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2/3rds TDP RS members join BJP

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

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

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

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

The latest developments triggered speculation about



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

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

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

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

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

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

Welcoming the TDP MPs, Nadda said merger would make BJP stronger in Andhra Pradesh where "we would expand BJP's base." He said for long these MPs were impressed with the "dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and organisational skills of

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

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

Barring Mohan Rao, who had hurt himself, three other MPs were present at the conference of Nadda. Speaking on the occasion, Chowdary said he and his RS colleagues joined the BJP to contribute to the "nation building" under Modi's leadership.

He said all of them thought that the best course is cooperation and not confrontation as far as the implementation of the issues in relation to the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act are concerned and the BJP was the best forum to sort it out.

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

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

Prez: Govt to continue dev journey for inclusive India

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

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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



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

to promote growth of industries and creation of jobs. The BJP had played the national security card during the elections to the hilt by showcasing the Balakot airstrikes even as it had been at the receiving end over rising unemployment.

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

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

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

The President said work is underway in full earnest to transform India into a global manufacturing hub. "Keeping in view Industry 4.0, a new industrial policy will be announced shortly," he said.

The new policy will replace the industrial policy of 1991 which was prepared in the backdrop of balance of payment crisis. This will be the third industrial policy after the ones released in 1956 and 1991.

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

Denies giving nod to Gehlot to lead party

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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

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



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

Rahul has been adamant on stepping down as party president following the debacle in the elections, but the CWC, the highest decision-making body of the Congress, has

rejected his resignation offer and asked him to restructure the party at all levels. Rahul has maintained that the new party president should be a non-Gandhi, apparently to shed the image of the party being controlled by one dynasty.

By resigning he has also sought to showcase that there has to be accountability at all levels. But then, while Rahul has been consistent on not backtracking on his decision, the party has taken a hit, be it in Karnataka or Rajasthan, where factionalism is rife.

The Congress had even toyed with the idea of an interim president hoping that Rahul would be back in action sooner or later. But none of its senior leaders expressed their willingness to handle the responsibility — neither AK Antony nor KC Venugopal.

However, Rahul on Thursday yet again raked up the Rafale deal, an issue on which he had gone hammer and tongs during the campaigning to target Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

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

PTI ■ JAMNAGAR

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

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

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

Human-wild elephant conflict cases nosedive

ANKIT MISHRA ■ RAIPUR

Following the recent deaths of two people, including a forest guard in Raigarh district, the disgruntlement over death due to human-wild elephant conflict reinvigorated.

However, latest data from the State forest department suggest that there has been a sharp decrease in human casualty caused by wild elephants in Chhattisgarh during the 2018-19 fiscal.

According to the official data, 56 people were killed by wild elephants in the northern Chhattisgarh during the financial year 2018-19. This number was much higher during 2017-18, wherein 74 people were trampled to death by the pachyderms.

Currently, there are about 280 wild elephants in Chhattisgarh which live and roam in forests of Surguja, Jashpur, Surajpur, Balrampur, Raigarh and few parts of Korba.

Northern Chhattisgarh has been witnessing movements of wild-elephants for over thirty years.

Principal Chief



Conservator of Forest (PCCF) Rakesh Chaturvedi attributes rising awareness among the locals on how to react while confronting the wild elephant to the decline of death tolls.

"Departments intervention in educating people has also played a major role. Also, with time they have learnt to live in harmony with the wild elephants," the PCCF claimed.

During 2018-19 the state forest department has distrib-

uted ₹14.01 crore as compensation for death, human injury and crop/house damage. In 2017-18 this amount was Rs 21.28 crore.

Meanwhile, Surguja region-based elephant expert Amalendu Mishra, who has been running the only radio program 'Hamar Hathi Hamar Gothi' - updating rural people about every day location of wild elephants, seconds the opinion of PCCF

Chaturvedi. "Definitely the level of awareness among villagers in Surguja region has increased. However, still there are pockets where the movement of wild elephants has been relatively new and people over there need to learn a lot," he stated.

The reach of 'Hamar Hathi Hamar Gothi' is further amplified through large numbers of Whatsapp groups.

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In first, desi mats for yoga; Modi to lead nation from Ranchi

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will lead the nation in performing yoga along with nearly 20,000 other participants at Jharkhand's Ranchi, which will host the main event of International Yoga Day 2019 on June 21. A fifth in the series, this year's event will be the first environment-friendly yoga day, with authorities across the States replacing the synthetic mats with those made of khadi.

On the eve of the International Yoga Day, the latest yoga videos featuring Modi's animated version were shared with the public which is all geared up to celebrate the day. Modi tweeted, "On 21st June, we will mark #YogaDay2019. I urge you all to make Yoga an integral part of your life and also inspire others to do the same. The benefits of Yoga are tremendous."

The International Day of Yoga aims to raise awareness about many benefits of practising yoga. This year's slogan

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is yoga for Heart. On December 11, 2014, the United Nations had proclaimed 21 June as the International Day of Yoga after recognising its universal appeal.

Like every year this time too, preparations are in schools and offices in India and at Indian embassies around the world. For instance, the Indian Embassy in Abu Dhabi and the Indian Consulate in Dubai, which are leading the Yoga Day activities for the

fifth year, said they have received the support of the UAE authorities in all the emirates to host the event.

Industry bodies like CII, FICCI, Institute of Company Secretaries of India, as well as educational bodies like CBSE, NCERT and UGC will also organise programmes on the occasion.

In the national Capital, the main event will be at Rajpath in New Delhi. This will be organised by New Delhi Municipal Council, NDMC in association with Ministry of AYUSH. Apart from the main event, the programmes will be held at Red Fort, Nehru Park, Lodhi Garden, Talkatora Garden, Yamuna Sports Complex and in Dwarka. A yoga shivir will also be organised for the Members of Parliament on the premises of Parliament House.

A mass yoga congregation of about 50,000 yoga lovers

from Delhi-NCR will be held on Red Fort Grounds. Scheduled to be the biggest gathering for Yoga Day Celebrations in Delhi, the event is jointly being organised by the Brahma Kumaris and Union Ministry of AYUSH. Vice President Venkaiah Naidu will preside over the event as Chief Guest.

Armed forces personnel too are playing active role to be part of the event. Border Security Force (BSF) jawans were seen performing yoga in Kupwara sector in Jammu & Kashmir, ahead of International Yoga Day while ITBP posted several other images and videos as well showing the jawans performing yogasanas across various places in India.



Workers carry yoga mats during the preparation at the venue of the 5th International Yoga Day in Ranchi on Thursday PTI

CAPSULE

32 DEAD AS BUS FALLS IN DRAIN IN KULLU
Shimla: At least 32 people were killed and 28 others severely injured when a bus fell into a deep drain in Kullu district of Himachal Pradesh.

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

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

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

Conserve monsoon rainwater: PM to CMs

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

in neighbouring districts.

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

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

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

AN-32 crash: IAF retrieves remains of 13 personnel

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

here on Thursday.

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

The rescue team had managed to salvage the flight data recorder or the black box some days back and was airlifted to Jorhat. However, the probe to ascertain the likely cause of the mishap after analysis of the data of the black box may take time as the equipment is damaged. Experts are trying to retrieve the data.

It is feared that the AN-32 which took off from Jorhat in Assam on June 3 for Mechuka in Arunachal Pradesh crashed into a hill top. However, the analysis of the data and the court of inquiry will find out the exact reason of the accident.

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

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

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

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

INSHORT

INDIA'S VOTE NOT AGAINST PALESTINIAN CAUSE: MEA

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

SC WILL PASS ORDER ON DEEMED VARSITY SEATS

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

INDIA SHRUGS PAK'S PARLEYS CLAIM

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

CORBETT RESERVE SENDS NOTICE TO 15 WEBSITES

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

PREVIOUS ORDINANCES TABLED IN PARLIAMENT

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

RAHUL'S REJOINER TO NCST'S NOTICE

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

PASWAN TO BECOME RS MEMBER FROM BIHAR

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

BOOK ON AYURVEDA RELEASED

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

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

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

The police have formed teams to trace him. Names of

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

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

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

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

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

Centre deploys 8 ambulances in Muzaffarpur

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"The State government has started a social audit along with

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

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

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

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

INX Media: CBI seeks nod to try four officials

BRIBERY CHARGES AGAINST PC, SON

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MUNGER ARMS CASE

NIA raids 12 locations in Bihar, UP

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

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

US filtering only anti-American content on terror

RAKESH K SINGH ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

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

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

During the Afghan operations, the US has handed over

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

PTI

Rural schemes aim to generate livelihood, prosperity of villagers: T.S. Singhdeo

Review meeting of panchayat and rural development department held

STAFF REPORTER ■ RAIPUR

Panchayat and Rural Development Minister T. S. Singhdeo, holding a day-long marathon review meeting of his department on Thursday, said key target of all rural development schemes is to enhance and generate options for livelihood and strengthen village economy.

He said during implementation of developmental schemes, building and roads are just a part of it, but as schemes are for villages and villagers, the focus should be given on raising their standard of living. So, implementation should be such that villagers derive total advantage. In the meeting held at



Thakur Pyarelal Panchayat and Rural Development Institute, Nimora, the minister reviewed implementation of schemes such as 'Narva, Garuva, Ghurva aur Baari (NGGB), MGNREGA

works, PMGSY, State Rural Livelihood Mission, Rural Engineering Works, and works undertaken by Directorate of Panchayat and office of Development Commissioner.

Laying emphasis on quality roads under PMGSY, minister appreciated officials for the state securing top position in the country in implementation of schemes under PMGSY-2 road

construction. He said contractor should not be blamed for quality of roads but it is responsibility of officials to ensure it. He directed officials to ensure that state ranks first in the country in quality road construction.

On NGGB, minister said for long-term arrangement, community participation of villagers and panchayats should be ensured and it should generate employment for minimum 10 families.

Singhdeo directed officials to achieve targets so that more central funds can be sought. Panchayat and rural development department Additional Chief Secretary R P Mandal, PCCF Rakesh Chaturvedi and other officials were present.

