

Maya plans a separate path IAF's AN-32 meets its

BSP chief asks party cadre to get ready to fight all 11 Assembly bypolls in UP

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Upset at the drubbing in the Lok Sabha polls with the non-transfer of the Samajwadi Party votes in favour of her party candidates contesting under the banner of the grand alliance in Uttar Pradesh, Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) chief Mayawati hinted at going it alone in the future.

During a review meeting of the UP unit in New Delhi on Monday, Mayawati asked party office bearers, MLAs and newly-elected MPs to get ready claiming that the BSP would fight all 11 Assembly bypolls in Uttar Pradesh. Bypolls to these Assembly

seats are due as nine BJP MLAs along with one each from the BSP and the SP won the Lok Sabha elections.

Mayawati reportedly told the party cadre that the BSP won 10 seats in UP due to its traditional vote bank and the votes of the Samajwadi Party could not get transferred to their candidates. She stressed that the party would have to strengthen its own organisa-tional structure and not depend on other parties to win votes. She also stressed on the need to increase the participation of members of other backward classes in the organisation.

Interestingly, SP chief Akhilesh Yadav on Monday morning shared the dais with Sangeeta Azad, Lalganj BSP MP, in Azamgarh to thank voters for backing the alliance. While showing displeasure

at the non-transfer of SP votes, Mayawati did not blame Akhilesh for it, but sources maintained that the BSP chief held the Congress and Shiv Pal Singh Yadav-led Pragatisheel Samajwadi Party Lohia (PSPL) responsible for the poor per-formance of the alliance. Although Mayawati didn't

directly talk about the future of the alliance, she asked the party workers to adopt a "wait and watch" policy till the family dispute in the SP is over, according to BSP sources. "Neither did she criticise

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the SP or Akhilesh, nor did she say that the alliance was over," not depend on other parties to win votes in the Assembly



the source said. When asked about Mayawati's comments, SP Spokesperson Rajendra Chaudhry told *PTI*, "We will wait to know about official stand of the BSP on alliance's performance in the Lok Sabha elections, after that we will decide what we have to do."

Mayawati cited "poor per-formance" of its alliances in various States during the Assembly and Lok Sabha elections to emphasise that the BSP will have to strengthen its own organisational structure and

bypolls.

Her comments assume significance as the BSP does not usually contest bypolls.

At the time of stitching up an alliance with BSP, Akhilesh had said the alliance would last till UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath was sent back to Gorakhpur as mahant of

(Gorakhnath) temple. "No matter how much you try, this alliance is not going to break. The alliance will go a long way. We have not forged this alliance only to oust Prime Minister Narendra Modi from the Centre... We will not keep quiet until he and his disciple

Yogi are unseated from power," Akhilesh had said.

Mayawati also pressed for the need to increase the involvement of members of other backward classes in the month, with same party organisation by reviving district-level committees. Meanwhile, with fissures appearing in the SP-BSP alliance, Uttar Pradesh Deputy

ing an aircraft of the same make in the same region, in the

same month, and ironically,

with the same death toll. The AN-32 plane went missing near Mechuka in Arunachal Pradesh with 13

people, including eight crew members, on board. A massive

search and rescue operation is on to locate the aircraft feared

Incidentally, an AN-32 air-craft had crashed in June 2009

after taking off from Mechuka

killing all 13 on board. Another AN-32 with 29 on board had

to Port Blair from Chennai in

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and the distance, as the crow flies, is nearly 206 km. After the plane failed to land at Mechuka, the IAF launched a search operation deploying SU-30 fighter jets for radar mapping of the terrain and C-310 J transport planes becides MJ 17 beliconters. The

besides MI-17 helicopters. The local Army units were also

pressed into service to trace the

missing plane, sources said here. Defence Minister Rajnath

to have crashed.

PNS 📕 NEW DELHI Chief Minister Dinesh Sharma on Monday said the "gath-bandhan" is "taking its last breath, and is on ventilator". "Thanks to the develop-

Minister Narendra Modi and UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, people have broken the barriers of caste and religion. The gathbandhan is today taking its last breath, and is on

ventilator," he told PTI. He added, "Alliances of opposing ideologies are never successful — be it the SP-Congress or the BSP-Congress.

All experiments to forge caste-based alliances in Uttar Pradesh have proved to be a failure. People across the country have accepted Modiji's "sabka saath, sabka vikaas, sabka vishwaas" and outright rejected such caste-based alliances." "The alliances which are

2016 and is yet to be traced. In the latest mishap, the illformed or forged on the basis of caste or religion eventually fated aircraft, popularly known as workhorse of the IAF, took lose their existence. In UP, off from Jorhat in Assam for there was an unnatural and Mechuka advanced landing opportunistic alliance, it was shattered by the caste-less (jaati-viheen) work of the BJP ground with eight crew mem-bers and five passengers around 12.25 pm. The plane was last in radio touch and on radar till 1 pm and then went missing. The whose mantra is 'sabka saath, sabka vikaas, sabka vishwaas." flying time between Jorhat and Mechuka is about 50 minutes

**Govt reappoints Doval as NSA**, gifts Cabinet rank

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A jit Doval, the National Security Advisor (NSA), resumed his second term on Monday with an elevated stature of Cabinet Rank. This is the first time a NSA has got a second back to hack tenure a second back-to-back tenure The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet approved Doval's appointment for a five-year period with effect from May 31, 2019. It will be co-terminus with the term of the Prime Minister, the order said.

appointed to the post on May 30, 2014 and given the stature of a Minister of State in September that year after the Chinese side insisted on ministerial-level talks. A, 1968-batch IPS officer

from Uttarakhand, Doval started his career as Assistant Superintend of Police in Thalassery in Kerala. After his brief stint in Kerala cadre,

NSA, Doval played a pivotal role in the surgical strikes on terror launch pads in Pakistanoccupied Kashmir after the Uri terror attack. He has also been widely hailed for his contribution to the national security domain, including his role during the Balakot air strike after the Pulwama terror attack, officials said. Doval was the chief strategist in tackling the



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tweeted about the incident and prayed for safety of the pas-sengers. Following some ground reports about sighting of the wreckage, helicopters were diverted for search, but there was no success, officials said adding the search opera-tions with the help of the Army will continue during the night also.

The Mechuka Advance Landing Ground is located in Mechuka Valley in West Siang District of Arunachal Pradesh. The landing strip is strategically gone missing over the Bay of Bengal while it was on its way located near the Line of Actual Control (LAC) facing China. The AN-32 planes provide the much needed logistical support to the troops located on the LAC due to paucity of road connectivity. Besides Mechuka, there are seven more advanced landing grounds in Arunachal Pradesh, where the AN-32s and helicopters can land to sus-

The terrain under the flight route of the AN-32 is moun-tainous and thickly forested. The landing and take-off approaches to Mechuka are extramely difficult Council extremely difficult. Coupled with erratic weather, the region is among the most inhospitable for air transport especially during this time of the year due to heavy clouds. The An-32 is a Soviet-

designed twin engine turbo-prop transport aircraft used extensively by the Indian Air Force since induction in 1984. At present, the IAF has more

#### 13 people on board lost contact with ground agencies at about 1:00 pm Mechuka Advanced Landing Ground Arunachal Pradesh Lakhampu Assam Aircraft took off from Jorkal in Assam at 12:27 pm KBK

IAF AN-32 plane with

than 100 AN-32s and it ferries people and air-drop supplies. At least ten planes have met with mishaps since induction. The medium transporter

AN-32 is the workhorse of the IAF and its fleet is in the process of being upgraded to extend their service life. In 2009, India finalised a major upgrade and life extension plan for the entire fleet under a \$400 million deal with Ukraine which would extend their life to 40 years. So far 46 aircraft have been upgraded of which 40 were done in Ukraine. The rest are being upgraded in India.

IAF chopper spots five bodies of climbers





Draft New Education Policy 2019 being submitted to the Minister for HRD Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank by the Drafting Committee Twitter

The revision to the draft

to study under the three lan-guage model in schools. The revised draft policy states, "In keeping with the principle of flexibility, students who wish to change one or more of the three languages The revised policy requires proficiency in any three lanthey are studying may do so in Grade 6 or Grade 7, so long as they are able to still demonstrate proficiency in three languages (one language at the literature level) in their modular board examinations some time

comes after many politicians guages. The revised draft reads, "Since the modular board and citizens slammed the Centre for imposing Hindi, in examinations for language pro-ficiency will indeed test only an alleged attempt to "homog enize" the diverse linguistic fabric of the country, which has the basic proficiency in each language, such change in choice many regional languages, in Grade 6 would certainly be especially down south where they have a prominent presence as a part of the Dravidian feasible if the student so desires and would in such cases be



as the agency's chief in 2005. During his first tenure as

There is no mention of Hindi in the "Flexibility in the three-language formula" clause.

a revised version of the policy giving the students freedom to

choose any language they wish to study under the three lan-

supported by teachers and the identity. schooling system."

Doval was absorbed in Continued on Page 4 | Intelligence Bureau and retired

Aam Aurat to hitch a ride in Delhi Metro!

Myanmar-parked Naga rebels Continued on Page 4

### CAPSULE

during secondary school."

TRIPLE TALAQ BILL TO BE BROUGHT AGAIN: PRASAD New Delhi: The Government wil bring a Bill to ban the practice of instant triple talaq again in Parliament, Law Minister Ravi hankar Prasad has said PM TO VISIT MALDIVES, LANKA FROM JUNE 8 New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi begin his visit to the Maldives and Sri Lanka from Saturday.

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GAYATHRI MANI 🗖 NEW DELHI W<sup>ith Chief Minister</sup> Arvind Kejriwal W Arvind Kejriwal announcing free ride for women in Delhi Metro and the MARKETS Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC) buses, the tug of war between the Central Government and the Delhi NSEX 40267.62 (+553.42) NIFTY 12088.50 (+165.70) Government has begun. Moreover, the Delhi Metro GOLD 32,210.00 (+112.00)

Centre, AAP Govt spar

as Kejriwal promises

women free travel in

**DTC** buses also

authorities are not on the same page as they feel the Delhi CM's SILVER 36,667.00 (+218.00) oposal is not financially WEATHER viable and is also difficult to implement. The Fare Fixation Committee of the Union Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry is the competent body to take any decision in this NIGATE GENERAL MEDIA (P) LTD regard.

The Delhi Government on Monday proposed a plan to



Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal speaks as Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia and Delhi Transport Minister Kailash Ranjan Dimri I Pioneer Gahlot look on during a Press conference at Delhi Secretariat in New Delhi on Monday

allow free travel for female pas sengers in the metro and the DTC buses. However, the move has been labeled as a mere poll plan within a week to imple-ment the scheme by next 2-3 agenda. The Opposition critimonths. cised the move as "populist" and aimed to "mislead" people ahead of Assembly polls due

early next year.

has 50 per cent share in Delhi Metro... The scheme is neither possible nor can be imple-

mented in such a short time as Kejriwal on Monday asked the DMRC and DTC to draft a making the public transport completely free is a big revenue loss but if the Government is ready to bear the subsidy and "The Delhi Government total cost, it may be possible," said an official on the condition

of anonymity. Continued on Page 4



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n the case of stranded moun-In the case of stranded moun-taineers in Pithoragarh dis-trict, the District administration has informed that five bodies were spotted by a helicopter of Indian Air Force on Monday. Pithoragarh District Magistrate Vijay Kumar Jogdande said that the spotted mountaineers are presumed to be dead. A mission to retrieve their bodies will be conducted as soon as the Indo-Tibetan Border Police and Indian Air Force are ready.

DM Jogdande told The Pioneer, "An IAF helicopter spotted five bodies on Monday at an elevation of 5,000 feet. They're presumed to be dead and are in the middle of an avalanche affected site. The other three missing climbers might also be near the five bodies and are also presumed to be dead. For retrieving their bod-ies we will start working as

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Pithoragarh Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) RC Rajguru said, "The rescue mission will start for the missing eight mountaineers on Tuesday if the weather permits. ITBP, SDRF and two helicopters of IAF will be involved in the mission. District police will work on ground mobilisation." It is pertinent to mention here that a 12 member crew of

mountain climbers from Himalyan Run and Trek Private Limited, Delhi went for trekking on May 10. On May 31, the company e-mailed the Pithoragarh district adminis-tration that four of the climbers had returned to the base camp, but eight others had failed to do so. Among the eight mountaineers one is Indian, one Australian, two from United States of America and four from United Kingdom.





# 60 lakh take holy dip on Somvati Amavasya

#### PNS HARIDWAR

A n estimated 60 lakh pil-grims took holy dip in the Ganga on Somvati Amavasya on Monday, claim the officials. The arrival of devotees had begun on Sunday, a day ahead of Somvati Amavasya snan.A long weekend and the auspicious occasion beckoned tourists from Delhi NCR region, Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan.

Temporary bus stands set up at Rishikul witnessed heavy rush of pilgrims. Movement of heavy vehicles was stopped from Sunday midnight to Monday midnight. The hill pass road and Chilla road were opened to ease the traffic flow in the city area.

The period of merit on Somvati Amavasya started on Monday morning and lasted till late evening. Pilgrims from all the Gamp of the country thronged the Gamp river here to gain the merit of having snan on Somvati Amavasya. The people per-formed tarpan (offering to the ancestors) at Narayani Shila and Kushawart Ghat.It is believed that whatever one offers on this day to the deceased family members, reaches them and one earns

merit by taking holy dip. The merit gained is even more than performing 'Ashwamedh yajna' The district's senior super intendent of police (SSP) Janmejay Khanduri along with said, his team monitored the movements from CCR Tower at Har

compensation of ₹7 lakh

Multitudes throng Har Ki Paidi for a dip on Somvati Amavasya Pioneer photo Ki Paidi while the district mag-istrate Deepak Rawat inspected Har Ki Paidi. In Roorkee there

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the area in the morning hours.Speaking to The Pioneer, the SSP Janmejay Khanduri "There was no chock-oblock situation on the highway or other roads connecting to

was traffic jam for a few minutes but was resolved soon. Till 4 PM 55 lakh pilgrims had taken the dip at Har Ki Paidi and other Ganga Ghats and after evening Arti the number crossed 60 lakh. The highway

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Pandey on Monday.

examination, a 'Super 100' pro-gramme was inaugurated by

the Education Minister, Arvind

Dehradun on Monday, the minister congratulated the

Director General (DG) school

education and the education

department for conceiving and

starting 'Super 100' pro-

exhorted the students to work

In his address, Pandey

State

of

was not closed at any point of time. Four wheelers were allowed beyond Rishikul in the afternoon till the railway station." Discussing about the trafarrangements, the SSP added. The whole of mela zone had been divided into

zones and sectors. Police perwas slowed down but nowhere sonnel were positioned across the highway and the major crossings to ensure people do not stand midway creating traffic chaos. While diverting the traffic

Vehicles crawl in Haridwar with lakhs of people arriving on Somvati Amavasya

from Laksar region, the pace

was traffic jam reported. Traffic was diverted from Narsen entry point and inside city through Chilla route, buses were divert-Zero zone was marked from post office tri-junction to the main market of Har Ki Paidi

and towards Bhim Goda area Two teams of bomb disposal squad and dog squad were deputed in the mela zone and the whole area was under the surveillance through close cir cuit television cameras, added the SSP.

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# State to give minor rape victim | Edu Min opens 'Super 100' programme

#### PNS DEHRADUN

State Minister for Women Arya on Monday visited Government Doon Medical College (GDMC) hospital to meet the nine year old rape vic-tim and her family from Tehri.

The minister said that the State will be providing a compensation of ₹7,00,000 to the minor under the state's scheme for victims of serious crimes in Uttarakhand. Arya said, "I have spoken

to the victim and her mother. The girl is suffering from urinary tract infection as the doctors told us. She will be fine in two-three days.

The mother and few other people accompanying them have alleged that police is conducting partial investigation and trying to protect the

accused. They also transported the victim and the minor in the same vehicle for recording their statements. If such is the

State Minister Rekha Arya during his visit to GDMC hospital on Monday Pioneer photo

case then immediate action will be taken against the officer concerned. She further added. "The

family belongs to a financially poor background. For the future of the minor victim, we will be providing the compensation amount of ₹7,00,000 of 164 CrPC so far.

emanate out from the programme. He expressed hope that better results from the iniunder our scheme for victims tiative would help in alleviating of crime in Uttarakhand."It is the level of education in the pertinent to mention here that state. The minister assured the the accused in this case, Vipin students that the state govern-ment is prepared to provide every possible facility to them. Panwar was arrested on May 31. However, the nine year old victim has not been able to give The Director General eduher statement under the section

gramme

cation and state project direc-tor, Samagra Shiksha, Jyoti



Yaday said that the participating students have been motivated that the course would help them in achieving their goals. She exuded confidence that the 'Super 100' pro-gramme would be able to achieve the purpose for which is started.

Yadav added that the department officials, faculty members and personnel have been directed that they should ensure that high standard of education is maintained during the programme. Similarly, the officials have been asked to provide best reading material,

Commandant's parade was held at Indian Military Academy (IMA) on Monday.

In the parade organised at Chetwode drill square 382 Indian and 77 foreign

Gentlemen Cadets participat-

S Rawat.

nutritious food, lodging facilto the students, she added. In his address the director that the students should set up high standards for them and

ner in order to achieve the tar-

ity, safety, sanitation and health Education, R K Kunwar said

then study in a dedicated man-

ty members Saurav Kumar, SP Singh, Pramod Kumar Sati.

### 150th anniversary celebrations begin in Sherwood College Deputy commandant's

#### PNS NAINITAL

 $T^{\rm he \ three-day \ celebrations \ of}_{\rm Sherwood \ College's \ 150th}$ here on Monday. The students performed

swimming and skating apart from putting up various exhi-bitions on the first day of the event. Kumaon commissioner Rajiv Rautela was the Chief Guest on the occasion while actor and former student of the school, Dalip Tahil was the special guest.



Addressing the gathering the Kumaon commissioner said that the occasion was a moment of pride not only for the school but also for Nainital town

He also appreciated the effort put up by the students. Exhibitions on mathematics, science, geography, history, music, social science and other

subjects were also held on the occasion In the environment related

exhibition, various suggestions for environmental conservation

The Students performed swimming and skating apart from putting up various

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were shared. Information about latest inventions were displayed in the physics exhibition.



EDU MINISTER HOPES THAT BETTER RESULTS HELP IN ALLEVIATING

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get.The additional project director Samgra Shiksha, S B Ioshi informed that 96 boys and 96 girls have so far registered for the course and the

process of registration is open. In the 'Super 100' pro-gramme, meritorious students from every block have been selected. In the course 100 days of crash course would be provided to these students. The course aims to prepare students for competitive examinations.

The programme was also attended by joint project direc-tor, Manju Bharati, Principal Rahiv Gandhi Navodaya Vidhyalaya Sanjiv Sundariyal, deputy directors, Saniiv Joshi, Sohan Singh Majila and facul-

#### BSNL launches its first ASK in State ाढ़वाल मण्डल विकास निगम लि० . 74/1, राजपुर रोड़, देहरादून

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प्रबन्ध निदशक, नणमणवणनणलण, 74 / 1 राजपुर रोड़, देहरादून की ओर से अधोहस्ताक्षरी द्वारा ''**श्रीनगर में पर्यटन** The Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) launched सूचना केन्द्र परिसर का सुदृढ़ीकरण its first Aadhaar Seva Kendra कार्य'' हेतु समस्त सरकारी/ अर्द्धसरकारी विभागों में भवन निर्माण कार्य in Uttarakhand at Cross Road CSC.This Aadhaar Seva हेतु 'डी' एवं उच्चतर श्रेणी में पंजीकृत ठेकेदारों से मुहर बन्द निविदायें दिनांक Kendra wasinaugurated by the BSNL Uttarakhand circle CGM 18.06.2019 को अपराहन 3.00 बजे तक (T) HK Verma and UIDAU RO आमन्त्रित की जाती है जो उसी दिन अपराहन 3.30 बजे निविदा समिति द्वारा DDG Pradeep Kumar. According to officials, BSNL नेविदा दाताओं की उपस्थिति में खोली will open 34 34 Aadhaar Seva जायेंगी। कार्य की धरोहर राशि रू0 Kendras in the whole of Uttarakhand which will pro-17,500.00 एफ0डी0आर0 / सी0डी0आर0 के रूप में प्रधान प्रबन्धक (निर्माण) के पक्ष vide Aadhaar services like में बन्धक होगी। निविदा प्रपन्न का मूल्य Aadhaar रू० १०००.०० + (जी०एस०टी० अतिरिक्त)

enrollment and updation. This will provide people of Uttarkhand more ease in avail-कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि 3 माह तथा निविदा की वैधता 3 माह होगी। निविदा प्रपत्र निविदा खोले जाने की तिथि से एक ing Aadhaar services. The देन पूर्व तक प्रत्येक कार्य दिवस मे Aadhaar services like Aadhaar कार्यालेंग से पाप्त किये जा सकते हैं । कार्य enrollment and mandatory biometrics update at the का विस्तृत विवरण, नियम व शर्ते किसी भी कार्य दिवस में कार्यालय में देखी जा कार्य दिवस में कार्यालय में देखी जा सकती है। टिलार्ग्स महाप्रबन्धक (पर्यटन/प्रशासन) other updates like demographic



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everywhere. Residents should registertheir mobile number Aadhaar.Any Aadhaar related information can be obtained from theWebsite www.uidai.gov.in and toll free

number 1947, said officials.



Rawat complimented the Gentlemen Cadets (GC) of the s part of the preparation for A spart of the preparation for Parade (PoP) scheduled on Saturday, a well coordinated and imposing; Deputy Passing out Course for a good parade

He mentioned that the efforts of the faculty and the hard work of the GCs were quite evident from the crisp and coordinated movements. The Deputy Commandant expressed confidence that the standard of the parade would improve further as the final POP on June 8, draws near.

Exhorting the 'would be officers' to lead by example, the ed with vigour, zeal and enthu-siasm with perfect drill movesoldiers who would be under ments. The reviewing officer of the parade was deputy com-mandant and chief instructor their command, Maj General Rawat said. " Indian troops are the best in the world, simple by heart, unquestionable loyal and of the IMA, Major General G In his address, Maj General filled with patriotism. But then,

as an officer you have to earn their respect and trust by your action, conduct and demeanor and above all by the truthfulness and purity of your intention and action. Once you have earned their trust and loyalty they will follow you even to hell and conquer it with you."

Large number of school children and local citizens witnesses the parade at the drill square of Chetwode building. The Public Relation Officer

of IMA, Lt Col Shivendra Singh said that the duty of the IMA to train the GCs ends herein after which they will step into their Units and Regiments, who will groom them further and make them responsible and competent leaders.

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# CM meets PM, discusses developmental issues



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Chief minister Trivendra Singh Rawat met Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the national Capital on Monday. Later, talking to the media, the chief minister said that he discussed various issues related to the development of Uttarakhand with the Prime Minister. The Kumbh Mela to be held in Uttarakhand during 2021, hydro power projects in the state and other issues were discussed between the CM and PM Rawat said that the PM

assured all possible cooperation with Uttarakhand. The CM further said that PM Modi also shared his experiences of Kedarnath during their meet-

that after the 2013 disaster, various hydro power projects in the state were stalled. Most of the work on these projects has been completed but due to various reasons these hydro power projects have not been completed so far. He said that if the state receives the cooperation of the National Green Tribunal

. The Uttarakhand CM said

and other agencies, these pro-jects would be completed soon. Rawat said, "Uttarakhand purchases electricity amounting to about Rs 1,000 crore despite which it is a state which pro-vides electricity at the most inexpensive rates." He further said that due to PM Modi's spe cial attachment to Kedarnath and after the reconstruction works at Kedarnath, there has been a rapid rise in the num-ber of pilgrims undertaking the

Char Dham Yatra. An average of 13,000 devotees are visiting Kedarnath every day, he added.

The State's tourism department is planning to encourage dark tourism in Kedarnath. Defined as tourism involving travel to places historically associated with death and tragedy, dark tourism in Kedarnath is an initiative being taken by the State's Tourism and Culture min-ister Satpal Maharaj. A Smriti Van (memorial forest) will be developed at Kedarnath where visitors will be able to learn about the 2013 disaster and pay homage to those who lost their lives here in the disaster. The department will submit its detailed proposal to the government

J Goburdhun

PNS DEHRADUN

Addressing the media here on Monday, Maharaj said that thousands of people had lost their lives in the June 2013

disaster at Kedarnath. Those who died included locals and people from across the nation who had come on pilgrimage to Kedarnath. The department wants to depict the details of the disaster including the tragedy and rescue. The tourism department plans to develop a Smriti Van with description of those who died in the 2013 disaster. Guides will also be post-ed here to provide proper information about various aspects of the disaster to the visitors. Stressing that encouraging dark tourism in Kedarnath would not send a negative message, the minister said that it is important to know about and learn from such disasters. He also cited the 9/11 memorial and Ground Zero in New York and other sites in France, Ukraine, Italy and Czech Republic where

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U'khand to help Indianorigin citizens of Mauritius meets CM know about their ancestors & native place

#### PNS DEHRADUN

The Uttarakhand tourism department will help non resident Indians to get in touch with their roots by providing them information about their ancestors and their native villages. Initially, this will be facilitated for Indian-origin people of Mauritus Mauritius.

Addressing the media along with the high commissioner of Mauritius in India, J Goburdhun, the state's tourism and culture minister Satpal Maharaj said that details of the ancestors will be sought in the historical records kept by priests in Haridwar, Badrinath and Kedarnath. It Indianation is being hoped that this will enable many Indian-origin people to learn about their ancestors and their native place. He said that pilgrims have been visiting Haridwar, Badrinath and Kedarnath for centuries now. Their names are record-ed in documents maintained by the priests (Pandas) at these pilgrimage centres.

Goburdhun said that Mauritius will soon sign a memorandum of under-standing with the Uttarakhand tourism department. Following this, pilgrims from Mauritius will receive rebate in the tourism department's guest houses. Mauritius will also provide similar rebate to visitors from Uttarakhand. Exchanges will also be facilitated in adventure tourism, economic and cultural aspects.

# Tourism Dept considering dark tourism in Kedarnath | Mauritian High Commissioner

#### PNS DEHRADUN

The high commissioner of Mauritius in India, J Goburdhun met chief minister Trivendra Singh Rawat here on Monday. Meeting the CM after having visited Badrinath and Kedarnath, he also invited Rawat to visit Mauritius.

He thanked the CM for providing rebate to people from Mauritius undertaking the Char Dham Yatra. Stating that Mauritius had a population of 13 lakh and had an equal number of tourists visiting it in a year, he also spoke of coop-eration in the sphere of tourism. Goburdhun said that the people of Mauritius had deep faith in the Ganga river. He also informed the CM about the efforts being under-taken by the government of Mauritius for development of Bhojpuri and other languages. The CM informed the high

commissioner about the vari-ous steps taken in Uttarakhand for encouraging tourism and pilgrimage. Due to the facilities being provided to the visitors. lakhs of people are visiting the State as tourists or for undertaking the Char Dham Yatra. He also appreciated the attempts being made by the people of Mauritius to reconnect with their roots in India.

## 35 proposals passed in MCD board meeting



Mayor Sunil Unival 'Gama' presides over MCD board meeting on Monday

#### PNS DEHRADUN

About 35 proposals were passed in board of the second meeting of the current board of the Municipal Corporation of Dehradun (MCD) on Monday. Majority of the councillors complained about the poor condition of drainage system in their areas, regarding which mayor Sunil Uniyal 'Gama' said that MCD will be buying three new JCBs for the cleaning of these drains before monsoon season.

