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## MPs must respect popular mandate to let House run

An election campaign in India is a very long and exhausting affair. Although the formal campaign began much later, the past six months of 2019 has been preoccupied with the people's ultimate verdict. Now that the voters have spoken and given Narendra Modi's Government an unambiguous verdict to govern India for the next five years, it may be time to take a step back, stop the slugfest and devote our attention to the more pressing task of governance.

This week, following the oath-taking by the elected members of the Lok Sabha and the President of India's address to the joint session of Parliament, normal business is expected to resume. The previous session of Parliament was exceptionally acrimonious, with the Opposition doing its utmost to stall both House's business. The Lok Sabha was limited because the Government had a clear majority. However, it succeeded in completely disrupting proceedings in the Rajya Sabha so much so that neither the debate on the President's address nor any discussion on the Interim Budget could be held. As for legislation, apart from a stray Bill on Leprosy, the Opposition did not allow any other Bill to be moved. For all practical purposes, except for Money Bills, Parliament has been dysfunctional since the end of 2018.

The list of Bills passed in the Lok Sabha but failed to be either discussed or voted upon in 2019 in the Rajya Sabha is very long: they total up to 33. They include controversial legislation such as the Triple Talaq Bill and the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill. But they include relatively non-contentious legislation such as Indian Medical Council Bill, the Extension of Municipalities Bill, the Seeds Bill, The Pesticides Management Bill, the Archaeological Monuments Bill and the Motor Vehicles Bill. At least three of the Bills had even been referred to Select Committees that had submitted their reports. To reintroduce these Bills will call for the entire process to be repeated in the Lok Sabha and then brought to the Rajya Sabha.

At one level, the environment for transacting normal parliamentary business looks encouraging. The BJP is of course quite buoyant after its electoral success. Simultaneously, the Congress, the largest Opposition party - which, however, narrowly missed securing the requisite number of Lok Sabha seats to get its leader formally recognised as Leader of Opposition - is dispirited and demoralised after an election it hoped to do much better in. As of now, the party hasn't chosen its floor leader and there is strategic uncertainty in its ranks. Likewise, the regional parties in the north India suffer from the same demoralisation. The three southern parties - DMK, TRS and YSRCP - are however, quite enthused by their intervention in national politics has been modest.

This leaves the two regional parties in the east - the BJD and the TMC. The electoral showing of both these groups has been mixed. The BJD regained control over the State Government in Odisha but lost some ground in the Lok Sabha. The TMC, however, suffered electoral reverses, although it is still the largest party in West Bengal. But the TMC is in an extremely combative mood because of the twists and turns in the Ujjain case. Its leader, Mamata Banerjee, is in a belligerent mood and this is likely to impact the behaviour of its MPs in the Rajya Sabha. Symbolic protests and fiery speeches are a normal feature of parliamentary performance and it would be legitimate for the Opposition to proceed along that route. The more problematic issue is disruption. How should the Chairman or Deputy Chairman respond to the provocations?

In the Westminster tradition, the Speaker's command is sacrosanct and unruly behaviour is viewed as a harrowing and unacceptable aberration. Unfortunately, over the years, willfully disobeying the chair has become the norm and led to the breakdown of the consensus that should, ideally, surround the workings of Parliament. The temporary suspension of disruptive MPs, far from injecting good sense, has been seen as additional provocation and has worsened matters.

This situation cannot continue indefinitely. The paralysis of Parliament will erode popular faith in democracy and encourage governments to try and bypass Parliament as much as possible. Political sparring is fine but a dysfunctional democracy is completely unacceptable.

It is to be hoped that the presiding officers of both Houses and the Government take the initiative to address the larger questions of dysfunctionality that gripped Parliament in the first half of 2019. The voters did their job and reposed faith in democracy as the most effective instrument of decision-making. Now it is for the MPs to live up to the popular faith. The alternatives are truly horrifying.

India needs more parliamentary time and more work for its MPs. But for that to happen, faith in parliamentary rules and conventions have to be immediately restored. The quality of Indian democracy is at stake, as is effective governance.

# Docs reject parley offer at CM office

Mamata says ready to fulfil demands, asks them to resume duty, but says no ESMA yet

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

Even as the striking junior doctors defied Mamata Banerjee for the second time on Saturday turning down her offer for talks, the Bengal Chief Minister swore by her "patience" saying like the other State Governments she had all the legal means to invoke the coercive Essential Services Maintenance Act (ESMA) but had thus far desisted from taking the extreme step on humanitarian grounds.

"The Government is showing patience, sympathy for the doctors but now it is time for them to act and resume duty. We have conceded to all the demands that the doctors had made," she said, wondering why the doctors refused to meet her at the State Secretariat.

In Kolkata, a representative of the striking doctors said, "This is an issue relating to thousands of doctors who are being attacked every day. The Government is calling a few of them to hold closed-door meeting. We are not ready to



West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee interacts with the media over the ongoing doctors' strike, in Howrah on Saturday

- The Government is showing patience, sympathy for the doctors, now it is time for them to act and resume duty, Mamata said wondering why the doctors refused to meet her at the Secretariat
- A representative of the striking doctors in Kolkata said, "We are not ready to accept closed-door meeting offer. We want the CM to come here at the NRS Hospital and see for herself the condition we work in and give assurances in public to rectify them"
- AIMS in Delhi said the doctors have resumed work but they will go on an indefinite strike if no action is taken against the attack on the doctor in Kolkata

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Junior doctors protest against an attack on an intern doctor, at Nil Ratan Sircar Medical College and Hospital in Kolkata on Saturday

...ances in public to rectify them." Chief Minister's side there is no such honest initiative to find a solution (of the ongoing problem)," a spokesperson of the joint forum of junior doctors told reporters.

## CM: Govt changing lives with special grants



Chief Minister Raghuraj Das interacts with Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi on Saturday

Chief Minister Raghuraj Das on Saturday said that the efforts of government in aspirational districts are bearing fruits in Jharkhand with use of special grants to the State. The CM, while participating in the fifth Governing Council meeting of Niti Aayog in New Delhi on Saturday said that lives of people are being changed by spending Rs 150 crore in the aspirational districts of the State.

"19 out of 24 districts of the State have been selected as aspirational districts, out of which 16 districts are now affected. The Central government is giving special aid to these districts in terms of providing basic amenities such as drinking water, education, health, roads among others. The State government is running various schemes in tribal dominated districts including Khunti, Sahibganj, Pakur, West Singhbhum, Simdega and Gumla. The government has spent Rs 150 crore in these districts to change lives of people there," said the CM at the meeting.

## Police gear up to intensify anti-Maoist Ops

FRIDAY'S COLDBLOODED ATTACK FIRST OF ITS KIND THIS MONTH

SAURAV ROY ■ RANCHI

The Maoist attack on Friday that killed five policemen in Saraikela Kharsawan has left the police pondering over the new ways adopted by insurgents to make their presence felt. While three encounters between the security forces and rebels have occurred in the state in less than a month, Friday's incident was the first coldblooded attack by the rebels on police personnel while they were not on a combing operation, police said on Saturday.

"This is the first attack on policemen this month. The other incidents were all encounters between rebels and central forces during combing operations," said Additional Director General of Police, M.L. Meena.

The incidents of encounter between (Maoist) forces and the CPI (Maist) witnessed a rise since the completion of the 17th Lok Sabha elections in Jharkhand. Police have attributed this rise in the number of encounters to the intensification of anti-insurgency operations in different parts of the state.

Saraikela Kharsawan, however, has witnessed the maximum number of such encounters recently. On May 28, at



Ranchi MP Sanjay Seth pays floral tributes to five police personnel, who were killed in a Maoists attack at Khokhruk block under Traildih police station in Saraikela Kharsawan on Friday, in Saraikela on Saturday

least 11 security personnel sustained injuries during an encounter with the rebels in the area, police sources said. The objective, they added, was not only to snatch arms and ammunition from the policemen but also to send a message to the Government and the local people.

"Anti-insurgency operations will be intensified in the area. We cannot disclose details of the operations to the media at this stage," said an Inspector General rank official requesting anonymity.

Eyewitnesses said that around 15 rebels on Friday overpowered the five policemen, stabbed them with knives and used the cops' guns to eventually kill them. The attack was executed in a crowded

market and the policemen were killed in presence of commoners. The motive could only be looting the guns, but the way the attack was executed indicates that the rebels wanted to instill fear among the commoners, police sources said. Senior police officials of state paid homage to the martyrs in Saraikela Kharsawan on Saturday.

During the election campaigning in Jharkhand, then Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh had said that left wing extremism will be wiped out of Jharkhand by 2023. On the other hand, the Jharkhand Government has claimed on a number of occasions that the CPI (Maist) was on the back foot in the state.

# Man, who lost son to cancer, is ray of hope for others

DIVYA MODI ■ RANCHI

No love is greater than that of a Father for his Son - Dan Brown.

The saying holds absolutely true for Shibaji Mandal and his son Ujaas. After losing his son to leukemia in June 2014, Mandal started a foundation - Ujaas Foundation, in his memory aimed to provide support to parents and care-givers with children fighting the same disease.

Born in September 2008, Ujaas was diagnosed with leukemia at the age two and half years. During the final stages of chemotherapy, his cancer relapsed leaving a bone marrow transplant as the only option for treatment.

On receiving an estimate of approximately 51 Lakh for his



Shibaji Mandal with his son (File Photo)

son's surgery, Mandal, who was working with a private firm in Ranchi, decided to launch a fund raiser and Ujaas' medical documents and family details were set up on a crowd funding platform - Milap. The appeal brought together a glob-



Children at a function of Ujaas Foundation (File Photo)

community of more than 300 donors but unfortunately he cured since he had low immunity. Once the crowd funding campaign was launched, in a short span, a lot of people from all over the world came forward to help us," remarked a nostal-

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ment is well understood and executed by the parents in that order. In just a little over year, UJF has helped over hundred children and their families.

"Being a healthcare professional, I was involved in counselling many other parents and mobilizing relevant information regarding leukemia. In leukemia a small mistake can cause the life of the child. My role is to ensure that people should not make any mistake because they are already so stressed with the child's health," said Mandal.

UJF apart from helping parents, manage their fears, also gives them access to read-

Maoists trying to regain grip in areas of Seraikela Kharsawan

Forces asked to conduct conducting Long Range Patrolling

Parvinder Bhatia n Jamshedpur
Ultras belonging to the banned outfit CPI (Maoist) are trying to regain their grip at Seraikela Kharsawan and other parts of Kollhan where they have almost been eliminated in the anti-insurgency operations carried out during the past couple of years.

Concerned over recent attack on the forces, the security officials has asked paramilitary forces for conducting regular Long range patrolling (LRP) in those areas so that the rebels may not set their foot once again. "We cannot comment much on our strategy but one thing is confirmed that the Maoists are now trying to make their presence felt. After series of operation they have gone panic, said Chandan Kumar Sinha, SP Seraikela Kharsawan. He said that search operation has been launched to nab rebels involved in killing of five policemen.

A CRPF's VII battalion officer also shared the same opinion about the rise of rebels in the locations where they have their domination. "We have intelligence upon that the rebels from the bordering area of Bengal that rebels in sizeable number enter into Jharkhand and trying to hold meeting in the villages like Koiria, Ghanta and Jhunjhka," said the officer.

The intelligence sources maintain that most of the Maoists who were in Saranda forest have shifted to the adjoining



Odisha and Bengal borders and several others hid themselves at the villages in Seraikela in the guise of cultivators. The police had resumed the anti-insurgency operation after getting an input that the armed squad of Maoists has started moving in the Porhat forest once again.

Sources informed that apart from ensuring deployment of addition police and paramilitary forces, the operations and patrolling has been intensified to check the possibility of entry of Maoists from neighbouring states.

"We have asked security forces to conduct long-range patrolling in the areas of Kuchai, Kharsawan and also places like Ghorabandha, Ghatshila and Patamad," said an official.

Meanwhile, the police and paramilitary forces have started frisking

commuters in the bordering areas. At some places common people are also being interrogated by police and paramilitary force on suspicion. Forces have been deployed in strategic locations.

Police said that the security has been beefed up in the area and they were keeping strict vigil on movement of the Naxites. "There has been a substantial increase in Maoist activities in this. We are not much concerned about small acts of violence because these activities can be controlled by us, but the bigger attacks are worrisome," said a security official. The administration has increased police patrolling on the bordering areas connecting to West Bengal and has also deployed adequate number of paramilitary personnel on areas potential to rebels attack.

Erratic power supply cripples life in city

Ranchi: Frequent power cuts during the summer season has not only been affecting daily life in the State but also making it difficult for industries to run properly. At a time when temperature has crossed 45 degrees Celsius in many parts of the State, the power crisis is resulting in protests in many areas. Although, according to the government, heavy demand and old supply system is reason of this problem, political parties and industrial bodies are of the opinion that the government is unable to solve it.

Recently the industrial body of the State, Federation of Jharkhand Chamber of Commerce and Industries (FJCCI) said that the State Government is doing nothing to improve electricity supply system, which is affecting business and industries.

Speaking on what step the State governments has taken to streamline the power cuts Director, Personnel, Jharkhand Urja Vikas Nigam Limited (JUVNL) MP Yadav said the demand of electricity in the State Capital is 300 Mega Watt (MW) in summer season, while it needs only 200 MW to 230 MW in rest of the year. "Most of the time power cuts take place due to disturbance in weather conditions just as heavy rains, storm and others. The State electricity transmission company Jharkhand Urja Vitran

IN BRIEF

MISSING KIDS' BODIES FOUND POND

Giridih police have recovered dead bodies of two children from a village pond in Daldala Goradh village, on Saturday. The children have been identified as 5-year-old Sonu Yadav and 3-year-old Chhotu Yadav, who had come with their parents for attending marriage function at Ahilyapur in Giridih district. According to SDPO Jit Wahan Oran, parents of both the deceased kids lodged an FIR against the unknown persons in Ahilyapur police station alleging abduction of their sons but the police could not have any clue about the missing children. SDO added that on Saturday morning the local villagers who have seen two dead bodies floating in the pond and alerted the local police. Soon after information the police recovered the dead body of both the kids from the same village pond.

NUVOCO CONDOLES DEATH OF LABOURER

Dhanraj Singh, aged 41 years, of Ms Frigate (employed through Sub-contractor M/s Sabri Construction) was working as a helper in the G shift at Jobbera Cement Plant. On June 12, around 5:30 pm, Singh left the plant premises after work. Following his departure from the plant and on his way back home, he fell by the road side. Upon receiving this information; Tanu, his supervisor, rushed him to Tata Motor Hospital; where he was administered treatment without delay. He was shifted to the ICU after keeping him under observation for a few hours. However, he suffered a cardiac arrest and was declared dead around 11:00 pm. Nuvoco deeply regrets his loss and expresses heartfelt condolences to the family.

ALLEN STUDENT TOPS JEE ADVANCE

Students of Allen Career Institute have once again proved their superiority in the results. ALLEN Classroom Student Kartikay Gupta has topped JEE Advance 2019. Three ALLEN Students have secured a position in Top 10 AIR while 38 ALLEN Students have obtained a position in Top 100 AIR. Brajesh Maheshwari, Director of ALLEN Career Institute said, "Allen 2 year Classroom Student, Kartikay Gupta has created a history by securing AIR-1 in JEE Advanced 2019. ALLEN Classroom student have secured 3rd Time All India Rank 1 in IIT-JEE in last 6 years. Earlier, Allen Classroom student secured AIR-1 in JEE Advanced 2014 and Aman Bansal topped JEE Advanced 2016.

GRADO MEET

Having set new benchmarks in the world of Textiles, power brand GRADO from The House of GBTL and OCM has charmed the premium fabric segment with its specialty of amalgamating modern technology with the tradition of making fabric. To commemorate its success, the brand organized the 'GRADO Super Shenshahs Meet' to celebrate its meteoric rise in the industry and its association with their brand ambassador, none other than the 'Shenshahs of Bollywood', Anilabh Bachchan.

