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# Doctors requite Mamata's pledge

## Medicos end strike as CM assures zero tolerance against assault on them

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

The junior doctors of West Bengal on Monday called off their week-long strike following a "fruitful discussion" with Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, who accepted all their demands, including stringent action against perpetrators of crimes against on-duty medics.

"We are satisfied with the talks being held in an extremely cordial atmosphere," said one of the 31 delegates of doctors from all over Bengal who were escorted by a Government vehicle to the State secretariat Nabanna, where the Chief Minister met them for more than an hour and a half.

"This discussion was very fruitful as both the sides were committed to each other's views in a very positive manner," the Chief Minister said, adding, she was "grateful to the doctors as they responded to my call for discussion and came all the way to Nabanna. The talks with them were constructive and I hope the doctors will go back and announce their withdrawal of strike as we have accepted all their demands."

Drawing a loud applause from the doctors' delegation, the Chief Minister further said, "These are like our children. It is their right to make justified demands and the Government will always stand by them, including in their times of distress, as they are serving the society against all odds."



West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee conducts a meeting with doctors in Howrah on Monday. PTI

Hours later the doctors formally told reporters at Nil Ratan Sarkar Medical College and Hospital (NRSMCH) that they are ending the strike and "will join our work as soon as possible," adding "we are now convinced that the Chief Minister will take action if any doctor is assaulted in future."

One of their representatives iterated, "No doctor or nobody from any profession can be

assaulted physically or verbally. We assume after our conversation with the Chief Minister that the State will have zero tolerance against assault on doctors. This has to be remembered by the entire population not only of Bengal but the entire country. If there is violence then that will come with consequences. The Chief Minister has told us that there will be stringent legal action

against the assaulters."

In a remarkable display of diplomatic skills, Mamata turned the situation in her favour yielding to the doctors' demand for a live coverage of her meeting with them. The doctors initially wanted her to visit the epicentre of the movement at the NRS Medical College and Hospital but subsequently conceded to the Chief Minister's conditions that

the meeting be held at Nabanna. The doctors, however, said they would go to the secretariat only if the meeting was shown live on television.

Her stance was a climb-down from her Thursday's position when she told a large gathering of striking doctors at the SSKM Hospital to join duty in four hours or face consequences. She subsequently held out threats of invoking Essential Services Maintenance Act (ESMA) and cited how the State Governments of Gujarat, Rajasthan, Haryana, J&K, and Tamil Nadu had taken stringent actions against striking doctors.

Fresh from an unimpressive show in the parliamentary elections and under pressure from BJP quarters to stand by the doctors, Mamata invited the doctors to a meeting where she was accompanied among others by Minister of State for Health Chandrima Bhattacharya, Chief Secretary Malay De, Principal Secretary Health Rajiv Sinha, State DGP Virendra, Kolkata Commissioner of Police Anuj Sharma and others.

Deliberating on the 12-point demand of the doctors the CM said the Government would forward all only two persons to go inside the Emergency enclosure, tighten security network, make a provision for public relation officials to handle the patients' party more effectively.

# Pulwama-II bid foiled; Major martyred in raid

## 9 soldiers injured in Pulwama IED blast; 3 jawans hurt in Anantnag search op attack

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

The sinister design of terrorists to enact the February 14 like Pulwama terror attack on Monday evening in Arhal area of Pulwama by triggering an IED blast on a patrol party of 44 Rashtriya Rifles was foiled and damage minimised due to the alertness of the security forces and the troops travelling in the hardened ALS (a fortified truck).

However, in another incident earlier, an Army Major was martyred and a terrorist killed, while another officer and two troopers were injured on Monday in an encounter between security forces and the ultras in Jammu & Kashmir's Anantnag district, officials said.

An intelligence report about terrorists' attempt to use an IED blast on a Army convoy in South Kashmir districts and subsequent alertness obviated the crisis.

Terrorists had used a similar strategy while targeting a CRPF convoy on the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway on February 14 in which 40 para-



Army soldiers cordoned off the area near the house where terrorists were hiding during an encounter in which an Army Major was martyred and a terrorist killed at Achabal in Anantnag on Monday. PTI

military troopers were killed. The area, where Army vehicle was targeted by the terrorists was roughly 25 kms away from the site of the Pulwama terror attack. A Ministry of Defence spokesperson in Srinagar claimed a "failed" attempt was made to attack a mobile vehicle patrol in the general area of Arhal in Pulwama.

He said, "All troops are safe with minor injuries." Police spokesperson in Srinagar said, "Six Armymen have sustained injuries in the terror incident while two civilians also sustained injuries due

to powerful explosion." "The entire area has been cordoned off and search in the area is going on," he added.

In another anti-terrorist operation, a Major of the Indian Army on Monday attained martyrdom in Badura area of Anantnag while one terrorist, believed to be a foreign national, was neutralised during the day-long operation.

Police spokesperson in Srinagar said, "During a search and cordon operation by the joint forces at Badura in Achabal area of Anantnag, terrorist fired on the search party."

## CAPSULE

### ACTIVE OPP IMPORTANT IN DEMOCRACY: MODI

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday said an active Opposition is important in a parliamentary democracy and they need not bother about their numbers but speak actively and participate in proceedings.

### 6 KIDS DIE IN BIHAR, TOLL RISES TO 103

Patna: Six children died on Monday in Bihar's Muzaffarpur district, taking the toll due to suspected case of Acute Encephalitis Syndrome to 103. Meanwhile, the National Human Rights Commission sent notices to the Union Health Ministry and the Government of Bihar over reports of increasing deaths of children in Muzaffarpur.

### IRAN TO BREAK ENRICHED URANIUM LIMIT IN 10 DAYS

Tehran: Iran will break the uranium stockpile limit set by Tehran's nuclear deal with world powers in the next 10 days, the spokesman for the country's atomic agency said on Monday while also warning that Iran could enrich uranium up to 20 per cent — just a step away from weapons-grade levels. PTI

# Healthcare paralyses; SC to hear today plea for cops at hospitals

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

As the medical fraternity's nationwide strike hit healthcare services and left patients and their relatives high and dry across States, the Supreme Court on Monday said it will hear on Tuesday a plea seeking safety and security of doctors in Government hospitals in the country.

The Indian Medical Association (IMA), the apex body of medical practitioners, had called for a three-day nationwide strike in protest against the assault on doctors in West Bengal allegedly by the relatives of a patient who died on June 10 at NRS Medical College Hospital in Kolkata.

A large number of patients and their relatives, caught unaware of the strike, were seen waiting outside various hospitals, appealing to authorities for help. In many Government and private hospitals across the country, out-patient departments (OPDs) remained closed and scheduled surgeries were postponed. However, emergency services remained operational.

Amid protests, Health Minister Harsh Vardhan on Monday said the Union Government will "revisit" the issue of drafting a Central law regarding the safety of medics



A patient and his attendant await doctors at AIIMS OPD as doctors stopped work on Tuesday in protest against the assault on their Bengal colleagues, in New Delhi on Monday. Ranjan Dhilli / Pioneer

at healthcare facilities.

For its part, a vacation Bench of Justices Deepak Gupta and Surya Kant of the SC agreed to list the matter for Tuesday after the counsel for the petitioner, advocate Alakh Alok Srivastava, sought urgent hearing.

The petition has also sought directions to the Union Ministries of home affairs and health and the West Bengal Government to depute Government-appointed security

personnel at all State-run hospitals to ensure safety and security of doctors.

Due to the protests, healthcare services have been badly disrupted and many people are dying because of absence of doctors, the plea said. It also sought directions to the Bengal Government to take the strictest legal and penal action against those who assaulted junior doctors at NRS Medical College Hospital in Kolkata.

# JP Nadda to step into Shah's shoes in Jan

## To work as BJP working president under Shah till Assembly polls

DEEPAK K UPRETI ■ NEW DELHI

Senior BJP leader and former Union Health Minister Jagat Prakash Nadda was on Monday appointed the working president of the BJP with Amit Shah to continue as the party chief until December by when Assembly polls in Maharashtra, Haryana and Jharkhand are slated for completion. Sixty-year-old Nadda is expected to become the full-fledged BJP president overseeing the 11-crore-strong party after Shah completes his extended tenure in January 2020.

The announcement was made after the BJP Parliamentary Board, the party's highest decision-making



Home Minister Amit Shah gives a bouquet to JP Nadda in New Delhi on Monday. PTI

body, met here at its headquarters with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Shah and Home Minister Rajnath Singh, among others, in attendance.

Shah, who is saddled with the heavy responsibility of Ministry of Home Affairs, would ensure continuity and see the party through the three Assembly polls.

# MHA seeks report on police-driver clash, 3 cops suspended

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Having taken cognizance of the attack on a policeman by a Sikh tempo driver with a sword and his subsequent thrashing by police personnel on Sunday evening, the Union Home Ministry on Monday sought a report from the Delhi Police on the issue after a video of the incident went viral.

With the issue snowballing into a major political row, the Delhi Police has suspended three policemen posted with Mukherjee Nagar police station in northwest Delhi for "unprofessional behaviour" and initiated a probe.

Union Minister of State for Home G Kishan Reddy said he spoke to Delhi Police Commissioner Amulya Patnaik and asked him to take immediate action.

"BJP delegation led by Shri@rpsinghkhalsa ji called on me today regarding the incident under Mukherjee Nagar Police station in New Delhi. I spoke to CP Delhi, instructed for immediate action and to submit a detailed report," Reddy tweeted.

Police said the altercation took place after a Grameen Sewa tempo driver's vehicle collided with a police van. Eight police personnel were injured in the scuffle, police said. In one of the videos, the tempo driver identified as Sarbjeet Singh, with sword in hand, was seen chasing policemen. In another video, cops were seen thrashing the driver after overpowering him.

An ACP-rank officer could be seen being chased by protesters. He had gone there to pacify the mob.

# Cloud, wind, shower rain relief on Delhi

## Weather comfort till June 20

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The week in the national Capital started on a pleasant note with cloudy sky and moderate wind. Cloud cover, gusty winds and intermittent rain protected Delhi from the sweltering heat, with the weatherman predicting the temperatures will remain below normal for another three-four days.

Drizzle in some parts of the Capital and its adjoining areas brought mercury down with maximum temperature being recorded at 36.3 degrees Celsius while minimum stood at 28.

According to the India Meteorological Department (IMD)'s Delhi region weather wing forecast, more rain and thunderstorm activities are expected on June 18, 19, 20.

"A cyclonic circulation is persisting over Haryana and adjoining areas. Also, the humid wind from the Arabian Sea is increasing moisture over the northern plains, including Delhi. This moisture incursion

from the Arabian Sea is expected to continue for the next two to three days. Thus, we expect scattered rain and thunder-shower activities to continue over Delhi and NCR until June 19," Skymet, a private weather forecast agency, said.

In the past 48 hours, rain has been witnessed in isolated pockets of Delhi and adjoining areas of Noida, Gurugram, Faridabad, and Ghaziabad. The Safdarjung observatory said the city received 0.6mm rainfall during the past 24 hours. The humidity recorded at 8.30 am was 54 per cent. On Sunday, the maximum temperature settled at 36.3 degrees Celsius and the minimum at 28.02 degrees Celsius.

On Monday, the maximum temperature at Safdarjung observatory was recorded 33 degrees Celsius and minimum 27. At Palam observatory the maximum temperature was recorded 32 degrees Celsius and minimum 28.

The heatwave is not yet



over in Delhi as from June 23 onwards temperature will increase again, said weather experts. The maximum temperature for June 23 has been forecast 41 degrees Celsius by the IMD. This summer, Delhi-NCR witnessed spell of severe

heatwave for prolonged period. In fact, on June 10, the mercury soared to 48 degrees, the highest in Delhi's history.

# We all will jointly create new C'garh, says Baghel

## Open letter on completion of six-month tenure

STAFF REPORTER ■ RAIPUR

Highlighting the achievements of his six-month tenure, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel on Monday appealed to the people of the State to come forward to create a new Chhattisgarh.

In a tweet, Baghel asked the people of the State to continue their support, love, affection and blessings to the Government so that jointly they could build a new Chhattisgarh.

"Today the Government elected by you had completed six months tenure and the State Cabinet has taken many decisions for the development and welfare of the State based on the motto 'Gadho Nava Chhattisgarh'," he said.

Baghel further accepted that there was a need to speed up the decisions by the Government and assured that this would happen soon. He further expressed his delight that people of the State were backing the Government's decisions and are contributing for a prosperous Chhattisgarh.



# Your every word is valuable to Govt: PM to Opp

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Having returned to power with a bigger mandate, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday sought to reach out to the Opposition parties on the first day of Parliament's monsoon session saying they need not "bother about their numbers" as their every word is "valuable" to the Government.

"When we come to Parliament, we should forget 'pakshi' (treasury) and 'vipakshi' (Opposition) and instead think about issues with a 'nishpakshi' (impartial) spirit and work in the larger interest of the nation," he told the media outside Parliament before the commencement of the first session of the 17th Lok Sabha.



PM Modi takes oath as a member of the 17th Lok Sabha at Parliament House in New Delhi on Monday

Inside the House, many of the newly-elected members were seen in colourful and safe from attire, traditional shawls and headgears even as two Union Ministers from Bengal were greeted with chants of Jai Shri Ram when they were called to take oath as Lok Sabha members.

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ed with a clear majority after several decades, he said.

Later, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and also the leader of the House, took oath as Member amid thumping of desks by the ruling NDA MPs and slogans such as 'Modi Modi' and 'Bharat Mata Ki Jai'.

The panel of presiding officers — K Suresh, Brijbhushan Sharan Singh and B Mehtab — took oath as Members after the Prime Minister. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Home Minister Amit Shah, Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari, and Chemical and Fertilisers Minister DV Sadanand Gowda also took

oath.

Union Minister Smriti Irani, who defeated Congress President Rahul Gandhi in Amethi, received the longest applause when she took oath. Rahul, who was missing from the House in the first phase, took oath in the second half.

When Union Ministers Babul Supriyo and Debashree Choudhury, who are from West Bengal, were called to take oath they were greeted by fellow BJP MPs with "Jai Shri Ram" slogans apparently as a dig at West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee who had objected to uttering the slogan during some incidents.

## Hope trend of using Parl as 'rubber stamp' is reversed: Cong

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Responding to the PM's call, the Congress on Monday alleged that the Modi Government used Parliament as a 'rubber stamp' during its previous tenure and hoped this trend is reversed and key Bills are not pushed without legislative scrutiny using "brute majority".

"Legislation through ordinance is a very unhealthy practice in a democracy. It should only be used in extreme cases where there is an emergency

requirement otherwise the due processes of lawmaking must be followed by the Government in office," senior Congress leader Anand Sharma said.

"We will now wait for the Prime Minister's assurance in this regard and whether the practice that was followed in the last five years is reversed, because in the last five years what we have seen is disrespect to Parliament, where the bills were brought by the government and because of its brute majority in the Lok Sabha, Parliament was treated as a rub-

ber stamp," he said.

Most of the bills were not sent to the standing committee for legislative scrutiny which is important for any law to be made, Sharma said. Congress hopes that now this practice will be honoured and dependence of ordinance and pushing through the bills without scrutiny will not be repeated by the Government, he said.

Earlier in the day, addressing the media outside parliament before the commencement of the first session of the 17th Lok Sabha, Modi said,

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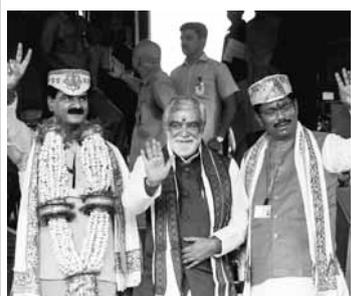
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## MPs choose traditional attire on first day of LS

PNS: Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah were in their trademark Rajasthani and blue shawl attire. Union Minister Prahlad Joshi, Giriraj Singh and GK Reddy sported saffron attire or half jacket. Bihar MPs Gopal Jee Thakur and Ashok Kumar Yadav came in traditional Assamese attire. Finance Minister Piyush Goyal, who was elected to Lok Sabha from Gurdaspur in Punjab, came in shirt and trouser and was seen sitting in the second last row. Arunachal Pradesh MP Tapir Gao wore the traditional blue Arunachal jacket.

'Angavastram' dotted with picture of party president and Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy. Biju Bhanu Singh Thakur was seen in his trademark saffron robe while Union Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal wore the traditional Rajasthani saffron and green headgear as part of the dress.

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BJP MPs Gopal Jee Thakur (L) and Ashok Kumar Yadav with Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare Ashwini Kumar Choubey (C) arrive for the first session of the 17th Lok Sabha at Parliament House in New Delhi on Monday

## Sadhvi Pragma creates controversy with her name during oath taking

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

BJP MP from Bhopal Sadhvi Pragma Singh Thakur's oath taking on Monday created controversy after Congress MPs objected to her adding her spiritual Gurne name along with her name. Amid protests, Thakur said that it was her full name and she had mentioned her full name in the form she had filled for oath taking.



The name written in her election certificate issued by the returning officer would go on record. BJP MPs accused the Congress MPs of unnecessarily targeting the Bhopal MP.

The mention of Swami Chetnandan Avdeshanand Giri as suffix to her name Sadhvi Pragma Singh Thakur evoked sharp reaction from the Opposition members who said that such a thing was not permitted. She insisted that the suffix was part of her full name, resulting in an uproar from Opposition and slogan shouting in her favour from the BJP benches.

The Pro tem Speaker Virendra Kumar sought to know from the Lok Sabha Secretary General, the full name. Amid noise and objections, Kumar ruled that only

After Ganendra Umarao Singh Patel (BJP) completed his oath with 'Bharat Mata Ki Jai', NK Premechandran (RSP) urged the Pro-tem Speaker to maintain the prescribed format of the oath. The Pro tem speaker ruled that the members stick to the format provided. After this, the members of BJP started adding 'Bharat Mata Ki Jai' after end of every oath.

## INSHORT

**ADVANI, DEVE GOWDA MISSED IN LOK SABHA**  
New Delhi: Several veteran parliamentarians, including Lok Advani, HD Deve Gowda and Sushma Swaraj, who had been regulars in the Lower House for decades, were missed in the new Lok Sabha on Monday as they either did not contest the polls or lost to their opponents. They were not seen inducted BJP veteran Murali Manohar Joshi, former Speaker Sumitra Mahajan, Congress leaders Mallikarjun Kharge, M Veerappa Moily and Jyotirajits Scindia.

**COMMITTED TO SAVE LAND DEGRADATION: MIN**  
New Delhi: Acknowledging that 29.3 per cent of land in India was affected by degradation, Union Minister Prakash Javadekar on Monday said his Ministry was committed to saving it with all necessary contributions in the matter and shall lead by example in combating the crisis.