Gama informed the media, "The idea is to generate more revenue so that we can do more work for the development of this city. On large chunks of land under MCD area, we are planning to construct hotels, wedding points or markets. On smaller lands, we will make a proposal and send it to the state

the streets, to which the mayor did not

the streets, to which the mayor did not give any satisfactory reply. On the proposal of health depart-ment for the compliance of Construction and Demolition Waste Rules 2016, MCD has identified three spots in Harbanswala, Karnpur and Makkawala. Additional Municipal Commissioner, Neeraj Joshi said that the National Green Tribunal has taken strict actions against Almora municipal council, imposing a penalty of Rs 10 lakh for not complying with this regulation. Taking that in view, MCD will be taking segregation of waste seri-ously. In case of building demolition, builders are supposed to segregate the waste into wood, tiles and bricks.

On the proposal from Heath department for special cleanliness drive MCD has passed Rs 85 lakh in

### STATE'S FIRST ZERO WASTE PARK TO COME **UP AT NATHUWAWALA**

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A proposal for the construction of zero waste park in Nathuwawala was also passed in the board meeting. Mayor Sunil Uniyal 'Gama' will be inaugurating the project on June 6. This will be the first of its kind in Uttarakhand and is being constructed as a pilot project on 36,000 square feet land.

Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Feedback Foundation Ajay Sinha told *The Pioneer*, "In ward number 100- Nathuwawala, there are 4,000 households and about 40 bulk waste generators such as wedding points and schools. The project ct waste from thes

dark tourism is being facilitated.

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Tourism minister Satpal Maharaj addresses the media along with high commissioner of Mauritius in India,

## Cloud seeding being considered to tackle forest fires

The forest department is considering the option of cloud seeding to induce rain in order to tackle the problem of forest fires in the state. The department is currently con-ducting initial research on this and if it meets various criteria, cloud seeding may be used in Uttarakhand to tackle forest fires by next year, said the principal chief conservator of forests and head of forest force Jai Raj.

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Addressing the media here on Monday, the PCCF said that with active cooperation of the public, the forest department had tackled forest fires in the state. He said, "We are also considering the option of cloud seeding to artificially induce rain in order to tackle forest fires. Currently we are in the initial stages of studying this option which is used in various nations. We will have to consider various options including the funds required. If it meets various parameters, we may

consider using it next year." He further informed that till June 2, a total of 1722 cases of forest fires had been reported in the state while the number of such incidents last year was 2020. Forest fires have affected about 2363 hectares this year compared to 4287 hectares last year. The loss from forest fires evaluated so far is about Rs 43 lakh this year while in the pre-vious year this amount was about Rs 83 lakh. He said, "We are also planning to revise the standards for loss caused by forest fires. We believe that while the larger wild animals are able to flee forest fires, the smaller creatures including reptiles and insects bear the brunt of such fires. This results in biodiversisent to jail for the crime of set-ting fire to the forest. While ty loss. We are studying this and maintaining that majority of



PCCF Jai Raj addresses the media in Dehradun on Monda

that manpower is one of the biggest issues faced in tackling forest fires, he said that in addi-tion to 4,000 personnel of the department, the services of 5,212 fire watchers had also been hired. This year, so far a sum of Rs 17.38 crore had been made available to the forest divisions for tackling forest fire while Van Panchayats had been provided Rs 2.36 crore for the same purpose. So far, 10 PNS DEHRADUN workers were injured while tackling forest fires while one worker from Nepal involved in pine resin work — Riyutiya died in Baijnath range of Bageshwar forest division while fighting a fire. Two personsone each in Bageshwar and Champawat were arrested and

## No issues in foreign visit of officials: PCCF

ments and trends in zoo design and related aspects which would be applied to the international  $S_{\mathrm{by}}$  the Forest and Wildlife zoo being developed at Haldwani at a cost of Rs 300 crore. He said minister Harak Singh Rawat is that permission from the state an important concern for the department, PCCF Jai Raj said that there was no anomaly in the recent foreign visit of depart-ment officials including himself. He also said that regarding the Chillarkhal-Laldhang motor road, the department had ascer-

government to attend the meet-ing in London was akin to an order to do so. Further, this visit did not affect the department's actions regarding forest fires in any way, he stressed. Regarding the Chillarkhal-

ation, for selling purpose

On biogas plant, the mayor said, "We will collect the dung of cattles from dairies and charge them for it. Those who will not abide by it will be penalised."

It is worth mentioning here that during the meeting when councillor Manchand raised objection on this agenda, stating that penalty should be imposed on those dairy owners who abandon old cows and male calves on

Councillor Amita Singh pointed out that MCD alone is getting all the blame for the drain blockage. She alleged that National Highway division had left construction materials near the roadside drains from Balliwala to Ballupur Chowk which will create problems during monsoon. She proposed that a letter should be sent to all the departments concerned about the issue.

waste four different categories - dry, wet, domestic hazardous and bio-medical waste. The project will be in accordance with the SWM Rules and only five per cent of the total waste generated will be sent further to Sheeshambada waste management plant. Electronic waste will be sent for recycling, dry waste will be further categorised into sub-divi sions, wet waste will be decomposed in the 60 per cent of the 36,000 square feet and for the bio-medical waste we will tie up with the vendors who collect waste from hospitals in Doon."

in a foi calculate the biodiversity loss by forest fires. The department is doing its homework now and will revise the standards to evaluate damage from such fires," he said.

Informing about the measures taken to tackle forest fires, he said that 40 master control rooms and 222 watch towers had been set up. Stating

st fires are eopie, PCCF stressed that this year the fires had been tackled effectively due to factors including case. public cooperation along with swift and hard work of the personnel involved The chief conservator of forests, forest fires and disaster management, PK Singh and other department officials were also present during the Press conference.

objection earlier by the divisional forest officer was not applicable in this

The PCCF said that the Zoological Society of London had borne the expenses of six officials from Uttarakhand forest department who had attended a meeting in London recently. The visit enabled officials to learn of latest global develop-

that the divisional forest officer concerned had in good faith rec-ommended stalling of work on the road citing section 38 of the Wildlife Protection Act. However, departmental officials later reviewed the case and ascertained that the work would not threaten the wildlife or environment as it was being undertaken in a sustainable manner.





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# **Pol parties gear up for Hry Assembly polls**

#### NISHU MAHAJAN 🔳 CHANDIGARH

fter the conclusion of Lok A fter the conclusion of Lok Sabha elections, the rul-ing Bharatiya Janata Party, Congress and other opposi-tion parties in Haryana are now gearing for another bal-lot-battle, the State Assembly elections due to be held in October this year.Buoyed by its resounding victory in parliamentary polls, the BJP has now set its eyes on "Mission 70" in Haryana Assembly elections. The BJP which had won

all 10 Lok Sabha seats in Haryana in the general elec-tions will kick start its "Karyakarta Abhinandan Samaroh" from June 5 in the state to express gratitude towards party workers for working diligently in the polls and to call upon them to again work hard for a victory in the State Assembly elections due to be held in next four months.

The Chief Minister Manohar Lal will be undertaking a statewide tour to thank the party cadre for BJP's victory in Lok Sabha polls and direct the party workers to continue their exercise of reaching out to the

voters ahead of the Assembly polls.In 2014 Vidhan Sabha election, the BJP had won 47 seats in the 90-member Assembly and had managed to make its maiden State Government in Haryana on its own. Currently, the ruling BJP has 48 MLAs while principal opposition party-Congress has 17 MLAs in the State Assembly. In recently concluded

parliamentary elections, the saffron party not only won all 10 Lok Sabha seats in Haryana but had also maintained its lead in as many as 79 assembly constituencies out of total 90 assembly seats. Registering a rise of three seats in its tally from last gen-

eral elections 2014, the BJP had got percent vote share (7357347) in parliamentary polls 2019, much higher than that of 34.7 per cent vote share, it had got in last gen-eral elections. To continue its

winning spree in the elec-tions, the saffron party has now chalked out a plan to organize "Karyakarta Abhinandan Samaroh", first-"Karyakarta ly in all districts to further boost the morale of the party cadre and issue necessary directions regarding upcom-

Haryana, the state Congress ing Vidhan Sabha polls.Such events beginning from June 5 in Panchkula and Hisar will leaders will meet on June 4 in New Delhi to take decisions be addressed by Chief on restructuring of party Minister Manohar Lal. "Elected MPs, MLAs, organization.

deliberate over the way for-ward and its plan for senior party leaders, districts party presidents, and workers Assembly elections in its meeting, said Haryana Congress chief Ashok will attend these events Panna Pramukh and party workers at grass-root level will also be honoured at Karyakarta Abhinandan Tanwar. Congress had faced a Karyakarta Abninandan Samaroh beginning from June 5," said BJP Haryana chief Subhash Barala. The saffron party had earlier held its first brain-

drubbing in Lok Sabha elec-tions even after fielding its best lot of leaders including former Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda, his son and three-time MP storming session of senior leaders in Rohtak on May 20, Deepender Hooda, a four-time MP and former Union Minister Kumari Selja, state followed by a meeting of the BJP Legislature Party in party chief Ashok Tanwar Chandigarh the next day to draw up campaign plan for the Assembly polls.Also, the BJP legislature party will be among others. Even as the party's vote share increased to 28.42 per-

meeting soon to form a comcent (3604106) this time from mittee to work out the elec-22.9 percent in 2014 polls in tion manifesto for the polls. On the other hand, the Harvana, the Congress failed to register a victory even on opposition parties-Congress, a single seat.

Former Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda said Indian National Lok Dal, Jannayak Janta Party, Aam Aadmi Party among others are preparing to bounce back that "Modi wave" worked in favor of BJP in Haryana but after their poor showing in the Lok Sabha elections. After in Assembly elections, issues will be different. The Vidhan Sabha electhe second consecutive Lok

tions will be fought on the

failures of Manohar Lal Khattar Government in the state. The Congress party will prepare a strategy to perform well in the polls", he The Congress party will

said. The regional parties including Indian National Lok Dal, its splinter group Jannayak Janta Party, Aam Aadmi Party, Loktantra Suraksha party are also still recovering from the shock after their total washout in parliamentary polls. The regional parties' vote per-centage had remained in a

single digit in the elections. INLD chief Om Parkash Chautala is currently undertaking a statewide tour to revive the party and infuse energy in party cadre ahead of Assembly polls. OP Chautala, who is serv-

ing a 10-year jail sentence in connection with the teachers recruitment scam in Haryana, is currently out of jail on a furlough. Addressing party workers in Faridabad, Chautala on Monday expressed confidence that the party would bounce back and return to power this year in

Harvana after 15 years. INLD's splinter group --Jannayak Janta Party is deliberating over getting a new

Capt seeks declaration of Guru Nanak's

symbol after its defeat in the

Lok Sabha polls. The JJP has convened a meeting of its central and state executive committee on June 9 to work out a strategy for Haryana Assembly polls and discuss the issue of party symbol. Contesting the polls in an alliance with Aam Aadmi Party, the JJP had fought on seven seats leaving three for AAP.

The JJP is reportedly los-ing its election symbol of slippers as it had failed to get the required vote share in the

parliamentary elections. Another alliance of Mayawati's Bahujan Samaj Party –Loktantra Suraksha Party of former MP Raj Kumar Saini had also failed to sway the dalit and backward class voters in the state as its candidates had finished at poor fourth or fifth place, even losing their security deposit in the elections.

Notably, the BJP will con-test the State Assembly polls in an alliance with Shiromani Akali Dal while the Congress is likely to go it alone in the polls.

The respective alliances of JJP-AAP and LSP-BSP are also likely to remain intact for State Assembly elections.

ing the message of inclusion

and tolerance, besides setting up a unique spiritual and social

platform based on equality, fra-

ternal love, goodness and virtue."The fundamental

beliefs of Sikhism, as articu-lated by Sri Guru Nanak Dev

ji, included equality of mankind, engaging in selfless

service, striving for social jus-tice for the benefit and pros-

perity of all, articulated as 'sarbat da bhala," he pointed

out adding that the first Guru

was thus an epitome of love, compassion and tolerance.

Harish Rawat should be Congress president: Koshyari

PNS DEHRADUN

In a suggestion which has caught the eyes of those interested in politics of the state, senior BJP leader and for-**BJP LEADER** TAKES RAGA TO mer chief minister Bhaga Singh Koshyari has said that Congress general secretary Harish Rawat should be made Congress president. Laced with FLEEING THE BATTLEGROUND. sarcasm, a Facebook post of sarcasm, a Facebook post or the veteran BJP leader has become talking point among the political circles here. In his unique style, Koshyari while addressing SARCASTICALLY SUGGESTS THAT

RAWAT, A Congress president Rahul Gandhi said, "You have made an announcement to leave the VETERAN OF NINE LOSSES SHOULD position of Congress presi-dent. Congratulation! You have BE MADE got so scared from the 303 PRESIDENT 'three naught three' of Modi-Shah that you have decided to flee from the battle field." He then went on to suggest that he should appoint Harish Rawat in his place, who despite losing leaders had enlivened the electoral scene.

In the campaign, Koshyari targeted Rawat by calling him nine elections never says quit and starts preparing for next election. Equating Harish Haarda (loser) referring to string of losses Rawat has to his Rawat with a mountain which remains undaunted, the BJP credit. Not to be left behind, Rawat returned the favour by leader opined that Harish referring Koshyari as an' Ujyadu Buld' which in local Rawt in his capacity as party president would at least not allow the Congress spokesperlanguage means a bull who has the habit of entering farms and destroying crops of farmers. sons to remain away from TV debates. Political pundits opine that Koshyari then retaliated by calling Rawat as 'Yakulu Banar' by giving suggestion to Rahul Gandhi to appoint Harish Rawat as party president, who has lost nine elections, Koshyari has tried to rub salt

(lone monkey) after which Rawat returned the favour by calling Koshyari as 'Bheega Ghughuta' (a wet dove) which cannot fly. However the interesting

battle between the two became less acidic after the elections in which Harish Rawat lost from Nainital- Udham Singh Nagar constituency by a huge margin. Recently Koshyari had compared Harish Rawat with a fox for his sharp brain and now though sarcastically he has recommended the name of Harish Rawat for Congress president.

# Aam Aurat to hitch a ride in Delhi Metro!

From Page 1 The official added, "There will be many hurdles as it is impossible both sustainably as well as technically. Even if DMRC will find ways it will take time to implement it. It is a long process." While a Government offi-

cial who wished not to be named said, "As the Central Government have 50 per cent stake in the Delhi Metro, the Delhi Government first will have to send the proposal to the Lieutenant Governor (LG)

Anil Baijal for approval." As per the sources, the Government will also need to seek permission from the other departments and agencies involved such as the finance department, LG's office and Union Housing and Urban Development Affairs Ministry. "There is fixation committee of the DMRC, which is quasi, judicial, and it will have to look into whether there is a role for the committee in this scheme," said

sources. In a meanwhile, the



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he added around 30-33 per Kejriwal during the announcement of the project said, "If the Centre did not pay heed to our objections against the fare hike.

In this case we will bear the burden. If the scheme is implemented by the month of August-September, the expenditure for this financial year would be around 700 to 800 crores.

It may be noted that the Government in the end of last year proposed a plan to pro-vide concessions to senior citizen, disabled in the metro. The Delhi Metro which has been asked to draft a plan on this proposal is also on

process. However, as per process there is no concrete update on the project.Kejriwal further added that the woman who can afford, can buy ticket and travel and those who cannot afford there expenses will be bear by the Delhi Government, adding to it he said that DMRC and DTC has

been given a seven days time to draft the plan and once the plan will be readied, the CM will call a special session of the Delhi Assembly will be called for budgetary provisions. The Government will

also seek suggestions from people on how to implement the scheme for which it has created digital platform delhimetrowomensafety com where people can send their suggestion.

The Chief Minister rejected the suggestion the move will lead to congestion in Metro trains.

He said around 1,000 buses will be rolled out by November to boost the DTC ne announcemen around 3,000 new buses will be delivered. Further citing the ridership data of metro and bus, vertisement booking or ery contact-9045057787

cent daily ridership in buses and metro trains comprise women commuters."The step will not lead to congestion in Delhi Metro trains as daily ridership will increase by just one lakh. Currently 25 lakh people

travel by metro trains every day."DTC buses have a daily ridership of 40 lakh and the DTC and the Delhi Integrated Multi Modal System (DIMTS)-run cluster buses number around 5,500.

Sabha election debacle in

There are marshals in all DTC buses for safety of women passengers and direc-tions have been given to depute them on cluster buses as well. All buses will be equipped with CCTV cameras, he said.

These are two major announcements which will boost the safety of women who feel quite unsafe in the city, said the Chief Minister. He further added, "The

female workforce participation nationally is 27%, however, it is only 11% in Delhi. This makes it clear that the

number of working women is quite low in Delhi. We hope that the scheme will encourage more and more of our women folk to go out to work?

Between the years of 2017 and 2019, the increase in the metro line is around 55%. While the total length was 212 kilometres in the year of 2017, it has increased to 327 kilometres in 2019. However, the

hike in the fares has led to the dip in the ridership. While the Delhi BJP chief Manoj Tiwari dubbed the

move "populist" and said Kejriwal "seems to have lost Govt reappoints his mental balance" and was

#### 550th parkash purb as Nat'l Tolerance Day PNS CHANDIGARH tolerance."Since the teachings of Guru Nanak Dev are as rel-

Punjab Chief Minister Capt evant today as they were in his PAmarinder Singh on Monday requested the Prime times, the 550th parkash utsav of Guru Nanak Dev, to be Minister Narendra Modi to observed on November 12 this declare the auspicious 550th parkash purb of Guru Nanak year, should be declared as National Tolerance Dav as a Dev as 'National Tolerance Day'.The Chief Minister has befitting tribute to the great Master," said the Chief Minister while suggesting that the birth anniversary of the first Guru be written a letter to the Prime Minister seeking that the aus-picious day be declared National Tolerance Day for the re-dedication of the people to Sri Guru Nanak Dev's message of love, compassion and

### observed in this manner every year thereafter. The Chief Minister mentioned that Guru Nanak Dev, during his lifetime, travelled far and wide, spread-

#### PNS HARIDWAR

In April 2018, the United Nations general assembly declared June 3 as World Bicycle Day.

To encourage the cycling culture, a city based organisa-tion marked the day by organising a cycling tour on Monday. With long traffic snarls on

almost every crossing of Haridwar, the group of cyclists which started from BHEL main building had a lot to tell to the commuters on Monday.

Cycling not only checks environmental pollution but is also recommended by medical experts as a means for staying fit. "I am a passionate cyclist. There is such a close relationship between cycling and environment. The zealous cyclists contribute to our environment, some without even being aware

World Bicycle Day observed in Haridwar



that they are contributing in decreasing air pollution," said Saurabh Minocha a businessman who regularly holds cycling events.

has a positive impact on climate and is more than just a means of transportation. It also gives the user an immediate aware-ness of the local environment, he added.

### Govt alters draft: Hindi no more must in school The DMK on Monday said

on the wounds of Congress

party which is still nursing

from the crushing defeat it received in the recent Lok

Sabha elections. The new FB post of

Koshyari suggests that there is no love lost between him and

Harish Rawat. It is pertinent to mention here that in the run up

to the Lok Sabha elections,

entertaining exchanges between these two heavyweight

The earlier draft education the Centre's decision showed policy triggered outrage in southern States, led by Tamil that late party patriarch M Karunanidhi was "living," Nadu, which said they will apparently suggesting that it was a success to his legacy of opposing "imposition" of not tolerate Hindi imposition in the State that doesn't speak the language. The DMK and other parties in Tamil Nadu, Hindi. After presiding over a meet of his party district secwhich had strongly opposed the proposal in the 484-page draft National Education retaries, MPs, and MLAs, DMK president MK Stalin said in a tweet: "At a time when we are celebrating the birth anniver-sary of Thalaivar (leader) Policy(NEP) to make Hindi a mandatory third language to be taught in schools across the country, welcomed the Centre's Kalaignar (late Karunanidhi), the Central Government withdrawing the Hindi compulso-ry subject clause shows that decision. Oscar-winning com-poser AR Rahman welcomed he Centre's decision. 'Draft(NEP) policy corrected. Kalaignar is living." "Let us guard mother Tamil always breaking up the hegemonic imposition of Hindi," he said. Beautiful solution," he tweeted Tamil Nadu had always resisted the "imposition" of Hindi. In 1965, the State wit-

"...the study of three languages by students in the Hindi-speaknessed violent protests against a proposal that Hindi would be India's only official language. ing States would continue to include Hindi and English and

one of the modern languages from other parts of India, while the study of languages by stu-dents in non-Hindi speaking States would include the regional language, Hindi and English." After the protest over imposition of Hindi in non-

Hindi speaking States, the MHRD last week has issued a clarification. "This is a draft policy submitted by the committee and is placed for views of general public.

It is not the policy announced by the Government," reads the draft.

On May 31, former ISRO Chairman K Kasturirangan, Chairman of the Committee for Draft National Education Policy, with other members submitted the report to the newly appointed HRD Minister Ramesh Pokhrival Nishank soon after he took charge.

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He also exhorted the pub-lic to remember that a bicycle

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view of the coming Assembly election. He is trying to recov-er the ground his party lost in Lok Sabha polls," said Tiwari

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#### Extract of Audited Financial Results For the Quarter and Year ended on 31st March 2019

				Rs. in Lakhs
. No.	Particulars	Quarter Ending 31.03.2019	Current Year Ending 31.03.2019	Quarter Ended as on 31.03.2018
1.	Total income from operations (Net)	3516.28	16302.47	4075.74
2.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items	-415.55	2,479.68	625.56
3.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before Tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	-415.55	2,479.68	625.56
4.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after Tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	-415.55	2,479.68	625.56
5.	Total Comprehensive Income for the period ( Comprising Profit/Loss for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)	-415.55	2,479.68	625.56
6.	Equity Share Capital Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of previous year)	96.64	96.64	96.64
7.	Earning Per Share (of ₹ 10 /- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations)- Basic: Diluted:	-4.30 -4.30	25.66 25.66	6.47 6.47

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# Judicial appointments: Law Min will work as stakeholder Triple talaq Bill to be introduced in Parl again

#### PNS 🔳 NEW DELHI

Union Law Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad on Monday asserted that neither he nor his Ministry will be a "post office" on judicial appointments and that he will work as a stakeholder in consultation with the Supreme Court and High Courts to expedite recruitment of judges.

He also said the Government is in a "mood" to fast track consultations with stakeholders to set up an all-India judicial service to recruit judges for lower courts. Talking to newspersons

after taking charge of his Ministry, Prasad said, "The Law Minister and the Law Ministry are stakeholders, obviously giv ing due regard and respect to the

collegium system. "We have a stake (in judges' appointments) and we will continue to pursue that stake in consultation with the Supreme Court and the High Courts to expedite the appointments," he

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Strengthening the imple-mentation of the Prime

Minister Narendra Modi's pet

project, Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojna (PM-JAY), eradication

of tuberculosis by 2025, com-

pleting new AIIMS-like pro-

jects and reforming the med-ical education sector are some

of the priorities of doctor-

turned-politician Harsh Vardhan who took charge as

the Union Health Minister on Monday here.

Vardhan, who reached his office Nirman Bhawan on

a cycle, said he will ensure

that people in every nook and

corner of the country are

able to avail the benefits of the

have availed the benefits

under the scheme. However,

still many people are not aware of it. Some people who are in dire need of the bene-

fits provided under the insur-

ance scheme are not able to avail it due to eligibility cri-teria issues," Vardhan said.

Next on his priority list,

he said, is to complete the

unfinished target of trans-

forming nearly 1.5 lakh pri-

mary health centres and sub-

centres as 'health and wellness

centres' by 2022 to provide

comprehensive and quality

Since the launch of PM-JAY, around 27 lakh people

PMJAY.

Ravi Shankar Prasad takes charge as Minister of Law and Justice at his office in New Delhi on Monday

said. The Modi Government in its previous term had on sever-al occasions returned to the SC collegium recommendations made by it to appoint SC and HC judges, citing various rea-sons. The Government has all along maintained that the Law

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Ministry is not a post office which will merely accept files. Prasad's remarks are a reiteration of the policy the Government has followed.

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trict and subordinate courts lying vacant, the newly-appoint-ed Law Minister emphasised the need for setting up all-India judi-

cial services. He said the Government is in a "mood" to fast track consultations with the stakeholders — the judiciary and State Governments — to set up the

service at the earliest.

society) should enter the service based on merit," Prasad said. The sanctioned strength of judicial officers in district and subordinate courts was 22,644 as

on September 30, 2018. The Government has made it clear that such a service would not encroach on the powers of States. The selection and appointment of judges in subordinate courts is the responsi-bility of high courts and State

pitching for creation of an all-India judicial services to appoint people in lower judiciary

On the contentious issue of finalisation of memorandum of

"I have already conveyed it to you that there are certain issues about screening etc on which we have two views. But there is always a healthy meeting ground which we will be able to find," he said.

The MoP is a document which guides the appointment and transfer of judges of SC

A Bill on triple talaq, a prac-tice banned in 20 Islamic countries, would again be brought in the Parliament to scrap the continuation of dis-criminatory tradition of instant divorce to wife by Muslim male in India

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Law Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad who assumed office of his Ministry said the Government will bring a Bill to ban the practice in the Parliament session of 17th Lok bailable offence.

The Muslim Women sequently made some changes (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Bill which could not in the bill which provided that husband would be arrested be passed in the Parliament as it was not backed by the only on the complaint of his wife or blood relatives. It also Congress and some other allowed bail for husband duropposition parties in the upper ing the trial period. A provision house, objecting to the provi-sion of arrest of husband, had was added to allow the magistrate to grant bail "after hearlapsed after having been passed in the lower house. The bill ing the wife". While the bill made it a "non-bailable" offence, an

had made triple talaq a non-

ing a uniform civil code is "neiaccused could approach a mag-istrate even before trial to seek ther necessary nor desirable" at this stage. It had suggested changes in laws relating to bail. In a non-bailable offence bail cannot be granted by police at the police station itself marriage, divorce, alimony,

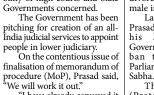
Those bill which are introduced in the Rajva Sabha do not lapse with the dissolution of the Lok sabha but same is not the case with the bill which are introduced in the lower house

Asked whether the bill on triple talaq would be brought again, Prasad said, "Obviously. (The issue of) triple talaq is part of our (BJP) manifesto. Why not?"

Responding to a question on uniform civil code, he said er ordinance, issued in September 2018, was cleared by the Lok Sabha in December the government would hold "political consultations" on the and was pending in the Rajya issue even as he goes through the Law Commission report on Sabha the issue.

parliamentary approval, a fresh ordinance was issued. These On August 31 last year, the law panel had issued a consulamendments were cleared by tation paper instead of a full-fledged report on the issue, saythe Cabinet on August 29, 2018.

"We want good people to join judiciary... The selection process should be more merit based... Deprived section (of the With more than 5,000 posi-tions of judicial officers in dis-Vardhan cycles to office



and HCs.