In-charge ministers reshuffled to revamp administration: Baghel

STAFF REPORTER ■ RAIPUR

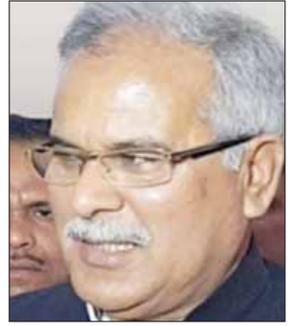
Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel on Thursday said the decision not to give responsibility of home district to any in-charge minister was taken to revamp administration.

"It was done to ensure better administration in the districts", he said.

Baghel said this while talking to media persons here at Swami Vivekanand Airport before proceeding for national capital to attend a meeting of finance ministers of states convened by union finance minister.

Baghel further informed that the earlier arrangement in which the minister were assigned the responsibility of their home districts was made keeping in view the Lok Sabha elections.

He further informed that he had



sought time from Congress President Rahul Gandhi to discuss affairs of the state with him.

Replying to a query, he said the matter of appointment of new PCC Chief would also be discussed with him and a final call would be taken by Gandhi.

Action initiated against two quacks, medicines worth ₹ 1.80 lakh seized

STAFF REPORTER ■ DHAMTARI

Action was taken against two quacks practicing in rural areas of Dhamtari district on Wednesday by a joint team of Food and Drug Administration and district health and family welfare department.

Allopathic medicines worth ₹ 1.80 lakh were seized from them.

Deputy Director, Food and Drug Administration informed that Lalit Kumar Nishad was running a clinic at village Jeejamgaon (Gandhi Chowk) under Kurud

block. The joint team seized all the medicines kept by him.

Similarly in ward-6 of Sub Teshil Kukrel of Nagari block, near a bus stand, Sanjay Tiwari was running a clinic.

The estimated cost of total medicines seized from both quacks is ₹ 1.80 lakh.

The medicines have been handed over to Sub Divisional Magistrate, Dhamtari and Kurud.

Notice has been issued to both and they were asked to submit all the necessary documents for further investigation.

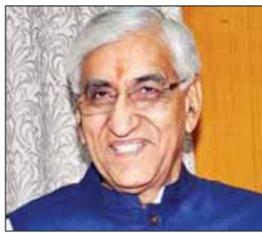
Appointing boards, corporation chiefs tough task: Singhdeo

STAFF REPORTER ■ RAIPUR

Health, Panchayat and Rural Development Minister T.S. Singhdeo said coordination between organisation and government is a big challenge and to reward the party workers with coveted posts in boards and corporation is proving to be a tough task.

Talking to a section of media persons here on Thursday, Singhdeo accepted that Congress was facing difficulties to accommodate active party leaders in boards and corporations. "As against less than 100 posts, there are more than 150 aspirants and at least five persons from each block of the state are eyeing for the coveted posts", he said.

Singhdeo further asserted that they would execute the task of



appointments with proper coordination between organisation and the government.

Notable, a ministerial berth in the state cabinet and appointment to the post of PCC chief are also pending as the senior state leaders were waiting for the Lok Sabha polls to be concluded. A final call on these two posts will be taken by Congress President Rahul Gandhi.

Indiatourism Mumbai, CTB to hold Yoga Day today

RAIPUR: On the occasion of 5th International Yoga Day, on June 21, Indiatourism, Mumbai and Chhattisgarh Tourism Board (CTB) is jointly organising yoga session from 7.00 am to 8.00 am at Hotel Johar Chhattisgarh, Telibandha, Raipur.

Indiatourism, Mumbai assistant Director, Shobha Shashikumar, Philip Pereira (Indiatourism, Mumbai), Dr Rahul Das, International Yoga trainer, Mustaque Ali Pradhan, president Shera Club, Sapre School Raipur, members of Nehru Yuva Kendra along with students will participate in the event.

IIT Bhilai to host 'Open House' today

STAFF REPORTER ■ RAIPUR

The IIT, Bhilai is organising a 'Open House' for those who have cleared the JEE (Advance) and seeking admission to BTech programme on June 21 at Government Engineering College (GEC), Sejbahar, Raipur from 9 am.

In the "Open House" doubts and questions of the aspirants will be answered and clarified.

All the JEE Advanced 2019 rank holders can participate in live counseling session. At the start of the session, the administrators of institute will brief about



the IIT education and admission process with an introduction to programmes of study and campus life. It will be followed by a question and answer session.

Indian Institute of Technology Bhilai was

established in Chhattisgarh in 2016. The IIT Bhilai offers Bachelor of Technology (BTech), Master of Technology (MTech), Master of Science (MSc) and Doctoral programs (PhD) in various departments.



Chhattisgarh Tourism and Culture Minister Tamradhwaj Sahu called on Union Tourism and Culture Minister Prahlad Singh Patel at New Delhi on Thursday. Sahu briefed him about tourism potential in Chhattisgarh and the need for tourism development through different schemes.

9 killed in separate road accidents, CM expresses grief

STAFF REPORTER ■ RAIPUR

Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel on Thursday expresses grief over death of nine people in two separate road accidents which happened in Bastar.

He has directed the officials concerned to provide best possible medical treatment to the injured victims of the accidents.

Notably, five persons were killed and 42 others were injured after a pick-up van carrying marriage party members collided head-on with another speeding goods carrier vehicle in Bijapur district of Chhattisgarh on Wednesday night.

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Pandemurga village under Nelasnar police stations limits when the victims were returning to Bijapur after attending a wedding party in the neigh-

bouring Dantewada district. "Around 50 people from Tidodi village in Bijapur were in the van when another vehicle carrying goods coming

from the opposite direction collided with it," a local police officer said.

Four occupants of the van died on the spot while 43 others were injured and rushed to the nearby different hospitals in Bijapur, Bhairamgarh and Dantewada, he said.

One of the injured persons succumbed while undergoing treatment at a hospital in Dantewada. Of the remaining 42 injured, 10 were admitted to a hospital in Bijapur, 26 at a medical facility in Bhairamgarh town and six in Dantewada. A case has been registered in connection with the incident. In another incident, a truck fell into Darbha valley of Bastar district claiming lives of four people travelling in it.

Special 'Gram Sabha' tomorrow

STAFF REPORTER ■ RAIPUR

Special 'Gram Sabha' is scheduled on June 22 in all the village panchayats in Chhattisgarh. The village Sarpanch will read out letter written by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to all Sarpanch stressing on the need for rain water harvesting and water conservation.

Panchayat and rural development department secretary Reeta Shandilya issued a circular to all the district collectors in this regard.

The circular directs all the district collectors to hold a special village meeting in all village panchayats on June 22 and read out the letter of the Prime Minister. Besides, it also directed to organise 'Shramdaan' (voluntary labour) for water conservation

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vation at local level.

All the collectors have been instructed to submit the report of all the activities and action taken during the village meeting by June 29 and submit the same to Directorate, Panchayat.

Group Yoga to be held at district headquarters to mark Intl Yoga Day

STAFF REPORTER ■ RAIPUR

Group yoga will be performed at all the district headquarters, development blocks, and panchayats of the state, including in capital city Raipur to mark the International Yoga Day on Friday.

Chief Minister Baghel was expected to chair the group yoga demonstration programme to be held at Sardar Balbeer Singh Juneja Indoor Stadium in Raipur but due to his urgent tour of national capital to attend a meeting called by union finance minister for all his state counterparts, Baghel would have to skip this function. Now Mayor, Raipur Pramod Dubey

will chair the function to be held at indoor stadium of the state capital.

However, Chief Minister in a message to people of the state extended hearty greetings for the occasion.

He appealed common people to include yoga in their daily routine to make their body healthy and free from diseases.

Similar to the programme at Raipur indoor stadium, a programme is scheduled to be organized at Korba district headquarters where Assembly Speaker Dr Charandas Mahant will be present as chief guest.

Likewise, in the events to be held in district headquarters,



ministers-in-charge/nominated ministers, MPs, MLAs, Zila Panchayat Presidents, Mayors and other public representatives as well as prominent citizens of the respective districts will mark their presence.

Group Yoga sessions will be

organized from 7am to 8am. This year, the target is to ensure participation of more than 60 lakh people in the International Yoga Day celebration across the state.

The objective of the International Yoga Day celebra-

tion is to create mass awareness about benefits of yoga in prevention and cure of physical and psychological ailments.

Officials and employees of all the departments, police personnel, prisoners, NCC-NSS cadets, scouts and guides along with students of government and private universities, colleges, schools and ashrams and common people will participate in the programmes.

Chief Secretary Sunil Kumar Kujur has given instructions to all the district collectors to ensure implementation of the strategic action plan for organizing group yoga sessions in the respective districts.

SIKHS LIVING IN SHILLONG

Sikhs in Meghalaya feel safe after Punjab delegation's healing touch

PNS ■ SHILLONG / CHANDIGARH

On the second day of their visit to the north-eastern state, the visiting Punjab delegation on Thursday met Meghalayan Home Minister James K Sangma and urged him to ensure early and amicable one-time resolution of the Sikh Settlers' issue.

The Punjab team also requested that the High Powered Committee (HPC) formed by the Meghalayan Government on the issue should take into account all genuine concerns of the Sikh families before reaching any conclusion.

The delegation was sent to the state by Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh to assess the ground situation in the wake of threats being reportedly issued to Sikh settlers in Shillong.