**ADMISSIONS: CENTRE TOLD TO CLEAR STAND**  
New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Monday asked the Centre to make its stand clear on whether it can extend the date for counselling for admissions in post-graduate medical courses for 400-500 seats in deemed universities and private colleges. The Centre informed the top court that it could not find any amicable solution to the problem as directed by it.

## ENCEPHALITIS DEATHS IN MUZAFFARPUR

### Case filed against Union, State Health Ministers on charges of negligence

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

With the death toll crossing the 100 mark due to Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES), a case has been filed against Union Health Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan and Bihar Health Minister Mangal Pandey in a statement before the Judicial Magistrate's (CJM) court for not creating awareness about the deadly disease. The plea by the state activist Tamanna Hashmi will be heard on June 24.

Harsh Vardhan, who had visited the district on Sunday to review the situation in the hospitals there, has denied any negligence saying teams were stationed in Muzaffarpur from the very first day and were working too. Meanwhile, a video surfaced wherein Pandey is seen asking for latest score of the India-Pakistan cricket match during the State Health Department meeting over the AES deaths on June 16 adding to the prevailing anger among the people against the Government.

Krishna Medical College. The Centre has announced plans to set up diagnostic labs in different districts in the State. The location of the district can be decided in consultation with the State Government and can be funded through NHM, said Harsh Vardhan in a statement.

A high-level central team has been set up to Muzaffarpur to set up a state-of-the-art multi-disciplinary research centre in the wake of the children death due to suspected encephalitis.

In one of the decisions taken during his visit to Muzaffarpur, the Union Minister has instructed to set up a 100-bedded paediatric ICU at SKMCH by the State Government in the adjoining districts. 10 bedded paediatric ICUs will be set up with support from the Centre, so that such cases can be given better and exclusive treatment and there is no unnecessary hospitalisation facilities available at SKMCH.

Emphasising the need for early detection and treatment of hypoglycemia cases, Harsh Vardhan said that a dedicated team of doctors should be placed in endemic PHCs with required facilities at least for 3 to 4 months before and during onset of disease and they may be incentivised under NHM appropriately.

As for present, the concerned PHCs and CHCs should take prompt corrective measures for hypoglycemia at the facility itself to utilize the golden hour, he added.

Harsh Vardhan also said that Ministry of Earth Science and Technology has set up an IMD observatory facility for improved monitoring of climate related parameters such as temperature, humidity, rainfall, heat waves, etc., and share it with the State Government under the better preparedness and management of AES.

"The central government will provide all possible help including financial to the state to control the situation, provide proper treatment and develop infrastructure needed for it," Health Minister said.

Social activist Tamanna Hashmi in his petition has alleged that Harsh Vardhan and Mangal Pandey failed to take any steps to control the outbreak of AES, while both had done nothing to create awareness and sensitive people in the affected areas despite the fact that AES had been killing children for years.

Hashmi said that he has filed a suit against the accused, Harsh Vardhan and Mangal Pandey, under 323, 308 and 504 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC).

Large number of children died due to negligence and lack of infrastructure to give them timely proper treatment," he said.

The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) too has issued notices to the Union Health Ministry and the Bihar government to give increasing details of children due to the deadly disease, a senior official said.

## IAS-IPS cadre allocation policy of 2017: SC seeks Centre's reply on fresh pleas

New Delhi:

The Supreme Court on Monday asked the Centre to file its response on a batch of pleas of over two dozen trainee IAS and IPS officers of the 2018 batch, who have sought parity in the government's cadre allocation scheme with 20 of their colleagues, who were granted relief by the top court last month.

The Supreme Court had, on May 17, granted relief to 20 trainee IAS and IPS officers, who had challenged the government's cadre allocation process for the 2018 batch, by asking the Centre to accommodate them by increasing one post each in the state cadres of their preference this

year. After the May 17 order, now two sets of 2018-batch trainee IAS and IPS officers have moved the apex court one group of 20 candidates has challenged the Delhi High Court verdict that had quashed the entire cadre allocation process and the other group of five officers has filed a fresh writ petition seeking parity with 20 of their colleagues.

Several other trainee IAS and IPS officers have also sought implementation in these two petitions.

A vacation bench of justices Deepak Gupta and Surya Kant said, prima facie it did not agree with the High Court's view. **PTI**

## CBI books Army techie for bribery

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The CBI has booked a Military Engineering Service (MES) engineer for taking bribe from the employee of an air conditioning plant maintenance contractor at Army Command in Udhamapur.

Complainant Kuldeep Kumar alleged in his complaint, now part of the FIR, that Junior Engineer Mohammad Khurshed Ansari posted at Garrison Engineer (Utility), MES, Udhamapur allegedly took bribe of ₹4,000 per month from his salary of Rs 10,000 per month.

Kumar was working on behalf of contractor Manjeet at the AC plant of the Army Command in Udhamapur under the supervision of Ansari.

The CBI has booked Ansari for alleged taking bribe under Jammu and Kashmir Prevention of Corruption Act. Ansari had allegedly threat-

ened Kumar that he will be removed from service if he does not pay the bribe and will be murdered if he disclosed it to anyone. Ansari allegedly took the bribe amount of ₹4,000 per month for the last five months, according to the FIR.

In his complaint, Kumar said that his wife remains ill and he has two children and unable to run his family with his meager income and the bribe amount being taken by Ansari is leading to immense financial hardship.

The complainant also stated that he never wanted to pay the bribe to Ansari but continued doing so due to not being highly educated and was unaware of the legal remedies available. He lodged the complaint after coming to know of the CBI.

The CBI conducted a discreet enquiry following a complaint from Kumar and the verification by the agency revealed the allegations to be true and genuine, added the FIR.

## IAF AN-32 CRASH

### Black box damaged in air crash

Investigation to ascertain cause to be delayed

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The probe to find out the cause leading to the AN-32 plane crash may get delayed as its black box or flight data recorder is damaged. The black box was brought from the crash site three days back and the investigators are trying to retrieve the data from the instrument. Meanwhile, operation is in full swing to recover the mortal remains of all the 13 on board. Scores of helicopters are flying sorties for this purpose.

It is feared that the plane hit a mountain top leading to the crash. However, the data from



the black box and the court of inquiry will establish the cause of the mishap, sources said here on Monday. As regards the damage caused to the black box, they said the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) help will be sought for retrieving the data or may be sent to some other agency. It was also learnt that Eastern Command chief Air Marshal R K Mathur's scheduled visit to Bangladesh was postponed as he is supervising the salvage operations.

The plane had gone missing

on June 3 while on a flight from Jorhat in Assam for Mechuka advanced landing ground in Arunachal Pradesh and the wreckage was spotted eight days later near the landing ground at a height of 12,000 feet amidst dense jungles atop a steep ridge. Teams of IAF, Army and civilian mountaineers trekked in the rugged terrain to reach the spot to recover the black box and look for any survivors.

Given the nature of terrain and inclement weather, the search operation is facing a major challenge for the mountaineering team and the IAF has deployed more than eight helicopters for retrieval of mortal remains, sources said. They also said that more than 200 sorties were carried out since the search and rescue effort commenced on June 3 over an area of 1,000 sq km. The debris of the ill-fated

plane was finally spotted by a MI-17 helicopter in Lipo.

There are more than 100 AN-32 twin-engine turbo prop transport planes with the IAF. These Russian origin planes were inducted in the mid 1980s. After a crash in 2009 near Mechuka including 13 passengers, a contract was inked for 400 million dollars with Ukraine for upgrade. So far, 50 planes have been retrofitted. However, the plane which crashed on June 3 was non-upgraded.

Mechuka advanced landing ground located at an altitude of 6,000 feet is the lifeline for troops deployed on the Line of Actual Control (LAC) facing China in Arunachal Pradesh. The planes and helicopters ferry personnel, food and ammunition from Mechuka which is about 30kms from the LAC as the crew flies.



Trinamool Congress Nopara, North 24 Parganas, MLA Sunil Singh along with 120 citizens along with the BJP in New Delhi on Monday in presence of leaders Kailash Vijayargya and Mukul Roy. Singh is brother-in-law of BJP's Barrackpoor MP Arjun Singh, who had himself switched sides from the TMC ahead of the Lok Sabha elections. Sunil Singh is also the chairperson of TMC-run Garutula municipality. North 24 Parganas is at the centre of mass exodus from TMC. **PTI**

# Cong govt's six-month tenure is full of achievements: Lakhma

STAFF REPORTER ■ RAIPUR

Chhattisgarh ministers Kawasi Lakhma and Anila Bhedra claimed that the past six-month rule of the Congress government was full of achievements and many initiatives were taken for the welfare of common people of the state.

The minister duo were addressing a press conference here at new circuit house on Monday evening to spell out the fulfillment of promises made by the Congress in its election manifesto for the 2018 assembly polls.

Specifically mention-

ing that right after the government was formed on December 17, 2018, short-term farm loans amounting to Rs 11,000 crore of defaulting farmers were waived off by the government, the ministers appreciated the leadership of Bhupesh Baghel for taking initiatives in the interest of poor and farmers.

They also cited that the government taking yet another big decision had declared minimum support price (MSP) of Rs 2500 per quintal for paddy. This Kharif season a payment of Rs 3000 crore was made for procurement of paddy at MSP, they said.



Fulfilling yet another promise made in the manifesto, the government announced to provide 35 kgs of rice per ration card to all the families, including those from Above Poverty Line (APL) under food for all scheme, they mentioned.

Lakhma speaking on this occasion specially mentioned decision of government for returning land acquired for establishing Tata Steel Plant in Lohandiguda region of Bastar. It was a historic decision and affected farmers were benefited by it, he said.

Lakhma also claimed that Narva Garva, Ghurva and Badi under Suraji scheme was not a mere slogan. It would be instrumental in strengthening the rural economy by developing animal husbandry, conservation of water and arranging green fodder for the cattle. Under the scheme it has

been instructed to reserve at least three acres of land for cow shed so that the stray cattle could not destroy the standing crop in the field, the minister said.

The minister duo also specifically mentioned the fulfillment of promise of curtailing the power tariff to half till 400 units. Now the consumers have to give Rs 2.75 per unit instead of Rs 5.30, they added.

In a bid to generate employment the state government had taken initiative for recruitments of 15000 teachers in schools and 1345 assistant professors in colleges, they said.

# Awareness programme to mark World Sickle Cell Day tomorrow

STAFF REPORTER ■ RAIPUR

The Sickle Cell Institute Chhattisgarh, Raipur and Health and Family Welfare department will jointly organise an awareness programme on the occasion of World Sickle Cell Day on June 19 at 10.30 am at New Circuit House, Civil Lines Raipur.

Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel will be the chief guest at the event to be presided over by Health and Family Welfare Minister T. S. Singhdeo.

The Chief Minister will felicitate institutions and doctors working especially on sickle cell disease.

On the occasion, the Chief Minister will also release a booklet and posters, highlighting the different aspects of sickle cell disease. Besides, a 'Healthy Child'



competition will be organised along with felicitation of senior citizens affected by sickle cell disease.

The World Sickle Cell Day is celebrated to raise the public awareness about the diseases and its treatment methods. Sickle cell disease (SCD) is an inherited genetic abnormality of hemoglobin (the oxygen-carrying protein found in red blood cells).

# Need to conserve culture, history for future generation: Singhdeo

STAFF REPORTER ■ AMBIKAPUR

Health and Family Welfare Minister in-charge T. S. Singhdeo called upon all to protect and conserve the culture, historical and archaeological sites of Ramgarh hills for the future generation.

Surguja has several archaeological heritage sites, which can be subject of research to know the historical importance of the place, he said.

He was addressing the inaugural session of the two-day 'Ramgarh Mahotsav' as chief guest on Monday at Ambikapur.

Singhdeo said, Ramgarh's



hill is known for the most ancient theatre in the world. Mahakavi Kalidas had written 'Meghdootam' on the hills of Ramgarh, which is considered as one of the epic poems in Sanskrit. The event will complete four decades in 2019. The event helps people to know about the importance of the region and provide a platform to local, national and international level artists to perform.

also held to reveal the importance of the hills based sites.

Zila Panchayat chairperson Phuleshwari Singh said during this period, the hills beauty is revealed through combination of nature and culture. Ambikapur Mayor Dr Ajay Tirkey laid emphasis on development of tourism in the hills.

Surguja Collector Dr Saransh Mittar said that Ramgarh Mahotsav was started in 1969 and has been organised continuously without a break. The caves have been centre of attraction.

After the inaugural session around 33 researchers read their research papers. This was followed by session of poets.

# Raipur doctors hold protest in solidarity with their Kolkata counterparts

STAFF REPORTER ■ RAIPUR

As the stalemate over doctors' protest in West Bengal enters the seventh day on Monday, doctors of AIIMS Raipur along with the Medical College Hospital and other private hospitals joined the agitation in solidarity with their counterparts in Bengal.

Regional centre of Indian Medical Association also called for withdrawal of non-essential health services on Monday. The doctors under the banner of the IMA also took out a protest rally from Medical College hospital to Rajbhawan.

Doctors were stopped at Ambedkar Chowk. Later



they handed over a memorandum to state Governor and District Collector, which was addressed to

Prime Minister urging him to bring a strong law for protection of doctors while on duty.

Healthcare facilities in Raipur were affected as doctors at the critically important AIIMS and Medical College Hospitals joined the agitation for a day on Monday.

Several doctors in Raipur decided to boycott work for 24 hours from Monday 6 a.m. to 6 a.m. Tuesday to express solidarity with their colleagues in Kolkata who were allegedly attacked by a 200-strong mob on last Monday night. A junior doctor was left with a fractured skull in the attack at the NRS Medical College and Hospital.



Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel is seen interacting with villagers of Amora in Navagarh block of Janjgir-Champa district during a 'Choupal' on Monday. There he announced several schemes such as setting up a Primary Health Centre, paddy procurement centre, linking road from village Amora to Mudhpar and pond beautification.

# Govt ready to support players: Baghel

STAFF REPORTER ■ BILASPUR

Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel called upon the players of the state to excel in sports, assuring that government would stand by them and provide all facilities.

There is no dearth of talents and the state has produced international-level hockey players. Government intends to take hockey to villages so that they can be moulded for national-international level competitions.

Chief Minister was addressing the public dedication ceremony of astro-turf stadium at Bahatarai, the first in Bilaspur district, spread over 49 acres and constructed at Rs 4 crores.

It is the fourth astro-turf stadium of the state. He announced to name the stadium after former minister and hockey player late B. R. Yadav. CM also announced installing flood-lights and spectators' gallery in the stadium.

He further said around 55 sports trainers have been appointed in 5 revenue divisions.



As per new specifications sports grounds will be prepared in each district. He also inaugurated the 9th Hockey India National Sub-junior Men Competition by hitting a goal. He recalled his days at Durg where he sometimes used to play hockey. Around 22 state teams are participating in the event.

# Santosh Pandey made chief of BJP membership drive

STAFF REPORTER ■ RAIPUR

Rajinadgaon Member of Parliament Santosh Pandey has been made the Bharatiya Janata Party's chief of membership drive in Chhattisgarh.

He will be assisted by Kiran Dev as co-chief.

Both the leaders have been called to New Delhi on Monday to participate in the party central meeting on the drive.

Meanwhile, BJP spokesperson Sanjay Shrivastava said that BJP will organise membership drive from July 6, the birthday of Shyama Prasad Mukherjee in the state. It will be followed by the organisational election of the party.



The programmes will be conducted based on the dates provided by party central leadership. The event will be held for one month and the membership drive will be conducted through

missed call and also through slips. The target is to increase the membership by 20% more than the previous drive.

Discussion was held during the working committee meeting of the state held on Sunday on different aspects of the membership drive.

Shrivastava said the party members also held talk on holding a protest against the power failures in the state but the date has not yet been finalised. The BJP has been vocal against regular power cuts in the state and also the recent incident of filing of sedition case and then withdrawal of it against those speaking on the power failure on social media.

# BJP's charges outpouring of its disappointment over poll defeat: Cong

RAIPUR: Terming the charges made against Bhupesh Baghel government baseless, state general secretary and chairman communication wing of the Congress Shalish Nitin Trivedi had said that the resolution passed in the BJP executive body meeting on Sunday reflected the party's disappointment over the 'shameful defeat in the recently concluded assembly polls.'

"With the baseless allegation on the state government, the BJP has accepted that they are disappointed," Trivedi said.

It was the BJP regime when the excise revenue from liquor was increased from Rs 375 crore to Rs 5500 crore and the liquor touts were powerful then, he said.

Regarding charges of political vendetta, Trivedi said whether it was probe into PDS scam or may it be Antagarh Tapes issue all were registered when the BJP was in power. Only the probe was geared up by the Baghel government, he added.

# BJP instigating me against govt: Mangilal Agrawal

STAFF REPORTER ■ RAIPUR

Mangilal Agrawal, against whom a 'sedition' charge was pressed on complaint from the State Power Company and subsequently revoked after Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel's intervention, created a political storm by claiming that a few BJP leaders were trying to persuade him to file a defamation suit against the state government and the power company.

The BJP, however, was quick to refute the charge and alleged that Mangilal's claim was "Congress sponsored."

Agrawal in a letter addressed to Chief Minister

Bhupesh Baghel thanked him for saving him from going to jail.

"After I was out on bail, a few district level BJP leaders approached me for filing a defamation lawsuit against the state government and the power company. However, I do not have any such mentality and a few people who are approaching me for their political gains, I would like to tell them that the Chief Minister is looking into my case and I completely trust him," Mangilal said in the letter.

The BJP reacting on the letter said that the people were well aware of the 'sup-

pressive politics' played by Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel in Chhattisgarh.

The saffron party claimed that it was due to BJP's charge that the Chief Minister had to order withdrawal of sedition charge.

The Congress party engineered the letter, the BJP claimed in a press statement.

"The public awareness campaign that the BJP has launched against power cut and other wrong policies of the state government might have forced the Congress leaders to put pressure on the victim in a bid to improve the image of their Chief Minister," a BJP spokesperson said.

# Positive response from biz community of Germany, Netherlands. HP CM

PNS ■ SHIMLA

After returning from his foreign trip to two investments in the state, Himachal chief minister Jai Ram Thakur on Monday said the state government got a positive response from the entrepreneurs and business community of Germany and Netherlands and they showed keen interest to invest in the state in sectors such as agriculture, Horticulture, food and fruit processing, tourism and hydel etc.

Talking to reporters after his arrival from his foreign visit where he participated in the Road Shows organized in Germany and Netherlands, the Chief Minister said that entrepreneurs in both the

countries envisaged keen interest to investment in the State.

