.

West Indies could be one of the best teams around - they have the talent. Had the West Indies batsmen turned some of those 50s 60s & 70s 80s into hundreds they would have been in a better position in the points standing. As for the bowlers with a better understanding of the English conditions and better homework done on the opposing players they could have performed much better.

A team with Darren Bravo sat on the bench is a team with some talented cricketers. They weren't outplayed in at least three of their games that they lost (New Zealand, Australia, Bangladesh) it's just that they're not putting the clinical finishing touches necessary to win games.

Against New Zealand, they were well aware of the asking rate; all they had to do was knock it around. It wasn't about playing big shots.



Carlos Brathwaite celebrates after scoring a century against New Zealand
AP

It's just reading the game properly, however it was a great team effort when you think about it they can be proud of some of their performances.

I just hope that they've learned from their mistakes and that they can rectify them because they are talented cricketers. Ultimately, the difference has been that the West Indies just aren't settling in and making big scores.

Everyone in this tournament is making hundreds, but it says a lot that

Carlos is the only West Indies player so far to do so. We have the talent it's just a case of pushing on and batting long.

In that regard, they need to look at the example set by Kane Williamson. The New Zealand captain didn't break sweat at all, and just knocked it around on his way to a match-winning 148. There hasn't been much balance in the choosing of the squad in this competition, either.

Sheldon Cottrell wants to bowl fast,

but he's a swing bowler — and when he swings the ball he takes wickets.

In previous games, West Indies tried to bounce people out. This was an improvement, but only time will tell if they have learned those lessons.

There's also no spin option there when the rest of the sides have two or three. Now, they have to try to produce a spinner capable of playing in the ODI format and in Test matches.

Roston Chase could play the same role as Moeen Ali does with England, and they also need someone who can hold the fort in the way Kane Williamson is doing for New Zealand.

West Indies have a lot of good strikers of the ball, but they don't have a player like Larry Gomes to stick around or Royston Chase who can also do that job.

Shai Hope is the type of player they need to produce more of. If he hadn't made the 96 against Bangladesh, the West Indies wouldn't have made runs.

For all the criticism over his strike rate, if someone had stuck around with him against Bangladesh, Jason Holder's side would have made 360 or above.

With three games left, the West Indies now have to focus on leaving here with some sort of pride, because they started well enough.

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WE ARE ALIVE AND KICKING, WITHOUT A DOUBT, AND IF WE PLAY OUR BEST GAME, WE CAN BEAT ANYBODY. WHETHER THAT'S NEW ZEALAND, AFGHANISTAN OR BANGLADESH
MICKY ARTHUR

Play as a unit

Reverse Swing



By WAQAR YOUNIS
Former Pakistan Captain

It was all about the positive intent for Pakistan against South Africa.

Today, they played fearless cricket and weren't really worried about losing the match, which in turn gave them the freedom to play their natural game.

Coming after the disappointment of Old Trafford, Pakistan badly needed such a win.

They have been criticised a lot and the last week has been hard on them, so coming out of that and producing such a performance was particularly pleasing.

Haris Sohail, in particular, was a breath of fresh air. He played magnificently well, and ultimately, his innings of 89 off just 59 balls was the difference.

Others got runs but his knock was the icing on the cake because Pakistan have needed someone to come in at five or six and up the ante.

He really batted well, and it's probably a different Haris Sohail to the one I've seen before.

Haris has always been a very conservative and technically sound batsman but against South Africa, he took the mantle and played in a very different fashion.

For me, he's my No 4 batsman in the team because he's technically sound and you can give him more overs to build that innings.

He and Babar Azam could



Pakistan players celebrate after Mohammed Amir dismissed Faf Du Plessis

ICC/Twitter

really complement each other. They both have a habit of making hundreds and could push the run rate also.

Haris is one for the future, for sure. We've also started to get the

old Mohammad Amir back, where he's got that mojo of swinging the ball back into the right-hander.

It's not swinging massively, but the line is right and that's his strength.

Amir is picking up wickets on a regular basis now and that really gives him that confidence to go out and be himself.

Whenever Pakistan get early wickets, Wahab Riaz and the rest

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will follow up. In the middle overs, when the ball is reversing, that's where Wahab comes into his own.

It's about bowling as a unit, which Pakistan did at Lord's, but the ones I actually enjoyed watching the most were Shadab Khan and Imad Wasim as they controlled the middle overs while also picking up wickets.

They never allowed the South African batsmen to settle, and as a result the Proteas were always under pressure.

Qualification is still up in the air, but I'd really like to see them play the same way in the coming matches.

There's not much time between now and the next game against New Zealand, but I think they'll stick to the same team unless there's a real difference in the pitch.

If Pakistan keep playing with that freedom, you never know what can happen.

Before going to Birmingham, I think Pakistan will be closely watching England against Australia on Tuesday.