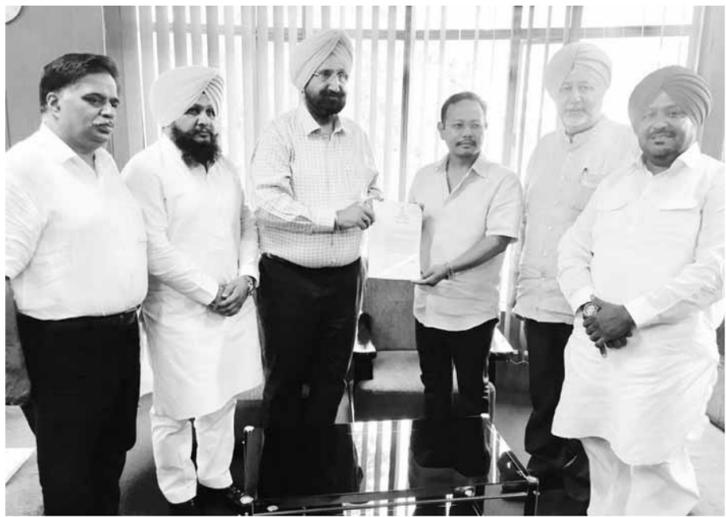
The delegation also requested the Home Minister

to ensure security of the hundreds of Sikh families who had been residing in the Punjabi lane area of Shillong for decades now. The state government should initiate more confidence building measures to instil confidence in the community, they felt.

On the issue of notices issued by Shillong Municipal Board to the Sikh settlers, the delegation urged the Home Minister to remove any apprehension from the minds of the minority community.

Any arbitrary action taken by local authorities to evacuate the settlers would be in gross violation of the right to movement and freedom of the Sikh community, said the delegation.

Expressing satisfaction with the handling of the situation by the state government, the delegation, on behalf of Capt Amarinder Singh, thanked Meghalaya Home Minister for his proactive



efforts in defusing the situation. The delegation, however, underlined the need to guard

against attempts by vested groups to create further problems.

During the meeting, delegation head Punjab Minister Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa

handed Capt Amarinder's letter addressed to Chief Minister Conrad Sangma to the Meghalayan Home Minister.

The Home Minister assured the delegation that all efforts would be made to protect the Sikhs in Meghalaya. The High Level Committee under the chairmanship of Deputy Chief Minister was examining the issue from all angles and any final decision would be based on this outcome only, he assured the delegation.

On the issue of threats issued by the banned INLC, the Home Minister assured the delegation that though the organisation was defunct the state Government was not taking any chances and had already made elaborate security arrangements. During the meeting, Sangma also spoke to Capt. Amarinder Singh on phone and assured all possible help by his government to the settlers.

He also apprised the visiting delegation that Chief Minister Conrad Sangma was in constant touch with the Punjab Chief Minister, and would keep Capt Amarinder updated on the situation which he was personally monitoring and reviewing.

Besides Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa, the group included MP Jasbir Singh Gill, along with MLA Kuldeep Singh Vaid and Kulbir Singh Zira. Special Secretary Planning D S Mangat also accompanied the delegation.

A day before, the four-member delegation from Punjab met members of the Sikh community in Meghalaya after reports emerged that they have been told to leave the state by the authorities there.

The delegation assured full support of the Punjab government to them. "Punjab government will take all possible steps to bring the current dispute to an amicable settle-

ment," said Randhawa, adding that the "infringement" of the civil rights of the Sikhs who lived in Shillong for over 200 years would not be allowed at any cost.

The members of the Sikh community in Meghalaya told the delegation that the administration there had dubbed the area where they lived as "slum" and wanted their eviction.

An incident of assault in Punjabi Lane of Shillong in May last year had resulted in clashes following which the area was put under curfew for over a month.

Punjabi Lane is inhabited by people from Punjab, who were brought to Shillong around 200 years ago by the British to work as cleaners or sweepers. According to reports, the Meghalaya authorities have served notices on residents of Punjabi Lane, directing them to furnish documents by July 3 to prove that they had settled in the area legally.

Preparations for Assembly elections begin in Haryana

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Ahead of upcoming Haryana Assembly elections, the main political parties—Bharatiya Janata Party, Congress and Jannayak Janta Party—have set ambitious targets to win the polls and form the next government in the state.

While the ruling BJP has announced "Mission 75" to ensure huge majority in the Haryana Assembly, the Congress has coined a slogan "Abki Baar 80 ke paar, BJP Bahar". The JJP, a splinter group of Indian National Lok Dal has announced its "Mission 46" to form the government in Haryana.

The INLD, which was once the main opposition party in Haryana Assembly, has only recently appointed its new Haryana state party chief BD Dhalia and began its poll preparations on Thursday.

The ruling BJP has already made it clear that it will contest the Assembly elections on the issues of giving corruption free and transparent governance, employment to youth and initiating various welfare schemes while the opposition has announced to raise the issues of unemployment, corruption and deteriorating law and order situation in the state.

In the 90-member Haryana Assembly, the BJP currently has 48 MLAs, Congress has 17 while the INLD's strength has come down to 9 MLAs with continuous exodus of its party MLAs to the rival camps.

After BJP's big victory in Lok Sabha polls where it had won all 10 parliamentary seats in Haryana, the saffron party has set a target of winning

The BJP is also likely to soon announce its manifesto committee for the Vidhan Sabha elections. The ruling party is also working to further strengthen its base on all 90 Assembly constituencies ahead of the elections

at least 75 seats in the State Assembly polls, due to be held in October this year.

The parliamentary elections, the saffron party not only won all 10 Lok Sabha seats in Haryana but had also maintained its lead in as many as 79 assembly constituencies out of total 90 assembly seats.

Haryana BJP chief Subhash Barala said that the party has set a target of winning at least 75 seats to form the next government in the state. The party's working committee will meet on June 28, 29 in Rohtak to discuss strategy for the upcoming polls, he said.

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On the other hand, the BJP's main rival-Congress in Haryana is still plagued with the factionalism and infighting. After its humiliating defeat where it could not even open its account despite its heavyweights contesting the polls, the faction-ridden Haryana Congress is yet to work unitedly to begin the poll preparations.

Amid the speculations of change of guard in state leadership, Haryana Congress chief

Ashok Tanwar has however begun holding meetings with his supporters.

A day before, Tanwar had also announced party's slogan "Abki Baar 80 ke paar, BJP Bahar" for assembly polls. Though the target of winning 80 seats seems implausible at present, given the raging infighting and absence of organizational structure in Haryana Congress, Tanwar claimed that the party is ready to strengthen its organizational structure ahead of the polls.

JJP, a breakaway faction of INLD has also geared up for the polls and its party leader Dushyant Chautala is currently busy holding meetings in all assembly constituencies and strengthening the organizational structure at grassroot level in the state.

Jannayak Janta Party's state chief Nishan Singh said that we are working hard to achieve our "Mission 46" in Haryana Assembly polls.

The party is chalking out a strategy to win at least 46 seats in the assembly polls to form the next government, he added.

Commenting on targets set by opposition parties for Assembly elections, Health Minister and senior BJP leader Anil Vij on Thursday said that dreams are tax-free but opposition's dreams are not going to come true.

While the BJP will contest the polls in an alliance with SAD, the JJP has forged an alliance with Aam Aadmi Party for Haryana Assembly elections.

In 2014 Vidhan Sabha elections, the BJP had won 47 seats in the 90-member Assembly and had managed to make its maiden State Government in Haryana on its own.

The INLD had won 19 seats while the Congress had won 15 seats.

Shah to participate in Haryana Yoga Day function today

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Union Home Minister Amit Shah will participate in the state level function to be organized in Haryana's Rohtak on the occasion of 5th International Yoga Day on June 21, Friday.

The Chief Minister Manohar Lal, Rohtak MP Arvind Sharma and other senior party leaders will also be present on the occasion. The state level function is scheduled to begin at 6:30 am at Mela Ground Vita Milk Chowk, Gohana road, Rohtak.

The State Government will be celebrating International Yoga Day in all the districts and assembly constituencies on Friday.

"Yoga events at as many as 79 places will be organized in Haryana where Ministers, MLAs, MPs and other office bearers will be the chief guests of these functions," said an official spokesman.

The Chief Minister Manohar Lal on Thursday evening reached Rohtak and reviewed the preparations for the mega event.

Around 25000 people are likely to participate in the

Rohtak event. According to common Yoga Protocol issued by Union Ministry of AYUSH, related yoga training has been given at district level.

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

HARYANA CONSTITUTES YOG PARISHAD
Chandigarh: Haryana

Government has constituted Haryana Yog Parishad under the administrative control of Health and Family Welfare and AYUSH Departments.

In this regard, the Department of Health and Family Welfare and AYUSH has issued a notification on Thursday.

Giving details, an official spokesman of the Department said that the main objective of Yog Parishad is to introduce people of the state to a healthy lifestyle and to encourage them to make yoga an integral part of their life for the overall development of their per-

sonality.

He said that in addition, the Parishad will ensure participation of youth of the state in competitive programs like Yog Olympiad so that they can exhibit their skills at national and international level and bring laurels to the state.

In order to achieve this objective, the Yoga Parishad will take all necessary measures to promote Yoga at the village, block and district level by disseminating and publicizing information related to yoga, the spokesman added.

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Public Works Department for Implementation of RCP LWE works (Under Ministry of National Rural Road Development Agency New Delhi) in Chhattisgarh, invites application for empanelment of State Quality Monitors (SQMs) from retired engineers, not below the rank of Executive Engineer (Civil) and Professor of Civil Engineering colleges & Polytechnic colleges from Chhattisgarh, and from neighbouring states of Chhattisgarh having experienced, in Construction and Maintenance of Roads or Bridge with similar professional qualification. Other Detail for empanelment, duties of State Quality Monitors, Honorarium & Traveling allowances, terms of conditions of empanelment application format & other details are available in the Office of Engineer in Chief. The age of applicant should not be more than 70 years.

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Punjab distributes 2 cr saplings in a yr

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Punjab Government has distributed more than 2 crore saplings free of cost till date under Mission Tandarus Punjab beginning June 5 last year, Forest Minister, Sadhu Singh Dharamsot said on Thursday.

He said the State Government was committed to ensure a clean and pollution free environment to the people of the State and it is as part of this holistic commitment that more than 2 crore saplings of varied types have been distributed free of people to the cost till date under various campaigns.

