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India's interest to rule S-400 deal

On trade tangle, Pompeo says 'great friends are bound to have differences'

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Against the backdrop of Washington objecting to India's ₹50,000 crore deal for procuring S-400 missile systems from Russia, New Delhi on Wednesday made it clear to the US that its ties with Russia are time tested and it will go by its national interest while dealing with other countries.

"We have many relationships... They have a history. We will do what is in our national interest and part of that strategic partnership is the ability of each country to comprehend and appreciate the national interest of the other," Jaishankar said.

Noting that India-US strategic partnership was based on deep and broad convergence, Jaishankar said discussions with Pompeo were held on key issues including energy and trade as well as on the situation in Afghanistan and the India-Pacific region.

On terrorism, Jaishankar said he expressed appreciation for strong support of the Trump Administration. Pompeo, who arrived here on Tuesday night, called on Prime Minister Narendra Modi and National Security Adviser (NSA) Ajit Doval in the morning and discussed various aspects of the India-US relationship.

The US Secretary of State admitted that his country has a divergence of view with New Delhi on issues such as trade but downplayed it by saying that "great friends are bound to



External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo during their joint Press conference following a meeting in New Delhi on Wednesday

have differences." Both the Ministers said they will explore ways to work through these issues, including the United States' opposition to the \$5-billion defence deal for S-400 air defence systems between India and Russia.

"On some outstanding issues related to trade, I pushed for a constructive and pragmatic view. The real test of our intentions will be our ability to deal with this," said Jaishankar. He also said true "maturity" lies in finding ways and means, something that has not worked out so effectively between the two countries in the recent past.

Let's stand up together for religious freedom: Pompeo

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo on Wednesday called for speaking "strongly" in favour of religious freedom rights and asserted that the world is worse off when they are compromised.

"India is the birthplace of four major world religions. Let's stand up together for religious freedom for all, let's

speak out strongly together in favour of those rights for whenever we do compromise those rights, the world is worse off," Pompeo said in his India policy speech at the India International Centre here.

His remarks assume significance as they come days after the State Department's International Religious Freedom Report.

J'khand lynching pains me, punish mob: Modi

PM says kids death in Bihar 'biggest failure' of the system

PNS ■ NEW DELHI



Prime Minister Narendra Modi speaks in the Rajya Sabha during the Motion on Presidents Address at Parliament in New Delhi on Wednesday

Breaking his silence on Jharkhand lynching incident, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday said it has pained him and the guilty must be severely punished. At the same time, he stressed that all kinds of violence in the country, whether in Jharkhand, West Bengal or Kerala, should be treated in the same manner and law should take its course.

Addressing the Rajya Sabha, Modi also spoke on the death of over 130 children this month from Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES) or 'brain fever' in Bihar, describing it as a matter of "shame" and the "biggest failure" of seven decades that outbreak of such disease continues to kill even after so many years of Independence.

In his over an hour-long reply to the debate on Motion of Thanks to President's address, Modi launched a blistering attack on the Congress saying it was sheer arrogance of the grand old party which is unable to accept its defeat and continues to question the mandate of the people by doubting EVMs.

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whether in Jharkhand or West Bengal or Kerala should be treated as same and law should take its course," he said, adding perpetrators of violence should get a lesson that the entire country is one on this issue.

On the death of children in Muzaffarpur district of Bihar where BJP and its ally JD(U) are in power, he said the Centre is extending all help to the State to fight the problem. "In modern times, such a situation is a matter of pain as well as shame for all of us," he said. "This is the biggest failure in last seven decades and we should take it seriously."

Modi, who had targeted the Congress during his reply in the Lok Sabha on Tuesday, accused the Opposition party of heaping "insults" on the people of the country by calling their decision to give a thumping majority to the BJP as "a defeat of the country, democracy and farmers".

Arvind Kumar new IB chief, Samant Kumar Goel to head RAW

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The Centre on Wednesday appointed senior IPS officers Arvind Kumar and Samant Kumar Goel as the chiefs of Intelligence Bureau (IB) and Research and Analysis Wing (RAW), respectively.

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet, headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved their appointments for a fixed two-year tenure, said two separate orders issued by the Department of Personnel and Training.

Kumar will take up the reins of the IB, country's internal intelligence agency, from Rajiv Jain on completion of his extended tenure on June 30. Goel will take charge from Anil Kumar Dhasmana on completion of his extended tenure on Sunday.

Both Jain and Dhasmana, who were appointed for a two-year fixed tenure in 2016, were given six months extension in December last year.

Kumar, 59, a 1984 batch



IPS officer of Assam-Meghalaya cadre, is at present the special director in the IB and was heading the Jammu & Kashmir desk.

He has been working with the IB since August 1991.

CAPSULE

KANT GETS TWO-YEAR EXTENSION AS NITI CEO

New Delhi: Amitabh Kant was on Wednesday given a two-year extension as chief executive officer of the Niti Aayog, an official order said.

IAF LOST 33 AIRCRAFT IN CRASHES SINCE 2015

New Delhi: The Indian Air Force lost 33 aircraft, including 19 fighter jets and helicopters, in crashes since 2015, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said on Wednesday.

ORANGE JERSY: CONG-SP ALLEGEDLY SAFFRONISATION

New Delhi/Mumbai: Congress and Samajwadi Party leaders suspected saffron push from the Modi Government behind the orange colour jersey that the Indian cricket team is likely to wear in its World Cup match against England, drawing ridicule from the BJP which dubbed their reaction as "myopic and reactionary".

ED attaches Sterling Biotech's ₹9,778 cr assets for bank fraud

Four oil rigs, oil field confiscated

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The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has attached movable and immovable properties worth ₹9,778 crore belonging to Vadodara-based Sterling Biotech Ltd (SBL) and Sandesara Group and the firm's main promoters, Nitin Sandesara, Chetan and Deepti, along with others. The ED was probing a money laundering case relating to cheating and bank fraud against them.

The attached properties include four oil rigs and oil field. These include OML 143 located in Nigeria, and three ships (Tulja Bhawani, Varinda, Bhavya and Brahmani) registered in Panama and held in the name of company Atlantic Blue Water Services. The ED has also attached an aircraft registered in the USA and a residential flat in London. All the

BJP MLA beats civic staffer on demolition drive run-in, arrested

PTI ■ INDORE

BJP leader Kailash Vijayvargiya's son Akash Vijayvargiya—and the party's MLA in Madhya Pradesh—was on Wednesday arrested for assaulting a civic body official with a cricket bat, after a heated argument over a demolition drive.

A local court rejected Akash Vijayvargiya's bail plea and he was sent to jail in the evening, an official said.

A video of the assault went viral on social media, after which police filed an FIR against Akash and 10 others.

Akash went about beating up the officer even as media persons surrounded him with cameras and recorded the entire incident.

Govt committed to better health facilities at RIMS: CM

New OPD, better security arrangements in offing

PNS ■ RANCHI



Chief Minister Raghubar Das holds a review meeting with senior officials on Rajendra Institute of Medical Science (RIMS) issue at Project Building in Ranchi on Wednesday Pioneer photo

companies holding the attached assets are controlled by SBL. The latest move is in addition to the attachment of assets worth ₹4,730 crore made by the ED in 2018.

"The SBL Group had obtained both Indian and foreign currency loans from Indian banks/ lenders. The loans were sanctioned/ disbursed by consortium of banks led by Andhra Bank, UCO Bank, State Bank of India, Allahabad Bank and Bank of India.

It is revealed during investigation that the loan funds were diverted for non-mandated purposes, layered and laundered through a web of multiple domestic as well as offshore entities. The main promoters have not only siphoned off loan funds to finance their Nigerian Oil Business but also for their personal purposes," the ED said.

The promoters used their employees' names and incorporated 249 domestic and 96 offshore shell companies.

The CM asked to make the stock of the drug computerized, so that the correct information about the availability of the drug can be ensured. He directed the removal of the shops built on the RIMS premises. They will be provided space somewhere else. Mark the parking area and ensure parking in the given area.

Chief Secretary Dr. DK Tiwari, Development Commissioner cum Additional Chief Secretary Sukhdev

Singh, Additional Chief Secretary of Finance KK Khandelwal, DGP Kamal Nayak Chaubey, Principal Secretary to CM Sunil Kumar Barnwal, Secretary, Department of Health Dr. Nitin Madan Kulkarni, Secretary of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Aradhana Patnaik, Secretary, Department of Building Construction, Sunil Kumar, Director of RIMS Dinesh Kumar Singh and others were present in the meeting.

Jharkhand not new to mob lynching

Five lynching incidents from 2012 to 2014

SAURAV ROY ■ RANCHI

While the mob lynching of 24-year-old Tabrez Ansari in Saraikele on Saturday has become a political debate with the entire nation discussing the rise in hate crimes, Jharkhand has been no alien to such incidents in the past. Incidents of mob justice and death penalty to people accused of petty crimes were quite frequently reported in the State's hinterland even before the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) came to power here in 2014, say activists and police officials working at the grass root level.

Three men, in their twenties, were lynched by an irate mob in Swaria village of

Jharkhand's Gumla district on February 16, 2013 for allegedly molesting a local girl. By the time the police reached the spot, they were dead.

Similarly, 50-year-old Radha Mohan Munda of Saraikele-Kharsawan district was beaten to death by local villagers after allegedly attempting to rape a 35-year-old woman in the village in August 2014. The bloodstained body of Munda was rushed to the MGM hospital in Jamshedpur, but the doctors declared him "brought dead".

Although the incidents in Jharkhand never led to any protest, they exposed lawlessness in the interiors of the tribal state, say human rights activists. Activists back then

feared that innocent men and petty criminals such as pickpockets and thieves may have to lose their life even before being produced to the court if the trend continued.

"The disturbing trend of mob justice has always been a spark any reaction from political parties. Cut to June 2019, Tabrez Ansari was beaten to death on charges of motorcycle theft. Later, videos surfaced showing that the attackers forced him to chant "Jai Shri Ram" and "Jai Hanuman", which added a communal angle to it.

"Police have always been doing their best to prevent such incidents. Even in the recent Saraikele case, actions have been taken against the cops who did not follow the police order," said Additional Director General of Police M L Meena.

In November 2015, 45-year-old Rital Saw was made to parade naked on the streets by a group of villagers in Giridih for allegedly molesting a five-year-old girl. Then Giridih superintendent of police, Kranti Kumar Garhdeshi said lack of aware-

ness, poor education and anger triggers such incidents.

"The villagers feel if a crime has been committed in a particular society, the society has the right to punish the offender," he said.

The history of lynching incidents in Jharkhand is evident in the large number of cases wherein women were murdered on charges of practicing witchcraft. Jharkhand has been on top when it comes to the number of people killed for practising witchcraft for four consecutive years between 2013 and 2016, in India, according to data available with the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB). In 2016, 27 such cases were reported in the state and between 2001 and 2016 a total of 523 such cases have been reported. All these women were beaten to death by irate mobs.

SERAIKELA LYNCHING

Police send viscera for chemical examination



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Members of Congress Party stage demonstration against mob lynching

Mahila Congress demands ₹50 lakh compensation

PNS ■ JAMSHEDPUR

Police have sent the viscera of Tabrez Ansari (24), who fell prey to mob lynching, to the Ranchi-based forensic science laboratory for chemical examination. Police officials informed that though no fresh arresting has been made, yet their focus is on the reasons that led to his death.

Meanwhile, Jharkhand Pradesh Mahila Congress on Wednesday demanded ₹50 lakh compensation and a Government job for Shaista Parveen, wife of Tabrez Ansari.