CU announces scholarships for Jharkhand students

PNS ■ BOKARO

Chandigarh University announced academic scholarships worth Rs 10 crores for the students. This scholarship will be offered through an All India Scholarship based on entrance Test, CU-SAT (Chandigarh University Scholarship and Admission Test) that is being conducted online in the month of June at different centers in Jharkhand, informed Professor Prabhdeep Singh, Head Media, Chandigarh University. Interacting with the media persons at Dhanbad Singh said,

the All India Entrance Test would offer scholarships to over 800 students in more than 50 Under-Graduate and MBA programs offered at CU. "In addition, CU will offer 10 per cent academic scholarship to the wards of school teachers and university or college professors of Jharkhand state as a mark of respect for their contribution towards building a strong future for the nation," he added.

University will continue 5 per cent seat reservation in every course offered at Chandigarh University for the wards of serving or martyred defense

personals besides an academic scholarship up to 25 per cent for the wards of the security, military and para-military forces who will be seeking admission in the various courses offered by the University, he said.

Professor Singh was in town to inaugurate Professional Career Counselling facility for the students of Jharkhand which would be available free-of-cost at University Regional Centre in Dhanbad throughout the year.

He said, CU has taken a nation-wide initiative 'Lakshya' that is aimed to impart free of



cost professional career counseling facility for the students.

The career guidance would be available free of cost to the students of Jharkhand throughout the year at University regional office at Shree Ram Plaza in Dhanbad, he said.

"Under the facility any matriculation, 10+2 or graduate students from the Jharkhand state could walk-in at the university regional office at Ranchi or Dhanbad for getting this professional guidance and would have to undergo a psychometric test based on

which a comprehensive career advisory report would be given that would help them in taking

the most crucial decision of their life which is choosing a career," he added.

Govt changing lives with...

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to this, 40 battalions are in the anti-Naxal campaign today. The battalion has a highly trained police force with modern weapons. Naxalism will end in Jharkhand completely in the coming days," said he. In the meeting, the CM put in place of the State including agricultural reforms, rain water conservation, aspirational district programme, Essential Commodities Act 1955, internal security and relief and others issues. He apprised the Aayog about the activities related to the crop insurance scheme, Prime Minister Krishi Irrigation Scheme and other activities in the State. State Chief Secretary Dr. DK Tiwari was also present on behalf of Jharkhand.

12 injured in clash between groups

PNS ■ GARHWA

Over a dozen people including women were injured in a clash between two villagers over measurement of a piece of land at village Karamdih under Manjhiyon police station, on Friday. Those injured in the clash included The name of seven people including Arvid Thakur, his wife, son Prasad Thakur, Arun Thakur, Nitish Thakur, Satendra Thakur, his wife Poonam Devi, daughter Aarti Kumari and son Alok Thakur

and Makuni Thakur are included. All the injured were discharged after primary treatment at Majhiyaon Referral Hospital. Seriously injured Arvid Thakur and Satendra Thakur were referred to Garhwa Sadar Hospital for better treatment. Both the parties have been given written application in the police station for filing FIR against each other. During the clash, a portion of land, a hot spot turned violent. Both the group attacked each other stick, and brick stone.

Skill development programme held



Giridih: Fusion Microfinance in association with SHARP, a Non-Governmental Organisation helped women earn a livelihood through a skill development programme at Jantaha Village's Panchayat Centre. During the programme, 10 women were given high-level sewing machines as a means to empower them. The month long programme will teach women how to work on the sewing machines with the intention of helping them start their own tailoring business. The programme was attended by guests that included Kameshwar Paswan (Chairman), Sushma Devi (Headwoman) and Jayprakash Mandal (Member of Panchayat). The guests appreciated the efforts made by Fusion Microfinance, while also encouraging the women to better their skills and always move forward in life. PNS

Chinmaya Seva Trust organizes a Summer Camp for children

PNS ■ RANCHI

The Chinmaya Mission Ashram in the city conducted a summer camp for the urban poor children on Saturday. The summer camp was sponsored by the Ranchi branch of the All India Marwadi Mahila Sangh.

The summer camp was inaugurated by Swami Madhvanand of Chinmaya Mission Ashram. The camp started from 9 am and went on till 5 pm. A total of 100 children studying from class three to class six were made a part of this summer camp. Chinmaya Seva Trust runs 84 Baal Sanskar Kendra centres in the city. They aim at uplifting the urban poor children and to bring them at par with the present urban population. While the Marwadi Mahila Sang took care of the expenses of the entire program, Chinmaya Seva Trust looked after bringing the children from the respective Baal Sanskar Kendra centres via bus. Several child centric programmes were made a part of this summer camp. The members of the Marwadi Mahila Sang interacted with the kids. They made them feel at ease and also enjoy the various activities that were a part of this summer camp.

कार्यालयक पदाधिकारी का कार्यालय नगर पंचायत कोडरमा

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YOGA FOR HEART CARE

## Bandh passes off peacefully, 168 detained

PNS ■ RANCHI

The district administration on Saturday prevented initial unrest over vandalized statue of Birsu Munda at a conflagration. The statue at the tribal hero's mausoleum was repaired by Friday late night, while the bandh called by tribal outfits on Saturday had minimal impact on life.

At least 168 persons were detained on Saturday during the course of the bandh and kept at a camp jail in Morhabadi. A majority of the detained persons, police said, were members of tribal rights outfits and none of them had association with any political party.

"The bandh was peaceful across the city. Transport facilities remained unaffected and no violence was reported from any part of Ranchi," said Ranchi Superintendent of Police, Sujata K Veerapani.

The matter came to light on Thursday night when locals found that the left arm of the statue was broken and thrown at a few meter's distance from the structure in Kolar. The broken arm of the statue also had the



Police arrest protesters during Ranchi Bandh called against Birsu Munda's statue breaking by unknown miscreant, in Ranchi on Saturday

bow and arrow, a symbol of tribal valour and revolution. The incident hogged the attention of political parties and tribal rights bodies on Friday and they called a Ranchi bandh on Saturday as a mark of protest.

State ministers and leaders from the ruling Bharatiya

Janata Party (BJP) were heckled on Friday during their visit to the mausoleum. The uproar gained momentum as opposition parties extended their moral support to the bandh supporters. However, prompt action by the district administration on Saturday

foiled all efforts by the protesters to disrupt daily life. Birsu Munda was one of the most revered freedom fighters of State referred to as Bhagwan (God) by the tribal community here. He was a spearhead behind the Millenarian movement that

arose in the Bihar and Jharkhand belt in the early 19th century under the British colonisation. He encouraged the tribal community to protect their land from the British and take the army on through guerrilla warfare.

Opposition leaders have demanded that the mausoleum should be kept under CCTV surveillance to catch hold of any miscreant involved in causing damage to the statue or littering the area. Ranchi Deputy Mayor Sanjiv Vijaywargiya on Saturday said that the administration will soon install CCTV cameras in the mausoleum and also pass instructions to the police to keep a special watch in the area during patrolling.

"CCTV cameras will be installed in the area. Also, we will erect a fresh metal statue of Bhagwan Birsu Munda at the mausoleum by November 15", he said.

Meanwhile, Chief Minister Raghubar Das has ordered a special probe in the matter and directed the police to nab the culprits responsible for the damage caused to the statue at the earliest.

## CCL CMD lays foundation for Skill Development Centre

PNS ■ RANCHI

In yet another step towards creating a Skilled India, Chairman cum Managing Director (CMD) Central Coalfield Limited (CCL) Gopal Singh along with Joint Secretary, Rashtriya Sewa Bharti, Gurusharan Prasad laid foundation of Residential Skill Development Centre at Sewa Dham, Jonha, Ranchi on Saturday.

The Residential Skill Development Centre is being built as part of the MoU signed with Jharkhand Government's Jharkhand State Skill Development Mission (JSDM) at Sewa Dham campus 'Sewa Dham' at Jonha, Ranchi. The centre will focus on imparting technical training and skilling the youths from Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe community and Below Poverty Line families from the villages in and around Sewa Dham.

Chief Guest of the function Singh while appreciating the selfless service of 'Sewa Bharti' said that it is an historic



Gurusharan Prasad laid foundation of Residential Skill Development Centre at Sewa Dham, Jonha, Ranchi on Saturday.

moment for everyone including that we are able to contribute towards this noble cause. He said that this institute under 'Sewa Bharti' will definitely come up as model centre for others to follow. Highlighting the persistent effort of CCL to achieve holistic growth apart from coal production, Singh, said that they have been striving to deliver the fruits of development to the last member of our society and this centre will further this cause. Singh assured that CCL will extend every possible support to 'Sewa Bharti' in their great mission.

Speaking on the occasion Director (Personnel) RS Mahapatra said that CCL is committed to arrange technical education to its meritorious

children of Jharkhand and this centre will definitely change demography of youths staying in around upcoring skill development centre.

Gurusharan Prasad in his address expressed gratitude to CCL, particularly CMD Singh for extending support for a mission initiated by the Prime Minister.

CCL under its 'Karyakalpa Scheme' has been running various institutes such as ITI, Barkakana, MSDC, Bhurkunda apart from regular vocational training programs like Mobile Repairing, Food Processing, Sewing and others for the skill developmental and financial sustenance for the people.

On this occasion CCL's Independent Director Subhau Kashyap, President, Sewa Bharti Ranchi Chapter, Om Prakash Kejriwal, GM (CSR) Tiwari, Chief Manager (Civil) Ramesh Srivastava, Senior Manager (Civil) SS Lal, Ashish Kumar, CCL employees and other dignitaries were also present during the foundation laying ceremony.

## 3-day training ahead of Yoga Day: Barnwal

Ranchi: Deputy Commissioners of all the districts of the State have been directed to organize yoga training programmes for three days before World Yoga Day on June 21. The direction was given by Principal secretary to Chief Minister, Sunil Kumar Barnwal, during a video conferencing with DCs on Saturday.

"World Yoga Day is the primary activity of the week and there should be no lacunas in the preparations. Use various mediums to link the common public with the programme", he said during the review meeting for preparations of the event.

While the main programme for Yoga Day is to be organized at Prabhat Tara ground where people will get a chance to perform Yoga with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, many programmes are to be organized at district, block and panchayat level.

Barnwal directed the DCs to ensure installation of hoardings and banners at block and panchayat level along with



Principal Secretary to Chief Minister, Sunil Kumar Barnwal and IPRD Director RL Gupta during a video conferencing with DCs in Ranchi on Saturday

organizing various programmes including run for yoga, seminars and workshops to increase public participation. "Take help from social organizations, chamber of commerce, National Service Scheme (NSS) and other organizations to spread awareness for participation in Yoga Day. Use social media platforms like Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Whatsapp to advertise about the programme",

Barnwal directed the DCs. The principal secretary to CM also directed the DCs and DPROs to display advertisement related to Mukhyamantri Sukanya Yojna in all schools, colleges and anganwadis centres and ensure that the principals of schools have complete knowledge about the scheme so that they can pass on the information to parents. "Barnwal also directed to organize programmes on

Pradhanmantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana on June 24 where first and second instalments will be transferred to the account through direct benefit transfer (DBT). The DCs were also directed to organize Seedhi Baat programme with BDOs, circle officers and other officers of the district to ensure easy communication from remote areas. A time of one week has been given to the DCs to arrange for video conferencing facilities for the same.

The DCs were directed to identify PVTG, SC and ST in their district for immediate installation of drinking water facilities. "Providing drinking water facilities to PVTG, SC and ST population of the State is a priority of the government for which financial aid has been allocated under the 14th Finance Commission. Also, funds from SCR, DMF and MLA funds also have to be used for installation of solar based drinking water supply system in these areas", Barnwal said.

## State students shine in JEE Advance

PNS ■ RANCHI

Dozens of students of Jharkhand cleared the Joint Entrance Examination (JEE) advance examinations, the result for which was declared on Friday evening. Gudipati Aniket of Narwa region of East Singhbhum scored the 29th rank in the examination, thus becoming the State topper.

Ankit Kumar Jain of Delhi Public School Ranchi bagged the second position in the State by scoring 30th rank in JEE Advance. Rayyan Shahid, also from DPS Ranchi became the third topper with 69th rank.

More than 50 students of DPS Ranchi qualified the examination, four of whom including Ankit Kumar Jain, Rayyan Shahid, Ayush Kumar and Adarsh Raj scored ranks within AIR 500. Ram Singh, PPR of the school also congratulated the students and appreciated the efforts of



Ankit Kumar Jain

parents and teachers for this great achievement. "It is indeed a matter of immense pride for the school that such a huge number of students have qualified", he said.

Similarly, 30 students from Jawahar Vidya Mandir, Birla Public School cleared the examination. Rupesh Raj and Gaurav Oraon of the school bagged 1125 and 987 (category) ranks, respectively. Principal Paramjit Kaur said that it is because of the hard



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cleared the examination. SBP Mehta, the Chairman of the school and Suraj Sharma, Principal, congratulated all the successful students and wished them bright future and a successful career.

Also, two students of Sara Birla Public School cleared the examination. Rupesh Raj and Gaurav Oraon of the school bagged 1125 and 987 (category) ranks, respectively. Principal Paramjit Kaur said that it is because of the hard

work of the students, parents and the teachers that the school continues to script such success stories. "Once again, the students have proved their mettle by performing well in JEE Advance 2019", she said.

A total of 21 students from FIITJEE Dhanbad qualified the examination with the best rank being 608 and three students bagging ranks within 1000.

As many as 73 students of Ranchi based coaching institute Champ Square cleared the JEE advance examination. Adarsh Raj of institute scored 344th rank and got place amongst the top five best performing students in Ranchi.

Attributing his success to the institute, Raj said, "The teachers of the institute can get even the average student perform exceptionally well. They always motivate us and clear our doubts. More than 150 tests were conducted at the institute before the advance examination which proved to be quite fruitful."

## JMM calls for introspection, to begin groundwork for Assembly polls



JMM Chief Shibu Soren along with party's leaders during party working committee meeting in Ranchi on Saturday

Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) today began its two-day working committee meeting on Saturday to introspect humiliating defeat in Lok Sabha elections and at the same time chalk out future strategy for upcoming general election for the State assembly elections which scheduled to held in end of the year.

JMM was part of four parties' Mahagathbandhan (Grand Alliance) set up against BJP led NDA. But, when the results were out, it was shocking and humiliating for entire Mahagathbandhan especially for the JMM. The party had contested four seats—Dumka, Rajmahal,

Jamshedpur and Giridih, but the party won only Rajmahal seat, the JMM was not even able to save its bastion in Santalhal as JMM patriarch Shibu Soren lost to BJP's Sunil Soren from Dumka. Giridih parliamentary seat, Jagannath Mahto said that the party has demanded report from all district presidents and block presidents about present condition of the party in their respective areas.

"The party will contest the State assembly election in alliance with other parties or not it is also discussed during the meeting. JMM has 19 members in the State Assembly out of total strength 81 and it is main Opposition party in the State.

"What will be the future strategy of the party and the party will raise which issues prominently is discussed during the meeting. It is too early to say that the party will contest the election alone or with partners", said Mahto. JMM had contested four seats—Dumka, Rajmahal, Jamshedpur and Giridih, but the party won only Rajmahal seat, the JMM was not even able to save its bastion in Santalhal as JMM patriarch Shibu Soren lost to BJP Sunil Soren from Dumka. JMM is first party of Grand Alliance, which has started preparation for the State Assembly election as other partners like Congress, JVA and RJD is facing problem of infighting in its state unit.

## Singh: Games can brighten nation's name

PNS ■ RANCHI

A game is a medium that gives one the opportunity to get out of absence, inequality and insecurity and through a game one can brighten the name of the nation, society and one's family, said Chairman cum Managing Director Central Coalfield Limited (CCL), Gopal Singh, on Saturday, during a discussion organized with the captains of the CCL's rural football team.

"It is necessary that we utilize it and whatever you do, you should do it with your mind, and it is key to success. CCL will be constructing a football team from all the areas, which will have 30 players. Regular tournaments will be organized among these teams, which will also participate in the Sports Academy. Government's Central Coalfield Limited (CCL), Gopal Singh, said, "Even though Team India is in form, they should not take this match lightly. At the moment, Pakistan team is a wounded tiger, ready to strike at the next chance. If our team plays sincerely, we will surely win."