## Rajnath Singh meets jawans in Siachen

Will send 'thank you' note to parents of jawans

#### PNS IN NEW DELHI

Acouple of days after he took over as the Defence Minister, Rajnath Singh on Monday visited Siachen, the world's highest battle field, to boost the morale of the soldiers guarding the border even as he said he would personally send a 'Thank You' note to their parents for sending them to join the forces. In his first visit outside Delhi as Defence Minister. Singh also reviewed security preparedness in Siachen with top field commanders of the area.

Accompanied by Army Chief Gen. Bipin Rawat and



General Officer Commandingin-Chief of Northern Command Ranbir Singh, are performing their duty with great courage and fortitude in-Chief Rainath saluted the valour of even in extreme conditions the soldiers and said he will and treacherous terrain. I salute personally send a thank vou note to their parents for letting them serve the nation.

defending the Siachen Glacier Siachen war memorial. "I am proud of all Army personnel serving in Siachen who are "The nation will always remain indebted to their service and leaving no stone unturned to defend our motherland," sacrifice," he said.

At 1200 feet, the Siachen

Later, Singh arrived at the headquarters of Srinagar-based "I am also proud of their parents who have sent their Chinar Corps at Badamibagh Cantonment here for a briefing children to serve the nation by joining the armed forces. I on India's preparedness to deal with any possible eventuality or misadventure by Pakistan.

Singh's predecessors like Sharad Pawar, George Fernandes, Mulayam Singh Yadav and Nirmala Sitharaman too had visited Siachen.

Fernandes, as defence minister in the Atal Bihari Vajpayee-led NDA government, once sent two senior bureaucrats of his ministry to Siachen glacier when he came to know that they had held back a file on purchase of snow bikes for soldiers deployed there.

where the soldiers have to battle frostbite and high winds. Avalanches and landslides are "Our soldiers in Siachen common at the glacier during the winters and temperatures can drop to as low as minus 60 degrees Celsius.

The Defence Minister said their vigour and valour," the Defence Minister tweeted. more than 1,100 soldiers have

He also laid a wreath at the made the supreme sacrifice

### FROM THE SUPREME COURT Chennai-Salem Expressway: SC refuses to grant interim stay against Madras HC order

"I am thankful to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for trusting me and giving me this responsibility. The Government will focus on

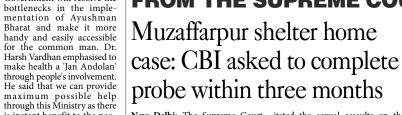
primary care close to the healthy ommunity. Presently, around 10,000 On PMJAY, he said that concerted efforts will be made health and wellness centres are operational in 35 states for empanelling more pri-vate hospitals. Also, that the and Union territories under Government will resolve the the government's flagship Ayushman Bharat scheme.

Harsh Vardhan arrives on a bicycle at Nirman Bhawan to take charge as Union

Health Minister in the newly-elected Cabinet in New Delhi on Monday

Vardhan said he was "grateful" to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for entrusting him with the responsibility of

strengthening promotive and preventive strategies so that people adopt positive and healthy lifestyles and remain



**New Delhi:** The Supreme Court granted three months to CBI on Monday to complete the probe in is instant benefit to the peo-ple. He further added that India has the potential and capacity for fulfilling the goal Muzaffarpur shelter home sexual assault case, including suspected murders, and directed it to widen the of 'Health for All'

PTI

### Conspiracy to frame CJI: Justice Patnaik calls for more info from Intel, Delhi Police

New Delhi: Former Supreme Court judge AK Patnaik on Monday said he has called for some more information from the intelligence agencies — CBI, IB — and Delhi Police to find truth behind the allega-tions of "larger conspiracy" to frame the Chief Justice of India

Ranjan Gogoi. Justice Patnaik was documents to find out the

ual harassment charges against the CJI in which the threemember in-house inquiry committee did not find any Delhi in July. substance.

When contacted, Justice Patnaik told PTI over phone from Cuttack, Odisha, that the inquiry will take some more time as he has to peruse more

vacation at his home town and will recommence the work of inquiry on coming back to

"I will have to call for some more material from all the three — CBI, IB and Delhi Police Commissioner - as after going through the mate-rial received by them, I think some more material is

and the issue had come to light fol-lowing a report by Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS). The apex court also directed CBI to probe the allegations of unnatural sexual assault under section 377 of the Indian Penal Code.

scope to investigate the "outsiders"

physically assaulted at an NGO-run shelter home in Bihar's Muzaffarpur

Several girls were sexually and

involved in the crime.

Besides, it asked the agency to probe the offences under the Information Technology Act regarding the video recordings of the alleged assault on girls at the shelter home. CBI, which filed an interim status report in a sealed cover on its ongoing investigation requested a vacation bench comprising Justices Indu Malhotra and M R Shah to grant them six months to complete the probe. We grant three months to the CBI to complete its investigation," the bench said. The apex court directed CBI to investigate the role of "outsiders who were involved and facil-PTI

probe within three months itated the sexual assaults on the lane green corridor project. inmates", after administering them A vacation bench comprising Justices Indu Malhotra and MR Shah however intoxicants and also probe against those who allegedly indulged in trafficking of girls from the shelter issued notices to the parties including the home. Tamil Nadu government the appeal of the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), an autonomous

It observed that these aspects were required to be probed and asked the CBI to submit its final report to agency of the central government which has challenged the high court order. the court within three months.

The bench directed all the other concerned agencies to cooperate in the probe being carried out by CBI. The apex court had earlier directed CBI to complete by June 3 its probe into the alleged murder of 11 girls at the shelter home and asked

it to file a status report. Additional Solicitor General Madhavi Divan, appearing for the CBI, told the bench that the agency has so far excavated two bodies and it is awaiting the forensic report so that the identities could be ascertained. Divan said trial against 21 BI IN I alleged sexual and physical assault on the inmates, was on and the progress was satisfactory. Advocate Aparna Bhat, who is assisting the court as an amicus curiae in the matter, said that murder aspect needs to be investigated thoroughly since several victims have given statements to that effect. PTI

going to stay the high court's order," it said, New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Monday while declining the plea of the Project Implementation Unit of NHAI that the high refused to stay the Madras High Court order which quashed the land acquisition process for the ₹10,000-crore Salem-Chennai eight-

court's order be stayed. NHAI had moved the top court on May 31 and the bench had then agreed to hear the appeal.

The high court had held that the envi-ronmental clearance was mandatory for the sensitive project.

The high court's order had come on a batch of petitions filed by 35 land owners and PMK leader Anbumani Ramadoss. The pleas had challenged the land acquisition proceedings.

## Madras HC order to demolish 5 floors of Chennai hospital stayed

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Monday stayed the Madras High Court judgement ordering demolition of top five floors of an eight-storey block of a private hospital in Chennai for construction allegedly in vio-



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and marriageable age for men

The government had pro-mulgated the ordinance on

triple talaq twice. Under the Muslim Women

(Protection of Rights on Marriage) Ordinance, 2019,

divorcing through instant triple talaq will be illegal, void and

will attract a jail term of three years for the husband.

A Bill to convert the earli-

Since the Bill could not get

and women.

Supreme Court to hold an inquiry into the sensational allegations including the fixing of benches after a lawyer claimed that a larger conspiracy was at work in the apex court.

Utsav Singh Bains had made the allegations when the apex court was hearing the sex-

While ruling out the pos-"I have to find out sibility of submitting the report by July, the retired apex what clues I am getting. Whether there is any confircourt judge said he has gone through the documents already supplied to him but to find clues he needs more docmation about it or not. If there is no confirmation then I will have to take a different view. If more material is coming in, I will have to pursue it

uments. Justice Patnaik said he is on (the matter)." oved building pla

We are going to issue notices on the

special leave petition (SLP) ... We are not

A vacation bench comprising Justices Indu Malhotra and MR Shah, however, directed Billroth Hospitals Ltd not to use these top five floors for any activity.

The bench, which issued the notice and sought response from the Tamil Nadu Government on the plea filed by the hos-pital challenging the high court verdict, granted 10 days to the hospital to vacate the

five floors

RS session to be held

The High Court had ordered the demo lition to commence from June 16.

Senior advocate AM Singhvi, appearing for the hospital, told the apex court that it had applied under the 2017 building regularisation scheme of Tamil Nadu.

#### India records second lowest Foodgrains output dips to 283.37 pre-monsoon rainfall in 65 yrs mn tonne in 2018-19 crop year

#### PNS IN NEW DELHI

What will cause serious con-cern, especially for the Agriculture sector, private broadcaster Skymet Weather on Monday said this has been the second driest pre-monsoon season in the last 65 years. The pre-monsoon rain is a phenomenon vital to agriculture in several parts of the country. In 2019, India received just 99 mm of pre-monsoon rainfall as

against the average of 131.5 mm. Northwest India, Central India, East, and Northeast India and South Peninsula recorded deficit rains of 30 per cent, 18 per cent, 14 per cent and 47 per

#### cent respectively.

a 22-24 per cent deficit.

According to Skymet, this has been the second driest important for horticulture crops in some parts of the pre-monsoon season in the last 65 years, with the lowest country. In States like Odisha ploughing is done in the prebeing recorded in 2012 when countrywide cumulative rainmonsoon season, while in parts of northeast India and the Western Ghats it is critical for fall deficiency had mounted to plantation of crops. IMD said in parts of 31 per cent. This does not augur well

for the country. The agricul-tural sector still depends a northeast India and the Western Ghats, pre-monsoon great deal on a healthy rainfall for intended farm output. rainfall is critical for plantation crops. "There will be "moisture stress" in case of a deficit. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has record-Crops like sugarcane and cot ed a deficiency of 22 per cent ton, planted in central India, in pre-monsoon rains in the survive on irrigation and also require supplement of pre-monsoon rains", IMD said. country. Skymet too registered

Pre-monsoon rainfall is PNS 🔳 NEW DELHI

> ndia's foodgrains production is estimated to fall marginal-ly to 283.37 million tonne (MT) in the 2018-19 crop year due to fall in pulses and coarse cereals output even as the country harvested record rice and wheat crops. According to the third

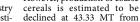
advance estimates of production of major crops for 2018-19, released by the Agriculture Ministry, the production of foodgrains (rice, wheat, coarse cereals and pulses) stood at 285.01 MT in the 2017-18 crop year (July-June). The Agriculture Ministry

said the rice production is esti-



mated at an all-time-high of 115.63 MT during 2018-19, beating the previous record of 112.76 MT achieved in 2017-18 crop year. This is despite the fact that the country has faced drought in 245 districts in 2018. Wheat output is also seen at

record 101.20 MT, surpassing 99.87 MT in the previous year. However, production of coarse



record 46.97 MT in 2017-18 crop year. Pulses output, too, is pegged lower at 23.22 MT from record 25.42 MT.

In non-foodgrains category, oilseeds output is estimated to be flat at 31.42 MT as against 31.45 MT in the previous year.

Cotton production could fall to 27.59 million bales (of 170 kg each) in 2018-19 from 32.80 million bales in the previous year. Sugarcane production is estimated at record 400.37 MT, up from 379.90 MT in the previous year.

The output of jute and mesta is seen lower at 9.79 mil-lion bales (of 180 kg each) from 10.03 million bales.

### from June 20 to July 26 PNS 🔳 NEW DELHI

The Rajya Sabha proceedings will begin from June 20 and end on July 26 for the upcom ing session of Parliament, according to the Upper House secretariat communiqué issued on Monday.

"The President has summoned the Rajya Sabha to meet on June 20, 2019 for the upcoming Session of Parliament. Subject to exigen cies of business, the session is scheduled to conclude on Friday, July 26, 2019," it said. The first session of the

Lok Sabha will commence on June 17. The newly-elected members will be administered



and the new Speaker will be elected on June 19.

President Ram Nath Kovind will address the joint sitting of both Houses of Parliament in the Central Hall at 11 am on June 20. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman will present the budget during the session on July 4



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### PAPER WITH PASSION -Nitish's upper hand

The JD(U) chief has reminded the ruling NDA why it must abide by the coalition dharma and not dismiss allies



ndia's experiments with coalition governments may have had varying degrees of success, sometimes as that of a keeper of checks and balances, sometimes as deal-breakers for policy implementation. But by and large, India has evolved its coalition dharma with artful management of consensus politics. Alliance governments are now not just part of the political grammar but no party, no matter how big its verdict, can afford to ignore the contribution made by its regional partners. Without that arrangement, there would not have

been a combined vote surge or the number of seats. The ruling National Democratic Alliance (NDA), led by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), should know this too well, now that it is into its third edition. But the huge individual numbers for the BJP (303 Lok Sabha seats, majority being 272) may have led to hubris and a confidence which was definitely not there before the elections. In fact, both Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his wingman Amit Shah had carefully worked on adding more and more allies, even the smallest, months before the polls, unsure as they were of the verdict. True, numerically the BJP can afford to be blatant but the question is would the numbers appear on the tally had it not been for its notional inclusive approach? It is in this light that the BJP should remember the virtues of flexibility and sensitivity rather than arrogance and rigidity. Had it been wary, it could well have avoided the kind of tiff it had with Bihar Chief Minister and Janata Dal-United (JD-U) chief Nitish Kumar.

Nitish was reportedly upset at being offered no more than one berth in the Union Cabinet though he claimed 50 per cent seats of the total NDA tally from Bihar. So he chose to stay out of the government and offer only outside support to NDA3. Not only that, he declared that the JD-U would not join the NDA government in future either if tokenism was the only criterion. Agreed the BJP had a bigger seat tally to justify reducing the quota for allies but during the election, it had accorded some allies like the Shiv Sena and JD-U greater space in seat allocation and had hence built up expectations of primacy. In that case, there should have been equally open talks at the allies' meet before government formation. In a hitback, Nitish did not include a single BJP member as he expanded his State Cabinet on Sunday and inducted eight of his legislators. Although some firefighting was done saying one seat was left for the BJP, speculation was rife that fissures within the NDA were getting deeper, given the fact that Nitish's relationship with the BJP has always been uncomfortable, the alliance being one of political necessity than ideological compliance. In fact, Nitish's socialist belief systems have always been antithetical to the BJP's and had not Bihar's former strongman Lalu Prasad Yadav painted him into a corner, disagreeing with his clean politics than his own dynastic one, Nitish would not have had to make this unhappy compromise. But wily that he is, Nitish is also keeping his self-worth intact by just extending support and not participating in governance, giving the BJP some anxiety before the Assembly elections next year. In fact, most of his State Cabinet inductees are from the backward and extremely backward castes, the numerical consolidation of which has also been the target of the BJP. Besides, if the success of the Biju Janata Dal has proved anything, it is that a fair bit of equidistance helps. By staying out of the government, Nitish is also hoping to get special status for Bihar ahead of the Assembly election. By taking the moral high ground, he is appealing to his electorate. Besides, should the ruling BJP get aggressive about pushing contentious issues like Article 370 or the latest language chauvinism — ideas Nitish detests — he can claim distance on secular grounds. Also, the failure of Lalu and Congress has left Bihar a fertile ground for new political alignments ahead of the Assembly elections. The BJP, too, cannot take everything for granted so early in the day.

## **Downhill slide**

Car sales have fallen in recent months. Is this because of consumer demand contraction and a lack of appealing models?



he Indian automotive industry is on the skids - after five years of increasing sales growth, the last couple of quarters have been devastating in terms of sales. In May, sales for the single-biggest driver of the Indian car market Maruti-Suzuki dropped 26 per cent on a year-on-year basis. Most other car manufacturers fared equally badly. While many in the industry had mentioned that there was a historical

# pinion Lessons from defeat

If the BJP maintains pace, it may head the Congress way when it had seats in virtually every State. Meanwhile, the Congress must begin rebuilding the party much like the BJP did after 1984



he Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP)

spectacular performance in the Lok Sabha election is as much a positive vote for the strong and Assertive leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi as it is a negative vote against the vulgar and abusive cam-paign launched by Congress president Rahul Gandhi and his colleagues against the Prime Minister.

Having lived in bungalows in Lutyens Delhi for decades, sometimes without the right to do so, the Nehru-Gandhis viewed Modi as an intruder, who had no business to find a place in this hallowed part of the national capital. Second, ever since he emerged as the main political challenger to the Nehru-Gandhis, this family and the bunch of courtiers surrounding it, took their resentment to unacceptable levels and began showering abuses on him. It was often implied that Modi did not have the "class" to be the country's Prime Minister. He was only fit to sell tea. The Nehru-Gandhis began targeting him from the days of his chief ministership in Gujarat when Sonia Gandhi described him as the "merchant of death" (*maut ka saudagar*). Since then, Modi has been subjected

to relentless verbal assault. During the Lok Sabha election, Rahul Gandhi began calling him a "thief". Given Modi's social and economic circumstances in his formative years and the fact that he helped augment his family's income by selling tea on rail-way platforms, the Nehru-Gandhis ought to have been more circumspect while crit-icising him. Since the Nehru-Gandhis claim their political legacy from Mahatma Gandhi and the egalitarian principles of the party during the freedom movement, their comments on Modi were perceived by the electorate as invidious and hurtful It seemed as if the very privileged Nehru-Gandhis were mocking at the rise of an ordinary, under-privileged citizen. Therefore, democracy had to assert itself and make India's grand old party pay for such crass insensitivity.

As it turned out, the Congress' performance in this election has been inversely proportional to the level of its vituperation. Now, let us look at the consequence of all this in electoral terms for the Nehru-Gandhis and India's oldest political party. But old habits die hard and the

Congress continues to remain graceless in its defeat and is in complete denial. The Congress bagged 145 seats and came to power with just 26.53 per cent of the vote in 2004. In 2009, it won 206 seats with just 28.55 per cent of the vote. Thus, it ruled the country with Sonia Gandhi as the *de jure* Prime Minister for a full 10 years with an average 28 per cent of the popular vote. Yet, leaders of this party were questioning the legitimacy of the Narendra Modi Government formed in 2014 because the BJP had secured 282 seats with just 31.34



per cent of the vote. They are again questioning the legitima-cy of Modi's victory in 2019 despite winning 303 seats because the BJP's vote share is 37.40 per cent. They say over 60 per cent of the electorate are opposed to the ruling establishment. This is false because the BJP was part of the NDA coalition and this coalition has won 45 per cent of the vote.

These arguments are spe-cious because even Jawaharlal Nehru managed to secure just 45 per cent of the vote in the first Lok Sabha election held in 1951-52. In that election, the Congress won 364 of the 489 seats in the Lok Sabha. The party had no worthwhile opposition — just a potpourri of small and disparate parties. The Bharatiya Jana Sangh, which was the precursor to the present-day BJP, won just three seats in that election, which meant that it was picking up one seat for every 100 won by the Congress. In 1957, the Congress' tally was 371 with 48 per cent of the vote and 361 seats with about 45 per cent of

the vote in 1962. The tables have now turned. The BIP-led National Democratic Álliance (NDA) has 358 seats in the new Lok Sabha with the BJP itself com-

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manding 303 seats. The Congress on the other hand has come a poor second with just 52 seats, a marginal improvement over the 44 it won in 2014.

In all these elections, the Congress was *sarvavyaapi* well spread out and winning seats in every nook and corner of the country. The BJP is

now taking that position. One of the most significant outcomes in this election was the maturing of the elec-torate as seen in the electoral choices they made in Odisha, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh. Although the BJP lost power in all the three northern States only five months ago, the voters gave a decisive mandate to this party in the Lok Sabha election, thus clearly drawing a distinction between State and national elections. The outcome in Odisha was even more stark because the voters were voting simultaneously for the State Assembly and the Lok Sabha on two different voting machines. Out of the 21 Lok Sabha seats in the State, the voters backed the BIP in eight seats and the Biju Janata Dal (BJD) in 12 seats.

reduced to just two seats in the Lok Sabha! (The writer is an author specialising in democracy studies. Views expressed are However, in the State Assembly poll, the BJD personal)

walked away with 112 of the

146 seats, which is over 75 per cent and the BJP had to make

do with just 23. Thus, there

was a strong undercurrent in favour of Modi in the Lok

Sabha poll whereas BJD chief Naveen Patnaik was the

favourite to run the State. Such maturity augurs well

for our democracy because State and local-level elections

are often dominated by caste and other divisions, whereas a Lok Sabha election revolv-

ing around a leader, a party or

an idea cuts through these

divisions, leading to a more eclectic voter base for the

winning party. The BJP is now clearly spreading itself out and if it keeps up the pace, its electoral map next time round should

resemble that of the Congress when Nehru was at the helm in 1957 or 1962 when it had

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Meanwhile, the Congress

Kashmir has been looked through the prism of security by success Governments. It's a political problem that needs a political redressal by involving all stake holders (including) Pakistan. PDP chief —Mehbooba Mufti



She (Priyanka Gandhi) did her job. But party workers local leaders, candidates and the organisation could not accumulate the (electoral) benefits from i Congress leader —Raj Babbar

I don't like the things associated with politics But I know that both of us (she and Nick Jonas) really want to make a change. Never say neve

Actor —Priyanka Chopra

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slowdown in consumer demand across categories, the slowdown this time has not

only been steeper than usual but it began earlier and even as the elections concluded, demand remains quite slow. There is some expectation that demand might recover now that a stable Government has been sworn in, but with economic growth figures being depressed, any signs of growth might just be a mirage.

But is it all just about the economy? There are those, who believe improvements in public transport in major metropolitan areas ---- with Metro construc-tion and the rise of app-based taxi services such as Ola and Uber - have played a role in the decline. That might be the case with a very small, select group of potential car buyers. But it is unlikely to have had a major impact on two-wheeler sales, let alone commercial vehicles, both of which are also suffering, thus hinting that the sales slump is all to do with the economy rather than changing patterns of ownership. And if it were not for the demand boost from private taxi owners, demand might have been even more muted. But in India, last-mile connectivity is still a problem even in cities with tolerable public transport. Commuters in areas such as the National Capital Region (NCR) have such huge distances to traverse that owning personal transport is a necessity for many Indians. So, how can the Government as well as the auto industry boost car sales? One way will be for the auto industry to wean itself off the large net margins it has for years, passing through some of the efficiencv benefits. The Government, while promoting public transport, must realise that the automotive industry is vital to the economy and job-creation. It should rationalise some of the excise duty norms for personal transportation. In addition, muted economic growth would mean that interest rates are almost certain to come down but banks have to start issuing more loans. With a stable Government at the helm and economic growth high on Narendra Modi's agenda, the industry should be able to recover smartly.

#### **Breaking barriers**

Sir - Union Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has really broken the glass ceiling by reaching where she is today. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has surprised not only the Dalal Street but also most of us by appointing her as the country's Finance Minister. Remember, the Prime Minister had thrown a similar surprise in 2017 when he appointed Sitharaman as the Defence Minister. With a master's degree in economics and a doctorate in Indo European Textile trade, Sitharaman is the first woman Minister to hold these two portfolios after Indira Gandhi.

Surely, Sitharaman's appoint-ment must have raised eyebrows in the financial circles as many had believed that the Prime Minister would give finance to party chief Amit Shah or Railway Minister Piyush Goyal, who had held the portfolio briefly when Arun Jaitley was ailing. It is unfortunate that Sitharaman has taken over at a time when the country's economy is not in the best of health. Thus, Sitharaman has her job cut out and how far she will succeed will depend on

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### Modi's Cabinet: A bag of surprises

Tricky situation

move to terminate India's desig-

nation as a beneficiary develop-

rime Minister Narendra Modi has begun his sec-Dond term by inducting 58 Ministers into his Cabinet. Manv Ministers were natural choices considering their stature, experience and performance. Former BJP president Rajnath Singh, an ajatashatru, rightfully bagged the defence portfolio. He handled the Kashmir issue and post-Pulwama terror attack with grace and sensitivity as the Home Minister in NDA-II. Nirmala Sitharaman, too, despite her relatively junior stature and a surprise pick last time around for the defence Minister. has been 'promoted' to the Finance Ministry. Articulate and suave, simple and straight. Sitharaman can only grow further from here. Well, Amit Shah's induction was almost a certainty and Prime Minister Modi has struck the right chord by giving him Home Ministry as against the Finance as was widely speculated. Shah has had the experience of handling Home in Guiarat.

After Arun Jaitley recused himself from joining the Cabinet. Modi. perhaps wanted a friend, philosopher and guide in the Cabinet. Who better than Shah could fit the bill? Moreover, some feel the selection of a "24hour politician" to the post will infuse vibrancy in the Ministry. By picking former Foreign Secretary S

a number of factors. As Finance Minister, one of her priorities should be to find the money to fund Prime Minister Modi's elec-

tion campaign promises, keeping in mind the budget deficit target.

Meghna A New South Wales

Jaishankar as the External Affairs Minister, Modi hopes to build on the goodwill he has generated abroad. Also, with his vast experience, Jaishankar, who knows some countries inside out, can provide a new direction to the Ministry. Reasonable women representation, adeguate regional and caste representation have been the highlight of the Cabinet. Grassroot workers like Prakash Sarangi, too, have been inducted in the Government. Modi has sent strong signal to Ministers that performance will be rewarded.

Ganapathi Bhat Akola

ing nation under the key Generalised System of Preference trade programme isn't surprising as we all knew it world or generation or letter This refers to the editor ial, "Trump's latest target" (June 3). US President Donald Trump's would come sooner or later.

The way Trump-led US Government has been using protectionism, it is going to

hurt the US economy in times to come as we live in a truly globalised world.

Nevertheless, now that the damage has been done, India will have to address the issue at hand. Indeed, it is going to be very tricky for Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal, who will have to walk on a very thin wire to satisfy Trump as well as his own Prime Minister.

The US will do well to not equate every country with the same weighing scale. India's growing stature in the world can now no longer be ignored.

Bal Govind Noida

#### Correction

Sir - In an article titled, "Cash is the only King"(May 31) by Hima Bindu Kota, the writer had inadvertently mentioned that a merger had taken place between HDEC Life and Max Life Insurance in the Life Insurance sector. The merger had been proposed but did go through. The error is regretted

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# **FIRSTCOLUMN** Imperatives for a new India

Now that the BJP Government has received mandate for another term, will it will play hard ball and bring the much-needed reforms in crucial sectors?



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uring his first term (2014-19), Prime Minister Modi focussed on governance reforms, cutting bureaucratic red tape, simplifying procedures, expediting approvals and ease of doing business. The Government also spent its energy on effective imple mentation of welfare schemes, thus ensuring that assistance reaches the beneficiaries in full vide the Direct Benefit transfer (DBT). Now that the public has given him a resounding mandate to rule for anoth-er term, he should crack the whip on long-pending reforms. The key sectors crying for immediate attention include food and fertilisers, oil, gas, power, irrigation, credit to name a few. At present, all these sectors are excessively regulated, covering all important aspects viz production, imports, distribution, marketing and pricing.

Several committees have recommended dismantling of these controls, allowing inter-play of market forces for guiding resource allocation, production/supply, distribution and pricing. They also proposed giving subsidy directly to the target group such as small and marginal farmers and poor households among others. Thus far, no political dispensation (Modi Government included) has shown the gumption to act on the above recommendations. There are three critical pressure points which have scared away successive Governments from taking necessary moves in this direction.

First, implementation of market-based supply and pricing means that the beneficiaries of subsidy will have to pay much higher price than what they are paying at present. For instance, households currently getting wheat at ₹2 per kg will have to pay at least 12 times more ie above ₹25 per kg. A farmer paying ₹268 for a bag of urea will have to pay at least twice as much or ₹536. Likewise, one will have to spend at least ₹5 per unit of electricity up from the current just about 50 paise. True, the beneficiary will get the extra amount (₹23 per kg for wheat/₹268 a bag for urea/₹4.5 per unit for power) as reimbursement in his/her account as subsidy. Effectively, he/she will continue to pay the same as previously ie ₹2 per kg/₹268 a bag/50 paise per unit. Yet, there is ample reason to worry.

