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## Kerala healthiest; UP, Bihar at nadir

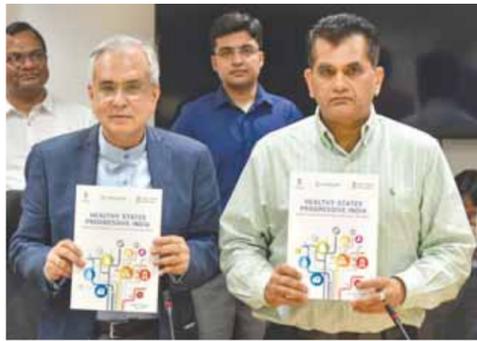
Andhra, Maha too at the top of NITI Aayog health index

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Kerala, followed by Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra, has emerged as the best health performer, while five States — Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Uttarakhand, Madhya Pradesh and Odisha — saw a decline in the overall health index score and “only about half the States and UTs had an improvement in the overall score between 2015-16 and 2017-18”, reveals the second edition of health index released by NITI Aayog on Tuesday.

The health index is a composite measure of States and Union Territories calculated on the basis of health indicators with weightages on the basis of outcome. In other words, the index is supposed to provide a comprehensive view of health outcomes, while taking into account the efficacy of governance, policies, processes and interventions.

The decline in the overall health index score for five Empowered Action Group (EAG) States that lag behind in demographic indicators and have high infant mortality rates — Bihar, UP,



NITI Aayog Vice Chairman Rajiv Kumar, with NITI Aayog CEO Amitabh Kant, releases the second edition of 'Healthy States, Progressive India' report in New Delhi on Tuesday

Uttarakhand, Madhya Pradesh and Odisha — is attributed to “deterioration of performance in several indicators”, said the report which was prepared in collaboration with the Union Ministry of Health and the World Bank.

In Uttar Pradesh, for instance, the decline was attributed to “low birth weight, TB treatment success rate, average tenure of key positions at State and district level of birth registration.” In fact, despite being among the fastest improving States, Uttar Pradesh ranked at the bottom among 21 large States on health indicators. In Bihar, this was due to

“performance related to total fertility rate, low weight, sex ratio at birth, TB treatment success rate, quality accreditation of public health facility and time-taken for NHM (National Health Mission) fund transfer,” it added.

In Odisha, the decline was attributed to the “worsening of the full immunisation rate and TB treatment success rate”, while in MP there has been a “reduction in level of birth registration and TB treatment success”, added the report. In Uttarakhand, the report cited a decline in neonatal mortality, unstable administrative appointments and issues with NHM fund transfers.

## PM raps Cong for family adulation

### Asks Opp to correct 'mistake' in Shah Bano case, back triple talaq Bill

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Making a scathing attack on the Congress for what he described as its “rootlessness” and culture of lauding only one family to the exclusion of others, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday affirmed that his Government would continue its fight against corruption and “follow law” in the cases involving Congress leaders as he asked Opposition party to correct its past “mistake” in the Shah Bano case and support the triple talaq Bill in Parliament.

In his first address to the Lok Sabha after being voted to power for the second time, Modi stressed he had a dream of a Modern India with new infrastructure, ease of living for common men and equal opportunity to rural and urban Indians.

In a sharp retort to Congress’ Adhir Ranjan Chowdhary’s speech in the Lok Sabha where he said though low in numbers Congress never lost its height, Modi said the Congress has gone so high that it has lost its roots.

“Aapki uchayi apko mubarak, aap itne uche chale gaye hain ki jad se ukhad gaye hain aud apko jameen dikhna band ho gaya hai,” (let Congress be contended with its so-called height, it has turn rootless and lost ground), the Prime Minister said, adding “We don’t need that kind of height and would always like to be grounded.”



Prime Minister Narendra Modi speaks in the Lok Sabha during the Motion of Thanks on President's Address on Tuesday

Replying to the Motion of Thanks to the President’s address, the PM lashed out at the Congress for accusing him of not mentioning the first PM of the country Jawaharlal Nehru, saying he would perhaps be the first premier of the country who in his speech from the Red fort had praised the contributions of all Governments since Independence.

Interestingly, Modi concluded his address with Nehru’s quote saying “citizens should be mindful of their responsibilities while demanding their rights”. He posed a counter-question to the Congress whether it had for a single time praised NDA Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

“Let alone praising us, please tell, did you even for once praised your own leaders Narsimha Rao or Dr Manmohan Singh?” he asked. “Why no Bharat Ratna given to Rao or Singh,” he asked and went on to say it was the BJP that awarded Bharat Ratna to Pranab Mukherjee, a Congress leader. Modi alluded that in the Congress praise is reserved for only one family.

Modi recalled what he called a retrograde role of Congress in not implementing common civil code in 1950 and missing out the opportunity and thereafter in 1985-86 again not allowing women empowerment in the case of Shah Bano where the Supreme Court had given full support.

Having criticised Congress for its past “mistakes”, the PM invited the Congress to “correct” itself and support the Muslim women (protection of rights on marriage) Bill which the BJP introduced in the Lok Sabha this week. The PM, however, did not leave the issue relating to Muslims without a final sting when he quoted a Congress Minister making a disparaging remark against the community during the Shah Bano controversy.

“Musalmanno ke utthan ki jimmedari Congress ki nahin hain, if they want to lie in gutter, let them be...” (it is not Congress responsibility to uplift Muslims, if they want to lie in gutter let them be.), Modi quoted a Congress leader as

saying amidst loud protests from Congress benches. “I will send you a youtube link of it,” Modi responded to the protest.

On Adhir’s apparent challenge to the Modi Government as to why it did not arrest Congress leaders (Sonia and Rahul) if they had done wrong, the PM said it was for the judiciary to decide, and hastened to add “Jamanat milti hain to enjoy karein.”

Recalling that today was June 25, the day Emergency was imposed by the Congress, Modi said this was a black spot on democracy, it also prompted people to show their maturity in rising above the barriers of caste, language or religion to vote out the Congress and re-establish the democracy.

Modi said by the time India complete its 75 year of Independence in 2022 when Mahatma Gandhi’s 150 birth anniversary would also be celebrated, all should together work for a new and modern India.

He said effort should be as how India reached five-trillion economy and gave a slogan of “Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan aur Jai Anushandhan”. Modi said India has 200 years of manufacturing of weapons. “We had 18 weapon factories when China had none. But today China exports arms and we import them,” he said and sought that the country invests into research.

The PM made a special plea for vigorous effort to regenerate and save every drop of water.

## Defence, trade on Pompeo-Jaishankar table

### Talks to iron out trade differences; Terrorism, Iran also on discussion list

PNS ■ NEW DELHI/GANDHINAGAR

The entire gamut of bilateral relations between India and the US will be discussed during US Secretary of State Michael Pompeo’s two-day visit to New Delhi on Wednesday. This will be first high-level visit by a foreign dignitary since Prime Minister Narendra Modi assumed charge for the second time and will see issues, including terrorism, trade ties, growing defence and strategic ties figuring, prominently in the discussion.

India is likely to urge the US to supply armed predator drones, naval helicopters, surface to air missiles and attack helicopters to its armed forces.

Giving a hint on the issues which will be on the table during his forthcoming talks with Pompeo, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said on Tuesday that India will try to find common ground on trade issues during discussions. Terrorism, Afghanistan, the Indo-Pacific, Iran, trade issues, and growing bilateral defence ties will be the focus of the bilateral discussions on Wednesday. Pompeo will also



US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo arrives at AFS Palam in New Delhi on Tuesday

call on Modi.

“We will be meeting with a positive attitude,” Jaishankar told reporters in Gandhinagar after filing his nomination papers for the Rajya Sabha poll from Gujarat. “The meeting with Mike Pompeo will be an

important one. We will definitely discuss issues related to trade between the two countries,” Jaishankar said.

“Both the countries are having their own interests. And it is natural to have some conflicts because of that. We

will find a common ground using diplomacy. We will hold discussions with the US with a positive approach,” he said. His remarks assume significance against the backdrop of increasing tension in trade ties between India and US.

## Govt to start packaged food in PDS: CM

5 kg foodgrains packets to be made available on pilot project basis

PNS ■ RANCHI

Chief Minister Raghubar Das today said that packet of 5 kg foodgrains will be made available to shops in a single block on the pilot project soon. This will remove consumers’ complaints related to it. After the success of this pilot project, it will be implemented in the entire State, said the CM during the State level meeting with PDS shopkeepers at RIMS Auditorium here on Tuesday.

The CM said that the PDS shop owners always demand honorarium but they don’t understand that it is given to the government employees. “In the past commission of Rs 45 was increased to Rs 100. To increase your income, the government permits all of you to have grocery items in the ration shop but there should not be any items of PDS. For the grocery store, the government will also provide Mudra Loan,” he said.

Das said that for the smooth operation of the public distrib-



Chief Minister Raghubar Das addresses PDS shop dealers during the State level meeting at RIMS Auditorium in Ranchi on Tuesday

ution system, the State government will also provide an amount of Rs.1000 per month besides the commission paid to them.

The CM said that PDS shopkeepers have been involved in covering the poor with the Ujjwala scheme. “With your cooperation 29 lakh poor families has been benefited from the scheme. Now, the remaining 14 lakh poor families have to be given benefits to the scheme. Your cooperation has also helped in giving benefit of Ayushman Bharat to poor. All

of you will also get the benefit of this scheme. Government will take decision in this regard soon,” he said.

Das said that the list of consumers who are not taking ration should be made available to the District Supply Officer. Prioritize this task. After getting the list, the names of those who have been left will be benefited.

Secretary, Food, Public Distribution and Consumer Affairs Department, Amitabh Kaushal said that the ration shopkeepers should help in providing ration card to elder-

ly, sick and people living alone. Dealer should not keep the ration card of any consumer with themselves. Make grains available to consumers in the right measure. Efforts are being made to get rid of the problem of network. Ration shopkeeper also ensure that the receipt of grain given to the consumer through E-POS machine is also done.

On this occasion, ration shoppers who came from all the blocks of the state were present and they also put forward their problem to the CM.

## Govt raises reward money for security personnel

6% DA hike of Govt employees, pensioners

PNS ■ RANCHI

With an aim to boost the morale of security personnel working in field, the State Cabinet on Tuesday gave the nod for increasing the financial power of senior police officers. With today’s Cabinet decision, there has been a hike in Director General of Police (DGP), Inspector General (IG) of Police and other senior police officers’ financial powers to reward police personnel for their bravery and exemplary services.

The DGP who had earlier the power to reward police personnel for bravery upto

₹10,000 can now reward upto ₹50,000. Similarly, the Additional Director General of Police (ADG) rank police officers can reward upto ₹30,000 to police personnel for their bravery act. The IG rank police officers earlier had the power to reward police officers upto ₹3,000 now can reward upto ₹20,000. The SP rank officers who had the financial power to reward upto ₹500 now can reward police officers upto ₹5,000 for their exemplary services.

Cabinet coordination department principal secretary (in-charge) Ajay Kumar Singh said, “The Cabinet today gave the nod for increasing the financial power of senior police officers meant for rewarding police personnel working in field.” Sources said that today’s Cabinet decision aims to boosting the morale of police personnel working in

**AT CABINET MEET IT WAS ALSO DECIDED TO REGULARISE THE SALARIES OF EMPLOYEES WORKING UNDER CHIEF WHIP. THE SALARIES OF PRIVATE SECRETARY, CLERK, DRIVER AND PEON HAVE BEEN REGULARISED AS PER SEVENTH PAY RECOMMENDATIONS**

field so as to improve law and order situation in State and also security personnel working in anti-Naxal operations. The Cabinet at today’s meeting also gave the nod for increasing the dearness allowance (DA) of govern-

ment employees who salaries has not been revised from 148 per cent to 154 per cent with an increase of six per cent. Similarly, the DA of pensioners and their family members too has been increased from 148 per cent to 154 per cent whose pension has not been revised.

At Cabinet meet it was also decided to regularise the salaries of employees working under chief whip. The salaries of private secretary, clerk, driver and peon have been regularised as per seventh pay recommendations. The private secretary whose monthly salary was ₹45,630 has been regularized to Rs ₹53,100. Similarly, the salaries of clerk have been raised from ₹22, 298 to ₹25,000 per month. The driver of chief whip will get ₹19,000 which is ₹2,000 more than his earlier salary. The peon working at the office of

chief whip can now get regularized salaries of ₹18,000 per month which was earlier ₹13,616.

The Cabinet at today’s meeting gave approval to 13 agendas. The other Cabinet decision includes provision of 69.65 acres of land at Radhanagar (Bokaro Chas) to Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) for construction of oil depot. The land has been given to Oil Company on lease of 30 years at ₹7.85 crore. Similarly, 25.03 acres of GM land at Tandwa in Chatar district has been given to NTPC on lease for 30 years at 12.35 crore for North Karanpura Thermal Power Project. The Cabinet also gave its nod for release of ₹28.92 crore of State’s share for construction of ROB at Madhepura. The ROB is coming up at the estimated cost of ₹45.27 crore.

## 5 killed, 45 injured in bus accident

PNS ■ GARHWA

At least five people were killed and 45 others were injured after a bus skidded off the road and fell into a gorge in Anuraj Ghati under Garhwa police station of the district on Tuesday.

The injured persons are being treated at Garhwa hospital, while seriously injured persons were referred to the Rajendra Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS), Ranchi. The deceased have been identified as Pramod Gupta (45), Lovely Gupta (40), Rupesh Jaiswal (10), Sunita Pathak (30) and Laxman Jaiswal (55). Most of the deceased persons belonged to Chhattisgarh.

The accident took place around 2 AM, the police said. CRPF jawans recovered the bodies of five people and rescued 45 passengers by entering the ill-fated bus through the windows, said Garhwa SDO



Rescue operation underway by Jharkhand Police and CRPF jawans soon after a passenger bus over-turned at Anraj Dam in Garhwa district on Tuesday early morning

Pradeep Kumar. The bus was heading to Garhwa, from Raipur in Chhattisgarh, Kumar said. A total of 38 injured persons including bus driver were discharged from the Garhwa hospital after first aid, the SDO added.

Health and family welfare minister Ramchandra Chandravanshi reached Garhwa hospital and met with the injured persons. “As soon as

I heard about the incident, I reached Garhwa from Ranchi. I had to inaugurate about 25 schemes in the area, but I postponed all and met the injured people. I have also directed the Civil Surgeon,” said Chandravanshi.

Chief Minister Raghubar Das also expressed condolences on the death of five persons and wished for speedy recovery of the injured.

SERAIKELA LYNCHING

# Minorities Commission team meets family members

PNS ■ JAMSHEDPUR

A three-member team of Jharkhand State Minorities Commission on Tuesday visited the house of alleged lynching victim, Tabrez Ansari, at Kadamdi in Kharsawan.

Chairman Kamal Khan, and vice-chairmen Ashok Sarangi and Gurdev Singh Raja visited the victim's house at Kadamdi in Kharsawan and also at the spot in Dhatkidih in Seraikela, where Tabrez faced mob attack.

"We cannot comment on it. We met the victim's family members at Kharsawan and also went over to Dhatkidih where Tabrez was assaulted resulting into his death four days later in Seraikela Sadar Hospital. We will also speak to police and administrative officers of Seraikela-Kharsawan district. After the probe, we will submit our report to the State Government," said Khan.

Meanwhile, the police administration has expedited the pace of investigation into the sensational case by setting up a special investigation team (SIT).

## Police arrest 11 more persons in lynching incident

PNS ■ JAMSHEDPUR

Police, on Tuesday, arrested five more people in connection with the lynching of Tabrej Ansari who died in a hospital on Saturday. Last night too, six persons were arrested taking the total numbers to 16.

The victim, Tabrez, a resident of Kharsawan, was caught after stealing a motor-

cycle, a purse, a voter I-card and cellphone from Dhatkidih along with two of his associates. He was nabbed by a group of villagers.

Seraikela-Kharsawan superintendent of police, Karthik S, said he has set up a three-member high-level team comprising SDO, Seraikela, SDPO, Headquarters and civil surgeon. The team has started investigation.

Deputy inspector general (Kolhan), Kuldeep Dwivedi, has set up the SIT comprising sub-divisional police officer (SDPO), headquarters, Seraikela, Chandan Kumar, inspector RN Singh and Vijay Singh, and two officials of the district police technical cell.

Meanwhile, Tabrez's uncle, Maqsood Ansari, while

making a statement before a visiting Congress fact-finding team at Kharsawan pointed out that Tabrez fell victim to a mob attack at Dhatkidih village while he was returning home from Jamshepur along with Noomar and Irfan. He had said that while Tabrez was nabbed by the mob, Noomar and Irfan managed to escape,



Activists of several social organisations protest against lynching incident at Seraikela  
Pioneer photo

but they are still traceless.

Tabrez, who was a resident of Kharsawan, was fatally injured in a mob attack after he was allegedly nabbed while trying to commit theft at a house at Dhatkidih village in Seraikela on the night of June 18.

He was handed over to the police next morning and

was sent to Seraikela divisional jail after medical check-up at the Seraikela Sadar Hospital. But, when his condition deteriorated on early morning of June 22 he was taken to Sadar Hospital, Seraikela, he died three hours later.

His wife, Shaista Parveen, in an FIR said that during the

assault Tabrez was forced utter "Jai Sri Ram" and "Jai Bajrangbali."

Notably, Tabrez who used to work as a welder, according to his uncle Maqsood Ansari, was married to Shaista Parveen on April 27 this year at Kharsawan and was living with his mother (who is a widow) there.

## CPI (M) calls Jharkhand, Lynch-khand

PNS ■ RANCHI

Politburo member of Communist Party of India, CPI (M) criticised the rise in the number of mob lynching cases on Tuesday. Addressing a press conference here on Tuesday, Karat said, "The increase in the number of mob lynching cases in the State has made Jharkhand, Lynch-khand. The trend that's started in our nation lately, with people wearing saffron scarves and carrying out inhuman activities in the name of nationalism is not at all acceptable."

Her statement comes days after the latest mob lynching incident at Seraikela-Kharsawan district where a 24 year old, Tabrez Ansari, was beaten to death on charges of motorcycle

theft. Jharkhand has witnessed several such incidents in the past couple of years, drawing criticism from political parties. Karat, on Tuesday, also took a jibe at the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party for giving clean chits to their leaders who were accused of corruption.

"BJP has got this ultimate cleansing process in which no matter whatsoever one's background be, they get a clean-chit after joining the BJP. A fair example of this situation can be seen in the number of corrupt politicians of TMC (Trinamool Congress) joining the Bharatiya Janata Party and moving freely around the nation without being answerable to anyone," said Karat.

**कार्यालय, उपायुक्त-सह-जिला दण्डाधिकारी, राँची**  
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स्कूली शिक्षा एवं साक्षरता विभाग झारखण्ड, राँची के पत्रांक 662 / 663 एवं 665 दिनांक 02.05.2019 के शर्तों एवं बंधनों के अंतर्गत दिनांक 03.06.2019 को इण्टर/स्नातक प्रशिक्षित शिक्षक/शिक्षिकाओं के चयन हेतु आयोजित कॉउन्सेलिंग के उपरांत दिनांक 15.06.2019 को आयोजित जिला शिक्षा स्थापना समिति राँची की बैठक में सर्वसम्मति से लिये गये निर्णय के आधार पर चयनित/अचयनित शिक्षकों की सूची कार्यालय के वेब साईट [www.dseranchi.com](http://www.dseranchi.com) पर अपलोड कर दी गई है। उक्त सूची के चयनित शिक्षकों एवं निदेशालय पत्रांक 1020 दिनांक 19.07.2017 तथा 1299 दिनांक 01.09.2017 द्वारा राँची जिले के लिए अंतर जिला स्थानांतरित शिक्षकों का पदस्थापन नीचे दिये गये विवरण के अनुसार अमर शाहदेव ठाकुर विश्वनाथ साहदेव जिला स्कूल राँची के समागार कक्ष में प्रातः 10.00 बजे से आयोजित की गई है।

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क्र०	तिथि	समय	आमंत्रित शिक्षक कोटि	संख्या
1	28 जून, 2019 (शुक्रवार)	11 AM - 4 PM	स्नातकोत्तर प्रशिक्षित (सभी प्रतिनियुक्त) शिक्षक	119
2	29 जून, 2019 (शनिवार)	10.30 AM - 5 PM	स्नातक प्रशिक्षित शिक्षक (विषय- हिन्दी, अंग्रेजी, स्थानीय भाषा) पद पर नियुक्ति हेतु अनुशंसित	154
3	1 जुलाई, 2019 (सोमवार)	10.30 AM - 5 PM	स्नातक प्रशिक्षित शिक्षक (विषय- गणित/भौतिकी, जीव-रसायन, भूगोल) पद पर नियुक्ति हेतु अनुशंसित	161
4	2 जुलाई, 2019 (मंगलवार)	10.30 AM - 5 PM	स्नातक प्रशिक्षित शिक्षक (विषय- अर्थशास्त्र, वाणिज्य, गृह विज्ञान, शारीरिक शिक्षा) पद पर नियुक्ति हेतु अनुशंसित	146
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1	वेबसाइट पर निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि	29-06-2019	समय 02.00 बजे अपराह्न तक
2	निविदा प्राप्ति (ऑन लाईन बिडिंग) की अन्तिम तिथि एवं समय	16-07-2019	समय 05.00 बजे अपराह्न तक
3	पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता यांत्रिक प्रमंडल, धनबाद में परिभाषाविवेक का मूल्या एवं अग्रदान की राशि की मूल प्राप्ति जमाकरने की अन्तिम तिथि एवं समय	17-07-2019	समय 04.00 बजे अपराह्न तक
4	तकनीकी बिड खोलने की तिथि एवं समय	18-07-2019	समय 04:00 बजे अपराह्न तक
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## ₹10.28 crore Central funds to PTR in 3 years

PNS ■ RANCHI

The Government of India has released ₹10.28 crore for Tiger Conservation in Palamu Tiger Reserves of Jharkhand under 'Project Tiger' in the last three years. The Palamu Tiger Reserve was allocated and got ₹3.23 Cr in 2016-17, ₹3.38 Cr in 2017-18 and ₹3.67 Cr in 2018-19 for conservation of tigers in the State. The Government has released total ₹1010.41 crore in last three years to different tiger serves in the country under this project. Minister of State for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Babul Supriyo informed the Rajya Sabha on June 24, 2019 while replying a question by Rajya Sabha MP

Parimal Nathwani.

The Minister also provided information about the initiatives taken by the Government under the ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats of which Project Tiger is a part. He said that the government has stepped up the protection by deploying anti poaching squad/Tiger Protection Force and strengthen infrastructure within Tiger Reserves.

Nathwani wanted to know about the steps being taken by Government for conservation of the tigers, amount of budget allocated and released by the Central Government for conservation of the tigers under 'Project Tiger' during the last

three years and whether Government is mulling over opening up the modern and world class diagnostic facilities for the tigers.

The Minister stated that modern, world class diagnostic facilities for tigers are established subject to their site-specific approval in the legally mandated Tiger Conservation Plan, on receipt of a proposal from the States.

The Government is deciding inviolate spaces for wildlife and relocation of villagers from core or critical tiger habitats in Tiger Reserves within a time-frame and settlement of rights and co-existence agenda in buffer or fringe areas, stated the Minister.

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## Industry Interactive programme by JSPCB

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Jharkhand State Pollution Control Board (JSPCB) organised an Industry Interaction Programme here on Tuesday. JSPCB Chairman AK Rastogi and Member secretary Rajeev Lochan Bakshi addressed the session. The programme was attended by representatives from various health care facilities, hotels and allied industries, TSDF, CBWTF and other concerned industries.

Divided over four sessions, the first one was on bio-medical waste management. Kumar Manibhushan, consulting executive JSPCB delivered a presentation related to the issues of proper waste management and disposal of Bio- medical waste as per the provisions of the Bio-medical waste management rules 2016 and implementation of QR coding system for effective tracking and disposal of Bio- medical waste.

Consent management for hotels, banquets, lodges and allied industries was covered in the second session.

This session was held by Ashutosh, consulting executive JSPCB regarding Consent to Operate (CTO) from JSPCB, arrangements for effluent treatment systems and proper disposal of municipal solid waste.

A presentation on hazardous waste management was delivered by Pratibha Priya, consulting executive in the third session.

This meeting was regarding CTE/CTO, Authorisation under Hazardous and other wastes (Management and Transboundary Movement) rules 2016 from JSPCB.



The 18th edition of the Ranchi-Boutiques of India exhibitions was organised at a city based hotel on Tuesday. It was inaugurated by Rimmy Mukherjee, Mrs India worldwide. Exhibitions brings this exclusively curated show featuring the Festival and wedding collections which is open from 11 am to 8 pm with free entry to all. It has around 30 stalls consisting of dresses, home decor products, apparels, accessories from across the States  
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## Close shave for passengers of Howrah-bound Mumbai Mail train

PNS ■ JAMSHEDPUR

A major mishap was averted as the driver of Mumbai Mail train timely applied emergency brakes after detecting a crack in the luggage van in the rear end of the train. Passengers of the Howrah-bound Mumbai Mail had a close shave on Tuesday.

The incident took place at around 1.30 am near Lotapahar in the Sonua-Chakradharpur railway section of South Eastern Railway's

Chakradharpur division. An accident relief train had to be rushed to the spot from Chakradharpur.

An official of Chakradharpur railway division confirmed the incident. "We are probing the incident. As we received the news an accident relief train was rushed to the spot. A crack had developed in the luggage van. The driver got an alert and immediately stopped the train. The damaged luggage van was later replaced," he said.

## Cong urges Governor to take action in lynching case

PNS ■ RANCHI

Three days after a man - Tabrez Ansari was allegedly lynched on suspicion of theft near Jamshepur, members of Jharkhand Pradesh Congress Committee led by Congress leader, Alamgir Alam met Governor, Draupadi Murmu here on Tuesday.

Drawing the attention to the recent case of lynching, Alam said, "It was a very

tragic incident, in which a man belonging to a minority community was beaten to death. This is a sad reality and a matter of shame for the state."

The congress representatives have demanded a job for the wife of the deceased along with a compensation of Rs 25 Lakh. The delegation urged the Governor to take against the accused in the fast track court or else they will go to the Supreme Court.

## Welfare Dept holds State level dance, music competition

AYUSHI NARAYAN ■ RANCHI

A State level music and dance competition was organised for residential high school students on June 25. The venue for the contest was Aryabhata Auditorium, Ranchi University 11 a.m. onwards. The competition was conducted by the Scheduled Tribes, Scheduled Caste, Minority and Backward Class Welfare Department, Jharkhand.

"This is the first time that Jharkhand's welfare depart-

ment has organised a State level music and dance contest. Herein, the students who have been selected at the divisional level are going to compete in a final round", informed one of the organisers, A K Pandey. The event was inaugurated by the Chief Guest, Welfare Minister Louis Marandi, who said, "The schools being operated by the welfare department have seen an improvement at the academic level.

In addition to this, the children are also getting a chance to refine their talents.

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# SEEDHI BAAT: CM directs to put scanner on housing committees

**Asks DCs to hold weekly review meetings**

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Taking cognisance of irregularities reported in the functioning of various housing committees in Jharkhand during Seedhi Baat programme on Tuesday, Chief Minister Raghubar Das directed appointment of an advisor for each of the Cooperative Housing Committees to monitor their functioning.

He also asked the officials concerned to address all the pending cases of land acquisition by housing committees at the earliest.

Das on Tuesday heard the grievances of people in connection with at least 23 cases at the Seedhi Baat centre in



Chief Minister Raghubar Das, along with Principal Secretary to CM Sunil Kumar Barnwal and Development Commissioner Sukhdev Singh during the Jansamvad (Seedhi Baat) programme at Suchna Bhawan in Ranchi on Tuesday

Ranchi's Suchna Bhawan. He directed the Deputy Commissioners (DCs) of all the

24 districts to hold review meetings in their respective districts every Saturday from 4pm to 5pm in a bid to ensure quick redressal of cases. He asked the DCs to submit a report on the weekly review directly to the Chief Minister's Office in Ranchi.