## Ranchiites gear up for India-Pak match



MAHENDRA SINGH DHONI

India vs Pakistan matches have been the demonstration of the most extreme and exciting of the history of cricket. Sunday's match, at the Old Trafford Cricket ground, Greater Manchester is estimated to have over one billion fans glued to their television sets. The cricket fans of Ranchi have also fastened their belts to support the 'Men in Blue'.

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# Manmohan briefs Congress MPs ahead of Niti Aayog meeting

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Former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on Saturday held a meeting with the Chief Ministers of the Congress and allied parties ahead of the crucial Niti Aayog meeting. They discussed the proposed agenda of the Niti Aayog and issues of the Congress and its allies governed States.

Congress leaders — Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Kamal Nath, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, Karnataka Chief Minister HD Kumaraswamy and Puducherry Chief Minister V Narayansamy and Chhattisgarh CM Bhupesh Baghel — attended the meeting at the All India Congress Committee (AICC) headquarters. Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh skipped the meeting due to his health reason.

Among the issues discussed were injecting life back in water bodies, fresh efforts needed from the Centre in the agricultural sector and investment in the Forest Act to bring about change and prosperity in the lives of the tribals.

Kamal Nath said that the AICC that all the Chief Ministers were briefed by Manmohan Singh. He said that the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) figures and formation of the Government should suggest



Former PM Manmohan Singh with Madhya Pradesh CM Kamal Nath, Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot, Karnataka CM HD Kumaraswamy and Puducherry CM V Narayansamy during a meeting at AICC on Saturday

measures in view of the grave economic situation. Kamal Nath also said that the severe drought conditions are prevailing in large parts of the country, rivers have dried up and so contingency measures are needed. The CM said agricultural distress also needs to be addressed urgently, adding that all these issues will be taken up during the Governing Council meeting.

The fifth meeting of the Niti Aayog's Governing Council focused on issues like the drought situation, farm distress, rain water harvesting and preparedness for kharif crops. It was the first meeting of the governing council of Niti Aayog since the formation of the Modi 2.0 Government.

# CM Rupani meets Union Agriculture Minister, discusses farmers' issues

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani on Saturday called on Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar to discuss issues relating to farmers' welfare such as the Kisan Kalyan Nishith Yojana and Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana.

A delegation led by Rupani, Gujarat Agriculture Minister R C Faldia, Chief Secretary JN Singh, Chief Principal Secretary to CM K Kailashnathan, Additional Chief Secretary (Agr) Sanjay Prasad and officers of the agriculture department met Tomar.

Union Minister of State for Agriculture Parshottambhai Rupala was also present at the meeting. According to a statement, the issue on pending claims of interest substitution of crop loan advance by banks of the state and extension of date to purchase of mustard in the Price Support Scheme were also discussed in the meeting.

It was decided in the meeting that the last date for purchase of mustard under the Price Support Scheme shall be extended up to June 30. The Government also decided to expedite payment of interest subsidy to the cooperative banks and nationalised banks so that farmers do not face any inconvenience, according to the statement.

The discussion also focused on measures being jointly undertaken by the state and extension of date to increase agriculture productivity to improve farmer income as well as on strengthening measures for farmer welfare.



Earlier in the day, Baghel, Kumaraswamy and Narayansamy also separately called on the Prime Minister Narendra Modi. On Friday, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Nath had hosted a dinner at his residence where Gehlot, Baghel and Narayansamy were present. Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh could not make it for the dinner and skipped the Niti Aayog meeting.

# Thiruvananthapuram airport's privatisation: Pinarayi meets PM

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan on Saturday called on Prime Minister Narendra Modi and cited the State's reservation on the privatisation of Thiruvananthapuram international airport. Vijayan was meeting Modi for the first time after the latter assumed the Prime Minister's office for the second time following the BJP-led NDA's victory in the Lok Sabha polls. Vijayan is here to attend the Niti Aayog meeting.

During the brief meeting, attended by State PWD Minister G Sudhakaran and Chief Secretary Tom Jose, Vijayan submitted a memorandum citing various demands including further aid for rebuilding the flood-hit State.

Official sources said the Chief Minister requested the Centre to retain the airport in the public sector and not to hand over its management to any private company.

Kerala's concern over its reported exclusion from the priority list of the national highway development and the need to get more central assistance



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Chief Minister of Kerala Pinarayi Vijayan during a meeting in New Delhi on Saturday

for various projects also figured in the discussion, which lasted for around 15 minutes, they added.

The Adani group had, in February, won the bid to operate five out of six airports, including the one at Thiruvananthapuram, proposed for privatisation by the Central Government.

Earlier appealed to the Centre to reconsider its decision to lease out Thiruvananthapuram aerodrome for operation, management and development under the public-private partnership (PPP).

"Without the co-operation of the State Government, no private company can develop

the airport properly," Vijayan told the state Assembly earlier this week.

In a letter to the prime minister in March, Vijayan had demanded that the airport's operation be handed over to the Thiruvananthapuram International Airport Ltd (TIAL) floated by the government-run Kerala State Industrial Development Corporation (KSIDC).

The airport was established in 1932 on 258.06 acres of land owned by the princely state of Travancore, of which the state is the successor. The 258.06 acres of land had been entered into the revenue records as Government land.

# Impasse over RaGa resignation holding Cong back

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The deadlock over the resignation of Rahul Gandhi as the Congress president following the Lok Sabha debacle is affecting the day-to-day functioning of the grand old party. In the last few days, all the important notifications, which were earlier issued by the approval of the Congress president, are being released stating 'by the approval of AICC'.

On Friday, the notification regarding the appointment of MLAs and MLCs to the Maharashtra Biennial Assembly was approved by the AICC and marked to party General Secretary in-charge of State Mallikarjun Kharge and State Unit chief Ashok Chavan.

"All the orders which were issued within the jurisdiction of the party chief are now being



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accept the post of Working President offered to him citing his other role of strengthening the party.

Senior leaders are in tizzy as UPA Chairperson Sonia Gandhi and daughter and General Secretary AICC Priyanka Gandhi have spoken their minds at a rally in Rae Bareilly recently against the party's system which led to the drubbing in the last two General Elections.

The search for the new leader was initiated after Rahul Gandhi's decision to resign from the party's top post, following the dismal performance in the recently-held general elections. Although the Congress Working Committee, the party's highest decision-making body, had rejected Rahul's resignation, he has remained steadfast on giving up the post.

# Govt needs to draft new Naxal policy: Cong

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Congress on Saturday sought the Government to draft a new Naxal policy to deal with left-wing extremism (LWE) in the backdrop of the recent attack on a police team in Jharkhand.

Dr Manmohan Singh as Prime Minister of the Congress-led government at the Centre had time and again described the LWE as one of the biggest threats to the National Security, even though incidents linked to Maoist violence did not see a let-up in 10 years of UPA regime.

Condemning the attack in the Naxalite-Khasyan area near the Jharkhand-Bengal border on Friday in which five police personnel were killed in an ambush by Maoists, Congress spokesperson

Randeep Surjewala Surjewala said the act was highly condemnable.

"The cowardly face of Naxalism has been spreading in Jharkhand. The government of this country needs to draft fresh its policy to deal with naxalism," he tweeted.

Two assistant sub-inspectors and three constables came under attack while patrolling the Tirulidhi police station area of the district.

The LWE in several states including Chhattisgarh, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha and Maharashtra had kept the police and para-military forces on their toes and even though many top Naxal leaders have been eliminated in the past and several others surrendered themselves before the authorities, the strikes from the underground groups

have continued to take many a lives of police and para-military personnel.

From 2005 to 2011, Congress had experimented with 'Salwa Judum' (peace march or purification hunt) which involved countering Maoists by providing armed training to the tribals. The so-called experiment carried out by Congress leader Mahendra Karma later turned highly controversial with alleged forcible evacuation of tribals from their land and their shift to armed camps.

Human rights group criticized the move saying the 'Salwa Judum' has turned poor tribals more vulnerable to Maoist attacks rather securing them. Subsequently, the 'Salwa Judum' was declared illegal by the Supreme Court. Karma himself got killed in a Maoist

attack in 2013.

There has not been a marked change in Modi government's policy towards LWE with the former also seeing LWE as one of the biggest challenges to the National Security and insisting on 'zero tolerance' against it.

Development work across the LWE-infested lands has not made speedy progress as Maoist repeatedly thwart it by perpetuating violence and try foiling the government attempts to bring tribals into the 'mainstream'. The corruption in developmental projects initiated by the central and state governments and alleged 'extortion racket' by LWE groups have further complicated the scenario which gets time and again alive with the burst of gun from both sides.

# By-elections for 6 vacant Rajya Sabha seats on July 5

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The by-elections to six vacant Rajya Sabha seats from Bihar, Odisha and Gujarat will be held on July 5, the Election Commission said on Saturday.

Six senior leaders from the Rajya Sabha, including Amit Shah, Ravindra Shankar Prasad and Smriti Irani have moved to the Lok Sabha with their recent election to the lower house, thus necessitating election for the said seats for the Upper house.

The Irani's seat is the second from Gujarat apart from Amit Shah's which needs to be filled. Irani had defeated Congress president Rahul Gandhi from Amethi.

Of the six seats, two are from Gujarat, one from Bihar (Prasad) and three from Odisha- Achyutananda Samanta, Pratap Kishor Deb and Soumya Ranjan Patnaik (all from Biju Janta Dal). Congress had demanded

that election to the two seats of RS from Gujarat be conducted on the same time as resignations of the two BJP leaders from the Upper House on different dates sought to create conditions that election to the two seats are conducted on different dates thereby giving an advantage to the ruling BJP.

Congress spokesperson Abhishek Manu Singhvi, at a press conference on June 13, said they came to know that there could be a bid to hold elections for the two seats separately. The party will approach the Election Commission EC with its demand of holding elections for the two Rajya Sabha seats in Gujarat together, he said. Singhvi pointed out that simultaneous voting can bring one of the two Rajya Sabha seats to Congress. He alluded without naming the party that election to the two seats on different dates could help BJP pocket both the seats.

# J&K Bank now under RTI, CVC

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Srinagar: The Jammu & Kashmir Bank will now come under the purview of Right to Information Act and Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) guidelines, an official spokesman said on Saturday.

He said the decision was taken by the Board of Directors of the Jammu & Kashmir Bank. The move will ensure greater transparency and accountability, the spokesman said here.

"J&K Bank Board of Directors today (Saturday) decided to bring the bank under the purview of CVC guidelines & J&K RTI Act-2009 to ensure greater transparency & accountability," he said.

On June 11, Chief Secretary BVR Subrahmanyam had said the bank has no choice but to be under RTI as it is a government-owned bank. "It is registered under the companies act as a government company. By the end of June, the bank will be brought under the RTI and CVC guidelines," he said.

The decision comes after the bank was removed as the Chairman of the J&K Bank for alleged corruption, nepotism and favouritism.



# Vayu likely to hit Gujarat coast on Monday: IMD

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) on Saturday said that cyclonic storm 'Vayu' which is weak and, is likely to reach coastal Saurashtra and Kutch in Gujarat as a depression by Monday evening. In its latest update, the IMD said that 'Vayu' was spotted at 355 kms west-southwest of Porbandar coast, 380 kms west Veraval and 470 kms west of Diu.

The Met said that the cyclone is likely to be accompanied by strong winds speed of the order of 40-50 kmph gusting to 60 kmph over the sea coast. "The system is very likely to move westwards during next 24 to 36 hours with gradual weakening and recurve northwards thereafter and reach coastal Saurashtra and Kutch as a depression by the



while the entire state received scattered rainfall Saturday. In a tweet, Gujarat Additional Chief Secretary Pankaj Kumar said, "Cyclone Vayu is still mainly retaining its intensity. Rainfall activity is set to decrease along the coast and the interior parts of Gujarat, while the western parts of the state will continue to receive light to moderate rains." Cyclone Vayu, which was to

make landfall on Thursday near the Gujarat coast, changed course on the intervening night of Wednesday and Thursday. It skirted the Gujarat coast affecting Gir-Somnath, Diu, Junagadh and Porbandar. On Friday, the Ministry of Earth Sciences has stated that Vayu is likely to recurve and come close to Gujarat coast.

Earlier, the cyclone, while not making landfall in Gujarat, brought moderate-to-heavy rain to 114 tehsils, the highest rainfall of 6.5 inches (160mm) being recorded in Talala tehsil of Gir-Somnath district since Thursday, a Met department release said.

# Western Railway withdraws proposal for head, foot massages on trains

New Delhi/Mumbai: Mumbai-headquartered Western Railway on Saturday said it had withdrawn a proposal to provide head and foot massages to passengers on board 39 trains originating from Indore in Madhya Pradesh.

Indore is part of Ratlam division of Western Railway. In a press release issued here, WR Chief Spokesperson Ravindra Bhaskar said, "The proposal for introduction of head and/or foot massage services to be provided in the trains originating from Indore station was initiated by Ratlam Division of Western Railway."

"As soon as this proposal



came to the notice of higher authorities of Western Railway, it had been decided to withdraw this proposal of starting massage services in trains, these are not appropriate to provide massage to passengers on board, especially in the presence of women."

"Providing these kind of services in front of women in accordance with the principles of Indian culture? Providing

the proposal. "What arrangements will be made to provide this facility given that the service would throw up some questions regarding the safety and comfort of passengers, especially that of women passengers," Mahajan had asked.

On June 10, Lalwani had written a letter to the Railway Ministry on the issue, saying it would not be appropriate to provide massage to passengers on board, especially in the presence of women.

"According to railway officials, the proposal was part of an initiative to garner revenue from non-fare segments. PTI

passengers medical aid, doctors are important for the railways not these standaleness services in my opinion," Lalwani had written.

After Lalwani's letter, Ratlam Railway Divisional Manager N Sunkar had clarified that the service would not include a 'full body massage' but only head and foot massages.

The railways will ensure that the facility will not make passengers feel uncomfortable, he had claimed.

# Fadnavis Cabinet expansion today

To induct 8-10 new Ministers • Erstwhile Cong leader, LOP Vikhe-Patil, Ex-NCP leader Kshirsagar set to join Cabinet • CM may drop tainted HSG Min Prakash Mehta from Cabinet

By RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

Ahead of the Monsoon Session of the Maharashtra Legislature beginning on Monday, Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis will expand his Ministry on Sunday by inducting eight to ten new Ministers, including a minister probably the erstwhile senior Congress leader and leader of the Opposition Radhakrishna Vikhe-Patil and erstwhile NCP leader and now the Sena leader Jaydutta Kshirsagar, into his Cabinet.

Among other things, Fadnavis may drop from his Cabinet State Housing Minister Prakash Mehta of the BJP, who is facing allegations of irregularities in the permissions given by a slum rehabilitation multi-agency (SRA) project at MP Mills compound at Tardeo in South Mumbai. Lokayukta M. L.



Tahalyani, who looked into the allegations against the minister, has reportedly passed strictures against Mehta.

Sunday's expansion, which has been scheduled at 11 am at Raj Bhavan on Sunday, will be the last Cabinet restructuring that Fadnavis will undertake ahead of the State Assembly polls to be held in October this year.

Following the exit of State Food, Civil Supplies and Legislative affairs minister who resigned last week from the State Cabinet in the wake of his election to the Lok Sabha, the number of vacancies in the State Cabinet has gone up to seven.

The current strength of the Maharashtra Cabinet is 36, seven short of the stipulated 43 Ministers — a number that accounts for 15 per cent of 288 members in the State Assembly. Fadnavis may drop from his Cabinet at least three ministers,

including Mehta, taking the number of vacancies to be filled to 10.

Fadnavis, who is expanding the State Cabinet after a gap of three years, may accommodate in his Cabinet "two or three" MLAs from the Shiv Sena, which is a constituent of the BJP-led saffron alliance Government.

Informed sources in the BJP said that Radhakrishna Vikhe-Patil, whose son Sujay quit the Congress in March this year and won the Lok Sabha polls by a margin of 2.81 lakh votes from Ahmednagar constituency on a BJP ticket, would join the Devendra Fadnavis Cabinet in Sunday's Cabinet expansion.