Unlike the present scenario wherein he/she pays the subsidised price in the very first place, one will have to first pay the higher market-based price and then wait for the reimbursed amount to come to his/her account. He/she may not have the patience to wait. What if the wait gets longer — inevitable in a situation of budget alloca-tion being far short of the requirement (very likely)? Second, at present, millions of undeserving people avail sub-

sidy just because of the manner of administering the system. For instance, urea is sold to 'all' farmers at a uniform low (subsidised) price. Even a large/rich farmer (land holding > 10 hectare) gets it at the same price as charged to a marginal/small farmer (land holding size < 1 hectare/1-2 hectare). For the former, this is fortuitous. Under the new system of every user having to pay higher market driven price, the Government will be able to transfer subsidy only to the account of deserving beneficiary ie small and marginal farm-ers only. But this is bound to be resisted by large/rich farmers, who are used to enjoying the subsidy for generations.

It is one thing to ask the existing beneficiaries to 'voluntarily' give up claim to subsidy as Modi did in the case of LPG subsidy, which yielded good response (about 15 million people gave up). But things will be altogether different if the political brass takes a policy decision to deny subsidy to a particular category say, farmers having land holding size in excess of 10 hectares. Take the example of PM-KISAN scheme under which the Government gives ₹6,000 every year to small and marginal farmers only. But in its manifesto in the run up to elections, the BJP promised to extend the benefit to all farmers, including large/rich farmers, which it has done. Then how will it dare to withdraw subsidies already availed by them?

Third, under the existing system of routing subsidy through manufacturers or Government agencies such as FCI, several of them have got used to claiming inflated expenses (to cover up inefficiency or even 'bogus bills' passing muster with full support of corrupt officials) as subsidy. In fertilisers, some public sector undertakings stay afloat largely because their high production cost gets fully reimbursed under the subsidy mechanism. With the existing systems remaining in place for over four to five decades, vested interests have got deeply entrenched. They are bound to put up strong resistance to any change that involves substitution of these systems by market-driven mechanisms. Even PSUs are sure to resist as then their very survival would be at stake (unless the Government gives them budget support).

Modi will need to deal with the above pressure points skillful-Apart from building political consensus, his bigger challenge will be to take the people at large into confidence, especially on denving 'existing' sops to a big chunk of them --- that, too, after promising (in the run up to voting) that they will get more

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# analysis

#### POINTCOUNTERPOINT



HE (KEJRIWAL) PROMISED TO DEPLOY MARSHALS FOR SAFETY OF WOMEN AND PANIC BUTTONS IN BUSES. IT SEEMS HE HIMSELF IS NOW PANICKING. -DELHI BJP CHIEF MANOJ TIWARI

# Learn, unlearn and re-learn

The Modi-led new Government deserves six tension-free months to put its plans and promises in action mode. Meanwhile, the Opposition must set its own house in order



ON ALL DTC BUSES, CLUSTER BUSES AND METRO TRAINS,

WOMEN WILL BE ALLOWED TO TRAVEL FREE OF COST SO

THAT THEY HAVE A SAFE TRAVEL EXPERIENCE.

-DELHI CHIEF MINISTER

**ARVIND KEJRIWAL** 

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A arendra Modi 2.0 has begun on a tri-umphant note for the BJP and its allies. Obviously, it has come as a shock to 'sea-soned' politicians, none of whom — with all the experience of electioneering behind — could anticipate such a massive mandate in favour of Narendra Modi. Many of them thought the 2014 victory was a fluke; that people were tempted by what they called 'unfulfilled promises' Congressmen were convinced that people would return back to the grand old party; other parties thought that their caste base was intact as Modi could not bring back black money, out of which every Indian was to get 15 lakh in his/her account. Samajwadi Party (SP) president Akhilesh Yadav dismissed the panel of spokespersons of the party. Congress has decided not to send spokespersons for TV debates for a month. Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) continues to complain about 'good EVMs' and 'doctored EVMs'. All of these indicate the level and intensity of pain the defeat has inflicted on major Opposition parties.

Yes, it is a sharp indictment inflicted by the people on them and it will be tough for these par-ties to come out of the shock. They are best advised to seek solace and guidance from what Alvin Toffler had written a couple of decades ago: "The illiterate of the 21st century will not be those who cannot read and write, but those who cannot learn, unlearn and relearn." Think of TDP chief N Chandrababu Naidu, who was travelling to various places, making an attempt to bring Opposition parties together and offer a national alternative — even a Prime Minister! In his own State, he was facing the Assembly elections. Probably he knew nothing about which way the wind was blowing there. Literacy has so many dimensions. The contours of Indian electoral politics have undergone a silent though major transformation over the years and those, who continue to depend upon taking the voter for grant-ed, will just vanish from the scene. One can be sure that the fate of Trinamool Congress (TMC), SP, BSP and Indian National Congress — still keen to continue the politics of 1980s — shall be observed very closely even by international pundits of electoral politics.

Pre-election activities to the 17th Lok Sabha polls shall be remembered in history for the absence of efforts by Opposition parties to com-prehend the prevailing mood of the electorate. Absence of strategic deficiencies and restlessness among all major Opposition parties was visible all around. They targetted Narendra Modi, and were not against the BJP. The manner *chowkidar chor hai* boomeranged indicates the absence of "unlearn and relearn." After the elections, Opposition parties face a bleak future. They are a worried lot as this election could herbal a total transformation of the Indian political scenario dur-ing the next five years. Political parties based on caste, sub-caste and communal considerations, mostly owned by individuals and families, have already sensed grave danger to their very existence after the renewed arrival of Narendra Modi on the national scene. In the 2014 elections, his popu-larity cut across caste, creed, regional or parochial considerations. He could even make a dent in the Muslim community votes, which indeed was a great achievement even as the numbers were not



so impressive. Modi has endeared himself to the liberal and educated Muslim community on the one hand and on the other, to those who are grateful to receive gas connections, *pucca* houses, toi-lets and several other benefits. The Opposition knew it well — though they could not accept it publically for obvious reasons — that some of the schemes launched by Narendra Modi had impact-ed millions of families who were deprived of basic facilities and human dignity for ages. A gas connection, toilet, pucca house, a bank account, health support, farm insurance and the like brought achhe *din* to crores of families — without any discrim-ination. This was one well-thought out step that related every member of the beneficiary family to Prime Minister Modi on one-to-one basis.

Here was a Prime Minister, who was worried bout the smoke in the kitchen of the poor and the embarrassment suffered by women who had to suffer due to the practice of open defecation all along. He had the courage to speak about it from the ramparts of the Red Fort. He could set the entire nation on the move — clean India an ODF India. Not that these concerns were not highighted in policies and programmes earlier, but implementation mostly remained on files only Things are different this time: A family that uses toilets now shall never let it go non-functional in the future. Those, who are used to the luxury of shining marble-floored attached toilets for fourfive decades, just could not visualise the impact on the families getting a toilet for the first time.

Think of the political leadership of the first two decades after independence. Most of them had impressive saga of sacrifices and sufferings behind them. They had worked with the people, understood India, were practicing Gandhian val-ues, knew India likes and adores those who comprehend the import of non-accumulation; Aparigrah. People are just trying to find one per-son in public life who practices Aparigrah like Modi in his real life. The newly elected MP from Balasore, Pratap Sarangi, comes in this category He received the maximum applause while taking oath as a Minister of State in the new Cabinet. He lives in a thatched house, rides a bicycle and created history by winning the election without any expenditure. People are keen to know more about him, his lifestyle and the way he conducts himself. They are least concerned about his caste or political affiliation. This India is now emerging. It has naturally caused great concern among those who find their citadels of power, affluence and authority crumbling under the upthrust from below — the rise of neglected people, deprived people and those who were presumed destined to suffer forever.

People are no more impressed by lavish lifestyles, long cavalcades and hoards of favour-seekers around their leaders. Gradually, India has developed distaste for avoidable pomp and show, particularly by elected representatives, including those occupying high positions in the Government. It was left to Narendra Modi to realise that the red beacon on vehicles was dis-liked by practically everyone in the public. By one single act, he won over innumerable fans through out the country. One could enlist several such suc cessful initiatives that have changed the psyche of the people of India. They are breaking the barri-ers in Indian politics, freeing it from the bondages of caste and communal shackles. The real and realistic change is taking place in villages and small towns of India. And this indeed is a very encour-aging sign. The manner in which political parties and leaders are incisively analysed in village chau-pals and roadside tea stalls can often become an eye-opener for political pundits. Voting patterns in States of Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh are rare examples of the increasing maturity of the Indian voter. They installed Congress Governments in these States just six months ago, but extended full-scale support to Modi in national elections. It is this newly-acquired skill of discrimination that represents an increase in the strength of democra-

The new Government deserves six tensionfree months to put its plans and promises in action mode. The Opposition can utilise this time to set its house in order. Most regional parties are fac-ing some crises or the other. There is disappoint-ment in parties like BSP, SP, NCP, TDP and there is immense frustration that has manifested most in West Bengal, or in speeches of leaders like Farooq Abdullah, Mamata Banerjee or Mehbooba Mufti. The best course open for Opposition par-ties is to direct their leaders and workers to go to villages, stay there for at least a month, if not more, and find out what people really need and what impacts them. Take one example: If instead of going abroad for two months on a secret mission, Rahul Gandhi had stayed — at least once in five years — in Amethi for that much period, he would certainly not have suffered a humiliating defeat. He would have gathered tremendous experience in understanding India if he had gone to take med-icine from the local health centre, accompanied a farmer to the police station to get an FIR reg-istered, visited *sarkari* schools to find what happens to the mid-day meal scheme

Smriti Irani maintained her links even after losing the 2014 elections and her doors were open 24X7 to anyone coming to Delhi from Amethi. This was bound to pay dividends. It worked and she could achieve what was considered impossi-bility by most experts. It will be interesting and rewarding if someone could study and analyse how many candidates, who came second in 2014 elections, really kept in touch with their electorate for five years. My presumption, sadly enough, is not encouraging at all. (*The writer is the Indian Representative on the Executive Board of UNESCO*)

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# 'he hidden cost of convenience

If the price of using the Internet is our data and privacy, then mere ownership of data and information will not be sufficient, although a necessary first step is to establish individual autonomy. More meaningful exercise of rights will come from the power to exercise the ownership of these rights



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Rarlier this year, a tech reporter named Kashmir Hill spent six weeks of her life blocking Amazon, Facebook, Google, Microsoft and Apple from "getting her money, data and attention", using a custom-built VPN. These are famously the 'BigTech' companies. In the pieces she wrote documenting the process, she noticed that cutting off some websites and services was easier than others, although it was almost impossible for some like Amazon and Google. For instance, Amazon not only operates in a major-ity of retail businesses, but also controls other crucial services and key websites through 'Amazon Web Services' and employs a secondary service called a content delivery network to load web pages faster. She also found that almost every business and app uses AWS. Google is similarly omnipresent. Cutting off Google means cutting off apps like Uber, Spotify, emails, most pictures on the Internet and newspaper articles which use them, Airbnb and scores of other services.

What Hill found is critical to understand how technology behemoths control the way we experience life today. Is it possible to live without these services? Perhaps yes. But doing so will alter the way most of us com municate, relate, consume and experi ence the Internet, making our worlds dramatically different and exceedingly difficult For most businesses, continuing to deliver services or distribute/market products will be critically impacted. This trade-off, therefore between privacy and ethics on the one hand to be able to be employed, deliver at work, earn a living, research, travel, transact, communicate, investigate and live a meaningful life in a digital age on the other — is inequitable and seemingly insurmountable. It places libertarian principles in direct conflict with convenience. Hence, data, privacy and principles that we trade away and con-tinue to do so, to get slivers of this con-

venience and buy into the promises of future convenience are the hidden price we pay for our existence today. This is the price expected of us and willingly or unwittingly, this is the price we must pay to survive. Margrethe Vestager, the noted European Commissioner for Competition, categorically stated that none of the services offered by the 'BigTech' should be confused with being 'truly free'. In fact, with the proliferation of smart devices and online services addressing our every need, it is clear that consumers and business-es will continue to accept this trade-off of privacy and data with convenience and 'efficiency'. Therefore, the question that arises in a world with an undeniably hidden cost of 'convenience' is one of knowing the true cost of this 'convenience. One way of doing this is to value the data we trade away, the untapped price of our yet un-traded data and privacy, and forming a framework to negotiate effectively. However, calculating the value of

this data is not just resource-intensive and difficult but also a near impossible task, given that we know almost nothing about the inner workings of big technology firms. More crucially, in an age of Cambridge Analytica, election rigging and fake news, there has been a visible breakdown of trust between the holders of technology and its consumers.

One way to approach this informa-tion asymmetry, just like we do for big banks and corporations, is through increased and more meaningful disclo sures. An analogy to the financial crisis and the gradual mistrust that devel-oped post the crisis may be relevant to a great degree here because just like the behemoth banks and financial institutions, technology giants have consis-tently denied sharing information on processes, governance mechanisms and customer assets like data, citing that more disclosure will not help. However, in a recent study on financial crisis, which analysed the link between bank disclosures and financial stability, it was found that there was little evidence to prove that disclosures set off problems or destabilised banks. Instead, poor and unreliable disclosures by banks led to erosion of trust, which coupled with delayed loss recognition, was a bigger problem than overreaction to bad news and bank runs because of that. The second way in which the con-

versation around BigTech regulation is being shaped is to suggest a break up of the giants. In recent times, none other than Čhris Hughes, the co-founder of Facebook, advocated for this. In his article in the New York Times on how Facebook has become too big and powerful to regulate, he wrote that the company must be broken up like a usual monopoly because it has become powerful using simple tools like mergers, acquisitions and copying innovations. He blamed these predatory economic practices to be the reason for no other

major social networking company being founded since the fall of 2011. Vestager, however, suggested that competition law may not be completely adequate because it is not equipped to handle questions of adequacy and safety of digital products. In suggesting a framework outside of competition law, she suggested we move beyond consumer welfare as the basis for state interventions. Instead, she suggested more transparency and more mechanisms available to register consumer discontent. She suggested we reform

our thinking to distinguish between a 'convenient' life and a 'good' life. If the price of using the Internet is our data and privacy, then mere ownership of data and information about the use of data will not be sufficient, although a necessary first step is to establish indi vidual autonomy. The second order and more meaningful exercise of rights will come from the power to exercise the ownership of these rights.

Therefore, the future of technolo-gy regulation will have to take dynamic trade-offs over static ones as Tim Wu, Professor at Columbia Law School, insists and will have to look at combinatorial regulation both within competition law and outside of it, demand ng more meaningful information and trying to discover the hidden costs of trade-offs. Without understanding the hidden costs of data and privacy we so easily give, we only pave the way for more subversive exploitation and hidden predatorial business models. In short, we need to understand how to make the transition from 'convenient' life to 'good life'. (The writer if fellow at the Esya

Centre)



THE PRESIDENT IS NOT WELCOME Mr Trump is only the third US President ever to be honoured with a state visit the others being George W Bush and Barack Obama. Inviting him in the first place was a crass error. Following through in the midst of the UK's current political crisis is an act of gross irresponsibility. That's because, though such visits are symbolic occasions. there is more at stake here than pomp and circumstance. (The Guardian Editorial)

#### INDIA TO MAINTAIN **ITS LEVEL OF** THERMAL COAL **IMPORTS: FITCH** PTI INEW DELHI

India is expected to main-tain the current level of thermal coal imports as the country's power demand is likely to increase, said a report by Fitch Ratings on

Monday. Growth in renewable energy capacity may not be able to keep pace, it said. "Fitch expects India to maintain its level of thermal

coal imports," the rating agency said. Domestic output of dry

fuel and logistics bottlenecks in coal transportation will also affect supply of coal to the market, it said.

"Indian coal imports increased by about two per cent y-o-y (year-on-year) in the nine months to March 2019," it added.

"India's thermal power plant utilisation increased...In 2H18, driven by higher elec-tricity demand and lower capacity addition," it said.

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M/s HORIZON CONCEPT PVT. LTD. ... Opp. Party(s)

THE PURCHASERS/ ALLOTTEES OF THE RESIDENTIAL APARTMENTS IN "IRIDIA" IN VILLAGE ILLAHBANS SECTOR 86. NOIDA. GAUTAM BUDH NAGAR. U.P. DEVELOPED BY M/S. HORIZON CONCEPT PVT. LTD. Whereas the above Complainants have, through Mr. SUNIL GUPTA & M. FAREED SIDDIGUI, Advocates, 347, Lawyers Chambers, Patiala House Courts, New Delhi-1 Mobile. 9911995656. filed the captioned Consumer Complaint before the Hon'ble National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission New Delhi on behalf and/or for the benefit of all the consumers who have either booked or have been allotted residential apartments in the project namely "IRIDIA" IN VILLAGE ILLAHBANS THIDIAT IN VILLAGE ILLANDANO SECTOR 86, NOIDA, GAUTAM BUDH NAGAR. U.P. being developed by the Opposite Party named above for redressal of their common grievances, and seeking the following reliefs:-

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# **₹ gains 44 paise to** 69.26 vs US dollar

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The Indian rupee on The Indian rupee on Monday appreciated by another 44 paise to close at 69.26 to the US dollar in line with an intense rally in domes tic equities amid hopes of a rate cut by the Reserve Bank. The domestic currency

opened strong at 69.48 and later rose to the day's high of 69.10 at the interbank forex exchange market. The Indian unit finally set-

tled at 69.26, higher by 44 paise from the previous close. The rupee Friday had settled at 69.70 to the US dollar.

This is the second straight ession of gain for the domestic currency, during which it has strengthened by 58 paise.

Forex traders said the rupee strengthened on expectation of a rate cut in key policy rates by the Reserve Bank of India.

#### The RBI's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) is slated to announce its bi-monthly poli-

cy Thursday. "Falling crude oil and slowing economic growth boosted speculations of monetary easing by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in its next bimonthly policy. Market is already pricing 25 bps cut interest rate and surplus liq-uidity conditions after majority government at the Centre," said V K Sharma, Head PCG & Capital Markets Strategy,



HDFC Securities.

local unit.

trade at \$62.62 per barrel.

Moreover, heavy buying in domestic equities, selling of Foreign funds infused ₹3,068.88 crore in the capital markets on a net basis Monday, provisional data showed.

the American currency by exporters and foreign fund inflows also supported the Benchmark equity indices ended at their life-time highs The dollar index, which on Monday. The 30-share gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six curren-Sensex also saw its all-time peak in intra-day trade at 40,308.90; while the 50-share cies, fell 0.11 per cent to 97.64. "Fall in US treasury yields and bets for the US interest rate Nifty rose to 12,103.05 during the session to mark its all-time cut weighted on the American Dollar," Sharma said. high

The BSE gauge finally set-Meanwhile, the 10-year tled 553.42 points, or 1.39 per cent, higher at 40,267.62. The broader NSE benchmark government bond yield was at 6.99 per cent on Monday, against the previous close of 7.03 per cent on Friday. surged 165.75 points, or 1.39 per cent, to settle at 12,088.55. The Financial Benchmark

According to Sharma, sharp fall is being witnessed in crude oil prices in the last three India Private Ltd (FBIL) set the reference rate for the rupee/dollar at 69.8058 and for rupee/euro at 77.7288. The sessions and the same helped the rupee to appreciate against reference rate for rupee/British pound was fixed at 88.0093 and the dollar. Meanwhile, Brent crude futures, the global oil bench-mark, rose 1.02 per cent to for rupee/100 Japanese yen at 64.08

#### Microfinance Boeing finds wing defect, industry posts including among some MAX 38% growth in FY19: MFIN

#### PTI MUMBAI

as members.

The micro-finance indus-try saw a 38 per cent growth in its gross loan port-folio at ₹1.87 lakh crore in the 2018-19 fiscal, says a report.

Gross loan portfolio of the sector was ₹1.35 lakh crore in FY2017-18. Total number of microfinance accounts stood at

0.33 crore as on March 31, 2019, registering a growth of 21.9 per cent over FY18, according to a report launched by Microfinance Institution's Networks (MFIN)

third quarter and natural dis-asters like cyclones and drought," MFIN's chief exec-utive officer Harsh

NBFC-MFIs hold the

largest share of portfolio in micro-credit with total loan outstanding of ₹68,868 crore,

which is 36.8 per cent of total micro-credit universe.

Shrivastava said.

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MFIN, an RBI recognised self-regulatory organisation and industry association, constitutes 53 NBFC-MFIs

Boeing announced Sunday haul 737s, including the 737 The members collectively disbursed 3.25 crore loans worth ₹82,928 crore in FY19. MAX 8, could have a defective wing part, but that there had been no reports of flight issues linked to the defect. "In 2018-19, microfinance industry showed its resilience by growing steadi-ly in spite of liquidity squeeze that all NBFCs faced in the

The American aviation giant, which has been rocked by an unprecedented crisis after its entire 737 MAX 8 fleet was grounded in mid-March, said a subcontractor informed it of problems with a batch of a part involved in deploying the

wings' leading edge. The leading edge of an air-craft is key to takeoff and landing because it is meant to improve the wing's drag and therefore the jet's aerodynamics.

Telecom spectrum auction

to be held this year: Prasad

Boeing said in a statement that it had relayed the defective lot number to aircraft owners so they can inspect the parts in question.

If operators find the defective parts on their aircraft, they should replace them before putting the plane back in service, the company said.

"This is a device consid-ered critical because if the leading edge slats don't deploy symmetrically, there could be a lift differential that can be dangerous especially on takeoff and landing," one aeronau-tics expert told AFP on condition of anonymity.

purposes. It shall be our endeav-

our that 5G technology is also

used for deprived sections, social

causes, education and health, and

Prasad acknowledged the

The planes were grounded after a combined 346 people died in two deadly crashes, the first in Indonesia in October



March. Long considered a "gold standard" internationally, the US Federal Aviation Administration's reputation has suffered amid scrutiny of its

oversight process and reports it allowed Boeing to effectively self-certify some features of the MAX. Boeing is working on a

software fix that will allow the MAX 8 to begin flying again, but differences have arisen between the United States and Canada on how to train pilots on the software after the update. Washington believes train-

ing on computers or tablets is sufficient for seasoned pilots, but Ottawa wants to require training on flight simulators.

### MSE sentiment moderates a touch, but still positive: CriSidEx

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There was a moderation in sentiment among Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs) during the quarter ended March 31, 2019, the 6th CriSidEx survey shows. CriSidEx or the CRISU CriSidEx or the CRISIL-SIDBI MSE Sentiment Index was launched by CRISIL Ltd. and Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) last year. At 122, the CriSidEx

score for January-March 2019 was moderately lower than the 128 seen in October-December 2018, but marginally up from 121 a year back.

At a parameter level, while both manufacturing and services sectors reported a small increase in the share of positive respondents on order-book size, both sectors reported a decrease in the share of positive respondents in employee base com-pared with the previous quarter.

	Bridgestone ranked highest in customer satisfaction by JD Power	China, India pushing fintech adoption growth: EY
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	Global consumer insights and data analytics leader	Fintech adoption rate has risen to an average of 64 per

### Assocham demands cut in effective corp tax to 25%, inflation indexing of allowances

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Industry chamber Assocham has demanded cut in effective corporate tax to 25 per cent, doing away with dividend distribution tax (DDT) and indexing of allowances and deductions under personal Income Tax with inflation.

In its pre-budget meeting with the Revenue Secretary last week, Assocham also demanded reduction of excise duty on Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF), and a cut in customs duty rates on raw materials used in domestic manufacturing.

It also suggested that Minimum Alternate Tax (MAT), which is levied at 18.55 per cent, should be abolished and demanded that relaxation in norms for start-ups. "The effective corporate

tax on distributed profit is over 48 per cent. Need to reduce to 25 per cent and gradually to 20 per cent," Assocham said. It further said that Dividend Distribution Tax

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(DDT) at 20.55 per cent is "burdensome" and suggested that it be replaced with Dividend Taxation. With regard to personal

taxation, Assocham recom-mended that all allowances and deductions medical/conveyance etc should be "indexed as per cost

of inflation". Such a step would make allowances more realistic and help in neutralising the impact of inflation for taxpayers.

With regard to rationalis-ing excise duty on ATF, the industry body said post implementation of Goods and Services Tax (GST), credit of excise duty paid on purchase of ATF is not eligible. This has resulted in increasing the cost component for the airline industry.

"Government should con sider decreasing the excise duty rates on ATE, in order to help aviation industry in India Lower excise duty rates would be required to offset the impact of rising international fuel prices," it said.

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Award 2018 for fastest growing Maharatna

its superlative performance For its superlative performance, Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) has been awarded the Dalal Street Investment Journal (DSIJ) Award 2018 for the 'Fastest Growing Maharatna of the year — Manufacturing, in the country.

An independent jury unanimously selected BHEL for the recognition in the manufacturing category based on outstanding profit and Earnings Per Share (EPS) growth. As a result of strategic ini-

tiatives, BHEL registered quan-tum growth in its profit and gained significant traction in growth drivers - diversification and technology. In the last three years BHEL's profit before tax has surged by three times while registering a consistent

revenue growth. Prudent strategies of garnering higher market share in a shrunken and highly competitive business environment enabled BHEL to maintain its leadership position with 100% market share in the thermal power equipment business.

BHEL bags DSIJ

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India will hold a mega spec-trum auction for 5G and other radiowaves in the current calendar year, and intends to start 5G trials in the next 100 days, the newly appointed Telecom Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad said Monday.

Setting an action-packed agenda for the ministry soon after taking charge, Prasad said he would prioritise the revival of crisis-ridden telecom PSUs Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd (MTNL)

but added that the two companies will have to reciprocate and do their bit by adopting a professional attitude.

On the contentious issue of whether Chinese telecom gear maker Huawei will be allowed to participate in the upcoming 5G trials, the Minister told reporters that the "complex issue" will be looked at seriously

including security aspects. The Minister also cleared the air over timing of spectrum auctions in the country, saying, "I am of the belief that in the current calendar year, we will be based on parameters like auction spectrum. We have adequate spectrum available." infrastructure, approval processes and utilisation of The Telecom Regulatory high-speed Internet. "As far as 5G network is con-cerned, we will start trials in 100

quencies, including those for 5G services, at an estimated total base price of ₹4.9 lakh crore, but the financially stressed industry has contend ed that prices are unaffordable.

for bringing technology to rural "Trai has given its recompeople," Prasad said. 5G will play a major role in sultation with Trai, we will have

Authority of India (Trai) has recommended auction of about 8,644 MHz of telecom fre-

days. We propose to earmark a portion of spectrum also for 5G

mendation on spectrum. We have a system of standing committee, finance committee, they are examining it. Once they come with solution...Whether there is a need for more con-

digital inclusion, he said adding that the government will strive towards this goal. Another area would be channelising the start-up movement in India for proliferation of 5G, he said. to look into it. Then, we have to go to the Cabinet and appoint auctioneer," the minister said. role of state-owned corpora-tions in maintaining a "sober equilibrium" in the market, but at the same time sent out a

strong message to the two tele-com PSUs - MTNL and BSNL days and creating a Broadband which are cash-strapped and have faced issues in payment of the realities of the Indian market, besides fast-tracking of salaries in recent times. The minister emphasised that the two companies will have to five lakh WiFi hotspots, and promoting telecom manufac-"become professional".