Das expressed ire over the anomalies reported in old age pension and widow pension schemes and asked the various districts to address issues related to pension at the district level on priority basis. Listening to grievances of one old age pensioner Narayani Mukherjee, 63, from Ramgarh, Das directed the concerned DC to address the matter within 15 days. Mukherjee had complained that she did not receive her pension since February 2014. "All cases related to anomalies in payment of pension should be solved at the district level

before they reach Seedhi Baat platform," Das said.

Hearing a complaint related to lack of boundaries in government schools, Das asked all the DCs to ensure bio-fencing in all the government schools of their districts. Bio-fencing is the use to shrubs and trees as boundaries that demarcate a plot of land. "Bio-fencing will not only be cost-effective, but also environment friendly," he said.

Other grievances brought to the notice of the CM on Tuesday included cases related to defunct transformers, delay in payment of salaries and compensation to kin of people killed in Left Wing Extremist (LWE) incidents. Das on Tuesday also interacted with villagers from Basodih Panchayat in Simdega district over video-conferencing and listened to

their grievances.

Seedhi Baat was launched on May 1, 2015 and was then called Jan Samwad. It is an interactive platform wherein the Chief Minister could directly listen to the grievances of the people and redress their problems in presence of Government officials concerned. The objective of starting it was to bridge the gap between the Government and the people.

Commoners can lodge complaints over telephone, text messages and through the internet on this platform.

The complaints are reviewed and the officials concerned are asked to either address the matter or justify their inaction.

A full-fledged Jan Samwad Centre works 24x7 on the disposal of cases and monitors progress in each of the complaints lodged here.

## 20,000 students of class 6, 7 to get cycles

PNS ■ RANCHI

The State education department will provide cycles to around 20,000 students studying in government schools of Jharkhand who had to switch schools after school merger in 2018.

Till date, there has been a provision of providing bicycles only to students of class eight and above, however, this is for the first time that the students of class six and seven will also be given the cycles.

The Jharkhand Education Project Council (JPEC) had directed the district superintendents of education (DSEs) to provide a list of all those students who had to change schools after their school was merged into neighbouring schools in 2018.

Following the direction, a list of 19,967 students has been provided to JPEC for availing the benefit. Among these, 10,186 students are of class six while 9,781 are from class seven who enrolled in different schools after the merger.

The highest number of students, 2995, is from West Singhbhum followed by 2209 students of East Singhbhum, who would be benefitted under the scheme. In Ranchi, only 438 students had to be shifted after school merger.

Project director of JPEC Uma Shankar Singh said, "These selected students will be sent Rs. 3500 each in their bank account through direct benefit transfer (DBT) so that they can buy cycles for themselves."

In 2018, around 4600 odd middle schools were merged with other schools due to various reasons like low enrollment ratio, shortage of teachers and poor quality of education. As a result, around 20,000 children studying in these schools were left with no option but to continue education in different schools.

"While we have ensured that all the schools are merged with other schools in the radius of one kilometer still we have decided to provide cycles to all the students so that they do not face any kind of problem in reaching the school and they do not drop out because of the distance," Singh said.

Once the students receive the amount in their bank accounts, they will have to buy the cycle and submit the receipt to the principal of their respective schools. The school administration will then submit the school utility certificates regarding the same to the DSE who will further forward it to the State Education.

Talking about plans of school merger any further, the JPEC director informed that while there is no immediate plan, the department might consider merger in the future.

"We have asked the DSEs to provide us with a report from every district about schools with less enrollment or poor quality of education, if any, and then accordingly the final decision will be taken," Singh said

## Jharkhand tops in 'healthy States' list

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Jharkhand topped the list in the second edition of the Health Index 'Healthy States-Progressive India' released by the NITI Aayog on Tuesday based on annual incremental performance in various areas. Haryana and Rajasthan are also equivalent to Jharkhand. Kerala, Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra have emerged as the top ranking states on the basis of overall performance in health indicators. In the report published in 2018, in the case of incremental performance in the field of Health, Jharkhand was in the top three ranking.

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## Politicisation of Seraikela incident unfortunate: BJP

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State BJP spokesperson Pratul Shahdeo today alleged that Congress and other opposition parties are politicising the Seraikela incident. He said that there is a policy of zero tolerance against such incidents in Raghubar government. As soon as the incident was brought to notice of the government two policemen were suspended, 11 persons have been arrested and an SIT is investigating the case. More people will be identified and arrested through video, he said.

Shahdeo further said that in 1984 riots 3,000 Sikh people were killed in Delhi only. "In 40 cities of the country over 10,000 people of Sikh community were killed. No incident of mob lynching could be bigger than this in the history of independent India. At that time the then Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi had said that when a big tree falls earthquake is bound to happen," he said.

The BJP Spokesperson fur-



ther said that the Raghubar government does not differentiate between people on the basis of caste and community. "All are given fruits of development and the guilty is not forgiven. The opposition party governments should also take lessons from the same, especially in West Bengal where people are killed and thrashed for chanting 'Jai Shri Ram,'" he added.

Shahdeo warned the opposition and forbade them against politicising the issue. He said that in case of Ramgarh incident the government had taken fast action and the culprits were punished in record time. This shows the Government's zero tolerance towards such incidents, he added.

## Allow 1 attendant for 1 patient at RIMS: CM

PNS ■ RANCHI

Chief Minister Raghubar Das, during a surprise inspection of Rajendra Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS) in Ranchi on Tuesday, asked the hospital administration to allow only one attendant for each patient and issue entry passes for attendants in order to avoid overcrowding in the hospital premises. He said that RIMS should have facilities at par with private hospitals and the concerned authorities must proactively work for bettering the facilities here.

"RIMS should issue entry passes for attendants. This will prevent overcrowding in the hospital. Overcrowding not only causes discomfort to patients, but also makes it difficult for doctors to focus on their work," Das said.

He asked the RIMS administration to deal sternly with the relatives of patients if they try to enter the hospital premises without an entry pass. "Firstly, do not allow any attendant who does not have an entry pass in the hospital. Secondly, keep checking in regular intervals if any person has entered the hospital premises without a pass," Das



Chief Minister Raghubar Das interacts with patients during his surprise inspection of Rajendra Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS) in Ranchi on Tuesday

said.

RIMS is the largest State-run hospital in Jharkhand, and caters to the medical needs of rural and urban residents from across the state. On an average, the hospital treats at least 1500 patients every day, say doctors. These patients, mostly from rural

areas, are often accompanied by several attendants who spend nights on corridors and crowd different wards during the day.

Inspecting the Emergency Ward of the hospital, Das asked the authorities to fit ceiling fans in the ward until air conditioners were installed.

Patients, he said, should not suffer in sweltering heat at any cost. "The State Government will install centralized AC in RIMS. The expenses for this purpose will be arranged through the various CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) programmes," said Das.

## Water cannot be created, only be saved: Sahis

PNS ■ RANCHI

Water Resources, Drinking Water and Sanitation Minister Ramchandra Sahis held a Janata Darbar in the AJSU Party's party office here on Tuesday. The meeting, which lasted for three hours, saw people from across the State apprising the minister with their problems.

Water-related issues were of primary concern at the meeting. People requested the Minister to ensure drinking water for everyone, install check-dams and hand-pumps, ensure deep boring and irrigation systems, repair existing pipelines and build new ones. Permanent appointment of daily wage workers was also demanded by people.

Parasnath Sinha, a resident of Harmu Housing Colony complained to the Minister about water connection in his house. "I have not received even a drop of water in the last 10 years despite having a water connection, and have been unfairly billed Rs. 30,673 for the same," he told at the meeting.

Deepak Mahato from Jamtara brought up the drinking water crisis faced by the



Drinking Water and Sanitation Minister, Ramchandra Sahis, listening to the grievances of people during a Janata Darbar at Party headquarter in Ranchi on Tuesday

people of his village. "Almost a hundred homes in my village are dependent on one hand-pump for water. All other pumps are defunct. I request the minister to connect the village with the nearby river through a pipe," he said.

Sashikant Pramanik from Bundu and Kedarnath Lal Das from B.I.T. Mesra complained about unemployment and requested the minister for permanent appointments. Phool Kumari Devi, Jila Parishad member, Namkom, requested to build check-dams in the

area. Many people from varied places like Chatra and Balumath urged the Minister to save the depleting ponds in their areas.

Sahis assured the people that all problems will be solved in due course. "Concerned departments have been notified on the issues, and we will follow up on all the issues in the Janata Darbar next Monday," he said.

Talking about the water crisis that is plaguing the country, including many parts of the State, Sahis said that both gov-

ernment and the people will have to come together to fight the crisis. "Water cannot be created; it can only be saved. Now that monsoon has arrived, rainwater harvesting is essential and everyone should do it. The depleting groundwater is not getting recharged. The government is very serious about the issue. We will try our best to provide drinking water to everyone, but it is also the responsibility of the people to support the government's plans and participate with full effort," he said.

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## Govt highlights schemes on PMAY, AMRUT and Smart City project

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The State Urban Development and Housing Department of Tuesday revealed its achievements on completion of four years of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's much ambitious infrastructure projects. The department officials on the occasion highlighted the work progress in PM Awas Yojana, AMRUT and Smart Cities which has aimed in transforming urban landscape in State.

Under the Prime Minister Awas Yojana, the State Government had approved proposal for construction of 1.60 lakh houses under PM Awas Yojana and out of which 48,000 houses has been completed. At the same time construction work of 43,822 is going on at war footing pace. THE PM Awas Yojana introduced in June 2015 is an interest subsidy scheme for purchase/ construction/ extension/ improvement of house to cater economically poor section of society.

State urban development secretary, Ajay Kumar Singh said, "On the completion of four years of PM infrastructure

project, the Jharkhand Government has carried out various infrastructure projects for construction of houses, out of 35 projects in AMRUT eight to ten projects of drinking water and sanitation s going on. Similarly, work in Smart City project in Ranchi too has been started."

Under the scheme of housing to all, construction of 218 houses for displaced people at Islam Nagar and 175 houses at Birsu Munda Smriti park is at final stage. Similarly, 64 housing units at Deoghar under Matra Ashram Awasaiya Yojana has been completed. Jharkhand has also been selected among six States under Multi Storey Light House Project. As per the project, G+8 light house (building) will be constructed at Bajra at an estimated area of 5.7 acres.

The secretary claimed that as per housing to all schemes, civic bodies have been asked to identify slum areas and carry out construction of houses for slum dwellers.

Similarly under AMRUT Yojana, seven cities with population more than 1 lakh has been selected and work on drinking water and sewerage

pipeline is going on at these cities.

Similarly work on Rs 10,500-crore Ranchi Smart City Project has commenced. The project includes transportation, power and water supply systems. As per area based development (ABD) component of the smart city, construction of smart roads, transport system, waste water management, storm water drainage, plantations, smart street lighting, power infrastructure and water supply systems has to be done at Rs 514 crore in Dhurwa-Jagannathpur area.

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## Branded as witches, Seraikela family seeks protection

KELLY KISLAYA ■ RANCHI

Sushila Mahato, 45, along with her son and over a dozen other family members stood at Albert Ekka Chowk as it rained heavily on Tuesday, demanding protection from those who accused her and her entire family of practicing witchcraft.

"They (accused) are threatening to kill us. They are also demanding us to pay them the money which they had to spend on court proceedings after they were arrested," she said.

Sushila, who worked as a mid day meal cook at government middle school in Chhota

Krishanpur village of Saraikela was recently declared a witch by the villagers. While she has been working as the cook since 2005, it was recently that the school management committee, led by para teacher of the school Jaydev Mahato and others declared her a witch.

"They stopped children from eating the food I cooked, claiming that I practice witchcraft and children are falling ill after eating the food I cook. I was asked to stop working in the kitchen and I obliged but it did not seem enough for them," Mahato said.

It was on May 23, when the entire country was busy watch-



Sushila Mahato, with her son and other family members, holds placards during a protest against the accusations against her and her entire family of practicing witchcraft at Albert Ekka Chowk in Ranchi on Tuesday

ing the vote counting for Lok Sabha election, that Sushila and

her family were being tortured by the villagers.

"We have a joint family with more than 30 members. On May 23, the villagers dragged us to the cremation ground, shaved off the head of the men, cut the nails of women and made us bathe with the drain water there, claiming that they have performed our last rites. They were trying to shave the head of women too but we managed to escape," Mahato said.

After the incident, FIR was lodged against 26 people at Rajnagar police station on May 27 and 14 persons were arrested. However, they got out on bail on June 12 and since then

have been harassing the family, threatening to kill them.

Sushila's son, 25-year-old Jagat Kishor Mahato said, "The entire village is a part of it. They made my family members sign on blank paper and took Rs. 500 fine per head for practicing 'witchcraft'. Now they are telling us to pay them the money they spent on the court case."

Led by Ajay Jaiswal, secretary of Association for Social and Human Awareness (ASHA), an organization working against witch hunting in the State, Sushila and her family submitted a letter to the DGP Kamal Nayan Choubey on Tuesday requesting arresting

of all the culprits and providing police protection to the family.

Data of the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) shows that the State has been among the top three in country since 2001 in the number of witch hunting murders being recorded and had been in leading for four consecutive years from 2013 to 2016.

The data shows that 523 people were lynched in the State from 2001 till 2016 for allegedly practicing witchcraft. Meanwhile, data of Jharkhand police shows that from January 2017 to April 2019, a total of 77 people were killed after being declared witches

Police find evidences against Pradeep Yadav in molestation case

WhatsApp chats, mobile location prove he was with complainant

PNS ■ RANCHI:

Police have stumbled upon evidences against Jharkhand Vikas Morcha-

Prajanantrik (JVM-P) legislator Pradeep Yadav in a molestation case filed by a woman leader of his party. Going ahead in the investigation, the police have decided to seek legal advice from Advocate General in connection with the case, Deoghar's Superintendent of Police Narendra Kumar Singh said on Tuesday.

complaint lodged with Woman's Police Station in Deoghar on April 21 accused Yadav for molesting her in a hotel room and snatching Rs.2 lakh cash from her. The incident, she said, had occurred at around 9.15pm on April 20.

During investigation, Deoghar police found that the location of mobile phones used by Yadav and the complainant

was same on the fateful day, Singh said. "Eyewitnesses have also given statements indicating that the complainant and Yadav were together at the hotel on the fateful day. The check in register and identity proofs submitted at the hotel's reception also proves that the two were in the hotel on April 20," he added.

Besides, police have recovered records of chats between the two parties over smart phone messaging App WhatsApp. The chat records, Singh said, were suspicious and indicated possible malafide

intentions. He, however, added that the chats were not sexually explicit or abusive in nature.

On June 19, a District Court in Deoghar rejected Yadav's petition for anticipatory bail. Yadav, who recorded his statement with the Cyber Police Station in Deoghar on June 13, had pleaded innocence. He claimed that the complaint was politically-motivated and accused the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leaders of influencing the complainant to tarnish Yadav's image.

Jha, in her statement under Section 164 of Code of

Criminal Procedure (CrPC), said that she had visited Deoghar to attend a rally on April 20. Yadav, she said, had asked her to meet him at Hotel Shivashakti.

When she reached the hotel, Yadav allegedly called her to room no. 202 and tried to outrage her modesty. After failing to overpower her, Yadav took away Rs.2 lakh cash which was carrying in her purse, the complainant said in her statement.

Jha said that she had also tried to take up the matter with JVM-P chief Babul Marandi,

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but her complaints were unheeded. She has accused senior party leaders of trying to destroy evidences against Yadav. Interestingly, Jha leveled the allegations a week before the first phase of 17th General Elections in Jharkhand. Yadav contested the Godda parliamentary constituency as the Mahagathbandhan candidate in the elections. He lost to BJP's Nishikant Dubey by a huge margin.

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Availability of tender documents on website Last date and time for uploading of e-tender Last date and time for physical submission of original Demand Draft towards cost of BOQ and Earnest Money. Date and time for opening of Tender Part-I (Technical and Commercial) Date and time for opening of Tender Part-II (Price Part) Tendering Officer and address for communication

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Guru Nanak's 550th birth year celebrations: Jagriti Yatra arrives in city

PNS ■ JAMSHEDPUR

A specially designed palki (palanquin) that is on a countrywide 'yatra' starting Bidar in Karnataka, visited various places in the city on Tuesday. The yatra has been taken out to mark the 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak this year. Sikh devotees in large numbers led by Central Sikh Gurudwara Prabandhak Committee (CGPC) welcomed the yatra.

The journey organised by a Bidar based unit of Gurudwara will cover 19 Indian states and is also scheduled to go to Pakistan. In city, the yatra visited Burmamines, Jugsalai and other areas.

Gurumukh Singh Mukhe, president CGPC said, "To mark the 550th birth anniversary of Shri Guru Nanak Ji, a countrywide Yatra is being organised by Gurudwara Sri Nanak Jhira Saheb, Bidar (Karnataka). The Gurudwara has planned the nationwide journey to cover 19 states starting. We are really happy that the Yatra has reached out city.

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# Opp attacks NDA over 'rising communalism'

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Opposition on Tuesday attacked the NDA Government in the Rajya Sabha over the issue of rising communalism in the country and charged the ruling dispensation with following the policy of divide and rule. Rising unemployment and economic crisis also figured in the criticism during the debate on motion of thanks to the Prime Minister's address.

The debate, which started on Monday saw senior Congress leader Digvijaya Singh leading the Opposition charge on Tuesday over alleged religious divide. "You have injected venom of communalism into the people of this country. Slogans of Jai Shree Ram and Allah Ho Akbar are being raised in Parliament. This is not the tradition of Parliament," Digvijaya stated.

Talking about economy, the former Madhya Pradesh Chief minister said, "Economy is in shambles. You want the economy to grow to USD 5 trillion by 2024. But that requires economic growth of 20.1 per cent every year. You fudged the statistics and two senior officials resigned."

The issue of lynching too figured prominently with NCP member Majeed Memon attacking the government for increase in such incidents. He sought to know how the Muslim youth could be living in constant fear and whether the 21 crore Muslims were getting the right to life under the constitution.

"With all humility and

respect I am asking from the Prime Minister" how can the government win the trust of Muslim youth when Tabrez was mercilessly beaten and forced to say 'Jai Shri Ram' and 'Jai Hanuman'. He said it was a shame that the youth died despite the Constitution promising that every citizen of India is entitled to right to life which has been reinforced by the Supreme Court. "Mob lynching case is the worst kind of crime in a civil society", he said.

D Raja of the CPI claimed Prime Minister Narendra Modi had not uttered a word on the deaths in his home-state so far. Participating in the debate on the Motion of Thanks to President's Address, Raja accused the BJP of trying to impose a monolithic, illiberal and socio-political order in the country.

Raja claimed that Dalits and minorities were being targeted in the name of majoritarianism and that the attacks on the two communities have increased manifold. He also said the government was spending crores on the Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan (cleanliness campaign) but not doing anything for Safai Karamcharis.

"Seven people were killed in Gujarat while cleaning a sewer, that is our Prime Minister's state, what a shame the Prime Minister has not uttered a word so far," Raja said. Seven persons, including four sanitation workers, died earlier this month after inhaling toxic fumes while cleaning sewer of a hotel in Vadodra district of Gujarat.

Besides, Raja sought to know the mandate given to Niti Aayog and claimed the government think tank was proposing that PSUs be handed over to the private sector.

PL Punia of the Congress said he did not find any reference to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the President's Address. He batted for reservation in jobs in the private sector saying public sector has limited opportunities. He suggested that Indian Judicial Services be set up.

Trinamool Congress member Derek O'Brien on his part attacked the social media firms, alleging they favoured the BJP led NDA during the election campaign for the recent Lok Sabha polls. Speaking during the Motion of Thanks to the President's address in the Rajya Sabha, he also blamed the social media platform for providing a major share of advertisement for BJP.

On the relevance of media he said, "These days with media in hand, it is easy to manufacture great men. Dr BR Ambedkar said this. He saw this problem coming long years ago. "We appeal to media owners that you have role to play to save democracy. We appeal to the journalists to bring back the days of Editors, the 60's 70's".

He also demanded sweeping electoral reforms saying that there should be a collegium to appoint the election commissioner. He sought re-introduction of paper ballot. He called for state funding for the political parties to provide level playing field to all contestants during the elections.

# J'khand lynching blot on humanity: Rahul

Expresses shock over Govt's silence

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Congress president Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday said the alleged lynching of a 24-year-old man in Jharkhand was a "blot on humanity" and expressed his shocks over the "silence" of powerful voices in the BJP-ruled Centre and State governments over the incident.

Tabrez Ansari was thrashed by a mob for alleged



theft on June 18 and a video had emerged which purportedly showed that he was forced to chant "Jai Shri Ram" and "Jai Hanuman" in Jharkhand's Saraikela Kharsawan district. He was declared "brought dead" by doctors at the Tata Main Hospital in Jamshedpur, Jharkhand, Saturday.

"The brutal lynching of

this young man by a mob in Jharkhand is a blot on humanity. The cruelty of the police who held this dying boy in custody for 4 days is shocking as is the silence of powerful voices in the BJP-ruled central and state governments," Gandhi tweeted, along with a still from the video of the incident.

The Congress president used the hashtag 'India Against Lynch Terror' with his tweet.

Eleven people have been arrested in connection with Ansari's death and a special investigation team (SIT) has been set up to look into the matter.

Chant Jai Shri Ram by embracing people, not by throttling them: Naqvi

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Union Minority Affairs Minister Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi on Tuesday termed the lynching of a 24-year-old man in Jharkhand a "heinous crime" and said "Jai Shri Ram" can be chanted by embracing people and not by throttling them.

Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi made the remarks on the side-

lines of a training programme for Haj deputations and called for stern action against those involved in such incidents.

Tabrez Ansari was attacked by a mob, which accused him of theft and allegedly forced him to chant "Jai Shri Ram" and "Jai Hanuman" in Jharkhand's Saraikela Kharsawan district.

# RaGa to meet Cong leaders from poll-bound States

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

After keeping himself in a 'political hibernation' for almost a month following Congress' flop show in Lok Sabha polls, party chief Rahul Gandhi is all set to start interactions with leaders on a routine basis, particularly with the leaders from States headed for Assembly election in few months.

The reports of Rahul Gandhi expressing his interest to start the interactions after maintaining that there would be a no rollback on his decision to quit the party post, has raised hopes within the party men that he would keep on the helms of affairs.

Most significantly, the party has also decided to hold a meeting of the Congress Working Committee soon after the series of meetings scheduled between the Gandhi scion and other important leaders concerning the state assembly elections in Haryana, Jharkhand, Jammu Kashmir and Maharashtra.

Congress sources now say Rahul Gandhi will meet leaders of Maharashtra Congress on Thursday followed by Haryana and Delhi units a day later. The meetings are meant to discuss the preparations for upcoming assembly elections. All General Secretary in-charges of state units have been asked to submit a report on the performance of the units in the Lok Sabha elections to AICC General Secretary Organisation K C Venugopal. It is also believed the main aim of the meetings is to re-jig the state organizations.

The party has already dissolved its committees in Uttar Pradesh and Karnataka amid buzz that it was a churning before the party announces its new leadership. Sources said the rejig will be based based on recommendations of the state in-

charges.

For more than a month, Rahul Gandhi withdrew himself from the party leaders. Two days after the results, he announced his decision to quit the top post taking responsibility for the rout in the Lok Sabha elections citing "accountability" over the failures.

Rahul's sister and General Secretary incharge of Uttar Pradesh Priyanka Gandhi, has already taken up the task to meet state leaders frequently focusing directly on the assembly elections in the biggest state two years from now. She has set up a two-member team to oversee election preparations and management of upcoming bypolls in the state for each constituency.

While the party is on a look for the new party chief which according to Rahul Gandhi has to be anyone outside the Congress' first family, notably during the last one month, he has limited his interactions only with senior party leaders Ahmed Patel and KC Venugopal. Sources said that Rahul's decision to hold sessions with regional leaders of the party could be outcome of information that state units like that in Haryana, Delhi are in trouble due to factionalism gripping the party for many years now.

"Though he may meet leaders and general secretaries in charge of election-bound states over the next few days to discuss preparations but should be no indication of his willingness to continue as Congress president," said a senior leader. He said Rahul has infact yielded to pressure from states like Maharashtra, Haryana and Jharkhand where Assembly elections are barely three months away and he has agreed to discuss pressing issues and help them draw the roadmap for the future.

# Centre plans to set up common online platform for RERA of all States, UTs

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Union Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry on Tuesday said that interest subsidy under Prime Minister Awas Yojna (Urban) will not be extended if the project is not registered with the Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA). The Ministry has planned to set up a common online platform for the RERA of all States and UTs, a move which will provide an opportunity to homebuyers, builders and authorities to exchange views.

According to Housing and Urban Affairs secretary, Durga Shankar Mishra homebuyers will not be able to avail Credit Linked Subsidy Scheme (CLSS) under the mission if real estate project is not registered under RERA. Under PMAY (U), home-buyers can avail an interest subsidy of upto 2.67 lakh.

Mishra said that with the common platform for RERA, the real estate law will become "more strong". We are working to introduce a common platform where RERA of all states and Union Territories (UTs) can exchange their views. With this, RERA will be more strong," he said.

As many as 14,170 crore has been disbursed and over 6.32 lakh are beneficiaries under credit linked subsidy scheme (CLSS) under the Prime Minister Awas Yojna (Urban).

Under the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, 2016, all states are mandated to constitute their respective real estate regulator RERA which provides proper protection to home buyers. As many as 30 states and UTs have notified RERA, but West Bengal has notified its own real estate regulator — Housing and Industrial Regulation Act,



2017 (HIRA). In July last year, the ministry had sought the opinion of the Law Ministry over West Bengal notifying its own real estate law instead of implementing the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act enacted by Parliament.

Earlier, interacting with media on the occasion of the fourth anniversary of the Prime Minister's flagship programmes-PMAY (Urban), Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) and Smart City Mission (SCM), Union Housing and Urban Affairs minister Hardeep Singh Puri said that people should for those project which is registered with the RERA.

The minister expressed confidence that the target of completion of constructions of all houses under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana -Urban will be achieved by the end of 2020 as against the target of 2022. The minister validated demand for total houses under the scheme is one crore and so far more than 81 lakh houses have been sanctioned. He said, sanctioning of all the houses will be made by 1st quarter of next year. Puri expressed hope that all the houses will be handed over to the beneficiaries by 2020. The Minister said, an investment of Rs 8 lakh crore rupees has been made in these three schemes. "The PMAY

(Urban), AMRUT and SCM are not only transforming the Urban Landscape of the country but also ensuring ease of living for the citizens," he said.

Earlier, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday said his government is committed to further improving urban infrastructure and will leave no stone unturned to fulfill the dream of housing for all. Taking to Twitter, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said, "Four years ago, today we started important initiatives PM Awas Yojana (U), AMRUT, Smart Cities with the aim of #TransformingUrbanLandscape in India. These initiatives have not only helped usher in a new paradigm of urban development but have also transformed crores of lives." In another tweet, he said, "These initiatives have seen record investment, speed, use of technology and public participation. We are committed to further improving urban infrastructure. No stone will be left unturned to fulfill the dream of Housing for All, which will give wings to crores of aspirations."

Highlighting the achievements of these three programmes, he said as compared to overall investment of ₹1.57 lakh crore during 2004-14, the investment in Urban rejuvenation during 2014-19 is ₹10.31 lakh crore which translates into 554 per cent increase.