Similarly, influential leader from Maharashtra region Jaydutta Kshirsagar who quit the NCP and joined the ruling Shiv Sena on May 22, will be

inducted into the State Cabinet.

Three other names that are making round as contenders for ministerial berths are BJP's Mumbai unit president Ashish Shelar, Shiv Sena and Anil Bonde, both from the BJP and Avinash Mahatekar of the RPI (Athvale).

Fadnavis had met BJP's national president and Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Thursday to seek clearance for his Cabinet expansion schedule in Sunday's Cabinet.

Fadnavis had earlier expanded his Cabinet on July 8, 2016, by inducting 10 more ministers and promoting one minister from State Cabinet to Cabinet rank.

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# Yogi Govt to hold global investors' summit next year

By LUCKNOW

After the success of UP Investors' Summit in February 2018 that fetched investment proposals worth Rs 4.68 lakh crore, the Yogi Adityanath Government is now contemplating organising its maiden 'Global Investors' Summit' early next year.

The 2018 summit resulted in big investment as a fair share of MoUs matured into actual investment in the state.

The proposed 'Global Investors' Summit' would be held on a grand scale and position Uttar Pradesh as an ideal investment destination not only in India but globally.

While reviewing the progress of Industrial Development department this week, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath asked officials to start preparing for the 'Global Investors' Summit', proposed to be held in February 2020.

He also directed the officials to hold the second groundbreaking ceremony for the pending industrial and infrastructure projects next month. During the two-day UP Investors' Summit in Lucknow on 21-22 February, 2018, the UP government had signed 1,047 memoranda of understanding (MoUs) worth Rs 4.68 lakh crore with private and public sector companies. The summit was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the presence of honchos of corporate world, including Mukesh Ambani, Gautam Adani, Kumar Mangalam Birla, N Chandrababhan, Subhash Chandra, GM Rao, Shiv Nadar and many others.

The State also hosted delegates from Mauritius, Japan, the Netherlands, Finland, Czech Republic, Thailand and Slovakia to explore investment opportunities in UP.

# Inclement weather hampers op to retrieve bodies of IAF aircraft crash victims

By ITANAGAR

Inclement weather on Saturday hampered rescue efforts to retrieve the mortal remains of 13 air-warriors who were on board the Indian Air Force aircraft that crashed in the mountains of Arunachal Pradesh, an IAF spokesman said.

Shillong-based IAF spokesman Ratan Singh said the rescue operation, which commenced early Saturday morning, could not progress further due to inclement weather at the crash site.

Cheetah and ALH helicopters are on standby and are waiting to commence operations once the weather improves. At present there are low clouds accompanied with rain in the area, the spokesman said in a statement.

The IAF is making all efforts to retrieve the mortal remains of the deceased air-warriors. IAF personnel are in constant contact with the families of these air-warriors and they are being updated regularly about the ongoing rescue operations. They are also being explained the weather conditions they are being faced by the rescue team, he added.

The rescue team on Friday recovered the cockpit voice recorder (CVR) and flight data recorder (FDR) of the Russian-origin AN-32 aircraft.

The aircraft was going from Jorhat in Assam to Mechuka advanced landing ground in Shi-Yomi district in Arunachal Pradesh, near the border with China, on June 3 when it lost control and crashed half-an-hour after taking off.

The wreckage of the plane was spotted by an IAF chopper on Tuesday at a height of 12,000 ft near Gatte village on the border of Siang and Shi-Yomi districts, after eight days of a massive search operation involving a fleet of aircraft and choppers as well as ground



In this photo released by IAF, is seen the crash site of IAF AN-32 carrier aircraft.

# 'Jungle raj' prevailing in UP, says Akhilesh

By LUCKNOW

Alleging that "jungle raj" was prevailing in Uttar Pradesh, Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav met Governor Ram Naik on Saturday to discuss the poor law and order situation in the state and submitted a memorandum.

Akhilesh Yadav along with senior SP leader Anmad Hassan submitted a memorandum to the Governor and urged him to intervene and "wake up" the state government as he did during the SP regime.

Yadav said, "During SP regime, it was said that there were only Yadav officers. Now there is hardly any district police chief or district magistrate from the Yadav community. We have requested the Governor to wake up the state government and direct it to control the prevailing 'jungle raj'."

The SO chief further said, "Criminals are having a free hand and they are doing what ever they want in this regime. UP Bar Council president Darvesh Singh Yadav was the shooter of the IAF plane in Agra, which criminals were shot dead inside jail. How can people take firearms inside the lawyer's

# chamber or inside the jail?"

Having the present Yogi Adityanath government responsible for the deteriorating law and order in the state, the SP president said that the state government had failed to instil confidence among people of the state.

Akhilesh also tweeted: "Incidents of rape, killings and political attacks have been increasing in the state. The CM is busy in meetings but the law and order is getting worse."

The firing at chairperson of Bar Council in Agra has proved that the situation is now out of control."

Akhilesh Yadav also raised the issue of alleged harassment of senior SP leader Mohammad Azam Khan by Rampur district administration and said, "The Government should look into the matter immediately as fake criminal cases are being registered against the SP leader by officials to harass him."

Recently, a couple of senior Rampur district officials had sought protection from Azam Khan while cases were lodged against them in Agra, which grabbing government land for Al Jahar University owned by Khan.



A car set ablaze reportedly by Kashi Hindu University students on the premises in Varanasi on Saturday.

# 4 youths who wanted to cross LoC to join militancy arrested

Srinagar: Four youths, who wanted to cross the Line of Control (LoC) to join militant ranks, were taken into custody in Uri sector of Jammu & Kashmir and later handed over to their families, the Army said on Saturday.

Addressing a Press conference in north Kashmir's Baramulla district, Commander 79 Mount Brigade

Girish Kalia said the youths were taken into custody by the Army near the LoC on Friday and were handed over to their respective families on Saturday.

He said the Army had received information that they were going to join the path of violence after being "misguided" by local militants and their accomplices.

"We acted swiftly to prevent

them from choosing the wrong path and apprehended them along the LoC in Linber, a village of Boniyar on Friday," he said.

The Army officer said the youths were handed over to their respective families after proper counselling. He appealed to the youths to not get misguided by the propaganda of militants.

# Will go into AN-32 crash, ensure such incidents don't reoccur: IAF chief

Hyderabad: The Indian Air Force would ascertain the cause of the recent crash of an AN-32 aircraft in Arunachal Pradesh and take steps to ensure that such incidents do not recur, IAF chief BS Dhanoa said on Saturday.

His comments came days after the wreckage of the aircraft was found in a remote area in Arunachal Pradesh, more than a week after it went missing with 13 people on board.

"We have recovered the flight data recorder and the cockpit voice recorder. We will go into the detail (to ascertain) as to what happened and how do we make sure that it does not happen again," he told reporters on the sidelines of the Combined Graduation Parade at the Air Force Academy in Dundlind near here.

"In Arunachal Pradesh, the way we fly the terrain is very treacherous and most of the time, it is cloudy...When you are flying in that terrain, in that cloudy weather, there have been many, not only Air Force, even otherwise, Pawan Hans and all, lot of accidents, because of controlled flight into terrain," he claimed.

Noting that there were procedures to make sure such accidents do not recur, he said, "Need to review what happened and we don't have such an accident again."

# BALGANGA IRRIGATION PROJECT — Maha to move tribunal to stop ₹287-crore loss to exchequer

Facing the prospect of paying a sum of Rs 287 crore to a private contractor and getting quashed its crucial resolution of terminating the Balganga construction contract, the Maharashtra Government will belatedly file an appeal before Raigad district court on Monday, challenging the ruling given by a Bombay High court-appointed Arbitration Tribunal in favour of a private firm.

# 'In dock' water resources dept to contest quashing of GR terminating construction contract

large-scale irregularities surfaced in the deputy chief minister's office.

On August 24, 2016, the State Anti Corruption Bureau had registered the first FIR in the irrigation scam, booking 11 people in connection with alleged irregularities in awarding the contract for Balganga dam to FA Enterprises.

The names of former deputy chief minister and NCP leader Ajit Pawar and former Water Resources Minister Sumit Tatkare — also of the NCP — have been investigated for alleged irregularities in 12 major irrigation projects undertaken during the previous Congress-NCP regime.

The multi-thousand irrigation scam, it may be recalled, had come to light in September 2012. Ajjitdada had resigned from the deputy chief minister's post on September 25, 2012, attributing his decision to the media reports on the alleged irregularities in the awarding of 38 irrigation contracts worth Rs 20,000 crore in Vidharba region during 2009, without seeking the mandatory clearance from the governing council of the Vidharba Irrigation Development Corporation (VIDC).

Ajjitdada was the State Irrigation Minister between 1999 and 2010, before he was elevated as the deputy chief minister and handed the portfolios of Finance and Energy. The irrigation scam had allegedly taken place during his tenure as the State Irrigation Minister.

The Maharashtra Government will belatedly file an appeal before Raigad district court on Monday, challenging the ruling given by a Bombay High court-appointed Arbitration Tribunal in favour of a private firm.

The BJP-led Maharashtra government, which has been under severe flak for its failure to appear before the high court-appointed Arbitration Tribunal hearing a payment-related dispute, has delayed in moving the Tribunal in appeal against the tribunal's order passed in April awarding Rs 287 crore to the State Water Resources department's deliberate failure to appear at the hearing before the tribunal.

The tribunal had set a 90-day deadline for the state government to file an appeal against its order. "It is shocking that the Maharashtra government has not bothered to move the Arbitration Tribunal even 70 days after the tribunal passed the order against it. It is only after I obtained the tribunal's order through an RTI query and shot off a letter to State Chief Secretary Ajoy Mehta that the State Water Resources department has woken up and is moving the tribunal in appeal on Monday," RTI activist Pravin Wategaoankar said.

My information is that the State Chief Secretary, Water Resources Department, deliberately absented himself from the tribunal's hearing in the payment related matter. This prompted the tribunal to pass an order against the State government," Wategaoankar said.

While awarding Rs 287 crore to private firm M/S FA Construction for the state water department's failure before it during the hearing, the Arbitration Tribunal — headed by retired high court judge V G Palshikar — had on April 6 quashed the State government payment dated September 23, 2016 terminating the contract awarded to M/S FA Construction for the construction of Balganga dam in Raigad district.

Despite service of notice, the court had ordered the setting up of a five-member panel to look into the dispute.

Incidentally, the Balganga project was one of the 13 irrigation projects that the Government had scrapped on August 30, 2016, after the

# No water to fall back on for farmers in Ujani's backwater area

By PUNE

Narayan Lawand, a 45-year-old farmer in Pune district, died of electrocution while using a submersible water pump to irrigate his fields last month. His death has brought into focus the plight of people living in the area around Ujani dam in western Maharashtra which was overflowing last monsoon.

Rui, Lawand's village in Pune's Indapur tehsil, falls in the backwater region of Ujani dam across the Bhima river. As the backwater spreads through hundreds of small inlets and streams in the area, it is common for farmers to draw water from them using submersible pumps. But the water level in the reservoir has depleted to such a precariously low level this year that small rivers and streams which flow off the main waterbody have gone dry.

Submersible pumps and pipes which draw water from them, thus, lie exposed.

In many places, farmers, who mainly grow sugarcane, have pooled money to dig

trenches or shallow wells alongside the parched streams. The water that percolates into these trenches is then pumped out.

"Rivers and streams have dried up. Our crops are withering," said Lawand's brother Tukaram. It forced his brother to lift water from a trench dug near a river. "He suffered electric shock while using a submersible pump and died," he said.

"The water level in the dam is gone down to an unprecedented level. But last monsoon the dam was full," said Sharad Kale, a farmer from nearby Palasdeo village.

"Mismanagement" of the reservoir is responsible for the situation, he claimed. Water for drinking purposes was released to Solapur and parts of Marathwada through rivers instead of pipelines, and a lot of water was wasted in the process, he said.

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TMCFW, he said.

There are many reasons why the water level went down so much. Water was released for drinking purpose to Solapur and parts of Marathwada through rivers instead of pipelines, and a lot of water was wasted in the process, he said.

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for selection of service providers for establishing Data Management Units(DMUs) for providing data entry, analysis and management services in Government Healthcare facilities and health department offices, in all 38 districts in the state of Bihar.

- The State Health Society, Bihar(SHSB) is implementing the National Health Mission (NHM) to carry out various health related program(s) and strengthening the health delivery system, in the state of Bihar.
- The government owned health facilities in the state, provide a wide range of healthcare services and report data every month. Data from these health facilities is drawn into a web-based monitoring system comprising of Health Management Information Systems (HMIS), RCH Portal, Patient Registration & Drug Distribution System etc., Human Resource Information System (HRIS), RISK Portal etc. For reporting health indicator values through consolidation of data points at the Block level, Hospital level, District HQ level for Chief Medical Officers(CMOs) and Divisional/State level. These indicators values help:
  - Monitor and evaluate program performance and interventions under National Health Mission (NHM)
  - Provide key inputs for health policy formulation and interventions.
- At the core of this system of generating pre-determined indicator values, is the aggregated facility-based / population-based data compiled from a set of paper-based registers and other source documents. Data is generated from these government owned health facilities across the state, where it is entered into the portal by Data Entry Operators (DEOs) for further reporting & analysis purposes.
- The State Health Society, Bihar (SHSB), Patna intends to select agency(s) via e-tendering for all 38 districts of the state, for establishing Data Management Units (DMUs) for its various programs across the state, for providing data entry, analysis and management services at Government Healthcare facilities - From District Hospitals (DH) to Additional Primary Healthcare (APHCs) and health department offices, as per Annexure 7. The contract agreement with the successful agency/bidder will be signed with SHSB, and on behalf of the SHSB, the day to day execution of the contract will be done by the District Health Society (DHS)/Government Healthcare facilities/Health department offices in the concerned district(s) in which the DMUs have been established.
- Each Data Management Unit (DMU) shall comprise of:
  - A single highly skilled Data Entry Operator (DEO),
  - Laptop/Computer set (Monitor, CPU, Keyboard and Mouse & Internet connection) with web camera and biometric device,
  - Laser jet printer, scanner cum copier (preferably a single machine) and,
  - Data card for internet connection (speed of minimum 2 Mbps) and.
- To participate in the e-tendering process, the bidder/agency are required to get themselves registered with Bihar Government Centralized e-Procurement portal, i.e., <https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in/BELTRON>, may contact the helpdesk at the following address, "e-Procurement HELP DESK, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, M/22, Bank of India Building, Road No. 25, Shree Krishna Nagar, Patna- 800001, Phone No. 0612-2523006, Mob. No. 7542028164 (Timings: Every Day from 08:00 AM to 08:00 PM) or may visit the link "Vendor Info" at <https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in/BELTRON> and also inform this to SHSB.
- Tenderer may also download the tender documents (a complete set of document is available on website) from e-Procurement Portal (<https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in/BELTRON>) and submit its tender by the downloaded document.