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Other major issues on the minister's immediate agenda include starting 5G trials in 100 Readiness Index, which reflects

turing in India. The index will

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c) Pass any other and/or further order(s) that this Hon'ble ommission deems fit and proper n the facts and circumstances of the present class Complaint, Petition.

And whereas the Hon'ble Commission vide its order dated 05.03.2019 is pleased to direct ssue of notice of the Institution of the above captioned complaint to all the consumers having same Interest In the matter Accordingly all allottees of the above referred Project having the same grievance against the Opposite Party. may appear before the Commission in-person or through an Advocate/ uthorized Representative on 18.09.2019 at 10:30 a.m. They can inspect the file of the aforementioned complaint in the office of the Counsel for the Complainant (s) and apply for being impleaded as a party to the complaint.

They may also note that the decision of the Commission in the captioned complaint will be binding on all the consumers on whose hehalf and/or for whose benefit the complaint is instituted. Dated, this 25th day of March, 2019 eal of the National Commission Jisputes Redressal Commission By Order Seal of the National Consumer

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Dear Sir ABRIDGED DEMAND NOTICE UNDER SEC.13 (2) OF SARFAESI ACT In respect of loan/s availed from our Mayapuri Branch (Bic: 9028) by you, which have become NPA with balance outstanding of Bs. 42,27,212.45 (Rupees Forty Two Lakh Twenty Seven Thousand Two Hundred Twelve Rupees & Paisa Forty Five Only) is due along with interest from 01.05.2019 and costs etc. We have already issued tetailed de mand notice dated 14/05/2019 under Section 13 (2) of SARFAESI Act by Registered post with acknowledgment due to you which have been return undelivered with following remarks that insufficient shifted address and returned

We have indicated our intention of taking possession of securities owned by Mr. Jasvir Singh Bhatia, as per Section 13(4) of the Act in case of your failure to pay the amount ioned above within 60 days.

#### BRIEF DETAILS OF SECURITIES

idential DDA Flat on first floor bea ng Flat no. 106-D, Block-CA, Ra ock-CA Hari Nagar, New Delhi owned by Mr. Jasvir Singh Bhatia S/o Jaswant Singh Bhatia

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Bounded By East : Flat No. 107-C East : Flat No. 107-C North : Other Flat North : Other Flat You are advised: 1) to collect the original notice from our Office for more and complete details; 2) to pay the balance outstanding amount with interest and costs etc. within 60 days from the date of notice referred to above to avoid further action under the SARFAESI Act. Date: 03.06.2019

AND TWELVE ONLY) against you and where as it has been shown to the satisfaction of the AND INVELVE ONLT / equinity you and where as it the user anywhere the subsection of the Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in the ordinary way therefore, this notice is given b advertisement directing you to make appearance in the Tribunal on 18.07.2013A 11.03.0A.M. Take notice that in default of your appearance on the day before the mentioned, the case will b ard and determined in your absence.

By Order of the Tribuna Section Officer, DRT-II, DELHI.

na aa J.D. Power's 2019 India original cent this year, with emerging markets like China and India equipment tyre customer satleading the way, according to isfaction index study has ranked Bridgestone India highest is customer satisfaction. (EY)The study ranked Bridgestone India highest in midsise car segment and utility vehicle segment with remarkable score

a report by Ernst & Young In its report titled 'Global FinTech Adoption Index 2019', EY said emerging markets like China and India (87 per cent adoption rate) led the charts, followed by Russia and South

the said categories The study focuses on the tyre design, climate, road conditions and driver habits influence in the lifespan of a vehicle's tyre thereby projecting a factual picture in terms of their findings

of 861 and 836 respectively in

Africa (82 per cent). Among developed mar-kets, Netherlands (73 per cent), the UK (71 per cent) and Ireland (71 per cent) saw high adoption rates, it added.



Nirali Memorial Medical Trust (NMMT), established by AM Naik, Group Chairman of Larsen & Toubro, will set up a Multispecialty Hospital at Navsari in Gujarat. The Multispecialty Hospital will be operated and managed by Apollo Hospitals Group

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ICICI Bank Limited Registered Office: ICICI Bank Tower, Near Chakli Circle, Old Padra Road, Vadodara-390007, Gujarat. Corporate Office: ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai – 400051 Branch Office: ICICI Bank 2nd Floor, Videocon Tower, Jhandewalan Ext, New Delhi-110055

Branch Office: ICICI Bank Znd Floor, Videocon Tower, Jhandewalan EX, New Delhi-110055 A housing loan facility was granted pursuant to a loan agreement entered into between ICICI Bank Limited ("Secured Creditor, which term shall include its successors and assigns) and the borrower & co-borrower, mentioned below ("Borrower(s)", which term shall include his' list / their respective [successors, assigns, heirs]. The undersigned being the authorized officer of the Secured Creditor ("Authorized Officer") under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 ("Act") and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, ("Rules") has issued demand notices under Section 13(2) of the Act calling upon the borrowers / co borrowers mentioned below to repay the amount payable pursuant to the loan agreement and as specifically mentioned in the said respective demand notices within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notices.

The borrowers / co-borrower, having failed and neglected to repay the amount as claimed in the said demand notices, notice is hereby given to the borrowers / co-borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13 (4) of the Act read with Rule 8 of the Rules. The details including date of possession of the properties are as mentioned below:-

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Loan Account Number		Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice(Rs)	Name of Branch
	Rimjhim Bhanj LBDEL00001089712	Flat No. 506, 5th Floor, Type Block B- 6, Krishna Apra Garden On Group Housing Plot No. 7, Vaibhav Khand, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad 201301/ 28 May 2019	August 28, Rs. 19,97,485/-	Delhi

The Borrower(s)/ Co-borrowers in particular and the public in general is/ are hereby cautioned not to deal w the Secured Property and any dealings with the Secured Property will be subject to the charge of the Secur Creditor for the amounts mentioned in the demand notices and further interest & cost thereon. Please n that no further notice will be issued.

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# Hatred for Hindi costs TN Navodaya Vidyalayas

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m amil}$  Nadu's wait for Navodaya Vidyalayas, the Centre-funded public schools in each district of the State is destined to get delayed further because of the hatred for Hindi by the Dravidian politicians and intelligentsia. Tamil Nadu is the only

State in the country which has banned Navodaya Vidyalaya, a public school concept launched across the country at the instance of then Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi in 1985.

"What is shocking is that the Indian National Congress of Raijv Gandhi is hand in glove with the DMK and other Tamil fringe groups in their opposition for implementing the dream of Rajiv Gandhi," said SV Badri, theatre person-ality and founder of the famous drama team Crazy Creations.

The call for massive agitation against the proposal to have three-language system comes amid an observation made by Governor Banwarilal Purohit that the States of Kerala and Tamil Nadu have a vast collection of Sanskrit manuscripts in public repositories and private collections. "It has been stated that there are more than a lakh and half Sanskrit manuscripts in Tamil Nadu

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country at the instance of then Prime Minister Raiiy Gandhi in 1985 The call for massive agitation against the proposal to have three-language system comes amid an observation made by Governor Banwarilal Purohit that the States of Kerala and Tamil Nadu have a vast collection of Sanskrit manuscripts in public repositories and private collections

This could be undertaken if only there are youngsters with knowledge in Hindi and Sanskrit, according to N Gopalaswamy, former Chief Election Commissioner of India who is the chairman

of Kalakshetra Foundation Learning of Hindi means creation of lakhs of jobs, he pointed out

and Kerala which are waiting to and Kerala which are warning to be translated. There is a huge treasure of knowledge still waiting to be tapped from Sanskrit sources like inscriptions," said the Governor. This could be undertaken if only there are youngsters with knowledge in Hindi and

SP, BSP will fight

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justice: Akhilesh

Sanskrit, according to N Gopalaswamy, former Chief Election Commissioner of India who is the chairman of Kalakshetra Foundation. "We have set up the National Manuscript Mission

and digitised 40 lakh pages of Sanskri manuscripts. But this

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TN RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

Buckling under mounting pressure from the Opposition, the BJP-led Maharashtra Government on Mandau transformed on LAS

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is just tip of the ice berg," Gopalaswamy told *The Pioneer*. Learning of Hindi means creation of lakhs of jobs, he pointed out pointed out.

Nobody is as disappointed more than M Ravinson, presi-dent of Kumari Maha Sabha, am organisation fighting for the rights of the Tamil Nadu children to learn Hindi and also to open Navodaya Vidyalayas in the State. "The politicians and some of the elite groups do not want our children to learn Hindu. They also want the rural poor to remain as poor and uneducated. Navodaya Vidvalavas are meant for the rural poor to get quality edu-cation financed by the government. Denying the same to the children is violation of human rights," said Ravinson, a lawyer by profession.

But the intelligentsia in the State have other ideas. "Knowing Hindi is an advantage for the ambitious middle class. Tamil Nadu has all along been a self-sufficient State and there hasn't been any need to learn it. With the changing demographics, I am afraid it would become a necessity. Already students, especially those from poor economic background, aren't expressive either in English or Tamil. Making Hindi compulsory would worsen things," said AR

ident Sharad Pawar and

Maharashtra Congress presi-

dent Ashok Chavan had urged

Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis to initiate stern action

against Choudhari. Choudhary has also been

Dr YR Johnson, a former principal of Navodaya Vidyalaya, who is relentlessly fighting for the cause of children said that the Dravidian politicians are destroying the future of Tamil Nadu students by not allowing the three-language formula and opposing

Hindi imposition brutal assault on States: Sidda Bengaluru: Congress leader and ex-Chief Minister of Karnataka Siddaramaiah Monday strongly opposed the the three-language for-mula in the draft National Education Policy, which has

now been dropped, saying imposition of Hindi is nothing but "a brutal assault" on the States. "Nothing should be done against our opinion. There is no need for three languages. English and Kannada are there... They are enough. Kannada is our mother

the Navodaya Schools in the State. "Times have changed. The anti-Hindi agitation of the 1960s was a serious mistake and it has already dome a lot of damage," said Johnson pointing out that schools passing out of Navodaya Vidyalayas stand better chance to get admission in medical colleges and IITs.

### **Dropping Hindi** norm in policy: TN welcomes Centre's move

Chennai: The Centre dropping the contentious clause of mandaory Hindi teaching in nonsentence or death penalty for Hindi speaking States was on "repeat" rape offenders. Dismissing petitions filed by hree convicts sentenced to Monday welcomed by Tamil Nadu parties, including main Opposition DMK. The DMK said the decision showed that late death in the much-discussed 2013 Shakti Mills Compound gangrape case challenging the party patriarch M Karunanidhi was "living," apparently suggestconstitutional validity of their punishment, A HC Bench of ng it was a success to the late leader's legacy of opposing "imposition" of Hindi. A revised Justices BP Dharmadhikari and Revati Mohite Dere held that draft education policy was issued that did not have mention of the newly incorporated section of 376 (E) of IPC "is not ultra-Hindi being compulsory amid vires the Constitution." Upholding the punishment meted out to them under 376 controversy over recommenda-tion of an HRD Ministry panel to teach language in non-Hindi speaking States. *PTI* E of IPC under which the three petitioners had been sentenced

## Bombay HC upholds death penalty clause for repeat rape offenders

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**Observes 376 E of IPC, introduced after Nirbhaya** rape case, is not ultra virgs of Constitution

TN RAGHUNATHA 🔳 In a judgment of far-reaching ramifica-tions, the Bombay High Court on Monday upheld the Constitutional validity of a provision introduced in Indian Penal Code after the 2012 Nirbhaya gangrape inci-dent, providing for either life

death by a sessions court in 2014, the two judges noted, "We

are of the opinion that the Sec. 376 E of Indian Penal Code is

not ultra-vires the Constitution

and hence need not be quashed

Handing out first-ever cap-ital punishment to the "repeat

offenders" under the new pro-vision 376 (E) of the rape law

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punishable under any of the said sections shall be punished with imprisonment for life which shall mean impris-onment for the remainder of that person's natural life, or with death1. The IPC came to be

convicted of an offence

amended to incorporate Section 376E in it on basis of recommendations of Justice J S Verma Committee, which had been constituted to consider changes in law to deal more sternly with offenders in sexual offence cases following nationwide outrage over the brutal gangrape of a 23-year-old paramedical student in Delhi in December 2012.

It may be recalled that on April 4, 2014, a trial court while handing out first-ever capital punishment to the "repeat offenders" under the new provision 376 (E) of the rape law that came to be amended after the December 2012 gang rape in Delhi — sentenced three "common" convicts in the two cases — Vijay Jadhav (19), Kasim Bengali (21) and Mohammed

Salim Ansari (28), to death.

The three convicts were among the seven persons who had earlier been named as accused in the two Shakti Mill rapes that took place on July 31 and August 22, 2013. While the August 22 incident came to light first, the details of the first incident that took place on July 31 came out subsequently.

was gang-raped on the evening of August 22 by five men in the defunct Shakti Mill compound at Mahalaxmi in south-central Mumbai, where she had gone along with her male colleague to take pictures for a magazine story. In the July 31 incident, the rape survivor - who works as a telephone operator with a private firm at Bhandup and lives at Mulund in north-east Mumbai — was gangraped in a similar manner in the Shakti Mill area

tongue, so primacy should be given to Kannada," he said. In Mysuru, he told reporters there will be no compromise on issues of Karnataka's water, land and language. **PTI** Maha transfers IAS officer

> of Choudhari's tweet on Saturday last. Following an uproar, Pawar prote to Chief Minister

before him with deepest regard & will do till last breath," she

Fadnavis the same night, demanding "exemplary pun-ishment" for Choudhari who had insulted a national icon by her remarks and also sought to glorify Gandhiji's assassin Nathuram Godse. In his letter to Fadnavis,

Pawar stated: "If the Government doesn't take action it would be deemed human dignity to the survivor. The IPC section 376 E reads thus, "Whoever has been that its policy and intention has reached its lowest ebb....A gov-ernment official in a progres-sive state like Maharashtra previously convicted of an offence punishable under secmaking such insulting com-ments against Mahatma tion 376 or section 376A or sections 376AB or section 376 D Gandhi, and the state government turning a blind eye to it or section 376 DA or section is a serious matter". 376 DB and is subsequently

# campaign against EVMs

### SAUGAR SENGUPTA KOLKATA

Still licking her wounds from the recent electoral defeat and facing flak from the critics for confronting head on the "lumpen saffron supporters viti-ating Bengal's secular culture" by introducing Jai Shri Ram as a she said new political catchphrase, Mamata Banerjee on Monday opened a new front against what many a TMC leader called "electronically manipulated machines" or EMMs.

Apparently heaping the responsibility of her party's electoral loss on EVMs manipulated by the BJP the Bengal Chief Minister on Monday demanded restoration of good old ballot boxes. Out of 42 parliamentary

Nathuram Godse. In a development that served a show-cause notice to explain her controversial tweet came after the Opposition Congress and NCP rooted for of May 17, 2019. In her 17 May tweeted, she had stated, "What an excep-tional celebration of 150th action against the controversial officer, the Maharashtra Government shifted Choudhari, a 2012 batch IAS birth anniversary year is going on...High time, we remove is

officer, from her post as a face from out currency, his stat-Joint Municipal Commissioner ues from across the world. of the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) to a relatively insignificant rename institutions/roads named after him! That would be a real tribute to all of us!

position as a deputy secretary in the State Water Supply and ThankU #Godse". Sanitation Department. Among others, NCP pres-

However, Choudhary claimed that she had deleted the tweet on May 31, saying that it was against those glori-fying Godse — and it was 'sarcastic". "I have deleted my tweet of 17.05.2019 w.r.t. GandhiJi

because some people misun-derstood it. If only they had followed my timeline since 2011 they would've understood that I would NEVER even dream of insulting GandhiJi. I bow

tweeted. "I feel extremely pained at the manner in which it has been misrepresentated..." she later wrote in a Facebook post. Senior NCP legislator

Jitendra Awhad made an issue

Mamata votes for ballot, to

leagues Banerjee said her party's official stand was for ballot boxes. "We want ballot box and we don't want EVMs which can be manipulated and as been manipulated by the BIP" which uses money and muscle power to win elections,

That her party would "start a new struggle to restore" India to the age of ballot boxes, Banerjee said "We don't want EVMs. Bring back ballot box and take back EVMs. Save democracy

Incidentally Banerjee's statement came hours after senior BIP leader Mukul Roy said not only the TMC rank and file, but also their senior leaders were in touch with him and were expressing



for joining our party," Roy a former Railway Minister who himself joined the BIP after serving the TMC for about 18 years said.

Trial in Kathua gangrape, murder case concludes; verdict likely on June 10

> Jammu: The trial in the brutal gangrape and murder of an eight-year-old nomadic girl in Kathua in Jammu & Kashmir that shook the nation ended Monday and the judgement in the case in which there are eight accused including a village head is likely to be delivered on June 10.

District and sessions judge Tejwinder Singh announced in the court in Pathankot after the conclusion of the in-camera trial that he is likely to deliver the verdict on June 10. special pub-

lic prosecutor JK Chopra said. Defence lawyers completed their final arguments followed by brief concluding statement from prosecution team led by Chopra, officials said. According to 15-page chargesheet, eight-year-old girl, who was kidnapped on January 10 last year, the December 2012 gang rape in Delhi, Principal Judge of the The photojournalist, work-ing for a Mumbai magazine, trial court Shalini Phansalkar Joshi had observed, "The gang-rape accused were not only enjoying the act of sexual assault but also the survivor's helplessness...It (crime) was executed in the most gruesome manner with no mercy or show of



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### ∎he Samajwadi Party will The Samajwadi Party will fight for social justice together with the Bahujan Samaj Party, said SP chief Akhilesh Yadav on Monday, hours after BSP supremo Mayawati expressed dissatis-faction over the poll perfor-mance of the alliance between the two parties. "We and Bahujan Samaj

Party will fight for social justice together," said Yaday, addressing a public meeting here during his first visit to the con-

stituency after declaration of the Lok Sabha poll results. BSP chief Mayawati earli-er told her party workers in New Delhi that the Lok Sabha poll drubbing in Uttar Pradesh was due to the "poor perfor-mance" of the alliance with the SP. She also asked her party leaders and workers to prepare to contest the Assembly byelections on their own, raising questions over the future of the ours," he said.

Addressing the public meeting in Azamgarh, Akhilesh Yadav, however, defended the poll performance of the alliance, saying that the Lok Sabha poll battle this time was of a different kind, which he could not understand.

"It was a race between Ferrari and a cycle (the SP's Lok Sabha elections were not fought on issues, it was fought on something else," said Yadav. The SP chief also subtly



day we understand this, we will emerge victorious," he said.

party may have lost the elecour tenure. Their work will not be able to stand in front of

gathbandhan' an SP spokesperson said the party was "waiting" for the BSP's "official stand" on whether to continue with the alliance or not. The Samajwadi Party's statement followed

election symbol). Everybody knew the Ferrari will win. The

blamed media for his party poor performance in the polls. i on tele visions everyday? They pene-trated into our brains. They played with our minds with TV and mobile phones. This was a



different kind of battle, which we could not understand. The

Conceding that his party's "opponents are very strong", the former UP Chief Minister said he would try to counter them through social alliance. "Our tions, but we throw an open challenge to rival parties that they compare the developmental works done during their regime with those done in

Before Akhilesh Yadav's

Mayawati's direction to her

party leaders to prepare to

contest the coming assembly

stand of the BSP regarding the

alliance. We are waiting for an official statement," SP chief spokesperson Rajendra Chaudhary told PTI earlier.

"No one has got the official

bypolls on their own.

er, in ne n Benş meet. Mayawati had asked her and TMC won 22 seats making party leaders not to depend on the alliance to win votes but it Trinamool's biggest loss since 2006. Emerging from a meet ing with senior ministerial colwork to expand the organisation.

BJF

"Not only the lower rung supporters but at least 50 MLAs and four MPs who have just won the elections are in touch

Ignoring Roy Baneriee concentrated on the ty in a temple in Kathua district EVMs saying her party would start a new campaign to bring back the ballot boxes

after having been kept sedated for four days before she was bludgeoned to death. PTI

## Muslim ex-bank employee to get pension as Pandits flock to help

#### IANS SRINAGAR

In a grand gesture proving that their traditional, fraternal ties are still strong, retired Kashmiri Pandit bank employees living in different parts of the country joined their Muslim counterparts in the Kashmir Valley to help a poor

colleague get pension. The story of Ghaffar (name changed) reads like any common place tragedy of an aban-doned, helpless old man. Ghaffar, who worked for a local regional rural bank (RRB) called "Ellaquai Dehati Bank" in the state, retired from service in 2009 as a bank attendant.

There was no pension for RRB personnel then and his terminal benefits amounted to around Rs 9 lakh.

Ghaffar lived in a village in depositing the bank's share of

their provident fund they had Ganderbal district with his son and daughter-in-law who reportedly served him till they used all his life's savings for benefits.

repairing their house, buying household goods and other items to make their life com-Once the money got over,

Ghaffar was thrown out of the house. Left with no means of livelihood, Ghaffar started

fortable.

repairing shoes at a market. However, a recent verdict by the Supreme Court said that all RRB staff in the country would get pension and various RRBs were told to pay pension to their retired officers/employees. But there was a rider to obtain the pension.

Each retired staff member had to declare his/her option for the pension scheme by taken along with their terminal Ellaquai Dehati Bank

released a list of its retired staff members showing the amount of the provident fund to be deposited by them to become eligible to get pension, with June 3, 2019, as the last date to

deposit the money. But Ghaffar did not have

money to even travel to the bank's head office in Srinagar, leave alone paying around Rs 2 lakh to the bank to become eligible for pension.

Retired bank staffers in the Valley sent WhatsApp mes-sages to retired Kashmiri Pandit colleagues, now living in various parts of the country, inting Ghaffar's ordeal and how they had to collect Rs 2 lakh through donations in a day

so that it could be deposited in Ghaffar's account to make him eligible for pension.

Though the local retired loyees and the Kashmiri Pandits had not met for 30

years, the response to the appeal was overwhelming. Pandit ex-employees from Pune, Delhi, Jammu and many other places not only sent their contributions but were the first

to pitch in. The contributions from their Pandit colleagues trig-gered such a response in the local Muslim staff members that Ghaffar's account was oversubscribed even before Monday afternoon.

### K'taka CM calls meet of MLAs today to discuss political scene

#### PTI 🔳 BENGALURU

Tuesday amid expected Cabinet expansion or reshuffle to save the Government headed by him following persisting dissidence within coalition partner Congress. A senior JDS functionary

on Monday said the meeting was likely to discuss the recent

political developments in the ate, performance in the Lok Sabha and Urban Local body polls and steps the party will need to take politically in the future All political issues, including expansionor reshuffle of the

Congress-JDS ministry, are likely to come up for discussion during the meeting, he said. Kumaraswamy and coalition Coordination Committee chief and senior Congress leader Siddaramaiah have held several rounds of meetings recent-ly, the last being on Saturday night regarding cabinet expansion or reshuffle.

A top official source had said it is likely to take place only after June 4.

The Congress in Karnataka last week had gone into a huddle to avert a potential exis-tential crisis to the one-year-old coalition ministry and discussed about the possible cab-inet rejig to address the dissidence within

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work: -do-. SH: Providing and fixing concertina coil fencing at Poorvi Delhi Khel Parisar. Estimated Cost: ₹ 16,58,987/-. Earnest Money: ₹ 33,180/-. Time allowed: 30 days.

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Karnataka Chief Minister H D Kumaraswamy has called a meeting of JDS legislators on



# Trend HOW GREEN IS **MY VINEYARD?**

dream the superstar had. Shah Rukh tweeted a photo collage of himself, Karan and Chopra and cap tioned it. "Dreamers are good. But if those dreams are not given a direction they mean nothing. These two fulfilled every dream I had, over and above every dream they had for themselves. Adi and Karan.'

**'KJo fulfilled every** 

dream I had' SHAH RUKH KHAN says filmmaker KARAN JOHAR and ADITYA CHOPRA

have fulfilled every

"Why share this with all? Because you should know, more important than your dreams are those who fulfill them for you," he added.



feel responsible as an artiste. I am wellversed with what is happening around the world, how the youngsters are reacting to the constant change. I am always at it. -Raftaaı



Actress KIARA ADVANI says she is comfortable being in front of the camera without any makeup

Kiara had a no make-up policy for director Sandeep Vanga's forthcoming film Kabir Singh, in which she essays the role of a simple college girl named Preeti.

'I'm a directors' actor, so if the director has a certain vision for the character's look then I go with that," Kiara said.

"Preeti's simplicity and innocence is what makes Kabir fall head over heels for her. Sandeep Sir wanted to capture that purity and also make me look like a 19vear-old first vear student.

Miley groped by fan in Barcelona

Singer MILEY CYRUS was groped

Ahead of World Environment Day, we look at how viticulturists in the country have been adopting measures to ensure a sustainable wine production. By TEAM VIVA

cross the sweeping horizon all over the undulating hills and Aslanting valleys one can see straight rows of leafy grape vines stretching far into the distance. The sight of the vineyards is as stunning as their final produce, maybe more. Well, vineries account for only a small per-centage of the agriculture industry in India as grape-growing accounts for around 4.9 per cent of arable and permanent croplands.

While there have been develop ments and advancements around appli cation technology, crop protection tech-niques and many other agricultural practices, the question remains how much of it is environment-friendly? Organic, biodynamic and sustainably-produced vines and practices have been a rising trend in various international vineyards, but what about the same in the Indian viticulture?

Inesh Singh, CSO (chief sustainabil-ity officer), Sula Vineyards lists some ways in which a more sustainable approach could be adopted towards viti-culture and vine producing practices in India

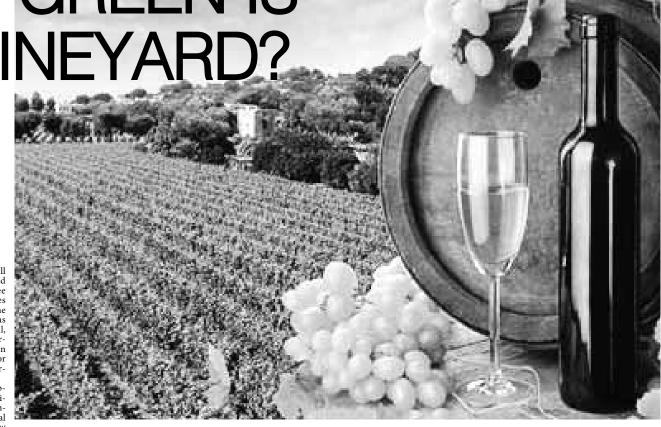
#### SOLAR MAKES SENSE

It is an abundant resource which can be harnessed relatively easily. Vineries can leverage this resource, which in turn will allow them to massively reduce their carbon footprint as well as electricity expenses. Now run-ning for more than 10 years, the 196-kilowatt (kW) SunPower solar PV energy system installed at Napa Valley's Domaine Carneros is built into its roof over a waterproof membrane, saving the winery money and reducing its water and energy consumption. At maxi-mum capacity, the panels produce emission-free electricity to power more than 190 average homes and reduce CO2 emissions by 2,400 tonnes over 30 years, which is, as per a study, the equiv-alent of planting trees across nearly 700

At Sula, Singh explains, their current solar panel setup allows them to

Be it the Break Up Song consoling us after a heartbreak or an energetic rhythm of *Sau Tarah Ke* to groove on during week-ends, Jonita Gandhi has crooned some unforget-table songs in her soulful voice. "It's always helpful to have a unique voice since there's so much competition. It undoubtedly helps to stand out but it also depends on how you give the song an exotic feel," says

the 29-year-old singer. Gandhi has sung for many Bollywood films and her latest number is for the forthcoming season of Royal Stag Barrel Select *MTV Unplugged Season 8.* This has extended her repertoire beyond films and she is also enthusiastic about making her debut on the show as a solo performer. She says, "I was a part of *Season 6* but it was in collaboration with Amit Trivedi, which was a great experience." According to Jonita, in the West, singers get estab-lished as "brands" as they have a unique voice and they don't have to prove their adaptability and versatility. However, she believes, "In India, the playback singer has to target both the youth through peppy numbers as well as play a enchantress in a party-themed song. The music industry is separate and independent abroad since the singers get better acknowledgment for their work solely." There are many musi-cians and singers that inspire Gandhi to be the best version of herself and widen the ability in improv-ing her performance. She believes that the biggest challenge for an aspiring singer today is to stand out among the bunch of con-tenders today. She says, "Being yourself in terms of





generate almost 50 per cent of their elec-tricity needs, which they are currently aiming to increasing to 75 per cent. The energy generated by solar panels constitutes 49 per cent of what they use at sites and they have plans to reach 75 per cent in the next 12 to 18 months.