The minister said 10000 hectares of area has been brought under forest cover with the planting of 1.3 crore saplings whereas in accordance with the 'Ghar Ghar Hariyali' campaign around 68 lakh saplings have been distributed people free of cost to the who have planted these at the places of their choice.

Dharamsot said out of these 68 lakh saplings nearly 18

lakh have been distributed through online mobile application 'i haryali'. Under the scheme the people of the State downloaded the mobile app and thereafter procure the saplings of their choice from the nearest nursery.

The minister said that as per the anti encroachment campaign undertaken by the department, till date 5000 acres of land has been freed from the illegal encroachments and the drive to plant saplings at the same is continuing. The minister further added that under a special scheme, 4 lakh saplings of vegetables have been distributed absolutely free.

Similarly, around 10 lakh saplings have been distributed free of cost to the farmers from the Clonal Hi Tech Nursery, Qadian and Ludhiana.

Dharamsot said that a target has been set to plant 550 saplings in every village of Punjab as part of the 550th Parkash Purb celebrations Sri Guru Nanak Dev. The scheme would see 75 lakh saplings being planted.

SAD eyes to contest 30 seats in Hry in alliance with BJP

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Amid the demand raised by its party leaders to contest on at least 30 seats in Haryana Assembly polls, the Shiromani Akali Dal on Thursday said that the decision on seat sharing with its alliance partner Bharatiya Janata Party for the upcoming assembly elections in the state will be taken at an appropriate time.

Reacting on the reports that the SAD is seeking at least 30 seats out of total 90 to contest the Haryana assembly polls, which are due in October, SAD's senior leader and in-charge for state affairs, Balwinder Singh Bhunder on Thursday said, "The decision on number of seats, we will contest will be taken at an appropriate time when we will sit together with our alliance partner-BJP."

Bhunder, while talking to a section of mediapersons here clarified that the SAD has not put any demand before the BJP on number of

seats it wants to contest in Haryana Assembly elections. "The number is not an issue and these things can be sorted out when we sit together and discuss. But the SAD holds sway on a number of seats in Haryana," he added.

His statement came a day after senior SAD leader Prem Singh Chandumajra had in Delhi said that his party is in a position to win 30 seats in the 90-member Haryana Assembly or make those contesting these seats win.

Recently, Haryana SAD leaders, including its state unit president Sharanjit Singh Sotha had also said the SAD has a strong sphere of influence in more than 30 assembly segments and should be accommodated honourably. The leaders had affirmed that the SAD had come of age in Haryana and is ready to reap the benefits of the good work done by it in the state.

The SAD led by the Badals— father-son duo of Parkash Singh Badal and

Sukhbir—is a key ally of the BJP-led NDA at the Centre. The SAD in an alliance with the BJP had ruled Punjab for a decade till 2017 and is now looking for political expansion in Haryana.

In the 90-member Haryana Assembly, the ruling BJP currently has 48 MLAs while the SAD has only one MLA.

On the seat-sharing issue with the SAD, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar had recently said these things will be decided by the BJP's parliamentary board at an appropriate time.

Interestingly, the SAD, for a long time, had been supporting the Indian National Lok Dal in Haryana despite its alliance with BJP in Punjab and at the national level.

While Badals and Chautalas have shared close family ties for over several decades, their political parties—INLD and SAD-- had parted ways in 2016 over the contentious issue of Sultej Yamuna Link (SYL) canal.

Himachal to launch CM Helpline 1100

PNS ■ SHIMLA

The Chief Minister Helpline will be started soon in Himachal to register problems,

complaints and suggestions of the general public, Chief Secretary B.K. Agarwal said on Thursday.

The CS presided over a workshop on CM Helpline 1100, organised here in which a detailed presentation on this service was given by the states of Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh, where this helpline has already been launched.

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Director Information Technology, Rohan Chand Thakur said this helpline would be bottom-top approach which would ensure quicker response and transparent and responsive governance.

The call centre of this service centre has been set up in the

parking complex at Tutikandi in Shimla, where employment has been given to 60 call centre operators.

This centre will be functional on all days from 7 am to 10 pm. Moreover, three Operators would sit in the office of Chief Minister to register paper applications received in formal hearing.

Director of CM Helpline, Madhya Pradesh Bhupendra Paraste detailed the features of this service through power point presentation.

Iran shoots down US drone amid tension

AP ■ TEHRAN

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

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

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

The attacks come against the backdrop of heightened tensions between the US.

And Iran following President Donald Trump's deci-

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

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

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

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

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

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

Pentagon confirms Iran shot down US surveillance drone

AFP ■ WASHINGTON

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

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

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

He said it happened at 2335 GMT Wednesday.

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

Macron sends senior diplomat to Iran to defuse US tensions

AFP ■ PARIS

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

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

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

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

The United States has yet to respond.

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



Macron, the ambassador...

Hormuz, which the United States blamed on Iran.

Tehran has denied any involvement.

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

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

Hong Kong protesters call for new demo after demands are snubbed

AFP ■ HONG KONG

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

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

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

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

They also recommended a



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

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

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

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

ing days."

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

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

GLOBE TROTTER

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

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

NOBEL MUSEUM GIFTED EINSTEIN'S RELATIVITY DOC

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

UK Treasury chief issues stiff no-deal Brexit warning

AP ■ LONDON

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

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

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

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

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

American forces detain leaders close to Karzai

AVEEK SEN ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

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

Turkey sentences 24 to life in 'coup ringleaders' trial

AFP ■ SINCAN (TURKEY)

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

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

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

Such sentences carry harsher prison conditions.

More sentences are expected to be handed down on Thursday against others among the 224 suspects on trial.

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

Gulen strongly denies the claims. Turkey has failed to

secure his extradition.

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

One suspect, Lieutenant Colonel Levent Turkkan, who was the aide to then Chief of Staff General Hulusi Akar, was given one aggravated life sentence, Anadolu reported. Akar was appointed defence minister in July 2018.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Appeal for Identification



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

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

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

UNDER HYPOTHECATION WITH M/S KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK IS UNDER SALE IN ITS "AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION" INTERESTED PARTIES CAN GIVE THEIR QUOTATIONS WITH IN 7 DAYS AT BRANCH ADDRESS: 3RD FLOOR, PLOT NO 7, SECTOR 125, NOIDA-201313 OR CONTACT : RAJESH ANTIL KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK LTD. CONTACT NO. 9711173320

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

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

Notice to the Respondent No.1

To Ms Delhi Baroda Road Carrier Pvt. Ltd., No.480, Udyog Vinar, PH-V Guragaon, Haryana - 122 001.

Please take notice that the petitioner has filed the above case for compensation of Rs.30,00,000/- for the injuries sustained by him, in a Road Traffic Accident caused by your Bharat Benz Container Lorry bearing Registration no. NL-01-NR-2051, on 05.04.2017 at 04.00 P.M., at Krishnagiri - Hosur NH road near Thorapalli Diversion Road. The said petition is posted on 26.06.2019 for hearing. If you have any objection you may appear before the Hon'ble court either in person or through your counsel on the said date at 10.30 A.M and state your objections, failing which this Hon'ble court will proceed to decide the matter exparte.

(By Order of the court)

V.Bharathi, B.A., L.L.B. Roll No. M.S.8514A/933 ADVOCATE HOSUR Mobile: 9443127656

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

AP ■ ISTANBUL

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

Erdogan spoke during a meeting with a group of foreign journalists a day after he claimed that Morsi didn't die of natural causes but was killed.

He compared Morsi's death to the brutal killing of Saudi columnist Jamal Khashoggi, slain killed at the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul in October.

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

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

18 ISIS fighters killed in joint op with US: Niger

AFP ■ NIAMEY (NIGER)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Chola CHOLAMANDALAM INVESTMENT AND FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED
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POSSESSION NOTICE UNDER Rule 8 (1)

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

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

The borrowers in particular and the Public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties mentioned in Column [E] below and any such dealings will be subject to the charge of M/s. Cholamandalam Investment And Finance Company Limited for an amount mentioned in Column [D] along with interest and other charges.

Under section 13 [8] of the Securitisation Act, the borrowers can redeem the secured asset by payment of the entire outstanding including all costs, charges and expenses before notification of sale.

SL NO.	NAME AND ADDRESS OF BORROWER & CO-BORROWER LOAN ACCOUNT NUMBER	DATE OF DEMAND NOTICE	OUTSTANDING AMOUNT	DETAILS OF PROPERTY POSSESSED	POSSESSION DATE
A	B	C	D	E	F
1.	(Loan No. X0HEELD00001650668) 1. Ramesh Kakkar (Borrower), 2. Divya Kakkar (Co-Borrower), 3. M/s Divy Hotel Pvt Ltd (Co-Borrower) 4. Hari Ram Kakkar (Co-Borrower) 56, 1st Floor C-4 Safdarjung Development Area Hauz Khas South, New Delhi-110016	22-11-2018	Rs. 3,93,32,168.84 as on 20.11.2018 with further interest.	Entire First Floor in Plot Bearing No.C-4/56 admeasuring 416 Sq yds Situated at Safdarjung Development Area New Delhi Bound on East Service Road, West Road 60 Wide, North Plot No.57, South Plot No.55	18-06-2019

Date: 21.06.2019
Place: Delhi

AUTHORISED OFFICER
M/s. Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited

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

Sl. No	Particulars	Standalone Quarter Ended			Standalone Year Ended			Consolidated Year ended		
		31.03.2019	31.12.2018	31.03.2018	31.03.2019	31.03.2018	31.03.2019	31.03.2018	31.03.2019	31.03.2018
1	Total Income from Operations	154.13	68.95	53.54	371.72	149.11	341.72	158.06		
2	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	7.51	(26.64)	(21.91)	(65.36)	(27.63)	(65.98)	(27.72)		
3	Net Profit/(Loss) before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	7.51	(26.64)	(21.91)	(65.36)	(27.63)	(65.98)	(27.72)		
4	Net Profit/(Loss) after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	7.51	(26.64)	(21.88)	(64.38)	(31.87)	(65.01)	(31.96)		
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax))	7.51	(26.64)	(21.88)	(64.38)	(31.87)	(65.01)	(31.96)		
6	Equity Share Capital (Face Value Rs. 10/- Per Share)	675	675	675	675	675	675	675		
7	Reserves (Excluding Revaluation Reserves)	-	-	-	(20.70)	44.18	(21.41)	44.09		
8	Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations)									
	(a) Basic	0.11	(0.39)	(0.32)	(0.95)	(0.47)	(0.96)	(0.47)		
	(b) Diluted	0.11	(0.39)	(0.32)	(0.95)	(0.47)	(0.96)	(0.47)		

Notes:-

(1) The above results for the quarter and year ended March 31, 2019 have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and Approved by the Board of Directors at their Meeting held on June 20, 2019 and have been audited by the Statutory Auditors of the Company.