That will be crucial, particularly if Australia beat England.

Pakistan will be hoping and praying for an Australia win as that would be best for their own qualification hopes.

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Cover it like Kohli



Babar Azam plays a shot during his 69-run innings against South Africa during a World Cup match at Lord's on Sunday

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PTI ■ LONDON

Former Pakistan speedster Shoaib Akhtar Monday said Virat Kohli fan Babar Azam should learn to play like his "idol" and convert good starts into big knocks by adapting to match situations the way the Indian captain does.

Akhtar said while Azam has been scoring some crucial runs for Pakistan, he fails to go the full distance.

"I would like to tell Babar Azam that when you consider Virat Kohli your idol then you should also learn to play like him. Virat has scored runs in very difficult situations. Babar

should learn to take singles like Virat, learn to improvise like him," Akhtar said in a video posted on his YouTube channel.

"If you look at players like Virat, Rohit Sharma, Kane Williamson...All these guys accelerate their scoring after reaching fifty. Babar should learn from them. He should

have more range of shots," he added.

Akhtar, however, showered praise on Haris Sohail, who scored a 59-ball 89 during Pakistan's convincing 49-run win over South Africa in their crucial World Cup fixture here on Sunday. Babar chipped in with 69 off 80 deliveries.

"I was constantly saying that Haris Sohail should be included in the playing XI because he is a very compact player. Against South Africa, he showed how to score runs. In fact he looked better than Babar Azam.

"Haris provided the thrust and helped Pakistan get a total in excess of 300. Haris Sohail was a great addition and Shoaib Malik was dropped which was a fair call," said Akhtar.

The 'Rawalpindi Express' hoped that Pakistan will continue to play fearless cricket in the remaining games of the World Cup and somehow sneak into the semi-finals.

"I recommend Pakistan to hold their ground, play pressure-free cricket, play according to the best of their abilities and display their talent.

"Pakistan have a good chance of making it to the semi-finals. They need to play fearless cricket without any pressure. If England lose their three matches against Australia, India and New Zealand, Pakistan can come through," said Akhtar.

With five points from six games, Pakistan still have an outside chance of making the last four stage. They will next be playing New Zealand, followed by Afghanistan and Bangladesh.

If Pakistan manage to win all three of their remaining matches and results of other teams go in their favour, they could make the cut.

The 43-year-old applauded Pakistan's bowling against South Africa, saying the attacks managed to get the ball to reverse swing.

"Pakistan's bowling was very good. (Mohammad) Amir picked up wickets upfront and that was crucial. Pakistan have raised alarming bells for other teams as their bowlers - Wahab Riaz and Amir - have been able to get the ball reverse swing."

Akhtar, however, was critical of Pakistan's fielding.

"They dropped as many as seven catches. They dropped fairly easy catches and that needs to be rectified. The fielding needs to be improved," he insisted.

English lessons



Faf Du Plessis, center, David Miller, left, and Rassie van der Dussen trains during South Africa practice session

ICC/Twitter

AFP ■ LONDON

South Africa great Jacques Kallis has urged the Proteas to learn lessons from England's one-day international revival following the team's miserable early exit from the World Cup. A 49-run defeat by Pakistan at Lord's on Sunday ensured that, with two games in the 10-team round-robin phase still to play, there is no way South Africa can qualify for the semi-finals.

Faf du Plessis, the South Africa captain, did not pull any punches, labelling his side's 259-9 in response to Pakistan's 308-7 as "borderline embarrassing".

But Kallis, the outstanding all-rounder of his generation, said South Africa should take heart from the way England recovered after suffering an equally woeful first-round exit at the 2015 World Cup. Eoin Morgan's side have since risen to the top of the ODI rankings and are among the leading contenders to lift the trophy this year.

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pointment of their performances in 2015 to rebuild their team and totally change their mentality and approach to one-day cricket," wrote Kallis in an International Cricket Council column.

"England now play without fear and aren't afraid to make mistakes. For me, South Africa

have approached things too defensively at this tournament and they need to attack each match with much more positivity going forward."

Kallis said altering their approach did not mean the Proteas had to start from scratch with a new squad.

"You don't need to make wholesale changes, England are still captained by Eoin Morgan, as they were four years ago," he said.

"A total clean-out is just not the way ahead. We need to be more considered and thoughtful.

"South Africa have some great young players in their 20s (Kagiso Rabada, 24, Lungi Ngidi, 23, Andile Phehlukwayo, 23, and Aiden Markram, 24) and they can be the foundation for the future."

Kallis added: "The first thing that needs to be looked at is the brand of cricket South Africa are playing."

"England are proof how quickly things can change in four years, so long as you have the right approach."

■ LONDON

South Africa's premier leg-spinner dived slow to his right and plucked the ball just millimetres from the ground.

It was as athletic a caught & bowled as you'll see this tournament and sent a disbelieving Imam-ul-Haq back to the hutch for 44.