#### **REUSABILITY OF WATER**

Wine-making requires water beyond what it takes to grow grapes. From bottles to wash, barrels to scrub, and floors to clean, there are multiple processes associated with water. But what if winemakers treated the water left over from all that cleaning and reused it to irrigate vineyards? Even though researchers wondered if the wastewater might be harmful to the vines, the soil, or even the wine, the myth has been busted. As per a two-year-long research carried out in Napa and Lodi in California, winery wastewater is indeed

At vineyards, normal water consumption also results in significant sewage generation. Typically, this sewage is sent to the municipality for

disposal. This makes it imperative to setup water treatment plants which allow vineries to recycle and reuse the water. At Sula, the re-usage allows them to cut down on their freshwater consumption in water-starved areas, resulting in a win-win situation for them and the surrounding areas. They reuse 100 per cent of the waste water gener-ated by their sites which totals to almost 40 million litres.

#### **BOTTLE OR BOX?**

In a world replete with plastic waste, glass would seem to be a sustainable packaging choice for anything. Glass wine bottles have been around for charses while bothes have been around for centuries and glass is easily recycled. However, as per recent data, it is only about a third of wine bottles which actu-ally get recycled — the rest end up in the landfills. Only some wine makers are

using recycled glass in their bottles. However, research has shown that boxing wine is not only cost-effective but more eco-friendly than bottling it. Shipping a three-litre box of wine gen-erates about half the emissions per 750 millilitres. Cardboard is no less recyclable than glass and, in fact, is recycled about twice as often. One downside to

cardboard wine boxes is the plastic liner and spigot. Most analyses ignore the bag in the box and look only at the outer cardboard container. One life cycle analysis found that even with the sustainability impacts of non-recyclable packaging components, bag-in-a-box wines were more sustainable than glass bottles

Sanket Gawand, winemaker at Vallonne Vineyards, tells us that every bottle at their vineyards, which is con sumed at the restaurant, is reused. "We cannot do much about the bottles that go to the retail shops as it becomes difficult to track the bottle and get to the winery. And some of our wines have potential to age further so a lot of our consumer tends to age it further. A lot of our regular guests also return used bottles of wine," she says.

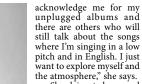
#### WATER ATMs

Another way that Sula is trying to give back to local communities is by providing water solutions. Impetus is given to not only the operations at the vineyards but largely the communities they operate in as well. They have installed water ATMs in nearby communities which provide water security and safe drinking water to approximate-ly 600 families near their plant. The numbers are expected to only increase with time.

'We have a responsibility towards where we operate. We want to ensure that we are able to increase their standard of living as we continue to grow as a business," says Singh

Being Jonita

The Indo-Canadian singer, who has made a mark in films with her unusual voice, extends her repertoire with her solo in a reality show, says SIDDHIKA PRAJAPATI



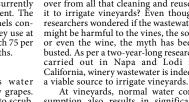
# Want to stay with my kids: Hemsworth

Thris Hemsworth feels he has spent his Cwhole career chasing one thing after another and now wants to live in the moment. The actor has decided not to shoot anything more this year and says he wants

to step back to spend some quality time with his three children in Australia. After steering projects like Home and Away and JJ Abrams' Star Trek, Hemsworth scored his big break in 2011 with film *Thor* as Norse God of Thunder Thor, embarking on the journey of bankable movie stars in the world. "I have spent so many years. I think my whole career, kind of looking so far ahead and chasing that world. (Thinking I should go for) this thing and that thing and (thinking) if I get this job and maybe this is it," Hemsworth said while looking back at the time when he started his journey in showbiz. The constant rush, he says, can be; for one, exhausting and two, "you are never in the moment enjoying the process." "I am trying to just be more present. And that gives me greater sense of comfort and not out of 'Oh, I have made it. I can sit back and rest'. It is more of just appreciating and enjoying it now,' Hemsworth added. The actor wants to take a moment to appreciate things in his life but doesn't want to take things for granted. "You don't want to get com-fortable in the sense that you are sitting back and taking it for granted and thinking 'That's it, I have made it... Unless, you are quite okay with not working in and just be where you are," Hemsworth said.

what my dream scenario with career in life would be, this will be it. I am really sort of trying to appreciate this experience in this moment now," added the actor, who will soon be seen in Men in Black: International.

Is it easy to stay in the moment or easi-er said than done? "It is tricky." But a day dur-ing the busy press tour helped the 35-year-old take a decision. "I was just on the *Avengers: Endgame* press tour and I was reading scripts for another job and talking about the next thing. And I was like 'This is crazy. One of the biggest film of all time asing and I am alr ady thinking



by a fan while she was leaving a hotel.

In a video, Cyrus and her husband Liam Hemsworth are seen leaving their hotel when the singer was groped in a throng of fans.

The singer was walking behind her husband through a crowd of several fans, when a man started feeling her hair, before moving in to try and kiss her.

The man is only seen in the video for a second but he is seen forcing his way through the crowd and putting his arm around Cyrus and trying to kiss her.

She turns away from him before he can kiss her and security guards separate from her as she keeps walking with Hemsworth. who puts his arm around her.



trends but more so applying thing changes in a noticeyour own versatile person-ality to explore artistic able manner. The audience is enormous and there is a opportunities can help to make a mark." lot of variety and diversity globally. One can't impress everyone with every song. She feels that there's a "There are people who

long way to go before any-

ims to be a good example of making a mark in Bollywood without a godfather. "It definitely helps in opening up doors but you have to show efforts and hard work to cement your position. I am still learning to work on my voice while recording any song," she says. Gandhi is developing her YouTube channel fur-

ther because that platform has given her a remarkable recognition. "My fans know me because of my covers. I can be myself in the videos and it gives me satisfaction," she says.

The singer promises to bring new content for her fans. She considers return-ing back to Youtube because that is where she has gained recognition. She says, "I will continue making singles on that platform as that is where my fans had started acknowledging and accepting my work. I would simultaneously work for Bollywood, single music albums and unplugged cov-ers, the only challenge real-

ly is to manage both in time. But apart from that, they all co-exist in harmony," says she.

"I do feel more comfortable now and not out of thinking because 'I have made it'... If you would have asked me 10 years ago about

something else. I had to say, 'I don't want to talk about it for few weeks?

He has made up his mind now — well, almost. "This year, I will probably won't shoot any-"This year, thing. I have shot *Dhaka* at the start of the year. I just want to be at home now with my kids. They are at a very important age. They are still young at the moment. And they are aware when I leave more than before.

"And I am like, if there is ever a chance where I could stop and just be at home, this

is it. So I am just going to enjoy that for the moment, and see what happens," he said with a chuckle and a gleam in his eyes as he spoke about his family.

For now, Hemsworth, who has featured in projects like Ghostbusters and Snow White and the Huntsman. is happy to be associated with the legacy of Men In Black.

Men in Black: International will take place in the same universe as the previous trilogy with Emma Thompson back as Agent O. Hemsworth and Tessa Thompson portray the new agents dealing with aliens. The plot centers on a mole in the Men in Black organisation.

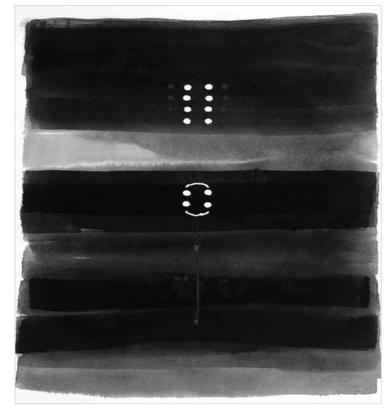
The film will release in India on June 14 in Hindi, English, Tamil and Telugu.

-IANS



# Strokes of nature

Fusing Indian and Western aesthetics, artist ASHOK GULATI aims to redefine modern art by an amalgamation of abstraction and nature. By UMA NAIR



than 25 years. His handling of

technique and opacity depends

on the varying weight and shifting density of his lines traced through diffusion and

interweaving brushstrokes to create remarkably refined

depth and structure. He some-times divides his singular zones

with lines, which are geomet-ric products of unconscious

action, the artist's poise, move-ment and twists of hand. Thus,

interacting with the lines on a

sheet of paper to produce a serene space inside the mind of

t's rare that I request an artist to come home and show me his/her works. And Ashok Gulati, who is also a filmmaker, was one such exception. His abstractions on paper reminded me of one of India's finest artists, Sohan Qadri, and I was happy to know that the duo are close friends

#### SHIFTING OPACITY

Gulati's works on paper are light and lithe and he has been doing abstractions for more

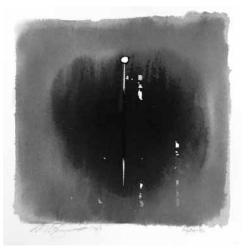
National Centre for Performing Arts presents Bhatkhande Parampara: A lec-dem by Ramdas Bhatkal, who, along with Pranati Mhatre and Sarangee Ambedkar, will trace the evolution of the Bhatkhande parampara, WHEN: June 14 TIME: 6:30 pm onwards WHERE: West room 1, NCPA

Green Shakti Foundation presents Sustainability of Ganga canal waterways in NCR, inviting citizens to engage for the cause of preserving these waters on World Environment Day through an audio-visual presentation. WHEN: June 5 TIME: 7 pm WHERE Gulmohar, IHC.



OCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARA

OF A PERSON ACCUSED (See Section 82 Cr.PC.) Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person Shakti, S/o Shri Ram Bachan Paswan, R/o Behind Noorani Masjid Jhuggi, Pocket-7, Sector-10, Narela, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 808/18 U/S 457/380/411/34 IPC PS Narela, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused Shakti can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Shakti



undulating lines that verge on the spiritual. Ashok's paintings are imbued with his inner voice and this expression from the heart further incorporates natural imagery as well. The artist at once affirms that abstractions are actually distillations of heartfelt reactions that travel, absorb and respond to nature. He takes the essence of an inner landscape from memory, which could be fragments of mountains and streams, and pours out his heart on the sheets of paper through abstract techniques. Taking nature's rhythms and fusing it with the artist's

heart or ideas is to show the creator's imagination, learning and personality on the canvas. Ashok melds together the expressionist spirit of various Western media to reinterpret 'abstraction' and, in doing so, creates small mappings in solitaire.

His yellow and tangerine tinted work flows like silk and SPIRITUAL UNDULATING LINES extends to the inner realms of a mantra. We can think of a sunset — on the edge of river Sometimes his works have

and perhaps think of the river gods making way between the mountains. The soothing and rolling ranges of the flow of the river, Ganges, mirroring a sunset are rendered in some works through the varying shades and swathes of vellow and tan, while the moss green, dark bronze and greyish-green sculpt the outlines of fantasti-cal rock formations, roaring rivers and eccentric saplings. One cannot help but be reminded of the sages and tales that bring into being a space that is out of this world and utterly articulate — the artist's poetic artistry working in concert with his heart in his small studio in Vasant Kunj.

the artist's amalgamation of his spirit and the nature. This is expressed through the medium of painting to revolutionise

or on the paths of a mountain

His small studies of abstraction give us a glimpse of

while fusing Indian and Western aesthetics.

'Abstract' representation and redefine the substance of expressionism in modern art



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# Art as life

Director ADITEE BISWAS. through the play, Animals out of Paper, brings forth a parallel between the art of origami and the lives of intriguingly imperfect characters. By TEAM VIVA

What do you get when you have a touch-ing tale full of emotional twists, which brings forth genuine humanity, witti-ness, clumsy romance with a touch of humour? Animals Out of Paper, based on an original play penned by Pulitzer-nominated playwright Rajiv Joseph, promises all this and more.

It was after Joseph went to a show in New York, which was based on origami, that he got an opportunity of conversing with a cou-ple of specialists in that art. Astonished by the Japanese artwork, he realised that it also worked as a soothing therapy for the artists to work on it. This inspired him to write a play that could feature and look at origami close-

The strength of the play appears to be its sound storyline which features Geeta Sudan, Vivek Mansukhani and Sriharsh Sharma in the lead roles. The plot spins around the lives of three individuals and it exhibits how they influence each others' lives. The story revolves around origami artist Nina, who had recent-ly got divorced, lost her dog and is stuck in her life circumstances. The one, who hasn't answered her phone calls in over two months,

opens her art studio to an unpredictable school teacher Andy, who introduces her to his teen student Suresh. The characters start to form and reshape each others' lives while simulta-neously overlapping their origami art.

The play portrays how rapidly emotions transition from positive to negative, how heartaches shift perspectives, how failure changes the outlook of diverse people on their lives. As director Aditee Biswas adapts the play and recreates it as her new direction, she says that the most important thing to make the storyline stand out is to compose it in a simple manner.

She says, "The audience must be able to relate with the characters since it is about dayto-day life chaos and emotions. Nina's story has everything to make one

laugh, learn and imagine how deeply entrenched the impact of some emo-tions is. The dialogues and the ease of every act attract the people's mind."

Andy and his student Suresh have encountered a lot of hardships in their life. "The play makes us question our tolerance towards loved ones when their dark side

erance towards loved ones when their dark side surfaces," she adds. Categorising the play as a comedy with a dash of drama, she says, "It has connotations of angst and melancholy. While love and longing are the overriding emotions, it delves deep into how grief transforms us."

Aditee believes in giving new talents a chance. She says that she always considers new actors in her projects. "We have preserved the original script but our characters are based in India, speaking regular English instead of using

the American style," says the director. (Produced by Scene Stealers, the play will be staged on June 8 and 9 at the Stein Auditorium, Indian Habitat Centre, at 7.30 pm.)

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NOTICE OF EXTRA ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING, BOOK CLOSURE AND REMOTE E-VOTING Notice is hereby given that the 01/ 2019-20 Extra Ordinary General Meeting of the members of the Company will be held on Friday, June 28, 2019, at 3:00 p.m. at Modi Hall, Ground Floor, PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry, PHD House, 4/2, SIRI Institutional Area, August Kranti Marg, New Delhi-110016 to transact the businesses as set out in the EGM Notice. The Notice of EGM alongwith the explanatory statement as per section 102 of Companies Act, 2013, and procedure of Remote E- Voting details has been sent electronically to the members to their email address as registered with their Depository Participant (DP) on June 03, 2019. The physical copy of the Notice of EGM, and procedure of Remote E- Voting to those members who have not registered their e-mail ids with the Company or Depository Participant(s) was dispatched on June 03 2019. The Notice convening the Extra Ordinary General Meeting is also available on Company's website www.sunilhealthcare.com as well as the website of NSDL at www.evoting.nsdl.com.

In case, any member wish to receive the Notice of the Extra Ordinary General Meeting, Attendance Slip and Proxy Form in Physical form by post/courier, may write to us quoting Folio/DP-Client ID No. at our registered office, alternatively, he/she may also send request for the same by dropping an email to the Compliance officer at Email: cs@sunilhealthcare.com.

Notice is further given that pursuant to Section 91 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with read with Rule 10 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 and Regulation 42 of the SEBI (Listing Obligation and Disclosure Requirement) Regulation 2015, the Register of Members and the Share Transfer Books of the Company will remain close from Friday June 21, 2019 to Friday June 28, 2019 (both days inclusive) for the purpose of Extra Ordinary General Meeting of the Company.

Pursuant to Regulation 44 of the SEBI (Listing Obligation and Disclosure Requirement) Regulation, 2015 and Section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013, and read with Rule 20 of the companies (Management & Administration) Rule 2014 and amendment thereto, the members of the Company holding shares either in physical or in dematerialised form as on cut-off date i e June 21, 2019 are provided with the facility to cast their vote by electronically on the Special business to be transacted at the Extra Ordinary General any to be held on Fr riday, June 28, 2019. leeting of the through Remot services provide by National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL). The detailed procedure instructions for remote e- voting have been provided in the Notice of EGM and also vailable on website of Company.



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Ashok says, "I paint with

my will. My mood is about soli-

tude and the different sensa-tions I feel while putting the brush to paper, my handling and my strokes reveal not just

my humble wristwork. But I believe that spaces and flowing

lines are more than just skills.

They are also about one's own

#### NORTHERN RAILWAY

CORRIGENDUM-1st Ref.: Tender published date: 19.05.2019 and Tender opening Date : 18.06.2019 (Through IREPS portal) NIT for leasing of SLR/SLRD parcel space published in arious English & Hindi newspapers scheduled to be opened on 18.06.2019 Nor, all tender numbers start from CIID may be read as 'SLR' instead of 'CIID' Other Information of NITs shall remain unchanged. File No.: CIID/SLR/ Tender/2019 1767/19 Serving Customers With A Smile



classical music evening, which will be accompanied by Nilimesh Chakraborty (Tabla) and violin recital by Pt Santosh Nahar and Subham Sarkar. WHEN June 6 TIME: 7 pm WHERE The Stein Auditorium, IHC

Spresents Antar Dhwani,



Artography Studio presents its annual group art exhibition, which will be inaugurated by Adwaita Gadanayak, director, NGMA WHEN: Till June 6 WHERE AIFACS Art Gallery



has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused persor Shakti of case FIR No. 808/18 U/S 457/380/411/34 IPC PS Narela, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 06.07.19.

By Order Ms. Divya Malhotra Metropolitan Magistrate-1(North) DP/322/ON/19 Room No. 116, First Floor, Rohini Court, Delhi

#### MISSING/KIDNAPED

General public is hereby informed that one person, Namely: Toshi, S/o: Khusi Ram, R/o: H.No.-186, Village Bakoli, Delhi has been missing /kidnaped since 17.05.2019 from the area of P.S. Alipur, Delhi. In this regard, a Case Vides DD No. 33-A Dated 18.05.2019, has been registered at P.S. Alipur, Delhi. Investigations has been carried out but despite best efforts, the person could not be traced. Toshi

The description of the missing/kidnaped person is as under Namely: Toshi, S/o: Khusi Ram, R/o: H.No.-186, Village Bakoli Delhi, Age: 22 years, Height: 5'8" feet, Face: Round, Complexion Wheatish, Wearing: White Colour T-Shirt & Cream Colour Jeans and Brown Colour shoes in fee. If anyone has any information about the missing/kidnaped person, then please inform P.S. Alipur, Delhi.

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Room No. 752, A-Wing Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi 110 011

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2. The details of posts proposed to be filled, eligibility criteria and desirable qualifications/experience etc. can be viewed in the Ministry's website- "https://mohfw.gov.in/about-us/departments/departments-health-and-familywelfare/chs" (best viewed in chrome browser)

Applications of suitable officers, who can be released in the Applications of suitable officers, who can be released in the event of their selection, may be forwarded through proper channel in the prescribed proforma to **Under Secretary** (CHS-V), Room No. 752 A-Wing, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi 110 011 within forty-five days from the date of publication of the advertisement in the Employment News. Advance copies of the applications will not be aptractioned Applications of the applications will not be entertained. Applications or otherwise found incomplete will not be considered.

Sd/ (Sarita Nair) Under Secretary to the Govt, of India davp 17101/11/0003/1920 Tel # 2306 3068

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Members attending the meeting, not voted already will be able to cast their votes by ballot paper. A member may participate in the General meeting even after exercising his right to votes through Remote E-voting but shall not be allowed to vote again in the meeting. A person whose name is recorded in the register of members or in the register of beneficial owners maintained by the depositories as on cut-off date I. e. 21st June, 2019 only shall be entitled to avail the facility of Remote E- voting/voting at the Annual General Meeting.

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For SUNIL HEALTHCARE LIMITED Sd/-SANTOSH KUMAR SHARMA **COMPANY SECRETARY &** COMPLIANCE OFFICER FCS-6817 Place - New Delhi Dated- June 03, 2019

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## **Trump brings Brexit advice** on state visit to troubled UK

#### AFP LONDON

Britain will roll out the red Donald Trump on Monday as he arrives in Britain for a state visit already overshadowed by his outspoken remarks on Brexit.

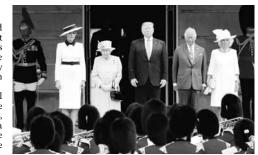
Queen Elizabeth II will welcome Trump and his wife Melania to Buckingham Palace, where they will be treated to a guard of honour, a private lunch and later, a glittering state

But beneath the pomp and ceremony, Britain is in turmoil with Prime Minister Theresa May due to step down within weeks over her handling of her country's exit from the European Union.

True to form, Trump ripped up the diplomatic rule book before he even touched down by saying former foreign minister Boris Johnson would make an "excellent" choice to

succeed May. He also recommended May's successor walk away from talks with Brussels, refuse to pay Britain's agreed divorce bill and leave the EU with no deal.

The much vaunted UK-US "special relationship" was already under strain over different approaches to Iran, China and the Paris climate



Britain's Queen Elizabeth II stands with President Donald Trump and first lady Melania Trump Britain's Prince Charles and Camilla. Duchess of Cornwall during a ceremonial welcome in the garden of Buckingham Palace in London on Monday on the opening day of a three day state visit to Britain

visit.

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change accord. Opposition politicians are boycotting the banquet over what London's mayor Sadig Khan called Trump's "divisive behaviour" and large protests are expected across the capital.

But May and Trump are expected to emphasise the wider benefits of the old alliance when they hold talks at Downing Street on Tuesday. On Wednesday, they will join other world leaders in the

English port of Portsmouth to commemorate 75 years since the D-Day landings, which course of changed the World War II. "Our relationship has

PTI LONDON US President Donald Trump described Pakistani-origin

> Trump will meet members of the Royal Family, and is expected to discuss climate change and Chinese technology firm Huawei during his talks with outgoing Prime Minister Theresa May.

Just moments before his Air Force One touched down at underpinned our countries' security and prosperity for many years, and will continue Stansted Airport, the US President took to Twitter in his to do so for generations to come," May said ahead of the characteristic style to attack London Mayor Khan with whom he has clashed in the past, May announced her resig nation last month after failing to get her Brexit deal through terming him "nasty" and a "stone cold loser". "Sadiq Khan who by all

parliament and twice delaying Britain's EU departure. accounts has done a terrible job She will formally quit as as Mayor of London, has been her Conservative party's leader foolishly "nasty" to the visiting President of the United States, by on Friday, but will stay on while they find someone to replace far the most important ally of the United Kingdom. He is a stone Three years after the refercold loser who should focus on endum vote for Brexit, Britain crime in London, not me," he

remains divided and anxious said. Trump compared the 48-year-old Khan with New York about its place in the world.

Trump reignites row with London Mayor Sadiq Khan

an equally "terrible job"

London Mayor Sadiq Khan as "nasty" and a "stone cold loser" as he landed here on Monday with wife Melanie and an entourage of his family for a three-day state visit hosted by Queen Elizabeth II.

Duchess of Cornwall for tea at their Clarence House residence in London. In the evening, the Queen will host the ceremonial state banquet at Buckingham Palace for Trump and the First Lady Melania Trump. She will be joined by the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, William and

The agenda for Trump's weeklong tour of Europe includes the World War II D-Day commemoration cere-monies on both sides of the English Channel and his first presidential visit to Ireland, which will include a stay at his coastal golf club.

'deadly serious' about Mexico tariffs Mayor de Blasio as having done AP WASHINGTON Marcelo Ebrard will meet.

White House: Trump

But Trump played down

the effort. "Mexico is sending

a big delegation to talk about

the Border," the president tweeted Sunday. "Problem is, they've been 'talking' for 25

years. We want action, not talk."

Trump claims Mexico has taken advantage of the United States for decades but that the

abuse will end when he slaps

tariffs on Mexican imports

next week in a dispute over ille-

The president said last week that he will impose a 5 per

"America has had enough,

Trump said the import tax

gal immigration.

he tweeted.

AFP TEHRAN

A top White House official said Sunday that President Khan recently branded Trump a fascist and divisive fig-ure who should not be accord-Donald Trump is "deadly seried the pomp and ceremony associated with a UK state visit. ous" about imposing tariffs on imports from Mexico, but Protests are planned across the UK during the visit, includacknowledged there are no concrete benchmarks being set ing in London, Manchester, Belfast and Birmingham and a to assess whether the US ally is stemming the migrant flow

giant balloon depicting Trump as a baby is to take to the skies enough to satisfy the adminis-"We intentionally left the declaration sort of ad hoc," Mick Mulvaney, the acting once again over London, in a repeat of his last UK visit in 2018. On Monday, the US President will be given a tour of Westminster Abbey and will also meet Prince Charles and the White House chief of staff, said on "Fox News Sunday."

"So, there's no specific tar-get, there's no specific percentage, but things have to get better," Mulvaney said.

"They have to get dramat-ically better and they have to get better quickly." He said the idea is to work with the Mexican government "to make sure that things did get better." On Monday, top officials from the two countries will ctart meetings in Weshington Lopez Obrador to block Central American migrants from crossing the border into the US.

will increase by 5% every month through October, topping out at 25 per cent. But the president has been start meetings in Washington. Mexican Economy Minister Graciela Marquez plans talks with Commerce Secretary here before, issuing high-stakes threats over his frustration Wilbur Ross. Two days later, delegations led by Secretary of with the flow of migrants only to later back off. They include State Mike Pompeo and Foreign Relations Secretary his threat earlier this year to seal the border with Mexico.



#### CAR BOMBING KILLS 19 IN Syria's Azaz: Monitor Azaz (Syria): At least 19 people were killed on Sunday in a car bomb near a bustling market and mosque in a rebel-held city in northwestern Syria.

ISRAELI STRIKE HITS Airbase in Homs: Syria **Damascus:** Syria on Sunday accused Israel of targeting an airbase in Homs province, in the second such attack in 24 hours. "Our air defences thwarted an Israeli aggression and destroyed two of the rockets that targeted the T-4 airbase," a military source told state news agency SANA.

#### 13 KILLED IN VAN-TRUCK Collision in Pakistan Karachi: At least 13 people,

including a woman and four children, were killed when their van collided with a truck in Pakistan's Balochistan province police said Monday.