(2) The above is an extract of the detailed format of quarterly & year ended Results filed with the Metropolitan Stock Exchange of India Limited (MSEI) under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the said Quarterly & year ended Results are available on the Stock Exchange website www.msei.in and on the company's website www.ojswi.com.

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

Place: New Delhi
Date: June 20, 2019

SEARCH FOR MISSING



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

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

Any person is having any information/clue about this missing female, may inform SHO, Jahangir Puri, Delhi at E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in or Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>. SHO Phone: 011-24368638, 24368641 P.S. Jahangir Puri, Delhi Fax No. 011-24368639 North-West Distt., Delhi DP/9013/NW/19 Ph. No. 011-27631600, 27636000

Summer of discontent

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

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

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

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

Closing the gates

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

You have to hand it to US President Donald Trump and his style of negotiations with countries when it comes to trade that most governments, fearing being locked out of the world's largest consumer economy, go to the discussion table fairly quickly. Even the primary target of his ire, China, which initially decided to face him down, has now found itself being dragged deeper and deeper into a trade war with one of its marquee companies, Huawei, a target. Mexico, the US' southern neighbour, folded quickly when Trump threatened to completely shut the border for Mexican transportation which would have crippled that nation. And now, after a few months of trying to bully India, Trump has suddenly found a soft spot to beat our assertiveness with. He has decided to go after the H-1B visa quotas for Indians, which have allowed Indian IT companies like Tata Consultancy Services, Infosys, Wipro and HCL to become big players in the American services space and given an opportunity to millions of Indians to effectively emigrate to the US. Trump believes that threatening to cap the H-1B quota for Indians at just 15 per cent of the available limit will force India's hand in trade negotiations. Considering Indians currently use up two-thirds of the 120,000 available H-1B visas annually, that would indeed be a huge hit.

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

Varsha Tiwari
Via email

Celebrate yoga day

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

Review preparedness

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

security forces are fully equipped to fight terrorists. The preparedness of our forces has long been questioned. It's high time the Government reviews counter-insurgency operations and invests in capacity-building.

Kirti Agarwal
Via email

Task cut out

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

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

Morsi's death was foretold

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



GWYNNE DYER

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

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

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

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

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

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

Morsi and his party behaved badly, the secular pro-democracy activists were no wiser and they have both paid a high price in blood and misery for their mis-



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SOUNDBITE

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

Former CJ
—Dipak Misra



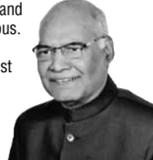
A good Punjabi film is better than a Hindi film with a bad script. If it is a Hindi film, doesn't mean it'll be superior.

Actor
—Diljit Dosanjh



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

Indian President
—Ram Nath Kovind



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

Congress leader
—Anand Sharma



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

When real issues take a back seat

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

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



scheme, would prosper economically and socially. Others may face social unrest and economic regression. It is disheartening that those in the Hindi heartland, trapped in the relentless rhetoric, seem to barter bread-and-butter issues for imaginary threats and jingoism. To make the manifesto for change and the imagined trust with prosperity a reality, India needs to become first once again.

Haridasan Rajan
Kozhikode

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

J Akshay
Bengaluru

Lead a healthy life

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

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FIRST COLUMN

When military rules the roost

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



AVEEK SEN

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

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

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

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

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

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

(The writer is an independent journalist working on cyber security and the geopolitics of India's neighbourhood, focussing on Pakistan, Afghanistan, Iran and Bangladesh)

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

—UNION MINISTER
RAJNATH SINGH

POINT COUNTERPOINT



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

—FORMER UNION LAW MINISTER
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Breaking new ground

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



MOIN QAZI

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

“WHILE GROUND-BREAKING TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATIVE BUSINESS OPERATIONS PROVIDE FRESH OPPORTUNITIES, THERE ARE ALSO NEW RISKS WHICH RELATE TO IMPLEMENTING DIGITAL FINANCIAL SERVICES. NOT JUST OPERATIONAL LOSS OF PRIVACY IS THE MOST OBVIOUS ONE”



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

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

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

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

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

- The need to balance the regulatory framework to support innovation and competition, while ensuring the safety and soundness of the financial system.
- Maintain openness to new players and models such as non-bank players like fintechs, telecom-supported financial services providers, crowd funding and big data analytics.
- The role of regulatory sandboxes to test new digital ideas and initiatives.
- The importance of sufficient digital infrastructure.

- The role of national identification systems, biometrics and tiered know-your-customer digital solutions that reach beyond the banking system.

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

concerns of security, affordability and safety.

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

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

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

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Unlock India's green funding potential

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



MEGHA JAIN SANDEEP BHATTACHARYA

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

Greening investments require efforts in terms of capacity-building, improving governance and new investment policies. The current flow of capital to the green sector is mostly from the private sector, with many involved players largely directing capital to these causes, as per the inclination of the asset holders i.e. people, whose money, various institutions like mutual funds and insurance companies invest. These asset holders are aware of the consequences of climate change and want the money to be invested so as to address the issue. The world needs a lot of capital to fight climate change. As per a report by the World

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

objectives will boost investors' confidence in green funding.

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

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NCLT admits Jet for bankruptcy

Sets 90 days for resolution

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) on Thursday admitted the insolvency petition filed by the lenders' consortium led by State Bank against Jet Airways. The tribunal has also appointed Ashish Chhauchharia of Grant Thornton as the resolution professional for the crippled airline that stopped operations on April 17. The tribunal comprising VP Singh and Ravikumar Duraisamy directed the RP to try and finish the resolution process in three months even though the law allows six months, saying "the matter is of national importance." In its plea, SBI has made a claim of ₹967 crore and said it had given ₹505 crore in working capital loans, and an overdraft facility of ₹462 crore to the company.

However, the tribunal rejected the plea by the Netherlands based vendors for filing an intervention application, saying the Dutch district court had no jurisdiction to order bankruptcy of Jet Airways. The representatives of two Dutch two logistics vendors wanted the tribunal's nod to make an intervention petition. It can be noted that two logistics vendors of Jet in the Netherlands had confiscated a passenger jet at the Amsterdam airport late March seeking dues and a local had in May ordered bankruptcy process against the grounded airline and had appointed Rocco Mulder as the administrator for the bankruptcy proceedings.

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

Unprecedented rally in Jet Airways shares; zoom over 122%

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Shares of Jet Airways witnessed an unprecedented rally on the bourses Thursday, bouncing back sharply after days of massive fall to close the day over 122 per cent higher. After a highly volatile trading day, the scrip skyrocketed 93.35 per cent to close at ₹64 on the BSE, helped by robust bag end buying. During the day, it zoomed 133.68 per cent to ₹77.35. Earlier in the day, shares of the company had touched its all-time low of ₹27, down 18.42 per cent. At the NSE, shares rose by 122.20 per cent to close at ₹73.55. In intra-day trade, it touched a high of ₹82.75 and an all-time low of ₹26.55.

Economic activity clearly losing traction: Das at MPC meet

PTI ■ MUMBAI

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

Das, as per the minutes of the June 3-6 Monetary Policy Committee, said that since the last meeting of the rate-setting panel in April 2019, greater clarity has emerged about the evolving macroeconomic situation. The RBI released the minutes of the meeting Thursday. Overall, there is clear evidence of economic activity "losing traction" with the GDP growth in the fourth quarter of the last financial year slowing to 5.8 per cent, he said. "In sum, growth impulses have clearly weakened, while the headline inflation trajectory is projected to remain below 4.0 per cent throughout 2019-20 even after considering the expected transmission of the

past two policy rate cuts. "Keeping in view the evolving growth inflation dynamics, there is a need for decisive monetary policy action. Hence, my vote is to reduce the policy repo rate by 25 basis points," he said. He also favoured shifting the stance of monetary policy from neutral to accommodative to send a clear signal, indicating that more measures could be taken in the near future to boost growth. It was for the third time in a row that the RBI cut the key lending rate (repo) by 25 bps. MPC member and RBI Deputy Governor Viral Acharya said the mixed picture on economic growth has morphed into one where at least some aspects have weakened considerably over the past two quarters. He also flagged some upside risks, including deficiency in monsoon and volatility in crude oil prices, to inflation. "In spite of my dilemma, I vote — albeit with some hesitation — to frontload the policy rate cut from 6 per cent to 5.75 per cent..." the minutes quoted him as saying.

Jaypee Infratech creditors meet to take stock of insolvency process

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

CGTMSE RECORDS 58% GROWTH IN GUARANTEES IN FY19

New Delhi: Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Micro and Small Enterprises (CGTMSE), a trust set up by Government of India and Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI), crossed a significant milestone in FY19 by approving 4.35 lakh guarantees for an aggregate loan amount of ₹30,168 crore recording a growth of 58% compared with the previous fiscal. PNS

Business Corner



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



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



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



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



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

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

PTI ■ MUMBAI

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

IL&FS former joint managing director Arun K Saha and

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

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

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

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

portation and other utility duties.