Immediately after the catch, for a South African record 39th time in a World Cup match, the Tahir train left the station and chugged excitedly around the Lord's infield.

At 40 years of age, Imran Tahir is the oldest player at this World Cup. For context, the competition's youngest cricketer — 18-year-old Mujeeb Ur Rahman of Afghanistan — was born more than four years after Tahir made his first-class debut.

So, it's almost poetic that he celebrates wickets with more unadulterated, childlike glee than every one of his younger contemporaries.

The enthusiastic manner in which he wheels away and sprints, endearingly aimlessly but with arms spread wide, further than most quick bowlers' run-ups, is infectious.

Just ask Babar Azam — who couldn't help but smile from the non-striker's end at his opponent's jubilation.

But even by Tahir's standards, this celebration seemed to contain more vim and vigour than normal.

Perhaps it was because he had just pulled off a reaction catch with a high degree of difficulty that most 20 or 30-year-olds, let alone 40-year-olds, would struggle to make.

Perhaps it was because the wicket came against Pakistan — the country of his birth and team for which he played Under-19 and A-grade cricket in a previous century.

Perhaps it was because, having announced his retirement from ODI cricket at the end of this World Cup, he knows there won't be many more moments like this on the grandest stage.

Age no bar

Or perhaps it was because he had just surpassed the great Allan Donald's to become the leading South African wicket-taker of all-time at World Cups with 39.

Most likely, it was a combination of all these and as he prepares to ride off into the sunset, it's worth reflecting on just how remarkable it is that Tahir became a South African record-breaker.

Some players are earmarked for greatness from an early age but the leg-spinner didn't make his ODI debut until February 2011 — just a month before his 32nd birthday.

It's fair to say he swiftly made up for lost time. He was the quickest South African bowler to reach 100 ODI wickets, taking just

58 matches, and is still the only spinner to do so.

He became his country's first player to take a seven-for in a one-day international when he ended with 7/45 against West Indies in 2016 and perhaps his finest moment in a Proteas jersey was the man-of-the-match-winning 4/26 in the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2015 quarter-final with Sri Lanka.

In England this summer, he has continued to rack up the milestones: the oldest South African to appear in a World Cup match, playing his 100th ODI against Bangladesh, the first spinner — of any nationality — to bowl the first over of a World Cup match, and now leapfrogging



Imran Tahir reacts after dismissing Fakhar Zaman

AP

every one of his countrymen atop the World Cup wickets ranking.

At Lord's, in addition to his athletic exploits to remove Imam, Tahir also had Pakistan's other opener, Fakhar Zaman, caught at first slip attempting an ill-advised ramp shot to end with figures of 2/41.

His ninth and tenth victims of the competition mean he currently has the most wickets of any wrist-spinner at the event — just another record to add to his CV.

His efforts ultimately weren't enough to stop Pakistan racking up an intimidating total of 308/7 that South Africa were unable to chase down — and defeat means their chances of reaching the knockout stages are now over.

As a result, the Tahir train will only have two final chances to get up to speed, so make sure you catch it while you still can.

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First of the summer

Hosts England take on Aussies in World Cup game before fierce Ashes battle



Joe Root smiles as he arrives for a training session at Lord's cricket ground in London on Monday

UPNEXT

ECB VS CRICKET AUSTRALIA

LIVE ON STAR SPORTS

3:00 pm IST

AFP ■ LONDON

Are England just a bunch of “flat-track bullies”? That’s the uncomfortable question facing Eoin Morgan’s side as they look to get their World Cup campaign back on track against arch-rivals Australia.

Today’s match at Lord’s was always going to be a showpiece occasion, but it has been given added spice by England’s 20-run loss to Sri Lanka.

Faced with a relatively modest target of 233 on a tricky Headingley pitch, England slumped to 212 all out.

Despite their second defeat of the pool phase following an earlier loss to Pakistan, the tournament hosts remained in the top four and on course for a semi-final spot.

But England, bidding to win the World Cup for the first time, cannot afford many more slip-ups in their remaining pool fixtures against fellow title contenders Australia, India and New Zealand — teams they have not defeated at a World Cup since 1992.

England’s rise to the top of the one-day international rankings since their woeful first-round exit at the 2015 World Cup has been based on aggressive batting.

They have twice posted a world record score at this level in the intervening four years, including the current mark of 481-6 against Australia at Trent Bridge just over 12 months ago.

Doubts, however, persist about England’s ability to bat in less than ideal conditions for shot-making.

Their problems were summed up against Sri Lanka when Moeen Ali marked his 100th ODI by hitting a six, only to try to repeat the shot next ball and hole out to leave England 170-6.

Former England captain Michael Vaughan was unimpressed, writing in Britain’s *Daily Telegraph*: “He (Moeen) was there to win the game but it was dumb cricket taking on the man at long off having just hit the ball for six.”