Tabrez, who was in judicial custody after the attack at Dhatkidihi village in Seraikela-Kharsawan district, about 35 Km from Jamshedpur, on June 18 during which the mob allegedly forced him to chant "Jai Shri Ram", died at the Seraikela Sadar Hospital on June 22.

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

purse, a voter I-card and cell phone from Dhatkidihi 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.

A 30-member delegation of the party's women wing, led by Jharkhand Pradesh Mahila Congress president Gunjan Sinha, met the widow-Shaista Parveen and other members of the family at their house at Kadamdihi in Kharsawan this afternoon.

"We are here to demand justice. We condemn the incident. It is a matter of shame for the entire humanity," commented Sinha soon after meeting the bereaved family members.

The delegation comprised 30 women Congress members from various districts including senior functionaries—Puneeta Chaudhary, Gouri Mallick, Sundari Tirkey, Neela Nag (president of women Congress of Seraikela-Kharsawan dis-

trict), Shakeela Bano and Roshan Khanam (both state secretaries).

Sinha said the visit of the party's women delegation to Kharsawan was following a directive from national president of All India Mahila Congress, Sushmita Dev. "We have written to the Chief Minister demanding ₹50 lakh compensation and a Government job for the widow," said Sinha.

National secretary of All India Mahila Congress, Deepika Pandey Singh, was also part of the delegation said,

"The law and order situation in the State has gone for a toss. Crimes like mob lynching, atrocities on women and naxal attack on police, which is on the rise in Jharkhand, is a matter of great concern."

"Rising incidents of mob lynching seem to be more in the news than stories about the development of Jharkhand. It is hoped elected Governments in the States and the Centre usher in preventive, remedial and punitive measures as suggested by the apex court without any delay," said a local social activist.

CMC to provide houses to 260 landless people

PNS ■ BOKARO

Chas Municipal Corporation (CMC) has set a target to provide flats (houses) under Prime Minister Awas Yojna to 260 landless people in the current financial year. CMC will provide ₹2.5 lakhs as a subsidy to the beneficiaries while rest of the amount they will get as a loan and they will have to repay to banks, informed Sashi Prakash Jha Additional Municipal Commissioner CMC.

"There are 7011 cast houses (huts) in the municipal corporation area. We have also set a target to provide them permanent houses by 2020," added Jha.

Expressing deep concern over the pending construction works of PM Awas which were allotted during the FY 201-17 and 2017-18, Jha said we are on move to launch 'awareness drive' aiming to give a boost for the construction works under PMAY.

"Our motto is to bring a drastic change in their lifestyle by providing houses to the beneficiaries," he added.

Jha said, the administration is preparing to come down heavily on the PMAY beneficiaries who have not yet started the construction work of their houses despite withdrawing money under this scheme.

Earlier CMC served notices to 20 PMAY beneficiaries who have not constructed their houses despite withdrawing money under this scheme and asked them to refund the money as earliest, informed an official.

The main objective of this project is to make affordable housing units and to make it easily available to the poor families, said the official.

CMC is at work in a bid to turn the city into hut free zone. People residing in the slum or homeless will be shifted into apartments. Apartments would be constructed at Kalapathar as transit blocks and people residing in the slum or homeless will be shifted in those apartments. A market complex is also proposed to come up at that site. A detailed work plan is ready and we are planning to assume that by the end of 2022, said an official.

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"Our aim is to bring the existing slums within the formal system and enabling them to avail the basic amenities that are available for the city residents," said JP Yadav Executive Engineer CMC.

"We have also planned to settle down 760 urban homeless people under Prime Minister Awas Yojna (Urban). The layout of apartments has been ready, with an investment of Rs 56 crore apartments would be constructed at Kalapathar and Kamaldih in next two years," he said.

"Houses would be come up on 4 acres of land at Kalapathar and one acre of land at Kamaldih where 540 and 220 homeless would be settled. Each house will have a bedroom, dining room, kitchen and bathroom," added Yadav.

The beneficiaries have to apply fresh for this scheme either online or at CMC office along with voter ID (must), Aadhar card, three passport size photos, bank passbook and residential certificate issued by revenue official of their hometown.

This housing scheme will consider economically weaker BPL as well as APL categories only, and their annual income should not be exceeded than 3 lakhs rupees, he said.

"The most important thing is that the beneficiary should not have a pucca house is his or her name, or in the name of any of his or her family in any part of India," added Yadav

BAU celebrates its 39th Foundation Day



Agriculture Minister Randhir Kumar Singh, along with Kanke MLA Jitu Charan Ram, BAU Vice-Chancellor Parvinder Kaushal, former Minister Geeta Shree Oraon releases district-wise report books during the 39th Foundation Day ceremony of Birsa Agriculture University (BAU) at BAU campus in Ranchi on Wednesday

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PNS ■ RANCHI

Birsa Agricultural University (BAU) celebrated its 39th Foundation Day with full of joy, on Wednesday.

Speaking as Chief Guest on the occasion, Jharkhand Agriculture Minister, Randhir Singh, said that with the cooperation of the State and Central Government, the University has been path founder in the field of agriculture education, research and dissemination and its contribution has changed greatly in the State's agricultural landscape.

"According to the report of Niti Ayog, the agricultural growth rate in the State has reached from 4 to 14 per cent. In the case of Soil Health Card Distribution and Prime Minister Irrigation Scheme, Jharkhand got first place in 27 states," said Singh.

Considering the loss in health due to the crops produced by the use of chemical fertilizers, the Minister talked about working ahead and establishing the State as a biological State by 2028.

Addressing the gathering on the occasion, BAU Vice Chancellor, Parvinder Kaushal, said that altogether 501 students received their Under Graduate (UG), Post Graduate (PG) and Ph.D. degrees in

Agriculture, Veterinary and Animal Husbandry and Forestry Sciences on 6th Convocation of the University, out of which 20 were given University Gold Medals (UGMs) for obtaining highest OGPA in their respective faculties.

"A total of 443 and 114 students were admitted during the year 2018-19 under UG and PG programme of faculty of Agriculture, Forestry, Animal Husbandry and Forestry Science. Teaching, research and extension activities have initiated in new colleges including College of Agricultural Engineering, Ranchi, College of Horticulture, West Singhbhum. Experiential Learning Programme (ELP) and Rural Appraisal Work Experience (RAWE) programmes have been redesigned with inclusion of more farmers' oriented activities," he added.

Talking on vocational courses running by the University, the VC said that under Skill Development programme of National Skill Qualification Framework (NSFQ) of University Grant Commission, BAU started 16 Certificates, Diploma, Advanced Diploma and B Vocational. "Courses of total intake capacity of 800 students for the residents of the State

started during the session. BAU has launched 16 UGC approved Certificate, Diploma and Vocational courses in different subjects of Agriculture, Veterinary Science, Forestry and Biotechnology from the session 2018-19," he added.

"Three year Bachelor of Vocational programme on Human Nutrition and Dietetics' has been launched in Faculty of Agriculture where as Faculty of Forestry has started with same duration in the session.

The Agriculture Skill Council of India, New Delhi has approved this University as a centre for one month skill development training for job of Green House Operator and Micro Irrigation technician," said Koushal.

Students of the university participate in various other activities as BAU organised 1st Chancellor Trophy Table Tennis Tournament from February 8-9 in this year.

A total of 42 students participated in ICAR AGRIUNISPORT at Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana from January 2 to 5 and also 24 students participated in AGRIUNIFEST-2019 at SKDA, Banskantha, Gujarat from February 3 to February 7.

2 cyber criminals arrested in Giridih

PNS ■ GIRIDIH



cyber cell of Giridih police, on Wednesday, busted an inter-district racket involved in different cyber criminal activities in Giridih and its nearby areas and arrested two persons.

The prompt intervention of Cyber Dy SP, Sandip Suman Samdarshi, and other police officials and Bengabab police

resulted in the arrest of two of the gang members from nearby field at Basior area of Bengabab in Giridih here on Wednesday morning. They were identified as Gulton Mandan and Pankaj Mandan.

During interrogation, Gulton and Pankaj accepted their involvement in a number of cases related to cyber crime and said that they used to call several customers as bank offi-

cials and asked their pin numbers in other districts like Bokaro and Hazaribagh and if they failed to disclose their pin numbers, they would then pose as bank managers and they used to threaten the gullible people by saying that their bank accounts would be closed. Pankaj used to provide the information of bank account and ATM and pin numbers to

other men of his gang for easy transfer in his account.

Police also recovered mobile and other documents from their possession, said Cyber DSP.

Eventually, after exchanging five rounds of fire with the

miscreants, the police managed to arrest all three of them. "We have recovered four country-made pistols and arrested three country-made pistols after an encounter with the arms peddlers at Godda district's Godda College Chowk.

Acting on a tip off from intelligence sources, Godda Superintendent of Police, Shailendra Prasad Barnwal, constituted a special team to nab the arms peddlers and decided to lead the team from the front. After seeing the police team at Godda College Chowk, the peddlers opened fire on the police and the police had to retaliate, sources said.

Police sources said that the consignment that was being taken to Deoghar was possible for a major crime planned by local goons.

Interrogation of the arrested peddlers, they said, will give

further information about their plans to the police.

Godda police nab 3 arms peddlers

PNS ■ RANCHI:

Police, on Wednesday, arrested at least three armed miscreants and recovered four country-made pistols after an encounter with the arms peddlers at Godda district's Godda College Chowk.

The arrested trio are from Bihar's Jamui district and had come to Jharkhand to illegally sell arms and ammunitions, police said.

The three arrested were a part of a gang which smuggled arms and ammunitions to Jharkhand, where local thugs bought the guns to execute thefts and burglaries.

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Health Sector in State improved tremendously, says Pratul Shahdeo



PNS ■ RANCHI

State Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) today said that Government, led by Chief Minister Raghubar Das, has done excellent work in the field of providing better health facilities to the people of Jharkhand.

State BJP Spokesperson, Pratul Shahdeo, congratulated the CM and Health Minister, Ramchandra Chandravanshi for number one rank in various fields of health services announced by the Niti Ayog in its latest health index.

Shahdeo said that during the last four and half years, the State Government has done remarkable work in health sector.

"Medical Colleges and Hospitals have been established in Palamu, Dumka and Hazaribagh. Construction work of Medical Colleges and Hospitals has also been approved in Chibasasa and Koderma. Work has been started for the construction of AIIMS in Deoghar. Doctors have also been appointed in large scale," he added.

Apart from this, the graduate pass students in the BSc (Community Health Course) this year will also take over the command of primary health centers and will provide first aid to the people," said Shahdeo.

Lauding the effort of the State government Shahdeo said that compared to the year 2014, there has been an unprecedented change in the health sector in 2019.

"In 2014 where there was one bed available on the population of 5494 in the government hospitals, currently one bed on the population of 2363. In 2014, the infant mortality rate was 34,

which is currently 29, the fertility rate was 2.8 in 2014, which are currently 2.6. In the OPD of government hospitals in the year 2014, the presence

of people was 1.02 lakh, which is presently 1.3 lakh. The attendance at the IPD of Government hospitals is 49,000 per month, which is currently 56,000," he added.

Showing all the data related to improvement in Health sector Shahdeo said in 2014 institutional delivery was 61.9 per cent and it is currently 85 per cent. "Diseases such as Malaria, Tuberculosis have been almost prevented. The number of government hospitals providing free C-section facility to pregnant women was 38 in 2014 which has increased to 62 now," he added.