An activist of All India Peace and Solidarity Organisation holds a placard during a protest against the upcoming visit of US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo to India in New Delhi on Tuesday

# Govt seeks views of States, UT's on PMFBY scheme

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Agriculture Ministry has written to States and Union Territories seeking their views on whether the Prime Minister Fasal Bima Yojna (PMFBY) crop insurance scheme should be made voluntary for farmers. At present, the scheme is compulsory in nature. As per data, as many as 5.5 crore farmers have been enrolled for Kharif and Rabi crops under the scheme in 2018-19.

Responding to a supplementary question during Question Hour in the Lok Sabha, Minister of State for Agriculture Purushottam Ropala said on Monday, the Agriculture Ministry has written to all States seeking their views on whether the scheme



should be made voluntary/optional for farmers.

He said the letter was written after some State Governments and farmer unions demanded the Agriculture Ministry make the scheme voluntary.

In its written reply, the government said the scheme is made compulsory for farmers who have availed loans and remains voluntary for those who have not availed loans. "With a view to provide finan-

cial support to farmers and to make them eligible for next crop at the time of crop loss due to natural calamities, pests & diseases, the scheme is made compulsory for the loanee farmers growing notified crops in notified areas and the scheme is voluntary for non-loanee farmers," the minister said.

According to agriculture ministry, the PMFBY scheme envisaged a flat premium of 2 percent for Kharif crop and 1.5 percent for Rabi crops and 5 percent for horticultural crops to be paid by the farmer. The difference between the market rates and the rates paid by the farmer would be borne by the government.

Despite overall good monsoon during first two years of implementation of PMFBY, the

claim ratio during 2016-17 and 2017-18 was about 74 percent and 83 percent respectively. But the farmers in most affected areas/States received higher claims and the claim ratio was high in these States viz. Kerala 209% and Karnataka-134%, during Kharif 2016, Tamil Nadu - 286% and Andhra Pradesh 172% during Rabi 2016-17.

Similarly during Kharif 2017, the higher claim ratio was in the States of Chhattisgarh - 451%, Haryana - 269%, Madhya Pradesh - 161% and Odisha - 216%. During Rabi 2017-18 high claim ratio States were Odisha (226%), Tamil Nadu (122%) and Chhattisgarh (105%).

Though complete data for Kharif 2018 season is not avail-

able, high Claims ratio has been reported in States of Himachal Pradesh (215%), Haryana (120%), Uttarakhand (115%) and Chhattisgarh (111%) Hence, it is not correct to say that loanee farmers, for whom the Scheme is mandatory, are severely affected economically due to less settlement of claims. State-wise details of claim ratio during 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19 (Provisional for Kharif 2018 season only as complete data is not available for Rabi 2018-19) The performance of PMFBY was dismal in kharif 2017 itself. As against 4.04 crore farmers enrolled in kharif 2016, the numbers dropped by 14 per cent to 3.49 crore in the 2017 kharif season.

The total area insured

under the scheme decreased by 13.27 per cent from 2017-18 to 2016-17. The area insured per farmer in the crop in 2017-18 was 0.02 hectares lesser than that in 2016-17.

In another reply on heat wave to livestock, the ministry said that it has issued a "Pashupalak Calendar" which is a month wise animal husbandry advisory for the farmers, which also include advisories for the months of April, May, June and July for reducing the impact of high temperature on livestock.

The ministry also stated that the government has taken a series of steps to protect indigenous breeds of cow under the Gokul Mission and in the next five years local breeds will be on par with foreign ones.

# BJP breaking TDP through coercive politics: TDP netas

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The defection of four TDP Rajya Sabha members to the BJP figured in the debate on the 'Motion of Thanks' to the President's address on Tuesday in the Lok Sabha where a Telugu Desam Party member slammed the BJP, saying it was "breaking" the TDP by resorting to "coercive politics" and "weaponising" institutions.

Four of the six TDP members in the Rajya Sabha recently joined the BJP and sought merger of the TDP Legislature Party with the saffron party.

"The BJP is breaking our party and driving out four of our Rajya Sabha MPs by resorting to coercive politics and weaponising institutions," Jayadev Galla said participating in the Motion of Thanks to the President's address.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, he said, was using the slogan 'Sabka Sath' but on the ground and in Parliament and in State Assemblies the reality was different.

"What is the meaning of 'Sabka Sath'...The real meaning is you should take us along with you to build this great country. It does not mean that you should gobble MPs from other parties...No party, however, powerful it may be... should be able to dictate terms to smaller and regional parties," he added.

"I wish Prime Minister all the success and hope his slogan 'Sabka Sath Sabka Vikas and Sabka Vishwas' will apply to all regions states and people equitably," he said.

"We have built our institutions brick by brick over decades. And destroying, tinkering, weakening, weaponising these institutions will cripple our democracy," he said.

TDP members Y S Chowdary, C M Ramesh, Garikapati Mohan Rao and T G Venkatesh recently met Rajya Sabha Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu and handed him letter of a resolution passed by the legislature party urging its merger.

BJP's working president J P Nadda and leader of the BJP in Rajya Sabha Thawarchand Gehlot also met Naidu and submitted a proposal from BJP president Amit Shah, saying the party has no objection to the merger of the TDP Legislature party with the BJP.

Three of the four MPs later met Nadda and Gehlot at the party headquarters and joined the BJP.

"I assure them that BJP believes in politics of positivity and inclusiveness," Nadda had told a press conference in the presence of TDP MPs.

Their decision to back the BJP will give a boost to the saffron party in the upper house as the ruling National Democratic Alliance does not have a majority there yet.

# DRDO scientist's herbal drug to treat leucoderma soon

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Based on a better understanding of how herbal drug Lukoskin has helped in managing vitiligo, or leucoderma in which skin develops white patches, scientists at DRDO's Pithoragarh lab Defence Institute of Bio-energy Research (DIBER) have now developed a more effective and promising version of the herbal product which was launched in market a few years ago.

"The new version will soon be available for the benefit of patients," said Dr Hemant Pande, senior DRDO scientist who last month won prestigious 'Science Award'

- Anyone can get vitiligo, though the chances increase somewhat if someone else in the family has it.
- Vitiligo occurs in people of all skin colors, but it is most noticeable on black skin. It is not contagious and not life-threatening.
- Skin cells make a pigment called melanin, which gives the skin its color. Scientist say that the skin affected by vitiligo develops when the body forms an antibody against melanin and destroys it.
- Huge stigma associated with vitiligo leaves the person in psychological and emotional stress.

on National Technology Day for developing Lukoskin. Presently, the herbal drug is being sold and marketed by Delhi-based AIMIL Pharma Ltd and is getting good response.

Pande said in fact it was only after we got positive results for Lukoskin, we started working on its advanced

version which is formulation of over 18 herbs and is more effective with results delivering in short duration treatment. The remedy has shown promising results in mice as well as in people, said Dr Pande, who presently heads Herbal Medicine Division of DIBER.

He pointed out that while

various remedies of vitiligo viz., allopathic, surgical and adjunctive were available, none of them were very effective or without side effects.

"Moreover, these are either costly or single molecule based, with very low level of efficacy and develop side-effects like blister, edema, irritation in the skin with the result most of the patients discontinue the treatment," said Pande, a recipient of several prestigious awards for his contribution in herbal medicine field. In fact, in 2015, Lukoskin helped him bag Agri-Innovation Award.

"Hence, we focused on the causes of disease (aetiology) and researched out a com-

prehensive formulation for the management of leucoderma from Himalayan herbs by exhaustive scientific studies. We all know while allopathy masks the disease, ayurveda ensures rooting out the disease," said Dr Pande.

Lukoskin is available in the form of ointment and oral liquid. The ointment has seven herbal ingredients having properties such as skin photo sensitizer, anti-blisters, anti-irritation, anti-septic, wound healing and copper supplementing properties while the oral dose has been formulated to check the emergence of new spots, added Dr Nitika Kohli, an Ayurveda expert.

The world wide incidence

of leucoderma has been reported 1-2 per cent. In India, its incidence is around 4-5 per cent in some parts of Rajasthan and Gujarat it is very high more than 5-8 per cent.

A team of international dermatologists too after reviewing various studies said in their review 'Herbal Compounds for the Treatment of Vitiligo: A Review' published last year that some herbal compounds may be considered as valid therapeutic tools for the treatment of vitiligo.

Madhubala, Director, DIBER added that the lab has been encouraging scientifically validated herbal drugs to ensure their domestic as well as global acceptance.

PAPER WITH PASSION

## Report most foul

The US State Department report on religious intolerance in India is nothing but the pot calling the kettle black



Both India and the United States (US) are among the world's greatest democracies with attendant challenges of accommodating all kinds of human freedoms, socio-cultural, economic and religious. So it is but expected that the US would at least have the maturity to understand the problems arising from a melting pot of different people rather than censure us for being "intolerant." Which is why the *Report on International Religious Freedom 2018*, available on the website of the US State Department, alleging that the "authorities often failed to prosecute perpetrators of 'cow vigilante' attacks, which included killings, mob violence, and intimidation," is irresponsible, biased, ugly, acerbic and nothing short of a lobbyist rant. Worse, it has lumped our scenario with the same dismissive air as it has passed judgement on Croatia. But perhaps the US would have done well to subject its own record of religious intolerance and hate crimes to the perception of others. For if that is indeed the case, this report would seem nothing short of the pot calling the kettle black.

According to a recent analysis by the Pew Research Center, most American adults (82 per cent) say Muslims are subject to at least some discrimination in the US. A majority (56 per cent) feels Muslims are discriminated against a lot. Among US Muslims themselves, many say they have experienced "specific instances of discrimination, including being treated with suspicion, singled out by airport security or called offensive names," according to a 2017 survey of Muslim Americans. The FBI statistics of 2017 also show hate crimes against Muslims rising by more than 60 per cent. And we are not even talking of racist attacks, which have affected Indians, particularly Sikhs, who continue to be looked upon as some threatening species post 9/11. There has been an increase in anti-Semitic crimes like the desecration of 170 graves in a Jewish Cemetery in Missouri and threats to Jewish culture groups and journalists. This despite the Jews controlling a sizeable economic pie. Clearly, there has been no revision of mindsets despite changed realities. The Southern Poverty Law Center "counted 1,094 bias-related incidents in the month following Trump's November election victory, including 33 against Jews, 108 involving swastikas and 47 White nationalist fliers." Considering all these figures are coming out of the US itself, it is a comment on how Americans view other people who are not like them. And in the process deduce that others are capable of behaviour that they themselves are guilty of. India has a civilisational history embedded in plurality and has been welcoming of the world over millennia. This was even before statute books included the world called "secularism." So castigating a people based on specific incidents and localised contexts, which may not be representative of a whole nation, is quite uncalled for. Of course, the politics behind the circulation of such a report is unmistakable. Perhaps it was a tad mis-timed, considering that the Government of Prime Minister Narendra Modi has won the confidence of the people a second time, romping home with a massive majority in the Lok Sabha. Admitted, his first tenure had some embarrassing moments and cases, which were played up to suit an easy narrative. But that's the reason why he has made earning every community's trust, "sabka viswas," his key plank and hopes to be an internationalist. Besides, the US must understand that our constitutional and institutional integrity and independence are bigger than any individual or brand of politics. And there are several cases where the top courts have protected religious freedoms even in the face of majoritarian pressure. The next time the US does a report, it would do well to do a comprehensive research than do activist-style cherry picking. And it must remember that bilateral relations flourish best with shared concerns rather than employing bullying tactics.

## Reset the relationship

Indo-US ties have been impacted by Donald Trump's talk on trade yet both nations need each other



US President Donald Trump is not an internationalist. Given half a chance, he would withdraw from the rest of the world, unless there was a nice golf course around. As he begins his re-election campaign, Trump is appealing to nativist American voters and plans to tell them that his tough stance on trade has led to more jobs being created at home. While the primary target of his trade ire has been China, Trump has been an equal opportunity trade war firestarter. He has quarrelled with

the European Union and Japan as well as Canada and Mexico. In his zeal for 'fair' trade, he has damaged American military interests and his fascination with towers that bear his name has made him soft on nations he shouldn't privilege over others.

Needless to say, India has also been targeted by the Trump Administration for "unfair" trade practices. Some could argue that India is a blameless collateral victim in Trump's trade war-mongering, but that would require a suspension of belief. The fact is that India still has an extremely protectionist attitude towards its own industries and Trump has a point. In fact, a sensible decision with Trump would have been to have given him a few victories early on, a dramatic reduction on import duties for high-powered motorcycles and cars, as he initially railed against these. May be the buffons at Udyog Bhawan, like their counterparts in Beijing and Brussels, didn't take Trump seriously and thought his pronouncements were just politicking and that the free trade, capitalist instincts of the Republican party would kick in ultimately. However, Trump's victory in 2016 was a clear indication of the rise of nativist, nationalistic forces across the world and his latest tweets about US involvement in the Arabian peninsula are a sign that he would happily withdraw the US protection that has underpinned the global order since World War II. Trump's Secretary of State Mike Pompeo is visiting India with not just a wishlist of trade demands but also areas to expand India-US ties into. However, Pompeo should also assuage Indian authorities. While there should be scope for negotiation on some aspects, it is not India's job to always keep Trump and his cohorts happy. The US threat to reduce H-1B visa quotas for Indians is just a sign of the lengths the US will go to. However, it would be prudent for India to realise that Trump's main battle is with China and it is in the US' best interests to keep India onside. Yes, India should make some concessions on trade and give Trump a victory or two, better still invite him and give him a medal or three and take him to a Bollywood shoot and a round at the Delhi Golf Club. Traditional diplomacy is out of the window now, the Trump era of engagement is very different.

# Follies of allocation

It is obvious that spending on education can yield major economic returns. India must invest in this sector as it guarantees an all-round spinoff



RK PACHAURI

Subsidies are often part of public policy but in several cases can be used for helping vested interests and often result in misallocation of resources. A recent report clearly shows the major distortions that exist at the global level in respect of subsidies on fossil fuels. As it happens, these, in the case of the US, turn out to be 10 times more than the expenditure on education.

The recent publication referred to shows that the International Monetary Fund (IMF) estimates that \$5.2 trillion was spent globally on fossil fuel subsidies in 2017. This represents the equivalent of 6.5 per cent of the global Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in that particular year, representing half a trillion increase since 2015, when apparently China was responsible for subsidies of \$1.4 trillion, the US for \$649 billion and Russia for \$551 billion. These apparently were the largest subsidisers of fossil fuels.

What is particularly significant is the fact that in the Paris Agreement on climate change, carbon dioxide emissions were required to go down significantly through the implementation of renewable energy programmes, which are a substitute for fossil fuels. However, with the subsidies in place now, there would be little incentive for renewables to replace fossil energy. The IMF report explains that fossil fuels account for 85 per cent of all global subsidies and that they remain largely attached to policies that are formulated at the domestic level. It also estimates that had nations reduced subsidies in a manner that would create efficient fossil fuel pricing in 2015, this would have lowered carbon emissions by 28 per cent, fossil fuel air pollution deaths by 46 per cent and increased Government revenue by 3.8 per cent of the GDP.

With a new budget being formulated in India, it would be important to look at how perhaps some subsidies, which might have pernicious impacts on the economy and particularly on the disparity of income between rich and poor, could be tapped and utilised for generating resources that essentially lead to a much higher level of human welfare. In the case of the US, the \$649 billion subsidies in 2015 were more than the country's defence budget and happened to be 10 times the federal spending for education. Of course, this becomes even more significant when it is shown that 80 per cent of the US could, in fact, have been powered by renewable energy if the amount spent on fossil fuel subsidies would have been removed and used for investments in renewable sources of energy.

The case of education is particularly relevant because it has been found that education is by far, particularly in a developing country, the most attractive means of investments by which human society could benefit. It was actually way back in the 1960s when a researcher by the name of Nalla



Grounden carried out a detailed study in which it was estimated that net education capital formation during the period 1950-51 to 1960-61 actually provided an extremely attractive form of investment when compared with physical capital. And within the education system itself, it was found that primary education is the most attractive, providing a significantly higher return on capital invested than physical capital itself. The study, therefore, suggested a diversion of resources, which, perhaps, should take into account the levels of return that would be available from different levels of education as well as those for physical capital.

It is difficult to understand and certainly irrational as a form of overall macro policy that when it comes to impacts, for instance, on natural resources and the ecosystem services that human society and other species generally depend on, that we do not regard these as important. Similar concerns are also valid in the case of education policy. It is obvious that education has multiple benefits. It was found, for instance, in a detailed study that a 10 per cent increase in female primary education can be expected to decrease infant mortality by 4.1 deaths per thousand.

It is also significant that in the case of fertility, there is a direct link between the provi-

“IT IS ALSO SIGNIFICANT THAT IN THE CASE OF FERTILITY, THERE IS A DIRECT LINK BETWEEN THE PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES AND RISING LEVELS OF MATERNAL EDUCATION RESULTING IN BENEFITS, BOTH IN RESPECT OF FERTILITY AS WELL AS INFANT MORTALITY”

sion of health services and rising levels of maternal education, resulting in benefits both in respect of fertility as well as infant mortality. Studies have found that the influence of parental schooling operates through various medical services and changes in household behaviour as far as health is concerned, such as washing hands and using boiled water for drinking purposes. The study found that returns to investment in women's education far exceed those for men's, particularly for those women who obtain employment. When an addition is made to the health and fertility benefits in terms of externalities, the case for educating girls becomes substantially stronger.

Overall, there are various benefits that have been estimated through a set of detailed empirical studies, which can be attributed to expenditures and the activities related to education. It is obvious that spending on education is an investment with major economic returns. The empirical literature generally counts hundreds of studies that have estimated the economic return to investments in education and human capital formation as very attractive. Nevertheless, this is a subject on which considerable research has to be done in locations that define the context of socio-economic and other characteristics

in any society. The impact of the quality of human capital is also particularly important, quite apart from the quantity which can be measured. This is where major reform in provision of education will be extremely important because mere expenditure by itself will not necessarily result in an improvement in the quality of education that is provided. There are also various empirical studies that show the link of education with economic growth.

Further, as mentioned above, education also reduces infant mortality. Finally, the more educated the parents, particularly the mother, the lower is maternal mortality. The influence of parental education is particularly significant for any generation and the benefits it derives are not only confined to that generation itself, but also previous generations representing the level of education of parents. In a country like India, where education levels have remained pathetically low after seven decades, we need to allocate resources to this sector perhaps far beyond those for other investment options. And, subsidies, which often continue year in and year out, require evaluation both in respect of the social benefits they provide and the opportunity costs they carry. (The writer is former chairman, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, 2002-15)

## SOUNDBITE

There are some who feel only a few names contributed to the national progress. They only want to hear those few names and ignore the others.

Prime Minister  
—Narendra Modi



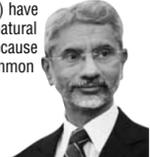
As actors, we know what we sign up for before we get into it. It's part and parcel and you've to deal with people's opinion, criticism.

Actor  
—Sonakshi Sinha



Both countries (India, US) have their own interests. It is natural to have some conflicts because of that. We will find a common ground using diplomacy.

External Affairs Minister  
—S Jaishankar



A strong and independent media is one of the reasons why the democratic experiment has succeeded in India while it has flourished in many countries.

Shiromani Akali Dal patron  
—Parkash Singh Badal



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Use water efficiently

Sir — This refers to the article, "A real solution to water woes" (June 25) by Markandey Katju. The water crisis, especially in Chennai, has to be taken as a forewarning. We talk about water management but appear to be doing precious little despite credible scientific data indicating growing water poverty. We have ample means to harness nature's bounty.

Water bodies are used as dump yards, river banks are encroached upon and lake beds become sites for real estate. Proper water conservation techniques, recycling and reuse of water, mandatory installations for water harvesting, water collection in lakes and identifying water bodies can help avoid scarcity to an extent. Governments have to work out a plan.

M Pradyu  
Kannur

### Set priorities right

Sir — This refers to the article, "Some merit in 'one poll' idea" (June 25) by Uttam Gupta. Frankly speaking, 'one nation

### Justice Gogoi's demands merit attention

This refers to the editorial, "Longer term for judges" (June 24). Pendency of cases in the higher courts has been a perennial issue for litigants and judges alike. True, even doubling the Bench strength in the Supreme Court and High Courts may not bring respite because of people's tendency to file cases at the drop of a hat. In the absence of alternative dispute redressal mechanisms, the problem becomes all the more excruciating. Disproportionate number of cases are filed on a daily basis. The problem, therefore, is chronic. This does not mean that the Chief Justice of India (CJI) remains a mute spectator to the turn of events. And Justice Ranjan Gogoi has not. He has written three letters to the Prime Minister, talking about the ways to tackle accumulation of cases. Obviously, augmentation of the strength of judges in the top court has been the CJI's primary concern. But he did not stop there. One aspect which many legal luminaries have addressed in the past — hiring of retired Supreme Court and High Court judges to "tenure posts" to dispose of cases — was reiterated by Gogoi. These former judges will bring tremendous amounts



of experience and talent, familiarity with the task at hand and focus on the job with no worries over interference, promotion or transfer. The CJI has advocated for another long-standing demand: Of increasing the retirement age of High Court judges to 65 from the present 62. Judges with rare brilliance and integrity have missed out on showing their mettle due to the age factor. If the Prime Minister and the CJI join hands to espouse the cause of the litigant and make them a reality, so be it.

Ganapathi Bhat  
Akola

one poll' may be an idea whose time may not have come yet. If implemented, it is bound to face insurmountable hurdles. First, many changes into the Constitutional have to be incorporated to bring the idea into practice. The existence of multiple regional parties, stable Governments in different States

and their continuance for mandated period may be detrimental to the implementation of this idea. People voted for the NDA in the Lok Sabha elections with hopes that a stable Government at the Centre would find solutions to some of the most pressing issues surrounding the country, its people and the economy. The

Prime Minister as well as the BJP must not be insouciant or indifferent in fulfilling the electoral promises made during the election campaigns. At the outset, the Government must focus on key areas like jobs, inequality and agriculture.

Nimai Charan Swain  
Bhubaneswar

### Unhealthy practice

Sir — Stung by the Lok Sabha results, West Bengal Chief Minister and Trinamool Congress (TMC) chief Mamata Banerjee has asked her party leaders to return the "cut money" they extorted from beneficiaries of welfare schemes since 2011. Mamata's *diktat* has opened a Pandora's box. Reportedly, hundreds of people have lined up at the doorstep of municipality and gram panchayat members seeking refund of the amount.

Mamata's order bears testimony to the bribe taken by her party leaders. The concept of not treating the bribe-seekers as criminals seems to be the new normal. Complaints against bribe takers often fall on blind eyes and deaf ears by the concerned authorities. People, therefore, have come to the conclusion that getting the work done is easier by paying bribe than facing the ordeals of rule observation.

KV Seetharamaiah  
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## FIRST COLUMN

## Ethiopia's lucky premier

Abiy Ahmed has done everything he could think for the country and yet, he is in a very precarious position to have survived three deadly attacks



GWYNNE DYER

Ethiopia's Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed is a very lucky man. He has survived three attempts to kill or overthrow him in the past year. Last June, he escaped unhurt in a grenade attack that killed one and wounded scores at a political rally. In October, his office in the capital, Addis Ababa, was surrounded by angry soldiers, who threatened to kill him over low pay, but he talked them down. And recently, he emerged unscathed from an attempted military coup. It was a very serious attempt. In the Capital, Gen Se'are Mekonnen was shot dead by his own bodyguard as was another General who was visiting his home. Abiy had made Se'are the chief of staff of the Ethiopian Army, a controversial appointment, only a year ago.

At the same time, another of Abiy's appointees, Ambachew Mekonnen, the Governor of the key Amhara region, was murdered together with his top advisor in the region's capital, Bahir Dar. It was clearly a quite broad plot but its coordination must have been off. Police are still rounding up suspected plotters and Abiy Ahmed was still Prime Minister on Monday. That is a very good thing because Abiy Ahmed is Ethiopia's best chance of breaking the cycle of tyrannies that has blighted its modern history. It is Africa's second biggest country (102 million people) and one of the world's fastest growing economies but its politics has been cursed.

In the past century, it has gone from a medieval monarchy to rule by foreign fascists (it was conquered by Mussolini's Italy in the 1930s) and then back to an only slightly less medieval tyranny for another 30 years — until a Marxist-led military coup in 1974. The 'Derg' junta murdered the emperor and half a million other Ethiopians — mostly the better educated ones — in a 'Red Terror' that fell short of the Khmer Rouge's 'killing fields' but not by much. Then, after almost two decades, the Soviet Union collapsed, the foreign aid to the Communists stopped and the Reds were overthrown in their turn in 1991. The victor that time was a coalition of ethnic rebel groups, militarised and brutalised by a long guerrilla war against the Derg, who slid quickly into the seats of power and remained there comfortably until last year. The political killings declined but the tyranny they protected did not — until suddenly, last year, they handed the whole mess over to Abiy Ahmed.

They did so because the mess was getting out of hand. Ethiopia is a very complicated country: Four major ethnic groups, all of which have fought each other in the course of the country's long history, and a litter of smaller ethnic groups as well. The country is also divided between a Christian majority and a big Muslim minority. To make matters worse, one of the larger ethnic groups, the Tigrayans, dominated the military and intelligence services and, therefore, the regime as a whole — and there was no shred of democracy anywhere in the system. There were pro forma elections but in the last edition, in 2015, not a single Opposition candidate won a seat in Parliament.

The longer the Tigrayans dominated at the Centre, the more unpopular the federal Government became and in the meanwhile, the country's relentless population growth intensified the land disputes between rival ethnic groups. Since 2015, some three million Ethiopians have become internal refugees, mainly due to struggles over land. So in April 2018, in desperation, the ruling Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Democratic Front handed the prime ministership over to Abiy Ahmed. Abiy is certainly a "child of the Party", which he joined at 15, but he is a reformer who can be all things to all people. His father was Muslim, his mother was Christian. As an Oromo, he comes from the lowest rungs of the Ethiopian ethnic pecking order (no Oromo has ever held such high office before). He is fluent in Afaan Oromo, Amharic, Tigrinya and English. And he is a very modern man. He knew he had to move fast, so he immediately ended the state of Emergency and changed almost all the senior military commanders. He appointed a Cabinet that was half female, plus women as president and as head of the Supreme Court.

He released thousands of political prisoners. He freed the media, made the leader of an Opposition party head of the Electoral Board and put her in charge of organising free elections in 2020. He made peace and re-opened the border with Eritrea after 20 years of hot and cold war. He has done pretty well everything he could think of, and he did it in little over a year. And yet, he is still in a very precarious position. It could not be otherwise. He is trying to free a big, complex, traumatised country from a century of dreadful history, and the odds, of course, are against him. But he's not down yet.

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

FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS, THE NATION WENT THROUGH A SUPER EMERGENCY. WE MUST FIGHT TO SAFEGUARD OUR DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS.

—WEST BENGAL CHIEF MINISTER  
MAMATA BANERJEE

## POINT COUNTERPOINT



THE WAY MAMATA IS RULING TODAY, SHE IS NOT LESS THAN THE EMERGENCY. SHE IS RUNNING A VERY POOR GOVERNMENT. THERE IS A LOT OF VIOLENCE.

—UNION MINISTER  
PRAKASH JAVADEKAR

## Articles of seclusion

Both Modi and Shah face their biggest challenge yet of translating the BJP's promise on Articles 370 and 35 A into reality and negotiating anxieties and sensitivities along the way



PRASHANT TEWARI

With a majority Government in the Lok Sabha and a near-majority in the Rajya Sabha, the Narendra Modi-led NDA Government is better placed to correct the historical mistake when the then Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and the then Prime Minister of Jammu & Kashmir Sheikh Abdullah signed the Delhi Pact in 1952.