He said that he also invited the industry captains of other the Nations to be a part of the Global Investors Meet being held at Dharamshala.

Thakur said that the globally renowned Wageningen University Netherlands showed keen interest to cooperate in post harvest research and agro-food robotics in the State.

He said that the university is already engaged in some projects in Himachal Pradesh particularly in the area of controlled atmosphere (CA) stores.

He expressed confidence that the Road shows held by the State Government in both the countries

Innovation Zentrum (FIZ) at Frankfurt, Germany to explore areas of collaboration in the fields of Ayurgenomics, precision medicine and precision agriculture. He said that MoU was also signed with ASSOCHAM EUROPE in Netherlands to strengthen and expand in the area of agriculture, horticulture, logistic and infrastructure.

Thakur said that before proceeding on foreign visit he also called on the Prime Minister Narendra Modi and invited him for the Global Investors meet slated for 7th and 8th November, this year at Dharamshala.

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would go a long way in attracting investments for the State.

He said the State Government also signed MoU with Chief Minister of Punjab to develop golf resort in Kangra district and another MoU with Takshinda Foundation for establishing an international Skill University in the State.

Earlier, on his arrival at Annapurna, Chief Minister was accorded warm welcome by Health Minister Vipin Singh Parmar, State BJP President Satpal Satti, Chief Whip Narendra Bagria, Mayor MC Shimla Kusum Sedrate, Chairman HIMFED and other officials of Shimla Municipal Corporation and others.

## Thousands converge in Prashar Lake in Himachal

KISHORI LAL ■ MANDI

Thousands of devotees converged on the 9000-foot high valley of Prashar falling in Mandi district to commemorate the meditation of Sage Prashar who is believed to have meditated in this very region, according to local legends and local customs and beliefs.

In the two-day fair, devotees come from the adjoining six districts along with gods and goddesses with hill music instruments and enjoy glimpses of flower valleys and sprawling grazing lands.

Three fairs are held in Prashar round the year. Located on the lap of the grand Himalayas amidst lush green forests, Prashar valleys and pastures where herds of animals from the plains of Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan come with their cattle and spend three months and breathe the cool healthy air of the green hills.

Legend has it that the high altitude lake was built by the Pandavas during their 14-year exile on their way back after the Mahabharata



War accompanied by Bara Dev Kamru Nag.

The entire valley since then is known to be the valley of Kamru Nag, revered by the people.

Prashar lake is also known for another wonder of its floating islands. The Bara Dev Kamru Nag was so much enchanted by the captivating valley that made Prashar Valley his permanent abode. On the premises, there exists a wooden temple in pagoda style.

Raja Ajber Sen of Mandi

## BEATING OF SIKH AUTO DRIVER, HIS SON IN DELHI

# All Punjab parties seek action against guilty

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

A day after a Sikh auto driver and his son were brutally thrashed by Delhi Police personnel after their vehicle allegedly bumped into the police van in New Delhi's Mayapuri area, the issue was heard loud and clear some 250 kms away by all major political players in Punjab, cutting across party lines demanding strict action in the matter.

Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on Monday sought the Union Home Minister Amit Shah to take strict action against the police personnel responsible for brutal attack by dismissing them from service and registering an attempt to murder case against them.

Delhi police personnel behaved like animals yesterday by brutalizing an old Sikh man and his son in front of the Mukherjee Nagar police station. The old man was beaten up and dragged on the

streets despite pleas of his son to defuse the situation. Later the son was also attacked and beaten up mercilessly," he said.

Urging the Home Minister to award exemplary punishment to the cops involved in this dastardly act, Sukhbir said that this was necessary to send the right message to society that atrocities by men in uniform would not be tolerated under any circumstances.

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## Gita Jayanti at London from August 9

MONIKA MALIK ■ CHANDIGARH

With no sign of end to the prevailing hostility between Punjab and the Government, Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh and his Cabinet Minister Navjot Singh Sidhu, the Congress high command is considering the options of giving a "bigger role" to the former cricketer.

Sidhu, the four-time MP and currently the Minister in Punjab, was the Congress' star campaigner during the recently-concluded Lok Sabha elections, and a leader which the party could not afford to lose in any way, especially at this point of time.

But on the other side is the party's veteran Capt Amarinder, who has defied the Modi tsunami across the country to secure eight, out of the 13 seats, in Punjab. Capt Amarinder, who defeated the BJP stalwart Arun Jaitley in his first ever electoral hustings in 2014 general elections despite nationwide Modi wave, is enjoying two-third majority in the State.

What exactly the Congress means by "bigger" is yet to be ascertained, but it has been learnt that the party is juggling between three options. First, to appoint him as the state Congress chief as the incumbent Sunil Jakhar has already submitted his resignation after he failed to

## SOURABH CHOWDHURY ■ KURUKSHETRA

Kurukshetra Development Board (KDB) and GIEO GITA (Global Inspiration and Enlightenment Organisation of Gita) would jointly organise the Gita Jayanti Samaroh at London in UK from August 9 to 11 in its effort to propagate the teachings of holy Bhagwad Gita at the International level.

This was stated by Swami Gyan Nand Maharaj, head of the GIEO GITA organisation while presiding over a meeting of advisory committee to chalk out the plan for the Gita Jayanti to be celebrated at Kurukshetra from November 22 to December 10.

Besides representatives of various religious and social organisations of the area, the Member of Parliament, Nayab Singh, MLC Kurukshetra, SS Phulla, Honorary Secretary of KDB, Madan Mohan Chhabra and members of KDB attended the meeting here.

Gyana Nand said that with the help of Haryana Government, we are trying to restore the sanctity of many religious places in the 48 'Kos' area of holy Kurukshetra.

He said that it was in this regard that Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal had personally visited 41 important religious places that are under the care of the volunteers and nobody is cheated. He suggested the participation of village Sarpanches and Panches in the functions and to hold International 'Dangal' to attract youths in the celebrations.

Saints said that big hoardings about Kurukshetra should be erected throughout National Highway-44 (GT Road) to attract pilgrims here.

## Sidhu could get bigger role in Congress

MONIKA MALIK ■ CHANDIGARH

Secure his seat and lost to greenhorn Sunny Deol in Gurdaspur.

Secondly, there are talks of appointing Sidhu as the deputy to Capt Amarinder, which seems unlikely as the party high command could not afford to challenge Capt Amarinder's authority by appointing a Deputy Chief Minister — a post which he had refused to retain in the first place.

After the Congress swept the Punjab assembly polls in 2017, speculations were rife that the party would appoint Sidhu as Deputy Chief Minister to Capt Amarinder. But, Capt Amarinder had reportedly refused to have a post of Deputy Chief Minister in his Cabinet.

Another alternative that the party high command is considering is to appoint Sidhu as one of the four vice-presidents in case the party decides to replace party president Rahul Gandhi, who is adamant to step down from the coveted post, with four in-charges by grouping the country into four segments.

In case it happens, the party is considering Sidhu's name for the northern region. In the recently-concluded elections, Sidhu had addressed several rallies in the northern states, except his home state Punjab, and received tremendous response.

However, a senior Congress leader, while talking

## SAD to approach Home ministry for action against MP CM Kamal Nath

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) would approach the Union Home Ministry to demand action against senior Congress leader and Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Kamal Nath for allegedly leading a mob which attacked Sikhs during the 1984 genocide committed against the Sikh community.

Announcing this, the SAD president Sukhbir Badal on Monday said that a delegation of Delhi Sikh Gurdwara Management Committee (DSGMC) led by its president Manjinder Singh Sirsa would call on the Home Secretary Rajiv Gauba on Tuesday and hand over a memorandum in this regard to him.

"SAD will urge the Home Ministry to direct the SIT to register the statements of noted journalist Sanjay Suri and Muktesh Singh, who are prime witnesses against Kamal Nath," he said.

Sukhbir said that other pending issues would also be taken up for resolution. "We also stand for formation of a special court for day-to-day trial of all cases of 1984 genocide in Delhi so that justice is delivered in a time bound manner. A request for appointment of the President of Sri Hazar Sahib, Nanded,

## IPS trainee officers meet Haryana Governor

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

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Iran: Will break uranium stockpile limit in 10 days

AP ■ TEHRAN
Iran will break the uranium stockpile limit set by Tehran's nuclear deal with world powers in the next 10 days, the spokesman for the country's atomic agency said on Monday while also warning that Iran could enrich uranium up to 20 per cent — just a step away from weapons-grade levels.

The announcement by Behrouz Kamalvandi, timed for the EU nuclear ministers in Brussels, puts more pressure on Europe to come up with new terms for Iran's 2015 nuclear deal. The deal has steadily unraveled since the Trump administration pulled America out of the accord last year and re-imposed tough economic sanctions on Iran, deeply cutting into its sale of crude oil abroad and sending its economy into freefall. Europe has so far been unable to force Iran to accept the US sanctions. The development comes in the wake of apparent attacks on oil tankers last week in the Mideast, assaults that Washington has blamed on Iran. While Iran has denied being involved, it has used mines in the past against commercial traffic around the crucial Strait of Hormuz, through which a fifth of the world's crude oil passes. Kamalvandi accused Europeans of "blowing time" as the clock runs down.

"If this condition continues, there will be no deal" anymore, Kamalvandi said. President Hassan Rouhani, greeting France's new ambassador to Tehran on Monday, similarly warned that time was running out for the deal. "The current situation is very critical and France and the other parties to the (deal) still have a very limited opportunity to play their historic role saving the deal," Rouhani said, according to his website. Under terms of the nuclear deal, Iran can keep a stockpile of no more than 300 kilograms of low-enriched uranium.

Kamalvandi said that given Iran's recent decision to quadruple its production of low-enriched uranium, it would pass the 300-kilogram limit on Thursday, July 27. The United Nations nuclear watchdog, the International Atomic Energy Agency, said last month that Iran still remained within its stockpile limits. The Vienna-based agency declined to comment Monday on Iran's announcement. Kamalvandi said Iran needs 5 per cent enrichment for its nuclear power plant in southern Iranian port of Bushehr and it also needs 20 per cent enrichment for a Tehran research reactor. The nuclear deal had limited Iran to enriching uranium only to 3.67 per cent, which is enough for power plants and peaceful purposes. After America's pullout and escalated sanctions, Tehran set a July 7 deadline for Europe to come up with better terms for the deal, or it would take additional steps away from the accord, likely meaning it would boost enrichment further. Kamalvandi enforced that stance, saying that Tehran will increase uranium enrichment levels "based on the country's needs." Enriching a supply of uranium means boosting its concentration of the type of uranium that can power a nuclear reactor. That type, or isotope, is called U-235. Enrichment basically means stripping away atoms of another isotope called U-238. Boosting its purity to 20 per cent means removing 22 more unwanted isotopes per atom of U-235, while going from there to 90 per cent purification means stripping away another 70 per cent of U-235. Ninety percent is considered weapons-grade material. That means going from 20 per cent to 90 per cent is a relatively quicker process, something that worries nuclear nonproliferation experts. Iran maintains its nuclear program is for peaceful purposes. Iran reached its nuclear deal with world powers in 2015, agreeing to limit its enrichment of uranium in exchange for lifting of economic sanctions.

Pak blogger, journalist known for criticising army, ISI hacked to death

PTI ■ ISLAMABAD
A 22-year-old Pakistani blogger and journalist known for criticising the country's powerful military and the spy agency ISI was hacked to death by an unidentified men here, police said on Monday. Muhammad Bilal Khan, having over 16,000 followers on Twitter, 48,000 on his YouTube channel and 22,000 on Facebook, was with his uncle Ehtesham, when he received a phone call after which a man took him to the nearby forest on Sunday night, Dawn news quoted police as saying. Superintendent of Police Sadder Malik Naem said Khan was attacked in the G-9/4 area of Islamabad and was shifted to a hospital where he succumbed to his injuries. His uncle was severely injured and has been hospitalised, he said. The suspect used a dagger to kill him, Naem said, adding that some people heard gunshot firing as well. Apart from being a social media activist, Khan was also a freelance journalist. He hailed from Gilgit-Baltistan and was a Shariah graduate from the International Islamic University of Islamabad (IIU), according to Express News. Soon after his killing, #Justice4MuhammadBilalKhan started trending on social media. Several Twitter users said that his criticism of the Pakistan Army and the Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) led to his killing. "Pakistani activist and journalist Muhammad Bilal Khan was shot dead last night in Islamabad. Khan was known for his criticism of the all-powerful military and the spy agency," a man said in a tweet. The deceased's father ChandraSekhar Sunkara, 41, their 15-year-old and a 10-year-old sons were found in their home in the US state of Iowa, authorities said Monday. The bodies of ChandraSekhar Sunkara, Lavanya Sunkara, 41, their 15-year-old and a 10-year-old sons were found in their home on Saturday morning. Autopsies were pending to determine the official causes of death, but police said all had gunshot wounds, West Des Moines police said in a statement. ChandraSekhar was known as Chandra. The Iowa Department of Public Safety (DPS) confirmed that he was an IT professional employee in the Technology Services Bureau for the department. "Our hearts and prayers go out to the family and friends of the Sunkaras," the DPS said in a statement. Officers with the West Des Moines Police Department were sent at around 10 am on Saturday to the home of the 65th Street, where they found the bodies. The police said they all died of apparent gunshot wounds but an autopsy has been scheduled to determine the exact cause of death.

4-member India-born family found dead with gunshot wounds in US

PTI ■ WASHINGTON
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Activist Joshua Wong walks free, calls on leader to resign

AFP ■ HONG KONG
Hong Kong democracy activist Joshua Wong called on the city's pro-Beijing leader Carrie Lam to resign after he walked free from prison on Monday, as historic anti-government protests roared in the city. "She is no longer qualified to be Hong Kong's leader," Wong told reporters. "She must take the blame and resign, be held accountable and step down." Wong was sent to prison in May after he lost an attempt to quash a jail sentence over the huge democracy protests he helped lead in 2014. His release comes as Hong Kong is rocked by historic anti-government protests. The protests initially sparked by mass public opposition to a plan to allow extraditions to China. But the movement has since morphed into the latest expression of public rage against both the city's leaders and Beijing. Speaking to the media outside Lai Chi Kok Correctional Institute, 22-year-old Wong called on protesters to continue their protests and civil disobedience campaign. "We demand Carrie Lam to step down, completely withdraw the extradition law, and retract the 'riot' label," he said, referring to Lam's previous term to describe protesters earlier in the week. He also condemned authorities for firing tear gas and rubber bullets during violent clashes between protesters and police on Wednesday.

Hong Kong police clear streets as protesters move to park

AP ■ HONG KONG
Protesters in Hong Kong left the streets, averting possible clashes Monday after haggling for hours with police by moving to areas near the city's government headquarters. The demonstrators who stayed after a massive protest march the day before, demanding that Chief Executive Carrie Lam scrap a proposed extradition bill, were seen streaming Monday morning into a space outside Hong Kong's Legislative Council after police who had cleared it reopened the area. Their decision to move allowed police to reopen streets to traffic. The activists have rejected an apology from Lam for her handling of the legislation, which has stoked fears of expanding control from Beijing in this former British colony. "We are very angry that Carrie Lam has not responded to the demands of all the protesters, but now is the time to talk about strategy, and talk about strategy is to how about how to make the long-term struggle into a long-term struggle and not a day struggle, so if Carrie Lam does not respond to the five demands by the protesters, people will come back and the struggle will continue," said Lee Cheuk-yun, a former legislator and a top protest march leader. Shortly after daybreak, the police had asked for cooperation in clearing the road but said the protesters could stay on the sidewalks. For a time, the protesters, many in masks and other gear, to guard against possible use of tear gas, responded with chants, some kneeling in front of the officers. Hundreds were lying or sitting on the roads until they were asked to move to the plaza and the government building and a spacious nearby park. Activists had called on Hong Kong residents to boycott classes and work, though it was unclear how many might heed that call. Nearly 2 million of the city's 7 million people turned out on Sunday, according to estimates by protest organizers. Police said 338,000 were counted on the designated protest route in the "peak period" of the march, weeks earlier as many as 1 million people demonstrated to voice their concern over Hong Kong's relations with mainland China in one of the toughest tests of the territory's special status since Beijing took over control in a 1997 handover. The scenes were similar to those seen nearly five years earlier, when protesters camped for weeks in the streets to protest rules that prevented the direct election of the city's chief executive, the top local official.