According to research by cricket statisticians *CricViz*, on the 11 toughest one-day pitches for batting England have played on since losing to Pakistan in the

HEAD TO HEAD

	Played	Eng	Aus	Tied/NR
Matches	147	61	81	2/3
Day matches	77	36	38	2/1
In World Cup	7	2	5	-
Last 5 matches	5	5	-	-

HIGHEST TOTALS

Team	Score	Location	Date
Australia	342-9 in 50 overs	at Melbourne	14-02-2015
England	481-6 in 5 overs	at Nottingham	19-06-2018

PERFORMANCE IN WC

Team	P	W	L	T	N/R	Success%
England	78	45	31	1	1	58.97
Australia	90	67	21	1	1	75.55

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2017 semi-finals of the Champions Trophy on a slow Cardiff surface, they have lost five. By contrast, on the 11 best pitches for batting they have played on since then, Morgan’s men have won nine.

England’s problems have been compounded by the absence of Jason Roy from their past two matches, with a torn hamstring threatening to sideline the in-form opener from the Australia clash as well.

Yet while former players such as Vaughan bemoaned England’s lack of nous against Sri Lanka, Jos Buttler said the problem was they were not aggressive enough. “I think we were a little bit passive as a group,” said the usually big-hitting Buttler, who made just 10 before becoming the last of four wickets for veteran paceman Lasith Malinga.

“That doesn’t just mean hitting fours and sixes, that means showing intensity and trying to put pressure back on the bowlers,” he said.

By contrast, Australia have been buoyed by the productive opening partnership between captain Aaron Finch and David Warner and are second in the table after five wins from six matches.

Mitchell Starc is the joint-leading wicket-taker at the World Cup — his tally of 15 putting him level with fellow pacemen Jofra Archer (England) and Mohammad Amir (Pakistan) — but Australia’s bowling in support of the left-arm has looked vulnerable.

Allan Border, Australia’s captain when they beat England in the 1987 World Cup final in Kolkata, believes it will be the

- XFACTOR**
- English pace attack
 - Eoin Morgan’s leadership
 - Aaron Finch and David Warner’s opening stand
 - Ben Stokes and Maxwell’s all-round performance
 - Mitchell Starc’s opening spell
 - Jos Buttler’s power hitting
 - Usman Khawaja and Steve Smith’s batting in middle overs

bowlers who are decisive. “The game will be won and lost in the bowling,” he wrote in an *ICC column*.

“If Australia can hold their ground against the onslaught and put pressure back on England, that’ll be key.”

SQUADS

England: Eoin Morgan (c), Moeen Ali, Jofra Archer, Jonny Bairstow, Jos Buttler (wk), Tom Curran, Liam Dawson, Liam Plunkett, Adil Rashid, Joe Root, Jason Roy, Ben Stokes, James Vince, Chris Woakes, Mark Wood.

Australia: Aaron Finch (c), David Warner, Usman Khawaja, Steve Smith, Shaun Marsh, Alex Carey (wk), Marcus Stoinis, Glenn Maxwell, Mitchell Starc, Kane Richardson, Pat Cummins, Jason Behrendorff, Nathan Coulter-Nile, Adam Zampa, Nathan Lyon.

MEN WHO MATTER

JOS BUTTLER (ENGLAND)

The wicket-keeper batsman has the potential to change the course of any match with his exemplary batting skills. Buttler, who scored a match-winning 110* in his last outing against Australia, will once again be an important player for the hosts, against an in-form Australian bowling unit.



AARON FINCH (AUSTRALIA)

The Australia captain has been leading from the front in this tournament, having amassed 396 runs in six innings so far. Finch, who set the tone for Australia’s World Cup campaign in 2015 with a stroke-filled 135 against England, will once again look to play a long innings on Tuesday.



UNDER THE COVERS

Though lingering overnight rain is expected to ease out by morning, the day is expected to be largely cloudy. Heavy and thundery showers might develop, leading to a delayed start. Teams batting first have won three of the last four games at Lord’s, which makes the toss crucial.

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Team to beat

AFP ■ LONDON

Australia coach Justin Langer says England are still the team to beat at the World Cup despite their surprise loss to Sri Lanka.

England’s seemingly assured path to the semi-finals now looks a lot less smooth after a 20-run reverse at Headingley followed an earlier group-stage defeat by Pakistan.

They next face arch-rivals Australia at Lord’s, with the reigning champions in fine form after winning five of their six pool games so far — the only blot on their record a defeat by title rivals India.

But Langer said England fully deserved their place at the top of the one-day international rankings, having climbed to the summit from the ruins of a woeful first-round exit at the 2015 World Cup.

“They are the best team in the world. Just look at their team... Nothing has changed in a week,” Langer said on Sunday.

“I can’t wait for Tuesday (today) — England at Lord’s, World Cup. That is what we are thinking about,” added the former Australia opening batsman.