Article 35A of the Constitution protects any laws in Jammu & Kashmir relating to the definition and privileges of permanent residents from being challenged as discriminatory or unconstitutional. As an example of these privileges, Jammu & Kashmir restricts anyone except permanent residents from acquiring immovable property. Article 35A grants the State Legislative Assembly the power to make such a restriction and prevents any challenge against this on the basis that this is inconsistent with the laws that apply to other citizens of India.

Several political and defence analysts attribute the instability in Jammu & Kashmir to India's inability to fully integrate the State into the Union. The challenges towards such integration have historical roots, dating to the circumstances under which the State, led by Maharaja Hari Singh, acceded to India, following Pakistan's attempts to annex the State through force. Pakistan has also pursued the "bleeding cuts" theory, consistently providing support to terrorist and separatist movements in Jammu & Kashmir and extending such support to promote terror in other parts of the country to further its own interests. The third factor is the imposition of Article 370 in the Indian Constitution and the addition of Article 35A, through the provisions of Article 370.

Article 35A was incorporated under Article 370 through a Constitutional order signed by former President Rajendra Prasad in 1954. Sixty-three years after Rajendra Prasad signed the Constitutional order bringing Article 35A into existence, its validity is being questioned because there is a complete change in the political architecture of the State and unrest in the Valley fuelled by the Pakistani establishment in the name of religion since many decades.

A Constitutional order is essentially an expansion of an existing provision that does not need to be voted on, or need the approval of the Parliament. Article 35A was included in the Constitution through a presidential order and not with the Parliament's approval.

What is the relevance of Article 370 to this debate? Prior to accession, the ruler of the princely State of Jammu & Kashmir, Maharaja Hari Singh, was in total control of all matters of administration and governance except defence, foreign affairs and communication, which came under the British. At the time of independence, Maharaja Hari Singh, albeit under pressure from tribal insurgents, chose to accede to India but agreed to sign the Instrument of Accession as long as the same arrangement was allowed to continue.

In 1949, all princely States were requested to send their representatives to the Constituent Assembly to help draft the Constitution of India. The princely States were also encouraged to set up their own constituent Assemblies. The Jammu & Kashmir Constituent Assembly's



only representation was to incorporate only those provisions in the Indian Constitution that corresponded with the Instrument of Accession. This came to be known as Article 370.

It must be noted, however, that Article 370 was stipulated in the Indian Constitution as a temporary provision. In the 60 years since, Jammu & Kashmir continues to enjoy its special status but its autonomous nature has eroded considerably. Over the years, the Reserve Bank of India and the Supreme Court have extended their jurisdiction to the State. A more recent and relevant example, however, is when India awoke to a brand new taxation system on the midnight of July 1, the State of Jammu & Kashmir stayed out of it. The latter came under a new tax regime a week after the Jammu & Kashmir State Assembly passed a resolution accepting the Goods and Services Tax, which was then formalised with a presidential order passed by the then President Pranab Mukherjee.

Article 35A violates the very concept of equality enshrined in the Constitution of India. Its treatment of non-permanent residents of Jammu & Kashmir is akin to treating its own people as second class citizens. The provisions of Article 35A also violate the principles of gender equality. Section 6 of the Constitution of Jammu & Kashmir, which derives its power from Article 35A, discriminates against women residents of the State, who marry a person from another State. The children from such unions are not entitled to the Permanent Resident Certificate (PRC) or the benefits accruing from it, such as the right to acquire immovable property and a Government job. The same, however, does not apply to the offspring of a male who marries a woman from another State.

Article 35A is in the limelight nowadays. There are two views prevalent in the country — one in its support and the other against it. This matter is sub-judice in the Supreme Court of

India. The Kashmiris feel that scrapping Article 35A would prejudice their identity as a Kashmiri and would disturb their privacy in the State. Farooq Abdullah, National Conference leader, says, "If 35A is abrogated, the revolt is going to be bigger." The other view, comprising the ruling party BJP and its supporters, believes that Article 35A should be scrapped to strengthen the unity and integrity of the nation. Article 35A is a symbol of "Kashmiri colonialism" over the rest of Jammu & Kashmir, they argue.

But there is a growing sentiment to relook at Article 370 and Article 35A. There will be violence instigated in the Kashmir Valley when the nation takes recourse to such action, but that cannot, and must not, deter the State from preserving the right to equality, enshrined in the Constitution. For the good of the people of India and for the residents of Jammu & Kashmir, Article 35A must be repealed forthwith as it will pave the way for the development of the state and its total integration with the union.

The Lok Sabha 2019 verdict, which gave Modi a massive second mandate, and his subsequent decision to allocate the Ministry of Home Affairs to his deputy Amit Shah, have predictably set off apprehensions. After all, Shah has been nothing short of belligerent in voicing his views on Articles 370 and 35A, and how these "special" Constitutional provisions have been an impediment to the progress of the Kashmiri people. The BJP election manifesto, jointly released by Prime Minister Modi and Shah ahead of the blistering poll campaign they crafted together, clearly lays out the party's position and intent: "In the last few years, we have made all necessary efforts to ensure peace in Jammu and Kashmir through decisive actions and a firm policy. We are committed to overcome all obstacles that come in the way of development and provide adequate financial resources to all the regions of the state. We reiterate our position

since the time of the Jan Sangh to the abrogation of Article 370. We are committed to annulling Article 35A of the Constitution of India as the provision is discriminatory against non-permanent residents and women of Jammu and Kashmir. We believe that Article 35A is an obstacle in the development of the state."

Now both Modi and Shah face their biggest challenge yet of translating this promise into reality and negotiating many anxieties and sensitivities along the way. Notably, after Partition, Jammu and Kashmir's prime minister Sheikh Abdullah carved out 30 seats for the Jammu region, 43 seats for Kashmir region and two seats for the Ladakh region. At present, the Assembly has 87 elected seats with Kashmir having 46 seats, Jammu 37 and Ladakh four. The BJP is hoping that since Jammu has more area than Kashmir, it would get more seats under delimitation than Kashmir. According to the 2011 census, the total population of Jammu region was 53,78,538 of which Dogras are the dominant group, comprising 62.55 per cent of the population.

Jammu has 25.93 per cent of the area and 42.89 per cent of the population. Against this, the Kashmir region's population in 2011 was 68,88,475 of which 96.40 per cent was Muslim. Though it has only 15.73 per cent of the state's area, the Kashmir region holds 54.93 per cent of the population. Ladakh has 58.33 per cent of the area and accounts for 2.18 per cent of the population. A mere 2,74,289 people reside in Ladakh, of which 46.40 per cent are Muslims, 12.11 per cent Hindus and 39.67 per cent are Buddhists.

The Modi 2.0 Government would like to correct the regional imbalance based on the area, population and proportionate assembly representation to solve the Kashmir riddle.

(The writer is Editor-in-Chief, *Opinion Express*)

## AI can do wonders for aviation

The era of robotics and AI promises to change the way airports will be designed in the future, making for an easier journey. The air transport community can minimise the impact of disruption, improve passenger experience and streamline services



MANEESH JAIKRISHNA

One of the most interesting technological developments that is going to benefit various sectors of the global economy is Artificial Intelligence (AI). It has gained significant interest on the part of global tech giants who understand the potential of AI. Added to this are rapid technological developments in the past decade. For example, we have seen the world's greatest chess grandmaster Garry Kasparov being defeated by IBM's deep blue computer. More recently, Google's DeepMind's 'Go-playing AI' achieved victory of an even more complex game against a Korean grandmaster. This proves the significance of AI in terms of growth and the possibilities it can explore.

**Aviation and AI:** The future of air transport will be driven by digital transformation. The Asia Pacific is leading in terms of growth of this sector. By 2036, the region is expected to handle over 4.1 billion passengers — more than half of the world's passenger traffic. As per IATA's 20-year air passenger forecast, India stands as one of the top five fastest-growing markets in terms of additional passengers per year, with 322 million new passengers for a total of 442 million.

But with this growth come challenges and stresses on infrastructure and processes. In such a scenario, smart use of technology can help address issues of rising passenger numbers, limited infrastructure and increased complexity. The era of robotics and AI promises to change the way airports will be designed in future, making for an easier journey.

Smarter airports will need information and the required tools. A new era of real-time business intelligence and analytics is beckoning. And this demands a new approach to harness and exploit the massive amount of data at our fingertips. New technologies

promise to help airlines and airports to "look ahead" and to predict future events that threaten to disrupt travel. The aviation industry has been severely affected by disruptions, impacting the passengers, cargo and operations. A recent IATA report showed that the average on-time performance for 26 million flights globally each year stands at 76 per cent. With rising passenger numbers and growth of the aviation industry, there is a risk that even this performance will deteriorate.

**Beckoning a new era of business intelligence:** AI has the potential to radically change what has really been a set of airport processes that have been manual and have not changed much over the past few decades. It can potentially allow these processes or steps in the journey to be automated using intelligent machines without having to stop to interact with a person first, enabling people to focus on more complex or personal tasks. Today, airports and airlines are seeking more control and predictability over the situation and AI is one of the emerging technologies that offers future strategic and operational benefits. For pas-

senger experience, airlines are investing in digitalisation, especially new technologies such as AI and blockchain. As per our recent study, high on airline agendas are AI-driven virtual agents and chatbots, with 85 per cent of them using or planning to use AI for services by 2021. This will help deliver a more connected experience for travellers by answering questions and relaying flight status information.

**Revolutionising operations:** AI embraces the disciplines of machine learning, machine vision, natural language processing and robotics. Embracing the Internet of Things and connecting everything across the industry will produce more data that can be used with AI to create valuable insights and expose new ways of working. Over the next 20 years, the use of digital technology to improve service, operations and efficiency will have profound effects on air transport.

Airports and airlines can harness the potential of advanced machine learning and AI to forecast aircraft arrival times as far out as 24 hours, giving airports the opportunity to manage and mitigate disruption. Singapore's

Changi Airport is an example of how AI can be leveraged to draw valuable insights from masses of historical data accumulated from flights and delays coupled with real-time information to predict flight delays.

At present, human interventions are required to make decisions — from maintenance and crew connections to ground handling and scheduling integrity. In order to improve operational efficiencies, collaboration of human and AI is required. AI will allow humans to identify passenger value and process quick re-bookings of flights of those valued passengers first if their flight has been cancelled. By accelerating historical data value analysis using AI, we can create a list according to priority — at speeds and with levels of accuracy simply impossible by humans. AI will also help ensure better visibility of aircraft turnaround and identify issues before they happen. It can be used in the form of computer or machine vision to monitor all stakeholders.

Smart tech and AI also promise to ensure reduction in the number of bags lost. Using AI, intelligent machines will

enable bags to be autonomously managed from the moment a passenger checks-in to when it arrives at the destination — all without human intervention. For example, in this vision of the future, autonomous loaders can be used to transport bags between the terminal and the aircraft. The data will also provide passengers real-time updates.

**View ahead of us:** The future for airlines and airports is undoubtedly getting smarter. AI is starting to link the players and the processes across the passenger journey, providing a smart way of managing an increasingly complex ecosystem. By adopting analytics and AI as part of the ecosystem, the air transport community can minimise the impact of disruption on passenger experience, support the customers and even make their services better. AI is taking us one step closer to operational excellence and we can expect the future to see more and more examples of AI starting to make an impact in the information security space alongside analytics.

(The writer is vice president, *India and sub-continent, Eastern and Southern Africa, SITA*)



## FOREIGN EYE

## NOT OK, GOOGLE

Voice is going to become the chief way that we make our wants known to computers — and when they respond, they will do so with female voices. This detail may seem trivial, but it goes to the heart of the way in which the spread of digital technologies can amplify and extend social prejudice. Companies want them to be used, of course, and this requires making them appear helpful. That's especially necessary when their helpfulness is limited in the real world: Although they are getting better at answering queries outside narrow and canned parameters, they could not easily ever be mistaken for a human being on the basis of their words alone. (The Guardian editorial)

# Currency in circulation rises 22% in May



**PTI ■ NEW DELHI**

Currency notes in circulation stood at ₹21.71 lakh crore at May-end 2019, showing an increase of more than 22 per cent over the pre-demonetisation level.

As per a written reply given by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in the Rajya Sabha Tuesday, the notes in circulation as on November 4, 2016 were ₹17,74,187 crore, which have now increased to ₹21,71,385 crore as on May 31, 2019.

In a shock decision, the government had decided to demonetise old ₹500/1,000 notes on November 8, 2016.

Sitharaman said the notes in circulation had grown at an

average growth rate of 14.51 per cent year on year wise since October 2014.

"As actual notes in circulation on May 31, 2019 are only 21,713.85 billion, the demonetisation, followed by digitalisation and reduction of cash use in informal economy has succeeded in reducing the notes in circulation by as much as 3,408.68 billion rupees," she said.

The demonetisation, the minister said, was done with a view to eliminate black money, curb fake currency and thereby to create deterrence to funding of terror and left-wing extremism, facilitate transition of India's non-formal economy into a formal economy and to

give boost to digitalisation, among other objectives.

Sitharaman further said that as reported by the RBI, 7,62,072 pieces of counterfeit bank notes were detected in the banking system during 2016-17, 5,22,783 pieces in 2017-18 and 3,17,389 in 2018-19.

Hence, demonetisation resulted in curbing of the counterfeit currency, she added.

The minister further said a significant growth has been observed in digital transactions in the country post demonetisation.

Growth of digital transactions in terms of value has increased to 188.07 lakh crore in September 2018 from 112.27 lakh crore in November 2016.

# Govt, RBI closely monitoring rupee exchange rate: Sitharaman

**PTI ■ NEW DELHI**

The Government and the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) are closely monitoring the rupee exchange rate against the dollar on an on-going basis, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said Tuesday.

The rupee has depreciated from ₹60.50 to a dollar in 2013-14 to ₹69.74 to a dollar in April-December of 2018-19, the minister said in a written reply to the Rajya Sabha.

"The Government and Reserve Bank of India are closely monitoring the emerging external position including exchange rate of the rupee on an on-going basis and are calibrating policies or regulations to support robust macroeconomic outcome," she said.

The rupee closed at 69.36 to a dollar on Tuesday.

Inward remittances from Indians residing abroad stood at \$58.31 billion in April-December 2018-19, against \$69.12 billion in the full financial year 2017-18.

It was \$61.29 billion in 2016-17, \$65.59 billion in 2015-16, \$69.81 billion in 2014-15 and \$69.63 billion in 2013-14.

Sitharaman said as per the latest annual report of the home ministry, over ₹15,000 crore and over ₹20,000 crore was received in 2016-17 and 2015-16 under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 2010. "No reason has been stated for the decline in the foreign contribution in the report".

# Sensex surps 312 pts; energy, auto, banking stocks rally

**PTI ■ MUMBAI**

The BSE Sensex on Tuesday rallied about 312 points, driven by energy, auto and banking stocks as monsoons swift progress revived investor sentiment.

After trading in the red zone for a better part of the session, the BSE gauge pared losses and soared over 350 points, before settling 311.98 points, or 0.80 per cent, higher at 39,434.94. The index hit an intra-day high of 39,490.64 and a low of 38,946.04.

Similarly, the broader NSE Nifty rose 96.80 points, or 0.83 per cent, to 11,796.45. During the day, the index touched a high of 11,814.40 and a low of 11,651.

RIL was the biggest gainer in the Sensex pack, rising 2.63 per cent, followed by NTPC, Axis Bank, Tata Steel, PowerGrid, HDFC twins, Bharti Airtel, M&M, ICICI Bank, SBI and Bajaj Finance — gaining up to 2.51 per cent.

While, Yes Bank, Asian Paints, IndusInd Bank, TechM, HUL, TCS, L&T, Hero MotoCorp and HCL Tech fell up to 1.70 per cent.

Markets pared initial losses following India Meteorological Departments (IMD) statement that India's annual monsoon rains have covered nearly half of the country, and conditions are favourable for further advancement to the central and western parts this week, said Narendra Solanki, Head Fundamental Research (Investment Services) — AVP Equity Research, Anand Rathi Shares & Stock Brokers.

"Positive sentiment further strengthened in the market in afternoon session on back of buying in banking, metals and realty stocks," he added.

Meanwhile, bourses in Shanghai, Hong Kong, Tokyo and Seoul ended on a negative note. Equity markets in Europe were also trading in the red in early deals.

On the currency front, the Indian rupee was trading flat at 69.36 against the US dollar intra-day.

Brent crude futures, the global oil benchmark, fell 0.36 per cent to \$63.95 per barrel.



## Business Corner



NTPC held its 17th Foreign Lenders Meet in Mumbai on Tuesday. The meet was aimed to brief the representatives of the foreign banks and financial institutions about the company's Operational and Financial performance during the financial year 2018-19, growth plans and funding requirements, etc. for the future



Rakesh Kumar, Chairman, SCOPE and CMD, NLC India Limited made a courtesy call to Arjun Ram Meghwal, Minister of State for Heavy Industries & Public Enterprises and Parliamentary Affairs



Guruprasad Mohapatra, Chairman, Airports Authority of India, inaugurated the Specialized Maintenance Unit (SMU) for in-country repairing of ELDIS Radars in presence of Ambassador of Czech Republic, HE Milan Hovorka on Monday. This Facility will help in reducing Turnaround Time (TAT) of repair of unserviceable modules of the radars, thereby reducing the down time of the important surveillance facility of Indian air space. More than 80% of Indian air space is under the coverage of Radars

## APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that one person namely Prabhakar Gaud, S/o Shri Banchha Nidhi Gaud, R/o 746, Chirag Delhi, New Delhi, Age about 52 years, Height 5'6", Complexion Shallow, Face Oval, Thin Built, Wearing Green colour shirt, grey colour pant and bare footed was found dead at Near MCD Office Millennium Park, Chirag Delhi, New Delhi. In this regard a vide DD No. 69-A dated 16.06.19 has been lodged at PS Malviya Nagar, New Delhi. The dead body has been preserved at AIIMS mortuary for 24 hours.

Any person having any information or clue about this male deceased may kindly inform the undersigned.

**SHO**  
PS : Malviya Nagar, New Delhi  
Ph.: 26691861, 26691862

## GDA proposes to denotify 35 acres of land in Indirapuram

**PNS ■ NEW DELHI**

Ghaziabad Development Authority is preparing to denotify 35 acres of land in UGDA Indirapuram. Since GDA no longer requires the land for the purposes it had acquired the land. In order to take action to cancel the notification, the GDA has made preparations for the proposal in the board meeting on June 25. If the proposal is passed then it will be sent to the State Government.

It is also pertinent to note that in the year 2005, GDA issued notification for the acquisition of 92 acres of farmers in Indirapuram in GDA. And the said notification was challenged before the court, due to which GDA has not taken possession of 35 acres of land, neither actual nor symbolic possession of the said land was taken.

# Govt likely to use ₹3tln RBI windfall to pay regular bills

**PTI ■ MUMBAI**

The Bimal Jalan committee report, which is delayed, will lead to transfer of under ₹3 lakh crore of excess capital from the Reserve Bank to the Government, which will most likely use the money for meeting regular expenses, says a report.

The money will come in over three years and is most likely used for regular Government spending, Japanese brokerage Nomura said in report Tuesday.

The Bimal Jalan committee on the appropriate economic capital framework for RBI was formed last December, and has sought a third extension to present its report which will now be next month.

"Market expectations suggest ₹3 lakh crore (will be) distributed staggered over years, though we believe the ultimate transfer will be lower," the brokerage said.

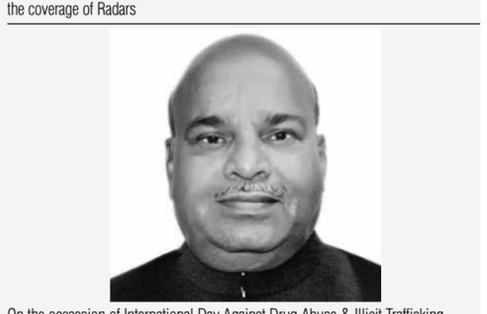
# DoT asks BSNL to put all capex on hold, stop tenders

**PTI ■ NEW DELHI**

The telecom department is learnt to have asked state-owned BSNL to put all tenders and purchase order on hold, as the company is facing financial crisis.

The finance department of BSNL issued order in this regard on June 2, directing all its circle head to take prior approval of corporate officer located in Delhi before floating any new tenders for capital expenditure, according to official sources.

"The order issued to circle heads on June 12 says that BSNL is passing through a temporary financial stress and is not in a position to clear the accumulated liabilities," a BSNL official on the condition of anonymity told PTI. He said the BSNL's Finance Department received the direction from finance wing of the DoT to put on hold all capital expenditure.



On the occasion of International Day Against Drug Abuse & Illicit Trafficking, Minister of Social Justice & Empowerment, Thaawarchand Gehlot, said "roughly 450,000 people died as a result of drug use in 2015, according to WHO. Of those deaths, 167,750 were directly associated with drug use disorders (mainly overdoses). The rest were indirectly attributable to drug use and included deaths related to HIV and hepatitis C acquired through unsafe injecting practices. Customs, Department of Revenue Intelligence, Narcotics Control Bureau, State Police, Central Paramilitary Forces, State Excise, Forest Department, etc. regulate and check the diversion of substances from licit channels to illicit networks including internet pharmacies."

# GOVT SEEKS VIEWS OF STATES ON CROP INSURANCE SCHEME

**New Delhi:** The Government Tuesday informed the Lok Sabha that it has written to states seeking their views on whether the crop insurance scheme should be made voluntary for farmers.

At present, the scheme is compulsory in nature. Responding to a supplementary, Minister of State for Agriculture Purushottam Ropala said during Question Hour that on Monday, PTI

## SEARCH FOR MISSING WOMAN

General public is hereby informed that this woman namely Suman Kumari W/o Manish Kumar R/o H.No. 723, Papi Line Road, Pooth Khurd, Delhi Age : 20 years, Complexion : Fair, Height : 5'3", Face : Round, wearing yellow colour saree and sandal in feet, has been missing since 12.06.2019 from the area of P.S. Bawana, Delhi. In this regard DD No. 53-A dated 14.06.2019 has been lodged at P.S. Bawana, Delhi.

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

E-mail: cbc@cbi.gov.in  
Website: http://cbi.nic.in  
Fax: 24368639,  
Tel.: 24368638/24368641

**SHO : P.S. Bawana, Delhi**  
Ph. : 011-27751949,  
27756090

## APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of a male namely Vicky, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, was found on 10.06.2019 at 11:20 AM on Sanjay Gandhi Memorial Hospital, Mangolpuri, New Delhi. As per MLC No. 8853/19. In this regard proceeding DD No. 45-A, dated 10.06.2019 has been lodged at Police Station, Mangolpuri, New Delhi. Identification of unidentified dead body of male is as under:

**Name: Vicky, Age: Approx 50 Years, Height: 5'6", Complexion: Shallow, ID Mark: A old Hurt mark on right eye, Wearing: Blue Jeans paint only.**

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

**SHO**  
Police Station, Mangolpuri, New Delhi  
Ph.: 011-27922186, 7065036121

## SEARCH FOR KIDNAPPED BOY

General public is hereby informed that one boy namely Md. Sakeel S/o Md. Wasil R/o Vill. & Post Madarganj, Distt. Arariya, Bihar. Age: 15 yrs., Height: 4'6", Wheatish complexion, Round face & Thin Build. Wearing Yellow colour sweater & jeans pant is kidnapped from Main Bazar, Pahar Ganj, New Delhi on 04.02.2013.

In this regard a case FIR No. 31/13 Dated: 04.02.2013 U/s 363 IPC has been registered at P.S. Paharganj, New Delhi. Any person having any information or clue about this kidnapped boy may kindly inform to the following.

E-mail: cbc@cbi.gov.in  
Fax: 011-24368639  
Ph.: 011-24368638  
011-24368641

**S.H.O.,**  
**P.S., Paharganj, New Delhi**  
Ph.: 011-23520787, 23524746

## Appeal For Identification

General public is hereby informed that this person Name : Unknown S/o : Unknown, R/o : Unknown, Age : 55-60 Years Approx, Sex : Male, Height : 5 Ft. 6 Inch, Hair : White Long Beard and White Long Hair like Sikh, Wearing : White Colour T-shirt, Red Colour Baniyan, White Colour Lower and Blue Colour Underwear, has been found dead on 21.06.2019 at Haiderpur Water Treatment Plant, Sector-13, Rohini, Delhi. In this regard a DD No. 08-A Dated 21.06.2019 has been lodged at PS. K.N. Katju Marg, Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this person but no clue has come to light so far.

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

**SHO**  
PS. K.N. Katju Marg, Delhi  
Ph.: 011-27571162, 8750870327

## PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

(See Section 82 Cr. PC)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person namely Gurdalay S/o Sadhu Lal R/o Village Pijora, District Jahanabad, Bihar has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in a FIR No. 803/18, u/s 377/IPC and 6 POCSO Act, PS Nihal Vihar, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrants of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused Gurdalay could not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Gurdalay has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused person Ganesh Gurdalay of FIR No. 803/18, u/s 377/IPC, 6 POCSO Act, PS Nihal Vihar, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 03.08.2019.

By order  
Ms. Vrinda Kumari  
Addl. Session Judge-07 (West),  
Room No. 216, 2nd, floor,  
Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

## SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is hereby informed that one person (depicted in the photo) namely Budh Singh, S/o Gangwa Singh, R/o H. No. 5261, Gali No. 115, Sant Nagar, Burari, Delhi, has been missing since 13.08.2016. In this regard a D.D. No. 17-PP, Jhadoda, Dated 17.08.2016 has been lodged at Police Station - Burari, Delhi. His physical description is as under:-

**Age: 105 years, Complexion: Sallow, Height: 5'8", Face: Round, Build: Normal, Clothing: Wearing white colour Kurta-Pajama and Pagri.**

Any person is having any information/Clue about this missing person, may inform undersigned.

**SHO**  
P.S. Burari, Delhi  
Ph.No.: 011-24368638, 24368641

## SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General Public is hereby informed that a boy namely Ankit Pathak S/o Jitender Pathak R/o RZF-82, Near Lucky Garden, Nihar Vihar, Delhi Age-14 years, Height-5'2" Face-Round, Complexion-Fair, Identification- A old Scare mark on left side of face. Wearing: White Colour T-Shirt Black Colour Pant and White Colour Sports Shoes in his feet has been missing/ kidnapped since dated 25.05.2019 from the area of P.S Nihal Vihar, Delhi. In this regard a vide FIR No. 352/19 u/s 363 IPC Dated 25.05.2019 has been lodged at P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi

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

E-mail : cbc@cbi.gov.in  
Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641  
Fax : 011-24368639

**SHO**  
P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi  
Ph.: 011-25946710, 25946700  
7065036129

## SEARCH FOR MISSING FEMALE

General public is here by informed that one female namely: Panna, W/o Sh. Mohan, R/o Vill. Tiwari Pur, PS Galhora, Distt. Sidharth Nagar, UP Age: 68 years, Height: 5', Complexion : Shallow, Face: Round, Built: Thin, Wearing: Red Colour Saree, Green Shirt & Fiber Chappal in feet has been missing/kidnapped since 25.05.2019 from Shadipur Metro Station at the area of PS Patel Nagar, Delhi. She is Mentally Disturb.

In this regard a DD No. 134-A dated 27.05.2019 has been lodged at P.S. Patel Nagar, Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this female but no clue has come to light so far.

Any person having any information or clue about this female kindly inform to the following.

**SHO**  
P.S. Patel Nagar, Delhi  
Ph. 011-25872637, 8750870434

# Another TMC leader rebels against party

## Cut-money crisis deepens in Bengal

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

There could be more problems for the ruling Trinamool Congress as a senior party leader and a former State Cabinet Minister has started sounding rebellious.

Madan Mitra, once considered the member of Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's kitchen cabinet, has vented his ire against some unspecified party colleagues wondering why he was made "the bali ka bakra (scapegoat)" and asking whether it was wrong on his part to work for the Trinamool Congress.