TENDER NOTICE FOR PROCUREMENT OF MAIN AND SPECIAL LUBRICANTS AND GREASES ITEMS FOR CONSUMPTION YEAR 2019-20

1. Tenders are invited by IHQ of MoD (Army), Quartermaster General's Branch, Directorate General of Supplies and Transport, New Delhi-110105 for and on behalf of the President of India for procurement of MGEO 15W40 API CH-4 combined with MB 228.3 (approx qty 43,050 ltrs), Gear Lubricants Multipurpose 85W140 EP Type GL-5 (approx qty 71,400 ltrs) and Anti Wear Hydraulic Oil HLP VG-32 (Extra Heavy Duty Type) (approx qty 2,00,340 ltrs) for the consumption year 2019-2020 from Indian Manufacturer only. The vendors can search for the tender enquiry on the Defence Procurement Portal in the following way: www.defproc.gov.in Open Home Page Click on "Tender Search" Type "Army Hygiene Chemicals" (lighting of home page) 2. In case of any clarification the officials can be contacted at phone No 011-23018963 & 011-23018992 and e-mail ID dgdgftt-hq@nic.in. These Tenders will be available at www.defproc.gov.in with effect from 03:00 PM on 17 Jun 2019. Sd/ (MK Jha) Lieutenant Colonel Assistant Quarter Master General (POL) for Director General Supplies & Transport File No : P/7202/2019-20/Q/ST/9/Sl Lubs/Adv/ST/9 dated 14 Jun 2019. Davp/10602/11/0016/1920

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The Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer, Const. Northern Railway, 4 Floor, DDM Office, New Delhi-110001 invites tender under Single Packet System for the under network work: Design, Supply, erection, testing & commissioning of 25 kV AC single phase OHE for the Electrification work of Belkara work of development of additional train handling facilities at INZM. 2. Completion period of the work 9 Months. 3. Approx. Cost of work Rs. 2,23,07,975.54/- 4. Earned Money amount (to be deposited/Drawn) Rs. 2,61,600/- 5. Date & Time for submission of tender and opening of tender 10.07.2019 on IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in and the tenders will be opened at 11.30 hrs on 10.07.2019. The detailed tender notice is available on Northern Railway web site i.e. www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in and tender document is available on www.ireps.gov.in above tender document will be available for submission of offer on IREPS web site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in from 26.06.2019 to 04.07.2019. All other terms and conditions in respect of above tenders are given in tender document. The detailed tender notice also can be seen on the Notice Board at the above office. No. 306 D/C/EE/ENL/ST/2019-20 Dated: 17.06.2019 19162019

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Papua New Guinea set to end Oz supply contract PORT

AFP ■ MORESBY
Papua New Guinea will not renew a contract with an Australian company providing security at Pacific refugee camps, a senior minister has told AFP, in another setback for the deeply controversial policy. Singapore-registered Paladin Holdings provides security and other services at three "transition centres" for refugees being held on Papua New Guinea's remote Manus Island after trying to get to Australia. Canberra has turned back thousands of refugees arriving by sea, instead putting them in offshore camps where mental illness and suicide attempts are rife. The policy has cost Australia billions of dollars and earned it international opprobrium, but remains a vote winner at home. Yet the new government in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea's capital, plans to "terminate" the Paladin contract with effect from 1 July. "We will launch a "transition tender process" that focuses on local firms' participation. Thomas said his Government had notified Australia's home affairs department that it will launch a "transition tender process" that focuses on local firms' participation. His visit coincides with the 70th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic ties between the two nations. Xi's visit, the first by a Chinese leader in 14 years to an internationally isolated country

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Prez Xi to make maiden visit to N Korea ahead of his meeting with Trump

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30 killed in triple suicide bombing in NE Nigeria

AFP ■ KANO
Thirty people were killed Tuesday in a triple suicide bombing in northern Nigeria, emergency services reported, in an attack bearing the hallmarks of the Boko Haram jihadist group. Three bombers detonated their explosives outside a hall in Kano, 38 kilometres (24 miles) from the Borno state capital Maiduguri, where football fans were watching a match on TV. "The death toll from the attack has so far increased to 30. We have over 40 people injured," Usman Kachalla, head of operations at the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA), said on Monday. An earlier toll from the blast, the bloodiest in months, had stood at 17 wounded. The attack happened around 9:00 pm (1800 GMT), Ali Hassan, the leader of a self-defence group in the town, said. The owner of hall premises involved in the bombing from entering the packed venue. "There was a heated argument between the operator and the bomber who blew himself up," Hassan said by phone. Two other bombers who had mingled among the crowd at a tea stall nearby also detonated their suicide vests. Hassan said most of the victims were from outside the soccer viewing centre. "Nine people died on the spot, including the operator, and 48 were injured," Hassan said. Kachalla said the high number of fatalities was because emergency responders had been unable to reach the site of the blast quickly.

'Explosion' near China-N Korea border causes small quake

AFP ■ BEIJING
A "suspected explosion" near the China-North Korea border caused a small earthquake on Monday, Chinese seismology authorities said, less than an hour after news broke under Mount Mantap. Xi Jinping's upcoming trip to Pyongyang. According to the China Earthquake Networks Center, the 1.3-magnitude earthquake with a zero-metre depth occurred at 19:33 pm (13:38 GMT) in Hunchun city in northeastern Jilin province. It was unclear what caused the explosion. In the past, nuclear tests by Pyongyang have caused tremors around the northern border. China shares with North Korea. But the latest incident occurred more than 200 kilometres (125 miles) from Punggye-ri, the North's nuclear test site. Analysts played down the tremor, saying it may have been caused by a number of factors. "Don't be alarmed just yet folks," tweeted Vipin Narang, a security studies professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. "Mining explosions for example can cause small tremors." An official at South Korea's meteorological administration said there was "nothing in particular that can be detected through the seismic waves," according to the country's Yonhap news agency. In September 2017, a test conducted at North Korea's nuclear site at Punggye-ri triggered a 6.3-magnitude earthquake that was felt across China's northern border. Chinese seismologists later concluded that Punggye-ri's main nuclear test site had partially collapsed, rendering it unusable, following the massive bomb blast - which the North claimed was a hydrogen bomb test. Experts later cast doubt on that claim, with Jeffrey Lewis of the Middlebury Institute of Strategic Studies commenting that there was "no evidence" that it was unusable. In January 2016, Chinese border residents in northern Jilin province were evacuated from buildings after feeling tremors from a North Korean nuclear test.



reeling under US sanctions for pursuing nuclear weapons programme, comes ahead of his proposed meeting with US President Donald Trump on the sidelines of G-20 summit scheduled to be held on June 28-29 in Tokyo. The last state visit made by a Chinese president to North Korea was in 2005 by then Chinese president Hu Jintao at the invitation of the former North Korean leader Kim Jong-il, Kim, who had two summit meetings with Trump, is under immense pressure from the US

president to give up the nuclear programme. Their summit at Hanoi, Vietnam in February 2017, ended in a stalemate. Under pressure to agree to lift crippling UN sanctions. Kim, who shares close ties with President Xi, has travelled to China ahead of his proposed meetings with Trump, prompting the US president to jump to allege that the Chinese President was negatively influencing the North Korean leader from clinching a deal to give up the nuclear programme. The North Korean leader has visited China four times in recent years. Commenting on Xi's visit, Chinese strategic experts said that making such a significant visit before the G20 summit shows that China is trying to further highlight its unique influence to push forward the peace process on the Korean Peninsula nuclear issue.

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PAPER WITH PASSION

## Not worth the hype

While India should be grateful that it played Pak despite the weather, its two points in World Cup were never in doubt



Freshly minted member of the Lok Sabha and a hero of India's 2011 World Cup run, Gautam Gambhir mentioned in a post-match television show that Pakistan is not the cricket team it once was and the essence of the India-Pakistan rivalry in cricket is not quite the same anymore. Looking at the evidence of the recent past, with the exception of the Champions Trophy finals loss to Pakistan, India has become so much better as a cricket team that it has left its neighbour way behind. A whole generation of Indians grew up traumatised by Javed Miandad's last-ball six of Chetan Sharma in Sharjah. The names of Pakistan's greats were on our tongues and beating powerful teams in that era was an achievement. We all celebrated when a teenager Sachin Tendulkar emerged on the scene, smashing four sixes of Abdul Qadir, announcing himself to the world. The 1992 World Cup win over Pakistan, where the antics between Kiran More and Miandad cannot be forgotten by those who witnessed it, India's legendary victory in Bengaluru in 1996 and the 2011 win at Mohali are matches whose memory will live long. Sunday's match at Old Trafford, Manchester, though will not join that pantheon of amazing World Cup matches between the two nations, it will just be India's seventh straight victory at the global tournament.

Of course, the Pakistani establishment's antipathy towards India and support to terrorists have led to a suspension of India-Pakistan sporting ties. So any current contest between these two nation states, forged in the violence of the Partition of pre-independence India, tends to be hyped up. That is also in small part due to the rise of political forces who have made nationalism their main plank in both nations. Yet, despite the serendipitous rise of India as a cricketing powerhouse over the past decade, there was in many Indian fans a feeling of regret at the decline of Pakistan. Yes, our errant neighbour played and won a great match against pre-tournament favourites England but the World Cup hosts contributed immensely to their own decline in that match. There is no doubt that Pakistani cricket has suffered immensely from the effective global boycott of tours in their nation, with most tours being played in the United Arab Emirates. The Pakistan Super League is but a poor imitation of the Indian Premier League (IPL) and with a fraction of the monetary riches. The IPL, despite its detractors, has played a critical role in identifying and grooming domestic talent in India, gradually building a second line of talent. Players like Hardik Pandya and Ravindra Jadeja are gems formed in that competitive and literally hot cauldron. This should be evidence to the powers that be in Pakistan that their isolation is not just leading to a declining economy but also impacting their sporting prowess. Once upon a time, the world trembled at the Wasim Akram and Waqar Younis duo, the elegance of Saeed Anwar and lackadaisical charm of Inzamam-ul-Haq. Now no Pakistani player is mentioned in the same breath as most members of the Indian playing XI, with the exception of Mohammad Amir, an exceptional fast bowler but also a convicted match-fixer. Pakistan should pursue for peace and disman- tle its terror network not just for economic reasons but to revive its moribund cricket scene. And even if Imran Khan does not understand the economy, he, more than anyone else, should be able to see the decline in Pakistani cricket.

## Another tiger crisis

The odd killing of elephants by tigers at Corbett is not just aberrant behaviour, it is about survival



Tigers tend to get maligned every time they display aberrant behaviour and become the subject of alarmist headlines that make them a feared monstrosity rather than the endangered species that they could become. Yet the fact of the matter is we need to study the conditions and reasons for their uncharacteristic behaviour and mutations and factor them in future wildlife conservation policies. The latest Government study, done with the Corbett National Park authorities, which has found that park tigers have killed and eaten

elephants, at first sounds incredible and unbelievable. Considering the different physical dimensions of both creatures and the fact that elephants move in herds, a tiger's kill potential indeed seems microscopic. But it is not impossible, considering the tiger is remarkably agile, adaptive, has penetrative canines and claws and is extremely intelligent, isolating stray members of any pack animal before the hunt. Elephant calves can become its prime target, even borne out by the study which says that carcasses of the young were the maximum among the 60 per cent deaths because of tiger attacks. Besides, the big cat attacks the trunk, the major food conduit of the elephant which usually dies on its own subsequently, unable to eat and nourish itself back to health. Also, as the Sundarbans tiger has shown, the big cat can alter hunting behaviour according to its location. For example, African leopards have taken down the largest antelopes as elands, greater kudus and wildebeests, though they are more than five times heavier than their own size. Lions, too, there have taken down elephant calves. Which is why the study is worrying wildlife experts as tigers usually don't eat elephants and this could be the beginning of a new intra-wild species conflict.

Not that the alerts haven't been there. Instances of tigers charging at elephants have been fairly videographed in Corbett. We also seem to have not learnt our lessons despite isolated cases setting down into a patterned behaviour. In 2017, six elephants died in Kerala's Wayanad wildlife sanctuary in tiger attacks, triggered as they were by bitter turf wars over scarce water in a drought year. Tigers are already bearing the brunt of over-population, reduced roaming territories and prey base, broken habitats and migration corridors as well as human encroachment. All this is challenging their primal instincts and forcing them into evolving survival tactics given the context they find themselves in. So cattle-lifting and man-eating are not just about an old territorial tiger anymore but regulars who are getting accustomed to easy prey options. Even Corbett in-charge Sanjiv Chaturvedi admitted that tigers "need comparatively less amount of efforts and energy in killing an elephant as against that needed in hunt of sambar and cheetal. It is large quantum of food for them too." He said the national park has a unique ecosystem with more elephants than tigers, 1,100 against 225, unlike other national parks like Ranthambore, Kanha and Bandhavgarh. Does this mean that Corbett tigers are working out their own kill choices depending on easy availability of a stray calf or a sick pachyderm? That they are feeding on elephants, which were killed in herd infighting, also proves that they are changing the rules of hunt and game. Does it mean they are prioritising easy availability as evidenced in tiger attacks on elephants in Kaziranga too? If this is an emergent crisis, then we need to develop strategies to save both species. Buried in the report is also the fact that most tiger deaths are because of infighting over mating and territorial rights. Has the tiger then been literally pushed into a corner?

# The Left crisis in India

The declining fortunes of the two communist parties, CPI and CPI(M), which started from West Bengal, have been a body blow to the communist movement



A SURYA PRAKASH

Friedrich Engels had said that one of the principal outcomes of the proletarian revolution would be the withering away of the State. In India, post-2019, the State has emerged stronger than ever before and it is the communist parties which are actually withering away. While much of the focus after the recent Lok Sabha election has been on the disastrous performance of the Congress, the real big story is the declining fortunes of the two communist parties in India. The Left parties had a decent presence in several States in the early decades after independence. The undivided Communist Party of India (CPI) won 16 seats in the first Lok Sabha election in 1951-52. It rose to 29 seats in 1962 and got around nine per cent of the votes polled. After party split, the CPI and the Communist Party of India (Marxist) CPI(M) bagged 42 seats in 1967 but their vote share hovered around nine per cent. This trend continued for three decades. The two parties put up their best performance in 2004 when they together secured 53 seats in the Lok Sabha, although their vote share had dropped to around seven per cent. Thereafter, their fortunes crashed. In 2014, the two parties could win just 10 seats and their national vote share dropped to just four per cent. This time around, they are well below the danger mark having secured just five seats and about two per cent of the national vote.

The decline of the two communist parties and their fellow travellers in the Left Front can be traced to the loss of popularity in their strongholds in West Bengal and Tripura and their fluctuating fortunes in Kerala. The Left's fall is most noticeable in West Bengal where its vote share has crashed from 50.70 per cent and 32 seats in 2004 to 6.28 per cent and zero seats in 2019. While most political parties around the world, including communist parties, reinvent themselves to stay afloat and win popular support, the CPI and the CPI(M) have stubbornly stuck to the theories and slogans that defined them decades ago. Their ideas about the working class and organised labour and about the capitalist-proletariat binary remain unchanged, even though the world has moved on.

This writer found examples of this during the Lok Sabha poll in West Bengal, where during the road shows, CPI(M) cadres kept chanting "Inquilab Zindabad" while waving their red hammer and sickle flags. Which revolution were they talking about in this day and age when the market economy rules the roost? The best example of how these two parties are completely out of sync with today's reality is their refusal to acknowledge the advantages accruing to the poorest of the poor through many innovative schemes like the Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana, the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana and the direct benefit transfer scheme. Mudra is an innovative programme launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi



to kindle the entrepreneurial spirit among poorer sections of society and to bring about a dramatic shift in their social and economic conditions.

Under the scheme, the Government provides loans to individuals from poorer sections of society to establish their own businesses and pursue entrepreneurship. The idea is to "fund the unfunded." They get loans ranging from ₹50,000 to ₹10 lakh. These small entrepreneurs and businessmen in turn employ five to 10 people to run their enterprise — be it a small eatery, a bakery, a garment or leather-goods-making micro unit or a tea stall. These Mudra beneficiaries can be found all over the country and the programme has the potential to bring about noticeable change in the living conditions of the underprivileged classes. This writer met many beneficiaries during travels in several States recently. Available data on the Mudra scheme is indeed heartening. Women entrepreneurs are the major beneficiaries of Mudra loans across sectors and constitute 70 per cent of those who have taken advantage of this scheme. Early this year, the Government announced that it had disbursed loans amounting to ₹7.23 lakh crore.

Under the Ujjwala programme, the Government pro-



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vides free cooking gas connection to families below the poverty line. Thus far, over 70 million families have benefited from it. Another such scheme with far-reaching impact is the aim to build homes for the poor and toilets in every home. Though some of these schemes were initiated by previous Governments, their implementation was sluggish in the absence of motivation and commitment. Delivery of these schemes has picked up pace after Modi became the Prime Minister in 2014.

All these schemes are aimed at ensuring the dignity of women and children, improving their living environment and health and offering them incentives to better the quality of lives. One would have thought that programmes of this kind would be hailed by the communists, but that has not happened. The spokespersons of these two parties have been consistently running down the Mudra Yojana and all other schemes meant exclusively to better the lives of the poorer classes, simply because they were launched by Prime Minister Modi and he is the driving force to ensure their completion within the shortest possible time. The election results show that this kind of negativity has not gone down well with the people.

There are many other factors

which have rendered the two communist parties unpopular. The first of these is their approach to secularism. The two parties have moved far away from the Shah Bano days when Somnath Chatterjee, Saifuddin Choudhury and several others took on the Muslim clergy and strongly opposed the Rajiv Gandhi Government's decision to bring in a law to prevent Muslim women from taking benefit of a civil law and a Supreme Court judgment providing maintenance to divorced women. That was in 1986. However, over the last three decades, the Left has become the standard-bearer of the pseudo-secular brigade, become hostile to the Hindu majority in the country and is pretending as if radical Islam is not an issue at all. The most recent example of its contempt for Hindu sentiment is the way it handled the Sabarimala issue and encouraged individuals to deride Hindus, their customs and way of life. Where will they go from here? Will they do what the British Labour Party did some decades ago and change the way they think and work? If they again turn left, it's a dead-end. If they turn right, they will cease to be left! Where are they headed? The Nation wants to know.

(The writer is an author specialising in democracy studies. Views expressed are personal)

## SOUNDBITE

When we come to Parliament, we should forget *paksh* or *vipaksh*. We should think about issues with a *nishpaksh* spirit.

Prime Minister  
—Narendra Modi

I usually get flustered when my wife and I have a fight. It bothers me and I take time to get over it.

Actor  
—Shahid Kapoor

We think it (one nation, one election) is neither possible nor necessary. It's some sort of fancy idea of the BJP.

CPI general secretary  
—Suravaram Sudhakar Reddy

Everybody is suspecting EVM. This is a very serious matter. I think many countries like the US after having used EVM have gone back to manual voting.

Congress leader  
—M Veerappa Moily

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Matter of public health

Sir — This refers to the editorial, "Needed, a healing touch" (June 15). Opposition leaders of different parties, including West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, have always been united on various aspects in agitating government hospitals. It is Government hospitals in Bengal, which affected healthcare services in other parts of the country as well, with doctors standing united with their counterparts in West Bengal.

Leaders of other political parties should have exhibited their loyalty to national and public interest by going to Kolkata to persuade Banerjee to mend her ways and help in ending the strike by Government doctors earlier. She should take strict action against those guilty of beating doctors in Government hospitals. It is praiseworthy that Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan made a humble appeal to Banerjee to ensure an immediate end to the

### Save our children

The deaths of children hit by encephalitis in Bihar are being underplayed by the Government and it is understandable. But the under-reporting of this unprecedented health crisis by the media is puzzling. They have not made front-page news or produced editorials. Nor have they become a topic for "panel discussions" on prime-time television. May be, it is still a "development story." Anyway, they are a sad commentary on the abysmal state of food security and health care systems in the State. It would be a betrayal of humanity to ignore the mostly young deaths, develop a sort of mental resistance to them or accept them as normal state of affairs in our country. The Central Government has a convenient excuse — "the State machinery could not undertake awareness drives because of election-related work. Clearly, the victims were under-nourished infants from impoverished families. These were all avoidable deaths caused by chronic malnutrition and woefully inadequate healthcare. Much was promised under food secu-



city and healthcare but little has been delivered. In a State like Kerala, with high human development indices, mass infant deaths like that in Muzaffarpur do not occur. There is no reason why Bihar cannot take Kerala as a model and improve its public healthcare delivery system. Saving the lives of children is an enormous task in the present social and economic context. Needless to say, it must get priority.

G David Milton  
Maruthancode

strike of doctors in Government hospitals of West Bengal by accepting their genuine demands.