Shahdeo said that 108 ambulance service is also providing excellent service to improve the health services and soon the motorcycle ambulance service is being started to bring patients from remote areas.

"In the field of infant health, in 2014, where 61.9 per cent vaccination was done, it has now increased to 97 per cent. The number of youth getting support from the Yuva Maitri Kendra was 8760 in 2014, which are currently 12736. The number of elderly people taking the OPD facility in government hospitals has increased from 43,386 to 1,73,403. In order to check the diseases like Dengue, Chikungunya, the investigation center has been started in Chibasasa and Simdega in addition to three medical colleges," said Shahdeo.

Malnutrition free panchayat to be awarded ₹1 lakh: CM

PNS ■ RANCHI

Chief Minister Raghubar Das, on Wednesday, directed the social welfare officers of the State to work on reducing malnutrition rate in Jharkhand on a mission mode. While conducting a review meeting with the social welfare officers and Child Development Project Officers (CDPO), Das expressed his disappointment over the high rate of malnutrition in the State.

"The malnutrition rate here is 45 per cent which is a matter of concern. If a child is born malnourished, it is a shame on humanity. Ensure that awareness about malnutrition reaches every poor household. Focus especially on tribal areas," he said.

The officers were directed



Chief Minister Raghubar Das, Social Welfare Minister Louis Marandi, Principal Secretary to CM Sunil Kumar Barnwal and senior officials during a Welfare review meeting at Project Building in Ranchi on Wednesday

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to find out the current percentage of malnutrition in their respective areas and set up a target for the next three months to reduce it. "The panchayat which is free of

malnourishment will be awarded prize money of ₹1 lakh along with awarding the social welfare officer and CDPO of the district," Das announced.

He also directed the officers to get the pregnant women of the State registered at their respective anganwadi centres within 15 days because if they are not registered timely they will not be able to get the Government benefits.

"The CDPOs should ensure that the poshan sakhis spread at least two days every week spreading information about prevention from malnutrition among women groups in villages. They should be aware of the edible items available in the villages

which can help fight malnourishment," Das said.

The CM also directed the officers to convert the Anganwadi centres running in all the aspirational districts of the State in model anganwadi centres.

During the meeting he also directed the social welfare officers to work dedicatedly towards providing pension to widows.

Das announced that the widows should be identified at district, block and panchayat level and should be linked with the beneficial scheme. "They will also be given houses under Ambedkar Yojana," he said.

During the meeting, secretary of women and child development and social security department Amitabh

Kaushal said that the aim to conduct the meeting is to prepare a road map and agenda for the functioning of the department for the next 100 days.

Kaushal informed that under the Mukhyamantri Sukanya Yojana, 2.90 lakh beneficiaries are to be provided the benefits in the next three months for which a budget of ₹150 crore has been allocated.

"To ensure 100 percent coverage under the scheme, camps will be organised at anganwadi centres, schools and colleges which will be overseen by DC, DSO and district ICPS officers.

PRI members would spread the message about the scheme at individual house-hold level," he said.

IN BRIEF

RRD EMPLOYEES FELICITATED

Divisional Railway Manager, Vijay Kumar Gupta, gave the award of the month for outstanding work to Arup Kumar Sutradhar, Station Master (SM) Gola Road on Tuesday. Sutradhar while on duty noticed a goods train crossing the station at around 11:40 hrs with smoke coming from the 12th wagon. On informing the controller, a hot axle was found at the next station Barkipona. Jagdish Chandra Mahto goods guard Muri was given the merit certificate for outstanding work. On April 24, he noticed smoke from the brake van wheel. On informing the SM at Latenda station, the brake van was separated from the goods train. Ajit Singh Yadav, upper board railway manager (Infra) was also present on the occasion.

CLUB ACTIVITIES AT SBPS

To hone the creative skills of the students of SBPS beside academic excellence, various club activities are organised in the school premises. Based on every student's interest, they are divided into various clubs namely debate, leadership and vigilance, junk modelling, shramdaan, gardening and eco club, cricket, skating, carrom, carpentry, science innovation, global partnership, legal literacy, dramatics and script writing, movie and documentary, animation and graphic designing, shooting etc. On June 22, the first club activity for the session 2019-20 was conducted. All the students participated in their respective club activities with great enthusiasm.



RAJGADIA BECOMES DRR

Rahul Rajgadia (25) of Rotract Club of Ranchi was appointed as the District Rotract Representative (DRR) of Rotract Club 3250 on June 24 at Karim City College, Jamshedpur. The 84 member team took charge for the session 2019-20. 1500 members of the 65 rottract clubs in Jharkhand and Bihar are involved in social work. The target for this session is to reach 100 clubs, install 100 sanitary pad machines and also collect about 5000 units of blood. Rajgadia said that the purpose of rottract is to serve the underprivileged. In this session the clubs focus will be on six major points- efforts to make peace and conflict prevention, treatment and prevention of disease, water and sanitation, mother and child care, basic education and literacy and economic and integrated development.

NRKS HOLDS BIANNUAL MEET

Nagar Rajyabhasha Karyanayan Samiti (NRKS), Hazaribagh held its biannual meet on Tuesday. Damodar Ghati Niigam (DGN) was felicitated at the event for its work in promotion of Hindi language in its offices. Nirmal Kumar Dubey, Deputy Director, Home Ministry, who was the chief guest at the event, praised the work done by DGN and said that they are a source of inspiration for other departments.

Nikon organises seminar

Nikon India, 100 per cent subsidiary of Nikon Corporation Tokyo, organised Photo-Seminar by Padma Shri awardee, Raghu Rai. The seminar aimed at sharing the photography journey of Raghu Rai. During the seminar Rai showcased his work done on eastern part of the country. The photography journey and story behind each photograph was an awe-inspiring experience for all the participants. The special focus was on his legendary book - Calcutta. Raghu Rai is an Indian photographer and photojournalist. Being one of the most renowned personalities in the photography domain, he started his journey in 1965, and joined The Statesman in the following year as the publication's chief photographer. Impressed by an exhibit of his work in Paris in 1971, Henri Cartier-Bresson nominated Rai to join Magnum Photos in 1977.

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Guv bats for good moral values in children

Welfare Dept felicitates students, teachers for academic performance

SHAILJA TIRKEY ■ RANCHI

Governor, Draupadi Murmu, today stressed on the importance of moral values as a major building block of a child's overall development. Speaking at the State Kalyan Samman Sahmroh here on Wednesday, the Governor said, "Scoring per cent in exams should not be the only parameter for judging a child's progress. Here in this ceremony, we are felicitating children on their academic excellence. But, I want them to cultivate good moral values too. I hope that in future, we will felicitate children for excellence in moral values too."

Several elements that add on to the overall performance of the child were highlighted in the event. This included the importance of identifying oneself as the part of a society, moral education and importance of co-curricular activities.

In the present modern times, socialization has become a major issue. Children are becoming more

dents most of them were girls. In addition to this 20 best teachers in the state as well as five best schools were felicitated in the ceremony.

"I am really glad to be a part of this ceremony. Initiatives like this boosts the morale of children and motivates them to dream for higher goals," said Murmu.

In the ceremony several schools from all over the state were felicitated for their exceptional academic performance. B. C. Girl's High School, Hazaribagh bagged the first position for the best school at the state as well as district level in class 10. While the first position for class 12 was awarded to B. C. Girls High School, Jail Road, Ranchi. For nursing, Nursing Kaushal College, Chanho, Ranchi stood first in the state.

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eccentric and in this process are also forgetting their roots. But I think uplift of the society should be the ultimate goal of every individual. The bright faces present in here will indeed reach extreme heights in their future but I urge them to remember their community and work for them," said she.

While addressing the audience Draupadi Murmu highlighted that

the reason behind children coming out with flying colours is a result of the combined efforts of the students and the teachers. She said, "I express my heartfelt thanks to the Welfare Department for organising this event because of which the talent of these children has come in public.

The reason behind the success of these children is due to the sheer efforts of the school and the teachers. Thus, I thank all the teachers present here for their efforts."

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An annual magazine and a Diary for 2018-19 for children was also launched by Governor, Draupadi Murmu in the event.

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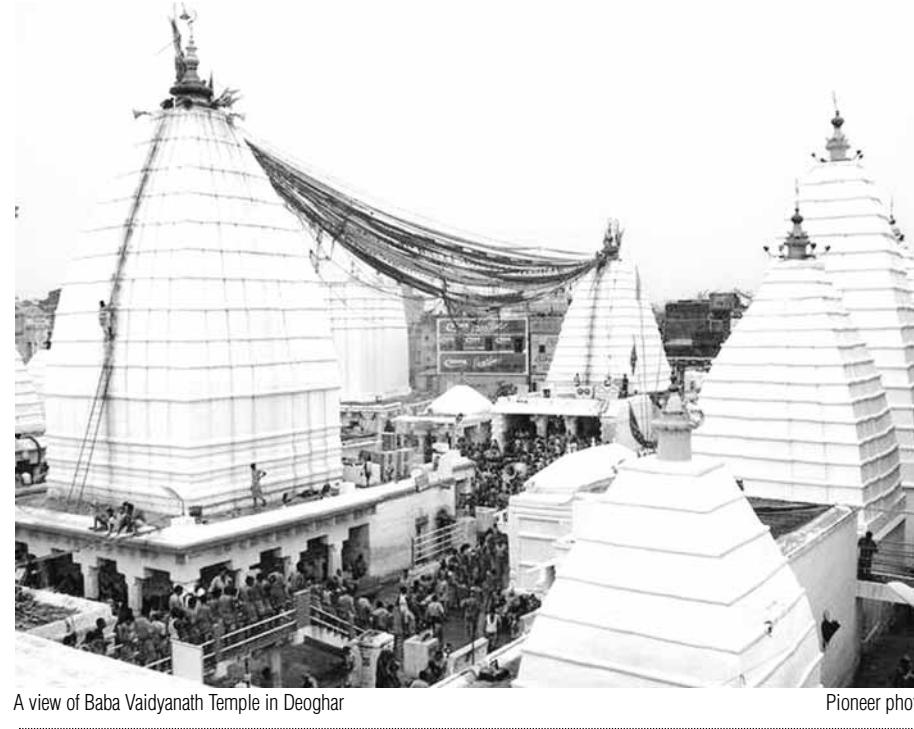
Deoghar admin gears up for Shravani Mela

PNS ■ RANCHI

The Deoghar district administration has commenced its preparations for month-long Shravani Mela. The month-long Shravani Mela, attended by lakhs of people every year, is expected to start from July 17 this year and will conclude on August 14. Keeping in mind the huge pilgrim rush during Shravani Mela, the Deoghar district administration has started preparations.

Like previous years, this year too there will be no special or VIP entry of devotees. Deoghar Deputy Commissioner (DC), Rahul Kumar Sinha said, "Like previous years, this year too there will be no special or VIP entry. In the doors of Baba Baidyanath everyone is equal. There is no discrimination between rich and poor. Every one whomsoever he or she may be judges, bureaucrats, businessmen or politicians they have to stand in queue for paying obeisance." The Deoghar district administration in 2015 removed the concept of special or VIP entry for devotees after the temple administration received complaints that some influential people in connivance of temple priests are making special entry due to which the devotees had to suffer.

Apart from no VIP culture puja, this year too there will be arghya system. Arghya system enables the pilgrims to do 'jalabhishek' from a distance through a pipeline without actually touching the 'shivling' (idol).