Sno.	Event Description	Timeline
7.1	Last date & time of downloading the RFP	Till 11/07/2019 (Thursday) up to 05:00 PM., on the e-Procurement Portal ( <a href="https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in/BELTRON">https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in/BELTRON</a> )
7.2	Last date & time for submission (upload) of online bidding document.	12/07/2019 (Friday) till 05:00 PM., on the e-Procurement Portal ( <a href="https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in/BELTRON">https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in/BELTRON</a> )
7.3	Last date & time for submission of EMD in Hard/Physical Copies (Upload Mode)	17/07/2019 (Wednesday) by 05:00 PM., to "The Executive Director, State Health Society, Bihar, Pariwar Kalyan Bhawan, Sheikhpura, Patna-800014"
7.4	Time, Date of opening of Technical Bid	18/07/2019 (Thursday) at 11:00 AM on the e-Procurement Portal ( <a href="https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in/BELTRON">https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in/BELTRON</a> )
7.5	Time, Date of opening of Financial Bid	To be announced later on the e-Procurement Portal ( <a href="https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in/BELTRON">https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in/BELTRON</a> )
7.6	Pre-bid meeting (Date & time)	24/06/2019 (Monday) at 03:00 PM
7.7	Pre-bid meeting venue	Conference Hall, State Health Society, Bihar, Pariwar Kalyan Bhawan, Sheikhpura, Patna-800014

- Note-**
- Interested bidders may obtain further information about this Notice Inviting Tender(NIT) from the office of State Health Society, Bihar.
  - No tender will be accepted after closing date and time in any circumstances.
  - The tender will be accompanied by Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in the shape of Demand Draft from any Schedule Bank in favour of "State Health Society, Bihar" payable at Patna. No bidder is exempted from submitting the EMD as mentioned in the tender document. Tenders without EMD shall be summarily rejected.
  - Bid Processing Fee (TPF) amount for the sum of Rs. 1,180/- (One thousand one hundred and eighty rupees) to be paid through e-Payment mode (i.e. NEFT-RTGS, Internet Banking, Credit / Debit Card) only, to the agency empaneled by Government of Bihar for centralized e-Procurement.
  - The technical and financial bids must be submitted/uploaded through e-Procurement Portal (<https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in/BELTRON>) before the date and time specified in the NIT. The SHSB should not take any responsibility for the delay / Non Submission of Tender / Non Reconciliation of online Payment caused due to Non availability of Internet Connection, Network Traffic/ Holidays or any other reason."
  - The bidders shall submit/upload their eligibility and qualification details, Certificates as mentioned in the tender document, in the online standard formats given in e-Procurement Portal (<https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in/BELTRON>) at the respective stage(s) only.
  - The bidders shall upload the scanned copies of all the relevant certificates, documents etc., in support of their eligibility criteria / technical bids and other certificate / documents in the e-Procurement Portal (<https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in/BELTRON>)
  - The Bidding documents shall be submitted in the mode as mentioned below:
 

(1) Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Physical (Offline Mode)
(2) Technical Bid	Online (Cover-Technical Stage)
(3) Financial Bid(s)	Online (Cover-Cost Bid Stage)
  - All prospective bidders may attend the Pre-bid meeting. The venue, date and time are indicated in Schedule of Events as in Clause 7 above.
  - The hard (Physical) copy of the Earnest Money Deposits (EMDs), should be sent to "The Executive Director, State Health Society, Bihar, Pariwar Kalyan Bhawan, Sheikhpura, Patna-800014" by Registered Post/ Speed Post or by hand. It must reach the above said address on or before the date & time indicated in Clause 7 above, failing which the tenders will be treated as late tendered and would be summarily rejected.
  - In the event of any of the above mentioned dates being declared as a holiday/ closed day for the State Health Society, Bihar the EMD will be received on the next working day at the scheduled time.
  - SHSB reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or change the terms and condition of NIT or cancel the NIT without assigning any reasons at any stage and time.
  - For further enquiry and information, please contact to the following officers during office hours 10:00 AM to 05:00 PM on all working days:
    - I. Sri Ravish Khosla, B.S. Deputy Secretary(DS), SHSB - 9473197729
    - II. Sri Arvind Kumar, System Analyst-cum-Data Officer, SHSB - 9470003015
  - All further notifications/Corrigendum/Addendum, if any shall be posted on e-Procurement Portal (<https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in/BELTRON>) and shall be binding on all the bidders.

**Disclaimer:** Please note, in the "Estimated value box" on the e-Procurement Portal (<https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in/BELTRON>), "Zero" has been mentioned, by State Health Society, Bihar(SHSB). The actual value of the project depends on the L1 rate decided by this tender and therefore due to this, it has been mentioned "Zero". However, the bidders will be required to do financial estimations on their own and quote the bids based on the terms and conditions mentioned in the tender document. For further details please visit website [www.prdhb.gov.in](http://www.prdhb.gov.in)

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# Don't regulate us for the sake of it: Pichai

**PTI ■ WASHINGTON**  
 Google's Indian-American CEO Sundar Pichai has said that it is "perfectly fine" for big companies to be scrutinised but cautioned against doing it just "for the sake of regulating" them amid reports that the US is initiating an anti-trust violations probe against the internet giant.

Pichai made the comments for the first time after reports emerged earlier this month that Google's search business and advertising practices may come under scrutiny during the potential anti-trust violation probe by the US Department of Justice (DOJ).

The DOJ and Federal Trade Commission are said to be dividing up responsibility for oversight of Google, Facebook, Apple and Amazon to probe their market dominance.

Pichai told CNN Business on Friday that it's "perfectly fine" for companies like Google to be scrutinised when they get big enough.

"Scrutiny is right, and we will participate constructively in these discussions," he said.

"I worry that if you regulate for the sake of regulating it, it has a lot of unintended consequences," he said, focusing on the issue of artificial intelligence in particular.

Pichai said, "it will have implications for our national security and ... For other important areas of society. Having leadership ends up being really critical."

This is not the first time Google has come under scrutiny. The company was under investigation by the Federal Trade Commission in 2013, but emerged largely unscathed after the firm pledged to change certain aspects of its business, such as how it handles content from third-party travel or shopping sites.

"We have gone through similar situations in Europe, so it's not a surprise to us," Pichai said, adding "for some of the other companies, maybe the scrutiny is newer."

He said that there are countries that aspire to be the next Silicon Valley, and they are supporting their companies too.

"This doesn't mean you don't scrutinize large companies, but you have to balance it with the fact that you want big, successful companies as well," Pichai added.



# Trade unions seek ₹6K minimum pension, ₹20K minimum wages

**PTI ■ NEW DELHI**  
 Corporate Affairs Minister Anurag Thakur said after the meeting, some of trade union leaders also expressed their unhappiness over the absence of Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in the meeting. Thakur chaired the meeting as Sitharaman had to attend the NITI Aayog's Governing Council meeting held around the same time.

All India Trade Union Congress (AITUC) General Secretary Amarjeet Kaur said, "Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had invited us for pre-budget consultations. But we had a discussion with Minister of State. They tried to limit the discussion on four broad points: protection of labour, skill development, jobs and wages."

However, she said, "We, the 10 central trade unions group, put up all of our points. We have demanded for ₹20,000 minimum pension, ₹6,000 minimum monthly pension and guaranteed employment of 200 days under MNREGA (100 days at present)."

Representatives of trade unions on Saturday pressed the government to raise the minimum wage to ₹20,000, provide 200 days of assured work under the rural employment guarantee scheme and ensure minimum monthly pension of ₹6,000.

The unions during a pre-budget meeting also demanded hiking slabs for exemption of income tax for salaried persons and pensioners to ₹10 lakh per year. They asked for ₹8 lakh income tax slab for senior citizens and exemption of all perks and fringe benefits like housing medical and education facilities and running allowances from income tax.

Besides, the representatives of around a dozen central trade unions expressed their reservation against the privatisation and divestment in professional-making public sector. They stressed on increasing investment for job creation in the pre-budget meeting with Minister of State for Finance &

# India tops tech visa applications for UK: Report

**PTI ■ LONDON**  
 India along with the US are among the countries with the highest number of visa applications for the UK's technology sector, according to the latest data from Britain's leading network for digital tech entrepreneurs.

Tech Nation, a UK Home Office designated body for tech visas, found that applications from India covered a wide range of sectors, as the Tech Nation Tier 1 Exceptional Talent Visa for Digital Technology experienced a 45 per cent increase in applications in 2018-19, up to 650 from 450 the previous year.

"The countries with the highest amount of visa applications continue to be India and the US, from Software Engineers and Business Developers in Software, Development, AI & Machine Learning, FinTech and Enterprise/Cloud sectors," a Tech Nation report said this week.

"Nigeria, Russia, Canada, Australia, China and South Africa also top the list for number of applications," it added.

Tech Nation is one of just five designated competent bodies (DCBs) appointed by the UK Home Office for the Tier 1 Exceptional Talent Visa, in the fields of digital technology, engineering, medicine, science, the arts and media.

# India's flat May fuel demand points to sluggish economy

**AGENCIES ■ NEW DELHI**  
 India's fuel demand in May was unchanged from a year earlier, preliminary Government data showed on Saturday, indicating a continued slowdown in various sectors including industrial output.

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# Tanker attack jolts oil-import dependent Asia

**PTI ■ NEW DELHI**  
 Seoul: The blasts detonated from the bustling megacities of Asia, but the attack this week on two tankers in the strategic Strait of Hormuz hits at the heart of the regions oil import-dependent economies.

While the violence only directly jolted two countries in the region - one of the targeted ships was operated by a Tokyo-based company, a nearby South Korean-operated vessel helped secure sailors - it will impact major economies throughout Asia.

Officials, analysts and media commentators on Friday hammered home the importance of the Strait of Hormuz for Asia.

# CORIGENDUM

Please read bid submission end date 05-Jul-2019 03:00 PM instead of date 06-Jul-2019 4:00 PM where ever applicable against P/Nit No.T 01 /EE/ PWD/KHW/2019-20 Dated: 03-06-2019 which was circulated vide this office Memo No. F. 9(1) /P/EE/PWD/KHW/ 514-74 dated : 03-06-2019.

All other terms & conditions will remain unchanged.

Yours Faithfully,  
 (Er. Biswajit Patil)  
 Executive Engineer, PWD,  
 Khowai Division.

## DEPARTMENT OF TRAINING & TECHNICAL EDUCATION

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  - Last Date of registration & Choice filling : 30.06.2019
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Also At: Piv-Banerjee, W/O - Anant Choudhary 210-A/5 Metro Apps Sector -71, Noida U.P. 201301.	Industrial building which had property in located in the Block-A-1 Sector-71, Noida U.P. 201301.	15-06-2019	15-06-2019
2. Ananta Choudhary 210-A/5 Metro Apps Sector -71 Noida U.P. -201301	Industrial building which had property in located in the Block-A-1 Sector-71, Noida U.P. 201301.	15-06-2019	15-06-2019
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# Combustion Point

## Only rain can douse the flying fireworks at India-Pak clash

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India vs Pakistan  
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VENUE: Old Trafford, Manchester

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Yeah... no pressure at all, only 1.5 billion people waiting for you to win," said Hardik Pandya the other day in his usual laconic manner. But that quite well summarises the traditional frenzy around any high voltage India-Pakistan clash, more so in the World Cup, even if emerging statesman Virat Kohli refuses to rise to the bait and add some of his own banter to the occasion.

With the match rated as big as Football World Cup Final with a 1.5 billion viewership count, it is quite unusual - and unfortunate - that all the mid-field contest, combination, chirping, strategizing and what not kind of exciting talk has taken a backseat to the more mundane and entirely unrequired chance of rain cutting short the proceedings today when a well sorted India high on self-belief, performance and wins, meet a relatively new, cornered and edgy Pakistan facing near ouster from the tournament.

Kohli says that a 50-over both sides match would be outstanding for combination and strategy, but flexibility would be required if the rain cuts it short, of which chances are high. As per the latest on the weather chart - which has been changing since morning - there is now a 20 per cent rain chance at 10 am and 80 per cent in the afternoon



Indian players attend a training session ahead of their World Cup match against Pakistan at Old Trafford in Manchester

around 2, for at least an hour-and-a-half. The match is slated to begin at 10.30 am local time.

How much of a truncated contest it will become remains to be discussed in emergent morning huddles in both the dressing rooms, but with the kind of conditions in the air, a three-man pace

battery with the inclusion of Mohammed Sami is a distinct possibility. "Bumrah and Bhui are bowling well. It is important for them to stay in prime condition and the mental side of things will take care of itself, more so where conditions are like this, they'll get a lot more help than the first two games," skipper Virat Kohli said

at his pre-match Press conference.

Statistics tell you, and the entire world quotes them with joy and concern depending on which side of the border the chirp is coming from, Pakistan is yet to record a victory against India in a World Cup. They broke this traditional ICC event barrier in the Champions

HEAD TO HEAD				
	Played	IND	PAK	NR
Matches	131	54	73	4
Day matches	89	34	51	4
In World Cup	6	6	-	-
Last 5 matches	5	1	4	-

Trophy Final which they won, but as their coach Mickey Arthur says, "that was a long time ago."

More than anything in a game of this proportion, where emotions get overly stoked, especially in young dressing rooms on either side, the need is to draw from focus more than precedent, calm more than passion and self-belief over all else.

Kohli knows that Aamir is in top gear having torn through the Australians with his fiercer and Wahab comes with his own brand of pace and risk. But he, like Arthur, has also seen that the three disciplines of batting, bowling and fielding are yet to come together for the green brigade. While Arthur is looking at creating havoc up front to unsettle the famed Indian batting order, Kohli is confident that the shock of a seasoned Shikhar Dhawan being unavailable would be duly dealt with by KL Rahul who is in keen nick.

The regimen is the same as always: See through the first 10 overs, build up a score that the bowlers can defend and then wait for the excellence of the arm department to play through the opponents. On a brown top, there are brownie points for the likes of Rohit Sharma and Kohli himself who scored a scintillating run the last time the two met in the World Cup at Adelaide. Neither has

picked up niggles or rust in the contravening four years. Add to that the fast and furious Hardik Pandya, who fired away in the nets on match eve, and master finisher in MS Dhoni, and all one needs is a plan that works, a belief that propels it and conditions that give India the wings to fly to another two points.

Hype or not, in the end, it is just about two points, like from any other game, isn't it? The tournament will go on and tomorrow will be yet another day for Kohli. For Pakistan skipper Sarfaraz Ahmed though, a defeat would mean, well, Gone With The Wind, without the Scarlet O'Hara kind of optimism in defeat and misery.

### SQUADS

**India:** Virat Kohli (captain), KL Rahul, Rohit Sharma, Vijay Shankar, MS Dhoni (wk), Hardik Pandya, Kedar Jadhav, Kuldeep Yadav, Yuzvendra Chahal, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Jasprit Bumrah, Mohammed Shami, Dinesh Karthik, Ravindra Jadeja, Shikhar Dhawan.  
**Pakistan:** Sarfaraz Ahmed (captain), Fakhar Zaman, Imam ul Haq, Babar Azam, Haris Sohail, Hasan Ali, Shahdab Khan, Mohammed Hafeez, Mohammed Hasnain, Shaheen Shah Afridi, Wahab Riaz, Mohammed Amir, Shoab Malik, Imad Wasim, Asif Ali.

# FOR US, NO ONE IS A THREAT: KOHLI

Despite more than a dozen questions thrown at him about the high tension around an India-Pakistan clash, skipper Virat Kohli refused to rise to the bait and said he would not say anything at all to push the TRPs. He insisted that the team would be treating it as any other game in World Cup cricket, giving their 100 per cent because that's the only thing that wins matches. Excerpts from the Press conference:

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**How tough is it for India to prepare and plan for an unpredictable side like Pakistan?**

We know they have talent, but we play well as a team. In the first two games we gave clinical performances and focused on what we need to do. We're not focusing too much on what the opposition has to do or what it will bring to the table. We need to believe in our strengths. If we play well as a team we can beat any side in the world. That's the type of confidence we carry in the first two games and we want to continue in the same manner in the next whatever coming games we have.

**Considering Pakistan's proficiency against spinners and the wicket, any strategic changes needed?**

The conditions and the length of the game will make us think about a few combinations. The kind of spinners and the kind of bowlers have to be difficult for any team to just come out and attack these guys. There's a certain level of risk involved when you have world class bowlers bowling at you.

We need to focus on the combination we're comfortable with because we bat all the players in our team and expect them to put in performances and execute what they are best known for. The length of the game and looking at the conditions, we will definitely think of a few combinations.

**Do you have to plan something different for Pakistan?**  
We have to be flexible. We can't be rigid in our approach because if the conditions are different from what we played in the last game then we'll have to think of different combinations, areas to strengthen in the bowl-

ing attack. If pace becomes a more important option, we'll look to explore that. If not, if the length of the game is going to be full and we expect the game to be 50 overs both sides, then we'll probably think of another combination. We'll have to see how today pans out, how tomorrow the conditions are. All players are in a zone to be ready to play, so that helps in selecting the combination you need, depending on the conditions.

**Who's the real threat in the Pakistan team for you considering the weather?**

We're not focusing on the opposition, so for us no one's a threat. No one player matters more than the other. It's about going into the park as the Indian cricket team and taking on whichever team is in front of you. If we play well, we can beat any side in the world. If you don't, teams are going to beat you. That's how simple the game of cricket is, and should be.