Madhu Agrawal  
New Delhi

### Hong Kong stands up

Sir — The proposed extradition Bill in Hong Kong has become

controversial, creating panic and forcing people from all walks of life to come out on the streets to protest. Nearly two million people have taken part in a mass protest. It is clear that most people in Hong Kong fear this proposed law as it is a matter of historical conflict between China and Hong Kong. The Bill itself was ill-conceived, flawed and open to abuse. Had it got a

### Special status mania

Sir — Former Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu had locked horns with Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the issue of special status to his State. Now new Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Jagannathan Reddy is toying his predecessor's line. Odisha and Bihar, too, are in the queue demanding special status. Special status will ensure that 90 per cent of the Central funds for State projects, routed through the National Development Council under the Planning Commission, will be given as grants. The Special status pitch, if considered by the Centre, will lead to other States demanding the same.

Competitive federalism will be a non-starter if States keep demanding Central largesse. Instead, they must focus on implementing wider reforms and more equitable investment throughout the State.

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**FIRST COLUMN**

**A new route to Central Asia**

For India, the SCO's significance lies in enhancing peace and security and accelerating economic ties in the Eurasian region



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The recently concluded Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit in Beijing has been a key development in strengthening multi-lateral cooperation in the vast Eurasian region. The summit holds importance given the much media hype and speculation surrounding India and Pakistan, unilateral US sanctions against Iran following the former's withdrawal from the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action and the ongoing trade war between China and the US. The summit was set to advance a wide-ranging multi-lateral agenda as agreed under the Bishkek Declaration (May 2019). Discussions around global security, multilateral economic cooperation, people-to-people exchanges and issues of regional importance were key highlights of the meet.

As an important trans-regional grouping, the idea of SCO was envisioned by China in 2001 to address its peripheral concerns and traces back its origin to Shanghai Five (1996). Over the years, the group has evolved itself as a "primary political and security organisation" in the Eurasian region. The SCO has evolved its agenda for cooperation on security, trade and investment, connectivity, energy and culture among partner countries. The "added space", which SCO membership provides, also makes for good show of political statesmanship. For Russia, India and China, the SCO provides an expansive platform for engagement beyond the BRICS framework.

Ever since it got the role of observer status in SCO (2005), India has been keenly displaying its desire "to play larger, wider and more constructive role in the SCO." After becoming a full-time member in 2017, it emphasised its key role to advance its 'Connect Central Asia' diplomacy. Crucially, India had bilateral meetings with Russia and China at the sidelines of the summit. The "wide-ranging discussions" meeting between Prime Minister Modi and Russian President Putin was significant to boost the India-Russia strategic relationship with a focus on next year's summit. Both countries seek to capitalise on concerns about China and it exercising disproportionate influence in Central Asia. The combined trade share of both countries with Central Asian states is far less in comparison to \$100 plus trade between China and Central Asia. India also received invitation to be the 'main guest' at the Eastern Economic Forum, 2019 hosted by Russia. Both nations reiterated wider cooperation in energy sector, Arctic region, transfer of technology and joint projects under 'Make in India' initiative and also aimed to attract Indian manpower in resource-rich far East Russia.

The bilateral meeting between Prime Minister Modi and President Xi noted the gains of strategic communication as agreed upon last year in the context that both have been able to resolve long-pending issues like opening of the Bank of China branch in India and the listing of Masood Azhar as a global terrorist. The warmth of the 'Wuhan Spirit', based on broader understanding, was well evident as both leaders had fruitful delegation level meeting and President Xi accepted the offer of second informal summit in India this year. The inauguration of 'India Kyrgyz Business Forum' was the key development during the summit as both states noted the developments on Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement and the bilateral investment treaty. Almost 15 agreements were signed.

The summit endorsed India's efforts to build global consensus to "fight terrorism" and exposed state sponsors of terror. All member countries came to a consensus on a statement against terrorism, which was reflected in the joint declaration. During its address, Modi emphasised that "terrorism will have to come out of their narrow purview and unite." On other issues of concerns, India pushed for flexible visa norms for SCO countries, stability in Afghanistan for the establishment of regional peace and acceleration of economic ties. The Prime Minister's speech highlighted the importance of "security and peace" as a key concern.

India has always looked upon SCO as a key platform towards fostering "constructive engagement" among partner states. Its main goal is to enhance economic cooperation with Eurasian states and benefit from security frameworks. The geographical and strategic spaces, which SCO covers, remain critical for India's interests. The historic visit of Prime Minister Modi to five central Asian states in July 2015 had called for wider cooperation with the region, which proved how India enjoys "immense goodwill" and "soft power appeal" among Central Asian states. Given the rising US protectionism and constraints in the international economy, India will have to navigate the US-China situation, as noted by Indian Foreign Minister, which also impacts SCO countries. The economic component of SCO still remains at "nascent stage" and the summit did make some forward moves in this direction. It is necessary that SCO remains attached with its consequential economic role for the Eurasian region in a more open, balanced and multi-lateral framework by forging developmental cooperation in areas such as economy, trade, investment, energy, connectivity and capacity development.

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**DOCTORS ARE DOING THEIR BEST TO TREAT THE CHILDREN. A MULTI-DISCIPLINARY INSTITUTE WILL BE SET UP TO IDENTIFY THE REASON BEHIND THE DISEASE.**

—UNION MINISTER HARSH VARDHAN



**THE NUMBER OF DEATHS WOULD HAVE BEEN ZERO IF DOCTORS WERE AVAILABLE IN MORE NUMBERS AND WOULD HAVE WORKED AT A GREATER PACE.**

—MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT, MUZAFFARPUR AJAY NISHAD

**Glimmer of hope**

The draft New Education Policy intends to introduce broad reforms. But for it to be successful, the objectives of teacher preparation must be achieved effectively



J.S. RAJPUT

It was indeed very encouraging that on the very first day of his taking over the charge of the Indian education system, the new Human Resource Development Minister released the much-awaited draft of the New Education Policy (draft NEP-19). In a welcome move, the draft — both in English and Hindi — was promptly put on the "Ministry's website. This is an outcome of nation-wide consultations that extended over three-and-a-half years. It must be appreciated across the board that the MHRD has again invited inputs that people, institutions, organisations, experts and others may like to submit after going through the draft. The MHRD shall be considering these before the final policy is announced. The draft report clearly indicates how relevant it has become in the globalised world to ensure active dynamism in education policy formulation to ensure it remains relevant to absorb challenges that are emerging before nations at an unprecedented pace.

The deliberations — before and after the finalisation of the policy — shall invariably make references to the earlier education policies, particularly those of 1968, 1986 and 1992. The contents of these earlier reports — at least in academic and professional circles — shall be scrutinised in the context of what was proposed and to what extent it was really achieved in actual implementation. Chapter five of the draft NEP-19 on "teachers" begins with the objective: "Ensure that all students at all levels of school education are taught by passionate, motivated, highly qualified, professionally trained and well-equipped teachers." Indeed, it is well thought out comprehensive policy statement that encompasses every aspect of what a child, community or society could expect from a teacher.

It will be relevant to recall the initial statement of the National Policy on Education of 1986/92 (NPE 86/92): "The status of the teacher is a very well thought out comprehensive society." It said that no people can rise above the level of its teachers. The Government and community should endeavour to create conditions, which will help motivate and inspire teachers on constructive and creative lines. Teachers should have freedom to innovate, to develop appropriate methods of communication and activities relevant to the needs and capabilities of and the concerns of the community." The NPE-86/92 made a very strong statement that "the system of teacher education will be overhauled." It went ahead to recommend the reorganisation of the methods of recruitment of teachers to ensure "high, objective and conforming to the spatial and functional requirements." One was privy to the deliberations of the 1992 policy revision and formulation and it was agreed upon that there was no need to make any changes in what was already stated in the NPE-86 on teachers and teacher education.

Practically, all that was envisaged in earlier policies finds a place again in the new draft, which has comprehensively captured the teacher-education scenario as it exists today. It has given indications for formulating a well-



thought out plan of action in preparation of teachers, who are supposed to be "passionate, motivated and well qualified, and well trained in content, pedagogy and practice." The NPE-92 had assured overhauling of the system of teacher education and in pursuance of the same, several schemes were launched by the Union Government. One of these was the enactment of the National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) Act and also the formulation of a scheme of restructuring and revitalising teacher education.

Let us take up NCTE first. It was the fulfillment of demand of senior and sincere teacher educators for over 20 years to create a regulatory body for teacher education institutions as they were not satisfied with the manner universities were handling recognition and regulation of teacher education institutions. There were serious concerns about the restructuring and renewal of programmes, content and pedagogy, which had come out of date. It is interesting to note that the response to the fast-changing scenarios in school education with the advent of computers, internet and universalisation of the accessibility of the Information and Communication Technology. The demand for the creation of a statutory NCTE was also accentuated by the mushrooming of correspondence courses that were initiated by some universities to clear the backlog of large number of untrained teachers in schools. State Governments had begun to squeeze the grants to universities, some brilliant minds converted correspondence courses into degree-awarding resource generating activities. Every policy implementer in education must comprehend that the decline in the quality of teacher education began mainly because of gross misuse of the distance education mode by university dons, vice chancellors and the University Grants Commission (UGC). The UGC was granting 'yearly' permission to continue the BeD courses through correspondence without in any way ensuring the quality of courses and products. The NCTE became functional around 1994-95 and in spite of serious hurdles, could discipline the truant universities. Things changed within five-six

years, the NCTE decided to sail along with the tide, the number of private BeD colleges mushroomed and today it is touching 20,000. It may be a tough task to create a regulatory mechanism that will enjoy credibility among the aspiring teachers. Comprehension of 'Why the NCTE; or other regulatory bodies could not attain and maintain credibility' will determine the fate of the success or otherwise of the proposed mechanism that separates funding, standard setting, regulation and accreditation. Education policy-makers were knowledgeable enough to include in the NPE-86 that: "Teachers form the very heart of the education process... all teachers will have academic and professional support within a motivating environment and culture." Towards this, the Government of India offered extensive financial and professional support to State Governments to re-energise their teacher education institutions. The scheme of establishing a District Institute of Education and Training (DIET) has the potential to transform the fate of school education in India. It had all the potential to create a vibrant professional community of teachers. However, most State Governments did not make regular appointments to academic positions even against posts for which the Union Government provided full financial support, they preferred to bring in people on deputations.

Similar was the fate of colleges of Teacher Education and Institutes of Advanced Studies in education. These and similar schemes were revisited — and redesigning — a couple of times but the originally expected vibrancy always evaded actual implementation. When private entrepreneurs witnessed Government institutions being ignored and neglected — no regular recruitments and no promotions — they follow the suit, appoint staff only on paper and manage inspections following the well-established — though unstated — practices. The results in over 92 per cent of the private institutions "do not even attempt to provide a good education; instead many are functioning as commercial shops." And hundreds of thousands of young people with BeD degrees from such institutions are either already in the

system or are ready to enter it. When the Teachers Eligibility Tests were conducted during the initial years, those who could clear it ranged from one to seven per cent.

But there is a ray of hope. The objectives of teacher preparation could indeed be achieved effectively if everyone learns sincerely and seriously from the success of the past and more than that from the failures encountered so far. One wonders how long teachers in *sarkari* schools shall continue to be assigned non-teaching functions by district administrations in spite of repeated recommendations not to do so and even court judgments being in support of it. Is it not cruel to children in a two-teacher school if both teachers are sent out for months together for census, cattle-head counting, vaccination or elections being held rather regularly? States have shunned their responsibility for decades together by not appointing regular teachers. One simply hopes that official hypocrisy will vanish in future and recommendations made (once again) regarding teacher recruitment will sincerely be implemented within a time-frame. The Indian teacher education system still has — though in a small proportion — dedicated institutions and academics who are convinced that they are lucky enough to get an opportunity to prepare teachers for tomorrow. Thus, they are making the future of India. Let them be identified, given the responsibility, inspire and encourage others to become partners in building new India. India can learn a lot from how Japan — a highly demoralised nation after World War II — could achieve an unprecedented transformation through its teachers. Known for producing worst products in 50s, the best of the products now come from Japan. Yes, teachers did it. It was the teacher community that convinced young impressionable children that anything they do must be for the welfare of their country. That they owe it to Japan to work hard, never waste time and equip them continuously to perform better. India has the experience. It can achieve a real change after the new education policy is formally announced.

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**Devaluation of care labourers**

We are all receivers as well as givers of care, acted upon as well as agents. This is a difficult position to understand politically, but strength and human cooperation can arise only from our recognition of our mutual interdependence



FOREIGN EYE

**INVESTIGATE REAL VIOLENCE**  
On June 23, local elections in Istanbul will be run after Erdogan's ruling AK party cried foul when March's original ballot narrowly returned an Opposition politician as Mayor. The international community must stand in solidarity with those Turks who, despite everything, still hope that the lineaments of their country's civil society have not been permanently damaged. (The Guardian editorial)

that starts from the reality that all human beings need and receive care and also give care to others. Care relationships among humans are part of what we are as human beings, we are always inter-dependent. In today's context, we can argue that care work in India has been normalised as "voluntary." A moral tone has been given to the highest skillful worker and the unskilled care-giver all alike.

In recent times, health and allied policies have resulted in a major restructuring of the healthcare system. However, the structural transformation most visible to us is the "privatisation" of healthcare, coupled with headline nationalist language. If we trace history, we will see that changes during the first few decades after independence were at least at the level of planning and there was some commitment to public health. But by the 1990s, health investments were at the lowest and public-private partnerships took over.

Fundamental deficiencies of the country maintain status quo, which are the lack of provision for safe drinking water, sanitation, basic medical

care along with lack of civic sense and ethical behaviour in "care receivers." This is a reflection of the lack of attention to the state of healthcare in a country that invests a whole decade in the corridors of an over populated Government hospital, resulting in outskirts and breakdown of the health ecosystem at the grassroots level as well as in tertiary care centres. This unsettles the morale of healthcare professionals who invest a whole decade or more acquiring degrees and experience and in the process, losing the grand picture of the society they belong to. Incidents of assaults on health practitioners demoralise them and degrade the noble profession of medicine.

It is understood that such intolerant behaviour is not seen in other professions like the police, who also deal with agitated people or one's overwhelmed with emotions. This is simply because people are aware of the dire consequences of mistreating with the trained individual who equipped with arms and trained in legal affairs. Can the Government provide the doctors' community with sim-

ilar training? Can our policy-makers mandate a physical fitness training, push a law and create a legal cell for frontline medical staff? The other option, of course, is to ensure a healthy environment in Government hospitals in spite of overcrowding so that doctors (and healthcare providers) can apply their minds to the best of their capability instead of staying alert, anticipating assaults and threats from a care-seeker from among the crowd that encircles him/her working around his/her table, jostling and pushing one another as they wait for their turn for treatment.

The social aspect of the state of affairs hindering medical care delivery calls for a public health approach around the perspective that provision of basic needs is the key to good health. And it includes sanitation, safe drinking water, right to treatment, security for care providers and mandatory good civic sense among care receivers at the hospital interface. A healthy working climate allows a practitioner to re-commit to caring, continue the profession's tradition of arguing the dignity of people and shape the social climate with-

in which they practise. A healthcare provider can become a powerful advocate for a climate of caring because of unique perspectives. A lack of it may result in a hospital with corridors pushing many to the death hole or complicate the state of diseases, leading to prolonged sufferings.

Social movements have also fuelled new problems, namely de-personalisation of the patients and violation of the right to self-determination, as witnessed in the disability rights movement, AIDS movement, queer movement and campaign against clinical trials among others. De-personalisation is reflected in all spheres of healthcare and in the context of the hospitals — with corridors and doctors' chambers choking with patients — there is hardly a culture of courtesy and social grace. In these over-populated set-ups, the first casualty is basic human empathy — all we get is brusqueness, negligence of good manners or the right words, disregard for bed-side manner, which to a patient means bringing him/her hope and comfort to his/her recipient or expiring patient. The much-

needed bed-side manner is nothing but a sneering jibe in today's state of healthcare system where every patient is eagerly awaiting his turn and compelling the attention when he is compelled to complete/accomplish care-giving with optimal use of time and exchange of words.

Patients argue that healthcare providers fail to recognise that illness and disability are states charged with personal meaning. Instead of communicating with patients, they often establish distance that diminishes them. They withhold information in a manner that precludes hope, use aloof manners and misuses powers. Patients appreciate the care-provider to value interactive reasoning and thereby enact a climate of caring. It is important to realise that we are all receivers as well as givers of care, acted upon as well as agents. This is a difficult position to understand politically, but strength and human cooperation can arise only from our recognition of our mutual interdependence.

(The writer is a pathologist)



SURAVI SHARMA

The Indian healthcare sector, mostly comprising Government hospitals, saves more lives, relieves more pain and suffering with available resources (India's healthcare GDP percentage is 2.5 in contrast to 11.2 in Europe and 17.9 in North America) than any other country in the world. Yet, the sector has become a public punching bag. Care-related work has metamorphosed into a notion of sew, allowing room to curtail the rights of health workers (skilled and unskilled like the ASHA workers and the like) and their resistance is being labelled as "immoral."

# ICICI moves NCLAT to seek early hearing on JAL

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Private sector lender ICICI Bank on Monday approached the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT), seeking a direction to NCLT Allahabad to hear urgently its insolvency petition against Jaiprakash Associates Ltd (JAL) and pass the order without any further delay.

In its plea before the appellate tribunal, ICICI Bank submitted that there has been no progress in its insolvency petition filed against JAL, which was filed in September last year. The bank alleged that Jaiprakash Associates Ltd is delaying admission of the insolvency plea by approaching several judicial forums.

ICICI Bank also said that hearing before the Allahabad bench of National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) was adjourned almost 12 times from September 10, 2018, to May 27, 2019, and such adjournments were "unfairly delaying" the resolution process.

Hearing the matter, a single-member NCLAT bench of Justice Bansil Lal Bhaduri directed to list ICICI Bank's plea on July 1 for hearing.

JAL owes around ₹1,296 crore and the bank had approached NCLT to recover



the dues by filing an insolvency plea against the company under section 7 of the Insolvency & Bankruptcy Code (IBC).

However, JAL challenged the ICICI Bank petition before the Allahabad High Court but the same was rejected. Later, JAL moved Supreme Court, which too refused to stay the application.

"However, despite this, there is no development in this matter," said ICICI Bank counsel on Monday.

"We want direction to NCLT to expedite the matter," the counsel said, alleging that the proceedings before NCLT are being played into the hands of the JAL promoters.

In its petition, ICICI Bank has requested the appellate tribunal to "direct NCLT,

Allahabad Bench to hear the (matter) ... On an urgent and day-to-day basis and pass final order of 'approval' ... Expeditiously and without any further delay."