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

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

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

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E-TENDER NOTICE
Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/Traction Distribution, DRM's Office, State Entry Road, New Delhi for & on behalf of the President of India, invites open e-tender under single packet system for the under noted work:- (1) Name of Work with its location: Design, supply, erection, testing & commissioning of 25 KV AC OHE Modification work in connection with opening of halt station at village Baroda between Barsola-Uchana station on DLI-BTI section. (2) Approx. Cost of work: Rs. 27,15,996.66/- (3) Earnest Money Deposit: Rs. 54,300/- (4) E-Tender Bid Online Submission Period: 20.06.2019 (00:00 Hrs.) to 04.07.2019 (15:00 Hrs.). (5) E-Tender Bid Submission End Date & E-Tender Open Date & Time: Rs. 04.07.2019 (15:00 Hrs.). (6) Fund Allocation: 43377103. (7) Website particulars where complete details of tender documents can be seen: www.irpss.gov.in. No.: 06-TRD-NRDL-2019-20 Dated: 19.06.2019. 1974/2019
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SEARCH FOR MISSING
General public is hereby informed that a girl namely **Aashiya, D/O Sh. Seikh Raja R/O C-877, Jahangir Puri, Delhi.** The girl has been missing since 19.05.2019 from the area of P.S. Jahangir Puri, Delhi.
In this regard **DD No. 12A, dated 21.05.2019** has been lodged at P.S. Jahangir Puri, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the missing girl but no clue has come to light so far.
The description of the missing girl is as under:
Name: Aashiya, Age: 20 Years, Height: 5', Complexion: Fair, Face: Round, Built: Thin, Wearing: Yellow Colour Suit and Blue Colour Salwar.
If anyone has any information regarding this missing girl, kindly inform SHO/P.S. Jahangir Puri, Delhi.
Email: cic@cbi.gov.in, Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>
Ph. : 011-23015229, 23015218 SHO
Fax: 011-23011334 P.S. Jahangir Puri, Delhi.
DP/9014/NW/19 Ph. No. 011-27456072, 08750870232

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

SEARCH FOR MISSING PERSON
General public is hereby informed that this person namely **Panna Lal S/o Jyoti Parsad R/o A-770, Jahangir Puri, Delhi Age : 60 years, Height : 5'6", Face : Round, Complexion : Sallow, Build : Normal, Wearing shirt and pant,** has been missing since 20.04.2019. In this regard **DD No. 38-A dated 29.04.2019** has been lodged at P.S. Mahendra Park, Delhi.
Any person having any information or clue about this missing person may kindly inform to the following:-
E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in SHO : P.S. Mahendra Park, Delhi
Website: <http://cbi.nic.in> Tel. No. : 011-27632501, 27632502
Fax: 24368639, 27632501
Tel.: 24368638/24368641 DP/9048/NW/19

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

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

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

SEARCH FOR MISSING
General public is hereby informed that a girl namely **Ishika D/o Sh. Sahib Masih, R/o C-1510, Jahangir Puri, Delhi, Age : 17 yrs. 6 months, Height : 5'4", Complexion : Wheatish, Face : Oval, Built : Medium, Wearing : Blue Colour Jeans, Badami Colour Top and Black Colour Chappal in Feet,** has been missing / kidnapped since 29.04.2019. In this regard a case **FIR No. 232/19 dated 30.04.2019** u/s 363 IPC has been registered at P.S. Jahangir Puri, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local Police to trace out the missing / kidnapped girl but no clue has come to light so far. if anyone have any information about this missing / kidnapped girl please inform undersigned
Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>, Email: cic@cbi.gov.in, Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641, Fax: 011-24368639 SHO
DP/9059/NW/19. P.S. Jahangir Puri, Delhi Ph.: 011-27301200, 27301400

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED
General public is hereby informed that a girl namely **Soni, D/o: Raju, R/o: H.No. 20/25, Phase-IV, Sector-26, Rohini, Shahbad Dairy, Delhi** has been missing/kidnapped since 21.05.2019 from the area of P.S. Shahbad Dairy, Outer North District, Delhi. In this regard **FIR No. 229/19 u/s 363 IPC, dated 23.05.2019** has been registered at P.S. Shahbad Dairy. The description of missing/ kidnapped girl is as under:
Name: Soni, Age: 15 Years, Height: 4'5", Face: Round, Complexion: Wheatish, Built: Thin, Wearing: Gajri colour suit, Black Salwar and Chappal in feet.
If anyone have any information about this missing/kidnapped girl please inform P.S. Shahbad Dairy, Delhi.
Web: <http://cbi.nic.in>, Email: cic@cbi.gov.in
Ph.: 011-24368638/24368641, Fax: 011-24368639 SHO
Police Station, Shahbad Dairy, Delhi
DP/354/ON/19 Ph: 011-27821047, 27822027

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1	HSI/DC	UPGRADATION OF INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES I. E. ROADS WITH INTERLOCKING PAVEMENT BLOCKS, STORM WATER DRAINAGE & SEWERAGE NETWORK AT I.E. JIND UNDER SIID SCHEME	21.06.2019 08.07.2019	257.50 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9818327863 hsidcrack@nsai@gmail.com
2	J.C BOSE UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY YMCA FARIDABAD	UPGRADATION OF SUB-STATION BUILDING AND P/F/I&C OF 1000 KVA TRANSFORMER, P/F/I&C HIGH MAST LIGHT AND DISMANTLING AND CONSTRUCTION OF POST OFFICE BUILDING	20.06.2019 10.07.2019	127.09 LACS	www.ymcaust.ac.in	9216374943 yemca3@gmail.com
3	HSPV	CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD, PROVIDING WATER SUPPLY SCHEME, SEWERAGE SCHEME AND SWD SCHEME IN SECTOR-18 & 18A, ROHTAK. "SUPPLYING AND LAYING EARTH, CSB, WMM, BM & P.C STRINGING CUT, D.I. PIPE FOR WATER SUPPLY, J. OTHER WORK	14.06.2019 21.06.2019	1378.50 LACS	https://www.hspshv.org.in	01262-256161 xenrohtak@gmail.com
4	HSPV PALWAL	PLANNING, DESIGN, ENGG. CONST., OPT. & MTC. FOR 10 YRS. OF CETP WITH ALL ALLIED WORKS OF 11MD CAP. TERTIARY TREATMENT INC. ACQ. OF LAND REQ. AT I/A HATHIN, PALWAL.	11.06.2019 02.07.2019	580 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	xenhsidpalwal@gmail.com
5	GMDA	SPECIAL REPAIR OF MASTER ROAD BETWEEN SECTOR-21/22 AND REZANGLA CHOWK TO OLD DELHI NH-38(ROAD ASSET ID 46 & 48), GURUGRAM (RE-INVTED) - 2 OTHER WORKS	14.06.2019 24.06.2019	1039.33 LACS	https://www.gmda.gov.in	0124-2746614 se4.gmda@gov.in

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT : www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in RO NO. 76966

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

2 dead, 5 hurt in Bhatpara 'police firing'

CENTRE TO SEND FACT-FINDING TEAM TO BENGAL

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ NAIHATI/BHATPARA

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

Mamata war on 'cut money' hits party hard

PNS ■ KOLKATA

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Maha to make Marathi compulsory subject: CM

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Truck driver shot by guard for ₹20

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

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

Court rejects Pragma's plea for exemption from appearance

PTI ■ MUMBAI

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

The newly elected Bhopal MP had said in her plea that she was suffering from various ailments and was not in the condition to attend the court. Thakur had also said that being a 'sadhvi' (a woman ascetic), she has to follow strict discipline for her 'sadhna' (worship) and adhere to certain dietary rules.

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

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

the court.

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

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

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

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

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

7 kids feared drowned as van falls in canal

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(5) of Sarai Pandey area of Barabanki.

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

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

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

No place for corrupt officers, staff in Govt: Yogi

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

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

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

He also advised firm action against corrupt employees, saying that they be barred from promotion. Yogi also asked the officials to ensure payment of employees' dues pending for over four months and to take action on issues related to promotion, filling up of vacancies and retirement of employees.

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

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

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

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

Cong Veerashaiva-Lingayat leaders seek OBC status

PTI ■ BENGALURU

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

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

The delegation that met Chief Minister in the presence

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

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

All of us leaders and MLAs have submitted a memoran-

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

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

Leaders said, various sub-sections of the community are already on the OBC list in the State.

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

Priyanka hits out at Yogi over law and order in UP

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

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

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

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

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

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



अखिल भारतीय आयुर्विज्ञान संस्थान, रायपुर (छ.ग.)
All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Raipur (C.G.)

Tatibandh, G. E. Road, Raipur-492 099 (CG) (www.aiimsraipur.edu.in)

Adv. No. AIIMS-RPR/Adv. Cell/CS/2019/1522, Date: 19-06-2019
 Director, All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Raipur Chhattisgarh, Gol. invites e-tender for following:

E-TENDER CALL NOTICE

Tender Title	EMD Cost	Published on CPPP/Website	Pre-bid Meeting Date	Closing Date
ENT Treatment Unit at AIIMS Raipur	Rs. 3,00,000.00	15-06-2019	01-07-2019 At 03:00 pm	15-07-2019 at 03:00 pm
Tender for supply and installation of High End Cardiac Surgical OT Table for Department of Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery AIIMS Raipur	Rs. 6,91,000.00	15-06-2019	24-06-2019 At 03:30 pm	13-07-2019 at 03:00 pm
Supply of Broadbased OR for Body Plethysmograph with Diffusion Study for Department of Pulmonary Medicine	Rs. 77,000.00	13-06-2019	Nil	11-07-2019 at 03:00 pm

The details terms & conditions are available on the website- www.aiimsraipur.edu.in and CPP Portal www.eprocure.gov.in.

Stores Officer

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

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

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused persons **Chanda and Lakshya Sethi @ Nikhil** of F.I.R. No. 153/15 punishable u/s 498A/406/34 IPC, P.S. Shahdara, Delhi are required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before dated **02.09.2019**.