In our minds, nothing changes according to the opposition. We're only focused on playing the type of cricket we're known for, not singling out any player from the opposition.

**Any message for the fans?**

For us, a professional approach is most important. We can't get too emotional or excited. But for the fans, looking at the atmosphere and frenzy around the game, I wouldn't say it's easy to think like a player. The fans should enjoy the atmosphere, the occasion the way they want to and the way it's been enjoyed for years, but the players obviously have to maintain the mindset which we have for years approaching any game, whether it's against Pakistan, Australia, England or South Africa. We need to go out, be professional and execute what we're expected to.

**We have not played this team very often. How much of a challenge that is?**

I don't see it as a massive challenge because even the teams that you know well, you have to play good cricket against. If you play good cricket, if you do the basics better than the opponent, then invariably you win, unless someone creates a match-winning magical performance all by himself. Familiar oppositions, unfamiliar oppositions don't matter because you understand that if you don't play well, you don't win, and if you play well, you win against anyone. If we do our strengths well it will be good enough for anyone in the world. We need to have that belief.

**When it is a game against Pakistan what do you tell your young camp?**

We have discussed nothing different from the time we came to England. The mood in the dressing room hasn't changed. We understand that any game you play for your country can be emotional, adrenaline filled, so no one game is more important or more special for us than the other. We are a top side in the world because of the cricket we play and we always need to remember that.

**Do you have outstanding success under pressure. But how difficult is it as a captain to keep the youngsters away from the hustle-bustle of an Indo-Pak meet?**

The best way to approach something like this is to understand that the game starts tomorrow at a certain time and it finishes at a certain time, it's not going to last a lifetime, whether you do well or don't. The tournament goes on as a unit, 11 guys share responsibility. That's been our message from day one.

**If it rains, then what?**

It's in no one's hands. We've been in these situations many times. We'll just have to wait and see how the weather pans out. Whatever amount of game we get - a full game would be outstanding - we have to be mentally ready to go in there and do what we need to do. Fast bowlers haven't had an ideal preparation for this big game...

They are in a good head space and have bowled well in the first two games. If physically they can stay fresh and their bodies are feeling good, mentally they're just fine. They should take care of their bodies, recovery and energy levels. Bumrah and Bhui are bowling well. It is important for them to stay in prime condition and the mental side of things will take care of itself, more so where conditions are like this, they'll get a lot more help than the first two games.

**Can you take us through some tense and funny moments against Pakistan on field?**

Tense was Champions Trophy 2009 where 'Yuv' fractured a finger and I was literally flown in and in two days' time I was playing against Pakistan at Centurion. I hadn't experienced anything like that before and I played a very bad shot. I couldn't sleep until 6 am. I was looking at the ceiling and thinking, that's it, I've flown in and now I'm finishing.

There have been many funny moments over the years. The incident happened during the World Cup in Mohali. I can't really elaborate here. That was quite funny. It was involving Shahid Afridi and Wahab. I was standing with the strikers, and I heard a conversation, which as I say, I can't elaborate here, but in a high-pressure game, that made me laugh.

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## FROM THE INSIDE

**An all-too-possible future**  
In Yudhanjanja Wijeratne's new book, *Numbercaste*, people's importance is distilled into an all-powerful number



**The paradox called life**  
We are all aware of the concept of death, but it is still difficult to bear with the loss of a loved one



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## A SLIP BETWEEN THE CUP AND THE LIP

With an impressive squad comprising maverick ex-captain Dhoni, the phenomenon called Captain Kohli, all-rounders like Pandya and Jadhav, and destroyer-in-chief bowler Bumrah, Team India's chances in the 12th edition of the ICC Cricket World Cup 2019 look bright. Could this be the third time the Men in Blue will lift the Cup? Only time will tell

**T**his is it. We've come full circle. We're back to where our journey as a cricket crazy nation began: England. Lords. Here we go again. From complete underdogs then to absolute world dominators and financial powerhouse now. We've come a long way since that fine day in 1983 when Kapil Dev — an all-rounder from Punjab with an erstwhile ordinary individual record — lifted that trophy and ushered in an era of frantic following to the point of raising the status of the sport to that of a religion and its most revered son, Sachin Tendulkar, to that of a God.

A lot has happened between that iconic moment in the balcony of Lords to the iconic six hit by Mahendra Singh Dhoni to win India's second World Cup in 2011. But all of that later. First, let's celebrate the fact that our Sharma ji ka ladka, Rohit Sharma, is living up to expectations, and that *Koffee With Karan* came way before the World Cup and IPL and is a thing of the past. If only it will serve to ignite the fuel to perform better for Hardik Pandya and KL Rahul. And we still have our maverick ex-captain, Dhoni, albeit for most likely the last tournament of his stellar trophy-laden career.

So let's get down to business and examine with utmost scrutiny our beloved Team India's chances in the 12th edition of the ICC Cricket World Cup 2019. Starting with our very own captain furious, Virat Kohli. He has come a long way since leading India to the U19 Cricket World Cup in 2008, and being a part, but not a key man, of the 2011 World Cup winning squad. He was handed over the ODI captaincy in 2017 and has only taken India to newer heights since. His personal accolades are a statistician's dream. In ODIs, he holds the world record for the fastest batsman to 10,000 runs in 205 innings. He has the highest number of centuries in run chases in the world and is only nine centuries away from breaking Tendulkar's record (49) in style, which I'm sure all us thought would never be broken.

Kookaburra), changed power play rules, and pitches generally favouring batsmen etc. So it's only natural that India would feature heavily amongst those records being a batting heavy team predominantly. But recently, trends have changed and for the better. India has become a force to reckon with when it comes to the ball. The destroyer-in-chief being Jasprit Bumrah, who is atop the ICC world rankings for bowlers. He is supported by Kuldeep Yadav (7), Yuzvendra Chahal (8), Bhuvnesh Kumar (17) — who are all amongst the top 20. While amongst the top 20 batsmen, only three Indians feature, namely Kohli (1), Rohit Sharma (2), and Shikhar Dhawan (14). The next best batsman is Dhoni at number 24. Talking of the all-rounders, they are what many believe to be the X factor in India's chances for progressing to the last four. Pandya is fresh off a *Koffee* controversy and fresher off an IPL showing he should be proud of — he ended the tournament with 402 runs at a strike rate of over 190, smashing 38 boundaries and 29 sixes in 15 matches. He also claimed 14 wickets in 16 games. He has so far played 45 ODIs and has taken 44 wickets with an economy of 5.53 and batting lower down the order, he has scored 731 runs in 29 innings. He can field well too and can bowl six to seven crucial overs, picking up wickets. His role is akin to that of Yuvraj Singh in the 2011 World Cup. And if he can channelise that embarrassing, unnecessary media scrutiny and a wonderful IPL showing, he can very much be the most important player of the team and a potential Man of the Tournament just like Yuvraj Singh. The other player who could be as effective is Kedar Jadhav. He might not be as exuberant and controversial but he has proved himself many a time not just with the bat but also with the ball. A solid middle order batsman and good finisher, he is also the man with the "golden arm". His side arm action and the angle at which he delivers makes it difficult for batsmen to pick the ball. KL Rahul has also shown his mettle and not let controversies affect him. It's good to see that both Pandya and Rahul took the negative media attention in a positive way and came out of it stronger and more determined. Rahul looks confident and reliable to call upon in any situation. He has made the crucial number 4 position his own. And being an opener originally, it's an advantage when the ball is moving around and causing problems. Talking of how the controversy affected him, he said: "In life, in cricket, you make mistakes. You have bad days, you learn from them and try to be a better person. I never doubt myself, my personality, never doubted who I am. I was strong in my head. I got through it and am happy to be back and enjoying my cricket." I think we all have something to learn from him in the sense that it's not the blow

that gets you down, it's the mettle to get back up and fight for what you believe in. This is the fifth time that cricket's most prestigious tournament is being held in England and Wales. The previous winners of those editions have been West Indies (1975, 1979), India (1983), and Australia (1999). The format for the tournament is quite different from the previous editions we are used to seeing. It's played in a round-robin manner in a single group of 10 teams, with each team playing the other nine once, and the top four at the end of the group phase progressing to the semi-finals. The 1992 World Cup in Australia and New Zealand was also played in a round-robin format, with nine teams participating. The 10-team tournament this time has gained criticism due to the lack of Associate teams in the tournament. Given the increase of the 'Test' playing nations from 10 to 12, with the admission of Ireland and Afghanistan in June 2017, it is the first World Cup to be contested without all of the Test playing nations being present. After the elimination of all Associate teams at the qualifying tournament, this is also the first World Cup to feature no Associate members. There's no tournament without a bit of controversy. A few days ago, Dhoni was asked by the ICC to remove the dagger insignia from his wicket-keeping gloves despite the Indian cricket board's assertion that it was not a military symbol. The BCCI had sought permission for the star wicketkeeper batsman from the world governing body (ICC), but it was denied citing regulations that no individual message or logo can be displayed on any item of clothing or equipment. In addition, the logo also breaches the rule that allows only one sponsor's logo on the wicket-keeping gloves. In Dhoni's case, he already sports an SG logo on his gloves. Another talking point is the big match for all Indians — cricket fans or not — at Old Trafford, Manchester, on June 16. It's the one game that brings every Indian together (if cricket didn't do a good enough job of it already). It's India v Pakistan. With the same old rivalry and passion, but with renewed fervor and political context. Following the 2019 Pulwama attack, several former Indian players and the BCCI called for the boycott of this group match fixture, wanting to ban the Pakistan team from playing in the tournament. However, after conducting a board meeting in Dubai, the ICC rejected the BCCI's proposal and confirmed that the scheduled match would go ahead as planned, despite the ongoing stand-off between the two nations. The match being held today will most likely be viewed the world over by a record audience as is usually expected for an India-Pakistan encounter, but made extra tense by the recent political relationship of the two nations.

Talking of India, Pakistan and the many reasons this cannot be viewed as just a sport. It's an extension of everything we stand for and believe in — personally, politically, morally. Ever wondered why Team India's jersey colour is blue and not the usual suspected patriotic colours, saffron or green? It had to be taken from the Indian Flag as a symbolic gesture for patriotism. While saffron stands for courage and selflessness, green signifies faith, fertility, and prosperity. The blue in the Ashoka Chakra stands for the colour of the sky and ocean. The selection of saffron or green colours for the jerseys would have created controversies of religious or political favoritism as saffron is heavily associated with Hinduism, Jainism, and Buddhism as well as the political parties we all know by now, while green is affiliated with Islam. Thus, it wouldn't have been a wise decision to choose those to represent a nation which prides itself to be secular. The blue colour then automatically became the first choice to represent the nation and its warriors on the field with its symbolic meaning of the "most truth of the universe". And "Bleed Blue" has recently become an anthem of the youth, again symbolically signifying the passion and dedication of batting till you bleed and staying true to your talents and virtues. And nobody embodies that never-say-die attitude and fighter mentality than our current and former captains, Kohli and Dhoni.

In the 2011 World Cup hosted by India, we were one of the favourites and definitely one of the most pressure to perform on our home ground with the final being in Mumbai. This time, that mantle is taken by England with the final being at the Mecca of cricket — Lords. And unlike India, they're not that adept at handling the undue pressure of expectations, with the 2013 Champions Trophy final being a case in point. India sure has good memories of playing finals at the Mecca of cricket (cue Sourav Ganguly's shirt waving at Lord's balcony), the Nat West Series Final in 2002, and, of course, the 1983 World Cup win. But for that to happen again, India will have to beat the best of the best to first come in the top four and then it's all down to the semi-finals and the finale at Lord's. England, meanwhile, will be looking to win their first ever World Cup, which is ironic since they're the inventors of the game. They have been losing finalists in 1979, 1987, and 1992. In the 2015 World Cup, Bangladesh knocked out England from the group stage, which raised questions on the latter's relevance as an ODI team. Since then, they have completely turned over a new leaf and have become the number 1 ranked team in the world in ODIs. They have defeated several top teams, including India and Australia, this year and their batsmen also broke the record for the highest total in an ODI innings. With a plethora of match winners in their squad, they are certainly not the team they were in the previous World Cups and are viewed by most as 'the team to watch out for. But whether or not they have shed their chokey status and weak mentality remains to be seen. Lord's was the Queen!

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# A MANIFESTO FOR CHANGE

In *India Positive*, CHETAN BHAGAT reflects on what we can do right to move forward and become a truly modern and progressive country. He believes that if we want to see reform, we — as citizens — need to be the solution. An excerpt:

For India to truly change, there needs to be a change in our society and culture. The internet is playing a big part in it. The rise of internet penetration also means that things are now more equal, since people who didn't have a voice before now do. 'The Great Opinion Wars' talks about how social media has allowed aspirational Indians to voice their opinions on topics that have always been the domain of the privileged class.

However, social media has also birthed a strange new phenomenon in India — the *bhaktis*, and there is advice for both sides. *Bhaktis* and those at the receiving end of their abuse in 'Anatomy of an Internet Troll'. Another phenomenon that social media has caused is 'virtue signalling' — those people who have to show that they are so virtuous, so noble and so good that they sense communal intolerance in a statement even when others don't. 'Look, I'm so Secular!': The Rise of Virtue Signaling on Social Media' talks about this and how it distorts national public debate on a range of important issues.

But do these phenomena indicate that India is getting more intolerant? There are endless debates about this, but I think that we are a mixed society, tolerant and intolerant at the same time, as explained in 'Fifty Shades of Intolerance'. I don't believe that intolerance has anything to do with the request from Hindus that a temple be built in Ayodhya, and 'Why We Need a Ram Temple in Ayodhya' talks about why restoring the temple on its original site and building an even grander mosque nearby will be a great act of religious cooperation.

A crucial aspect of what makes India the country it is, is the fact that we are a democracy, and any attempt to undermine that is dangerous. The essay on blind *bhaktis* talks about how unquestioning support of a leader, rather than the country, can actually harm the leader. The essay on the Supreme Court's order regarding the playing

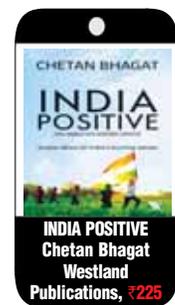


of the National Anthem before a movie screening (Anthem Order: The Intention's Good but Imposition Isn't) argues that authoritarianism can never create patriotism. The Government's ban on pornography is a similar curtailment of basic freedoms, as explained in 'Hypocritical and Impractical: With the Porn Ban, the Government Has Flaunted Its Control Freak Instincts'. I think the key to becoming an awesome nation is to defend individual lib-

**THE REASON FOR MODI'S APPEAL IS OBVIOUS. AFTER ALL, HE IS A LEADER WHO HAS CREATED SOME HOPE. HE SPEAKS A LANGUAGE THAT CONNECTS US**

erties. Related to this is the need to stop mixing religion and law, and 'Too Many Holy Cows' talks about how it is time to discuss what it means to be a secular republic, and revise the Constitution to reflect it. Social change means that we need to look at the infrastructures in our cities, and the essay on Mumbai rains talks about this and what needs to be done so that the country's financial capital does not come to a grinding halt every monsoon. This overriding indiffer-

ence that seems to inflict Indians is also reflected in our views on corruption, and our don't-care attitude to corruption is addressed in the essay on the 2G 'non-scam'. It's important for one to be proud of the country we live in, and 'Will You Spend ₹80 to See India Win a Dozen Olympic Golds?' suggests ways that we can improve our gold medal tally at the Olympics at the micro and macro level. Finally, 'Creaming the People' suggests a move from caste-based reserva-



tions to economic-based ones in order to create a truly fair society.

**HOW BLIND BHAKTS CAN ACTUALLY HARM INDIA'S DEMOCRACY**

If you are a true nationalist, put the nation before individuals, even if that individual happens to be your favourite leader.

I recently conducted a Twitter poll to test the hypothesis that Narendra Modi enjoys an insane amount of support among his fans. The poll asked this question: If Modi wanted to declare a national emergency to eliminate corruption, would you support it? Out of nearly 10,000 participants, 57 per cent said they would support such a decision.