ICICI Bank also alleged that JAL is delaying the insolvency resolution process by approaching several judicial forums "only to prolong and delay the admission of the Insolvency Application".

"It is submitted that the Respondent (JAL) has been deliberately abusing insolvency resolution process by approaching different forums to stay or set aside the Insolvency Application," it added.

JAL was in the RBI's second list of 26 defaulters, against which banking sector regulator had directed to initiate insolvency process.

# Jet Airways shares dip 18%

PTI ■ NEW DELHI



Shares of Jet Airways plunged 18 per cent on Monday as stock exchanges last week decided to impose restrictions on its trading from June 28.

The scrip tumbled 16.76 per cent to close at ₹68.30 on the BSE. During the day, it plummeted 19.56 per cent to hit a multi-year low of ₹66.

At the NSE, shares plunged 18 per cent to close at ₹66.95. On the traded volume front, 26 lakh shares were traded on the BSE and over two crore shares on the NSE during the day.

In 11 trading days since May 30, the scrip tumbled 54.72 per cent from ₹150.85 on the BSE. The company's market valuation has fallen by

₹37.13 crore in these 11 trading days.

Stock exchanges will impose restrictions on trading in Jet Airways shares from June 28 as part of preventive surveillance measures to curb excessive volatility, according to a circular issued last week.

The cash-starved airline suspended operations in April. In a circular on Wednesday, the NSE said shares of the company would be shifted from "Rolling Segment to Trade for Trade Segment" wherein the settlement in the scrip will take place on gross basis with 100 per cent upfront margin and 5 per cent price band.

There are restrictions in trading of shares that are under Trade for Trade Segment.

# Financial stability a key metric for monetary policy now: Das

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Financial stability has emerged as a key consideration for monetary policy formulation in the post-2008 financial crisis world beyond the imperatives of inflation and growth, Reserve Bank Governor Shaktikanta Das said Monday.

A healthy financial sector is a pre-requisite to improve growth prospects, he said, and expressed confidence that the end of political uncertainty with the recent polls and continuation of economic reforms may lead to a reversal of the current weaknesses.

The comments come amid a slew of troubles plaguing the NBFCs which account for a fifth of the market.

The central bank is taking a "fresh look" at shadow banking regulation and supervision, and is also monitoring the activities of large NBFCs with a view to ensure financial stability, Das said.

"Financial stability has emerged as another key consideration for monetary policy, though the jury is still out as to whether it should be added as an

explicit objective of monetary policy," Das told a group of senior IAS officers at the Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration in Mussoorie.

"The fact remains that though the focus of monetary policy is mainly inflation and growth, the underlying theme has always been financial stability," he stressed.

The RBI will focus on effective communication and coordination to "achieve broader macroeconomic objectives of price stability, growth and financial stability," he said, adding a healthy financial sector is a must to "reinvigorate" the sagging growth by improving investment climate.

Das said the Reserve Bank has accorded high policy attention to reform both banking and non-banking sectors, and exuded confidence that the new NPA guidelines will "sustain the improvements in credit culture."

He said RBI has issued draft guidelines for liquidity framework and is "taking a fresh look" at their regulatory and supervisory framework.

"It is our endeavour to have an optimal level of regulation and supervision so that NBFCs are financially resilient and robust," he said, and reiterated that RBI will not hesitate to take any step to maintain financial stability.

The governor also said a number of steps were taken to

improve commercial viability of urban co-operative banks like a proposal to establish an umbrella organisation and a centralised fraud registry for them and governance reforms.

"We are also encouraging voluntary merger and consolidation in the sector to help reduce operating costs, diversify risks and economise on capital," he added.

Pointing to the 2013 taper tantrum experience, he said market volatilities in emerging markets could have been avoided through clear advance communication on calibrated withdrawal of monetary policy accommodation.

Das said even after more than a decade since the global financial crisis and six years since the taper tantrum, the "global economy is still not on a stable growth path."

"India has continued to exhibit robust growth driven by consumption and investment demand, and despite the fact that we have seen a loss of speed since the second half of FY19 as some drivers of growth, notably investment and exports, slowed down," he said, adding activity in agriculture and manufacturing moderated sharply.

It is expected that the end of political uncertainty associated with an election season and continuation of economic reforms would lead to a reversal of the current weaknesses in our economy.

# Banks give up on Jet Airways revival, choose to send it to NCLT

PTI ■ MUMBAI

State Bank of India-led consortium of lenders Monday decided to send the grounded Jet Airways to the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) as they have not yet received any concrete proposal for the airline.

The decision was taken after a meeting of the lenders. "After due deliberations, the lenders have decided to seek resolution for Jet Airways under the bankruptcy code since only a conditional bid was received," SBI said in a statement.

The statement further said the move was necessitated as the prospective investor wants some SBI exemption deal the deal which can be worked out better under the IBC.

The bank said lenders have been taking efforts to find a resolution for the grounded carrier outside IBC but now have decided to seek a resolution within the IBC.

It can be noted that on June 10, two operational creditors-



Shaman Wheels and Gaggar Enterprises — had moved the NCLT seeking bankruptcy proposal against the airline and on June 13 the tribunal, which is yet to admit the petitions put off the matter for further hearing to June 20.

The tribunal asked these parties to serve legal notices to the grounded Jet Airways. The airline, which was grounded on April 17, owes ₹8.74 crore to Shaman Wheels and ₹53 lakh to Gaggar.

Jet Airways owes more than ₹8,000 crore to a consortium of banks led by the State Bank of India, which now run the airline, while it has a much larger debt pile by way of accumulated losses to the tune of ₹13,000 crore and vendor dues of over ₹10,000 crore and salary dues of over ₹3,000 crore.

# Impose green cess on polluting vehicles to support EVs: SMEV

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Electric vehicle makers' body ESMEV Monday called for imposition of 'green cess' on polluting vehicles besides seeking putting of EVs in priority lending sector to accelerate creation of a robust ecosystem.

In its budget wish list, the Society of Manufacturers of Electric Vehicles (SMEV) also asked the government for a dedicated allocation for 'clean air' campaign, which could be integrated under the Swachh Bharat Mission.

"We strongly advocate the imposition of a notional green cess on the polluting vehicles and use it to accelerate electric mobility," SMEV Director General Sohinder Gill said in a statement.

He further said funds generated from such a cess can help reduce burden on the Government exchequer. "This fund could be utilised in the frontloading of incentives to customers and bring electric two-wheelers prices down to the level of petrol two-wheelers," Gill said.

# UAE assures supply of oil, LPG to India despite tanker attacks: Pradhan

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Oil cartel OPEC member UAE has assured India of uninterrupted supply of oil and LPG despite disruptions in the Strait of Hormuz, Oil Minister Dharmendra Pradhan said Monday.

India is 83 per cent dependent on imports to meet its oil needs and is reliant on nations like the UAE to meet half of its cooking gas (LPG) needs.

Pradhan in Twitter posts said he held telephonic discussions with UAE Minister and Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC) Group CEO Sultan Ahmed Al Jabber over tensions in the Gulf region following attacks on two oil tankers last week.

"Expressed concern at the supply disruptions in the Strait of Hormuz. Dr. Pradhan assured me of oil and LPG supplies to India despite the disruptions," he tweeted.

The attacks on oil tankers last week raised concerns over supplies through the Strait of Hormuz that is the conduit for a fifth of the world's oil.



State and Group CEO at Adnoc Group H.E. Dr. Sultan Ahmed Al Jabber and discussed ways to collaborate and work together to strengthen our hydrocarbon engagement," Pradhan said.

During the telephonic call, he also discussed UAE's lead role in ongoing India's strategic petroleum reserves programme.

The UAE has hired storages India has built as insurance against supply disruptions.

Pradhan said he also spoke to OPEC Secretary-General Mohammed Barkindo on

Monday. "SG Barkindo reaffirmed India as an important partner for OPEC and expressed keen interest to further strengthen the India-OPEC partnership," he said.

Pradhan has been making calls to leaders of oil-rich nations ever since the BJP came back to power to further strengthen the India-OPEC partnership.

"Reviewed current developments in oil markets and ongoing supply disruptions. Expressed concern over significant oil price volatility and resulting challenges to Indian consumers," he said on his discussions with OPEC Secretary General.

India, he said, "will continue to work with OPEC membership on responsible oil pricing, which is the best interests of both producers and consumers."

Also, it was decided to work towards an early convening of the 4th India-OPEC high-level institutional dialogue, he added.

# Fitch lowers India's FY20 growth forecast for a 2nd time

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Fitch on Monday cut India's growth forecast for the current fiscal for a second time in a row to 6.6 per cent as manufacturing and agriculture sectors showed signs of slowing down over the past year.

The global rating agency had earlier in March lowered the growth estimate for 2019-20 to 6.8 per cent, from 7 per cent projected earlier, on weak momentum of the economy.

The cut in growth forecast comes ahead of the presentation of the Union Budget on July 5.

Indian economy grew at its slowest pace in five years at 6.8 per cent in 2018-19. In the January-March quarter, the growth slumped to a five-year low of 5.8 per cent. Following this, India lost the fastest growth economy tag to China, which grew at 6.4 per cent in the same quarter.

"We see growth for FY2019-2020 printing at 6.6 per cent, before stepping up to 7.1 per cent in FY2020-2021 and 7.0 per cent in FY2021-2022," Fitch Ratings said in its latest Global Economic Outlook.

RBI has projected a growth rate of 7 per cent for the cur-

rent fiscal. India's GDP growth declined for the fourth consecutive quarter in January-March, with the economy expanding by 5.8 per cent, down from a cyclical high of 8.1 per cent in the March quarter of 2018.

"This is the lowest growth output in five years. The slow-down over the past year has been driven by steadily cooling activity in the manufacturing sector and, to a lesser extent, agriculture. Weaker momentum has been mainly domestically driven, though export growth has also faltered more recently," Fitch said.

It said the Reserve Bank has cut interest rates by 0.25 per cent in its June meeting - the third cut so far this year - in the face of weak growth momentum and contained inflation.

"We expect another 25 basis point cut later in 2019, which will push the policy rate down to 5.50 per cent. Monetary and regulatory easing from the RBI, along with a per cent in FY2020-2021 and 7.0 per cent in FY2021-2022," Fitch Ratings said in its latest Global Economic Outlook.

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**SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED BOY**

General Public is hereby informed that one boy (depicted in the photo) namely **Smit D/o Sharmat Rai R/o I-817, Mangolpuri, Delhi Aged 15** Years has been reported missing/kidnapped since 22.08.2014 wide **FIR No.1536/14 u/s 363 IPC Dated 23.08.2014** registered at Police Station Mangolpuri, Delhi. His physical description is as under:-

**Sumit**

**Complexion:** Wheatish, **Height:** 4', **Face:** Round, **ID Mark:** A tattoo mark of name "Sumit" on right hand, **Clothing:** Black coloured Shirt having Yellow coloured lining-Blue coloured jeans pant and Grey coloured sandal in feet.

Any person having information/Clue about this missing/kidnapped boy, may inform SHO, Mangolpuri, Delhi at E-mail : [cic@cbl.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbl.gov.in) or website : <http://cbl.nic.in>

Te. No. : 11-24368638 or 24368641 Sd/-  
FAX No. : 11-24368639 SHO, Mangolpuri, Delhi  
DP/2331/OD/19 Tel.: 011-27921168, 27922186

**SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED**

General Public is hereby informed that one girl **Namely: Sangeeta, D/o: Vinod, R/o: Pardhan ka Makkan, 20 Foota Road Chakki Wali Gali, Nihal Vihar, Delhi** missing/kidnapped since 10.10.2014 from the area of P. S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi. In this regard a case vide **FIR No. 683/14-u/s 363 IPC dated 18.10.2014** has been registered at P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi. The description of the missing girl are as under: **Age:** 17 years, **Height:** 5'2", **Face:** Round, **Complexion:** Shallow, **Wearing:** Black colour Suit, salwar and Yellow colour plastic sleepers in feet. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the girl but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this girl kindly inform to the following:

Website: <http://cbl.nic.in> ACP  
E-mail ID - [cic@cbl.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbl.gov.in) District Investigation Unit  
Ph. : 011-24368638 or 24368641 Outer District, Delhi  
Fax No. 011-24368639 Tel.No. 011-27017805  
DP/2309/OD/19

**SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED GIRL**

General Public is hereby informed that one girl (depicted in the photo) namely **Manju D/o Sh. Jagdish R/o Jhuggi No. 209, Moji Wala Bagh, Azadpur, Delhi Aged - 18** Years has been reported missing since 22.05.2019 vide **DD No. 57-A Dated 27.05.2019** lodged at Police Station Adarsh Nagar, Delhi. Her physical description is as under:-

**Manju**

**Complexion:** Shallow, **Height:** 5'01", **Face:** Oval, **Built:** Thin, **Clothing:** Red coloured salwar and yellow coloured suit.

Any person having any information/Clue about this missing girl, may inform SHO, Adarsh Nagar, Delhi at E-mail : [cic@cbl.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbl.gov.in) or website : <http://cbl.nic.in>

Te. No. : 011-24368638 or 24368641 Sd/-  
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DP/9024/NW/19 Tel.: 011-27672452, 27674452

**SEARCH FOR MISSING**

General public is hereby informed that a girl namely **Sheeba Ameer, D/O Ameer Ahmad, R/O H.No. 158, Mohalla Bhooreka Chouraha, Prince Road, PS Gulshahad Distt. Moradabad, U.P.** The girl has been missing since 08.06.2019 from the Gate No. 1, Jama Masjid, area P.S. Jama Masjid, Delhi.

In this regard **DD No. 29-A, dated, 09.06.2019** has been lodged at P.S. Jama Masjid, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the missing girl but no clue has come to light so far.

The description of the missing girl is as under:  
**Name:** Sheeba Ameer, **Age:** About 20-22 Years, **Height:** 5', **Built:** Normal, **Complexion:** Fair, **Face:** Oval, **Wearing:** Light Yellow Colour Kurtia, White Colour Dupatta, White Colour Plazo and Brown Colour Leather Chappal in her Feet.

If anyone has any information regarding this missing girl, kindly inform SHO/P.S. Jama Masjid, Delhi.

Email: [cic@cbl.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbl.gov.in), Website: <http://cbl.nic.in>  
Ph. : 011-23011529, 23015218 SHO  
Fax: 011-23011334 P.S. Jama Masjid, Delhi  
DP/6340/CD/19 Ph. No. 011-23261625, 08750870422

**Appeal For Identification**

General public is hereby informed that this person **Namely: Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown Age: about 55** Years, **Sex:** Male, **Height:** 5 Ft. 5 Inch, **Built:** Normal, **Face:** Long, **Complexion:** Shallow, **Wearing:** Cream colour Shirt and Blue Dhardiar Pant and a ring in middle finger. Found Unconscious under Karol Bagh Metro Station Delhi on 27.05.2019 and admitted to LHMC Hospital, Delhi. During Treatment Doctor declared him dead. In this regard a **DD No. 16A Dated 13.06.2019** has been registered at PS Karol Bagh, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this person but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this person may kindly inform to the following:

**SHO**  
**DP/6356/CD/19** P.S. Karol Bagh Delhi  
Ph. No. 011 - 28726870, 28721115

**SEARCH FOR MISSING GIRL**

General public is hereby informed that one girl namely **Sheetal, D/o Shri Bhim Sain, R/O H.No. 78, Gali No. 13, Chanchal Park, Near Mother Dairy, Delhi, Age 16** years, **Height:** 4'3", **Complexion:** Fair, **Long Face, Identification Marks:** A hurt mark on face left side, **Wearing:** Cream Suit-salwar and black colour shoes in feet has been missing /kidnapped from the area of PS Ranhola, Delhi since 25.05.19. In this regard a case **FIR No. 311/19 dated 25.05.19** U/S 363 IPC has been registered at PS Ranhola, Delhi.

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

**E-mail ID:** [cic@cbl.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbl.gov.in) **SHO**  
**Te. No.:** 011-24368638, 24368641 **PS: Ranhola, Delhi**  
**Fax:** 011-24368639 **Ph.:** 28363001, 28363002, 28363003  
**DP/2329/OD/19**

**APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION**

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified body of a male namely **Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, was found on 27.05.2019 at 01:36 PM at Safdarjung Hospital Delhi. He was admitted in Hospital on 26.05.2019 due to an accident at In front of Daulat Public School, Patli Gali, Extn-5, Nangloi, Delhi during the treatment he was died on 03.06.2019.** In this regard proceeding **DD No. 260/19 u/s 279/337 IPC, dated 27.05.2019** has been lodged at Police Station, Nangloi, Delhi. Identification of unidentified dead body of male is as under:

**Name:** Unknown, **Age:** Approx 50 Years, **Height:** 5'7", **Complexion:** Wheatish, **ID Mark:** Tattoo "Harish" on his wrist, **Wearing:** Without Cloths.

If anyone has any information or clue about this male deceased may kindly be inform undersigned.

**SHO**  
**Police Station, Nangloi, Delhi**  
**DP/2346/OD/19** Ph.: 011-25947225, 7065036127



Airports Authority of India successfully commissioned SkyRev360 system, a cutting edge technology for data gathering, invoicing and realisation at Lao Air Navigation Services (LANS), Vientiane, Lao PDR on June 14, 2019. The project for implementation of SkyRev360 was awarded to Airports Authority of India in January 2018 for all 12 provinces of Lao PDR

# Encephalitis death toll rises to 103

Patna: Six more children died in Bihar's Muzaffarpur district on Monday, taking the toll on suspected Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES) to 103 and prompting the state government to announce a slew of measures to tackle the situation.

According to a release issued by the district administration, 18 deaths were reported from the Kejriwal hospital and 85 from the Sri Krishna Medical College and Hospital (SKMCH), where Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan had visited the patients on Sunday.

While doctors have maintained that the deaths occurred due to AES, State officials claimed that most of the victims, below the age of 10, had died due to typhoid fever, a condition caused by low level of blood sugar, electrolyte imbalance due to high temperature and extreme humidity.

On Monday, five more children died at the SKMCH and one at the Kejriwal hospital while the condition of 12 patients at the two hospitals was stated to be serious, the release said.

Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan meeting the situation at a high-level meeting in New Delhi, which was attended



A view of an over-crowded ward with children showing symptoms of Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES) as they undergo treatment at a hospital in Muzaffarpur on Monday. **PTI**

by senior officers of the Health Ministry, Indian Council of Medical Research and the AIIMS. Vardhan directed another high-level team to immediately visit the district and undertake necessary groundwork for the setting up of a state-of-the-art multidisciplinary research centre, according to a statement. The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) sent notices to the Union Health Ministry and the Bihar

Government over the deaths. It observed that despite reported measures taken by the Government agencies, deaths of children in such large number indicated a possible flaw in the implementation of vaccination and awareness programmes.