A view of Baba Baidyanath Temple in Deoghar

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Baba Baidyanath dham or Baidyanath Jyotirlinga temple in Deoghar is one of the twelve Jyotirlingas, the most sacred abodes of Lord Shiva. Every year in the month of Shravan, devotees carrying holy water from Ganga in Sultanganj reaches Deoghar barefoot covering a distance of 110 km to pay their obeisance to Lord Shiva.

The DC said, "Arrangements for Shravani Mela's going on war footing pace. The construction of Kawariya path is going on. Sand will be laid on the routes with regular sprinkle of water so that the devotees don't face any type of inconvenience." As the Kawariya

path covers Bihar and Jharkhand, the administrations of several districts are involved in making preparations. On the route, arrangements of drinking water, toilets and yatri niwas (accommodation stay) will be made.

The Deoghar district administration this time has decided to introduce the system of integrated mela control room through which coordination of entire mela will be made. More than 300 CCTVs cameras, 25 drone cameras will be installed.

The district administration will also put up two helium balloons. This year the district administration has decided to have Deoghar dar-

shan for devotees through which devotees can know about the ancient, mythological, and historical importance of Deoghar and Baba Baidyanath. Last year, there was 12 Jyotilingas, char dharam darshan.

Apart from Deoghar district administration, the State Government too has pepped up for Shravani Mela preparations.

Last week, Chief Secretary DK Tiwari reviewed the preparations for the Shravani Mela asking the secretaries of all the departments concerned to visit Deoghar this month itself and make assessment of preparations at the ground level.

Pending technical works may delay Planetarium inauguration

VAAGISHA SINGH ■ RANCHI

Even though Jharkhand officials are confident about inaugurating the State's first planetarium by July 31, the staff working at the construction site said that the deadline might not be met due to pending technical works.

The structure of the property, situated near Science City in Ranchi's Chiraundi area, is almost ready, but the installation of the cutting edge technology required for running such an infrastructure will take time, officials actively involved in the construction works said.

"We are hoping to inaugurate the planetarium by the month of August. With the approaching elections in the month of November, October is the latest by which this planetarium can be inaugurated," said a Science City official not authorized to talk to the media.

The building includes an elaborate dome and the planetarium has a total seating capacity of 160. Another staff at Science City said that several time-consuming works at the planetarium were still incomplete. "The inaugural date of the planetarium has been fixed on 31 July. But we are not very positive about the inauguration next month as there are several tasks pending," said an official at the information desk of Science City.

The planetarium will be showcasing shows on planetary bodies comprising of planets, moon and the entire solar system. The main objective of setting up this planetarium is to educate the city folks about the solar system and attract tourists.

"We had a demo show on planets and other celestial bodies at Science City last week to screen through the content and make necessary changes," said Subodh Kumar, In-Charge of Science City.



Newly built State's first Planetarium inside the Science Centre at Chiraundi in Ranchi

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Sports persons flay decision to cut prize money

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

prize award as "disappointing and discouraging" for the sportspersons.

The State Government was already under severe criticism for cancelling the state level function scheduled to be held on June 24 to honour sportspersons of Haryana. The award function was to be held on Monday at Panchkula to give away cash prizes worth Rs 90 crore to about 3,000 sportspersons who had won medals in national and international competitions.

Instead of rewarding the sportspersons in public, the State Government had decided to transfer the cash prize directly into their accounts. Now, some of the players

have claimed that they got reduced amount in their accounts. Haryana Sports Minister Anil Vij, however, said that there was no cut in prize money and the players can contact the Department concerned in case of any grievances.

Bajrang Punia, the Asian Games 2018 gold medalist on Wednesday criticized the government's decision to curtail the winning amount of the sportsperson, adding that it needs to be re-evaluated.

"When you promise rewards to players, at that time it is not the promise of financial incentives you make to them, but of standing solidly behind them. If you cannot

stand on your promise, then in future what expectation a player can have from you," Punia said in a tweet while attaching news clipping of Rs 3 crore reward money announced for him in the past.

Coming in support of Punia, two-time Olympic medalist Sushil Kumar said players do a lot of hard work and they should be felicitated to set a good example among the budding athletes.

"Haryana sports policy set the benchmark earlier on how to treat the athletes. I would like to say that the government should hold a ceremony to felicitate the athletes," he said.

"We should all stand in solidarity with the national level

athlete," he said while reacting to the statement of Punia. Another wrestler Vinesh Phogat was more vocal, asking the Haryana Government to take back their prize money.

"I request the Haryana Government to take back your money. Don't let the players stand on your political arena and humiliate them," Phogat said in a tweet.

"On one hand our Prime Minister says that country will move ahead if we make progress in sports. And on the other hand is Haryana government which is doing politics in sports and leaving no opportunity to finish the sports," she said in another tweet.

Wrestler Vinesh Phogat

had won the 2018 Commonwealth and Asian Games gold in 50 kg.

2012 Olympics bronze

medalist Yogeshwar Dutt said the "cut in prize money of

players is quite unfortunate".

"They should be told the reason behind the prize cut," he tweeted. "Players bring laurels and make the state and country proud and their morale should be increased so that they can win more medals in future," he added.

The assertions of the sportspersons came in the wake of government's revised sports policy 2018 that says that in case a sportsperson wins more than one medal during a financial year, he/she will receive full

award money for the highest medal and at least 50 per cent of the award money for the second and the subsequent medals."

The sportspersons alleged that the reduced prize money means that the government has failed to fulfill its promises.

Responding to the allegations of the sportspersons, Haryana Sports Minister Anil Vij on Wednesday said that the rewards are given as per the revised sports policy that has been in force.

Vij said, "Haryana gives highest reward money to its players. There has been no cut in prize money."

"The prizes have been

given in accordance with our sports policy. We have clearly mentioned in the citation that if any player finds any discrepancy in the prize-money, he/she can approach us," he said while talking to the mediapersons. About cancellation of the felicitation ceremony, he said that awarding prizes to 3,000 athletes wasn't possible in a day, so the government decided to cancel it and instead transfer the cash award directly into the accounts of sportspersons.

Athletes who have won medals at Commonwealth Games, Asian Games and Asian Para Games during the years 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19 were to be honoured in the function at Panchkula.

Jaisawal meets DC for water crisis



Ranchi: Under the leadership of former Secretary of Jharkhand Pradesh Congress Committee, Aditya Vikram Jaisawal on Wednesday met the Ranchi District Deputy Commissioner (DC) and handed over a memorandum regarding the problem of drinking water in the State capital and prevention of encroachment of ponds.

The delegation informed the DC through the memorandum that the problem of drinking water is prevailing in Ranchi.

There is only one handpump in the wing 46 Chutia's Kanartha Toli, on which 500 people are dependent. This kind of problem prevails in all the wards of the city.

There is only one handpump in the wing 46 Chutia's Kanartha Toli

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One poll policy not acceptable: Anand Sharma

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Congress on Wednesday said in the Rajya Sabha that the idea of "One election, One face, One ideology" and "forced majority" is not acceptable to a diverse country like India and asked the ruling dispensation to refrain from "dividing the country for votes."

The main Opposition party also urged the NDA Government to acknowledge the role played by former Prime Ministers including Jawaharlal Nehru in building a democratic and modern India.

Making this assertion during a debate on the Motion of Thanks to the President's address, senior Congress leader Anand Sharma also urged the ruling party to desist from politicisation of the armed forces.

He also claimed violence against minorities had increased under the present regime and demanded the Government to spell out the steps taken to check this dangerous trend.

He said the President's address lacked imagination and was disappointing as it was far removed from the reality on the ground. Rejecting the idea of 'One nation, One election' mentioned in the President's address, Sharma said, "There is

federal polity in the country, there is diversity. Our experience speaks that when Governments have fallen and alternative ones have not been formed, mid-term elections have been held.

"You cannot have a forced majority, you cannot impose your decision. You cannot take away the rights of States on elections. When Governments fall in States and alternative Governments are not formed, will you impose President's Rule then? This will not happen. I understand your thought. There should be one country, but one election, one face, one name, one ideology is not acceptable to India," Sharma added.

Sharma, who is deputy leader of the Congress in the Upper House, alleged that no Prime Minister has ever fought elections on the victory of armed forces as Modi did. He recalled how Indira Gandhi after the victory of Indian forces in Bangladesh war of Independence said this was the victory of humanity and not hers, for which opposition leader Atal Bihari Vajpayee had lauded her.

"No Prime Minister has fought elections on the victory of armed forces. The Army does not belong to any party, as



"There is federal polity in the country, there is diversity. Our experience speaks that when Governments have fallen and alternative ones have not been formed, mid-term elections have

been held

"You cannot have a forced majority, you cannot impose your decision. You cannot take away the rights of States on elections. When Governments fall in States and alternative Governments are not formed, will you impose President's Rule then?

"This will not happen. I understand your thought. There should be one country, but one election, one face, one name, one ideology is not acceptable to India

ANAND SHARMA

their victory is that of the country," Sharma said.

Asking the BJP to recognise the contributions made by previous Governments and Prime Ministers, Sharma said, "Don't think the country started after 2014 and not after 1947 when India achieved independence. Respect and accept India's diversity... The achievements made by India are by its scientists and why do you not recognise them," he asked.

He urged the ruling party not to make a "New India that has seen lynchings" and asked why the issue of lynching did not find a mention in the President's address.

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said minorities have never been safer in the country than under Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He also said Modi is "more democratic" than anyone before him.

Five years back it was said Christians will be beaten up and churches will be burnt once the BJP comes to power, he said. "Have you seen any Christian being beaten up or any church being burnt (since the BJP came to power)," he asked.

"Never has it been safer for minorities than under Modi," he said as some in the opposition jeered, making references to lynching of Muslims in some parts of the country.

Alphons claimed if the Congress wants to live in a

make believe world, history will write it off. "You shall have a new India," he said in an apparent jibe at Leader of the Opposition Ghulam Nabi Azad, who in his remarks during the debate, had called for giving back the 'old India' and Modi keeping his 'New India' with himself.

He said instead of whining, the country should be celebrating achievements such as 99.2 per cent of the population now having toilets, 35 crore people getting bank accounts, 7.5 crore getting gas connection, 19 crore getting loan under Mudra scheme, the jump in ease of doing business ranking and India striking at the heart of the enemy.

In his speech on the debate, Veer Singh (BSP) attacked the Government for the unemployment rate climbing to a 45 year high due to "ill-planned" decisions and "wrong policies" such as demonetisation of high value currency notes and implementation of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) regime.

Wansuk Syiem (Cong) said the President's address did not have any mention of special package for the North East.

Participating in the debate, Abdul Wahab (IUML) asked how the Government is going to win the trust of the minorities and Dalits when they were being "subjected to atrocities" everyday. He also took a dig at Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah, saying they had invented a new branch of election engineering.

Saroj Pandey (BJP) in her maiden speech hit out at the leader of Ghulam Nabi Azad, saying he has insulted the mandate of the people by saying the Prime Minister won the elections riding on divisive politics whereas the fact remains that the people have voted for change.

K Ravindra Kumar (TDP) said the BJP is all out to wipe the Opposition in order to exercise monopoly which was not a healthy sign.

POLITICAL VIOLENCE IN BENGAL

TMC, BJP members exchange heated words

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Members of the TMC and the BJP on Wednesday exchanged heated words in the Lok Sabha after Locket Chatterjee of the BJP raised the issue of political violence in West Bengal even as TMC leader Saugata Roy referred to mob lynching of a youth in Jharkhand and said instead of attacking the West Bengal Government, the BJP should look into the affairs of the state ruled by it.