Congress and CPI(M) MLAs raise slogans as they walk out to protest against cut money allegedly taken by the Trinamool Congress leaders and workers, at West Bengal Assembly in Kolkata on Tuesday

Trinamool Congress legislators switching over to the BJP in hordes.

A video going viral in a social networking site shows Mitra making some crucial questions as to why he could not get parole when he was in jail in the Sharada chit fund

case whereas other senior leaders like Sudip Banerjee could get the same.

Similarly, the former State Transport Minister asks how "many leaders like Kakoli Ghoshdastidar, Aparupa Poddar, Subhendu Adhikary" who were accused of same

offence could get relief against arrest while he was sent to jail. "Can this be termed as making me a bali ka bakra?" he asks apparently showing his displeasure for his leadership.

The senior TMC leader who very recently contested and lost the Bhatpara Assembly elections to the BJP could not however be contacted.

Meanwhile, the cut-money crises deepened in Bengal with a large number of lower-rung Trinamool Congress leaders being confronted and gheraoed by the people demanding back the bribe money they paid over the years for various Government services.

Tuesday saw common people detaining TMC leaders in villages of Birbhum, Coochbehar, Armbagh, Hooghly and other places demanding their money back.

In some places the houses of the TMC panchayat members and councilors were stoned by slogan-shouting

crowd forcing the administration to post police pickets in those areas.

Days after Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee rebuked party men in a general meeting of TMC councilors for taking "cut money" and directed them to return whatever cash they had extorted from people the crowds seeking back their cut-money continued to swell in the districts and villages.

Incidentally senior State Minister Partho Chatterjee on Friday tended to contradict the Chief Minister claiming 99.99 per cent of his party men were honest and that the BJP was only inciting the people to gherao the TMC representatives in the villages.

People at Khanya village in Birbhum accosted a local TMC leader and got him to own up the responsibility of returning the entire cut money he had taken for helping the people get wages under 100-days' work scheme.

# Those imprisoned during Emergency to get pension: Maha CM Fadnavis

Mumbai: Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Tuesday said those who were imprisoned during the Emergency will be provided pension and a citation.

Speaking in the State Assembly during the Question hour, Fadnavis said "pension was an honour more than money" for those who served jail term during the Emergency. "Many people refused the pension. But some are still poor who lost jobs after being arrested for no fault of theirs," he noted.

Earlier, Minister of State for Relief and Rehabilitation Madan Yerawar, while responding to a question by NCP member Ajit Pawar, said 3,267 applications for pension were approved so far.

Out of these, 1,179 applications were approved on the basis of the ₹100 stamp paper submitted to prove that the

applicant served a jail term during the Emergency.

Pawar asked how can the pension be given without proof and what was the guarantee that the stamp paper was genuine.

To this, Yerawar said the applications were scrutinised by a committee headed by the district collector concerned and only genuine ones were approved.

"A budget of ₹42 crore was finalised for the pension scheme and out of this, ₹28 crore to ₹29 crore has been disbursed," he said.

BJP member Parag Alavani then said those imprisoned during the Emergency are now senior citizens and finding it difficult to make frequent visits to the collectorate.

"It is not true that the pension can be availed by just submitting an affidavit. There should be a separate cell in the collectorate office to handle

the pension scheme," he demanded.

Subhash Patil (of the Peasants and Workers' Party) said his father and uncle served 18 months in jail during the Emergency and that his family had to face lot of hardships.

"Those who served in jail during the Emergency want honour more than money. It would be good if the pension amount is increased to ₹25,000 and a citation is also given," he said.

However, Fadnavis rejected the demand for an increase in the pension amount, saying, if needed, it would be considered in future. But, he agreed for a citation along with the pension.

As per the Government's decision, those who were imprisoned for a month will be given a monthly pension of ₹5,000 and those jailed for more duration will get ₹10,000 per month. **PTI**

# 3-DECADE-OLD TERROR CASE Local Kashmir daily editor held

Srinagar: Editor of a local Urdu daily has been arrested here in a nearly three-decade-old terror-related case, officials said on Tuesday.

Ghulam Jeelani Qadri, editor of 'Daily Afaaq', was arrested late Monday night in a case that was registered in 1990 under section three of Terrorist and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Act.

He was arrested on a non-bailable warrant issued by the then chief judicial magistrate on October 15, 1992.

The law under which Qadri has been arrested deals with intention to overawe the Government as by law established or to strike terror in the people or any section of the people or to alienate any section of the people or to adversely affect the harmony amongst different sections of the people does any act or thing.

He was arrested from his residence in Balgarden area of the city, Qadri's family said.

"It was nearly midnight when police came to arrest Qadri sahib. No reasons were given before taking him away, a police official asked him when is the election," a relative said.

Kashmir Editors' Guild, of which Qadri is a member, has moved court to seek bail.

Various journalist bodies,

**It was nearly midnight when police came to arrest Qadri sahib. No reasons were given before taking him away, a police official asked him when is the election**

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including the Kashmir Union of Working Journalists (KUWJ), has condemned the midnight arrest of Qadri, alleging it seems the aim of the government's move was to muzzle the voice of local press.

"Qadri was attending his office on daily basis and there was absolutely no need for carrying out a midnight raid at his residence. The working journalists here are wondering about the timing of execution of the warrant which was issued 26 years ago," a spokesman of the KUWJ said.

The KUWJ has demanded Qadri's immediate release and a probe into the midnight arrest of the editor. **PTI**

# Major terror strike averted with arrest of 4 JMB terrorists

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

Bengal has averted a major terror attack because of a timely action taken by the Special Task Force of Kolkata Police which is entrusted with the task of controlling terror activities. Promptly acting on a tip-off, the STF on Tuesday arrested four Jamaat-ul-Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) militants from Howrah and Sealdah stations, sources said.

The police have arrested Md Jiaur Rehman and M Rashid with incriminating documents, mobile phones, laptops and other accessories. These Bangladeshi nationals, reportedly having ISIS links, were arrested from the Sealdah Railway station where they were waiting for the arrival of some of their contact men. With the arrests, a "grand operation plan has been busted," a senior officer said, adding the mobile phones contained maps and formula to construct fabricate bombs.

The other two persons, Md Rabiul and Sahin Alam, were arrested from Howrah station, sources said. The former was from Birbhum district while the latter belonged to Bangladesh and had crossed over to India. The two persons

lived for sometime at Uluberia off Howrah sources said.

They were in touch with some person called Alauddin who was still at large.

The terrorists were carrying videos and some jihadi texts that were being used to lure the youth into their organisation. The arrested quartet was produced in the Bankshall Court from where they were remanded to two weeks' police custody.

Senior officers of the STF were interrogating the terror operatives police said adding their main motto was to spread the message of ISIS and JMB and overthrow the Indian and Bangladesh Governments so as to invoke Sharia laws in these two countries making them a part of the Islamic caliphate.

The police and the NIA had busted a vast network of JMB in 2014 when a bomb accidentally went off at Khagragarh in Burdwan district on October 2 that year.

Subsequent investigations revealed a grand plan to carry out subversive activities in Bangladesh from this side of the border. The JMB was operating from a large number of madarasas situated in Bibhum, Nadia, Burdwan, Malda and Burdwan sources said.

# Mom alleges daughter forcibly converted to Christianity

Coimbatore: Alleging that her 22-year old daughter was forcibly converted to Christianity, a Hindu woman on Tuesday petitioned the District Superintendent of Police seeking to restore her, police said.

The woman, a resident of nearby Arasur, approached the SP after the local police recently closed her complaint as her daughter during an inquiry told them she had embraced Christianity on her own volition.

According to the petitioner, she noticed her daughter, working in Tiruchirappalli, wearing a chain with a Cross when she had come home last week. When asked about it, she had told her mother that she had converted to Christianity. **PTI**

# JD(U) accuses NDPP of poaching its MLA

Kohima: A day after its lone legislator Kaito G Aye joined the ruling Nationalist Democratic Progressive Party in Nagaland, the JD(U) state unit on Tuesday accused the NDPP of poaching its MLA.

JD(U) Nagaland president Senchumo NSN Lotha told a press conference here that "Aye along with some members of the JD(U) were swayed and lured by temporary materialistic gains".

He alleged that though Aye was elected on a JD(U) ticket but his heart and soul was never with the party.

Lotha claimed that Aye may have defected to NDPP but the JD(U) Nagaland unit is totally intact.

"The JD(U) feels relieved

for being cleaned of garbage which was stinking and destroying the good odour of the party," the JD(U) state president said, adding that "opportunists and power mongers will always find a hole to perforate their fingers and throw the dirt at others".

Aye along with his supporters and some other leaders joined the NDPP in the pres-

ence of Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio on Monday.

Lotha said the JD(U) Nagaland unit would remain firm and steadfastly work to achieve the party functioning motto of getting Nagaland rid of the 3Cs — Crime, Corruption and Communalism under the sagacious leadership of its national president Nitish Kumar. **PTI**

# Bengal teacher beaten for not chanting Jai Shri Ram

PNS ■ KOLKATA

For the first time, Bengal witnessed an ugly communal scene inside a moving local train where a member of a minority community was roughed up by some right wing activities as he refused to chant Jai Shri Ram sources said.

The incident took place on last Thursday when Md Shahrulk Haldar, a school teacher from Canning area, was coming to Kolkata. He was accosted inside a local train between Dhakuria and Park Circus where he was supposed to get down, sources said.

Alleged activists of Hindu Samhati, a right wing group, reportedly surrounded the man and asked him to chant Jai Shri Ram which he refused, Haldar's kin said, adding he was badly beaten up and pushed outside the moving train even as it slowed down near Park Circus station.

Haldar received injuries in his left eye and forehead, sources said. A police complaint to this effect had been registered with the Ballygunge GRP.

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Date : 26-06-2019  
Place: Delhi/NCR

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Refer to the advertisement of the Auction Notice published on 21-June-2019 under the Borrower's Name Mr. Sanjiv Kumar, Loan No.- LBDEL0001646273 in The Pioneer (Eng.) in Delhi/ NCR edition. Due to inadvertent mistake in the Dates mentioned as July 16, 2019 to be read as July 19, 2019 and July 15, 2019 to be read as July 18, 2019. And the correct address of the property is Flat no. 1501, 14th floor, tower no. -05, the close north, nirvana country, sector 50, Gurgaon, Area - 2491 sq.ft. All other contents remain unchanged.

Dated: 26-06-2019  
Place : Delhi/ NCR

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(Authorized Officer)  
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### PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby informed to all whosoever is concerned that my client Pawdhara Kumar W/o Late Shiv Bachan R/o Village Babhnauil, Post Kashiha, District:Siwan (p. S.-Ansav) Bihar-841287 presently in Delhi being fed up with disgusting and maltreatment of her grand daughter Priyanka Kumari D/o Shri Shankar Dayal Gupta R/o H. No. 37/2, Gali No. 14, Sarai Enclave Part-I, Mohan Garden, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059 serve or break up all her relationship with her from this day onwards and hereby disown her from self-earned properties as well as from all other immovable and moveable properties and shall not responsible for her act. Anybody deals with her shall be doing so at their own risk responsibilities and they shall not have any lawful relationship with my client.

Ayudhesh Kumar Advocate,  
A-107, R.G. Complex, D.B. Gupta Road, New Delhi-55, Mob. 9910050625

### SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is hereby informed that a female (depicted in the photo), **Name: Mehmda W/o Md. Shahid R/o B-425, Jahangir Puri, Delhi** has been missing (alongwith her two children namely Arbaz & Arzoo) since 07.06.2019. In this regard a case vide DD No. 36-A dated 11.06.2019 has been lodged at PS Jahangir Puri, Delhi. The description of the missing female and her two children is as under :-

**MEHMUDA**  
Age : 40 year, Height: 5', Complexion : Shallow, Built : Strong, Face : Round, Wearing : Red colour suit- salwar. Arbaz - Age : 9 year, Height: 4', Complexion : Fair, Built : Thin, Face : Round, Arzoo - Age : 7 year, Height: 3', Complexion : Fair, Built: Thin, Face: Long

Any person is having any information/clue about this missing female (alongwith her two children), may inform SHO, Jahangir Puri, Delhi at E-mail : [cic@cbl.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbl.gov.in) or Website: <http://cbl.nic.in>.

Phone: 011-24368638, 24368641  
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**NIT - 06/EE (M)/MB-II/19-20:** Polyepoxy Coating of Cooling Water Pipelines of Unit # 1,2,3,4 at Dharasu Power House M.B - II, Uttarkashi.

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**Approx value of Tender:** Rs 930000/-, Rs. 2494000/- (Taxes Extra respectively)

**Earnest Money:** Rs 280000/-, Rs 75000/- only respectively

**Tender Cost:** Rs 1180/- only for each tender

**Last date of downloading the tender - 18.07.2019**

**Last date of submitting the tender - 19.07.2019 up to 15:30 Hrs.**

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#### LOOK OUT NOTICE

As reported by SHO P/S Gharota, Jammu applicant namely Anita Devi W/O Ravi Kumar R/O Ranjan, Bhalwal, Jammu reported that her husband has been missing since 22.10.2012, regarding which missing report vide DDR No. 09 has been lodged at P/S Gharota on 06.11.2012. Despite thorough search her whereabouts are still unknown.

As such photograph of missing Ravi Kumar S/O Mohan Lal R/O Ranjan, Bhalwal, Jammu is being published with consent of his legal heirs for the information of Police establishments/public in general and if anybody having any clue related to his whereabouts/ present location, kindly communicate the same on the below mentioned contact/Telephone numbers.

**Description Roll:-**  
Name :- Ravi Kumar  
S/O :- Mohan Lal  
Permanent Address :- R/O Ranjan, Bhalwal Jammu.

Police Station :- Gharota, Jammu  
Age :- 35 years  
Height :- 5 feet 6 inch  
Complexion :- Wheatish  
Build :- Normal  
Face :- Round  
Eyes :- Black  
Hairs :- Black  
Language Known :- Hindi / Dogri  
Contacts/Telephone Numbers:-  
1. DPO, Jammu : 0191-2547807, 0191-2561578  
2. SSP Jammu Mail I.D : [sspjammu@jkipolice.gov.in](mailto:sspjammu@jkipolice.gov.in)  
3. PCR Jammu : 0191-2542000  
4. SP City South:- 0191-2433778  
5. SP Rural Jammu:- 0191-2605949  
6. SDPO Akhnoor : 01924-252244  
7. P/S Gharota : 0191-2624319  
8. Contact No. of Legal Heirs : 84920-82263

No: DIP/J-2874/2019  
Dated: 24.06.2019

Sd/- Sr. Superintendent of Police, Jammu

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

Sl.No.	Job No.	Name of Work	Amount in Lacs	
A	1 56	/GM(R)/SM (WC- 2)/ 2018-19	Strengthening of road (P/L DBC on Damage Internal road in Sector-17) Noida.	₹46.75

Which can be uploaded by date **02.07.2019 upto 5.00 PM**.  
Pre-qualification shall be opened / downloaded on date **03.07.2019 at 11.00 AM**

Sl.No.	Job No.	Name of Work	Amount in Lacs	
B	1 61	/GM(R)/SM (WC-3)/ 2018-19	M/o Building (Repairing) & M/o Administrative Block & Teachers Residence in Mahamaya Girls inter college Sector-44) Noida	₹60.57

Which can be uploaded by date **09.07.2019 upto 5.00 PM**.  
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Information is given to general public at large that my client Smt. Manju W/o Sh. Dharamvir Singh owner Property bearing no. 17/1 (old) 199 (New) area measuring 128 sq. yds. Situated in village Chirag Delhi, Tehsil HauzKhas New Delhi vide sale deed dated 01.11.2013, doc. No. 5721, in SRO-V/A, Delhi in the property chain Death Certificate of late Mehrga Ram & Late Vishan Devi and Surviving Member Certificate late Mehrga Ram & Late Vishan Devi are not available and to be loan financed by Aavas Financiers Limited, Branch RP Delhi. If any person is having objection right of claim against the said property, contact to undersigned along with supporting documents within 07 days from the date of publication of this notice and or the same to the undersigned if found by anyone.

Naveen Kumar Verma, Advocate  
F-211, Sector-3, Vaishali, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201010, Contact: 0955871432

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The bidders must be enrolled in [www.assamtenders.gov.in](http://www.assamtenders.gov.in)

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## One can achieve great heights with the evolving finance industry, says MAHESH SHUKLA

It's a no brainer that the finance sector is the holy grail to a nation's economic performance and standard of living. The industry that directly or indirectly espouses the population and businesses to fulfil their respective goals is also the one which contributes the lion's share to the total GDP of the economy. The financial services industry stands upright as the backbone of India's robust economy with a projected growth rate of 8.5 per cent.

The new entrants into the market such as commercial banks, insurance companies, mutual funds, non-banking financial companies (NBFCs), and FinTech startups are destined to accelerate the stable growth rate of the Indian finance sector. Notable, there are around 11,522 NBFCs that are registered with Reserve Bank of India (RBI), 2,050 FinTech startups spanning across digital payments, lending, wealth-tech, personal finance and many others, and more are underway. The mobile wallet industry is also expected to grow at CAGR rate of 150 per cent to touch the \$4.4 billion mark in the next four years. And, the government of India and RBI are joining the forces with the private sector to strengthen the financial services industry with policy-reforms, tech innovation, and pro-industry measures.

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**Offshoots of digital disruption**

The financial institutions and organisations are using new-age technologies such as artificial intelligence (AI), blockchain, and machine learning (ML) for fraud detection, anti-money laundering strategies, and manage portfolios. With these intelligent tech solutions, the companies, providing financial support to the underserved population through the digital channels, personalise their services as per the clients' needs, improve pricing, billing, and underwriting process, and predict the risks and threats. But, as these financial companies go data-driven for increased profitability and growth, the need for talents with tech skills and expertise is urgent.

In Mumbai, Bengaluru, Delhi/NCR, and Chennai, the jobs for financial software developers, analytics professionals, data engineers, and technology consultants in dedicated analytics and AI CoEs are raging high. The students of finance and banking should develop quantitative and technical skills along with business acumen

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men that would enable them to bagging the salary package of nearly 13 lakhs. The salary for an entry-level financial analytics or tech professionals revolves around 6-7 lakhs.

**Rise with the revival of micro-finance industry**

The credit rating agency, ICRA, reports that that Indian microfinance

industry is going under a speedy recovery after the liquidity storm of the last year. The growth rate is estimated to be of 20-22 per cent this year with the burgeoning of NBFCs and FinTech lending startups, which signals high career prospects in the industry. Some top players perform exceptionally well in even in the volatile market conditions, while many fail to achieve their goals in the early three or four years. The reason behind the success of NBFCs and FinTechs is the strong underwriting and risk assessment system. With the recent traumatic funding crisis in the industry, it has become essential for NBFCs to augment risks management strategies.

And this is the reason why the Reserve Bank of India asked NBFCs whose assets size is over ₹5000 crore to appoint chief risk officers (CROs) and improve their risk management practices. And here comes another job role into the mainstream—CRO. Those who are looking to build a lasting career in finance, the best option is to become CRO, a senior official in the organisational hierarchy of the NBFCs and whose sole responsibility and duty is strategising risk management practices, predicting and mitigating the risks. For this, the candidates must have professional qualifications and expertise in both finance and risk management. The compensation package of CROs would range from ₹7-11 lakhs.

**Opening doors to women professionals**

Indian finance and investment industry has started embracing gender diversity, but still has miles to walk because today, men largely dominate the leadership roles. The times are changing as women continue to make their mark in the male-dominated industries. The gender gap in the finance industry is definitely a challenge, but since the time Boston Consulting Group, global management consulting firm, revealed the companies with diverse teams report better financial performance, the companies are more open to women professionals.

They can build a career in investment banking, corporate finance, portfolio management, and risk management and fill the C-suite positions in the finance companies. Their typical day will revolve around strategy-making, financial planning, risk analysis and others, the responsibilities that are growth drivers. Else, they can go for tech roles in FinTech space where the phenomenon of job proliferation is sky high. Or, entrepreneurship will be the perfect choice for them with tech innovation. After all, the finance sector holds enough potential for women from diverse educational backgrounds. Whatever be the choice, the decision should be made in early adulthood to make finance a lasting career.

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## Roadmap for success

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

With women occupying top executive spots like Indra Nooyi, Shikha Sharma and Vinita Bali, more and more organisations are relying on greater women employee strength. One such organisation is Bongchie that gives credit to the company's success to its strength of 750 women employees.

**Why women employees?**

The work procedure proceeds manually, employees make the rolling papers right from scratch in the factory. The women have proved that they are hard working and are more efficient than men.

**Employee engagement**

Being an employer and receiving amazing results in the organisation, there comes the duty of returning the hard-work back to the employees. The company understands the subject of employee retention and is therefore planning out a huge deal of employee engagement activities and benefits.

**Extra activities**

With fitness the new mantra for most, there are yoga and zumba classes for their employees for two hours every Saturday. Fitness activities are being arranged especially keeping the women employees in

mind. The goal is to engage them into healthy activities.

**Flexible timings**

The work timings are from 10 am to 6 pm. However, the company is flexible enough to ignore the late comers.

**Safety measures**

Keeping in mind that he has the maximum strength of women employees, the employees have the provision of calling the superior directly if there seem to be any issues or issue regarding security.

**Prize and performance**

Top five performers in the company receive prizes. Rewards and prizes have made the employees more productive as it gives them a goal to achieve and also plays a big hand in making them goal oriented.

**Fun and entertainment**

In order to avoid the boredom from working hours at the office, there are installed speakers which have been arranged for the employees. They have the flexibility to operate and use it at any time of the hour.

**Challenges & development**

Employees are given out certain challenging tasks once-twice a month to increase their potency in strategy making or problem-solving skills. The tasks are given out to improve their self-learning skills and increase their scope of growth.



**Humber College offers full and partial renewable tuition grants for new international UG students beginning classes in January and September of each year.**

**Eligibility:** Bachelor's Degree opportunities are available to students coming directly from high school/secondary school studies, who are non-transfer holders (haven't attended college or university, or studied in Humber's EAP programme), and are unlimited in quantity. The studentships are awarded to learn any of the subjects offered by the university. Applications will be considered based on academics, community involvement, referee/reference letters and statement of interest.

International candidates are eligible to apply for these endowments.

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**Language requirement:** Applicants demonstrate their English language proficiency ensures they are prepared for the rigors of the academic curriculum and able to successfully complete any workplace components of the programme (such as co-op placements).

**How to apply:** The application instructions and forms will be included with your acceptance package which you will receive once you have been

accepted for admissions. Therefore, you must first apply for admissions before you can apply for the opportunity.

**Application deadline:** September 27, 2019

**Rhodes** The studentships are awarded for pursuing full-time PG studies at the University of Oxford, UK.

**Eligibility:** Indian students can apply. You must have reached your 18th birthday and not have passed your 24th birthday on October 1 in the year of application. Must have completed a Bachelor's degree before coming up to Oxford.

**English language requirements:** You must have a sufficiently high standard of English to meet the English language proficiency requirements (at the Higher Level listed) of the University of Oxford. IELTS Academic: Minimum: 6.5 (standard score), TOEFL iBT: 100 (standard score).

Evidence of academic record/transcript (complete or in progress) of an undergraduate degree and any postgraduate study. CV of principal activities. Personal statement or essay (including, crucially, a clear statement of what the applicant wishes to study at Oxford and why). Evidence of age / birth certificate / passport. Photograph and List of referees who can attest in confidence references to the character and intellect of the applicant, including academic, personal, extra-curricular and leadership achievements.

**Application deadline:** July 31, 2019

### STUDY CENTRES

The role of purchase manager is important in an organisation.

The manager is responsible for buying different material — stationary to materials used for manufacturing. A purchase manager should have a bachelor's degree in Business Management or administration. For advanced positions an MBA is required. The job of a purchase manager varied based on the organisation. Purchase managers can find opportunities in public as well as the private sector. Salary depends upon individual skill, qualification, experience, nature of job, location and nature of the employer. A few institutes to study are:

- **Kochin Academy Of Research and Education, Ernakulam.** Course: Advanced Diploma in Material Management
- **Indian Institute of Materials Management, Chennai.** Course: Graduate Diploma in Materials Management
- **Indian Institute of Materials Management, New Delhi.** Course: Graduate Diploma in Materials Management
- **National Institute of Logistics and Material Management, Udaipur.** Course: MBA Material Management
- **Institute of Engineering and Rural Technology, Allahabad.** Course: MBA Material Management
- **Indian Institute of Materials Management, Navi Mumbai.** Course: MBA Material Mgt



### MARKET RESEARCH & DATA COLLECTION AT THE SMARTTREE

Location: Delhi, Hyderabad, Mumbai, Bengaluru  
Stipend: ₹1,000 per week  
Link: [internshala.com/i/1073006](http://internshala.com/i/1073006)  
Application deadline: July 4, 2019

### MEDIA & PUBLIC RELATIONS (PR) AT ANHAD FILMS

Location: Delhi  
Stipend: ₹7,000 per month  
Link: [internshala.com/i/1073007](http://internshala.com/i/1073007)  
Application deadline: July 4, 2019

### BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT (SALES) AT PUNE GAS

Location: Delhi, Pune, Jaipur, Bengaluru  
Stipend: ₹8,500 per month  
Link: [internshala.com/i/1073008](http://internshala.com/i/1073008)  
Application deadline: July 1, 2019

### DIGITAL MARKETING AT BLUEOCEAN HEALTHCARE

Location: Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru  
Stipend: ₹5,000 per month  
Link: [internshala.com/i/1073009](http://internshala.com/i/1073009)  
Application deadline: July 2, 2019

### SOCIAL MEDIA MARKETING AT PSA CAKES

Location: Delhi, Gurugram, Pune, Mumbai, Bengaluru  
Stipend: ₹8,000 per month  
Link: [internshala.com/i/1073010](http://internshala.com/i/1073010)  
Application deadline: July 2, 2019

### CONTENT WRITING AT AMHAR PUBLISHERS

Location: Delhi, Gurugram, Pune, Bengaluru  
Stipend: ₹10,000-₹15,000 per month  
Link: [internshala.com/i/1073011](http://internshala.com/i/1073011)  
Application deadline: July 2, 2019

### WEB DEVELOPMENT AT HEADWAY

Location: Work From Home  
Stipend: ₹5,500-₹11,000 per month  
Link: [internshala.com/i/1073012](http://internshala.com/i/1073012)  
Application deadline: July 4, 2019

## No room for fake news

Taking a dig at winners in the recently concluded Lok Sabha elections who had made an issue of so-called rigged Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs), former Chief Election Commissioner N Gopalaswami observed that these critics had fallen silent now and praised the *Janata Janardhan* (supreme public mandate) for their victory.

Speaking on Indian Elections and Enduring Myths at the SRM Institute of Science and Technology on June 22, Gopalaswami remarked in lighter vein spiced with sarcasm that leaders who contested from two constituencies, winning one seat and losing the other, should now ponder which EVMs in which booths were tampered with. SRMIST founder chancellor and MP, Dr TR Paarivendhar said the lecture was the first in a series planned by the institution to spark public debates on burning issues.

The veteran bureaucrat who had supervised the 15th Lok Sabha elections flayed the rampant fake news relating to the EVMs over the years even though they were 'stand alone machines' not connected to any online system. This fake news had created one of the biggest myths of Indian democracy that EVMs were tamperable



and could be meddled with.

He recalled that Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amrinder Singh had challenged the use of EVMs in the state's high court in 2002 but trials failed to prove his charge and he had fallen silent after he won. In 1982 one contestant had challenged EVMs in the Kerala high court but the court did not agree. He said BJP spokesperson GVL Narasimha Rao in a book in 2009 had faulted the EVMs for the party's defeat and Dr Subramaniam Swamy had cited US experts to claim that EVMs could be tampered with. However, the matter could not be proved. Later a US expert at a gathering in Chennai had emphatically said that stand alone machines could not be tampered with.