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

SEARCH FOR MISSING

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 Date and time for Pre-Bid Meeting, if any : NIL
 Last date/time for receipt of tenders : 01.07.2019 at 03:00 PM
 Further details can be seen at <https://govtprocurementdelhi.gov.in> & www.ndmc.gov.in (e Tendering System Government of NCT of Delhi)
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IT'S (SHIKHAR'S INJURY) A BIG LOSS BUT I DON'T THINK IT WILL DERAILED INDIA'S CAMPAIGN. THEY HAVE GOT ENOUGH DEPTH TO COVER HIS PRESENCE IN THE TEAM — MIKE HUSSEY

CRICKETCRADLE

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

Mahi way



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

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

Mann ki baat

Narendra Modi @narendramodi

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

Shikhar Dhawan @SDhawan25 · 23h

I feel emotional to announce that I will no longer be a part of #CWC19. Unfortunately, the thumb won't recover on time. But the show must go on... I'm grateful for all the love & support from my team mates, cricket lovers & our entire nation. Jai Hind!

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

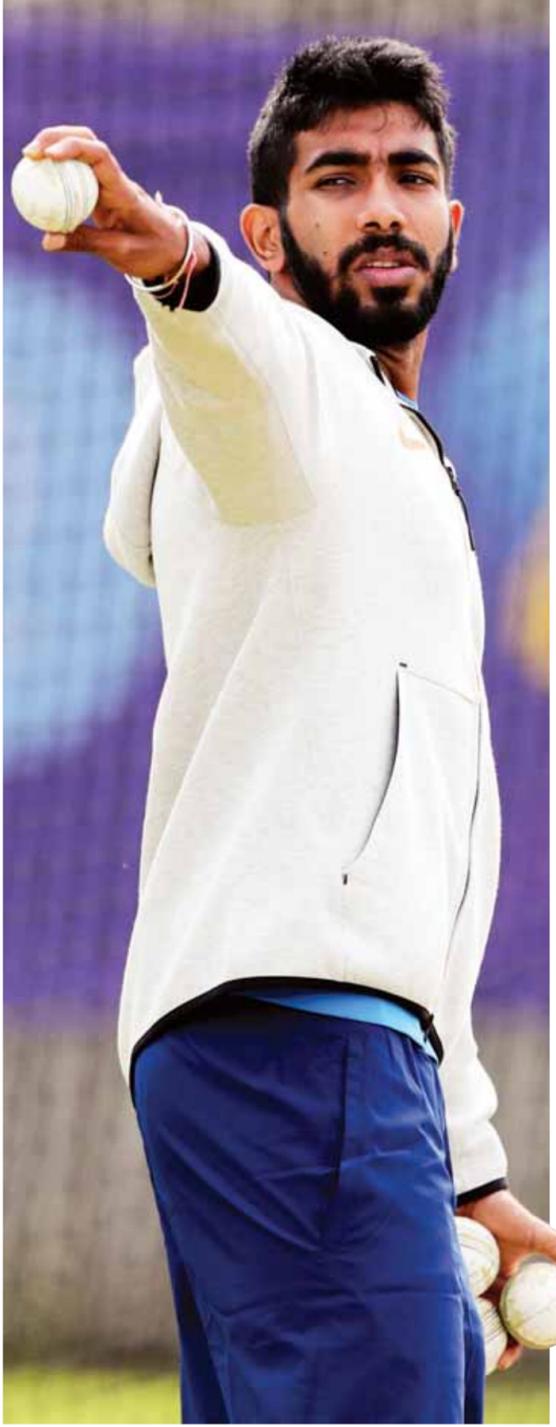
Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday wished India opener Shikhar Dhawan a speedy recovery. After being forced out, an emotional Dhawan had tweeted that the "show must go on" without him at the ongoing World Cup. Retweeting the opener's tweet, PM Modi wrote: "Dear @SDhawan25, no doubt the pitch will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

Master's wish

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

PRELIMINARY STAGE							
Pos	Team	P	W	L	N/R	Net RR	Pts
1	NZ	5	4	0	1	+1.591	9
2	ENG	5	4	1	0	+1.862	8
3	AUS	5	4	1	0	+0.812	8
4	IND	4	3	0	1	+1.029	7
5	B'DESH	5	1	2	2	-0.270	5
6	SL	5	1	2	2	-1.778	4
7	WI	5	1	3	1	+0.272	3
8	RSA	6	1	4	1	-0.193	3
9	PAK	5	1	3	1	-1.933	3
10	AFG	5	0	5	0	-2.089	0

English wickets flat, difficult: Bumrah



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

PNS ■ HAMPSHIRE BOWL (SOUTHAMPTON)

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

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

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

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

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

According to his skipper Virat



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

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

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

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



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

Toe-hit Shankar skips nets

PNS ■ SOUTHAMPTON

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

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

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

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

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

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



Vijay Shankar performs stretching exercises during a training session

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

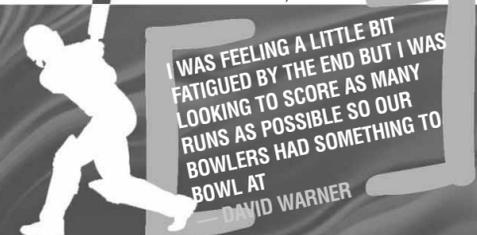
least the games against Afghanistan on Friday and the one after that in Manchester against the West Indies on June 25.

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

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



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David Warner celebrates after completing his 16th ODI hundred against Bangladesh on Thursday *cricket.com.au/Twitter*

Oz runmatazz

Warner's 166, Khawaja's 89 fire Kangaroos to 381-5 against Bangladesh

PTI ■ NOTTINGHAM

Australia opener David Warner made Bangladesh pay for an early drop with a big hundred as the reigning champions piled on the runs in a World Cup match at Trent Bridge on Thursday.

Warner, missed on 10, made 166 in Australia's imposing total of 381-5 -- his second century of the World Cup.

The 32-year-old, the highest run-scorer of the tournament, with 447 runs, is back to his devastating best for Australia after completing a 12-month ban for his role in a ball-tampering scandal in South Africa.

"Today was a great foundation for our batting," said Warner, who shared stands of 121 with captain Aaron Finch (53) and 192 with Usman Khawaja (89).

"I felt a little bit bogged down and frustrated. I kept hitting fielders but I managed to hang in there.

"I was feeling a little bit fatigued by the end but I was looking to score as many runs as possible so our bowlers had something to bowl at."

Soumya Sarkar gave Bangladesh fans something to cheer with 3-58 in eight overs.

But the Tigers still need to complete their highest one-day international run chase and the highest at a World Cup if they are to achieve an improbable victory.

They will be buoyed by making 322-3 to beat the West Indies by seven wickets in their previous match -- the second-highest run chase in World Cup history.

Bangladesh suffered a blow before play when a back spasm ruled out Mohammad Saifuddin, their leading bowler at the tournament.

But his absence could not excuse Bangladesh's often wayward bowling, with the recalled Rubel Hossain's nine wicketless overs costing an expensive 83 runs.



Usman Khawaja, right, bats during his 89-run innings against Bangladesh at Trent Bridge on Thursday *AP*

Even so, Warner could have been out for just 10 when a slashing cut off Bangladesh captain Mashrafe Mortaza found its way to Sabbir Rahman at backward point.

But the fielder appeared not to have seen the ball properly against the backdrop of the crowd and it burst through his hands.

Australia captain and opener Finch, fresh from his 153 in an 87-run win over Sri Lanka, was out soon after completing his eighth fifty in 11 ODI innings when he guided a rising Sarkar delivery straight to Rubel at short third man.

But that did not stop Warner pressing on to a hundred.

He eventually fell when, trying to uppercut Sarkar, he lobbed a catch to Rubel at short third man. Warner faced 147 balls, hitting 14 fours and five sixes.

But his exit simply brought in the big-hitting Glenn Maxwell, who smashed 32 off 10 balls before he was run out.

Khawaja fell in sight of a hundred when he bottom-edged a pull off Sarkar and wicket-keeper Mushfiqur Rahim

dived forward to hold a good catch while Steve Smith was plumb lbw to Mustafizur Rahman for one.

A brief rain break halted play after 49 overs before Australia scored 13 off the last over. Australia are currently

third in the World Cup table, with four wins from five games, while Bangladesh are fifth.

The top four sides from the 10-team round-robin stage qualify for the semi-finals.

SCOREBOARD

Australia	
David Warner	c Rubel b Soumya 166
Aaron Finch	c Rubel b Soumya 53
Usman Khawaja	c Rahim b Soumya 89
Glenn Maxwell	run out (Rubel) 32
Marcus Stoinis	not out 17
Steven Smith	lbw b Mustafizur 1
Alex Carey	not out 11
Extras	(b 1, lb 5, w 5, nb 1, p 0) 12
Total	(5 wks, 50 Ov) 381
Fall of wickets:	121-1 (Aaron Finch, 20.5), 313-2 (David Warner, 44.2), 352-3 (Glenn Maxwell, 46.2), 353-4 (Usman Khawaja, 46.5), 354-5 (Steven Smith, 47.1)
Bowling	
Mashrafe Mortaza	8-0-56-0
Mustafizur Rahman	9-0-69-1
Shakib Al Hasan	6-0-50-0
Rubel Hossain	9-0-83-0
Mehidy Hasan	10-0-59-0
Soumya Sarkar	8-0-58-3

HIGHEST INDIVIDUAL SCORES FOR AUS IN WC

Score	Batsman	Opponent	Venue	Date
178	David Warner	Afghanistan	Perth	04-03-2015
166	David Warner	Bangladesh	Nottingham	20-06-2019
158	Matthew Hayden	West Indies	North Sound	27-03-2007
153	Aaron Finch	Sri Lanka	The Oval	15-06-2019
149	Adam Gilchrist	Sri Lanka	Bridgetown	28-04-2007

CENTURY STANDS FOR FIRST TWO WICKETS IN WC

Runs	Wkt	Partners	Opponent	Venue	Date
142	1st	Sehwag/Tendulkar (IND)	South Africa	Nagpur	12-03-2011
125	2nd	Tendulkar/ Gambhir (IND)	South Africa	Nagpur	12-03-2011
122	1st	Thirimanne/Dilshan (SL)	Bangladesh	Melbourne	26-02-2015
210*	2nd	Dilshan/ Sangakkara (SL)	Bangladesh	Melbourne	26-02-2015
100	1st	Thirimanne/Dilshan (SL)	England	Wellington	01-03-2015
212*	2nd	Dilshan/Sangakkara (SL)	England	Wellington	01-03-2015
121	1st	Warner/Finch (AUS)	Bangladesh	Nottingham	20-06-2019
192	2nd	Warner/Khawaja (AUS)	Bangladesh	Nottingham	20-06-2019

FAISEL FEATURES

Messi's spot kick rescues Argentina against Paraguay



Lionel Messi, right, fights for the ball with Gustavo Gomez, left, during a Copa America Group B match *AP*

AFP ■ BELO HORIZONTE

A Lionel Messi penalty salvaged a 1-1 draw for Argentina against Paraguay as the two-time world champions once again struggled at the Copa America.