Raising the matter during the Zero Hour, Roy said it was a "cold-blooded murder" of 24-year-old Tabrez Ansari as police held the youth, who had sustained severe head injuries, in custody for four days.

"BJP members are speaking about West Bengal, but not taking steps on what is happening in Jharkhand and other places. This is an example of religious intolerance and the TMC will continue to protest against mob lynching," Roy said.

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 Sarakela Kharawana district.

Chatterjee who also spoke during the zero hour launched an attack on the West Bengal Government over the law and order situation in the state.

She claimed over 100 BJP workers have been killed in political violence after civic body polls and 15 after the Lok Sabha polls.

When Chatterjee blamed West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee for the political violence TMC MP Kalyan Banerjee and other party members countered her vociferously. Geeta Koda of the Congress also raised the issue of mob lynching in Jharkhand.

Questioning the law and order situation in the State, she said Jharkhand witnessed four cases of mob lynching alone this year.

She also demanded justice for the youth killed in the lynching incident.

Govt suppressing media: Congress in Lok Sabha

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Leader of the Congress in the Lok Sabha Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury on Wednesday accused the Government of using "suppressive" tactics against the media.

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Among other issues, Manish Tewari of the Congress asked the Government to make its stand clear on the US decision to withdraw its waiver to India to import crude oil from Iran, saying it may have a far-reaching impact on India and lead to rise in prices of oil products. Will the Government continue to import oil from Iran or not, he asked.

Gurjeet Singh Ajula of the Congress asked the Government to do away with the steep rise in duties on Pakistani products, saying it has led to joblessness in the border area in his constituency in Amritsar as over 5,000 families depended on trade with Pakistan for livelihood.

The duty was hiked after the Pulwama terror attack.

BJP's Nihal Chand targeted the Congress Government

in Rajasthan over suicide of a farmer in the State. In a video message, the farmer blamed the State Government for his decision.

BJP's Tapir Gao spoke about several political murders in Arunachal Pradesh.

He said one of the cases was handed over to the NIA but no arrest has been made yet. The Government should ensure action, he said.

Besides Kashyap, two-time former MP from Kannur in Kerala AP Abdulkutty, who

been keen sportspersons. He also noted that the next global games are due next year.

BJP's Rajiv Pratap Rudy expressed concern over India's poor performance in Olympics and suggested that a parliamentary committee be formed as many members have also

noted that the next global games are due next year.

Government of India has accorded highest priority to get-

Priority is to get permanent membership at UN: Govt

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Government said on Wednesday that it has accorded highest priority to getting permanent membership at the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) and is actively engaged in the ongoing intergovernmental negotiations on UNSC reform.

In a written response to a question in the Lok Sabha, Minister of State for External Affairs V Muraleedharan said India is working alongside other reform-oriented countries through its membership in the G-4 Group (India, Japan, Brazil and Germany) and the L69 Group, a cross-regional grouping of developing countries of Asia, Africa and Latin America to build support among the UN member states for expansion of the UN Security Council.

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The Government informed the Lok Sabha that over 6.84 lakh posts were vacant in different departments under it. Of the total sanctioned strength of 38.02 lakh, 31.18 lakh were filled as on March 1, 2018, leaving 6.84 lakh posts vacant, according to a written reply by Minister of State for Personnel Jitendra Singh

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Vacancies in Central Government are caused due to retirement, death, promotion, et cetera and the posts falling vacant are required to be filled as per recruitment rules by Ministries, Departments or Organisations concerned," he said.

In another reply, he said the Staff Selection Commission has planned to conduct examinations to fill up the 1,03,266 vacancies reported by various ministries during the years 2019 and 2020.

Railway Board has notified five centralised employment notifications in 2018-19 for new and future vacancies likely to arise in two years, covering 1,56,138 vacancies, the Minister said.

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In 2016-17 fiscal, six IAF fighter jets, two helicopters, one transport aircraft and one trainer crashed. In 2017-18, the air force lost two fighter jets and one trainer aircraft in crashes.

The number rose sharply in 2018-19 with the IAF losing seven fighter jets, two helicopters and two trainers.

This included the crash of the MiG-21 fighter jet which was being piloted by Wing Commander Abhinandan Varthaman during a dog-fight with Pakistan Air Force planes on February 27.

On the same day, an Mi-17 helicopter also crashed killing six air force personnel. In 2019-20, so far, an AN-32 transport aircraft crashed in Arunachal Pradesh, killing 13 air force personnel earlier this month.

Lone INLD RS member joins BJP

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Ram Kumar Kashyap, the lone Indian National Lok Dal (INLD) MP in the Rajya Sabha, joined the BJP on Wednesday.

He was expelled from the CPI(M) in 2009 for praising the then Gujarat Chief Minister Narendra Modi.

He then joined the Congress, which recently sacked him for praising Narendra Modi yet again.

On Tuesday, two INLD MLAs Zakir Hussain and Parminder Singh Dhul had also joined the BJP.

Gadkari appeals Qutab Garh villagers to save water, air

PNS ■ QUTAB GARH (NEW DELHI)

Union Minister of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Nitin Gadkari on Wednesday said time has come when people can turn the waste into wealth by its proper utilisation.

After kicking off the Sanitation and Water Conservation Drive of Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) here, Gadkari said eradicating the demons of poverty, hunger and unemployment will remain a mirage unless the villages are economically, socially and eco-logically empowered.

The KVIC has adopted Qutab Garh under its Swachchh Bharat Abhiyan. Besides maintaining the cleanliness of this village, the KVIC officials would also take care of the progress of deepening of ponds work there. Last year, the KVIC had adopted Jagatpur village of Eastern Delhi and cleanliness drive is still in operation there.

Laying stress on the need of proper water management system, he said, "Our country does not have the dearth of water, but we are lagging in managing the water," he said.

"Main aap sabse kheta hoone ki paani ka niyam seekhiye. Daudne wale paani ko chala yiye, chalne wale paani ko rokiye aur ruke huye paani ko jaameen ke andar jaane dijiye (I request you all to learn the art of planning the water. Force the running water to walk, walking water to slow down and permit the stopped water to go into the earth)," he said.

Appealing the villagers to divert the agricultural yields into power and plastic sector, Gadkari said by selling toilet waste water to power generating companies, the Maharashtra Government had

so far earned over Rs 2 crore. "One can produce one tonne of bio-CNG by burning five tonnes of parali (crop residues). Very soon five districts of Vidarbha region will be free from diesel," he said.

Applauding KVIC's efforts on 'Honey Mission' Programme, the MSME Minister also appealed the villagers to give up using chemical fertilizers in their fields. "It will be an addition to both farming and bee-keeping," he added.

Minister of State for MSME Pratap Chandra Sarangi also appreciated the innovative efforts taken up by the KVIC in the recent past.

"Our Prime Minister Narendra Modi is the true conscience-keeper of Gandhian philosophy of self-discipline and self-reliance, unlike the previous governments using Gandhi as their political tool to

taste the fruit of power. That is why, what Khadi has done in last five years is much more than its achievement in 60-odd years before Modiji," he said.

Earlier, KVIC Chairman Vinai Kumar Saxena welcomed the dignitaries and appraised them about different Khadi activities, including Honey Mission, Kumhaar Sashaktikaran Mission and Deepening of village ponds in Qutubgarh. He also said that in the current fiscal, all the State Offices of KVIC had been asked to adopt one village in their respective areas, where sanitation and water conservation drive could turn it into the model ones.

New Delhi MP Meenakshi Lekhi, her Shimla counterpart Suresh Kashyap and MSME secretary AK Panda were also present on this occasion.

ARCHANA JYOTI ■ NEW DELHI

With rural men migrating to urban areas for greener pastures leaving women back home to juggle between agricultural and household work, their kids are at the receiving end having left out of entitlements related to nutrition and care, according to a new study.

The lack of attention to women's time as a key factor in child nutrition outcomes is perhaps the main reason for the persistence of poor nutritional outcomes despite economic growth, said Indian-origin scientist Nitya Rao, professor of gender and development in the University of East Anglia's (UEA) School of International Development in Norwich, England in her study.

It notes that longer working hours for women or increased work intensity on agricultural fields can have adverse impact on their own health and, in turn, their ability to care for their children, leading to poor child- and household-level nutrition outcomes.

The study which has been published in the journal Feminist Economics, stressed

on policies to be context-specific taking into consideration factors such as caste and location in order to improve women's lives and household nutrition and health outcomes in rural India

cent of the agriculture labour force and 48 per cent of the self-employed farmers, according to OXFAM 2018.

"Women's agricultural work could potentially have negative outcomes, especially for the young child whose nutrition depends more on the mother's time for breastfeeding and supplementary feeding. The double burden of work and care often leads to a time trade-off between the two," said Professor Rao.

The study examined the intersections of gender and

other forms of social identity and inequality.

The research drew on primary data from 12 villages in two districts, Wardha (Maharashtra) and Koraput (Odisha) between 2014-2016. Malnutrition is high in both areas, with near or more than 50 per cent of children underweight.

In Wardha, women harvest cotton manually, but the semi-arid region has reported severe agrarian distress over the past decade.</

Between the lines

Modi is still playing comparatives in his speeches when the expectation from him is much more post-verdict



Now that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has a massive mandate for governance and has successfully reduced the Congress to an existential crisis, he certainly needs to get the bugbear of anti-Congressism off his back. There is no doubt that India has vociferously voted against dynastic entitlement and for deserved empowerment. If he has indeed managed to convince voters of his leadership capabilities, frankly, there is no need for him to justify it again and again. Which is why the takedown of the Congress during his first speech in the 17th Lok Sabha and even in the Rajya Sabha was more like rubbing salt into the Congress' wounds than addressing the people who voted him back and are looking for new directions in stressed times. The Congress is already pounded. Doing more of the same won't affect it but it could make Modi look obsessive about a party and keeping it relevant as an excuse with his sarcasm and negative projection. Rather, moribund as it is, he should let it collapse under its own weight. Besides, elections are over now. Perhaps it was the anniversary of the Emergency that did it but Modi tore into the Congress leadership for being out on bail while imprisoning others during its own tenures in history. Then he demolished Congress leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury's argument that Modi could not diminish the party's "high" stature, saying the party was so "high" that it was cut off from the grassroots and he would rather it stay there while he connected to the people. Then there was the familiar trope of crediting non-family Congressmen whose contribution went unacknowledged — Pranab Mukherjee, Narasimha Rao and Manmohan Singh — and how the NDA regime had no issue about acknowledging the work of all past Prime Ministers, beginning with Jawaharlal Nehru. In fact, the reference to Nehru stood apart as he has not been charitable to the Congress' dynastic fountainhead through the heat and dust of campaigning but urged lawmakers to learn from his sense of duty to society. Of course, the smart jab at his descendants was unmistakable. And not that the Congress would change its stance on the Triple Talaq Bill in Parliament, but by recalling its position on the Uniform Civil Code and the Shah Bano case, Modi exposed its votebank mentality of minority appeasement than welfare. Knowing full well that the Bill wouldn't get enough support in the Rajya Sabha, Modi wants to show that he tried but was stalled by the Congress. Apportioning blames and competitive comparisons have been a part of our politics but when it comes to Modi and the way he has crafted his journey, the expectations are not sundry. Nobody likes oversold clichés.