## Ragging free campus

On a day that over 5000 freshers were inducted in different courses at the SRM Institute of Science and Technology, parents from different parts of the country were assured that there was no ragging on the campus and their wards were quite safe to pursue their academic studies without worry.

Although SRMIST is ragging-free, it has been decided to form an anti-ragging committee as a confidence building measure, the Registrar Prof N Sethuraman told the aspiring students and their parents at the freshers' induction programme held at the TP Ganesan

Auditorium, believed to be one of the largest of its kind in Asia. The initial reference to the retrograde practice of ragging was made by SRMIST Vice Chancellor Prof Sandeep Sancheti who spoke among other things about the do's and don'ts for students while welcoming them. He pointedly said they should not indulge in ragging or abuse of substances reported from some colleges. He also had advice for parents saying they should keep a vigil on their wards as well and adopt a friendly attitude of understanding problems that may be faced by their sons or daughters

during their initial years on the campus.

Emphasising that there was a significant 7 per cent investment in R & D in SRMIST, he urged students to make full use of state-of-the-art facilities for research at SRMIST to experiment and innovate as their objective should be to go beyond their standard curriculum to emerge as entrepreneurs and trail blazers. While 75 per cent attendance was necessary to qualify for examinations, he advised freshers to aim for 100 per cent attendance to derive the full benefit of knowledge and guidance from their teachers.

# Sensex spurts, energy, auto stocks rally

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The BSE Sensex Tuesday rallied about 312 points, driven by energy, auto and banking stocks as monsoon's swift progress revived investor sentiment.

After trading in the red zone for a better part of the session, the BSE gauge pared losses and soared over 350 points, before settling 311.98 points, or 0.80 per cent, higher at 39,434.94. The index hit an intra-day high of 39,490.64 and a low of 38,946.04.

Similarly, the broader NSE Fifty rose 96.80 points, or 0.83 per cent, to 11,796.45. During the day, the index touched a high of 11,814.40 and a low of 11,651.

RIL was the biggest gainer in the Sensex pack, rising 2.63 per cent, followed by NTPC, Axis Bank, Tata Steel, PowerGrid, HDFC twins, Bharti Airtel, M&M, ICICI Bank, SBI and Bajaj Finance — gaining up to 2.51 per cent.

While, Yes Bank, Asian Paints, IndusInd Bank, TechM, HUL, TCS, L&T, Hero

MotoCorp and HCL Tech fell up to 1.70 per cent.

Markets pared initial losses following India Meteorological Department's (IMD) statement that India's annual monsoon rains have covered nearly half of the country, and conditions are favourable for further advancement into the central and western parts this week, said Narendra Solanki, Head Fundamental Research (Investment Services) — AVP Equity Research, Anand Rathi Shares & Stock Brokers.

“Positive sentiment further strengthened in the market in afternoon session on back of buying in banking, metals and realty stocks,” he added.

Meanwhile, bourses in Shanghai, Hong Kong, Tokyo and Seoul ended on a negative note.

Equity markets in Europe were also trading in the red in early days.

On the currency front, the Indian rupee was trading flat at 69.36 against the US dollar intra-day.

# Govt likely to use RBI windfall to pay regular bills

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The Bimal Jalan committee report, which is delayed, will lead to transfer of under Rs 3 lakh crore of excess capital from the Reserve Bank to the government, which will most likely use the money for meeting regular expenses, says a report.

The money will come in over three years and is most likely used for regular government spending, Japanese brokerage Nomura said in report Tuesday.

The Bimal Jalan committee on the appropriate economic capital framework for RBI was formed last December, and has sought a third extension to present its report which will now be next month.

“Market expectations suggest Rs 3 lakh crore (will be) distributed staggered over years, though we believe the ultimate transfer will be lower,” the brokerage said.

It said there is a 45 per cent probability for the money to be used for regular government spending and only 20 per cent

chance that it will be used for bank recapitalisation.

Recouping state-run banks' capital buffers which have taken a beating due to the dud asset recognition is one of the most talked about uses for the excess RBI capital and is also backed for former chief economic advisor Arvind Subramaniam.

Nomura gave a higher, 25 per cent probability for the money to be used for retiring public debt with the RBI, and a 10 per cent probability of no immediate transfer at all.

“The evaluation of ‘excess’ depends on the choice of stress-testing, and ranges from the RBI being under-capitalised to an excess as high as Rs 4.5 lakh crore,” it said, speaking about the ways of computing.

It, however, said those expecting a large fiscal windfall of Rs 3 lakh crore are “at a risk of being disappointed”.

Other members of the Jalan panel include Rakesh Mohan, former deputy governor as the vice-chairman, finance secretary Subhash Chandra Garg, deputy gover-

nor NS Vishwanathan, and two RBI board members - Bharat Doshi and Sudhir Mankad.

The panel is entrusted with the task of reviewing the best practices followed by central banks worldwide in making assessment and provisions for risks.

The government and the RBI during the tenure of previous governor Urjit Patel had been at loggerheads over the surplus capital with the central bank, and formation of the panel was among the first

major decision taken by Patel's successor Shaktikanta Das.

The finance ministry was of the view that the buffer of 28 per cent of gross assets maintained by the central bank is well above the global norm of around 14 per cent.

In the past, the issue of the ideal size of the RBI reserves was examined by three committees—V Subrahmanyam in 1997, Usha Thorat in 2004 and YH Malegam in 2013. But none of them called for paring the same from the then existing levels.

# ‘National e-commerce policy within 12 months’

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The government will come out with a national e-commerce policy within 12 months to facilitate achieving holistic growth of the sector, an official said.

This was informed by commerce and industry minister Piyush Goyal in his second marathon meeting with stakeholders, including e-commerce companies, on Monday.

“We will put in place an institutional framework to bring out a national policy on e-commerce within next 12 months,” the official said.

The government in February released the draft national e-commerce policy

proposing setting up a legal and technological framework for restrictions on cross-border data flow and also laid out conditions for businesses regarding collection or processing of sensitive data locally and storing it abroad.

Several foreign e-commerce firms have raised concerns over some points in the draft pertaining to data.

An inter-ministerial panel under DPIIT would be formed to address stakeholder grievances on FDI and draft e-commerce policy.

Goyal also said in the meeting that the Press Note 2, which talks about FDI in e-commerce, is clarificatory in nature and the government

has not made any changes in the existing law.

“Companies who participated (in the meeting) agreed with this. They confirmed unequivocally that the Press Note 2 of 2018 on FDI in e-commerce was only clarificatory in nature and did not change the provisions in the FDI policy,” the official added.

The minister also stated that India wants to engage with the world on data and e-commerce issues “but there has to be reciprocity,” the official said.

Top executives from Flipkart, Amazon, Snapdeal, Paytm, eBay, Makemytrip, Swiggy and others attended the meeting.

The minister will meet again with retail and e-commerce firms to further address their issues.

The e-commerce firms shared sector concerns like the ones related with GST, and discounts. Flipkart CEO Kalyan Krishnamurthy in a statement said the company appreciates the government's efforts to “engage in a candid, positive and progressive discussions aimed at creating a vibrant e-commerce market and Digital India.”

“We look forward to working with the ministry and many other stakeholders to realise this growth dream,” he added.

A Walmart spokesperson said the company welcomes the

multiple consultative meetings that Goyal has hosted with business leaders.

The minister has shown an open mind to discuss various issues related to e-commerce so that there is meaningful progress to ensure that everyone benefits from the growing digital economy, promoting a positive investment environment for both international and domestic companies, the spokesperson added.

“E-commerce is an incredible opportunity for India to enable 70 million medium and small Indian businesses to become the bedrock of India's digital economy. Snapdeal welcomes the government's determination to ensure that the

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policies governing the sector are followed both in letter and spirit,” a Snapdeal spokesperson said.

### NIFTY 50

SCRIP	OPEN	High	LOW	LTP	CHANGE
NIFTY 50	11681.00	11814.40	11651.00	11796.45	96.80
JSWSTEEL	254.40	268.30	252.65	266.00	8.20
BPCL	379.00	394.60	379.00	392.40	11.55
RELIANCE	1258.90	1298.00	1254.25	1295.40	33.00
AXISBANK	761.25	783.00	756.55	780.10	17.25
TATASTEEL	474.00	499.80	473.95	496.10	9.85
HINDALCO	196.50	203.90	194.50	202.10	3.90
NTPC	135.95	139.70	135.15	138.25	2.65
IOC	152.05	155.00	151.75	154.50	2.45
GRASIM	886.55	906.45	877.05	900.50	13.85
TITAN	1309.00	1320.85	1296.05	1317.00	16.95
POWERGRID	195.00	202.30	199.00	201.50	2.45
M&M	630.00	644.65	635.00	641.65	6.80
VEDL	168.15	171.50	167.00	170.20	1.70
HDFC	2147.90	2176.80	2138.10	2171.00	22.10
SBIN	352.70	357.00	351.25	356.75	3.55
DRREDDY	280.10	285.25	284.85	283.00	24.60
BAJAJ-AUTO	214.00	218.95	218.00	218.95	27.05
GAIL	2776.00	2818.35	2753.60	2806.75	26.25
BANINDIA	305.50	310.55	304.25	309.45	2.75
KOTAKBANK	1471.85	1491.25	1467.00	1483.10	12.50
ICICIBANK	429.20	434.80	424.60	433.00	3.55
MARUTI	6459.00	6540.00	6427.35	6509.00	49.10
BAJFINANCE	3545.35	3586.00	3530.35	3572.00	26.65
BHARTIARTL	345.45	352.00	344.55	347.65	2.25
TATAMOTORS	158.00	161.00	156.85	160.35	1.05
COALINDIA	255.00	259.00	254.55	258.10	1.35
ITC	275.05	280.00	274.25	277.65	1.40
ONGC	165.50	168.45	165.50	166.00	0.80
WIPRO	284.00	286.30	281.85	285.20	1.30
SUNPHARMA	382.50	387.50	373.55	384.40	0.95
ULTRACEMCO	4570.00	4627.00	4537.00	4585.20	10.40
HDFCBANK	2419.85	2441.50	2403.00	2422.00	4.05
EICHERMOT	19100.55	19248.90	18833.05	19128.00	29.80
ZEE	336.80	345.40	324.65	341.80	0.45
CIPLA	545.05	554.95	546.55	550.05	0.15
INFINITY	74.00	75.90	73.30	74.55	-0.05
IBULHSGFIN	61.00	62.90	60.80	61.90	-0.10
HCLTECH	1077.90	1081.10	1060.15	1073.30	-0.60
HEROMOTOCO	2571.00	2603.50	2550.00	2584.70	-1.55
BAJAJFINSV	835.00	839.65	832.00	833.60	-18.65
ADANIPT	40.40	40.70	40.25	40.50	-1.00
TECHM	727.00	728.15	720.00	724.50	-3.75
TCS	2270.00	2274.45	2250.50	2263.00	-12.50
HINDUNILVR	1769.70	1769.70	1745.00	1754.80	-9.65
UPL	93.90	93.90	91.45	93.10	-5.45
LT	1545.80	1552.20	1521.10	1531.95	-9.05
INDUSINDBK	1455.05	1460.50	1441.55	1451.75	-9.80
ASIANPAINT	1371.00	1372.45	1360.35	1362.00	-14.15
INFRAEL	272.00	272.55	266.00	269.30	-3.50
YESBANK	111.00	112.50	109.10	109.65	-2.30

### BSE 500

Script	Open	High	Low	LTP
RPOWER	4.69	4.69	3.95	4.01
IPASSOCIAT	2.95	3.00	2.86	2.96
JETAIRWAYS	69.00	77.00	67.57	73.60
SUZLON	4.99	5.30	4.54	5.19
YESBANK	111.00	112.50	109.10	110.05
DHFL	79.40	80.65	74.50	75.40
IBULHSGFIN	61.50	62.90	60.80	62.175
EMAMILTD	272.00	300.95	271.75	290.80
RELCAPITAL	67.80	69.65	63.30	64.50
PCJEWELLER	49.80	51.80	46.90	47.45
RELIANCE	1262.00	1297.80	1254.35	1295.80
ICICIGI	1180.00	1180.00	1081.35	1102.10
ZEE	337.50	345.35	325.00	343.00
INFY*	742.50	750.85	737.25	748.05
RELIINFRA	56.90	57.90	50.35	51.90
ITC	275.70	279.95	274.45	278.25
JISJULAJIS	28.05	29.40	27.30	28.25
TATASTEEL	479.50	499.65	474.15	497.60
SPICEJET	124.25	127.45	121.50	125.20
TORNTPOWER	241.00	275.90	241.00	272.05
PEL	1979.95	1979.95	1861.80	1887.00
TATAMOTORS	158.40	160.90	156.00	160.50
UPL	930.00	939.75	910.85	935.60
SBIN	353.25	356.90	351.25	356.50
NTPC	136.50	139.70	135.65	138.90
INDIACEM	94.80	107.10	94.20	105.50
AXISBANK	763.00	783.00	757.00	781.85
MARUTI	6460.00	6540.00	6433.20	6521.50
M&M	635.00	644.25	635.00	642.00
GRAPHITE	339.90	343.00	334.10	336.65
GLENMARK	470.05	470.05	451.75	455.75
LT	1545.00	1551.60	1522.00	1535.05
HDFC	1944.00	1971.00	1922.65	1938.00
HDFC	429.60	434.50	424.80	433.65
PCF	131.50	135.05	130.90	134.25
HEG	1380.00	1445.00	1376.35	1413.15
UJIVAN	288.70	296.50	277.45	288.75
IFCI	8.25	9.53	8.05	9.39
HDFCBANK	2424.00	2441.00	2403.40	2428.65
ESCORTS	552.00	552.00	524.10	543.60
HDFCLIFE	439.45	442.00	436.30	437.80
TCS	2277.00	2277.00	2250.90	2266.75
BANKBARODA	118.75	120.35	117.80	119.95
RECLTD	155.85	162.30	155.85	160.90
JINDALSTEL	137.00	144.15	136.70	143.10
TITAN	1306.90	1320.80	1296.30	1318.80
BELM	821.00	859.00	815.00	858.25
HINDUNILVR	1779.50	1779.50	1746.00	1756.35
VEDL	169.00	171.35	167.70	170.35
KOTAKBANK	1471.00	1491.20	1467.80	1480.85
GAIL	306.75	310.40	304.40	309.65
JSWSTEEL	255.50	267.70	252.30	265.65
IRB	99.80	99.80	92.85	97.20
ASHOKLEY	85.90	89.80	85.15	85.75
IBREALEST	113.30	116.30	112.55	113.95
SUNPHARMA	384.00	387.20	377.70	384.20
MOTHERSUNI	119.00	120.25	115.80	119.50
JUSTDIAL	762.00	774.30	745.30	764.50
ADANIPOWER	50.50	50.85	48.85	50.50
AUROPHARMA	586.00	601.20	575.85	599.00
WOCKPHARMA	369.90	391.00	365.00	386.00
VOLTA	635.00	654.00	630.00	651.30
SBILIFE	675.00	684.80	669.25	674.90
MANAPPURAM	132.80	142.15	132.10	141.20
INDUSINDBK	1451.00	1461.00	1443.30	1450.05
DABUR	392.35	395.65	388.40	393.00
POWERGRID	199.20	202.25	199.20	201.55
APOLOTYRE	197.70	205.50	197.20	200.55
WIPRO	444.00	445.55	432.95	437.65</

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**TRUMP-XI MEET TO HELP BRIDGE DIFFERENCES: FM**  
 Beijing: China's Foreign Ministry says it hopes a meeting later this week between President Donald Trump and his Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping will help build trust and resolve "outstanding issues." Spokesman Geng Shuang gave no details at a daily briefing but there are hopes the planned encounter at the G-20 summit in Japan will help lower the temperature in the trade war between two largest economies.

**CHINA BANK STOCKS FALL ON POSSIBLE US ACTION**  
 Beijing: Shares in three large Chinese banks fell on Tuesday after a media report said a US judge had found the banks in contempt for refusing to comply with subpoenas related to a North Korean sanctions violations case. The ruling could prompt the US to bar one of China's largest banks from the US financial system, the Washington Post report said.

**UNSC URGES 'MAXIMUM RESTRAINT' IN GULF**  
 Washington: The UN Security Council is condemning the latest attacks on oil tankers in the Persian Gulf and urging all parties "to exercise maximum restraint and take measures and actions to reduce escalation and tension." The council says the tanker attacks represent "a serious threat to maritime navigation and energy supply."

**FRIDA THE RESCUE DOG RETIRES IN MEXICO**  
 Mexico City: Frida the rescue dog, a Labrador retriever who gained worldwide fame for her heroics after the earthquake that devastated Mexico on September 19, 2017, officially retired from duty Monday. Frida, who adorably sniffed through the rubble in her protective goggles and booties in the hours after the tragedy, was sent into doggy retirement at 10 years old in a ceremony at the canine unit of the Mexican marines. "Our dear Labrador Frida is starting a new era," said Deputy Naval Minister Eduardo Redondo. "Frida stole the heart of all Mexico and thousands more abroad... Her bark always gave hope, and in moments of pain and uncertainty she brought relief."

# IRAN SAYS US 'LYING' ABOUT TALKS OFFER

AFP ■ TEHRAN

Iran vehemently responded Tuesday to new US sanctions against its leaders, saying they showed Washington was "lying" about an offer of talks and marked the end of diplomacy with the Trump administration, amid an escalating regional standoff.

Washington blacklisted Iran's supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei and top military chiefs on Monday, saying it would also sanction Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif later in the week.

"At the same time as you call for negotiations you seek to sanction the foreign minister? It's obvious that you're lying," Rouhani said in a meeting with ministers, broadcast live on TV. His comments came as US National Security Advisor John Bolton, on a visit to Iran's arch-enemy Israel, said Washington had "held the door open to real negotiations" but that "in response, Iran's silence has been deafening."

Iran and the US broke off



diplomatic relations in 1980 over the hostage crisis at the US embassy in Tehran following Iran's Islamic revolution.

Tensions between them have been escalating since US President Donald Trump unilaterally withdrew last year from a landmark 2015 nuclear deal with Iran and reimposed sanctions on the Islamic republic. Trump has since moved to choke Iran's economy, blacklisted Iran's Revolutionary Guards as a "terrorist organi-

sation" and nearly launched a military strike in retaliation to Iran downing a US spy drone.

Zarif said the drone had violated Iranian airspace, a claim the US denies. But Russia, a key ally of Tehran, on Tuesday backed Zarif's version of events.

Washington has also blamed Iran for mid-June attacks on two tankers in sensitive Gulf waters, a claim Iran hotly refutes. Trump has said

he is ready to negotiate with Iran "with no preconditions" and that Iran could have a "phenomenal future."

"We do not ask for conflict," he said, adding that depending on Iran's response, sanctions could end tomorrow or "years from now."

Rouhani also mocked the logic of blacklisting the supreme leader, who has few assets and no plans to visit the

US. "To sanction (the supreme leader) for what? Not to travel to America? That's cute," he said. Rouhani noted that there had been chances for talks between the two sides.

Zarif met former US secretary of state Rex Tillerson several times before Washington unilaterally withdrew from the nuclear deal in May 2018 and reimposed sanctions on Iran.

## Iran says US sanctions rupture 'path to diplomacy'

Tehran: Iran on Tuesday said US sanctions on its leaders represent the "permanent closure" of diplomacy with Washington, after President Donald Trump tightened the screws on a nation he has threatened with "obliteration."

"Imposing fruitless sanctions against Iran's supreme leader and the commander of Iran's diplomacy is the permanent closure of the path to diplomacy with Trump's desperate government," ministry spokesman Abbas Mousavi said in a tweet.

"Trump's government is destroying all established international mechanisms for keeping global peace and security," he added. AFP

Prince Harry, Meghan's new home with Indian connection cost taxpayers millions

London: Prince Harry and his wife Meghan Markle's new home, a 19th century cottage with an Indian connection on Windsor estate, cost the UK taxpayers a whopping 2.4 million pounds in refurbishment, according to annual royal accounts released on Tuesday.

Frogmore Cottage on the grounds of Queen Elizabeth II's Windsor estate was chosen by the royal couple as their family home last year. The couple's new home has an Indian connection as a royal gift to Abdul Karim by Queen Victoria, then Empress of India, as a sign of her affection for her Indian aide and confidant. In 2018, it was a gift from Harry's grandmother, the Queen, to the newly-wed couple who are now settled into the cottage with new-born baby Archie.

According to the latest royal accounts, months of renovation work to turn the property spread over five separate spaces into one single home was paid for by the UK's Sovereign Grant. PTI

## Iran silence on US talks offer 'deafening': Bolton

Jerusalem: US National Security Advisor John Bolton on Tuesday described as "deafening" Iran's apparent silence on an offer to negotiate with Washington.

"The president has held the door open to real negotiations," Bolton told journalists in Jerusalem. "In response, Iran's silence has been deafening," he added. Bolton is in Jerusalem for what Israel described as unprecedented talks with his Russian and Israeli counterparts, along with meeting Prime

Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Speaking alongside the US advisor, Netanyahu said there was "a wider basis for cooperation between the three of us than many believe." Bolton's comments come a day after the United States imposed sanctions on top officials of Israel's archfoe Iran.

The measures against supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei and others have led to a "permanent closure of the path to diplomacy" according

to Iran's foreign ministry. Tensions are running high after Iran shot down a US spy drone last week and Trump considered, then cancelled, a retaliatory strike. Bolton said Tehran has carried out "attacks upon American personnel and assets in the Middle East" and accused the Islamic republic of seeking nuclear weapons.

Tehran denies it is seeking nuclear weapons and says its programme is for civilian use only. AFP

## Russia accuses US of being 'reckless'

Moscow: Russia accused Washington of being reckless with new sanctions on Iran, saying Moscow stood in solidarity with Tehran. "US authorities should think hard about where this reckless course of action can lead," foreign ministry said in a statement. "It is capable of not only destabilising the Middle East but undermining the entire system of international security," the ministry added.

"There is an impression that Washington is 'burning bridges.'" By introducing sanctions against Iran's supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei and top military chiefs, Washington is seeking to "punish those who are not going to submit to American diktat," Moscow said.

"Russia stands in complete solidarity with the friendly people of Iran and its Government," the Russian foreign ministry added. AFP

## Trump warns of 'overwhelming' retaliation to any Iranian attack

Washington: President Donald Trump on Tuesday warned Iran that an attack on US interests would trigger an "overwhelming" response and could bring "obliteration."

Amid rising tensions between Washington and Tehran, Trump tweeted: "Any attack by Iran on anything American will be met with great and overwhelming force. In some areas, overwhelming will mean obliteration."

Iran's leaders only understand "Strength and Power, and the USA is by far the most powerful Military Force in the world", Trump said in the series of tweets.

The United States and Iran have been locked in an escalating war of words since last week's downing of a US surveillance drone. Iran says it was in its airspace, which Washington vehemently denies.



**IRAN'S LEADERS ONLY UNDERSTAND "STRENGTH AND POWER, AND THE USA IS BY FAR THE MOST POWERFUL MILITARY FORCE IN THE WORLD"**  
 Donald Trump tweeted

Trump pulled back from plans to retaliate with military strikes on Iranian targets, saying the response — and the collateral damage — would not be "proportionate." Agencies

## APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General Public is hereby informed that one unknown dead body of male, Age about 40 years, Height 5'7", Complexion Shallow, Identification Mark A tattoo mark Namely "Roshan" on right hand, Wearing Pink colour shirt and black colour pant was found dead at Under the Sultanpuri Flyover, Sultanpuri, Delhi on 11.06.19. In this regard a DD No. 19-A dated 11.06.19 has been lodged at PS Raj Park, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about this male deceased may be kindly inform to the undersigned.  
 SHO  
 PS: Raj Park, Delhi  
 Ph.: 27910070, 27910071  
 DP/2365/OD/19

## APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General Public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of Male Age: 50/55 years, Height: 5'8", Face: Round, Complexion: Shallow, Built: Strong, Wearing: Multi colour striped T-Shirt and grey pant was found dead on 09.06.2019 at 06.47 A.M. at Manglapuri Bus Terminal Red Light, Delhi. In this regard a FIR/DD No. 30-A dated 09.06.2019 has been lodged at PS Palam Village, Delhi.



If any one having any clue about deceased male may kindly inform the undersigned and contact on following numbers.  
 SHO  
 P.S. Palam Village, Delhi  
 Ph. No.: 011-25365980, 25365981, 25362243,  
 DP/6948/SW/19 Mob.: 7065036227

## US kicks off Mideast plan, with Palestinians boycotting

AFP ■ MANAMA

After a wait of two and a half years, the US administration is launching its Middle East peace plan on Tuesday — with an economic initiative that the Palestinians are boycotting. For this most unconventional of US presidents, Donald Trump's Middle East peace-making bid is unlike decades of previous US attempts.

There is no talk of land swaps, a Palestinian state or other political issues that have vexed diplomats for decades. The Trump administration says it will get to the political issues later. For now, its plan will open over cocktails and dinner Tuesday evening in Bahrain at an intimate two-day "economic workshop" at a luxury hotel overlooking the Gulf.

Led by Trump's son-in-law and adviser Jared Kushner, the "Peace to Prosperity" framework dangles the prospect of USD 50 billion of investment in the Palestinian territories and neighbouring Arab countries over 10 years. Listing a slew of projects to develop roads, border crossings, power generation and tourism, the framework sets an optimistic goal of creating one million Palestinian jobs.

But the Palestinian Authority and its rival Hamas have both denounced the initiative, saying it amounts to a bid by the unabashedly pro-Israel Trump to buy them off in return for not enjoying their own state.

Saeb Erekat, secretary general of the Palestine Liberation Organization, said that the Trump administration "is insinuating that they know what is best for the Palestinian people" without addressing the underlying issue of Israeli occupation.

"Such inciting campaigns aim at making the people and leadership of Palestine accept the dictations, threats and tyranny of both the US and Israel — and they are doomed to fail," the veteran Palestinian negotiator said in a statement.

### GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PHE (M&P) DIVISION, HMT, SRINAGAR.

**Corrigendum No 2**  
 Subject :- Supply of ISI marked Centrifugally Cast (Spun) Ductile Iron Pipes conforming to IS: 8329/2000, read with upto date amendments for assorted sizes ranging from NB 80mm upto and including NB 1000mm (in class K7) and NB 100mm upto and including NB 600mm (in class K9)  
 Ref:- This office N.I.T. No:-PHE/M&P/12 of 2019-20/E-TENDER/Dated:-14.06.2019  
 Kindly read Clause No: 39 Sub-Clause (h) as under :-

Please Read	Instead of
The third Party inspection marking to be hard stamped/rubber stamping on bell mouth/ socket end of the pipes which should be clearly visible to naked eye.	The third Party inspection marking/ Stamp to be hard stamp on 10 % of the Supplied quantity (every lot of consignment) on bell mouth/ socket end of the pipes And rubber stamping on balance 90% of the quantity supplied which should be clearly visible to naked eye.

All other terms and condition will remain same.  
 No.DIPK-NB-1398/19  
 Dated: 25-06-2019  
 Sd/- Executive Engineer  
 PHE (M&P) Divn. Sgr.