Langer had a stint in the English domestic game with southwest side Somerset, where he first encountered a young Jos Buttler.

The England vice-captain is now regarded as one of the quickest-scoring and most innovative batsmen in the game today, with Langer nominating the wicket-keeper-batsman as the natural successor to veteran India great MS Dhoni.

“Jos is an unbelievable player. I love watching him bat. He is the new Dhoni of world cricket,” said Langer.

“I hope he gets a duck in this (Tuesday’s)



Liam Plunkett, centre, stretches with team mates during a training session at Lord's cricket ground

game obviously, but I saw him at Somerset and he is an unbelievable athlete and an incredible finisher.

“They (England) have a very strong batting unit and we will have to be right on it.”

But Australia have several in-form batsmen of their own, notably opener David Warner, who is the tournament’s current leading run-scorer with 447 from six innings. Both Warner and former captain Steve Smith are making their comebacks from year-long ball-tampering bans, with the pair roundly booed when they faced England in a World Cup warm-up match in Southampton.

Langer, asked if he expected more of the same even from the traditionally polite spectators at Lord’s, replied: “Yes, probably but that is okay. “There is nothing we can do about the crowds or the opposition. We will just go about our business.”

“I did not know Davey that well (before being appointed as Australia coach) but he is good company.”

“His runs speak for themselves. He is smiling a lot. He is hungry. He is playing well. He loves his family.

“Like Steve, the return has been seamless and they are playing well too, which is pleasing,” Langer added.

AFP ■ LONDON

England fast bowler Jofra Archer has told his Australian Indian Premier League teammate Steve Smith there will be “nothing friendly” when the teams meet in the World Cup today.

Archer, together with England colleagues Jos Buttler and Ben Stokes, played in the same Rajasthan Royals side as Smith during this year’s IPL.

But the England trio and Smith will be on opposite sides for the rest of the season, starting at Lord’s this week — a fixture that takes place ahead of an Ashes series.

Tuesday’s game has added significance for England after a surprise loss to Sri Lanka left them with little wiggle room in their quest to reach the semi-finals.

Asked if he thought of Smith as a friend, Archer said Sunday: “Yes, and I’d like to think he considers me the same way as well.”

“He’s a really good guy. But cricket is cricket and I guess it’s time to be friends after. Until the game is over, there will be nothing friendly about it.”

Smith and fellow Australia batsman David Warner have already received plenty of predictable crowd taunts following their returns from year-long ball-tampering bans.

But they have shrugged off the jeers, with Warner in particular finding his best form, with

Friendship on hold



Steve Smith shake hands with Ben Stokes after end of warm up game

two centuries so far.

Archer hopes his rapid pace and some inside knowledge could prove useful at Lord’s, even though he playfully suggested Smith had not been keen to face him in the nets during their time at Rajasthan.

“To be honest, I didn’t bowl at him much,” said Archer.

“A lot of the guys probably don’t want to face me or (West Indies quick) Oshane Thomas in

Smith is a good guy. But cricket is cricket and I guess it’s time to be friends after. Until the game is over, there will be nothing friendly about it — Jofra Archer

meaning Tuesday will be the first time he has played against Australia in a competitive international.

“Just from watching the Ashes and stuff I know it is a pretty intense game between them,” he said.

“I’m not too sure if it will affect me coming in without having experienced it before. It could be an advantage, me not being part of what happened before.”

Opening batsman Jason Roy was absent from training on Sunday, suggesting he may not recover in time from a torn hamstring to play against Australia but paceman Liam Plunkett did take part after a recent virus.

captainspeak EINO MORGAN, ENG

■ **What’s the latest on Roy?**

He went for a scan. Positive news. He won’t be fit for today. We’ll monitor his progress during the week and assess him then as that unfolds.

■ **Will he be back for the India game? And how big a loss is he?**

Let’s just see how it goes. He’s Jason Roy. Of course he’s a big loss. He’s an outstanding performer before us. Epitomises the way we play as a group.

■ **Concerns that Vince hasn’t gone on yet.**

No, not at all. We have every faith in him to go on and get a score at some stage, to continue playing in his own way. It’s important that he does that.

■ **Is it a must-win game?**

No, it’s not must-win yet. We don’t need to win every game to get to the semis. It’s another game where we try and produce a performance that’s worthy.

■ **Is confidence affected by defeats?**

Naturally guys are upset. They are very excited about getting back on the park today to try and produce something that everybody’s used to seeing us play, and if that means that we win the game, great.

■ **What reception do you expect Smith and Warner to get?**

I’m not expecting anything. I think fans and supporters up and down the country will have different reactions, as they will around the world. Let’s just see.

■ **Do you have to prove that you can win matches under pressure in the WC?**

No. We’ve done that throughout the WC already. Guys have performed under pressure for a very long time. They have performed under pressure of being favourites for the last two years in series that we’ve gone in, both away from home and at home, and have no question mark about producing under pressure.