Which is why there needed to be more emphasis on his development work. He did touch upon three areas succinctly that need attention. Although "Make in India" was not showcased much during the campaign, it being considered the NDA's Achilles' heel, it was bold of Modi to rescue his pet project and reinstate its primacy in his development vision. He even linked it to the "collective endeavour to make India a five trillion dollar economy." The country really needed to hear more of his economic blueprint at a time when growth rates are sputtering, there are challenges of boosting investment while giving tax breaks and incentives and there is pressure to be people-friendly immediately after such a massive mandate. Sensing the anxieties about climate change and resources, Modi rightly emphasised that water conservation was everybody's responsibility and though he had created Jal Shakti ministry to manage resources and ensure potable water to all, he implied a mass awareness, even with the help of NGOs. By recalling his days of sitting in protest against the delay in the Sardar Sarovar Dam project and how it helped farmers, Modi clearly hinted that this could be bigger than his Swachh mission and it could well be a populist pitch that would link the poor, the farmers, the underprivileged and privileged together. So far, his commitment to climate change has not matched his performance when it came to reprise for thermal plants and underwhelming renewable energy goals. Besides, although he addressed the "sabka vishwas" plank by expressing grief over the Jharkhand mob lynching, he asked that the State be spared of the "lynching hub" tag and perpetrators identified. Would he have said the same about Bengal?

Exciting at the end

The fear of a rash of dead games in the cricket World Cup's league stage has dissipated with some stunning feats



The problem, some might argue, with mega international sporting events is that quite often they take far too long to come to the 'business end' or the 'sharp end', where the favoured teams all rise to the top and compete with each other. You could avoid watching the first week of a grand slam tennis tournament, even stay away from the World Cup of football until the quarter-finals. Every championship tries to resolve this issue through various means while trying ostensibly to be fair. So in tennis you have the seeding system, where top players avoid each other until the second week. In football, too, groups are chosen to avoid pitting too many top teams against each other. But nothing is perfect. Sometimes a rising star can emerge and take out the top seeds in tennis and in football matches, you often end up with the fabled "group of death" where a favourite can be dumped out in the early rounds.

The International Cricket Council (ICC), therefore, moved back to an earlier format where all the teams in the World Cup play each other once in the league stage. This angered some people because it made cricket a rather insular club of the major test-playing nations, although Scotland did come within a hair's breadth of the tournament. But because the top four teams in One-Day cricket — England, India, New Zealand and Australia in that order — were so far ahead of the rest, everyone expected that other than some marquee marketing games such as India-Pakistan during the league phase, the first few weeks of the ongoing World Cup would be a damp squib after the first 15-off games. But as England's implosion, Pakistan's resurgence, Sri Lanka rediscovering its mojo and Bangladesh finally playing to its potential have slightly upset the apple-cart for the hosts, they highlight that one big thing that every international tournament should be about, unpredictability. Nobody expected Germany to be bundled out in the football World Cup at Russia last year and England was the unquestioned favourite for the cricket version as hosts. But some unexpected losses have shaken things up. However, sports administrators will continue toying with new league formats. While the ICC version is fairer than most, it is rather exclusive and if cricket's popularity is to grow globally, more teams will have to be a part of the tournament. But that will invariably lead to calls of league fixing and what not. The challenges of making a tournament fair will remain but let us enjoy this edition till then for all the surprises it is throwing up.

Iran is no pushover

The nation today is very different from what it was in 1991 or 2003. Societally, militarily, diplomatically and even morally, it is a very strong country



BHPINDER SINGH

In a speech in January 1991, the then Iraqi President Saddam Hussein had invoked a popular idiom, exhorting his military and simultaneously warning the US against intervening in his invasion of Kuwait by threatening a "mother of all battles." Hussein had under his command supposedly the world's fourth largest Army with over a million and a half in uniform and reserves — a number larger than the US Army and Marine Corps combined. Iraqi forces were also battle veterans of the decade-long Iran-Iraq war and had displayed complex helicopter-borne assault-like commando capability in seizing the Kuwait Emir's palace much before Iraqi armour columns rolled in. However, there were clear chinks in the Iraqi narrative beyond the presidential bravado. The sheer numbers of the Iraqi forces, who were subjected to an unchallenged pummelling of a 30-day air bombardment that broke the country's infrastructure and spirit, are testimony. Ultimately, it took less than 100 hours of ground assault for the complete capitulation, destruction and humiliation of the Iraqi retreat from Kuwait. The Second Gulf War in 2003, entailing a more expanded mandate to oust Hussein, lasted only 21 days before the "end of major combat operations" was announced.

Today, Iran faces a potential military action from the US following the latest escalation of tensions with the shooting down of a \$130 million worth 'Global Hawk BAM-D' surveillance drone over the Strait of Hormuz. The ratcheting of mutual distrust has been in the making for sometime, with the Iranians and their proxy forces holding sway in the multiple battles in the Iraqi-Syrian swathes, Yemen and Lebanon to even in the Iran-beholden, modern Iraq nation.

The sectarian divide in the Middle East is increasingly tilting in favour of the numerically lesser Shia forces, much to the consternation of the US-supported Gulf sheikhdoms and Israel. The decimation of the Islamic State (IS) landmass and its conventional capabilities has shifted the US' focus onto Iran in order to contain what it calls "the leading state sponsor of terror." Towards the same, the US has unilaterally reneged on the path-breaking Iran nuclear deal and reinforced crippling economic sanctions, even though the international community remains a mute spectator despite the global nuclear watchdog organisation, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), giving Iran a clean chit in abiding with the terms of the nuclear deal, which Trump accuses Iran of violating.

But Iran has not undertaken any military intervention as done by the US (all inconclusively) in the last 30 years in the Middle East.



It has simply put a lot more challenges. First, unlike Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, Yemen or even Afghanistan — which were deeply divided and polarised societies from within — Iran is relatively homogenous and united in its animus towards the US aggression. Unsurprisingly, the US-led sanctions have had a "catastrophic humanitarian consequence" on the Iranian civil society and has had no support from any of the Iranian Opposition leadership, inside or outside of Iran.

This is starkly a different situation from Hussein's Iraq which had well over 65 per cent of its population composed of persecuted Shias and Kurds, who were happy to see Hussein fall. Likewise, a theoretical US intervention in Syria may just be welcomed by the approximate 90 per cent of the Sunni population, who are ruled by the Shia-Alawite Assad Government.

Similarly, any action against the Shia-Hezbollah forces in Lebanon may be acceptable to other competing stakeholders like the Sunnis, Christians or Druze. Not so in Iran, which has over 90 per cent Shias. Even other minorities like the Kurds, Achomis, Turkmen (barring the Balouch) are also reasonably integrated into the Iranian soci-

ety with no major discrimination. This puts a rock solid block of at least 110 million — 85 million in Iran and at least 25 million co-sectarian Shias in the contiguous western border with Iraq — in direct confrontation with the US. This is demographically an impregnable minefield for the US to potentially penetrate and try to hold ground. Thus, physical land occupation of Iranian soil is absolutely ruled out as can be seen from the parallel fate of the American military, in the face of rag-tag militias in Afghanistan. With 20 per cent of the global oil traded through the narrow Strait of Hormuz (24 miles wide at one point), Iran could pose unimaginable asymmetric threats to the US interests even if its considerable naval fleet of an estimated 15 submarines and anti-ship systems were to be neutralised.

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and geopolitically, Iran today is not like Iraq in the previous two Gulf wars ie, internationally isolated, condemned and subjected to multi-lateral sanctions — the recent US moves against Iran have not been met with enthusiasm in the European Union and Donald Trump's unilateralism may not lead to an effective "coalition" against Iran as was the case in 1991 or 2003.

US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo dashed to Saudi Arabia and the UAE to muster support, who along with Israel remain in the forefront of the very limited anti-Iran sentiment. Unlike the UN-approved sanctions that preceded the US moves in 1991 and 2003, approval of other nations against Iran in the UN Security Council is extremely unlikely. The possible realisation of the cost of misadventure against Iran may have led to the last-minute cancellation of US military operations despite being in "cocked and loaded" status. Perhaps electoral considerations may still lead to a very limited military action, but only that as Iran is no pushover societally, militarily, diplomatically or in the present case, even morally.

(The writer, a military veteran, is a former Lt Governor of Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Puducherry)

What is wrong if I try to discipline my party workers? What is wrong if I ask my party workers to ensure that there is no misuse of Government schemes?

West Bengal CM

— Mamata Banerjee

SOUND BITE

I understand your (BJP's) thought. There should be one country, but one election, one face, one name, one ideology is not acceptable.

Congress leader
— Anand Sharma

I won't get younger roles because of fashionable clothes. I am glad that God has given me a good body. I am fashion conscious and love to experiment.

Actor
— Neena Gupta

The Government has accorded highest priority to getting permanent UNSC membership. It is actively engaged in the inter-governmental negotiations on UNSC reform.

MoS External Affairs
— V Muraleedharan

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Clean your backyard

Sir — This refers to the editorial, "Report most foul" (June 26). It is an irony that the Modi Government's return to power with the *aam admi*'s overwhelming support almost coincided with the timing of the release of the US State Department's 2018 Report on International Religious Freedom, which accused the BJP office-bearers for hate speech. It also criticised the Government for reportedly protecting cow vigilante groups. One wonders that before taking a look at other countries, why doesn't the US ensure equal rights for the Blacks and poor in its own country?

Why do the Whites still consider themselves a supreme race and shoot to kill Indian and their other citizens? Naturally, the ruling BJP has termed the report as being biased against the Government of Prime Minister Narendra Modi but even its own response reeks of double-speak. One has to agree that the BJP has a habit of cherry-picking international reports. Whenever there is a favourable report from any country, media or world organisation, immediately electronic

The danger of one-party rule

The Prime Minister's idea of 'one nation, one poll' is all about structuring the Indian electoral cycle in a way that voting to the Lok Sabha and State Assemblies are synchronised. The proposal does merit some careful thought but needs to be discussed and debated threadbare before arriving at a definite decision.

As a democratic nation, India remains in election mode almost throughout the year. A lot of time and public money is wasted to conduct the elections. Besides, political *tamashas* that necessitate elections to be held intermittently have become a regular affair now.

If a nation engages itself in elections all round the year, one can only imagine how difficult it will be for Governments — both Central and State — to pursue their agenda of governance. The general administration, too, is badly affected. But considering the traditions and conventions in a parliamentary system, will the Modi regime be able to surmount the challenges to make the dream of "one nation, one poll" a reality?

More than the vision of having a radical change in the pattern of elections in the country, it is the prospect of having a "one nation, one party" that is amusing to the public these days. The overwhelming majority with which the BJP won the 2019 Lok Sabha election has in

its wake brought a lot of suppositions and probabilities. With the Modi-Shah juggernaut having had a free run so far, fears that the duo may now attempt the impossible are not misplaced either. Engineering defections in the Opposition ranks, the BJP has virtually threatened the existence of all other political parties in the country. If this trend continues, the BJP will stand tall amidst the ruins. Does this bode well for a democracy?

Pachu Menon
Margao

Country comes first

Sir — This refers to the editorial, "Report most foul" (June 26). All such international reports, articles and any other writings,

which talk ill about India, should be taken with a pinch of salt.

In 2012, when the *Time* magazine dubbed the then Prime Minister Manmohan Singh as "underachiever," the BJP, which was in the Opposition then, proclaimed that the entire country has been thinking on the same line since long. Present Law Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad even demanded Singh's resignation.

In 2015, the same magazine published another article titles, "Why Modi Matters." The penned words of the article were soothing to the BJP. But only recently before the 2019 Lok Sabha election, the same magazine called the Prime Minister "India's divider-in-chief."