Chief Secretary Deepak Kumar said no clear cause of deaths could be ascertained so far and indicated that one of the reasons could be that no rainfall, even pre-monsoon rain, occurred in the district this

year. The chief secretary said the Government had also decided to send a team to each household, where children died due to suspected AES cases, in order to find out their social and economic background.

The purpose, he said, was to find out whether the deaths had any link with the background of the deceased families.

The official was speaking to reporters after a meeting chaired by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar

on deaths from suspected AES cases and people dying due to heatwave.

The State Government would bear the cost of treatment of the affected children and reimburse the people reaching hospital by private vehicles if they do not get the ambulance facility, which is free, the official said.

The chief secretary, however, claimed that the percentage of admissions of children in hospitals had declined to 26 per cent this year, which he said was 35-36 per cent in earlier years.

He also pointed out that the India Meteorological Department had said the heatwave conditions would continue for the next two days in various parts of the State. The department has forecast rainfall and thunderstorms on Wednesday in parts of the State. **PTI**

# Yogi directs Education Dept officials to not hold files for more than 3 days

Lucknow: Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Monday directed officials of the Basic and Secondary Education Department to not hold files for more than three days otherwise strict action will be initiated against them.

He asked the officials to form 'Shiksha Seva Ayog' for recruitment of teachers.

Adityanath was holding a review meeting with the officials of the state's Basic and Secondary Education Department.

He emphasised on the need to create awareness to prevent the disease and said children should be made to sleep with an empty stomach and reach the PHC as soon as possible.

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Vidyalaya up to secondary level and to check the quality of milk which is distributed once a week in the schools.

Adityanath said teachers in the state should be awarded and the criteria for honouring them fixed.

He added that 'Basic Shiksha Adhikaris' (BSAs), who are serving at one place for many years, should be transferred.

The Chief Minister has asked the officials to visit the schools and communicate with the principals, teachers and employees twice in a year.

Deputy Chief Minister Dinesh Sharma, Minister of State for Basic Education and Child Development Anupama LUF Chief Secretary Anup Chandra Pandey were also present in the meeting. **PTI**

# Court said poetic justice needs to be done in Kathua case, rejected defence pleas on defective probe

Pathankot: The special court, which convicted six people in the Kathua case of the murder of a nomadic girl in Kathua in Jammu region, has termed the crime 'devilish and monstrous' committed in the most 'shameful, inhumane and barbaric manner' for which 'poetic justice' needs to be done to its perpetrators.

District and sessions court here, hearing the matter on the direction of the Supreme Court, convicted six people on June 10 in the case which included Subir Bhat, dismissed Union Minister Deepak Khajuria and Parvesh Kumar, who have been sentenced to life in jail.

"Heaven and hell are no geographical locations, our thoughts, actions and character create the situation which could hell for us," judge Dr Tejwinder Singh wrote in the beginning of his 432-page judgment, a copy of which is with PTI.

He said it was needless to say the commission of this 'devilish and monstrous crime has sent shockwaves across the society and the actual guilty needs to be brought under the sword of justice.'

He also observed the crime committed against the minor is 'shameful, inhumane and barbaric' but said the evidence brought on record has to be tested on a 'touchstone in order to find out the real culprits, so that no innocent person is crushed under the wheels in an unjust manner.'

After hearing prosecution lawyers, comprising S S Basra, J K Chopra, Harminder Singh and Bhupinder Singh, as also a battery of 57 defence lawyers, the judge said, "There is nothing on record which could help for us," judge Dr Tejwinder Singh wrote in the beginning of his 432-page judgment, a copy of which is with PTI.

# Man abducts, sells relative's boy for ₹20,000; arrested

Saharanpur (UP): A man was arrested on Monday for allegedly abducting and selling a five-year-old boy to a couple for ₹20,000 in Uttar Pradesh's Saharanpur district, police said.

The boy, however, was rescued within an hour and Rs 19,000 cash recovered from the accused, they said.

Senior Superintendent of

Police (SSP) Dinesh Kumar P said, the accused, Praveen, is a relative of the boy. The boy's parents worked as labourers.

The child's parents were out on work when Praveen along with his wife Renu came to their house in Saloni village of Sarsava area here and took Saubrah to nearby Sultanpur village, he said.

Praveen then sold the boy

to the couple. The couple had three girls, the officer said.

As the child's parents reported the matter to the police, Praveen was questioned. He later confessed to the crime.

The accused was taken to Sultanpur village where the couple who had bought the child managed to flee. **PTI**

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# Payal Tadvi suicide: Police oppose bail of accused doctors

Mumbai: The Mumbai Police on Monday opposed the bail plea of three women doctors, arrested for allegedly abetting the suicide of a junior colleague, saying recording of statements of eye witnesses was underway.

The Mumbai crime branch, probing the suicide of Payal Tadvi, filed its reply to the bail plea before special judge P B Jadhav on Monday.

The police said that since Tadvi belonged to a Scheduled Tribe, the three accused doctors tormented her mentally, ragged her and forced her to commit suicide.

The accused were absconding for about five days after the incident and during this period, they planned on how to tackle police interrogation, they said.

Stressing that they were

# Imbibe Gandhian values: Gehlot to youths

Jaiपुर: Amid the ongoing celebration of Mahatma Gandhi's 150th birth anniversary, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot on Monday urged the youth to imbibe Gandhian values of truth, non-violence, peace and simplicity in their lives.

He also called upon them to spread these values around them. Addressing the concluding session of 10-day National Unity Camp here in which youths from different states had come to participate, Gehlot said the celebrations of Mahatma Gandhi's birth anniversary would continue for a year even after October 2 this year.

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# Guj man booked for giving triple talaq to wife on WhatsApp

Ahmedabad: A man in Gujarat's Valsad district has been booked for allegedly giving triple talaq, prohibited by law, to his wife through a WhatsApp message, police said on Monday.

An official identified the accused as Jaalun Javed Kalia (27) and said he has sent the divorce message to his father Javed Kalia a few days ago.

"The victim, a 25-year-old woman now residing with her parents in Umargam town in Valsad, filed a complaint on Sunday. Jaalun, a resident of Sanjan, works in a shipping firm and is currently abroad," said Inspector PM Parmar of Umargam police station.

"Upon getting the divorce message from his son, Javed Kalia took a print-out and approached a cleric to formalise the separation," he said.

The couple were married four years ago and have a three-year-old son, he said, adding that the victim has complained that she was tortured in her marital house. **PTI**

# Bru repatriation JMG meeting postponed on request of MBDPF: Official

Aizawl: The proposed meeting of the Joint Monitoring Group (JMG) on Bru repatriation to be held in Delhi on Tuesday was postponed on the request of the Mizoram Bru Displaced People's Forum (MBDPF) leaders, a senior State Home department official said here on Monday.

The JMG comprised of top officials of the Ministry of Home Affairs, senior Home department officials of both Mizoram and Tripura governments and leaders of the MBDPF, the official said.

The JMG meeting was called to deliberate on the preparedness of the stake-holders for the repatriation process.

"The official said the MBDPF said that they would not be able to attend the meeting due to ill-health of their leaders and the time for holding the next meeting was yet to be scheduled.

Meanwhile, the Mizoram government has already announced its proposal to commence the ninth and final

round of repatriation of Brus from October and that the process should be completed before December this year.

Preparations are in full swing from May 28, the day Bangladesh's border. Mamt and later at Bangladesh border Lunglei town.

"The repatriated Brus would be resettled within the Assembly constituencies where they had resided in 1997, for the exodus in accordance with the guidelines of the repatriation," the official said.

While 4,185 Bru families were proposed to be resettled in Mamit district, 822 Bru families would be resettled in 10 villages in Kolashib district, 371 families would be resettled in south Mizoram's Lunglei district. **PTI**

# Akademi rejects Left Govt's decision to review cartoon award

Thiruvananthapuram (Ker): A State-run Akademi on Monday rejected the Left Government's decision to review its decision to honour a cartoon, depicting Bishop Franco Mullaikal as a rooster and alluding to the rape charge against him, saying the jury's decision was final and Akademi would stand by it.

The decision was taken unanimously at the executive committee and the general council of the Kerala Lalithakala Akademi Akademi, which met at its headquarters here.

An autonomous cultural organisation of the government, the Akademi also turned down the criticism that the cartoon, titled 'Viswasam Rakshathi' (protection of faith) drawn by K K Subhash of Chengalambad, had hurt the sentiments of the Christian community.

"We have unanimously decided not to intervene into the decision of the expert jury which had selected the cartoon for the award.

Their decision is final and we will not make any change in it," Akademi chairman Nemon Pushaparaaj told PTI.

"Last time, the award was given to a cartoon criticising Chief Minister Pinarayi

Vijayan. We had never attempted to change that decision also," he said.

The cartoon 'Viswasam Rakshathi' had appeared in a Muzoram magazine last year and Mullaikal was accused of rape by a nun.

Showing Mullaikal as a rooster, it also has a pink coloured lingerie in the crozier (staff), carried by a bishop as a symbol of the pastoral office, while a group of nuns is shown fleeing.

Pushaparaaj, however, made it clear that no religious symbol was shown in a poor light in the award-winning cartoon.

"What had been depicted in the cartoon was the symbol of power and not any Christian symbol.

When the staff is carried by a person, whom we can describe it even as an anti-socialist, it is a symbol of power, which is not to attach 'any holiness to it,' he said.

Two members of the akademi's general council belonged to the same church denomination, which had raised objections to the cartoon and they were also of the opinion that there was no need to review the jury's decision, he said. **PTI**

# Fresh efforts on to push Myanmarese refugees back

Aizawl: After the proposed deportation of over 200 Myanmarese refugees from Mizoram were deferred two days ago, the administration has taken up fresh initiative to repatriate them, State Home Minister Lalchamliana said Monday.

A total of 219 Myanmarese refugees belonging to 54 families are staying in four villages of southernmost Mizoram's Lawngtlai district since November 2017.

"The Centre instructed us to deport the foreigners who were in Lawngtlai district's Hmavngbuehchhuah village and even use force if necessary," the minister said. Lalchamliana said identification of the refugees was being conducted again as the figures given by the Lawngtlai district administration and the Assam Rifles authorities did not tally. Inspector General of Police John Nephelait told PTI that the government took firm stand on the issue of foreigners entering the state illegally and that stringent action would be taken against illegal immigrants.

The district administration on Saturday deferred the proposed repatriation of the refugees to Myanmar on humanitarian grounds, Lawngtlai district officials said. **PTI**

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S/N	Name of work with its location	App. Cost of the work (In Rs.)	Tender Inviting Office Address	Tender Document Fee (In Rs.)	Earnest Money to be deposited (In Rs.)	Date & Time for Closing of tender
1	Comprehensive Annual maintenance contract (AMC) of SSSAC 71 Set of G.O. Trains Make of Delhi Division for three years.	Rs. 1,72,09,179/- only	Sr Divisional Signal & Telecommunication Engineer-C Northern Railway, 3rd Floor, Annex-1, DPO Office, New Delhi, 110055.	Rs. 5,900 only	Rs. 2,36,100 only	Tender Uploaded on date & time 10.07.2019 upto 15:00 PM on hrs.

See the N.Rty. website for complete & notice board location where particular details of the tender can be seen etc.

Website: www.reps.gov.in & Notice board at S&T branch 3rd Floor, DRMO office, State Entry road, New Delhi 110055

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S. No.	Description	Amount Put to Tender, Earnest Money and tender fee	Date of release of tender in e-procurement solution	Last Date/Time of receipt of tender through e-procurement Solution
1.	Shifting of 300mm dia C.I. water main (Direct Line) from Sector-VII (Rd) to Sector-VIII (Rd) in Munirka (Delhi) SW-III (Re-Invited)	Rs. 2051850/- (Rs. 51,500/- and Rs. 500/-)	15.6.2019 (Tender 13.06.2019)	28.6.2019 (At 2:00 PM)

Further details in this regard can be seen at <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>

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S. No.	Name of Work	Reserve Price	Date of release of tender in e-procurement solution	Last date and time for download & RTGS through e-procurement solution
1.	Replacement of old damaged main sewer line of Garhi Village Main Market under EE(S) II (AC-42 Kasturba Nagar)	378225/-	2019_DJB_174313_10 15.6.2019	17.2019 upto 2:00 PM
2.	Improvement of sewerage system by replacement of old damaged sewer line from SBI-D-4 upto August (Kasturba Nagar)	3180450/-	2019_DJB_174313_8 15.6.2019	17.2019 upto 2:00 PM
3.	Replacement of old damaged and rusted 100/150mm dia old sewer line in B-Block, Dayanand Colony under EE(S) II (AC-42 Kasturba Nagar)	3245391/-	2019_DJB_174313_9 15.6.2019	17.2019 upto 2:00 PM
4.	Improvement of sewerage system by replacement of old damaged sewer line at B-Block, Dayanand Colony (Lajpat Nagar-IV under EE(S) II (AC-42 Kasturba Nagar)	3570909/-	2019_DJB_174313_10 15.6.2019	17.2019 upto 2:00 PM

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I.D. No. 2019/NDMC/174232-1

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SH: Construction of Security Cabin near Mini Market at Janpath, New Delhi.

Estimated Cost: Rs. 13,35,240/-

Date of release of tender through e-procurement solution: 14.08.2019

Last date/time for receipt of tenders through e-procurement solution: 24.06.2019 at 4:00 pm

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Interim report along with detailed public notice is available on SDMC's Website [www.mcdonline.gov.in/nr/sdmc\\_mcdportal/](http://www.mcdonline.gov.in/nr/sdmc_mcdportal/)

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**CRICKET CRADLE**

**TODAY LIVE**

England vs Afghanistan  
3:00 pm IST  
VENUE: Old Trafford, Manchester

**BHUVI OUT**

India pacer Bhuvneshwar Kumar has been ruled out of at least the next two World Cup games after picking up a hamstring niggle during the clash against Pakistan. The paceman walked off the field without completing his third over and India skipper Virat Kohli confirmed that he will be replaced by Mohammed Shami in the following games. "Slight niggle (in his left hamstring) for Bhuvi, he slipped on one of the footmarks. He's out for two, maybe three games, but he should come back for us at some stage during this tournament. He is very important for us," Kohli said at the post-match presentation ceremony. Kohli added that "Shami was raring to go."

**TWO-DAY BREAK**

A jubilant Indian team, led by skipper Virat Kohli, will take a couple of days off to relax and rejuvenate after their dominating win over Pakistan. Two-time former champions India dished out yet another professional performance on Sunday to outwit arch-rivals and 1992 winners Pakistan by 89 runs to stay on course for a semifinal spot. "Indian team will now have a two-day break," the Indian team management said. India will next take on Afghanistan on June 22 at Southampton.

**NOT SO COOL**

Pakistan's humiliating defeat to India was due to fear among players and their unhappiness with captain Sarfaraz Ahmed, local media reported on Monday. A defeat to arch-rivals India is always difficult to digest for the passionate Pakistani cricket community anywhere in the world and particularly when it is in a World Cup. A day after the defeat in Manchester, the media here ran stories about groupings in the team and how some players wanted to topple the captain. The *Samaa* channel reported that soon after he got out, Sarfaraz allegedly lost his cool in the dressing room and accused some players including Imad Wasim and Imam-ul-Haq, of forming a group against him and not supporting him. The *Dunya* channel did a similar report about how there were different groups in the team — one led by Mohammad Amir and another led by Imad — which were letting Sarfaraz down.

**AS GOOD AS OVER**

Former Pakistani players have come down heavily on all-rounder Shoaib Malik for his first-ball duck, saying the veteran should consider his career over after the debacle. Malik, 37, had said early this year that the World Cup would be his last ODI assignment with Pakistan as he would retire and focus on the World T20 next year in Australia. But with just eight runs under his belt in three matches, many former players believe that Malik might just have played his last one-day international for Pakistan in Manchester on Sunday. "He himself has announced before the World Cup that he would retire from ODIs after the event. Given his performances in the tournament so far I don't see him playing again in the remaining four matches," former test spinner Iqbal Qasim said. The former captain, who appeared in 35 Tests before announcing his retirement from the format in 2015, has played in 287 ODIs and 111 T20 internationals as well.

**LOVELY GESTURE**

Steve Smith has appreciated Virat Kohli's "lovely gesture" after the Indian skipper asked fans to stop jeering the former Australian skipper during their encounter on June 9. During the clash with India, which Australia lost by 36 runs, the Indian fans booed Smith and chanted "cheater, cheater" when the defending champions were fielding. Kohli, who was batting at the time, urged them to calm down and instead cheer his batting. "It was a lovely gesture by Virat," Smith told reporters after Australia's victory to Sri Lanka. Smith said the frequent booing and heckling by the English crowd doesn't affect him but appreciated Kohli's gesture nonetheless. "It doesn't really bother me what the crowds do to be perfectly honest. I am just blocking it all out but it was a lovely gesture from him," Smith said.

**AGENCIES**

PRELIMINARY STAGE							
Pos	Team	P	W	L	N/R	Net RR	Pts
1	AUS	5	4	1	0	+0.812	8
2	NZ	4	3	0	1	+2.163	7
3	IND	4	3	0	1	+1.029	7
4	ENG	4	3	1	0	+1.557	6
5	SL	5	1	2	2	-1.778	4
6	WI	4	1	2	1	+0.666	3
7	RSA	5	1	3	1	-0.208	3
8	B'DESH	4	1	2	1	-0.714	3
9	PAK	5	1	3	1	-1.933	3
10	AFG	4	0	4	0	-1.638	0

# India's Brick & mortar bowler

## Kuldeep emerges as strike spinner in the middle

PNS ■ MANCHESTER

For his winning smile, petite body structure, young age and rosy cheeks, Kuldeep Yadav is quite a combative person. He throws the temperament of a quick at you, albeit with disarming simplicity. Not surprising, as he initially aspired to be and wanted to train for pace bowling but was luckily spotted by his Kanpur coach as a better physique for spin, an art he has since perfected.

He does not take things lying down, is fearless in challenging even the stalwarts of the bat from any part of the world in any ground of the world with his flighted deliveries. Ask him why he has not been very successful in taking wickets recently and he is instantly up in vocal disagreement. "It's not as if I have not been performing. As a bowler my job is not just to take wickets. Often I am given the responsibility of containing the opponent and I have been doing that just fine," he said at the Old Trafford after the eventual match against Pakistan where his contribution broke the partnership that was beginning to worry India.

Old Trafford was also the ground where this son of a brick kiln overtook From Kanpur bowled a beauty to get Babar Azam out at a crucial time.