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Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor (Loan Account Number) & Address	Property Address of Secured Asset/ Asset to be Enforced	Date of Notice Sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
1.	Rajeev Kumar, Abhay Khand 1, Hig Flat No 115, Indrapuram, Ghaziabad, A/c No:-LBDEL00003000725	Apartment Number 1106, 11th Floor, Tower K, Godrej Summit, Sector 104 Gurgaon	08-May-2019, Rs.10862364/-	30/11/2018
2.	Rachna Jain, Ankil Jain, Renu Jain, 4596/1, Prem Bhawan, II G F, Darya Ganj, Delhi, A/c No:-LBFDB00001737608	Villa No.C-7, HRC Horizons Park Side Villas Plot No.201, 120 Ft Shastri Puram Road Yau Vihar Agra Uttar Pradesh	08-May-2019 Rs.594743/-	30/06/2018
3.	Ashutosh Agarwal, Meenu Agarwal, House No-2628 Second Floor Dif-IV, Gurgaon, Haryana, A/c No:-LBGUR00003118370	Flat No-1001, T-7, 10 Fir Rudra Aquacasa, Plot No Gh-05A Sec-16 Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh, Noida	08-May-2019 Rs.2885133/-	31/12/2018
4.	Rashmi Jain, Kamal Jain, House No- 2636, Sector-7-A, Faridabad, Haryana, A/c No:-LBFDB00001107325	Plot No- 322 A, Block-D, DLF Model Town Sector-11 Faridabad Haryana	08-May-2019 Rs.861153/-	31/12/2018
5.	Mahavir Singh Yadav, Vidya Devi, 16-A, Libaspur Gali No-17, Delhi A/c No:-LBDEL00001565148	LIG Flat No-31 Ground Floor, Block No-B-5 Sector-18, Rohini, Delhi	08-May-2019 Rs.606163/-	31/12/2018
6.	Davbrato Mondal, Shantona Mondal, 1958 1st Floor Katra Lachou Singh, Near Founatin Chandni Chowk, Delhi, A/c No:-LBNOD00001251459	Flat No-1009, 10th Floor, Sector - 5, Plot No-1, Vaishali, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh	08-May-2019 Rs.557365/-	31/12/2018

The above borrower/s and/or their guarantors (where ever applicable) are advised to make the payments of outstanding within period of 60 days from the date of issuance of notice U/s. 13 (2), failing which further steps will be taken after expiry of 60 days from the date of issuance of notice U/s. 13 (2) dated mentioned above as per the provisions of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

Date: June 26, 2019  
 Place: Delhi/NCR  
 Sd/-  
 Authorized Officer  
 ICICI Bank Limited

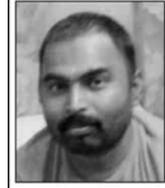
## SEARCH FOR MISSING



General public is here by informed that this girl (depicted in the photo) namely: Sakshi D/o Sh. Ramesh R/o L-398, JJ Colony, Wazirpur, Delhi, has been missing/ kidnapped since 13.04.2019. In this regard FIR No. 179/19 U/s 363 IPC Dated 14.04.2019 has been registered at PS. Bharat Nagar, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the girl but no clue has come to light so far.

Her physical description is as under:-  
 Sex: Female, Age: 16 years, Height: 5'2" ft., Complexion: Fair, Face: Round, Build: Medium, Wearing: Dark Brown Kurta and Lagging and Black Slipper in Feet.  
 Any person is having information or clue about this missing/ kidnapped girl may kindly inform to the following:-  
 SHO  
 P.S. Bharat Nagar, Delhi  
 Ph. No. - 011-27301200  
 Tel. No.: 011-24368638/24368641  
 Fax No.: 011-24368639  
 Mob. No. - 8750870222  
 DP/9081/NW/19

## SEARCH FOR KIDNAPPED



General public is hereby informed that one male namely Ram Kishan, S/o Keshav Thorath, R/o: Parki Basti, Wengi Khirdi Takli Bhan, PS Shri Rampur, Distt. Ahmednagar, Maharashtra, Age: 37 years, Height: 5'6". Complexion: Fair, Face: Round, Built: Strong, Hair: Black, Mentally Disturb, wearing Pink colour T-Shirt & Black colour Pant and Plastic Chappal

in feet, has been missing from Yug Hotel, Kaseruwalan, Pahar Ganj, Delhi on 13.06.2019 around 10:30 PM. In this regard a DD No. 53A, dated 15.06.2019 has been registered at P.S. Pahar Ganj, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the male but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about him please inform undersigned.  
 SHO  
 P.S. Pahar Ganj, Delhi  
 Ph.: 011-23520787, 23524746  
 DP/6377/CD/19

## SEARCH FOR MISSING



General public is hereby informed that one girl (depicted in the photo) namely Muskan, D/o Sanjay Gupta, R/o L-73, Mangolpuri, Delhi, has been missing since Dated 27.05.2019. In this regard a FIR No. 516/19, u/s 363 IPC, Dated 28.05.2019 has been registered at Police Station - Mangolpuri, Delhi. Her physical description is as under:-

Age: 17 years, Complexion: Fair, Height: 5'2", Face: Round, Clothing: Wearing green colour Top, green colour Legging and ladies Chapple in feet.  
 Any person is having any information/Clue about this missing girl, may inform undersigned.  
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I AM JUST CHILLING IN MY HOSPITAL BED, WATCHING ENGLAND VERSUS AUSTRALIA... NOT A BIG FAN OF ENGLAND. HOPEFULLY AUSTRALIA CAN RESTRICT ENGLAND.... I AM GOING TO BE ALRIGHT  
— BRAIN LARA

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TODAY LIVE



New Zealand vs Pakistan

3:00 pm IST

VENUE: Edgbaston, Birmingham

## Lara hospitalised

Brian Lara was on Tuesday admitted to a hospital in Mumbai after complaining of chest pain but is doing 'fine and will be discharged soon'. The 50-year-old from Trinidad was admitted to the Global Hospital in Parel. No official word has come out yet on his condition but a source close to the player said there was no major cause of concern. "He had an angioplasty (a procedure to open narrowed or blocked blood vessels that supply blood to the heart) done two years back and today was a regular check-up as there is always a fear of heart pain. He is fine now and will be discharged soon," the source told PTI. The hospital authorities were tight-lipped about why Lara was admitted and refused to divulge any details. "As a policy, we respect our patients and their right to privacy. Till the time the patient doesn't give us consent, we cannot divulge anything about him. Please respect his privacy. At this point, we cannot say anything," Dr Jigna Shrotriya, the Medical Superintendent of the Hospital, said in a brief statement issued in the evening.

## Tweet angst

Sachin Tendulkar had made his displeasure known over MS Dhoni's slow batting during India's World Cup game against Afghanistan. Tendulkar had said that the stumper should have shown more positive intent during his time at the crease. Tendulkar's views though haven't gone down well with Dhoni's ardent fans and they have taken to social media to make their disappointment known. An ardent Dhoni fan hit back not only at Sachin, but also his son Arjun Tendulkar and said: "@msdhoni is the King of cricket!! Sachin played only for self and trying to fit in his looser son in team India now. Height of nepotism! (sic)." "#MSD one slow innings and everybody is baying for his blood....unfair on @sachin\_rt to come out in public criticising Dhoni. Dear Great Batsman...the WK batsman has won many more matches for India than u did!! (sic)," expressed another fan and went on to add: "Atleast #MSD is much more a team player than the great @sachin\_rt...the little master always had a selfish intent when he came out to bat!! 100 tons and everything is good but one can count on their fingers as to how many matches India won/test matches saved coz #Sachin (sic)."

## Cric-tips for Jr Bangar

It's not everyday that a youngster gets tips from India's bowling coach but then Aryan Bangar is not just any youngster. Son of batting coach Sanjay Bangar, Aryan was watched by Team India's bowling coach Bharat Arun after the national side's optional practice session here on Tuesday. The 18-year-old Aryan is the elder son of Sanjay Bangar and is currently here to play junior county games for Leicestershire. Primarily a left-handed top-order batsman, Aryan also bowls left-arm spin and once Virat Kohli and Co. had finished their session, the youngster was summoned to bowl. Arun and fielding coach R Sridhar had a close look as he bowled for more than 20 minutes. He bowled a few classical left-learner's deliveries that spun away (for right handers) after pitching. Arun also gave him some tips after the session while Senior Bangar watched from a distance.

## 1 billion & counting

The World Cup 2019 is on track to shatter previous digital and TV records and become one of the world's biggest ever sports events — having already delivered over 1 billion video views across digital content on ICC's platforms and social media channels. In addition, TV figures have seen India alone amass a viewership of 342 million during the first fortnight of the tournament even before the much anticipated fixture between India and Pakistan. Hotstar, ICC's official digital licensee in India, delivered a record 15.6 million peak concurrent live viewers for the India v Pakistan match a record for an international cricket fixture across formats. The nail-biting India-Afghanistan fixture at Southampton also delivered similar peak number of concurrent live viewers for the platform.

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

# England feel the Finch

## England bounce back despite Finch-Warner 123-run opening stand



Aaron Finch celebrates after completing his hundred

AFP ■ LONDON

Australia captain Aaron Finch hit a hundred before England fought back with the ball in their World Cup clash at Lord's on Tuesday.

Reigning champions Australia looked set for a huge total at 185-2 but, one ball after completing his century, Finch holed out.

Australia continued to lose wickets but, with Alex Carey 38 not out, they finished on 285-7 off their 50 overs to leave England with a stiff but not impossible chase against their arch-rivals.

However, an Australia attack led by left-arm quick Mitchell Starc defended a total of 288 to beat the West Indies by 15 runs earlier in the tournament, with Finch side's having won all four games in which they have bowled second at this World Cup.

"To get out straight after a hundred is never ideal," said Finch. "I think there is enough in the wicket. It is still a pretty good score.

"It wasn't the easiest wicket to start on. The ball was moving for the seamer. We were conscious to get through that and were able to. We could have got a few more runs but we have got to defend it regardless."

Both Warner, the World Cup's leading run-scorer, and Steve Smith were booed as they entered and exited the field following their recent return from year-long bans for ball-tampering.

England captain Eoin Morgan, who has said it is not his job to tell the crowd how to behave, won the toss in overcast conditions and on a green pitch that promised to help his attack.

Finch and David Warner (53) shared a fine first-wicket stand of 123, with Finch earning a reprieve on 15 when James Vince could not hold a tough chance at backward point.

The Australia skipper then looked to up the tempo with a



Joe Root celebrates with his England teammates after dismissing Aaron Finch

HIGHEST OPENING STANDS FOR AUS AGAINST ENG			
RUNS	PARTNERS	VENUE	DATE
163	Aaron Finch/David Warner	Melbourne	12-01-2014
123	Aaron Finch/David Warner	Lord's	25-06-2019
118*	Adam Gilchrist/Matthew Hayden	Sydney	23-01-2003
110	Brad Haddin/Shane Watson	Melbourne	16-01-2011
109	Geoff R Marsh/Dirk Wellham	Sydney	22-01-1987

legside six off Moeen Ali but the stand was broken in the 23rd over when off-spinner Moeen induced Warner to lob a gentle catch to Joe Root, running round from backward point.

Finch went to his century thanks to a misfield by Chris Woakes but next ball he miscued a hook off Archer and Woakes made no mistake with the catch at fine leg.

He was out for exactly 100, having faced 116 balls, with 11 fours and two sixes and his exit saw Archer become the tournament's outright leading wicket-taker with 16 scalps.

New batsman Glenn Maxwell hit a six and four off successive Archer deliveries only to fall for 12 when caught behind trying to 'ramp' Mark Wood.

Smith and Marcus Stoinis

were then involved in a mix-up that saw Stoinis run out before Smith was caught in the deep off Woakes for 38.

England, bidding to win the World Cup for the first time, were unchanged from the side that suffered a surprise 20-run loss to Sri Lanka.

Australia made two changes from the team that Bangladesh by 48 runs in Nottingham, with off-spinner Nathan Lyon replacing leg-spinner Adam Zampa and Jason Behrendorff coming in for fellow paceman Nathan Coulter-Nile.

Only the top four at the end of the 10-team round-robin stage will qualify for the semi-finals.

Australia are currently second in the table.

England are fourth but any more slip-ups for Morgan's men

## SCOREBOARD

Australia	
Aaron Finch	c Woakes b Archer 100
David Warner	c Root b Moeen 53
Usman Khawaja	b Stokes 23
Steven Smith	c Archer b Woakes 38
Glenn Maxwell	c Buttler b Wood 12
Stoinis	run out (Jonny/Rashid/Buttler) 8
Alex Carey (wk)	not out 38
Pat Cummins	c Buttler b Woakes 1
Mitchell Starc	not out 4
Extras	(b 0, lb 4, w 4, nb 0, p 0) 8
Total	(7 wks, 50 Ov) 285
Fall of wickets: 123-1 (David Warner, 22.4), 173-2 (Usman Khawaja, 32.2), 185-3 (Aaron Finch, 35.3), 213-4 (Glenn Maxwell, 38.2), 228-5 (Marcus Stoinis, 41.5), 250-6 (Steven Smith, 45.4), 259-7 (Pat Cummins, 47.1)	
Bowling	
Chris Woakes	10-0-46-2
Joe Root	9-0-56-1
Mark Wood	9-0-59-1
Ben Stokes	6-0-29-1
Moeen Ali	6-0-42-1
Adil Rashid	10-0-49-0

in their three remaining pool games against Australia, India and New Zealand could imperil their chances of reaching the knockout stages.

Top-ranked England, however, have won 10 of their past 11 one-day internationals against Australia.

# Bhuvi returns to train at nets

PNS ■ MANCHESTER

Team India returned to training under rain and indoor nets at Manchester on Wednesday, the highlight being the recuperating Bhuvneshwar Kumar coming back to practice at nets.

The drill was supposed to be a full-team event but was turned into optional nets due to the constant drizzle soaking up the outfield at Manchester. The team had returned to training after a two-day well-earned break and winning a tense match against Afghanistan in Southampton.

Kumar had suffered a hamstring stiffness mid-field in the match against Pakistan at Manchester and had to leave the field four balls into his over with Vijay Shankar completing the task, to earn a first-ball wicket in his World Cup debut.

Bhuvneshwar, who had been restricted to slow walking the field and light exercise drills by team physio Patrick Farhart in the run-up to the match against Afghanistan, bowled at the nets for around half-an-hour as Virat Kohli, Ravindra Jadeja and Vijay Shankar took throw downs in paral-



Bhuvneshwar Kumar, left, speaks to team physiotherapist Patrick Farhart during an indoor training session ahead of their match against West Indies at Old Trafford in Manchester on Tuesday

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lel nets. He kept his run-up mostly small, increasing it only once in a while that too not to full stride and under the watchful eyes of Farhart.

India is scheduled to play its sixth match of the tournament against West Indies but Mohammed Shami who had replaced the injured Kumar for the Afghanistan match has since cemented his prospects in the playing 11 with a last-over hat-trick which turned the tide of the game and overall four wickets.

It now remains to be seen whether Kumar would be back for the West Indies game though it looks unlikely for now with Shami in full flow and the skipper Virat Kohli suggesting after the match against Pakistan that Kumar

would take at least two maybe three matches to recover completely from his injury.

India's next match after the one at Manchester is against England in Edgbaston, Birmingham, and a more serious look at Kumar's return would be taken only then by the team management.

Meanwhile, a full-drill nets had to be bifurcated into an optional indoor session due to rain with Kohli, Jadeja, Shankar and Kumar turning up for the session. Kohli, who batted for close to 45 minutes to throw-downs by the support staff and the balling machine as coach Ravi Shastri looked over. Kohli's full-throated shots came in as a decibel warning for the West Indies who play India tomorrow despite being all but out of contention for the semi-final.

Shankar, practised at length some outside off-stump deliveries from the machine, missing many of them even as Jadeja who has so far not got a game except as a substitute for first Shikhar Dhawan and then Kumar, swung his bat with elan with some square cuts and uppish straight drives over the head of the bowler.

# It's Manchester, they do things differently here

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The quaint Old Trafford pub on the road leading up to the cricket ground here sports a brave stand: "Open only on match days." You try and book a table for yourself for the England-Australia cricket match and a sense of disbelief engulfs the booking agent at the other end. "Madam, when we say match day we mean only football!"

Cricket is second to many sports in England, the game's mother country, but nowhere more pronounced is this fall from grace than in football bastions like Manchester where a ticket to visit the famous

Manchester United Football Stadium, the real "Old Trafford" as they consider it, goes up to 50 pounds for a two-hour walk through.

The city itself, named Mamucium for having been built on a mound, well, resembling a pair of mammary glands, boasts of many firsts and ups a constant middle finger at any claimants otherwise, be it sport, industry or cyber inventions, not to mention its eventual journey from Mancunian to Manchester 2 to Manchester 3 & 4, in what locals call four avatars of a perennial pioneer.

There are many crimes in Manchester which have been



Vijay Shankar, Dinesh Karthik and Yuzvendra Chahal pose for photo during Manchester United football team home ground Old Trafford

doable down the ages, like drugs and gang violence, for instance. But the one that has been completely undoable is asking for a Liverpool jersey at any of their sports merchandise shop. The Liverpool-Manchester rivalry dates back toan 1884 water canal and is not just about football.

The two cities, just 35 miles apart, have been slogging it out for premiership in everything from politics to transport to sports, with Manchester having an edge but also having to share its glory with Liverpool on logistics.

Manchester split the atom for the world and is the birthplace of the first computer,

thanks to Alan Turing, a harangued scientist who committed suicide after being discovered as a homosexual and preferred to take libido downer injections over jail.

His body was found in the kitchen with a bitten apple next to him, apparently laced with cyanide, giving wind to talk of Steve Jobs giving him homage through the flagship symbol even though England itself gave the man his pride back only in the 21st century apologising for his persecution despite him being the man who cut the big war short by several years through his decoding abilities.

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WE WANT TO MAKE OUR FANS HAPPY. THEY EXPECT A LOT. WE TRY OUR BEST, BUT UNFORTUNATELY, WE HAVE NOT ALWAYS PLAYED WELL — SAMIULLAH SHINWARI

# Cornered Pak vs flying Kiwis

## Pakistan to battle for survival against New Zealand

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PTI ■ BIRMINGHAM

Their campaign revived by a win over South Africa, Pakistan will continue their battle of survival when they face an unstoppable New Zealand in a must-win World Cup clash today.

Pakistan faced severe criticism after their loss to arch-rivals India but their 49-run win over South Africa breathed life into their campaign but the road ahead is a tough one.

With just two wins and three losses, Pakistan are at the seventh spot with five points in six games.

Sarfraz Ahmed and his men will now not only have to win the remaining three matches, starting with New Zealand, but also hope that the results in other matches favour them to salvage any hopes of a semifinal berth.

While pacer Mohammad Amir has been their biggest star, claiming 15 wickets to top the list, none of the other bowlers have backed him, which has affected their campaign.

Their batting line-up too lacked spark before left-handed batsman Haris Sohail, who was dropped after the opening game, made a strong comeback with a 59-ball 89 to help Pakistan post a challenging 308 for 7 against South Africa.

Shadab Khan and Wahab Riaz also chipped in with three wickets in their last game after Amir once again delivered, accounting for two scalps.

While the batting and bowling units delivered against the Proteas, fielding is an area of concern for Pakistan and Sarfraz too admitted that the team will need to pull up its socks.

"We have to work harder on fielding. Again we dropped so many catches (against South Africa), some straightforward and some half-chances. All three matches now are very crucial and we have to sort it out," Sarfraz had said after the match.

New Zealand, on the other hand, have been invincible so far and currently hold the top position in the points table.

The Black Caps, led by inspiration



New Zealand pacer Trent Boult plays with the ball during team's practice session ICC/Twitter

skipper Kane Williamson, have been on a roll ever since they streamrolled Sri Lanka in their opening match.

But no team is unbeatable and New Zealand looked vulnerable against South Africa and the West Indies but it was skipper Williamson's twin hundreds which helped them seal the wins.

Williamson, who also anchored the side against Afghanistan, is their highest scorer in the tournament so far. Ross Taylor too has been among the runs but opensers Colin Munro and Martin Guptill

are yet to click.

Their bowling unit, which includes Trent Boult and Lockie Ferguson, too has been in good form, while New Zealand also have two destructive all-rounders in Jimmy Neesham and Colin de Grandhomme in their ranks.

The only aspect that they seem to be struggling is delivering their quota of overs within the stipulated time and Williamson could be handed a suspension if the over-rate is slow in one more match.



Pak bowling coach Azhar Mahmood shares fun moment with players during practice session ICC/Twitter

HEAD TO HEAD				
	Played	Pak	NZ	Tied/NR
Matches	106	54	48	1/3
Day matches	66	32	31	1/2
In World Cup	8	6	2	-
Last 5 matches	5	1	3	1

HIGHEST TOTALS		
<b>Pakistan</b>	364-7 in 50 overs at Sharjah	14-12-2014
<b>New Zealand</b>	369-5 in 50 overs at Napier	03-02-2015

PERFORMANCE IN WC						
Team	P	W	L	T	N/R	Success%
Pak	84	53	30	-	1	63.69
NZ	76	42	32	-	2	56.57

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### SQUADS

**Pakistan:** Sarfraz Ahmed (captain), Fakhar Zaman, Imam ul Haq, Babar Azam, Haris Sohail, Hasan Ali, Shahadab Khan, Mohammed Hafeez, Mohammed Hasnain, Shaheen Shah Afridi, Wahab Riaz, Mohammed Aamir, Shoaib Malik, Imad Wasim, Asif Ali.  
**New Zealand:** Kane Williamson (captain), Martin Guptill, Matt Henry, Tom Latham, Colin Munro, Jimmy Neesham, Henry Nicholls, Mitchell Santner, Ish Sodhi, Trent Boult, Colin de Grandhomme, Lockie Ferguson, Tim Southee, Ross Taylor, Tom Blundell.

### XFACTOR

- Black Caps' pace attack
- Sarfraz Ahmed's leadership
- Imam-ul-Haq and Fakhar Zaman's opening stand
- Kane Williamson and Ross Taylor's middle order batting
- Mohammed Amir, Wahab Riaz's opening spell
- Colin de Grandhomme's all-round performance

### coachspeak

AZHAR MAHMOOD, PAK



■ How do you see today's match?

They're (NZ) definitely a very strong side. They won all of their games. So we know they're a strong side. If we can do our discipline right, like we did last game — batting, bowling, and fielding. Our ground fielding was really good, but unfortunately we dropped a lot of catches. If we do our discipline right, we can beat any side.

■ Where do you think NZ is most vulnerable?

They are a quality side. They've got a match spinner on their side. So with the ball, you know, it's crucial for us to take a wicket with the new ball. And when we bat, we need to get runs up front. So our top three is the most important for us. If we do our basics right, it's just about us, not about them. We need to do our things right.

■ Would you use spinners more than fast bowlers?

We haven't seen the pitch yet. We play two spinners anyway, and in our side, Haris can bowl as well and Hafeez. So we've got almost four spinners on the side. We'll see the pitch and assess the condition, and then we can use one thing against New Zealand. Change of pace is crucial.

■ As the bowling coach, what do you think has gone wrong with Hasan Ali.

Everyone in cricket, whether you're a batsman or a bowler, you have bad form. He's having a bad form. So he's low on his confidence. He has self-doubt in his ability. So he's running in, and he's working hard on and off the field. You can see that. But it's just a matter of getting two, three wickets, and he'll be back.

Same thing happened to Ahmed, you know. After Champions Trophy, Ahmed was struggling, but he was bowling well. Now you see that he's having a good time. It's same thing happened to Hasan Ali as well.

■ What do you make of the pitch out there at the moment?

We played in this ground before in Champions Trophy. So we know the condition really well. We'll find out today how the pitch look like. Maybe it's like the game played here was a slightly drier pitch. Let's see under cover.

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### Feather in the cap

**Birmingham:** New Zealand opener Martin Guptill will aim to add another feather to his cap when he comes to bat against Pakistan in their World Cup fixture to be played today.

Guptill needs 58 more runs to become the second Kiwi player after former skipper Stephen Fleming to score 1,000 World Cup runs. So far, the right-handed batsman has amassed 942 runs in 22 World Cup innings. The 32-year-old will become the 20th batsman overall to score 1,000 runs in World Cups.

Fleming scored 1,075 runs in 33 innings he played in World Cups for the Black Caps. Legendary Indian batsman Sachin Tendulkar holds the record for scoring the maximum number of runs in World Cups. He scored 2,278 runs in 44 World Cup innings.

Guptill also holds the record for scoring the highest score in a World Cup. He had played an outstanding innings of 237 against the West Indies in the 2015 edition of the World Cup. New Zealand, with 11 points from six games, will aim to seal their semi-final spot when they take on Pakistan at Edgbaston.



## MEN WHO MATTER

### MOHAMMAD AMIR (PAKISTAN)

The left-arm pacer is delivering big time on the promise he showed when he arrived on the international scene a decade ago, as a 17-year-old. Amir in this tournament has been more incisive than he has in years. His battle against Williamson should be a mouth-watering one.



### KANE WILLIAMSON (NEW ZEALAND)

Williamson never ceases to amaze with his sponge-like ability to absorb pressure. Along with his unquestionable class, Williamson brings fantastic temperament, just the kind of which is required to succeed in a high-stakes environment, such as the World Cup.



**UNDER THE COVERS**  
 There is rain expected on match eve, but by the time Wednesday comes around, the weather should have eased out considerably. There will, nevertheless, be a light cloud cover and some mild breeze, so watch out for some wicked in-swingers and away-angling rippers from Boult and Amir.

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# 'Jeet karo repeat' Kane can, we can

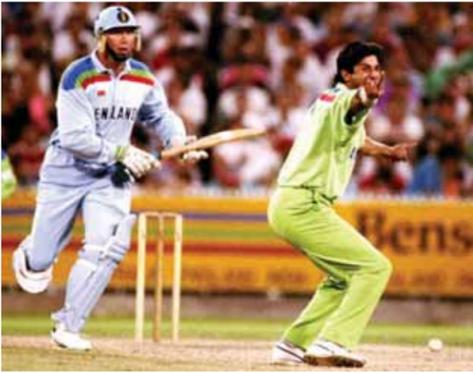
IANS ■ BIRMINGHAM

Former Pakistan speedster Wasim Akram has advised Sarfraz Ahmed not to tinker with the winning combination and go with an unchanged playing XI against New Zealand in their crucial World Cup match to be played on Wednesday at Edgbaston.

Pakistan kept their hopes of making it to the semi-finals of the ongoing tournament alive after registering a comfortable 49-run victory over South Africa on Sunday, thus knocking them out of the competition.

He also hoped for a repeat of 1992's show when Pakistan had defeated the Black Caps — who were also unbeaten till that match — by seven wickets in their crucial World Cup game played at the AMI Stadium in Christchurch.

"They were unbeaten in 1992 too before playing against us and we won the game, they're unbeaten again and I hope we repeat the show, but boys will have to give their best," Wasim told Pakistan's Geo TV. "There's no need to change the winning combination," he added. However, Akram wants Pakistan to improve their field-



Wasim Akram appeals for lbw during 1992 World Cup final AP/File Photo

ing, especially their catching which has been very poor so far in the tournament.

Pakistan have dropped as many as 14 catches in the six games they have played so far. "We have dropped 14 catches in the tournament. We are top on the list of teams dropping most catches in the World Cup which isn't a good sign," Akram said. "This isn't something new, but we need to overcome this problem," he added.

The former captain also added that Babar Azam needs to start converting his fifties into hundreds if he wants to

become a world-class batsman.

Azam has scored two half-centuries in the World Cup so far, which came against England and South Africa, but was subsequently dismissed for 63 and 69 respectively. He also scored 48 against arch-rivals India before being clean bowled by spinner Kuldeep Yadav.

"The openers did well, Babar did well, but Babar needs to convert his fifties into hundreds," said Akram while speaking of the Proteas game.

Forget skipper Kane Williamson for a second — New Zealand's unbeaten start to the Cricket World Cup has been a true team effort with everyone stepping up to the plate.

That's the view of Black Cats all-rounder Mitchell Santner as the Black Caps look to continue their impressive start to this year's competition against Pakistan in Edgbaston on Wednesday.