Whether political parties stand united on sensitive issues within the country or not, they must be on the same page when the foreign media talks ill about our country. At the same time, Governments must be extra careful to not give any chance to the world community to point fingers at us.

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FIRST COLUMN

New threat in our backyard

India and Bangladesh have to make every effort to squelch the Neo-JMB and other such terrorist organisations, especially the IS, which is trying to base its operations in South Asia



HIRANMAY KARLEKAR

The arrest of four terrorists of the Neo Jamaat-ul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) by a Special Task Force (STF) of Kolkata Police on June 25 once again underlines the organisation's continued activities on Indian soil. The Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), which had banned the organisation on May 24, 2019, under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act of 1967, had stated in a gazette notification that the outfit was planning to set up permanent bases within 10 kilometres of India's borders with Bangladesh in several districts of West Bengal, Assam and Tripura and that it planned to extend its network in South India to establish a Caliphate in the Indian sub-continent. According to the notification, "The involvement of JMB cadres has been established in the Burdwan bomb blast and Bodh Gaya blast. Assam Police has found involvement of JMB in five cases registered by them and a total of 56 accused belonging to the JMB have been arrested." The MHA also said, "Jamaat-ul Mujahideen was engaged in recruitment and raising funds for terrorist activities, procurement of explosives/chemicals and assembling of IEDs."

The JMB's activities, which had largely remained behind the scenes until then, came into public attention after nine blasts had rocked the pilgrim city of Bodh Gaya on July 7, 2013, injuring a Tibetan monk and a tourist. While the Students' Islamic Movement of India (SIMI) has been held primarily responsible, the MHA's gazette notification indicates that the JMB was also involved. The latter's hand has also been detected in the blasts that occurred on October 23, 2013, while Narendra Modi, then a prime ministerial candidate, was addressing a rally in Patna's Gandhi Maidan. The five persons sentenced to life for involvement in the Bodh Gaya blasts were also suspects in the Patna explosions.

The JMB attracted further notice after a bomb had exploded in a house in West Bengal's Burdwan district on October 2, 2014, killing two people. Investigations revealed what was virtually a Bangladeshi-run arms and explosives network in West Bengal, Assam and Jharkhand. According to the National Investigative Agency's (NIA) chargesheet in the case, submitted in March, 2015, terrorists were using territories in the three States to overthrow Bangladesh's democratic Government and put a hardline Islamic regime in its place.

The organisation's South Indian reach was underlined on June 24, 2019, when the NIA arrested Habeebu Rehman, a suspected JMB militant from Doddaballapur in the outskirts of Bengaluru. He was wanted in connection with the Burdwan and Bodh Gaya blasts. According to the NIA, five other JMB terrorists may be hiding in Doddaballapur.

The organisation's presence has been increasing in India mainly because it has been under tremendous pressure in Bangladesh where Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has zero tolerance for terrorism. According to a paper, *The threat of a revitalised JMB to India's security*, by Nikhil Raj Aggarwal, "Between 2014 and 2017, more than 3,000 militants belonging to terrorist groups JMB and HUJI-B entered India through West Bengal, Assam and Tripura." The pressure has been particularly heavy after the savage terrorist strike on Dhaka's Holey Artisan Bakery in Gulshan, Dhaka, on the night of July 1-2, 2016, which killed 22 people, including 17 foreigners, and in which one of its factions was involved. A number of terrorists have been killed since then including two in a clash with security forces who raided their hideout in Dhaka on April 29, 2019.

While the JMB, which has split into three different factions, is on the run in Bangladesh, complacency is hardly warranted. It has a chequered history. Reportedly established in Bangladesh in April, 1998, it was first noted on May 20, 2002, when, according to *South Asia Terrorism Portal*, eight Islamist terrorists were arrested in Parbatipur in Dinajpur District along with 25 petrol bombs and documents relating to its activities. It had close links with fundamentalist Islamist organisations like the Jagrata Muslim Janata Bangladesh, which had unleashed savage violence in north-western Bangladesh under the guise of combatting extremist communist violence, and the Ahle Haadith Andolan Bangladesh (AHAB), and had supporters and shelters in India almost since the beginning. The Operations Commander of the JMJB, Siddiqui Islam, widely known as "Bangla Bhai" often crossed over to the border districts of West Bengal.

The JMB perpetrated a large number of terrorist attacks in Bangladesh before international pressure compelled that country's Government to ban it along with the JMJB and the AHAB on February 23, 2005. Follow-up action, however, was half-hearted because the Jamaat-e-Islami Bangladesh, a partner in the Bangladesh Nationalist Party-led coalition Government headed by Begum Khaleda Zia, and the fountainhead of Islamic terrorism in Bangladesh, sabotaged strong action.

The JMB suffered a major blow on March 30, 2007, when six of its top terrorists, including its "supreme commander" Maulana Abdur Rahman and second-in-command, Bangla Bhai, were executed in Bangladesh. By 2010, it was thought to have been completely eradicated. That, however, was not the case. A section has emerged as Neo-JMB. India and Bangladesh have to make concerted efforts to squash it and other Islamist terrorist organisations, particularly since the Islamic State, routed in Syria and Iraq, is trying to base its operations in South Asia and has already established contact with a section of the JMB.

(The writer is Consultant Editor, *The Pioneer*, and an author)

Brace up to the new normal

Term it climate change or global warming, the fact is that India and the rest of the world are at the receiving end of natural disasters and extreme weather events. Map sensitive geographical areas and codify a step-by-step action plan



KOTA SRIRAJ

Natural disasters, primarily extreme weather events, triggered the displacement of nearly 17.2 million worldwide in 2018. At 2.678 million, India recorded the maximum number of people displaced — that's more than double the 1.3 million displaced in 2017. About 1.5 million or nearly 54 per cent of the new displacements in India in 2018 were in Kerala, which was hit by the worst floods in a century.

Cyclones Titli and Gaja, which struck Odisha, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu respectively in October and November 2018, triggered close to 649,000 displacements. These sad developments are a grim reminder of a deteriorating environment is

coming full circle and impacting us adversely.

The depth of the issue can be gauged by the fact that natural disasters forced almost 17.2 million people out of their homes across the world in 2018. Ninety four per cent of them left due to weather-related natural calamities — cyclones, floods and drought. About 84 per cent of these affected people were from urban and peri-urban areas. To understand this in a detailed manner, nearly 1,600 disaster events triggered new displacements during 2018. Among weather-related hazards, storms, especially tropical cyclones, were a majority. Geophysical disasters such as earthquakes, tsunamis and volcanic eruptions led to 1.1 million new displacements in 2018, up from 758,000 in 2017 — a 45.12 per cent jump.

Displacements associated with disasters affected mainly East Asia and Pacific and South Asia. Both regions are heavily populated and are highly vulnerable to hazards. Sub-Saharan Africa and the Americas were relatively affected lightly but floods and storms still triggered millions of new



displacements. Around 9.6 million new displacements were recorded in East Asia and the Pacific and 3.8 million in South. Sixty per cent of the internal displacements occurred in China, India and the Philippines. In these three countries, 10.3 million were displaced by extreme weather events. Such massive movement of people affects the economy, too. Asia-Pacific's cumulative economic losses due to natural disasters exceeded \$89 billion in 2018 — slightly higher than the 21st century average of \$87 billion.

In just a year, the number of people displaced due to extreme weather events increased by 108 per cent.



Undoubtedly, the displacement burden due to extreme weather events in the country has doubled. India is the 14th most climate-vulnerable country in the world. With 29 per cent increase in deaths from last year due to extreme climate events and the 108 per cent increase in displacements in a year, the burden of displacement and deaths due to such extremes is rising. This year India will be much more prone to cyclones and floods, according to the Inform Risk Index.

Rapid changes in environmental behaviour and weather-related developments have been long expected since anthropogenic interventions

have altered weather patterns and impacted daily lives. India, with diverse climate conditions, is positioned to be deeply affected due to extreme weather events. In fact, a slight change in the rainfall patterns is enough to derail rural economies and send food prices soaring. These conditions have already prompted an exodus in northern Himalayan States where traditional farming families are forced to leave their long-inhabited villages as either drought one year or flood the next year promise to play havoc with their prosperity and personal finances, exposing them to potential poverty if they choose to stay.

On the other hand, untenable agricultural practices have added to the problem. Take the example of Chennai in Tamil Nadu. The State is reeling under yet another extreme weather condition of drought and yet, the farmers in semi-urban and rural areas are still practising the flood irrigation system, which uses a lot of water for relatively low yields of crop productivity. These small yet significant deficiencies are overlooked by the district administration, which in turn

assume forbidding proportions on the state level and cause enormous wastage of precious water resources.

India being the most affected in people displacements due to extreme weather events must take some immediate steps to prevent the situation from getting out of hand. Sensitive geographical areas must first be mapped and this needs to be followed by a step-by-step action plan that builds on past events and the precipitating factors that have played a decisive role in exacerbating the environmental conditions to the extent that the disastrous weather events are triggered. Unless innovative measures are put in place, India cannot escape the penalties of a worsening environment. The world is already experiencing the aftershocks of climate change and India, too, is increasingly finding itself at the receiving end of worsening conditions. How does it overcome the odds and script a turnaround will be crucial. The Government has a pivotal role to play and so does the common man.

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POINT COUNTERPOINT

I REQUEST YOU (PRIME MINISTER MODI) TO KEEP NEW INDIA TO YOURSELF AND GIVE US OUR OLD INDIA WHERE THERE WAS LOVE AND CULTURE.

—CONGRESS LEADER
GHULAM NABI AZAD



I THINK AZAD SAHIB IS HAVING A BLURRED VISION. MAYBE HE IS SEEING EVERYTHING THROUGH POLITICAL SPECTACLES.

—PRIME MINISTER
NARENDRA MODI

Half-baked reforms

Unless we address the core issues, no amount of modern infrastructure will be able to bring in fundamental changes towards the working methodology of the police



KK PAUL

Having gone through media reports about the recent incident at Mukherjee Nagar in North-West Delhi, where some policemen "thrashed" a tempo driver after he allegedly attacked a cop, one is compelled to wonder whether the usual talk of police reforms is yet another oxymoron? Normally, after training, a police officer is supposed to behave with a certain amount of discretion and sensitivity as he may be quite raw and not as experienced and hardened as some of his colleagues.

In the instant case, however, some policemen were reported to have conducted themselves in a very unprofessional manner, drawing adverse comment from all sections of society. This takes us to the quality of training and attitude of police officers who graduate from training schools. It appears that one of the fundamental schisms, which has continued since independence, is whether the police is a service or a force?

The conflict arises from the fact that the society has high expectations and considers the police to be a public service organisation, while the State continues to think of it not only as a service organisation for the society but also as an instrument of its sovereign functions like law and order, public order and internal security. Despite numerous commissions and recommendations, the police organisation has remained as it is. Sometimes it appears strange that despite the police being a State subject and each State having its own set of rules, there is something that binds the police into a homogenous entity as far as the methodology of work and attitude towards the public are concerned.

In this context, the Union Home Ministry's renewed efforts at giving a push to police reforms must be welcomed. To begin with, a country-wide competition to adjudge the best police station was initiated. Police stations competed with each other on the basis of seven parameters, which included among other things, crime prevention, pro-active policing along with public perception and feedback. Some of these have, perhaps, been included for the first time and give impetus to the policemen to take into account the attitude of the public towards the police and policing in general. Topping the Union Home Ministry's list was the Kalu police station in Rajasthan's Bikaner district. The second in rank was Campbell Bay in Nicobar district. Farakka police station in West Bengal's Murshidabad district ranked third. It is to be hoped that such competitions will generate a lot of enthusiasm and bring in the much-needed fresh air into the police stations besides leading to the much-desired course-correction.