■ **Will the pitch make you to play the extra seamer?**

There’s a chance. Day before yesterday, the pitch was quite green, as well. I don’t know if you watched the game, but certainly today it did look a little bit green. I think there’s a lovely covering of grass over it. Probably a little more consistent than has been in previous years, and depending on the weather overnight, because there is weather expected, it will probably affect the decision today, yeah.

■ **Do you think this is a decent match-up — England-Australia fixture?**

It’s a good match-up for both teams. It’s normally a really good game. The games we’ve played against them in the last two years, probably the score line hasn’t been as fair as both sides have played. I think the way that both sides play lends itself to a good game of cricket, as well. So it will be a challenge for both sides I think.

■ **How much of a difference does it make to have Jofra this time?**

Like Mark Wood, very similar roles. Both give you flexibility, with the new ball or first change, and at the end and in the middle, give you options to change the pace of the game. Similar to the way Australia use theirs, use them as wicket-taking options and I think we look to do the same. We have done throughout the tournament so far.

■ **You told the players to embrace when things are different. Will it be the same against Australia?**

Playing against Australia is different, but the feeling of playing against Australia is nullified because we played them so often. If guys had not of played against them a lot over the last, say, three years or four years, it would feel different, and it would feel, you know, a little bit unknown.

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I'M A VERY PROUD PLAYER AND CAPTAIN. PLAYING FOR SOUTH AFRICA MEANS A LOT TO ME. THERE ARE PEOPLE RIGHTLY AND FAIRLY CRITICISING TEAM BECAUSE WE ARE NOT PLAYING THE WAY WE SHOULD
— FAF DU PLESSIS

Rahim drives Tigers to 262

Wicket-keeper batsman continues to shine as Mujeeb 3/39 keeps B'desh under control

AP ■ SOUTHAMPTON

Mushfiqur Rahim passed 50 for the third time at the Cricket World Cup, scoring 83 to guide Bangladesh to 262-7 after being sent in by Afghanistan on Monday.

Mushfiqur went to the crease at the end of the 17th over and was caught in the deep in the 49th as he tried to lift the run rate against Dawlat Zadran's bowling.

He'd raised his half-century with a six, the only one of the innings, and shared important partnerships of 61 with Shakib Al Hasan (51), 56 with Mahmudullah (27) and 44 with Mosaddek Hossain, who belted 35 from 24 deliveries before he was bowled by Gulbadin Naib on the last ball.

Mujeeb Ur Rahman took three wickets, including the key dismissal of Shakib in the middle, to return 3-39 from 10 overs and was the pick of Afghanistan's bowling attack.

Afghanistan restricted India to 224-8 on the same pitch two days ago and got within 11 runs of what would have been one of the biggest upsets in the tournament's history. That prompted skipper Naib to field first and try to keep the chase as low as possible.

It didn't quite work out, leaving Afghanistan a target bigger than it has ever successfully chased against Bangladesh.

The Afghans are seeking their first win of the tournament, while Bangladesh is aiming for a third win to keep in playoff contention.



Mushfiqur Rahim plays a shot during his 83-run innings against Afghanistan at Hampshire Bowl stadium in Southampton on Monday

ICC/Twitter

SHAKIB AL HASAN'S BATTING PERFORMANCE IN WORLD CUP

Year	Venue	M	Runs	AVG	H.S	S/R	100/50
2007	West Indies	9	202	28.85	57*	57.22	-/2
2011	India/SL/Bang	6	142	23.66	55	71.00	-/1
2015	Australia/NZ	6	196	39.20	63	93.77	-/2
2019	England	6	476	95.20	124*	99.16	2/3
Total	(4 World Cups)	27	1016	44.17	124*	81.80	2/8

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The Afghans tried to mix things up, opening with offspinner Mujeeb, who only had two wickets previously in the tournament but who troubled the Bangladesh batsmen with his wide variation of deliveries.

He had Liton Das (16) well caught by a diving Hashmatullah Shahidi at short cover with the total at 23 in the fifth over.

Bangladesh rallied with a 59-run stand between Tamim Iqbal (36) and Shakib before Mohammad Nabi broke through in the 17th over with a faster, full ball that bowled Tamim.

Shakib passed 40 for the sixth consecutive World Cup innings and posted his fifth half-century of the tournament. But his 69-ball knock ended when he failed to pick a straighter ball from Mujeeb and was trapped lbw directly in front.

He'd earlier survived a confident appeal from Rashid Khan for lbw but otherwise was composed, and became the first Bangladeshi batsmen to pass 1,000 career runs in the World Cup.

Mujeeb struck again to get an lbw decision against Soumya Sarkar (3), who had only narrowly escaped being run out attempting to get off the mark. Bangladesh slipped to 151-4 after 32 overs.