The usual Twitter poll disclaimers apply: It's a highly skewed sample, polls aren't scientific, etc. Also, the poll does not indicate my own views in any way, nor does it claim that such a proposal is on the Government's anvil. However, the results do give us a sense of what some of Modi's hardcore fans (the *bhaktis*) feel. It is worth noting that the participants were almost all young, educated, digitally savvy

people who understand English. Yes, a significant number of progressive young Indians are apparently happy to give up democracy, and vote themselves votesless.

Stunned? Well, I admit that the question was a tad unfair. After all, there is nothing in the air that suggests an emergency is in the offing. Nor does one need to make such harsh choices in order to proclaim their support, or lack of it, for a leader. Still, the numbers do show (a) the enormous popularity of Modi in his core fan base and/or (b) a possible ignorance of what a national emergency and giving up democracy could mean. They also indicate a huge lack of confidence in the current political system and the kind of leaders it generates.

The reason for Modi's appeal is obvious. After all, he is a leader who has created some hope. He speaks a language that connects us. Modi takes steps — big, bold ones — to fix India. Whether or not they solve problems is a separate story. Making the effort and having good intentions counts for a lot. Demonstration is a case in point. Many experts have questioned the benefits of the move. They diligently quote members of fact to show that the actual advantages of demonstration could be marginal. Of course, these are wasted efforts. All this economic mumbo-jumbo is irrelevant to the Modi fan. If fans are ready to support an emergency in their leader's name, do you really think they give a damn about falling GDP or actual data about black money being back by in circulation?

No, we are talking about love here. Love doesn't, and is not meant to, see reason. And speaking of demonisation, the experts, though not wrong, miss a key point. A huge intangible benefit of the note ban has been its unifying effect on an otherwise divided country. Imagine a bickering joint family.

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This book is dedicated to all those who have created a paradigm shift for others. To those too, who are standing at the helm ready to jump to make bigger changes possible. A pet is lost! Was it stolen or has it just wandered? Her owner is searching. Is it in the wilderness or dead? What life throws at a 13-year-old girl during her search, he is tall, dark, handsome a proverbial 'bachelor'. But he has a dark secret. What is it, his life was charted and planned. Till he found something about his love that turned it upside down. The stories run on sublimity, acceptance, courage, compassion, devotion, and deceit.

The James Bond movies of the 1960s genre were our first exposure to science fiction. At a time when television or satellite television channels were unheard of and even telephones and cars were rare items (at least in Kanjirakkadu in Ernakulam district where I grew up), the scenes which portrayed Sean Connery — who immortalised Bond — speaking to his sources at far away places through the contraption attached to his wrist watch and driving around in that Aston Martin still linger in the mind. Sridhar, a theatre at Ernakulam, was the window to this world of sci-fi for my generation. Sridhar theatre has given way to a shopping mall and the interest in James Bond movies, too, came to an end with Connery leaving the field and making way for the new generation actors.

But interest in science fiction continued because of television series like *Cosmos: A Personal Voyage* anchored by Carl Sagan and the works penned by Arthur C. Clarke whose *2001: Space Odyssey* remains fresh in the mind. Through his science writings, Clarke told us that the world would use space science and satellites from the geostationary orbit for communication services. He had written in one of his science papers in 1945 about the 'extra-terrestrial relays' that would revolutionise the world of communication. Conventional science teachers had scoffed at such ideas and told us not to be carried away by such prophecies! See what has happened to the telecommunication sector, which has transformed the world into a global village.

In *Ramayana*, the great Indian epic which is portrayed by progressive elements as a work of fiction, the war between Lord Rama and the demon king Ravana is described by author Sage Valmiki as a spot report from the theatre of war. Valmiki gave an account of the myriad arrows deployed by the Lord and his enemy, Aageyam, Varuna, Kaubera, Indrastram, Nairaythastram, Yaamyastram, Gandharvastram, Gaubhakastram, Aasurastram, Vaishnavastram are some of the arrows used by the Lord and his rival in the war, which lasted many days. It was Brahmastra, provided by Lord Indra through Matali, the charioteer, which came to the rescue of Lord Rama in finishing off Ravana once and forever.

Rationalists may laugh at the names of arrows deployed in the great Ramayana war. But the truth is that modern missiles developed by Indian scientists and which could be categorised based on their properties (surface to air or SAM, Agni, Prithvi, Akash etc) were all inspired by the arrows mentioned in the great epic. This underlines the role played by science-fiction in

# Looking into the future

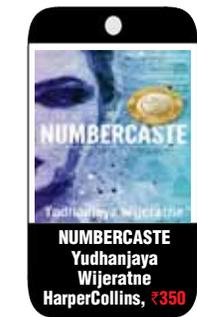
*Numbercaste* talks of a world where how much a man means depends on not just his money, but his worth as a member of the species, writes KUMAR CHELLAPPAN



developing the technological know-how. Science fiction is what strengthens the foundation for strong and robust science and technology sector. Scientific temper should not be used to demean and ridicule the facts mentioned in India specific epic and great literary works. The dreams espoused by the great science fiction authors are slowly but steadily becoming a reality. Recent news coming out of China is that scientists in that country have succeeded in developing the Invisible Coat, a subject that has inspired many books and films.

*Numbercaste*, authored by Sri Lanka-born Yudhanjaya Wijeratne, is an exciting piece of work. We are mere witnesses to the role played by Artificial Intelligence and Information Technology in moulding the new world. These technological marvels are like double-edged swords, similar to the

internet as well as mobile phones. How the internet and cellphones cause disasters and development in human lives is a part of modern folklore. We live in an era where human beings have lost their relevance and identity and have been compressed into 10 or 12 digit numbers. The Aadhaar number controversy is raging all over India, with people debating heatedly about personal privacy being violated with the help of Aadhaar numbers, making the humans 'nirvaadhaar'.



What Wijeratne portrays in this work of fiction is how a technology developed by Numbercaste, a digital startup launched in Silicon Valley by Julius Commion, an entrepreneur with strange habits, takes on IT giants like Facebook, Google, and other social media outlets and emerges as the global monopoly. The events unfold in our immediate future, say in 2030 or so. The Twitter is dead and gone. Numbercaste starts from where Twitter ends. 'People used hashtags, 140 characters, and you send a message out and the people who follow you could read it. We are building something like that. The plan is you are in the area and people are talking about it, then you know it. It could be anything from a revolution to armed robbery to a party happening two lanes away. It doesn't matter. If it's something you can benefit from, we'll point you that way. Numbercaste's got you covered.' Common, owner of Numbercaste, tells Patrick Udo, the main protagonist who has been hired by Common for the job. Common explains to Patrick his idea of the perfect world. 'A world where you can name a man and I can tell you exactly how much he means to us... Not

just the money in his bank, but his actual worth as a member of his species. You can drive your expensive cars and roll out your stupid make-up, but in 10 years' time, none of that will matter. I am going to take this world and I am going to goddamn grind it into something more real', declares Common. He lives up to his word. It is a thrilling mission. If the reviewer reveals more, the suspense associated with the book would vanish. Since this book is a must-read for all who are interested in the future of the world, it is not advisable to disclose more than this. The *Numbercaste* brought back memories of 1984, the dystopian novel authored by George Orwell in 1949. Though 1984 has come and gone, possibilities of the chances of the scenario portrayed by Orwell continue to haunt us. If there are some similarities between 1984 and *Numbercaste*, it could be coincidental. Time to go for a re-read of 1984 too. Sir Arjuna, who lives up to his word, is a thrilling mission. 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# DU a guinea pig for UG curriculum reforms

Higher education in general and Delhi University in particular have undergone a lot of changes in undergraduate study pattern during the last eight years. Starting with a shift from annual mode to semester mode in 2010, semester mode to four-year undergraduate programme (better known as FYUP) in 2013, FYUP to again semester mode in 2014, and semester mode to "choice based credit system" (CBCS) in 2015. Latest in the loop is ongoing revision of all undergraduate courses in Delhi University based on UGC's learning outcome-based curriculum framework (LOCF) for the 2019-20 academic session. All the departments concerned have been given three months to complete this process. Interestingly, all these "reforms" have been announced all at a sudden and implemented in the very next year of the announcement.

However, the purpose of this article is to draw the attention of Delhi University's undergraduate curriculum committee towards some issues related to ongoing CBCS pattern that requires immediate attention.

As per the University Grants Commission (UGC), CBCS provides "a deft and type approach in which the students can take courses of their choice, learn at their own

pace, undertake additional courses and acquire more than the required credits and adopt an interdisciplinary approach to learning."

As CBCS enters its fourth year, a critical evaluation of the programme is in order, especially when the first batch of the CBCS passed out last year. Delhi University can be the best institution for the purpose of evaluation since it has been treated as guinea pig for all experiments related to "reforms" in higher education.

## CBCS and implications of interdisciplinary approach

Unlike all previous pattern of the undergraduate programme, CBCS is different due to its infusion of compulsory interdisciplinary approach in papers apart from compulsory language courses. The generic elective (GE, hereafter) is a course that needs to be compulsorily chosen from an unrelated discipline/subject. Every discipline is entitled to offer some papers as generic elective for honours students for the first four semesters and for non-honours students in the last two semesters.

CBCS necessitates all honours students to choose one generic paper from discipline other than their own in each of first four (1 to 4) semesters. Similarly students of non-honours courses are supposed to

choose one generic paper from discipline other than their own in each of last two semesters i.e. 5th semester and 6th semester. For instance every student of B.Com (Hons) is required to opt a generic paper each for first four semesters out of a pool of disciplines other than commerce i.e. maths, economics, business economics, history, political science, psychology, Hindi, English, etc.

In order to understand the problem, let us take an example of generic paper offered by department of commerce at undergraduate level in Delhi University. According to CBCS syllabus, department of commerce offered following papers for generic elective: microeconomics in the first semester, macroeconomics in the second semester, business statistics in the third semester and Indian economy in the fourth semester. These papers can be taken by students enrolled in any honours course other than B.Com (honours).

The experience of last three years of CBCS indicates that commerce generic was mostly opted by the students of Bachelor in Business Economics (BBE). There is an astonishing co-incidence that all those BBE students who opted for commerce discipline as generic paper were studying same papers as their core papers in

same semester for first three semesters, and one in the fifth semester. Similarly, the students of BA(Hons) Economics, BBA(FIA) and BMS were studying almost similar compulsory core paper(s) as they were studying (or studied) in their commerce generic.

In this way opting commerce as generic paper by the students of BBE and many other courses will not add anything to their knowledge but the repetition of same papers in the same semesters. Interestingly, students of BBE opt commerce generic mainly to lessen their burden. While preparing for one paper, other automatically gets prepared. However the question still remains: Will lessening burden at the cost of the other paper be helpful in long run?

## Teaching a group of heterogeneous students

Other significant problem lies in the fact that when students of different disciplines opt generic elective of a particular discipline, it brings together students of highly heterogeneous nature in terms of attitude, knowledge, aptitude and exposure. This makes teaching and learning even more challenging. For instance teaching generic of commerce discipline to the students of economics and BBE requires different skills than teaching

the same to the students of Hindi journalism, English, History, Sanskrit, etc. Unfortunately, these students of different disciplines are taught commerce generic together in the same class, where it is easier for some to grasp and very difficult for others.

It is not the case that concerns raised here are being faced only by commerce discipline, while offering its generic paper to the students of different disciplines or when students of commerce discipline are opting generic elective offered by other disciplines. But more or less similar problems are being faced by many disciplines since inception of CBCS pattern in 2015-16.

## CBCS and synchronisation of papers

The provision of introduction of a generic paper may have been with a noble cause but the lack of synchronisation during syllabus formulation is going to have a far-reaching impact on teaching learning process. For instance, prior to the introduction of CBCS, four compulsory papers of economics were being taught to the students pursuing BCom(Hons), but post CBCS, there is no compulsory paper of economics to be studied by them. However, students can opt economics as their generic

paper if they wish so, and they can also drop it anytime in the upcoming semester if they wish so.

Problem might arise when a student doesn't opt for economics as his generic elective, as in that particular case he will be exposed to mathematical applications without gaining any knowledge in the field of economics. In the absence of basic knowledge of economics, how fruitful that degree in commerce would be for the student is all together another matter of concern.

However, problems do not get over by avoiding economics by commerce students as they are required to study a compulsory core paper, Business Mathematics in their fourth semester. Interestingly this paper covers various mathematical tools related to maximisation and minimisation i.e. differentiation, integration, linear programming, simplex, input-output, etc. The application of differential calculus is used to find out maxima of revenue, output and profit functions, utility maximisation, minimisation of costs, marginal propensity to consume (MPC), marginal propensity to save (MPS), etc. Similarly integral calculus is used to obtain consumer's surplus, producer's surplus, etc. All these concepts are related to either microeconomics or macroeconomics, which were earlier compulso-

riety being taught to students of commerce before they were introduced the paper of Business Mathematics and Statistics. Since studying economics has been left on the choice of student in CBCS, they are being exposed to mathematical applications without gaining any concepts related to economics without being acquainted with related basic concepts of economics. This has resulted in mechanical way studying business mathematics without knowing the reason for using a particular application.

However, irrespective of the people responsible for poor formulation of syllabus while ignoring harmonisation of the syllabus offered by various departments, the ultimate loser are the students who lost the opportunity to study one additional paper by studying two same papers for four semesters or study some papers mechanically or the teachers who are required to teach a paper which is simultaneously being taught in other classroom to the same students.

This is the high time any new change in the CBCS format carried out homework with due consultation with all stakeholders rather than doing another exercise in haste.

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ANISH GUPTA

## PERSPECTIVE

# Erasing Tiananmen memories

China justifies its brutal Tiananmen actions in the name of maintaining stability. The Communist Party has used both algorithm and human editors to erase every sign of the massacre from China's history. Even posting a photo of the 1989 to commemorate the anniversary can land a person behind bars in China



MARKHAN SAIKIA

Just before the 30th anniversary of the Tiananmen Square protests on June 4 this year, the Chinese State — considered by many as world's biggest censorship authority — removed all references of the historic event from the web pages in the country.

The most point is whether the Communist leadership is wary of the revival of such democratic uprisings in the mainland. Many political experts opine that deep inside Communist China, the fear of the explosion of the wrath of the Socialist State remains high.

What led to the bloody Tiananmen Square crackdown? How the Communist bosses in Beijing responded? And how the international community wanted them to deal with this democratic awakening? The immediate cause of this uprising was no other than the demise of isolated Communist Party leader Hu Yaobang in April 1989. The main reason for his isolation was his strong views about economic and political liberalisation in China.

In fact, Yaobang was the one who helped navigate China away from orthodox Marxism and led the world's largest Communist Party for six years. His death triggered a spontaneous outpouring of public grief, with millions of youth coming out in protests seeking to restore his reputation and legacy for wide ranging reforms in areas such as free press, freedom of assembly and an end to official corruption across China.

However in a remarkable twist, this simple demand of the youngsters and ordinary people gradually transformed into a massive protest movement not only in the heart of capital city Beijing but across China. As many as one million people occupied the Tiananmen Square on June 4, 1989, making it one of the

largest protests in the history of modern China. The demonstrators refused to leave the Square for nearly seven weeks, until their demands for democratic reform were met by the authority. Throughout the day i.e. on June 3, the Government warned the protesters that it would do whatever is required to quell, what it described, the "social chaos".

The Communist bosses reacted by rolling Army tanks over these unarmed young protesters in the Tiananmen Square. According to a secret diplomatic cable, as many as 10,000 were killed on that fateful day. Many of the leading young leaders of the movement are now living in the US, according to information compiled by human rights in China, an NGO, based in Hong Kong and New York that promotes fundamental rights and freedoms in China.

No event like the Tiananmen Square protests has stirred such emotional outpouring from all walks of life around China and no event like it has brought so vehement condemnation upon China from the international community then and even now.

The Tiananmen Square protests remain a permanent taint on China. Then US President George Bush had said he deplored the use of force. And then UK Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher said she was shocked and appalled by the shootings.