Boasting the highest batting average in the World Cup 2019 to date — a staggering 186.50 — after match winning knocks against both West Indies and South Africa, skipper Williamson has rightly been lauded for his wonderfully assured performances over the past month.

But with only one side — the WI — having scored over 250 against New Zealand so far, and the likes of Lockie Ferguson and Trent Boult excelling with the ball, Santner believes the Blacks Caps' success so far is as much a triumph of collective skill.

"We've had a couple of tight games, which I guess the key so far is other people have been stepping up, and I guess that's what you want to do as a team," he said. "You want everyone to step up at different times throughout the tournament, and I think that's what we've found so far.

"We haven't relied on a few guys to do the bulk of the work, but in saying that, being on the winning side of those tight encounters give the whole squad confidence. "So that's nice, obviously, going into each game, that you know you've got confidence. "The team, other people are standing up at different times, and you can back everyone to do a job rather than just relying on a couple of key players.

"You look at our side as a whole, we're quite a scrappy side, and we pride ourselves on winning those little moments, like I guess we have been, and saying that, we could have been on the other end of a couple of those games."

Opponents Pakistan head into Wednesday's game in Birmingham still well in the hunt for a semi-



M Santner in action ICC/Twitter

final berth after victory over South Africa at Lord's on Sunday.

Key to the Men in Green's success resurgence has been Mohammad Amir's potent use of the new ball, with the seamer currently sitting close to the top of the bowling stand-

ings. And with pre-tournament England another their victims over the past

month, Santner believes Pakistan's threat cannot be taken lightly. "I think they're very dangerous. Obviously, they've had a pretty good record over here," he added.

"They won the Champions Trophy a couple of years ago, and they've come off a pretty good win against South Africa.

"We've played Pakistan a lot recently. We're aware of their strengths, and I think Wahab back into their team is very good for them.

"Amir is bowling very well as well. Their bowling attack on the whole is very good. We can't take them lightly, and we'll have to prepare accordingly. I guess we've seen early in this tournament they've taken down big sides.

"They took down England and took down South Africa the other day. When they're hot, they're really hot. We have to, obviously, find ways of trying to cool them down when they're like that. We're playing pretty good cricket as well, so I think we're in for a pretty good match tomorrow."

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### Self-destruct mode

**London:** Pakistan head coach Mickey Arthur has claimed that he was feeling so low and disappointed after his team's loss to India in the ongoing World Cup that he wanted to "commit suicide".

On June 16 at the Old Trafford in Manchester, Pakistan had to face an embarrassing 89-run loss (D/L method) against arch-rivals India. This was their seventh loss against the Men in Blue in all the editions of the World Cups.

The entire team, including skipper Sarfraz Ahmed and the team management, had drawn a lot of flak from former cricketers and fans on social media.

However, Pakistan came back strongly to keep their hopes alive of making it to the semi-finals as they registered a convincing 49-run victory over South Africa, knocking the Faf du Plessis-led team out of the competition.

"Last Sunday I wanted to commit suicide," Arthur said at the post-match press conference after the Proteas game at the Lord's on Sunday. "But it was, you know, it's only one performance.

"It happens so quick. You lose a game; you lose another game; it's a World Cup; media scrutiny; public expectation, and then you almost go into sort of survival mode. We've all been there," he added.

He had also said guys in the team were "burnt" last week post their defeat to Virat Kohli's men.

— IANS



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WE MISSED A COUPLE OF CATCHES AND GAVE SOME EXTRA RUNS, 30-40 RUNS WE GAVE AND IF WE STOP THAT, IT WAS A SLOW WICKET AND GOOD FOR BATTING  
GULBADIN NAIB

# Shades of Mancunians

PNS ■ MANCHESTER

Liverpool guys, however, are totally disdainful of anything their brother city has ever achieved. Manchester at worst is responsible for Hiroshima, Nagasaki and Bill Gates, is their chant.

But this one is about Manchester, not Liverpool. Mancunians, however, are passionate beings, taking pride in their revolutions, their music, place in world politics as also their propensity to make the unheard-of meet, like being the harbingers of capitalism and yet being the place where the Communist manifesto was written by Karl Marx and Engels.

The Chartist movement, the Anti-Porn Law League, the Free Trade Movement, the Co-Operative Movement, the Suffragette Movement (the movement for right to vote for women), and, please do believe me, vegetarianism too! The was the place where the first vegetarian cookbook was published and a vegetarian society founded.

Manchester fiercely prides itself as being the world's city of firsts. From hosting the world's first professional football league in 1888, to the first passenger railway train which ironically took its inaugural journey from Manchester to Liverpool if you please! This was the first time someone could go and buy a ticket and travel for the pleasure of it rather than just transporting goods.

At one point, 80 per cent of the cotton-based goods that showed up in the world were synonymous with Manchester and even today, the golden ball decorating the summit of their Townhall is a cotton ball and not a football as you would have thought.

To this day, in Australia and New Zealand, you get the Manchester departments in stores selling cottonalia despite most of the cotton mills and warehouses now being turned into clubs, housing and secret gems of the largely underground musical gigs. No wonder then, in Czech language, the word Manchester translates into cowdroy trousers! There are 36 cities named Manchester in the world, but none as prominent as this one which came into being in 78 AD.

The industrialisation peaked in 1913 and it was during the World War II when most of the warehouses were bombed triggering a decline into non-existence in 1968 by when just 15 mills were left in surrounding areas. Manchester, in that sense, brought the Industrial Revolution's other facet to the world too, it being called the Shock of the 19th Century, the de-industrialisation.

Today, the red brick buildings are a source of tours and vintage landscape, but these were largely warehouses where the cotton came and sat before being spun into textiles and shipped worldwide. Initially, and much to the chagrin of the Mancunians, everything had to come to them via, ahem, the Liverpool ship canal! And when the city built its own, it was the biggest and first middle finger it could show to Liverpool. People didn't have to go via Liverpool any more, they could come directly to Manchester and save themselves the despair of being obliged to this city's biggest rival.

Today, the rivalry brews as strong and locals tell you when Liverpool meets the Reds on home ground, the acoustics far exceed the decibel levels of an India-Pakistan cricket match in any part of the world. The Manchester United stadium has a 75000-strong stand capacity and tickets for this event are sold seasons before. This intense rivalry can only be compared to a more recent one fuelling the hyper pods against Manchester City, the other local club which has recently been giving a run for their fans. Thankfully for cricket, football is on a summer break, giving the World Cup some of its moment in the city.

Manchester's economic success was



Manchester United attacking midfielder Jesse Lingard tries to go past Liverpool goalkeeper Alisson Becker during Premier League match at Old Trafford stadium in Manchester on 24th February 2019. The match ended in a goalless draw

Premier League/Twitter



built by unsung slaves and working-class Mancunians who were primarily Irish or Italians, exploited much like slaves. They lived in highly unhygienic conditions with contaminated drinking water, leaving them with two choices. One, risk drinking the water and fatal water-borne diseases like typhoid and cholera. Two, switch to alcohol. So that's how you explain the great Irish zen for the liquid diet of the heady kind!

The world's first trade union meeting took place on the famous Princess Street in the 19th century. Today, the street hosts another becoming icon buster: The

Midlands Hotel which contributes significantly in Manchester's other precious tag of being the city where two become one, where the twain meet- like Capitalism and Communism, like anti-and-pro homosexuality laws, like isolation of women from politics to inclusivity.

For this generation, it is the hotel which hosted the first and very secret date of their football legend David Beckham and then Spice Girl Victoria. This is also the building which Hitler took to heart, asking its troops to save it from all the bombing. The shadow of the other dreary and

**MANCHESTER FIERCELY PRIDES ITSELF AS BEING THE WORLD'S CITY OF FIRSTS. FROM HOSTING THE WORLD'S FIRST PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE IN 1888, TO THE FIRST PASSENGER RAILWAY TRAIN WHICH IRONICALLY TOOK ITS INAUGURAL JOURNEY FROM MANCHESTER TO LIVERPOOL IF YOU PLEASE! THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME SOMEONE COULD GO AND BUY A TICKET AND TRAVEL FOR THE PLEASURE OF IT RATHER THAN JUST TRANSPORTING GOODS**

empty buildings around this majestic hotel, not to mention the high percentage of joblessness, depression and angst of de-industrialisation, gave birth to a lot of pathbreaking cultural activities which today's Manchester signifies with, like its music. Its yuppie 21st century construction, however, dents some of the shine of a proud Mancunian, by having become non-inclusive, corporate and largely unaffordable!

But an illegal and strong rave culture ridden with drugs, alcohol and joblessness besieged the youth. In 1976, came the symbolic arrival of Punk in the UK through Manchester's doors of course when the Sex Pistols premiered songs like "never mind the waltz" at the Free Trade Hall. But did you know that despite the highly publicised event wherein the band was brought in from London, how many people attended it? Just 40, the same number as the ones earmarked for billion-pound bunker that was built in the early 20th century with a fully functional bar, a tunnel to escape and food amenities for six months in case the A-bomb exploded, which never did and by the time the Cold War brought in the more powerful and destructive H-bomb, the bunker was shown up as too ancient to cut any kind of damage.

Back to music, Manchester boasts of an unending list of bands like The Stone Roses, Joy Division, New Order, Blue Mondays, The Fall, The Doves, Charlatans, The Smiths, Oasis, Take Date, signifying much

of present Manchester. This is where the transition from Manchester 3 to Manchester 4, from Mamucium to Manchester to Madchester started, the city never losing its identity or pride:

As famously said: "Despite the decades of decline, despite the wet weather, despite 11 years of Margaret Thatcher, despite the drugs and the gangs and the garbage in the street, Manchester still feels alive and this is an achievement for however long as it lasts. Manchester survives through small acts of defiance because in and around the ruins of an empire, the kids are alive and dancing!"

The thing about Manchester is, Mancunians believe it all comes from here, a city that thinks tables are for dancing, a people who pride in their sarcasm, its shops and its attitude and a generation who now keeps banging on its football teams, the Reds and the Blues, Manchester United and the lesser Manchester City.

On a more global front, Manchester changed the world's politics: From vegetarianism to feminism to trade unionism to communism, every upstart notion that ever-got ideas above its station, every snotty street-fighter of a radical philosophy, was fostered brawling in Manchester's streets, mills, pubs, churches and debating halls. Well said, Stuart Maconie because, indeed, this is Manchester, they do things here differently!

# Learning curve for the team

## First Slip



By MIRWAIS ASHRAF Afghan all-rounder

This ICC Men's Cricket World Cup has been tough for Afghanistan but they'll take every lesson learned and come back stronger in the future.

There have been some tough moments but I'm still really excited for the future of cricket in the country, we know the interest is huge and we have the players.

We must remember that these are very tough sides and they were never going to be easy for Afghanistan to beat, so the expectation from the nation going into those games was not too high.

Nevertheless, they have done themselves proud with many of their performances, especially that match against India when we got so close. I think it's important to say that this is a big honour for Afghanistan just to compete at this ICC Men's Cricket World Cup.

Afghanistan have just two games left now and we want to try and finish on a high against Pakistan and West Indies, we know how to beat both those teams so there's no reason to believe we can't again.

Whatever happens, though, this has been a very good experience for Afghanistan and the team would have learnt a lot from it, so I'm feeling very positive about the future.

I do think it has shown that Afghanistan need to arrange to play more games against the top nations to get that experience - that will be invaluable as we look towards 2023 in India where the conditions will suit our game.

I think if we can get more experience against those top teams and in different conditions around the world, then you will see a big improvement in Afghanistan in four



Rashid Khan poses for photo with Afghan teammate during Afghanistan team practice session

ICC/Twitter

**If we can get more experience against top teams and in different conditions around the world, then you will see a big improvement in Afghanistan in four years' time**

years' time.

The first thing to improve is our fielding - that's where we often fall short when you compare the team to the best sides in the world, teams like England, India and Australia.

We saw the difference it made in the match with India.

That game will live long in the memory and hopefully will inspire the players and give belief. To lose by 11 runs to the second best side in the world proves how far we've come and why this journey is just beginning.

We know we've got world-class bowlers in the likes of Mujeeb Ur Rahman, Rashid Khan and Mohammad Nabi but batting is still an area where we need work. In one-day cricket you need to confident your team can score 300 runs regularly.



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SHAKIB IS A LEGEND. IT IS A SOURCE OF GREAT PRIDE THAT WE HAVE A PLAYER LIKE THAT IN BANGLADESH SIDE. HE IS MR CONSISTENT FOR US BE IT WITH THE BAT, BALL OR IN THE FIELD — SUNIL JOSHI

# Devils relive summer of 83

PTI ■ MANCHESTER

They remember most of the things, may forget a few just like senior citizens tend to but then comes June 25 and they are all back in that Lord's balcony.

They are 'Kapil's Devils', who brought a nation to a standstill on a Saturday night, which remained young forever.

Thirty six summers have gone by and Kapil Dev's toothy grin with the Prudential Cup remains the most defining moment in Indian cricket. It refuses to fade away. On TV, one gets to watch it every four years. On YouTube, one can indulge in repeat telecast in a loop.

If that balmy evening in Lord's wouldn't have been there, India can't be sure if it would have had that 'starry starry' April night at Wankhede 28 summers later.

A Sunil Gavaskar was needed for a Sachin Tendulkar, without a Kapil Dev, there possibly wouldn't have been a Mahendra Singh Dhoni and Krishnamachari Srikkanth possibly was a mini prototype of a player called Virender Sehwag. A generation took to cricket and made it their passion because of that batch.

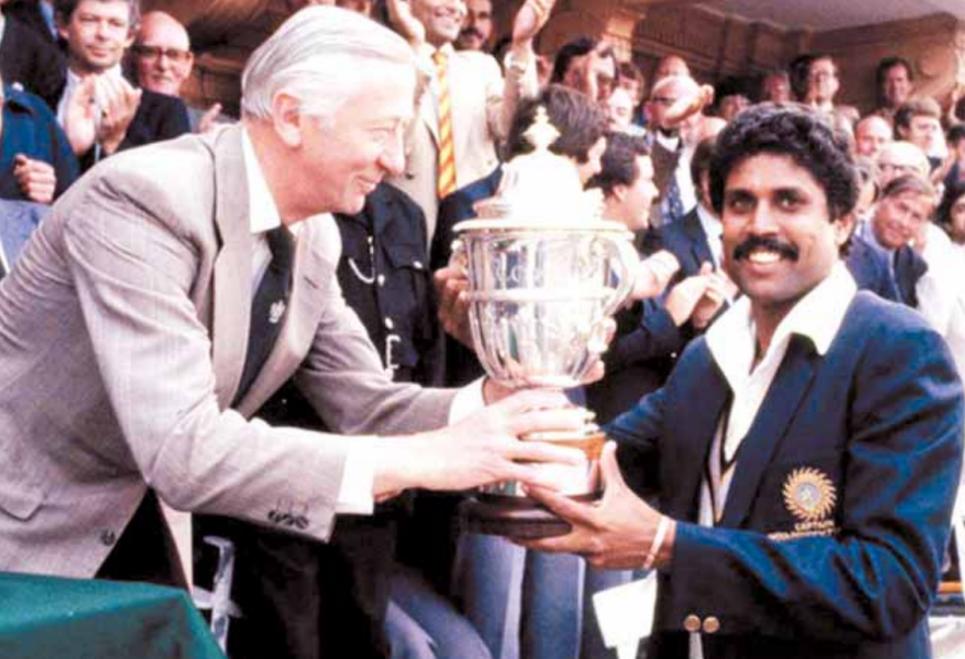
Not to forget, the buzz around the current lot which is also looking good for a Lord's fairytale.

The industry called Indian cricket exists because of the '83 squad.

Kapil recently, in a web show, said he doesn't remember a lot of things that happened during the World Cup, quite possible for a 60-year-old, who has had too many heady achievements in his illustrious career.

But certainly not for Madan Lal, who says that it remains in his muscle memory.

"How can I forget the biggest achievement of my cricket career? It's in my muscle memory," Lal, who got Vivian Richards' wicket, said.



Kapil Dev lifts the Prudential Cup '83 after India beat West Indies by 43 runs in the final played at Lord's on 25th June 1983

"You remember so many things. Kapil's knock at Tunbridge Wells, beating West Indies in the first World Cup, Kirti's (Azad) shooter to Ian Botham, getting better of Australia at Chelmsford and then the final," recalled Lal.

On a recent show on an OTT platform VIU, Srikkanth recalled how he had planned for an extended honeymoon in the US as they were pretty sure that India won't qualify for the semi-finals.

"I was 23, newly married and my wife was only 18. We had got married two months back and were planning a honeymoon in the States. We had in fact booked Air India tickets worth ₹10,000 from London to New York," Srikkanth said.

The batch of 2011 got ₹2 crore each for winning the World Cup from a rich BCCI but the batch of 1983 was not so lucky.

"Lata Mangeshkar did a concert for us at the National Stadium and from the proceeds, we were given ₹1 lakh each. Trust me, I didn't even have my own house, let alone have a car. I used to have a motorbike at that time playing for India for nine years then," he laughed.

But 1983 did give them that identity which they have been able to cash in on. "Yes, today I am an expert on a national channel and it helps. But yes, our

## Theatre of dreams

PTI ■ MANCHESTER

Ravi Shastri on Tuesday recalled the memorable win over the West Indies on the opening day of the 1983 World Cup at the Old Trafford stadium here, an unexpected result that gave them the "belief" of going all the way.

And India did go all the way as they beat the mighty West Indies again, in the final, to lift their maiden World Cup trophy 36 years ago.

"It has all begun here (at Old Trafford) in the summer of 1983. India played on the opening day against the West Indies, a team that had never been beaten in World Cup history. This was the meeting point and India beat the West Indies on this very ground. Plenty has changed here since then," Shastri told bcci.Tv, referring to the complete makeover the stadium has undergone. India had won the game against the

West Indies on June 9, 1983 after posting 262 for eight in 60 overs, with Yashpal Sharma scoring 89 off 120 balls. The Indian bowlers then put up a brilliant showing to dismiss the West Indies for 228, with Roger Binny and Shastri taking three wickets each.

"Behind the ground are the railway tracks and I will never forget that. When the game got tight Joel Garner hit one right into the railway tracks. I for one will never forget that the game because I took the last wicket.

"That (win) started it all. It gave us the belief that we could beat any side, once we had beat the West Indies. There was no stopping us. Good to be back here. 1983 is what changed the face of Indian cricket," Shastri, now the India head coach, added.

Two weeks later, India beat the West Indies again to be crowned world champions for the first time.

success meant a lot and then the next generation reaped rewards which makes me happy," said Lal, who had also been a former chief coach and selector of the national side.

"Malcolm (Marshall) ke saath toh mera ek deal tha. Woh aa ke hi mujhe in ek bounce deta tha (I had a deal with Malcom Marshall. He would come and bowl a lethal bouncer)," Yashpal Sharma couldn't stop laughing as he regaled a handful of scribes at the Feroz Shah Kotla during a domestic game.

For Sunil Valsan, it was an endless wait and he became an eternal eighth standard quiz question: "Who was the cricketer who didn't play a single game during the 1983 World Cup?" No marks

for guessing who that was.

"Kapil, Madan and Roger were bowling so well that I knew it was difficult to get a chance. In fact one game against West Indies at the Oval, I could have played but the manner in which Roger sprinted at the fitness test, I could only sit and watch. But no regrets," Valsan had recalled in a recent interaction.

Just like those family WhatsApp groups, the batch of 83, also has a group although they won't say who the group admin is. Everyone sends each other messages and recall that glorious evening.

It was their story and they might have grown old but the story remains timeless. It's an epic and now a soon-to-be-released Bollywood movie too.

## OTHER SPORTS



Edinson Cavani celebrates with Luis Suarez after scoring against Chile during Copa America Group C match

# Cavani's header ends Chile's unbeaten run

AFF ■ RIO DE JANEIRO

Japan and Ecuador were left heartbroken as their 1-1 draw in Belo Horizonte on Monday saw them miss out on the Copa America quarter-finals, with Paraguay qualifying instead.

Uruguay, meanwhile, topped Group C as Edinson Cavani's goal eight minutes from time gave them a 1-0 win over champions Chile, who also qualify, at Rio de Janeiro's Maracana stadium.

Japan and Ecuador faced a must win match in their bid to reach the knock-out stages as one of the two best third-placed finishers.

Peru had already secured their spot from Group A while Paraguay, in Group B, were left sweating on Monday's result having finished their campaign on Sunday with two points from three games.

Shoya Nakajima gave Japan the lead on 15 minutes with a goal validated by VAR, but 10 minutes from half time, Angel Mena equalized for Ecuador.

Japan substitute Daizen Maeda was put clean through late on but saw his effort saved by goalkeeper Alexander Dominguez.

Deep into stoppage time teenage sensation Takefusa Kubo had the ball in the net but a dramatic winner was ruled out for

offside after consulting VAR.

It meant Japan missed out on goal difference while Ecuador came up a point short.

Paraguay will play hosts Brazil in the first quarter-final on Thursday in Porto Alegre.

Japan coach Hajime Morihasa had recalled 18-year-old Kubo but it was Nakajima who proved the Blue Samurai's most potent weapon, at one point trying to chip Ecuador's goalkeeper from halfway.

He and Ecuador's Enner Valencia both fired early shots over before Nakajima gave Japan a 15th minute lead with a shot from outside the box.

It was originally disallowed but then validated following a VAR review. Japan's Eiji Kawashima saved a shot from Valencia but Ecuador were level on 35 minutes after the veteran goalkeeper failed to hold a Robert Arboleda effort, allowing Angel Mena to tuck home the rebound.

Almost immediately, new Real Madrid signing Kubo came to life and forced a save out of Dominguez.

Maeda had a chance to win it in the dying moments when put through by Kubo but couldn't beat Dominguez.

And Kubo, nicknamed the "Japanese Messi" saw his hopes of becoming the nation's hero dashed by VAR.

### CONTROVERSIAL JARA

In Rio, Chile knew they needed only a draw to keep hold of top spot in Group C and avoid Colombia — the only team with a perfect group stage record — in the quarter-finals.

Chile, playing with greater urgency, were on top for the first 20 minutes with Alexis Sanchez lashing an early shot over the bar and Uruguay goalkeeper Fernando Muslera saving from Charles Aranguiz and Eduardo Vargas.

Uruguay found their feet, though, and Suarez pounced on a defensive mistake to nip around goalkeeper Gabriel Arias, but he was forced wide and the chance was snuffed out.

From the resulting corner Diego Godin headed over from three yards out.

Uruguay looked dangerous from set pieces and Martin Caceres bundled wide after Cavani's flick-on.

At the other end, Jose Gimenez headed the ball off his own line from Paulo Diaz's header. For a team with nothing to lose, Uruguay had shown little urgency but they took the lead with a moment of quality.

Just six minutes after coming on Jonathan Rodriguez chipped the ball into the box and Cavani planted an unstoppable header into the corner, securing top spot in Group C and a quarter-final date with Peru in Salvador.

# USA, Sweden reach WWC quarters



Sweden players run to their goalkeeper celebrating at the end of Women's World Cup round of 16 match between against Canada

AFF ■ PARIS

Megan Rapinoe scored two penalties as defending champions the United States beat Spain on Monday to set up a mouth-watering quarter-final against hosts France at the women's World Cup, with Sweden joining them in the last eight.

On another day in the limelight for VAR, Sweden's goalkeeper Hedvig Lindahl made a brilliant second-half penalty save as her country edged out Canada 1-0 in Paris, meaning they advance to a similarly enticing tie against Germany.

The showdown between the holders and the hosts had seemed inevitable from the moment the draw was made back in December, but after France laboured to beat Brazil in extra time on Sunday, the

USA did not find the going easy against Spain in Reims.

Rapinoe's first penalty gave Jill Ellis's team an early lead after Tobin Heath was brought down in the box by Maria Leon.

However, Jennifer Hermoso pounced to equalise moments later after Becky Sauerbrunn had been caught in possession, and Spain held their own after that against the World Cup favourites.

They were undone, though, by another penalty awarded for what looked a very slight touch on Rose Lavelle from Virginia Torrecilla.

The penalty was confirmed after a VAR check and Rapinoe smashed the ball into the same corner with 15 minutes left to give the USA the tightest of wins and line up the French.

In Paris, more than 38,000 fans saw Sweden edge out fifth-

ranked Canada 1-0 at the Parc des Princes thanks to a solitary second-half goal scored by Stina Blackstenius, superbly set up by Kosovare Asllani.

Sweden then held on for the victory thanks to Lindahl, who dived to her right to keep out Janine Beckie's 69th-minute penalty awarded after a VAR review showed Asllani had stopped a Desiree Scott shot with her arm.

That was the 22nd penalty awarded at this World Cup, equalling the total tally from the 2015 tournament and underlining the influence of Video Assistant Referees, although VAR later intervened to overturn a spot-kick awarded to Sweden.

Sweden will face Germany on Saturday in a repeat of the Gold medal match at the 2016 Olympics, which the Germans won 2-1.

# Neymar closer to Barca move

AFF ■ MADRID

Neymar is ready to cut his salary by 12 million euros to leave Paris Saint-Germain as part of a "verbal agreement" reached between the Brazilian and Barcelona, according to reports in the Spanish press.

PSG are yet to sanction the sale of their star striker, who they paid a world record 222 million euros to sign from Barca only two years ago.

But Neymar is reportedly eager to return to Spain and Barcelona are prepared to take him back, with Spanish sports newspaper Diario Sport claiming a five-year contract has been agreed.

The newspaper says the terms include Neymar reducing his salary from around 36 million euros at PSG to the 24 million euros he received at Barca in 2017, while also dropping his 26-million euro court case against the Catalan club.

Neymar claims he was due the amount before leaving as a loyalty bonus.

Barcelona sports newspaper Mundo Deportivo has reported Neymar will also have to make a public apology to the club's fans for the manner of his departure.

The 27-year-old had spent four years at Camp Nou,



Neymar Jr in a file picture

winning the Champions League in 2015 and two La Liga titles. He had formed a brilliant attacking trio alongside Lionel Messi and Luis Suarez.

Any return for Neymar would likely require Barca to raise funds through sales. Antoine Griezmann is expected to join from Atletico Madrid for 120 million euros while Frenkie de Jong has already signed for 75 million euros from Ajax.



# Wimbledon seeding disrespects world rankings

AFF ■ MADRID

Rafael Nadal complained about Wimbledon's seeding system after the Spaniard was placed at number three, behind Roger Federer, for next week's grand slam in London.

The other three major tournaments all match their seeding to the official world rankings but Wimbledon uses its own formula to dictate the order, combining ranking points with form in grass-court competitions.

It means Nadal will be seeded three and Federer two at the All England Club this year, despite their positions being the reverse in the rankings list.

"Wimbledon is the only tournament of the year that does it like this," Nadal told Spanish television channel Movistar on Monday night.

"Obviously it would be better to be two than three but if they think I have to be three I will accept three and fight to win the matches I have to win.

"Having said that, the only thing that doesn't seem right about this issue is that it is only Wimbledon that does it. If they all did it, it would seem more correct.

"It's not only about my particular case. There have been many occasions when players have played well all year on all surfaces but Wimbledon does not respect the ranking they have earned.

"And for this reason they get more complicated draws."

Nadal is yet to play an official match on grass this year while Federer warmed up for Wimbledon last week by winning his 10th title at the grass-court tournament in Halle.

Federer and top seed Novak Djokovic will be at opposite ends of the Wimbledon draw, separated until the final, but Nadal is guaranteed to have either Federer or Djokovic in his half, and could meet them in the semis.

"For me personally, it means if I am three, to get to the final, Djokovic or Federer will be in my half," Nadal added.

"But that can only happen in the semi-finals and to get there I have to win five matches. Today I'm far away," Nadal claimed his 18th major title earlier this month by winning the French Open for a record-extending 12th time. He now sits behind only Federer's 20 grand slam triumphs in the all-time list of male champions.