SCOREBOARD

Bangladesh		
Liton Das	c Shahidi	b Mujeeb 16
Tamim Iqbal	b Nabi	36
Shakib	lbw b Mujeeb	51
Mushfiqur Rahim	c Nabi	b Dawlat 83
Soumya Sarkar	lbw b Mujeeb	3
Mahmudullah	c Nabi	b Naib 27
Mosaddek Hossain	b Naib	35
Mohammad Saifuddin	not out	2
Extras	(b 0, lb 0, w 9, nb 0, p 0)	9
Total	(7 wks, 50 Ov)	262
Bowling		
Mujeeb Ur Rahman		10-0-39-3
Dawlat Zadran		9-0-64-1
Mohammad Nabi		10-0-44-1
Gulbadin Naib		10-1-56-2
Rashid Khan		10-0-52-0
Rahmat Shah		1-0-7-0

Afghanistan's spinners dominated the middle overs, keeping the run rate lower, but some late hitting from a hobbling Mahmudullah, who twice needed treatment on his lower leg, and Hossain ensured a 250-plus total on a difficult batting pitch.

Naib picked up 2-56 but star spinner Rashid Khan had another difficult day, with his 10 overs returning 0-52.

OTHER SPORTS

Messi's birthday present



Sergio Aguero, left, celebrates with Lionel Messi after scoring Argentina's second goal against Qatar

AFP ■ PORTO ALEGRE

An early goal by Lautaro Martinez and Sergio Aguero's late second gave Argentina a 2-0 win over Qatar on Sunday that qualified them for the Copa America quarter-finals.

Already-qualified Colombia beat Paraguay 1-0 in the other Group B match to secure a place in the last eight for both Peru, who finished third in Group A, and Uruguay, currently second in Group C. Argentina, who finish second in Group B behind Colombia, will play Venezuela at Rio de Janeiro's iconic Maracana stadium in the quarter-finals, while tournament debutants and guests Qatar are out.

Paraguay, on two points, must wait and see what happens in Monday's Group C clash between Japan and Ecuador before finding out if they qualify as one of the two best third-place finishers.

Peru, with four points, are sure of that while only a draw between Japan and Ecuador would see Paraguay progress.

Argentina coach Lionel Scaloni recalled Manchester City forward Aguero for the crunch tie while Martinez kept his place at the expense of Angel Di Maria.

over the top. He didn't have to wait long for another chance though as Bassam Hisham played a ball across his box and straight to the feet of the Argentina forward, who scuffed a shot into the bottom corner after just four minutes.

With the weight was lifted from Argentina's shoulders, they played with a freedom expected of a side boasting talents such as Aguero and five-time Ballon d'Or winner Lionel Messi.

Qatar played with limited ambition but their talented forwards looked dangerous when they did venture into the final third.

Hasan Khalid Al Haydos got in behind the Argentina backline and tried to chip Franco Armani but the goalkeeper got a touch to divert the ball behind, although the linesman's flag was up and it wouldn't have counted.

Messi burst into life with an acceleration towards Qatar's area before slipping a pass to Aguero, who dragged his left-footed shot wide under pressure.

Qatar were sporadically dangerous on the break and Portuguese-born Ro-Ro stole in at the back post to meet a Karim Boudiaf cross but couldn't direct his volley on target.

Up the other end, Nicolas Otamendi headed over from close range when it looked easier to score. Argentina almost scored a second after Qatar goalkeeper

Saad Al-Sheeb spilled a header by Martinez causing a scramble in the box, but neither Aguero nor Martinez could poke the ball home.

Iraq-born Hisham almost made amends for his earlier gaffe with a free-kick at the end of the half but his shot, which passed through the Argentina wall, clipped the outside of the upright.

Another direct Messi run set up Aguero but his shot was deflected over by Algeria-born Boualem Khoukhi.

Aguero then drew a save from Al-Sheeb with a shot from outside the area. Qatar made few chances but when they did, Akram Afif snatched at his effort from distance when a smarter move would have been to play in a runner from midfield.

Aguero finally scored the goal his industry deserved with a purposeful run past two defenders before sending a cross-shot into the far bottom corner eight minutes from time.

Already guaranteed of winning the group, Colombia's Portuguese coach Carlos Queiroz made 10 changes to his line-up, with only Juventus forward Juan Cuadrado retaining his place.

They took the lead just after the half-hour mark when Gustavo Cuellar scored through goalkeeper Roberto Fernandez's legs from a tight angle.

In the second half Colombia had a goal and a penalty award chalked off by VAR.

Murray mulls over US Open singles return

AFP ■ LONDON

Former world number one Andy Murray says he could resurrect his singles career at this year's US Open following a remarkable return to tennis with victory in the men's doubles at the Queen's Club tournament on Sunday.