### cent tariff on Mexican goods on June 10 to pressure the gov-ernment of Andres Manuel IRAQ TERMS ALL 11 FRENCH IS SUSPECTS TO DEATH Baghdad: A Baghdad court

Monday sentenced to death two more French nationals for belonging to the Islamic State group, leaving all 11 Frenchmen transferred from Syria facing the gallows in Irag Bilel Kabaoui, 32. and Mourad Delhomme, 41, join nine other French citizens and a Tunisian national already on death row after trials over the past week. They have 30 days to appeal the sentences.

13 dead as Sudan military rulers break up sit-in

#### AFP KHARTOUM

udan's military rulers force-Sfully broke up a weeks-long sit-in outside Khartoum's army headquarters on Monday leaving at least 13 dead, a doctors' committee said as gunfire echoed from the site.

Heavily armed security forces in pick-up trucks mounted with machine guns were deployed in large numbers all around the capital, while gunshots were heard from the protest site by an AFP

journalist. The United States and Britain called for an end to the crackdown on demonstrators, who want the generals behind the overthrow of veteran president Omar al-Bashir to hand over to civilian rule.

The Central Committee of Sudanese Doctors, which is close to the protesters, updated the death toll "raising the number of martyrs to 13" in a

Facebook statement. It also reported a "large number of critical casualties' and called for "urgent support" from the International Committee of the Red Cross and other humanitarian organ-isations to help the wounded.

The military council has denied multiple reports of their forces violently dispersing the

### Assange hearing in Sweden to decide extradition request

Uppsala (Sweden): A Swedish court heard arguments on Monday before deciding if

sit-in in front of army headquarters, as protesters took to the streets in towns around the country

But protest leaders said the site had been cleared of demonstrators. "The Rapid Support Forces

and the army and police and militia battalions dispersed the peaceful sit-in," the Alliance for Freedom and Change, the protesters' umbrella group, said in a statement. Outside the army head-

quarters "there is no one, but the pure bodies of our martyrs that it has not been possible to evacuate from the site".

The Sudanese Professionals Association (SPA), which spearheaded nationwide protests that started in December, said it amounted to a "bloody massacre" and hundreds of people had been wounded.

It called on Sudanese to take part in "total civil disobedience" to topple the military

council. The doctors' committee said forces were also opening fire inside the city's East Nile Hospital and "chasing peaceful protesters".

It said another hospital near the site of the sit-in was surrounded and volunteers were prevented from reaching it.

PTI COLOMBO



Protester flashes the victory sign in front of burning tires and debris on road 60, near Khartoum's Army headquarters, in Khartoum, Sudan, Monday

Rallies against Bashir's authoritarian, three-decade rule led to his ouster in April, but protesters had remained outside the army headquarters calling on the generals to cede power to a transitional authority.

after protests by Buddhists

Muslim slogans.

Firebrand

moving freely," Shamseddine Kabbashi told Sky News Arabia. Protests erupted in towns across Sudan in response to the

Egypt calls for Iran President talks in Sudan rules out talks until AFP CAIRO

Egypt on Monday urged all Esides in Sudan to return to the negotiating table as security forces moved to break up a weeks-long protest camp in Khartoum. Violence erupted at the sit-

in outside the army headquar-ters in the Sudanese capital earlier in the day leaving at least nine protesters dead, according to medics. Thousands have been camped at the site calling on Sudan's ruling generals to hand over power to civilians following the ouster of long-time autocrat Omar al-Bashir in April.

The military council has behaviour, Hassan Rouhani denied multiple reports of its forces violently dispersing the sit-in. "Egypt is following with great interest the developments in Sudan," the ministry said in said in a televised speech. "If the enemy truly realises that the path it took was wrong, that will be the day to a statement.

Sudan's ruling military council, General Abdel Fattah al-Burhan, paid visits to Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Egypt

THE PARTY THAT ran's President on Monday HAS LEFT THE ruled out negotiations with NEGOTIATING TABLE, Washington until it acts "normal", after Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said the US is ready to talk to Tehran without preconditions. THE PARTY THAT HAS TRAMPLED THE "The party that has left the negotiating table, the party that has trampled the pact must return to a normal" PACT MUST RETURN TO A NORMAL'

US acts 'normal'

a conversation with no pre-conditions." Washington is "certainly prepared to have (a) conversation when the Iranians will prove they are behaving as a normal nation," Pompeo said in Switzerland, which represents Washington's interests in Iran in the absence of bilateral relations.

Pompeo however gave no indication that lifting sanc-tions would be on the table. On Saturday, Rouhani insisted that Iran would not be "bullied" into talks with the United States, saying "total respect" was needed for negotiations to take place.

## China urges students to weigh 'risk' of studying in US

#### AFP BEIJING

The Kremlin insisted Monday that the Russian ¬hina on Monday warned Cstudents and academics on Army was targeting "terrorists" of studying in





I see a plume of smoke rising from the area of the sit-in." Another resident of the area, in east Khartoum, said he had seen forces in "police uniform' trying to expel the demonstra-

tors. The military council "did Near the demonstration

site, a witness living in the Burri neighbourhood said he could "hear the sound of gunfire and

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'terrorists' in Syria's Idlib: Kremlin

AFP MOSCOW

AP

violence in Khartoum. "Now the streets are closed (with barricades made) from stone and the chant is going round 'Just fall, that's all, the whole Council'," a witness in Port Sudan on the Red Sea said.

last week.

sit at the negotiation table and fix any issue," the president "Egypt also underscores the added. importance that all Sudanese sides commit to calm, self-Tensions have spiked in recent weeks between Tehran restraint and return to the nego-tiating table," it added. and Washington, which last year pulled out of a landmark The move to disperse the sit-in comes after the head of Iran nuclear accord and imposed tough sanctions on the Islamic republic. But Washington's top

diplomat appeared to soften the US stance on Sunday, saying "we are prepared to engage in

can proceed request Julian Assange's extradition from Britain, after a 2010 rape probe was re-opened in May. Both sides presented their arguments to the Uppsala district court which adjourned to deliberate. It was expected to announce a decision at 4.00 pm (local time). Swedish deputy director

of public prosecutions Eva-Marie Persson said the WikiLeaks founder had not cooperated with the Swedish investigation previously, fleeing from an extradition order, and therefore needed to be detained and questioned in Sweden.

She asked the court to order Assange's detention in his absence, a standard part of Swedish legal procedure if a suspect is outside the country or cannot be located, and which would be the first step to having him extradited.

"The purpose of this deten-tion is to be able to complete the investigation and bring Julian Assange to justice, Persson said.

Assange's Swedish lawyer, Per E Samuelson, meanwhile argued that a detention order was "meaningless" as Assange is currently imprisoned in Britain and should not be con-AFP sidered a flight risk.

housands o including majority Buddhist community monks, launched a protest in the pilgrim city of Kandy, demanding their sacking for allegedly supporting Islamist extremists responsible for the Easter suicide bombings. Western Province Governor Azath Salley and Eastern Province Governor MALM

vo Muslim governors in Sri Lanka resigned on Monday

Hisbullah, handed over their resignation letters to President Maithripala Sirisena in response to protests by the majority Buddhist monks, officials said. Salley and Hisbullah, both

Muslim allies of Sirisena and appointed by him, were under pressure to resign after being his protest. accused of being linked to extremism.

Both Salley and Hisbullah have rejected the allegations. This is a direct fall out of the

Easter Sunday suicide bomb attacks carried out by ISIS linked local Islamist group National Thowheeth Jamaath

(NTJ). The resignation came four days after Buddhist monk Athuraliye Rathana, who is also

a parliamentarian from a Sirisena allied party, sit on a hunger strike in the central town of Kandy near the foremost Buddhist shrine, the Temple of Tooth.

Sri Lanka's Muslim cabinet members leave after addressing media in Colombo, Sri AP Lanka, Monday

closed in the city, 115 kilome-"I will end my fast only after the president will sack the two Muslim governors," Rathana tres east of Colombo, while black flags were raised in supsaid at the commencement of

port of Rathana. Following the April 21 attacks that claimed 258 lives, the Muslim minority politi-A crowd of about 10,000 Buddhists held demonstration cians representing the govern-ment came under criticism for at the famous temple on onday morning raising antitheir alleged support extended to the rising Muslim militancy.

monk Galagodaaththe Gnanasara. One such minister, the released from jail on a presi-dential pardon last month, was Industry and Commerce Minister Rishath Bathiyutheen also present. Gnanasara has long been accused of instiwas directly accused of sup-porting the NTJ, which carried gating hate crimes against Muslims. out the suicide bombings on three Colombo hotels and three

The head of the Catholic churches.

The Opposition moved a Church in Colombo, Cardinal Malcolm Ranjith, also travelled motion of no confidence in the to Kandy on Monday to express Parliament against Bathiyutheen who has denied links to the NTI solidarity with Rathana. Shops and offices remained and its terror activities.

strong hold of Idlib. after US President Donald Trump called on Moscow to halt "this butchery." The Kremlin has been sup

porting a Syrian government offensive in Idlib despite protests from the United States and Turkey. Trump said on Twitter Sunday that Syria and Russia

should stop "bombing the hell" out of Idlib.

Russian President Vladimir Putin's spokesman Dmitry Peskov responded Monday that Idlib fighters were targeting civilians and Moscow's troops "There is a fairly large buildup of terrorists and fight-

ers in Idlib," Peskov told reporters. "Terrorist fire in Idlib is of course unacceptable," he added. 'Measures are being taken to neutralise such firing posi-

He said Russia and Turkey were coordinating their posi-

tions over the situation. Peskov said last week that it was Turkey's responsibility to make sure fighting ends in

tions.'

Idlib and reiterated this on Monday. "The World is watching this butchery. What is the purpose, what will it get you? STOP!" Trump said on Twitter.

United States, citing an uptick in visa denials and delays amid a trade war and other tensions with Washington.

The warning comes as negotiations to resolve the trade spat have stalled and Washington pushed back against what it says is Beijing's aggressive militarisation of the disputed South China Sea.

In recent months US officials and lawmakers have voiced concerns that Chinese students and academics could be used for espionage purposes by the Communist govern-

ment. The Chinese education ministry in a statement said students applying to US universities should brace themselves for visa troubles and "strengthen risk assessment... And make relevant preparations"

Chinese students and academics have recently experienced visa restrictions, delays in obtaining them, and visas with shorter duration, according to the ministry.

From January to March. over 1,350 Chinese students had applied for US student visas but 182 were "unable to make the trip as planned" due to visa issues, accounting for



13.5 per cent of all applicants, Xu Yongji, deputy head of a department overlooking for-eign academic exchanges at the data. ministry, told state broadcast-er CCTV.

Xu said this was a marked increase from just over three percent of applicants who experienced visa issues in 2018, cit-ing data from the China Scholarship Council.

Visa denials have "damaged the dignity" of Chinese students and cast a "cold spell" over research collaborations academic exchanges he

said. China is the biggest source of international students on US campuses, with 360,000 of them attending last year — a

third of the foreign student body — with many paying full tuition.

Chinese students contributed \$14 billion to the US economy in 2017, the official

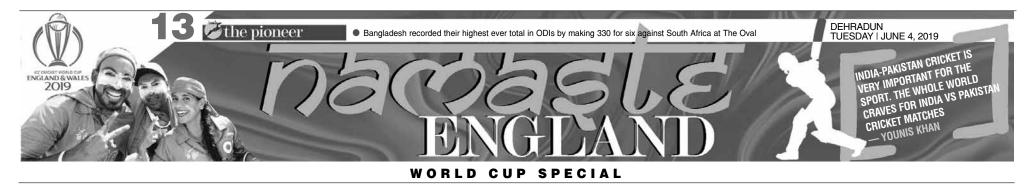
Xinhua news agency estimated last month, citing US official

China's foreign ministry spokesman Geng Shuang said the US had been setting "unnecessary obstacles" to peo le-to-people exchanges between the two countries.

"This has been widely opposed by the education circles in China and the United States, as well as by (Chinese) students studying abroad," he said.

US complaints about technology and intellectual prop-erty theft by China have been a major bone of contention in the trade war between the two countries

FBI director Christopher Wray said in April that Beijing had used Chinese graduate students and researchers, among others, in its economic espionage efforts in the United States.



#### **GULLYVIEW**

TODAY LIVE STAR SPORTS Afghanistan vs Sri Lanka 3:00 pm IST VENUE: Trent Bridge, Nottingham



nas Mueller poses for photo wearning Indian jersey

#### GERMAN WALL

LONDON : Germany's World Cup-winning football team forward Thomas Mueller on Monday took to social media to show his support for the Indian cricket team in the ongoing World Cup. Emerging as an unexpected fan of the India cricket team, Mueller, a Bayern Munich product, declared his fondness for the two-time ODI world champions. Alongside a picture of him wearing an Indian cricket team jersey and holding a bat in one hand. Mueller tweeted: "I wish all participants of the Cricket #WorldCup2019 good luck & thrilling matches." Stating that Virat Kohli had often supported the German national football team in the past, Mueller said he now wants to return the favour by backing the Indian team. "Especially I cross my fingers for @imVkohli, the captain of the Indian team. He's a fan of @DFB\_Team and supported it multiple times in the past #Cricket #GermanyCheersForIndia," the 29-year-old, who was a part of the 2014 World Cup-winning Germany team, wrote on his Twitter page.

### DADA'S LEGACY

LONDON: Former England captain Nasser Hussain sees Sourav Ganguly as the man who changed Indian cricket "Indian cricket changed because of Ganguly," Hussain said at the India Today show. Hussain said that that the personality of the Indian team changed while Ganguly was captain. "Sourav was never bothered about being friends with people. He transformed them from a nice cricketing nation to a ruthless one which was only interested in win-ning," he said. Ganguly's captaincy started in the aftermath of the match fixing fiasco in 2000. Apart from recording a number of famous series wins, India reached the final of the 2003 World Cup under Ganguly. Hussain also said that current India captain Virat Kohli can break a number of records that the legendary Sachin Tendulkar has set. "Virat is not worried about anything else other than winning games for the country. That is his greatest asset as a captain, I feel. I thought there never will be someone to replace Sachin, but Kohli is going to break them all - just a phenomenal achievement by a phenomenal player," said Hussain.

# **KEDAR, VIJAY READY FOR TOSS**

PTI SOUTHAMPTON

The fickle English weather has left the Indian team fretting over its bowling combination for the World Cup opener against South Africa.

The Ageas Bowl pitch in Southampton is expected to be flat and South African batsmen's weakness against the slow bowlers would make Kuldeep Yadav and Yuzvendra Chahal first XI starters in the lung opener. However, a spell of rain

on Monday and forecast of cloudy weather and shower on Wednesday has brought Bhuvneshwar Kumar in the equation and the may thrust team three specialist speedsters into action.

In that case, the team will have to leave out either Yadav or Chahal and also decide which all-rounder between Kedar Jadhav and Vijay Shankar to field.

Shankar to field. South Africa's record against the two wrist spin-ners during India's last away tour was below-par with most of them unable to pick them of the insertion them off their wrists. On that 2018 tour of

South Africa, Kuldeep had 17 wickets from six games while Chahal had one less from equal number of matches.

Virat Kohli's propensity Virat Kohli's propensity to go for the kill is precisely the reason why he would like to prefer attacking options like 'Kul-Cha' as they are against South Africa at Ageas Bow

fondly known. Whatever little layer of shaved off and the pitch resembles a typical sub-con-tinental 22-yard strip where a lot of lateral movement can't be expected.

The grounds in England, equipped with superb drainage system, dry out quickly and unless there is paragretar taken there is persistent rain there is no possibility of underlying moisture, which could then help the ball to jag around even in sunny conditions.



Vijay Shankar, left, listens to MS Dhoni before bowling in the nets during a training session ahead of their first game The

SHANKAR HAD TWO BAD WARM-UP GAMES BUT THAT WILL COUNT FOR LITTLE form in recent times. CONSIDERING good warm-up games but he is seen more as a restrictive THE ABILITY HE option, who can be more HAS SHOWN effective against England or Pakistan.

WITH THE BAT

The forecast on Wednesday shows a maximum temperature of 17 degrees with partly cloudy sky and chance of rainfall. If the choice comes between Kuldeep and with the bat.

Ravindra Jadeja had two

between fit-again Kedar Jadhav and Vijay Shankar. Shankar had two bad warm-up games but that will count for little considering the ability he has shown

while chasing a big score. But in case, the condi-

tions are overcast, then Shankar could share the fifth bowler's role along with Hardik Pandya with Jasprit Bumrah, Mohammed Shami,

However Kedar Jadhav's handy off-breaks along with his cheeky batting at No 5 or 6, makes him a better choice

Too Early to Criticise

However the other prob-lem will be the choice Kuldeep and Chahal taking care of the other 40 overs.



lardik Pandya, right, shares a light moment with teammate Jasprit Bumrah during a training session

# Hardik — India's new Yuvraj

#### PTI CHENNAI

Australian great Glenn McGrath on Monday said Hardik Pandya can be the stand out player for India in the ongoing World Cup and make the difference like Yuvraj Singh did in the 2011 edition.

Yuvraj was named player of the tournament in 2011 when he shone with both bat and ball to help India win the title for the second time. Asked if India would miss a player

like Yuvraj who provided the firepower as a finisher in 2011, McGrath said: "Pandya can play that role. DK (Dinesh Karthik) is a good finisher too. I think they have got the team to do wel MCGRATH

"Their bowling attack with Jasprit Bumrah **BELIEVES HARDIK** who is up there with the best ODI bowlers PANDYA CAN BE THE STAND OUT PLAYER FOR in the world. The lengths he bowls and INDIA IN THE ONGOING bowls quality york-WORLD CUP AND MAKE THE ers. He is a really good finisher. They have got the team to perform really well in this World SINGH DID IN THE 2011 EDITION Cup. Have to see how they go in the English conditions,

said the former pacer here. M S Dhoni will be another key play-

er for India, said the Australian. "There is always a lot of pressure on them (the Indian team) in a big tourna-ment. But, they have played well in big tournaments before. But English condi tions... It is going to be interesting. Dhoni I think he is going to be a key player for India.

"The experience that he has and the way he goes about the game, he knows it so well... It will benefit India. And the way Dhoni finished recently in Australia in the one-dayers... They have plenty of other quality players. It is just about being consistent," he said.

McGrath, who is Director of Coaching at the MRF Pace Foundation here, picked England, India and Australia as his three favourites for the World Cup.

"England... They are a quality One-Day unit. To me they are favourites... India have played good one-day cricket. The brand of cricket it plays can be very similar to England. Australia are peaking at the right time. I think Australia have the ability to win this world cup... But I think England are the favourites," he said. "West Indies will have some

good games. It is fearless, but needs to be consistent."

McGrath said he is looking forward to watch the likes of Pat Cummins, Mitchell Starc, Kagiso Rabada and Bumrah at the

World Cup. "Pat Cummins DIFFERENCE LIKE YUVRAJ has done incredibly well. Mitchell Starc is a match-winner when he gets it right and Rabada of South Africa. Bumrah is one

guy I am really impressed with. They are the guys I enjoy watching," he added.

About the prospects of his World Cup record of 71 wickets being broken, he said if anyone can play long enough, he could surpass him.

"If they play long enough, they can. I was lucky enough to play in four. I did-n't take too many wickets in my first outing, but did decently afterwards. Records are there to be broken. If you got to beat that tally, you probably have to feature in four WCs," he added.



Pakistan top order fires in unison to post 348-8 against England AFP ■ NOTTINGHAM

Mohammad Hafeez missed out first century maker of the World Cup but a vast-ly improved batting display from Pakistan saw them make 348 for eight against England at Trent Bridge on Monday. Hafeez made the most of a reprieve when Jason Roy floored a routine chance at mid-off following skied drive off Adil Rashid, with the batsman on 14. With Babar Azam (63) and Pakistan captain Sarfaraz Ahmed major turnaround from a Pakistan side who collapsed to 105 all out in a seven-wicket defeat by the West Indies in their World Cup opener at the same ground on Friday. Pakistan were undone by a barrage of bouncers against the West Indies and England, unsurprisingly, deployed similar tactics after captain Eoin Morgan won the toss, with their attack featuring recalled fast bowler Mark Wood.

Chahal, the left-arm china-man might get the prefer-ence over the wiry Haryana leggie despite former's poor form in recent times

### CHEERLEADER

LONDON: It is not often that stalwarts like Vivian Richards comes out and praises you. But such is the pedestal that India skipper Virat Kohli has reached that Richards not only shut critics who have questioned Kohli's attitude, but also said that Kohli reminds him of his own game. "I love guys like that. People talk about arrogance but it is about believing in yourself. It is like having the keys to your home, Virat has something similar now (know all the entry and exits). I had it in my time, he has it now. "I have always loved Indian batsmanship. The confidence he is blessed with you can't get that overnight. Either it's instilled in you or you are born with it. He is a fighter and defends his teammates more than anyone else. It's not arrogance, he fancies himself against anybody in the world and that I think is the right way to play. Every great player looks forward to being on the biggest stage and every such player wants to come out winning a cup. That's what Kohli has with him AGENCIES Richards said.

Mohammad Hafeez plays a shot during his 84-run innings

But Pakistan coped well on a ground where England had twice set a world record for the highest oneday international total - 444 for three against Pakistan in 2016 and last year's 481 for six against Australia

For all the talk about England's quicks, it was off-spinner Moeen Ali who took the first three wickets Monday on his way to figures of three

for 50. By contrast, fast bowler Jofra England, went on the attack from the



(55) also making fifties, this was a Jos Buttler, left, and England's Jofra Archer react during the match against Pakistan

TOP TOTALS	AGAINST	ENG
SCORE TEA	AM VENUE DATE	
348-8 Pakistan Nottingham	03-06-2019	
342-9 Australia Melbourne	14-02-2015	
338 India	Bengaluru	27-02-2011
329-7 Ireland	Bengaluru	02-03-2011
312/1 Sri Lanka Wellington	01-03-2015	
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Bowling	
Chris Woakes	8-1-73-3
Jofra Archer	10-0-79-0
Moeen Ali	10-0-50-3
Mark Wood	10-0-53-2
Ben Stokes	7-0-43-0
Adil Rashid	5-0-43-0
start, with Fakha Imam-ul-Haq givin momentum.	

But a stand of 82 ended when Fakhar was stumped by Jos Buttler off Moeen for 36.

Imam holed out for 44 when he lofted Moeen only for Woakes, run-ning round from long-off, to hold an excellent diving catch. The normally mild-mannered

Woakes turned to the crowd and cupped his ears in what appeared to be a response to barracking from spectators.

Babar completed a run-a-ball fifty before he too fell to the Moeen-Woakes combination while Hafeez, cashing in on his reprieve, hit a six and four off successive balls from legspinner Rashid on his way to a 39ball fifty.

Hafeez lofted a loose legside delivery from Wood for six to go into the 80s, only to fall when he drove a catch to Woakes at long-off.

But Sarfaraz maintained the momentum with a 40-ball fifty

Archer's 10 wicketless overs cost 79 runs while Woakes, who equalled the record of four catches by an outfield-er in a World Cup innings, took an expensive three for 71 in eight overs Tournament favourites England were surprisingly sloppy with their ground fielding. Pakistan, who have lost their past

11 completed one-day internationals, including a 4-0 series defeat to



# NO ROOM FOR ERROR Plan AB not on cards IANS 📕 NEW DELHI

South Africa have no margin for error after sec-ond World Cup loss and should take advantage of India's first game nerves' to bring their World Cup campaign back on track, said legendary all-rounder Jacques Kallis.

South Africa, who were thrashed by England in the opening match, suffered their second successive loss in the World Cup, going down by 21 runs against Bangladesh on Sunday. The Proteas will be under a lot of pressure ahead of their clash against favourites India. It's disappointing and frustrating and there is lots of pressure on the next game, otherwise the tournament could be over before it's really starts for

It doesn't get any easier though against India but it's their first game and our third, so maybe that could give us the edge we need. They've not played for a week and maybe they'll be some first game nerves, where as we are settled. India will make South Africa pay if they commit any silly mistake. We've got to play all our cards and we can't afford anymore silly

mistakes at vital stages — these are the best sides in the world and they'll always punish you. Strange things happen in this sport and if we can get a win then I think we can go on a streak and we are still good enough to be a contender. There will be no margin for error though. I think you'll need six wins, maybe five with a really good run rate, to finish in the top four, so SA almost need to win every game they will play." South Africa are battling

injury issues with pacer Lungi Ngidi being ruled out of India clash



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due to a hamstring strain and Kallis feels experienced Dale Steyn needs to be drafted into the playing XI. The injury to Ngidi certainly didn't help Faf, he's

a world-class player and a big part of our attack. You've got to play Dale Steyn against India now, and hopefully he is close to fitnes. Bangladesh posted their highest ODI total, scoring 330 for six at the Oval after du Plessis elected to bowl after winning the toss.

South Africa then fell short at 309 for eight while trying to become the first team to successfully chase more than 330 in a World Cup match. Bangladesh got all their partnerships going and once you get over 300 then it always become a tough chase, letting them score 50 or so runs in the final four overs really didn't help either and ultimately proved the difference. I understand what Faf du Plessis was doing with

the toss and playing the extra pace bowler. However, the wicket just didn't allow it and perhaps he stuck with the tactics a bit too long and should have started bowling a little fuller and straighter.

It's great having a game plan but you need to have a back-up. We were one step behind the entire match and just tactically a bit off. We need to be a bit smarter.

— Courtesy PTI

fter South Africa suffered A their second consecutive defeat in the ongoing World Cup, fans on social media pointed out that the Proteas are missing the services of batting great AB de Villers and injured pacer Dale Steyn. They have gone on to add that their presence could have made the difference

for the Faf du Plessis-led side. But former South Africa allrounder Jonty Rhodes begged to differ and said that it was high time that the Proteas realised that de Villiers had retired and he wouldn't be available for selec-tion. While South Africa lost by 104 runs against hosts England in their campaign opener, the Proteas lost by 21 runs against Bangladesh on Sunday.

Rhodes took to Twitter and said that relying on a couple of players wouldn't work and it was a case of some poor batting which resulted in South Africa's second defeat in the showpiece event. After Sunday's game, a fan told Rhodes: "Your country (South Africa) is seeing the lack of AB (de Villers) and (Dale) Stevn in the matches.

The 49-year-old then replied: 'Whole team can't rely on two players; there is no more ABD. Batsmen got in and got out. Bad shot selection; so many top order players out 'bowled' on good batting surface tells a story." Rhodes also felt that his side

will make a strong comeback in the tournament and said that most of the people believed that the duo's absence is the reason behind the Proteans dismal show. "Sadly, there are many people saying the same thing; it's not rocket science! It will come: but for us SA fans, it needs to come sooner rather than later!," he

good batting track. It was Shakib

added.



AB de Villiers in a file picture

- I don't think we are far away. We were 21 runs short and we can identify areas where we could have made that up whether the bat or the ball
- They (India) have a got a lot of match winners. From the bowling perspective they rely a lot on spin and obviously (Jasprit) Bumrah has been in form, particularly in the IPL. So those are the kind of threats in
- bowling At the end of the day, it comes down to partnerships and we fell short. Honesty has always been one of our pillars. It's about understanding where we can improve.
- We thrive on body language and create a presence in the inner ring. That is something we can get better on. If you are going to win a tournament like the WC, you need good strong characters in the group JP DUMINY — PTI

the clash against In Bangladesh on Sunday, South Africa had failed to chase down Bangladesh's total of 330 on a

Al Hasan (75 off 84) and Mustafizur Rahman (3/67), who starred for Bangaldesh in their 21-run win.