The ball to Azam turned in the air, first to deceive the batter to commit on his leg before mischievously drifting out and then smoothly but smoothly gliding into the stumps from a narrow gap between the bat and the pad.

Some decades back, the ground had hosted a then young Shane Warne's ball of the calling. It was widely perceived that Yadav would be replaced by pacer Mohammad Sami but he retained his place on his skipper's confidence which he buttressed with his twin breakthroughs.

After getting Azam, he struck again in his next over to send the left-handed Fakhar Paking after he dared to play Yadav against the spin, only to be caught at short fine leg. Zaman too was foxed, at 62, breaking whatever effort



Kuldeep Yadav, left, celebrates the dismissal of Pakistan's Babar Azam, center, during the World Cup match between India and Pakistan at Old Trafford in Manchester on Sunday

delivery and a proper Test delivery. Deceiving the batsman in the air and making him commit the mistake. A perfect delivery," he said in hindsight.

The smile was all there despite the fact that his place in the team mostly comes after many huddles, ifs and buts. At Old Trafford too, with overcast conditions, it was being widely perceived that Yadav would be replaced by pacer Mohammad Sami but he retained his place on his skipper's confidence which he buttressed with his twin breakthroughs.

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Pakistan could have made to stand up to India's 336, or later as it turned out, 302 in 40 overs.

In the end, Yadav sported a handsome 2-32 figure with his left-arm wrist spinning a win for his team even as a more lionised Chahal struggled unusually at the other end.

Both Azam and Zaman play spin well. They were rotating the strike and were attacking, so it was important to break that partnership. Getting Babar out and then another wicket put them under pressure and according to DLS they needed a very high run-rate and that was a plus point for us," he points out to bring in the relevance of his achievement into context.

His place in the Indian squad for the World Cup was mixed in scepticism but he has done enough to cement his

position in the squad for some time to come.

For a disastrous IPL season which finished for him with giving away a 27-run last over last season, many questioned his place in the World Cup but the small town spinner has held his own with 1-46 against South Africa and a breakthrough performance against Pakistan.

"Everyone is talking about my rhythm. I don't think I lost my rhythm. It happens when you don't pick wickets but the last three games I have bowled really well. In the game against Australia, they were struggling to hit me and that's important for any spinner," he said.

Yadav is one of the few spinners to have a five wicket haul in all formats of the game, a talent under Kohli's eye. Even

vice-captain Rohit Sharma is all praise for Yadav's efforts and said the team always gets around him to keep his confidence up.

"He's our match-winning bowler in the middle overs and today you saw how important those crucial wickets were. Both the batsmen were set. Of course, he didn't start the tournament the way he would like to, but for us as a group around him, our job is to just make sure that he gets that confidence, he gets that backing from the team," Sharma added.

Yadav has claimed 90 wickets from 47 ODI matches since his debut in 2017. That's no mean achievement. Just the beginning for this containment bowling wicket-taker with a big heart and big self-confidence as he understands the game quite well.

# On a high note

PTI ■ MANCHESTER

Calmness has always been Rohit Sharma's biggest asset and the bliss of fatherhood has only enhanced his composed personality, something which has reflected in his stellar performances in the World Cup.

The Indian vice-captain has hit the high notes with hundreds against South Africa and Pakistan along with a half-century against Australia.

For him, more than planning and preparation, it is the "free space" that has made all the difference.

"I think it's just the space I am in right now. It's a very good phase in my life. Having a daughter in my life actually has put me in a good space. So, yeah, I think I'm enjoying my cricket," Rohit said after his match-winning 140 off 113 balls against Pakistan here on Sunday.

"I think as a team we're heading in the right direction. For us, it is important to just keep ticking all the boxes, and I think, as a team, we have done that most of the time," Virat Kohli's deputy echoed his skipper's sentiments.

In every match so far, Rohit's risk assessment has been immaculate in the initial phase of the innings. "The last two days we were here, the pitch was under the covers, and it was a little soft when we started. When the conditions are like that, it becomes more of a new ball game and then the opposition can put pressure if you lose a few wickets," he said.

His captain had termed Rohit's hundred against South Africa as his best ODI innings. "So when asked where he would rate his match-winning effort against Pakistan, Rohit responded nonchalantly. "I'm sure if I get 100 in another game, you'll ask me the same question. Was that satisfying," he laughed.

"I don't know what happens in their team meeting, whether it's to bowl up (fuller) or bowl short. The first 10 overs, they bowled pretty well. Of



Rohit Sharma celebrates after completing his 24th ODI hundred

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course, we know in England, once you are in, it's very hard for the bowlers to come back, and there's not enough room for error. That is pretty simple," said the second highest aggregator in the competition (319 runs) behind Aaron Finch (343 runs).

But he did agree that Pakistan bowled to his strength as the innings went on. "They did bowl up (fuller) a fair amount, but then, again, as a batsman you are ready to just pounce on it when given or bowl to your strength. So I think it is my strength when someone bowls short to me," he added.

The best response to a question was the one with which he signed off. A Pakistani journalist asked, what would be his advice for Pakistan team which is in a crisis situation, he said. "Jab main Pakistan team ka coach banaonga tab jawab doonga (I will answer when I become Pakistan coach)."

# Tables have turned

PTI ■ MANCHESTER

Pakistan captain Sarfaraz Ahmed has reconciled to the fact that they "were a better team than India in the 90's" and now the tables have turned.

The soft-spoken Pakistan captain was literally hounded by his country's media with a host of uncomfortable questions following the team's heavy defeat against India here on Sunday.

Asked if the Indo-Pak rivalry has fizzled out over the years, Sarfaraz said: "We are not handling pressure well. The team that handles pressure in these games win. The Pakistan teams of the 90's, used to enjoy upper hand but now India is better than Pakistan. That's why they win matches."

Prime Minister Imran Khan's advice was "but first even if the pitch is damp" but Sarfaraz Khan doggedly defended his decision, saying the reason for defeat was "failure in all three departments".

The Pakistan Prime Minister and an iconic World Cup winning captain, in a series of tweets on the marquee dash, had spoken about the right approach for the high-pressure game.

"The whole team is not performing well in all three departments. If you talk about fielding, even Virat Kohli had said that he would have fielded. We haven't seen the pitch for two days. There was some moisture and hence I decided on fielding. We had a good toss but didn't hit the right length," said Sarfaraz.

A defeat against India inevitably gives rise to conspiracy theories and the post match media interaction was no different.

"Why is that the players' body language is so negative?" asked one of the scribes. The manner in which Sarfaraz kept his counsel was remarkable. "May be you guys have seen something in the body language but players are trying their best. They have been fielding lapses. Rohit could have been run out twice and had we availed those chances, it could have been a different result."

Another one asked, "Have all

players been physically and mentally fit to take on India?"

"There are no issues with anyone. Imad Wasim (gastric problem) had an issue but everyone had passed the fitness test. Now that we have lost, you can raise the issue."

The third person's query was about what happened to agitated Mohammed Amir gesticulating to media manager Raza Kitchlew.

"I didn't see anything. May be he was angry because he was trying to get wickets which he didn't get," Sarfaraz reasoned.

He also clarified on the alleged rift in the dressing room with seniors like Mohammed Hafeez and Shoaib Malik being unhappy with his leadership.

"There are no ill-feelings in the dressing room. The boys are backing each other. As far as why I didn't give Hafeez and Shoaib more than an over, it is because I felt there was no need for that. The batsmen were set and they went for runs (11 each) in the only over that they bowled."

Although it's a Herculean task for a team placed ninth among the 10 competing nations but he said that the endeavour is to win the remaining four games, said Sarfaraz.

"We should try to be positive and think like, okay we didn't play good cricket but let's try and win four games in order to bounce back," he added.





# Hope for the best

Caribbean wicket-keeper's 96, Hetmyer's 26-ball 50 & Lewis' return to form with 70 guide Windies to 321-7

PTI ■ TAUNTON

West Indies took control of their World Cup clash with Bangladesh as Shai Hope's 96 and the joint-fastest fifty of the tournament from Shimron Hetmyer inspired an imposing 321-8 at Taunton on Monday.

It seemed Bangladesh captain Mashrafe Mortaza might be rewarded for his decision to bowl first when the West Indies were contained to a sedate 94-1 from the first 22 overs.

But the Windies couldn't be held in check in the second half of the innings as Hope laid the foundations for his country's fourth highest World Cup score with a resolute 121-ball innings.

Hitting around Hope, Evin Lewis made 70 from 67 balls before Hetmyer smashed 50 in 26 balls, featuring four fours and three sixes.

It was the equal fastest 50 in this year's tournament and the third quickest by a West Indies batsman in World Cup history.

Bangladesh will need the second highest successful run chase in World Cup history to take maximum points.

"The pitch flattened out a bit more at the end and I was pretty pleased with 321," Hope said.

"We've got a bit more pace and height so hopefully we can extract a bit more."

West Indies opener Chris Gayle was expected to wreak havoc in the tournament, but the big-hitting 39-year-old has only managed scores of 50, 21 and 36.

Once again Gayle looked out of sorts and he was without scoring before dangling his bat limply at Mohammad Saifuddin's seaming delivery on the 13th, with



Shai Hope plays a shot during his 96-run innings against Bangladesh on Monday at County Ground, Taunton, (right) Shimron Hetmyer celebrates after completing his maiden World Cup fifty

the edge held low down by wicket-keeper Mushfiqur Rahim.

Lewis kept grinding away and reached his first World Cup fifty from 58 balls.

That was the signal for the opener to step on the gas and he

smashed a six and two fours in quick succession.

But Lewis paid the price for his sudden aggression when he was

caught off Shakib Al Hasan going for one more blast with the score on 122.

Lewis's partnership of 116 with Hope was the West Indies' first century stand of the World Cup.

A towering six from Nicholas Poonan off Mehidy Hasan Miraz left a hole in the roof of one of the Taunton stands.

But Poonan, on 25 from 30 balls, perished when he tried to lough-sweep Shakib and miscued to Soumya Sarkar at long-on.

Urgency finally injected into the innings, Hetmyer followed Poonan's gung-ho example with a sublime

display of hitting.

Blasting boundaries to all parts of the ground, Hetmyer passed 1,000 ODI runs in his 27th innings.

His flamboyant display was curtailed when he holed out off Mustafizur Rahman.



Cricknet World Cup/Twitter

## FIGURATIVELY

West Indies	
Chris Gayle c Rahim b Saifuddin	0
Evin Lewis c (sub)Sakib b Shakib	70
Shai Hope c Litton Das b Mustafizur	96
Nicholas Poonan c Soumya b Shakib	25
Shimron Hetmyer c Tamim b Mustafizur	50
Andre Russell c Rahim b Saifuddin	0
Jason Holder c Mahmudullah b Saifuddin	33
Darren Bravo b Saifuddin	19
Oshane Thomas	not out
6	
Bless (lb, 6, w 16, rb 0, p 0)	22
Total (6 wickets, 50 overs)	321
Fall of wickets: 6-1 (Chris Gayle, 32), 122-2 (Evin Lewis, 24.3), 159-3 (Nicholas Poonan, 32.2), 242-4 (Shimron Hetmyer, 39.3), 243-5 (Andre Russell, 39.6), 282-6 (Jason Holder, 43.4), 291-7 (Shai Hope, 46.6), 321-8 (Darren Bravo, 49.6)	
Bowling	
Mashrafe Mortaza	8-1-37-0
Mohammad Saifuddin	10-1-72-3
Mustafizur Rahman	9-0-59-3
Mehidy Hasan	9-0-57-0
Mosaddek Hossain	6-0-36-0
Shakib Al Hasan	8-0-54-2

Skipper Jason Holder's 33 from 15 balls — including four fours and two sixes — filled in admirably for Hetmyer to ensure the Windies went past 300.

Bangladesh have had the upper hand against the West Indies in recent meetings, winning six of the last seven, including all three games in the Tri-nation series in Ireland last month.

Both the West Indies and Bangladesh have won one of their four group matches, with two defeats and one no result apiece.

## OTHER SPORTS

# Bromance

Suarez, Cavani score again as Uruguay crush 10-man Ecuador 4-0

AFP ■ BELO HORIZONTE

Luis Suarez and Edinson Cavani were on target as Uruguay thumped 10-man Ecuador 4-0 in their opening Group C match at the Copa America on Sunday.

Nicolas Lodeiro opened the scoring after just six minutes before Ecuador full-back Jose Quintero was dismissed for a flailing arm.

With a numerical advantage, Uruguay ran riot at the Mineirao stadium in Belo Horizonte as Cavani and Suarez netted before the break. The rout was completed 12 minutes from time with an Arturo Mina own goal.

"We had chances in the first half, we managed to take them and that gave us the tranquility to manage the game," said Cavani, who finally scored his first Copa America goal in his fourth participation.

"It was an important step." It was the ideal beginning for Uruguay in a tough Group C alongside champions Chile and guests Japan, who meet on Monday in Sao Paulo.

Uruguay were off to a dream start. Suarez crossed from the right and Lodeiro proved the coolest customer in the Mineirao stadium as he beat one defender with his chest control, flicked the ball over another and then hit a crisp, low volley into the bottom far corner.

Uruguay were rampant and had the ball in the net soon afterwards only for Cavani to be given offside in the build-up.

Ecuador brought their arm to the contest that upset the Uruguayan players and Quintero was perhaps lucky to escape punishment when catching Diego Laxalt with an elbow in an aerial challenge.

But moments later his arm made contact with Lodeiro's face when challenging for another header, this time drawing blood.



Luis Suarez celebrates after scoring Uruguay's third goal. Copa America/Twitter

Brazilian referee Anderson Daronco — whose bulging arm muscles put even Ecuador's strapping players to shame — initially showed the full-back a yellow card but after consulting VAR he changed that to red.

That left Ecuador with a mountain to climb.

On 27 minutes, Alexander Dominguez made a brilliant low save to turn behind Cavani's half-volley from 15 yards.

Paris Saint-Germain forward Cavani was denied again when Dominguez stunnily tipped his clever back-flick onto the post one-handed.

But it was third time lucky on 33 minutes as Diego Godin headed the ball into the danger area and Cavani acrobatically rapped a bicycle kick from seven yards past a helpless Dominguez, his 47th interna-

AFP ■ PALMA

Maria Sharapova said on Sunday that she has "expectations" for herself ahead of her return from a five-month injury absence in Mallorca next week.

The five-time Grand Slam champion has not played since withdrawing from the St Petersburg event in January to have surgery on a long-standing shoulder injury.

Sharapova has struggled to find top form since coming back from a 15-month doping ban in 2017.

"When you go out in a tournament, anything can happen," the 32-year-old former world number one told *wtatennis.com*.

"You want to go out on the court and you want to show the type of tennis you think you can produce. I certainly have expectations for myself. And I enjoy getting better every day."

"The injuries are very frustrating... But then the next day, you start feeling better."

"The next day, you get bet-

# High expectations



Maria Sharapova trains during pre-tournament practice session. WTA/Twitter

er and you get a little more optimistic. A few months later, even though it's a long process, here you are and you're excited to compete again."

Sharapova will face Slovakia's Viktorija Kuzmova in the first round of the grass-court Wimbledon warm-up event, and could play three-time Grand Slam title winner Angelique Kerber in round two.

The Russian star beat former world number one Caroline Wozniacki at the Australian Open earlier this year, but has only reached one major quarter-final since being suspended for taking meldonium.

Sharapova thinks that, due to the injury, she was not enjoying her tennis six months ago. "I've been through it before. My shoulder has been troublesome for a majority of my career," she said.

"In January, I wasn't really enjoying playing because after every match I would think about what we would do to help my shoulder."

"I wasn't really thinking about being excited about the way I was playing, even though there were some great matches that I played in the start of the year."

Sharapova has slipped to 86th from 29th in the rankings during her lay-off.

"I took this time in order to come back to my first event and feel like I have a really good chance at it."

"Being away from the game for a few months is always challenging, because you miss a lot of things, but from a shoulder perspective, I'm giving it a really good chance here. Every match is going to be a really good test."

# Berrettini win Stuttgart final



Matteo Berrettini, left, holds the winners trophy next to runner-up Felix Auger-Aliassime. AP

AFP ■ STUTTGART

Canadian rising star Felix Auger-Aliassime's wait for a maiden ATP title was extended on Sunday as the teenager was beaten by Italian Matteo Berrettini in the Stuttgart final.

The 18-year-old has risen to 21st in the world rankings this season, but fell to his third defeat from as many finals, as Berrettini won 6-4, 7-6 (13/11).

The victory in the grass-court Wimbledon warm-up was the 30th-ranked Berrettini's third title, after triumphs on clay in Gstaad last year and Budapest in April.

The Italian won all 50 of his service games in Stuttgart, and

didn't face a break point in the final.

"On grass, beating these unbelievable guys... there were a lot of tough moments," said Berrettini, who did not lose a set during his run, ousting second seed Karen Khachanov in the second round.

Auger-Aliassime is one of a number of Canadian youngsters climbing through the tennis ranks, including Denis Shapovalov and Bianca Andreescu.

He saw five set points come and go in the second-set tie-break, before the 23-year-old Berrettini — the first Italian grass-court finalist since Andreas Seppi at Eastbourne in 2011 — took his third match point.

# Conversion rate needs to improve: Marijne

PTI ■ HIROSHIMA

Tackling a lower-ranked Fiji should not be a problem for the Indian hockey team at the FIH Women's Series Finals but chief coach Sjoerd Marijne says the job will get easier if his side could improve its "conversion rate".

At number nine, India is top ranked side in the tournament and has conceded just one goal in two matches played so far. India beat Uruguay 4-1 before blanking Poland 5-0.

A victory against Pool No 44 Fiji in their last Pool A match will ensure a semi-final place for the Rani Rampal-led Indian side on Tuesday.

"There is no doubt that the team has played well in the first couple of matches, but we want to be performing at the highest level possible, and I believe that there is still room for improvement. Our conversion rate can definitely be higher and



Women's coach Sjoerd Marijne watches Eves play against Poland. HI/Twitter

if that happens, it will be easier for us to win the matches," said Marijne.

"What has impressed me in the first two matches has been the fact that we have created good field opportunities, and have also been able to earn more penalty corners. The team is enjoying themselves on the pitch, and that is good to see. As a coach that your players are enjoying each other's company," he added.

The 45-year-old

Dutchman said his team is now gelling well.

"The most important aspect for me, is to see how the players enjoy playing together, and how they combine on and off the field. When you keep trying to combine on the field, it results in everybody getting an opportunity to play and perform as well," he said.

The chief coach said the team is focused on winning all the matches and won't take any opponent lightly.