The 32-year-old Scotsman teamed up with Spanish partner Feliciano Lopez to take a 7-6 (8/6), 5-7, 10-5 win over Britain's Joe Salisbury and Rajeev Ram of the United States.

The three-time Grand Slam champion's triumph comes after what he described as "life-changing" hip surgery earlier this year.

Murray said that while he had not made up his mind about a

return to singles, the US Open would be the tournament where it could happen.

If so, it would be a remarkable turnaround for a man who was tearfully pondering retirement in January and has seen his singles ranking tumble to 215 in the world.

"I mean, potentially, yeah," he said when pressed as to whether the US Open — where he won his first Grand Slam title in 2012 — could be the place to resume his singles career.

"But I don't care, really, either way. Like, it would be nice to play at the US Open, but if I don't — look, I got so much enjoyment and happiness

after winning a first round doubles match here that, you know, that's enough."

"I don't have to be getting to the US Open this year and be really competitive and have to win the tournament for me to enjoy it."

Murray, also a two-time Olympic singles champion, said he had to be mindful about his hip, although he came through the week at Queen's pain free.

AFP ■ LE CASTELLET

Lewis Hamilton and Mercedes moved within reach of an overhaul of some of Formula One's most notable records with his flawless unchallenged triumph in Sunday's French Grand Prix.

But his extraordinary success — his victory was his sixth in eight races this year — prompted a negative reaction in some quarters from critics who find Mercedes' domination "boring" and the races lacking in suspense and thrills.

Hamilton, who admits his success feels "unreal," said on Sunday he understood if spectators, or the global broadcast audience, lost interest but urged them to blame the sport's rules, not the drivers.

"We need to see a dramatic overhaul," he said, adding that the structure of the sport's management was also in need of change.

He added: "It's really important that people realise it's not the drivers' fault — this is



Newcastle United's manager Rafael Benitez in a file picture. PL/Twitter

Benitez to leave Newcastle Utd

AFP ■ LONDON

Rafael Benitez's three-year reign as Newcastle manager will come to an end next week after failing to agree terms on a new contract, the club confirmed on Monday.

Benitez was a hugely popular figure among the Newcastle support after stabilising the Magpies in the Premier League and the news is likely to spark more protests aimed at the club's owner Mike Ashley.

"It is with disappointment that we announce manager Rafael Benitez will leave Newcastle United upon the expiry of his contract on 30th June 2019," Newcastle said in a statement.

"We have worked hard to extend Rafa's contract over a significant period of time, however it has not been - and will not be - possible to reach an agreement with Rafa and his representatives."

Despite failing to keep Newcastle in the top flight shortly after taking over in March 2016, Benitez earned here

status on Tyneside as he led Newcastle back to the Premier League at the first time of asking. He then comfortably secured survival by finishing 10th and 13th in the last two seasons. However, the Spaniard did not hide his displeasure at the lack of backing he was afforded by Ashley and was believed to be seeking assurances over the budget he would have to work with before committing his future to the club.

"I have been trying to win titles everywhere, in different countries, and we have to have a team that can compete," the former Liverpool, Inter Milan and Real Madrid manager told Sky Sports in April.

"The city, the club, everyone in Newcastle is supporting the team so it's massive. I'm not saying £200m but doing a little bit more, doing the right things, we can compete against the teams that are now maybe between seventh and 12th. But we have to do things right."

Benitez, who won the Champions League when in charge of Liverpool in 2005, has been reportedly offered a contract worth £12 million-a-year at Chinese club Dalian Yifang.

F1 needs dramatic overhaul



Lewis Hamilton celebrates with the winners trophy after winning French GP

a constant cycle of F1 for years and years. And before I got to F1, it's because the way Bernie (Ecclestone) had it set up and the decisions they made then.

"Until that structure changes, it will be the same in my opinion."

As Hamilton and Mercedes continue their relentless destruction of the records, it is unreasonable to ask his team to slow down, as the president of the sport's ruling body, the International Motoring Federation (FIA) Jean Todt, once the boss of the all-conquering team that powered Michael Schumacher to five of his seven titles, has pointed out.

"It is beautiful to see 20 cars at a marvellous circuit, truly modern, a real motor racing circuit, with the best teams and the best drivers in the world," he said.

"Then, if one team is better, and you see this in all

sports, it is because it is the strongest."

He suggested there are not the same complaints at seeing tennis star Rafael Nadal dominate at Roland Garros and said that Mercedes rivals should work harder to overhaul them.

Hamilton, meanwhile, will have to ignore the noise and carry on winning as he closes in on Schumacher's record of 91 wins — his victory on Sunday was his 79th — and a potential sixth world title.

"I definitely didn't expect to have six wins at this point and it doesn't feel real," he admitted after his pole-to-flag win, his second in succession at Le Castellet.

It also brought Mercedes their 10th consecutive victory and brought into prospect an 11th at this weekend's Austrian Grand Prix, a total that would be a record in the sport's modern era.