Messi swept in a 57th-minute spot-kick at Belo Horizonte's Mineirao Stadium to cancel out a first-half opener from Paraguay's Richard Sanchez.

Argentina also had goalkeeper Franco Armani to thank for a second half penalty save that prevented Paraguay from taking a 2-1 lead in the Group B battle.

The draw left Argentina with one point from two games and on the bottom of the table with one game remaining.

However with the two best third placed teams advancing to the quarter-finals, Argentina can still reach the last eight with a decisive win over Qatar in their final group game.

The South American giants will need to raise their game however to advance any further after another disjointed performance which followed their opening defeat to Colombia on Saturday.

A lacklustre opening saw both sides struggle to generate any sort of attacking momentum, with neither side manag-

ing to get a shot on goal until Paraguay striker Derlis Gonzalez's effort was deflected behind for a corner in the 29th minute.

From the ensuing setpiece, centre-half Junior Alonso scooped a half-chance wide as Argentina escaped.

That flurry of activity spurred Argentina fleetingly at the other end, with Lautaro Martinez winning a free-kick in a dangerous position on the edge of the area after a foul by Paraguay skipper Gustavo Gomez.

Messi however was unable to conjure anything from the free-kick, floating his effort up and over the wall but without the pace to trouble goalkeeper Roberto Fernandez, who gathered comfortably.

In the 37th minute however, Paraguay's more organised performance got its reward.

A swift counter-attack saw the ball transferred to Newcastle United's Miguel Almiron near halfway.

The livewire forward turned on the after-burners to roast Roberto Pereyra down the left wing before crossing for Sanchez who drove a low finish into the bottom corner of the Argentina net.

A rattled Argentina were given a huge let-off moments later when Armani came rac-

ing out of his area to shut down Gonzalez.

A wild kick brought down the Paraguayan player but Armani somehow escaped a red card and was only cautioned.

Argentina coach Lionel Scaloni went for broke at half-time, bolstering his attack with the introduction of Sergio Aguero and the move paid instant dividends.

Aguero deftly lost his marker on 51 minutes and pulled back for Martinez, whose shot cannoned off the woodwork. Messi pounced on the rebound but Fernandez blocked with a diving save.

The chance appeared to have gone begging but VAR had spotted that Martinez's shot had in fact struck Ivan Piris's arm before hitting the bar and Brazilian referee Wilson Sampaio pointed to the spot.

Messi stepped up to sweep in the spot-kick and Argentina were level.

Yet there was more drama in the 62nd minute when Paraguay's Gonzalez burst into the box and was clumsily hacked down by Nicolas Otamendi for a clear penalty. Armani, who was fortunate to be on the pitch, dived the right way and parried Gonzalez's spot-kick wide.

OTHER SPORTS

PTI ■ MUMBAI

India hockey captain Manpreet Singh on Thursday said new chief coach Graham Reid's "simple and friendly approach" has brought a calming influence on the team and it is reflecting on the turf.

"The coach has created a friendly environment in the team and he has kept a very simple approach. He is very open about his thought process and is approachable to each and every team member. If any player has any concerns, he is always welcoming," Manpreet said.

"This has also improved the performance of the team on the pitch," added the 26-year-old midfielder from Jalandhar, who had an impressive FIH Series Finals in Bhubneshwar.

Manpreet said 56-year-old Reid, who replaced Harendra Singh as Indian men's hockey team chief coach in April this year, didn't tinker too much with their attacking style of play.

"The coach (Reid) has not made any significant changes as of now as he is currently new to the set up. He will be looking to make a few changes during our camp which is scheduled in July," he said.

"Right now, he wants us to continue the good work we did in this tourna-

Reid's approach is helping us: Manpreet



Indian players celebrate after scoring during FIH Series Finals in Bhubneshwar *Hockey India/Twitter*

ment (FIH Series Finals). He also wants us to improve in our attacking game and work more on creating goal scoring opportunities and penalty corners," added Manpreet.

India, led by Manpreet, lived up to their billing and thrashed South Africa 5-1 in the summit clash to win the FIH Series Finals in Bhubaneswar recently.

And the skipper said the team would like to carry forward the momentum ahead of the final qualifying round of the 2020 Olympics to be held in November.

"We will continue to carry forward the momentum into the next tournament. We will continue to rectify the mistakes we made in this tournament. We are currently preparing for the final qualifying round which is in November," said Manpreet.

India put up a stupendous show during the FIH Series Finals and Manpreet said there were plenty of positives to take home from the just-concluded tournament.

"There were many positives from the tournament as the team performed collectively as a group and we focused on both aspects of our game.

"We showed what we are capable of both attacking and defensive play. We were very sound as we did not give many scoring chances to our opponents," he signed off.

Juve crowning moment of Sarri's career

AFP ■ TURIN

Maurizio Sarri said his appointment as Juventus coach was "the crowning" moment of his 30-year managerial career as the former Chelsea manager was presented by the Serie A giants in Turin on Thursday.

The 60-year-old returns to Italy after just one turbulent season in the Premier League with Chelsea, having previously coached his hometown team Napoli for three seasons.

Juventus is the 20th team that Sarri has coached since the former banker took over at Stia, a team in the Italian eighth division back in 1990.

"The offer of Juve, the most important team in Italy, is the crowning of a very long career, which for 80 percent of the time has been quite difficult," Sarri told a press conference at the Allianz Stadium in Turin.

Despite his long coaching career Sarri only lifted his first trophy last month when he guided Chelsea to the Europa League trophy.

"From an emotional point of view, it was a very long path through the lower divisions and then Serie A and then Premier League.

"It has been step after step in a gradual way, a very long process."

Chelsea was the only time Sarri has coached outside of Italy but he failed to win over the English fans despite returning the club to the Champions League with a third-placed finish in the Premier League and winning the Europa League.

"The Premier League was a great experience, but in the latter half (of the season), I felt professional and personal needs to return to Italy," he said.

"I decided to come back to Italy because such an important club wanted me so strongly.

"I have never seen so much determination on the part of a club to hire a coach."

'BEST COACH'

Sarri takes over from Massimiliano Allegri, who led Juventus to an eighth consecutive Scudetto title.



Maurizio Sarri poses with Juventus sporting director Fabio Paratici *Juve/Twitter*

Sarri said he was relishing the chance to coach five-time Ballon d'Or winner Ronaldo.

"I coached some very strong players, but training him will be yet another step forward," he said.

"I'd like to help him break some new records."

The Champions League is the top target for Juventus who have not won the European title since 1996.

"At European level we have this dream, this target we have to pursue with great determination but also great difficulty," he said.

"Juventus will start with the target of winning the Champions League but with the knowledge there are another eight or nine clubs that can win."

The former Empoli coach said that he would try to prove his critics wrong once again.

"In football, I know only one way of removing scepticism from the minds of people by winning convincingly.

"I haven't won a lot, but I believe that having fun on the pitch doesn't stop you winning."

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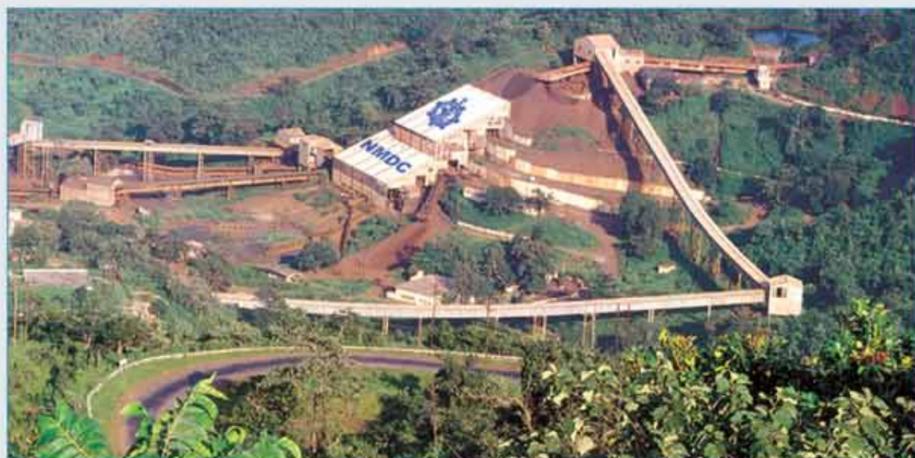
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- Since 2016, NMDC has contributed Rs.55 Cr towards CG State flagship programme "Hariyar Chhattisgarh". Apart from this, between year 2010 and 2016, NMDC has contributed Rs. 43 Cr towards road side plantation
- A total of 1,13,650 saplings planted in the FY 2018-19 in and around the boundary of all the NMDC projects. Since inception of Mining activities in Bailadila, more than 20 Lakh trees have been planted in and around leases of NMDC Limited
- Sustainable Mining Initiatives (SMI) audit is done at all Iron Ore Mining projects of NMDC and recommendations are being implemented. NMDC's 5 mines during the year 2018 received the 5-star rating given by IBM, Ministry of Mine, GoI

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