South African skipper Faf Du Plessis

# Chokers tag a Shakespearean tragedy

#### PTI SOUTHAMPTON

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**JACQUES KALLIS** 

Former SA All-Rounder

The tag of eternal chokers is as painful as 'Shakespearean tragedies' but the ongoing World Cup could be different for South Africa since young-sters in the side are not carrying burden of the past, says pacer Kagiso Rabada.

Since their return to international cricket in 1991, the only major event won by South Africa was the 1998 inaugural mini-World Cup (later known as Champions Trophy) in Bangladesh.

They have never made it



"These days players do a lot of analysis. So the batters and bowlers are looking up and bowlers are looking up batting and bowling histo-ries. You can prepare what could be coming your way. "But it's more about what

works for you on the day of the match rather than all the planning you've made," said Rabada, whose ODI economy rate is an envious 5.01. Being compared to Jasprit

Bumrah is a compliment for the talented Protea, who reck-ons that the ongoing World Cup will be an interesting one for the fast bowlers. "Well, that's a compliment

### PTI LONDON

Considered underdogs for a long time, Bangladesh have the strength to get the better off big teams and his side's 21-run win over South Africa in the World Cup should not be seen as a surprise anymore, believes skipper Mashrafe Mortaza. Bangladesh started their

World Cup campaign on a perfect note, posting their highest one-day international score of 330 on the back of half centuries by Shakib Al Hasan (75) and Mushifiqur Rahim (78).

Sublime bowling perfor-mances by Mustafizur Rahman (3/67) and Rahman (3/67) and Mohammad Saifuddin (2/57) then helped them beat World



ial of Cup. "It's something that has been haunting us for years. It's like a Shakespearean tragedy almost. Hopefully, we c change that," Rabada said. can

Rabada said youngsters like him go into the tournament with a clean slate. "You can't be anything but positive going into the World Cup. We believe we have every chance to win the World Cup. What has happened in the past, you got to let go of that," said the 24-year-old, who has 108 wickets from 67 ODIs.

"We have a young team that has shown potential. And I feel it's a blessing that not many of them have been to the World Cup. It's young and it's fresh," said Rabada. In 2015, when South Africa toured India, Rabada

had bowled a fabulous final over to Mahendra Singh Dhoni at the Green Park in Kanpur, defending less than 10 runs. That match perhaps was the first indication of Dhoni's waning powers as a finisher.

When asked about his perfect executions at the death, Rabada said that more than all the homework done, it is all about what works at any given moment.

Kagiso Rabada in action during Bangladesh clash at The Oval on Sunday

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1 don t who is the best because all teams at the moment have good fast bowling units. Which is also

a big reason why I think this World Cup will be a very interesting one," he said. South African cricket over

the years has suffered due to a lot of quality cricketers quit ting international cricket to play county cricket, using the Kolpak agreement.

The Kolpak deal allows any player from European Union as well as Caribbean and South Africa to ply their trade in UK without being considered overseas citizen. "Kolpak is a touchy issue

people are entitled to their choices of course. For me playing for the country is a big deal," Rabada made his priorities clear

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With Faf du Plessis in all likelihood playing his last 50 over World Cup, Rabada is certainly a contender for national captaincy, a chal-lenge he wants to accept head on as and when the opportunity arises.

"I get asked this question very often. I think if I am given the responsibility I would take up the challenge. There's a lot you need to learn," said the youngster.

on Sunday. Asked if this was a sign of

Bangladesh's development, the skipper replied: "Do you think this was a surprise? If we can deliver our best we knew what we could do.

"I'm sure some people don't think well of our cricket. We are concentrating on our game and let other people talk.

Experienced allrounder Shakib said expectations from the Bangladesh team have changed since their triumphs over India and South Africa in the 2007 edition. "It's been 12 years, so our

cricket has come a long way forward. At that time, if we play well, that was good enough for the crowd and for us. But now, they are not satisfied with defeat to any other team. This is the expectation

level we've got in these 12 years," Shakib said. "We prepared ourselves well. We were in Ireland, where we played really well against West Indies and Ireland. That

gave us a lot of confidence and belief.

"There are so many things to prove in this tournament, and we were upto the challenge. The boys were confident,



Rohit Sharma, left, interacts with Bangladesh's captain Mashrafe Mortaza during the warm up match between Bangladesh and India ahead of the main tournament at Sophia Gardens in Cardiff on May 28

#### but at the same time, we were relaxed. We knew we have the skill to beat big teams.

team's all-round show against South Africa.

easy for us in the conditions, which don't favour us in the way they do at home," Mortaza said after the win.

"I thought it was one of our best performances, and we love to play the way we

that it won't happen every day, but that is the idea.

and Shakib batting at three, Mushfiqur comes back at four. Bangladesh have landed in the UK with a blend of Soumya, he's coming out with experience and new players. While the likes of Mashrafe, something out of the box. Mortaza was also lavish in Shakib, Tamim Iqbal and Mushfiqur featured in the his praise for all-rounder Shakib. "Shakib has got the expe-rience and makes sure that in side's 2007 World Cup victo-ry against South Africa, the top order, he's more responsible and he can hold

youngsters like Soumya Sarkar, who smashed 42 off 30 balls provide new dimension to the team. "We have a heavy batting

all the pressure to deliver at his best. He's exactly spot on, and performed so well for the team," Mortaza said.

Mortaza also hailed his

"We played so well, espe-cially being in England. It's not

line-up. You look at the expeplayed in this game. I'm sure

rience, I have Tamim opening



RESURGENCE

After opening embarrassment, Sri Lanka, Afghanistan look for maiden win to get an edge



Afghanistan players train during practice session ahead of second game against Sri Lanka

#### IANS CARDIFF

ri Lanka, who were comprehen-sively beaten by New Zealand in their opening game, will look to come out with a much improved performance when they take on dark horses Afghanistan in the ongoing World Cup at the Cardiff Wales Stadium here on Tuesday. Sri Lanka did not have the ideal start to their World Cup campaign as they lost by 10 wickets to the Black Caps on June 1. None of their batsmen – apart from Dimuth skipper Karunaratne who remained unbeaten at 52 — could stand against the hostile bowling from the Kiwi pacers and were bundled out for 136. The bowlers also failed to come up with an inspir-

ing performance and proved ineffective as New Zealand chased down the tar-

get inside 16 overs. Karunaratne's men need to pull up their socks and improve in all the three departments if they want to beat Afghanistan, who have a well-rounded owling attack. Afghanistan, despite being comprehensively beaten by Australia in their opening game, will back themselves to bounce back againsta demoralised Lankan team. However, in order to do that, their openers need to score runs and make sure they set a platform for the lower order, which performed reasonably well against the likes

of Mitchell Starc and Pat Cummins in Bristol. In Rashid Khan, they not only have a worldclass spinner but also a decent batsman who can score big on his day. And they would also be gaining confidence with the perfor-

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Sri Lanka	74	35	36	1	2	49.32
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mance of fast bowler Hamid Hasan, who produced a fast, disciplined opening -Vandersay

Milinda Siriwardana, Lahiru Thirimanne, Isuru Udana, Jeffrey

Mohammad Shahzad (wk), Noor Ali Zadran, Hazratullah Zazai, Rahmat Shah, Asghar Afghan, Hashmatullah Shahidi, Najibullah Zadran, Samiullah Shinwari, Mohammad Nabi, Rashid Khan, Dawlat Zadran, Aftab Alam, Hamid Hassan, Mujeeb ur Rahman.



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It is expected to be a wet day, with outbreaks of rain, often of the heavy kind, throughout the morning and afternoon, which might well pro-duce a shortened game at Cardiff. Seamers are expected to get ample assistance, with a 90 per cent cloud cover for most part of the day.



After being hit, Hamid Hassan went down like it was pretty serious, but no one seemed to be that concerned.

No, no, he's fine. Hassan was hit by the — but, no, he's feeling well. Vou're not worried about him not playing tomorrow?

playing tomorrow? No, no. He's ready to play. It's good now. And obviously you got Sri Lanka who, like you guys, are one of the lower-ranked teams. This is a really a big opportunity for you guys, isn't it? Yeah, definitely I saw the Sri Lankan play on TV, and they lost few games in last

two years and they're struggling in one-day matches. We have opportunity to do well against them. I hope if play is 50 over, espe-cially in the batting, so maybe definitely we can beat them. So they also a good team, Sri Lanka, and we can't take easy. We can try to score big. If we play 50 overs maybe difficult for them. ■ Your main strength is spin attack. On

this surface, we saw NZ seamers had good purchase. How would your seamers plan on this and do you think the spinners will be ineffective?

Definitely if in the start the seamers bowl well, so automatically confident goes to the spinners. So we have a good spin-ner attack, like Rashid and Mujeeb. If you do well in the bowling I think especially in 10 owner or proche comprision of the special spin. 10 overs, so maybe everything will go well. So I have full confidence in the spinners. We want momentum on the match, because they need the momentum of spinners like how they bowl, like especial-Sprinters like now they bow, like especially Rashid and Mujeeb. Just one match if they grab the momentum, so maybe it's very difficult for all teams.
 There is a big chance of rain tomorrow

and obviously that might shorten the game. Do you think that brings you guys in a little bit?

We not going for the weather. We will see what's the weather. So if we can reduce the overs it will be much better for us. We have potential now so like limited overs, so like everyone knows about Afghanistan batting lineup, so it will be good.

What's the main message been to your players after Oz defeat?

Just one thing: We got to be positive. If you look, we missed out on 12 overs (pre-If you look, we missed out on 12 overs (pre-vious game), yet we scored 200 plus. If you have wickets in hands, maybe the score is 300-plus. So one thing we tell them, so if you stay on the wicket and you don't give wicket in the middle. So if you have wick-ets in the hand last, we can do — you have potential to do in the last 10 overs 98 plus rung like this So one thing I got is just play. runs like this. So one thing I got is just play your natural game and stay calm in the wicket. This is the main thing. Any changes in the team for today'

game? It's depends. We saw the wicket, so come in the morning time and then we

decide who is playing. The wicket seems to be more suited for pacers. Are you going to stick with the main three spinners, or will Aftab be making a comeback?

The wicket is suitable for the seamers, so it's looksgreen. But one match has already ben played on the same wicket, so I can't say anything. How are you looking at this tourna-

ment as such? If you look for the last game play against Australia, we did well a lot of things there, so definitely if you face this kind of team on the world stage, World Cup, top 10 teams playing there, you should be prepare well to playing against them. I think we played how we played last two, three years cricket back, so we improve a lot of things, especially in domestic level. We have good growth now. So maybe the tourna-ment will be difficult for everyone. Can't say any one team. So we have a good team now. You have eight, nine games each team. Maybe will be very difficult. So think it's good for us here. If you play this kind of matches only this kind of team, you take a lot of positive things and it's work in the

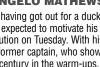
spell against the mighty Aussies SQUADS Sri Lanka: Dimuth Karunaratne

(c), Avishka Fernando, Suranga Lakmal, Lasith Malinga, Angelo Mathews, Jeevan Mendis, Kusal Mendis (wk), Kusal Perera (wk), Thisara Perera, Nuwan Pradeep, Dhananjaya de Silva,

ANGELO MATHEWS (SRI LANKA)

After having got out for a duck against NZ, Mathews will be expected to motivate his side with a significant contribution on Tuesday. With his supreme batting talent, the former captain, who showed signs of form with a half century in the warm-ups, has the ability to pro-

nning perform

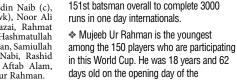




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\* Lahiru Thirimanne who scored 2994 runs at 34.81 in 99 innings of 119 matches, needs just six runs to become 16th Sri Lankan and Afghanistan: Gulbadin Naib (c)



WHO MATTER MEN

dominated by left-handers.

**MOHAMMAD NABI (AFGHANISTAN)** 

Currently ranked third in the MRF Tyres ICC ODI All-

Rounder Rankings, Mohammad Nabi has been one of

the the torch-bearers of Afghanistan cricket. Apart from

his batting skills, the veteran can be expected to come

in handy with his off-breaks, against a batting line-up

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No looking back

#### AFP CARDIFF

xperienced Sri Lanka bowler Lasith Malinga stressed the importance of patience as his side look to bounce back with an emphatic performance in a "must-win'

game against Afghanistan. The two teams are both searching for their first wins of the World Cup when they meet in Cardiff.

Sri Lanka were on the wrong end of a heavy defeat to New Zealand in their opening match, with captain Dimuth Karunaratne's unbeaten fifty the only highlight of a ten-wicket loss.

And after Sri Lanka collapsed to 136 within 30 overs against the Black Caps, Malinga admitted the batsmen must take more responsibility when they face the everimproving Afghans.

"At the moment, we are concerned with our own skill and how we're going to play," he said. "That's what we are most con-

cerned about. Whoever is batting or bowling, he has to have a perfect game. "We need a must-win game in

this competition, we need a mustwin game tomorrow. We will try our best in accuracy and tactically, everything hopefully will be "The most important thing

we need is patience, patience is very important. We know these conditions, we can have someone get 60, 70 runs and still some balls can move

"We have to have a bit of patience; we have to analyse the conditions. Whoever is the batsman, he has to finish the game. It's down to whoever is there, he has to finish the game.

"Whoever takes responsibil-ity, bowler or batsman, whoever is the best tomorrow will win. Afghanistan have good experience players because most of the players play in franchise cricket. They have that experience,

they know how to accelerate and

Lasith Malinga during practice session ICC/Twitter IPL and others have been playing franchise cricket. The important thing is pressure handling. "I think they have more expe-

rience, especially handling pres-sure, and that's the big challenge for us. I believe if we do our best, we can see good finishing at the end of the day."

Sri Lanka were World Cup finalists in 2007 and 2011 after winning the trophy in 1996, but they had only won two of their last 16 completed ODIs coming into this year's tournament. And despite their less than

promising start, Malinga believes Sri Lanka have the ability to go far if they can pick up a confidence-boosting victory against Afghanistan in the Welsh capital.

I think for our first match back against New Zealand, we know how tough these conditions are and we tried our best but it didn't go our way," said the 35-year-old fast bowler.

"We have in this tournament

they have confidence, a few from nine matches, but it's just our second match starting tomorrow and before the match both teams are the same - no runs, no wick-ets, still the same. "Whoever is doing best first

half innings, they can carry on the winning way. That's why we are looking forward to the game and trying to do our best after 10:30.

"We have talent but not much experience in these conditions and people to have to realise what the team expects in this situation. We see Dimuth had a good tem-perament to play this condition.

"I feel we have also top seven batsman and they have responsi-bility, but bowlers have a big role to play in the game as we never know what's going on, who is

bowling first or second. "Bowlers can change the game, I still believe that. I feel players need to get confidence, but we can improve skill at the moment and we need to get mentally tough as all the pressure is on us.

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#### **'PAK CAN WIN WC'**

Former swashbuckling batsman and Pakistan skipper Shahid Afridi has put his weight behind the Sarfaraz Ahmed-led Green Brigade and said that the team is

were folded out for a paltry 105 runs. The Windies then overhauled the target in just

14.4 overs, losing three wickets. Afridi then took to Twitter, urging the team to build confidence and strive for a

team to build confidence and strive for a win in their second group game against hosts England, which is presently in progress in Nottingham on Monday. "I'm fully confident in our team and their

capabilities & truly believe they can go on to win this World Cup. Wishing the

of luck to our boys including @SarfarazA\_54. Early games are crucial in

building up confidence & momentum; we should strive for a win against England 2day," tweeted Afridi on Monday. — IANS

well capable of winning the ICC Cricket World Cup 2019, currently underway in England and Wales. Pakistan had opened their tournament campaign on a disastrous note after suffering a humiliating seven-wicket defeat to West Indies at in Nottingham as they





# MOUNTAIN TO CLIMB

peaking to Justin Langer ahead of this World Cup I reminded him of the players that had success in 1999 in England. It was the battle-hardened proven Test match performers that excelled and influenced the outcome. I believe the same will happen in this tournament purely because the pitches give both the bowler and the batsman an opportunity to showcase their clear their class.



**By STEVE WAUGH** Former Aus captain

If you are good enough, you can utilise the conditions to swing the match in your team's favour more so than the bland cookie-cutter pitches that are so often rolled out for one-day cricket that totally favour the

batsman. As such you will see phases of the game that resemble a Test match, game that resemble a lest match, such as a short-of-a-length fast-bowling barrage, a measured innings from a top-order batsman and more than one slip fielder being employed. I'm sure both the players and spectators will relish this type of cricket as it is an even contest that can be uppredictable

cricket as it is an even contest that can be unpredictable. I still expect large scores to be the norm purely because of the fast outfields, high quality bats, small boundaries and the physiques of the modern-day players but high-class bowling can and still win matches in pressure situations pressure situations. With that in mind, Saturday's

seven-wicket win over Afghanistan was a thoroughly professional performance from Australia.

It was exactly what they would have wanted to achieve from their first outing and an excellent way to ease themselves into what is going to be a long and exhausting schedule.

It was a tricky first opponent who had nothing to lose and everything to gain while Australia were expected to dominate and dispose of Afghanistan with minimum fuss.

with minimum russ. In particular, Dave Warner stood out with an innings that was less memorable but infinitely more significant than any innings he'd previously played for Australia. For them to win the World Cup Warner needs to be a shining light



Andre Russell (right) checks on Usman Khawaja (left) after hitting him on the head with a bouncer during the warm-up match at the Nursery Ground

and for him to spend quality time in the middle was exactly what he needed after a 12-month absence.

By no means did Australia play at their full potential and nor would they want to or expect to. World Cups are won by the teams that gather momentum and confidence as the tournament unfolds. The West Indies will provide a more realistic gauge on how the team

more realistic gauge on how the team are tracking, for they possess a squad full of match winners that can dominate if they gain any sense of ascendency in a match. are the most watchable Thev

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team in the tournament with a

batting line-up that can kidnap any

bowling attack with brute force. No ground is big enough when this behemoth of a batting order clicks into overdrive but they also have a vulnerability against highquality bowling as they tend to play one dimensional at times.

Their Achilles heel however will be their lack of mobility in the field and this is where Australia can influence the outcome

Every side in this tournament will be wary of playing the Windies and I wouldn't want to face them in a knock-out match. They are the sort of team that, if they get on a roll and build some momentum, then they could win it all like the ICC Men's World T20 back in 2016.

All things considered, I think this stands as a very important game for both sides. After comfortable opening wins, both want to get an idea of where they really stand - and this will be the perfect sounding board.

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# **Experience** in hand lost to the team, despite the ongoing sanctions.

"Aaron's got a very good cricket brain first and fore-

most, but there's always

times in a game when you go to your senior players," assistant coach Brad Haddin in his interview

"Sometimes you get caught up in the moment and you can miss little

things, so it is important that all your senior players

are there to support your captain. "Smithy and Davey are

no different. They've got great cricket brains so at

certain times in matches

you'd be silly not to use

"I think Steve's just real-excited to be back bat-

ting," Haddin continued. "It's never been an issue

with the leadership or the captaincy. Both Steve and

David are just really excited to be back playing inter

national cricket.

them."

#### AFP LONDON

ssistant coach Brad Haddin says captain Aaron Finch 'would be silly not to' use the input from Steve Smith and David Warner

David Warner If Aaron Finch upholds his country's proud World Cup record and becomes the fifth Australian cap-tain to lift the trophy at Lord's in six weeks' time, from a leadership perspecfrom a leadership perspec-tive, he won't have done it alone.

On pure numbers, the desire to whisk Steve Smith and David Warner back into Australia's top order for their 50-over title defence was a no-brainer.

However the reintegration of two players who have both previously cap-tained the side, but are now barred from holding any official leadership position — until next year for Smith and indefinitely for Warner had the potential to cause disruption.

"They're just excited to be out there. Whatever role The Australian camp insists it hasn't, and Finch is you give them they'll be happy at the moment."



David Warner chats with Aaron Finch during Afghanistan clash

# Shuttlers eye good show at Australia

#### PTI SYDNEY

ndian ace P V Sindhu will resume her chase for the first Little of the season, while Sameer Verma too will eye a good show when the Australia Open World Tour Super 300 tournaments begins with the qualifiers here on Tuesday. World No 5 Sindhu reached

the semifinals at India Open and Singapore Open, besides a couple of quarterfinal appear-ances at Indonesia and ABC but

a title has remained elusive. What would be frustrating for the Indian is her losses against top players such as Carolina Marin, Korea's Sung Ji Hyun, China's He Bingjiao and Japan's Nozomi Okuhara — opponents she has had better results in the last season.

Sindhu, who had last played



Sudirman Cup as India crashed out of the group stage.

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Among other Indians, for-mer Singapore Open champion B Sai Praneeth, H S Prannoy and 2014 Commonwealth Games champion P Kashyap are also in

fray. While Praneeth, who had reached the finals of Swiss Open this year, will face Korea's Lee Dong Keun, Prannoy meets the legendary Chinese Lin Dan, who has shown form on way to Malaysia Open title, and Kashyap squares off against Thailand's Suppanyu Avihingsanon in the opening round.

Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Ashwini Ponnappa will take on Chinese Taipei's Wang Chi-Lin and Cheng Chi Ya, while Ashwini and N Sikki Reddy faces Korean combination of Baek Ha Na and Kim Hve Rin in women's dous, and S wiksairaj and Chirag Shetty will meet compatriots Manu Attri and B Sumeeth Reddy.

# Djoker's laugh

AFP PARIS

S P O R T

Novak Djokovic on Monday became the first man to reach the French Open quarter-finals for 10 successive seasons while Kei Nishikori setup the toughest challenge on a clay

court — facing Rafael Nadal. Top seed and world number one Djokovic continued his bid to hold all four Grand Slam titles simultaneous-ly for the second time by thrashing Germany's Jan-Lennard Struff 6-3, 6-2, 6-2.

The 32-year-old will now face either ninth-seeded Italian Fabio Fognini or fifth seed Alexander Zverev in what will be his 13th appearance overall in the quarter-finals in Paris.

"It was tricky with the rain, but that's Paris," said the 2016 champion after playing in drizzly conditions. "I'm really confident with my

serve. I hope it continues like that. stralian great R



For the first time in a long while they have fast-bowling depth vindicated by Friday's win against Pakistan without their finest in Kemar Roach and Shannon Gabriel.

lirman Cup, will take o a qualifier in the opening round before a likely contest with Pornpawee Thailand's Chochuwong. Former Olympic champion

Li Xuerui is likely to stand on way to her quarters, while she is



PV Sindhu in action during Indian Open tournament

expected to face All England other hand, will be itching for revenge as he faces Malaysia's Lee Champion Chen Yufei for a place in the semifinals if she can cross Zii Jia in the opening round here. The Malaysian had defeated him the earlier round.

World No 12 Sameer, on the in a crucial match of the

### **James Rodriguez to leave Bayern**



AFP BERLIN

olombian midfielder James Rodriguez will leave Bayern Munich ahead of next season after the club decided not to sign him permanently from Real Madrid, Kicker magazine reported on Monday.

Rodriguez, 27, joined Bayern on loan in 2017, and the German club have the option to sign him permanently for 42

million euros (\$46.9m) when the twoyear deal expires on June 30.

Yet according to *Kicker*, the recent-ly crowned Bundesliga champions have decided against triggering the option-to-buy in Rodriguez' contract.

"The Bayern bosses have agreed internally not to sign James," wrote the magazine on Monday.

Rodriguez has scored 14 goals in 43 Bundesliga games for Bayern, but has had difficult relationship with coach Niko Kovac this season.

The Colombian has also struggled to hold down a first-team place, amid competition from the likes of Mueller, Leon oretzka and Thiago Alcantara.

With a return to Real Madrid considered unlikely, Kicker reported that Rodriguez is on the verge of a move to Serie A club Napoli, where he would be reunited with former Bayern and Madrid coach Carlo Ancelotti.

In qualifying round, 2018 Asian Junior Champion Lakshya Sen will face Malaysian Teck Zhi Soo

has held all four majors at the same time twice before, after his calendar Grand Slams in 1962 and 1969.

Japanese seventh seed Nishikori came back from 1-4 and 3-5 down in the final set to beat Benoit Paire of France and set-up a Roland Garros quarter-final clash against Nadal.

Nishikori won 6-2, 6-7 (8/10), 6-2, 6-7 (8/10), 7-5 in a shade under four hours to reach his third last-eight match at the French Open.

'He almost had it today." said Nishikori who had led two sets to one when the last-16 tie was suspended on Sunday.

"He served for the match at 5-3 but I just tried to fight and play one point at a time.

The 29-year-old Japanese could have wrapped it up in the fourth set when he had two match points but squandered both, the second on a double fault.

Paire, the world number 38 who was trying to make the quarter-final of a Slam for the first time, was

eventually undone by 15 double faults and 79 unforced errors.

Nishikori has only defeated 11-time French Open champi-on Nadal twice in 12 meetings with both of those wins coming on hard court.

The Spaniard, celebrat-

Novak Djokovic plays a shot against Jan-Lennard Struff during their fourth round match AF

> seed Naomi Osaka and 23-time major winner Serena Williams got a taste of their own medicine.

> American 14th seed Madison Keys reached the quarter-finals for the second successive year with a 6-2, 6-4 win over Katerina Siniakova, the conqueror of US and Australian Open winner Osaka.

> Keys, who went on to reach the semi-finals in 2018, next faces Australian eighth seed Ashleigh Barty.

"I was really happy to close it out as playing three sets in these heavy conditions does not sound like much fun," said the 24-year-old Keys.

"I love clay courts and Paris and I

am happy to play another match." Barty beat Sofia Kenin, who stunned Williams in the third round, 6-3, 3-6, 6-0, on Court Philippe Chatrier.

Fourth seed Dominic Thiem cruised past the dangerous Gael Monfils in straight sets on Monday to reach his fourth successive French Open quarter-final.

ing his 33rd birthday on Monday, has won all four Last year's runner-up won 6-4, 6of their meetings on clay. "It's going to be a tough match, he's the player," said Nishikori.

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In the women's event,

Kei Nishikori reacts after missing a shot against

France's Benoit Paire

4, 6-2 on a packed Court Philippe Chatrier to set up a last-eight tie against either 10th-seeded Russian Karen Khachanov or two-time semifinalist Juan Martin del Potro.

"I love playing here and I hope I can be on this court again on Wednesday," he said.

A scored as France eased past Bolivia 2-0 in a friendly in Nantes on Sunday, ahead of the world

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champions' resumption of their Euro 2020 qualifying

minutes and Griezmann,

he was leaving Atletico Madrid, notched a second before the break

eighth on the list of France's

Griezmann moved

all-time leading scorers with his 29th goal as he sur-passed 1998 World Cup winner Youri Djorkaeff. He is now just one goal Saturday.

ntoine Griezmann

Griezmann keeps

France at bay

campaign. Thomas Lemar gave France the lead on five

who last month announced

Griezmann.

"I may not be in top form. This match will do me good, to get some minutes and be in good shape for

#### behind Just Fontaine and Jean-Pierre Papin, and two adrift of Zinedine Zidane. There was a slight note

of concern for France though as they lost Kylian Mbappe to an ankle injury at half-time.

Didier Deschamps' side return to competitive action on June 8 when they face

Turkey in Group H. Both nations have six points from two matches.

"We needed to get a little warm-up in. It's going to be tough in Turkey, we'll have to be ready," said