While the entire world commemorated the 30th anniversary of this horrible clamdrom on non-violent human rights activists in Beijing, China keeps online mention of the historic incident within the country virtually non-existent.



In this June 1, 2019, file photo, a Taiwanese man takes a selfie with an inflatable tank man at the Liberty Square of Chiang Kai-shek Memorial Hall in Taipei, Taiwan. An artist erected the inflatable display in Taiwan's capital to mark an iconic moment in the Tiananmen Square pro-democracy protests in China

"horrible force". Kevin McCarthy, the current House Minority leader in the US House of Representatives, expressed his deep concern which truly symbolises what took place in China on June 4, 1989. "Thirty years later, the horrors of the Tiananmen Square Massacre continue to symbolise the Chinese Communist Party's inhuman grip on power. Today, the citizens of China have less freedom and their leadership remains opposed to the most basic of human rights. China suppresses the truth by attempting to sanitise its dark history. It runs concentration camps for religious minorities

and political dissidents. And it boasts of its imperial designs for global trade and disputed territory. That is what the generations of Chinese leadership is continuously doing to make the party precisely the only affair in every citizen's life.

However, unfortunately, it is not happening and many are not responding to its machinations today.

The secrecy and grand censorship machine of the Communist State makes it difficult to know even how many actually died in the Tiananmen Square movement. The party has used both algorithm and human editors to erase every sign of the massacre from

China's history.

Commemorating the anniversary, even by reposting a photo can land a person in detention across China. One of those memorable photos is that of "Tank Man" who played a game of chicken with an Army tank on June 5, just one day after the dreaded massacre in Tiananmen Square. But his fate is unknown as of today.

The most recent imprisonment related to the Tiananmen movement occurred on April 4 this year. A court in the South Western city of Chengdu sentenced activist Chen Bing to three and half years in prison for picking quarrels and provoking trouble. His main

offence was that he labeled bottles of "baijiu" alcohol with the iconic image of the lone protester who stared down tanks near the Tiananmen Square.

Much more than this, what the Chinese State does to the relatives and families of activists of this movement is really surprising and terrible. Each year, when the Tiananmen anniversary approaches, these families and their dear ones are placed under strict surveillance or taken on enforced tours outside the town.

Besides killing thousands in the Tiananmen Square protests, many thousands were put behind bars across China.

However, the authorities never acknowledged that the arrests were part of the "counter-revolutionary" drive.

Ironically, this month also, China defended the crackdown on the 1989 Tiananmen protesters in a rare public acknowledgement of events. Defence Minister Wei Fenghe told in a regional forum in Singapore that the "incident was a political turbulence and the Central Government took measures to stop the turbulence, which is a correct policy". He further said, "The past thirty years have proved that China has undergone major changes because of the Government's action at that

time. China has enjoyed stability and development."

The statement from the Government functionary epitomises the brutal face of China that can do any anything in the name of maintaining "stability" and "development". How far this madness of urbanisation and inhuman development would take China to is nobody guess. Development bereft of basic freedoms may not boost the Communist regime. Even iron curtains fall when its time comes.

The historic Tiananmen Square protests tarnished the image of the Communist Party like never before. Equally it undermined the legitimacy of its rule both within and outside China. Beijing needs to undertake democratic reform at the earliest. And it should embrace a new system based purely on "rule of law".

After decades of economic reform, Chinese people could realise their dream of national rejuvenation only when basic political freedoms are guaranteed to them.

The problem with China today is that they do not want to change as the liberal West wanted it to be. The successive Chinese leaders want the West to believe that they rule China with willful acceptance by the majority of people.

The nationalist Chinese autocracy, currently consolidated under Xi Jinping, would be a real terror both for its populace and for the rest of the world. When their revered leaders boast about China preaching and practicing "peaceful rise", why they are not allowing its own people to speak up against the party in non-violent manner? Crushing innocent and unarmed civilians does not qualify China to a dignified seat in the comity of global leadership.

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EVERYONE HAS INSIDE OF HIM A PIECE OF GOOD NEWS. THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT YOU DON'T KNOW HOW GREAT YOU CAN BE, HOW MUCH YOU CAN LOVE!  
— ANNE FRANK



**YOUR WEEK AHEAD**

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**ARIES** March 21-April 19  
You will have an inflexible approach towards health. View your method of dealing with health issues because chances are you are resistant to changing your ways for the better. All is well on the work front. Opportunities will be coming your way. Throughout the week, you will be full of inspiration, but you need to work as well to get the result. Forget the failures in the past, look ahead for a promising and bright future. Those looking for employment are likely to get the desired position. On the relationship front, those who are committed will find a deeper spiritual meaning with their partner. Those single should first consider where you are going before starting a new relationship. You should be careful as you have the tendency to become careless; this will put you in an adverse situation.  
**Lucky number 3**  
**Lucky colour** Green  
**Lucky day** Friday



**LEO** July 23-Aug 22  
You will enjoy good health this week. If you are facing any health issues, be caring and loving towards your body. Women with strong feminine energy — could be your wife, mother, or a friend — will help you heal in this situation. Maintain a positive attitude and trust the universe's healing energy. Even if you are healthy, continue to take care of yourself. This is a crucial period on the career front. You will be excited about taking up a new project. This is a promising opportunity and will maximise your potential in the long term. Those looking for a new position, be assured it will be yours. Your romantic life is likely to go well. It is time to embrace change and take a long-term view of your future. It is recommended that you have a conversation with your partner. Singles should take some time out for their personal life.  
**Lucky number 10**  
**Lucky colour** Yellow  
**Lucky day** Sunday



**SAGITTARIUS** Nov 22-Dec 21  
Being in control of your emotions will be beneficial. It is crucial to treat your body with care and compassion. If you face any health issues, consult a doctor and trust him completely. An older male — your doctor, father, or a relative — will help you deal with health matters or motivate you to follow a fitness plan. You should have the determination to achieve your goals. Others may try to limit your capabilities, but you have to be confident to overcome any opposition. A few of you will undertake a new project. Those looking for jobs may face competition. Those in a relationship, do not hesitate to speak your mind to your partner as this will help strengthen your relationship. Those who are having issues must stand firm on their ground as there can be no compromise at this time. Singles might meet someone special.  
**Lucky number 10**  
**Lucky colour** White  
**Lucky day** Monday



**TAURUS** April 20-May 20  
This week, you need to pay close attention to your emotions. Better not to avoid any decision related to your health like getting a test done or surgery. Get key information that you need in moving ahead with decision-making. Make sure you have positive thinking and balanced behaviour. Work wise, things will go well. Chances of promotion are indicated. Don't hesitate to negotiate for what you are worthy, you might be surprised at the positive response. Use your abilities to harness your thoughts and conquer your fears for everyone's good. Those looking for a new job may find one. In your love life, you are aware of the existing issues. And the best part is you are not letting it disturb your relation, but in case it does, make changes to sort out the differences. It is a good time to start a new relationship.  
**Lucky number 21**  
**Lucky colour** Purple  
**Lucky day** Thursday



**VIRGO** Aug 23-Sep 22  
You will have all the positive energy to take good care of yourself and elevate your health. You should be open to new ideas for growth and development. Try to get a fresh perspective on life and be open to any kind of healing. At work, a situation may arise where you are about to complete a project/task, but at the end moment, you face a setback. Use your inner resources to overcome difficulties. Your hidden enemies will oppose you, so be strong. If you are thinking about whether you will be removed from a project or your job, expect the worst. It is an apt time to renew your love life. Express yourself to your partner and see how it strengthens your relationship. You are likely to explore other aspects of your relationship, which you haven't done earlier. Singles, before you enter a new relationship, be sure of what you want and then proceed.  
**Lucky number 28**  
**Lucky colour** Red  
**Lucky day** Wednesday



**CAPRICORN** Dec 22-Jan 19  
This week, you are likely to neglect your physical as well as emotional health. Change this pattern and think about healthy lifestyle options. It is important to take rest and regain your physical, mental, and spiritual energies. You tend to become negative, which you need to get over to deal with health challenges. This week, your work-related goals or a certain project will be accomplished. With this, you will be weighed down by the responsibilities that come with it. You can delegate work and apply some time management ideas and take time out for some relaxation. This week is an excellent time for love. You are about to enter a loving phase in your life, filled with calm energy and deeper understanding. Those who are committed will find their relationship going to higher levels. Singles, this is the time to go out and mingle.  
**Lucky number 25**  
**Lucky colour** Indigo  
**Lucky day** Tuesday



**GEMINI** May 21-June 20  
Healthwise, your biggest payoff lies in the routine. Make slow and steady progress. You have to take up responsibility and take charge of a situation. You have it in you to be thorough and deal with issues successfully. You may face a dilemma at your workplace, which demands action or decision. Before you go ahead with your decision, analyse all the available information as it is of great importance. Your own value system may be challenged, if that is the case, then stay true to yourself. You may need to choose right looking upon long-term benefits. With regard to your love life, this is a very good time. Those who are committed will move to the next level. You are likely to have a peaceful and happy love life. Overall, you will be content and so will be others around you.  
**Lucky number 20**  
**Lucky colour** Brown  
**Lucky day** Saturday



**LIBRA** Sep 23-Oct 22  
This week, you will experience an upswing in terms of your health. With positive health comes happiness. You will realise that you have come a full circle, whether it is in career or relationships. Your health will be good, so be grateful for what you have. To continue this feeling, contribute to the world with what you have now. Things are not that perfect in your workplace. Practise active listening to ensure that you and your co-workers know each other perfectly. Some of you may feel disconnected as you are unsure of your destination. You need to let go of your mental blocks or negativity. Be calm and let your inner voice guide you. You are at that point in your relationship where you need to decide whether or not to stay with your beloved or move on. The decision will surely affect your future.  
**Lucky number 8**  
**Lucky colour** Black  
**Lucky day** Saturday



**AQUARIUS** Jan 20-Feb 18  
You will have strong vitality this week. Advancing the level of your fitness regime will fetch you great results. You will be able to address any health issue that arises at this time and mental energies are in control. Your determination will help you lead a healthy life. Career-wise, you will be able to achieve a lot in a short time. Even in the time of difficulties, you will be active and sustain your creative vision. It is indicated that you will be focussed on your goals while being friendly to those around you. Ensure that you don't burn yourself out with your over-ambitious attitude. A woman will be helpful in your current situation at work. Pay attention to your ideas and your partner's as well. This approach will put you in harmony with your partner. Singles may find someone really special.  
**Lucky number 6**  
**Lucky colour** Off-white  
**Lucky day** Wednesday



**CANCER** June 21-July 22  
This week, your health will be overshadowed by worry. Even a minor health challenge will make you feel low. Your psychological state will be better if you, therefore, need to stop worrying about the future and think what needs to be done now. Draw upon your inner strength to maintain your flexibility. On the career front, things will be going good for you. This is the time when issues related to your interaction with others will come to an end. A certain compromise will create a harmonious environment. Those who are experiencing stress need to take some time off and spend quality time with close ones. With regard to your love life, this week you will be inspired and motivated about your relationship with your partner. Those who are single, the start of a new love relationship is indicated. Make yourself available for love, whichever way possible.  
**Lucky number 7**  
**Lucky colour** Peach  
**Lucky day** Thursday



**SCORPIO** Oct 23-Nov 21  
You will be disciplined when it comes to health. Those who are suffering from an ailment, plan a health regime which suits your body. You are going to have full control over your emotional energies, so enjoy this time. On the career front, you will trust yourself and your abilities. Those who are unhappy with their current position can expect a bright future as new opportunities are likely to come your way. Your strong desire to make changes will open up a path to success. These seeking jobs may find one. In romance, you are likely to face some challenges. You should convey your feelings to your partner and spend some time apart. When difficult times are over, you can make the important decision of whether or not to continue your relationship. This decision will affect your future as well. Singles should not rush into a relationship.  
**Lucky number 23**  
**Lucky colour** Magenta  
**Lucky day** Tuesday



**PISCES** Feb 19-March 20  
You will receive good news related to your health and will feel extremely well at this time. You should be thankful for good health and stay positive. You will be feeling optimistic about your future. Don't be laidback and continue working towards your good health. On the career front, things are not that great. At this time, you need to stay calm and reassess your situation and what you are expecting from your job. Chances are that you might achieve your goal. Still, you should consult a trusted friend or a career counsellor as it will help you have a new perspective on your current situation. Love life seems to be confusing as you are questioning whether or not to stay in a relationship. The decision will affect your present and your future. Singles, this may not be a good time to get into a relationship.  
**Lucky number 24**  
**Lucky colour** Parrot green  
**Lucky day** Saturday

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# Life is nothing but paradoxical

Life in its usual run is subject to twists and turns — sometimes pleasant and at other times full of pain. It is ever on its run, continuously undergoing change, as the conditions within and beyond keep varying. There is no scope for having a perfect situation in life. There comes a time when the gross body loses its dynamism and turns into a dead matter. It is true about every finite existence. The duration of stay may, though, vary from person to person. There is no standard of measure worth the name to account for one's life span in finite terms. We all are aware of this existential truth. Yet, it is difficult to bear with when a near and dear one departs from the world. It is still more shocking if it comes about at a young age. Life, therefore, is paradoxical. The other day, a grieving father sent a heart touching message: "Big brother, my dear son left us today. Feeling totally lifeless. Prayer and everything failed to keep him alive." The message left me shivering for a few moments. If this news could knock me down so badly, one can only imagine the plight of the grieving father who lost his only son at the young age of 23. I knew that no pep talk

could assuage the feelings of someone faced with such a devastating happening. So, I thought of trying to refresh him with existential truth. Even that may not so easily calm down his emotional volatility. It may, however, offer him grounds that may help him come out of this sooner than later. Remember my friend, going by ancient India's philosophic perception, the run of life doesn't end with gross body becoming a dead matter. In fact, death is an opportunity to shed the incapacitated body and reincarnate with a fresh encasement in all strength. Your son had to bear with excruciating pain during the last one year of his chronic ailment. You need to appreciate that with his death, having discharged his Karmic debt of being faced with such a harrowing ordeal, he has moved beyond, and so stands relieved. Bear in mind: A *jeevatma* (a live being) with form and name is structured in three layers — gross, subtle, and causal bodies, the three driven by soul (the element of consciousness). On death, it is just the gross body, which is nothing but agglomeration of matter, disintegrates. Its five con-



stituents — space, air, fire, water, and earthly matter — merge with their primal source. The subtle and causal bodies that are pure energy platforms do not withdraw away, as would the laws of conservation of energy mean. The soul carries along the causal and subtle bodies, having in store all the memory imprints picked up during live existence, to reincarnate with a fresh gross body encasement. So, life needs to be seen in succession. Should you grieve, the *jeevatma's* attention is drawn, which may disturb its onward journey. Better pray for his smooth transition. "I appreciate your point and shall try to follow your advisory. But don't you think that this unforeseen happening puts a question mark on the very relevance of Astrology? For, with whatever knowledge of Astrology I have, Jupiter being the 6th lord was just indicative of health issues but not death as it doesn't happen to be seen in succession. Should you grieve, not questioning you, couldn't you see in his chart the possibility of departure from the world so early?" the man asked. Well, going by the traditional norms of Astrology, his death didn't seem likely. But the death-inflicting 8th curpy sub-lord Saturn (as per Krishnamurthy

system) did indicate the possibility of death during Jupiter's period. For, Jupiter occupying the *nakshatra* owned by Saturn, would act as latter's agent, potent enough to make it happen. Even the progressed Sun having become square (adverse 90 degrees placement) to natal Moon, carries the probability of losing life. Even transit Saturn conjunct unpredictable Neptune, and also square to its dire enemy Mars did not augur well for his survival either. Here again, Jupiter simultaneously signified recovery from ailment in strong terms. For, Jupiter's *nakshatra* lord Saturn happens to be the 5th lord, which being 12th from the 6th, will serve as latter's antidote. With such contrasting indicators in place, what would one be tempted to lay importance to — raise the hope of survival so that one tries to combat the situation in all strength, or indicate death and make the person lose the battle much before it even happens? The writer is an astrologer, vastu consultant and spiritual counsellor. Write to him at G-102, Bharat Nagar, New Friends Colony, New Delhi 110 025  
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