Undoubtedly, some of these parameters are extremely important and may even be fundamental to providing good governance to the public. In today's media-driven world, public perception is vital for credibility of any organisation. The police in particular — as even a small incident like the one mentioned — can be stigmatised and spoil years of hard-earned reputation. At the same time, we must



also give a deeper thought to reforms, as despite orders from the Supreme Court, there appears to be an inherent reluctance in implementing them in a meaningful manner.

While the array of police reforms implemented so far — to modernise the communication networks, mobility, IT applications and weaponry among others — has only touched the metropolitan areas and the more fortunate among the district headquarters, large segments of our population continue to be under-policed with the department unable to provide even some of the basics in certain areas. Visible implementation of such infrastructural reforms, even though in a limited manner, besides giving a modern and contemporary look, have resulted in a quantum jump towards efficiency of the police besides leading to a positive perception among the public of being progressive. But unless we address the core issues, no amount of modern infrastructure will be able to bring in fundamental changes towards the working methodology of the police all over the country.

The police and the public enjoy an ambivalent relationship with each other. Even when the police personnel are very friendly — having a positive attitude and police stations with a modern look — people become apprehensive the moment they hear of the police procedures and the courts. Police being integral to the criminal justice system, almost all its actions have to be ultimately placed before the judicial officers, as required by the code of criminal procedure and the various State police rules.

As the number of cases goes up, not only the work load of investigating officers increases, it also adds to delays and pendency in the courts, resulting in an increase in the overall time spent on each case before its final disposal. Such increasing work load and delays deny justice to the people on the one hand and

on the other, it propels the stressed out and overworked police officer towards rudeness and offensive behavior.

In the process, the common man suffers, for justice delayed is justice denied. The Code of Criminal Procedure currently in vogue is basically a document of 1898 vintage. Some amendments have been made from time-to-time but the basic structure remains more or less the same. In fact, most of the aberrations in the working of the police find their origin from this Code.

As such, besides improving and modernising the training and other infrastructural needs as per current and future projections, the real reform will take effect only when such administrative changes are coupled with changes in the requisite police and court procedures. Today, a person is more concerned with the police scriptor work and the court procedures as he may have to make several visits to the police station and later to the courts. Such time-consuming and complicated procedures bring a lot of negativity in the police-public relations. Besides, these have almost no bearing on establishment-related reforms of fixity of tenures and the constitution of Security Commissions at the State or national levels. In the current dispensation of procedures, hardly any emphasis has been laid on expediting the delivery of justice to the common man, which in fact should be the top priority.

In order to address all such issues in a comprehensive manner, roughly 20 years ago, the Ministry of Home Affairs had constituted a committee to go into various aspects of the criminal justice system. This committee had submitted a very comprehensive and a meaningful report. The recommendations were not only to expedite the delivery of justice, but also emphasised upon greater involvement of judicial officers at the time of trial to ascertain the truth.

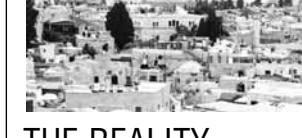
At present we follow the adversarial system, which no doubt gives a very fair trial. In the inquisitorial system, which is followed in most of the European countries including France and Germany, the supervision of the investigation is done more closely by the judicial officers. It had been recommended that in our prevailing social conditions, an adversarial system with certain good features of inquisitorial system could still be adopted. Changes in the basic approach to investigation were also suggested. An important recommendation was to introduce a provision in the Code where any court shall at any stage of inquiry or trial, would have such powers as to issue directions to the investigating officer to make further investigation or to direct the supervisory officer to take appropriate action for more pointed investigation so as to assist the court in search of truth. Some changes in the nature of the burden of proof beyond reasonable doubt were also suggested. For some reason, this very useful report was shelved after the change of government in 2004.

Ultimately for the benefit of the common man, it would be of utmost importance to deal with the criminals effectively and speedily by expeditious delivery of justice. Accordingly, the police reforms have to be two-tiered. One at the level of the organisation and the establishment besides training and second at the procedural level, entailing a comprehensive review of the code of criminal procedure and state police rules. In the current scenario simply increasing the number of investigators or the number of courts may not suffice as the need of the hour is to introduce comprehensive reforms in the criminal justice system.

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FOREIGN EYE



THE REALITY

The Trump administration's grand talk of "the deal of the century" in the Middle East, the launch of its first, economic aspect has been both absurd and pathetic. The Palestinian refusal to attend has meant that Israel is also absent. This is a play missing its stars and half the cast as well; the Arab states involved have sent lower-tier officials. Even its instigator, Donald Trump's son-in-law Jared Kushner, talked of a workshop rather than a conference; of a vision rather than a plan. (The *Guardian* editorial)

Data related to payments to be stored only in India: RBI



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directive in April 2018 on 'Storage of Payment System Data'. It had advised all system providers to ensure that within a period of six months, the entire data relating to payment systems operated by them is stored in a system only in India.

In case the processing is done abroad, "the data should be deleted from the systems abroad and brought back to India not later than the one business day or 24 hours from payment processing, whichever is earlier".

Last week, the issue of data localisation was raised by several e-commerce firms during their meetings with Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal.

"However, the data shall be stored only in India after the processing. The complete end-

The Reserve Bank on Wednesday said all data related to payments must be stored only in India and data processed abroad will have to be brought back to the country within 24 hours.

"The entire payment data shall be stored in systems located only in India..." the RBI said in its FAQs on certain implementation issues raised by the Payment System Operators (PSOs).

The RBI had issued a

G20 nations imposed 20 new trade-restrictive measures in last 8 months: WTO

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The G20 countries have imposed as many as 20 new trade-restrictive measures such as high customs duties and import bans between October 2018 and May this year, according to a WTO report.

G20 members include Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Japan, Russia, the UK, the US, among others.

"In terms of numbers, G20 economies implemented 20 new trade-restrictive measures between mid-October 2018 and mid-May 2019, including tariff increases, import bans and new customs procedures for exports," the report said.

WTO's 21st Monitoring Report on trade measures of the bloc was issued on June 24 and comes days ahead of the G20 summit in Japan.

These measures impact both exports and imports of the member countries including India.



Commenting on the report, WTO Director-General Roberto Azevêdo said these findings should be of "serious concern" for the whole international community.

"We urgently need to see leadership from the G20 to ease trade tensions and follow through on their commitment to trade and to the rules-based international trading system," he said.

Further, the report said a total of 29 new measures aimed at facilitating trade, including eliminating or reducing import tariffs, export duties and eliminating or simplifying customs procedures for exports were also implemented by the G20 economies.

CAPSI ties up with Assocham to promote star ratings for private security agencies

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The Central Association of Private Security Industry (CAPSI) said Wednesday that it has partnered with the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (Assocham) to establish collaborative relations between the two bodies for the propagation of the 'Security sTar Agencies Rating' (STAR) scheme.

The scheme aims to standardise private security agencies based on internationally accepted ISO standards. The STAR scheme was launched on February 8 in Mumbai during the Special Standards Conclave organised by the Ministry of Commerce.

CAPSI Chairman Kunwar Vikram Singh said in a statement, "The 'Security sStar Agencies Rating' (STAR) scheme has been conceptualised by CAPSI with the help and support of the Quality Council of India (QCI), the country's apex quality facilitation and national accreditation body."

RBI panel on MSME suggests ₹15,000-cr fund to support industry

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The U K Sinha Committee, set up by the RBI on micro, small and medium enterprises, has recommended a financial support of ₹15,000 crore to the MSME sector, which contributes significantly to employment generation and has a hefty share of over 40 per cent in exports.

The contribution of the sector in the economy is currently constrained due to several challenges affecting growth in the sector, said the report submitted by the nine-member committee to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Tuesday.

The committee recommended setting up of a government-sponsored fund of funds (FoF) of ₹10,000 crore to support the venture capital and private equity firms investing in the MSME sector that will support crowd funding from venture capital and private equity firms, which focus on investing in the MSME segment on modified

₹ settles 21 paise higher at 69.15 against US dollar

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The Indian rupee on Wednesday advanced by 21 paise to close at 69.15 against the US currency in line with uptrend in domestic equities.

At the interbank foreign exchange market, the rupee opened at 69.40 a dollar and advanced to a high of 69.07 during the day. It finally settled at 69.15, up 21 paise against its previous close of 69.36.

Forex dealers said a positive sentiment built up ahead of a scheduled meeting at G20 between US President Donald Trump and his Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping, later this week.

Meanwhile, US Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin's comments eased concern over the trade impasse with China to some extent.

Besides, traders said, gains in domestic equities, foreign fund inflows and latest news on monsoon progress also helped in reviving domestic currency market sentiment.

However, rising crude oil prices and strengthening of the US dollar vis-a-vis other major currencies overseas capped the gains for the rupee.

Brent crude futures, the

global oil benchmark, rose 1.38 per cent to \$ 65.95 per barrel.

The dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, rose 0.11 per cent to 96.24.

Meanwhile, Financial Benchmark India Private Ltd (FBIL) set the reference rate for the rupee/dollar at 69.3398 and for rupee/euro at 79.0525.

The reference rate for rupee/British pound was fixed at 88.4161 and for rupee/100 Japanese yen at 64.81.

V K Sharma, Head-PCG & Capital Market Strategy, HDFC securities, said, "For last two days, overseas investors have been pouring money in domestic equity and debt markets also helped rupee to remain strong during Wednesday's trade."

"Statement released by US Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin saying that 'US-China trade deal is 90 per cent complete', has improved the sentiment in emerging market currencies," he said.

Meanwhile, the 10-year Government bond yield was at 6.93 per cent on Wednesday.

Foreign institutional investors (FIIs) remained net buyers in the capital markets, putting in ₹1,157.87 crore Tuesday, provisional data showed.

Sensex builds on gains ahead of F&O expiry; metal, power stocks rally

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The BSE Sensex marched higher for the second straight day Wednesday on robust buying in metal, power and financial stocks ahead of June derivatives expiry.

Overcoming a choppy start, the 30-share index finished 157.14 points, or 0.40 per cent, higher at 39,592.08. Similarly, the broader NSE Nifty jumped 51.10 points, or 0.43 per cent, to 11,847.55.

Buying interest was seen in metal, power, healthcare, capital goods and financial counters ahead of the expiry of June futures and options (F&O) contracts scheduled for Thursday, traders said.

Sentiment also received a boost after the US administration said a trade deal with China is "about 90 per cent" complete.

Besides, domestic investors are hoping for positive news on the US-India trade front in the backdrop of US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo holding talks with Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi, traders added. Modi and US President Donald Trump are scheduled to meet on the sidelines of the G20 Summit in Osaka, Japan, later this week.

The progress of monsoon

and a strengthening rupee added to the buying momentum.

Vedanta was the biggest gainer in the Sensex pack, spurring 4.40 per cent. PowerGrid, Sun Pharma, Yes Bank, Tata Steel, HDFC Bank, Bajaj Finance, ICICI Bank and Bajaj Auto too ended up to 4.12 per cent higher.

On the other hand, Infosys, IndusInd Bank, Tech Mahindra, Bharti Airtel, Maruti, TCS and HDFC were among the top losers, shedding up to 1.12 per cent.

"Indian market bounced higher led by pharma and banking sector due to positive view for Q1 FY20 result given a low base and improvement in business outlook. Metals also inched higher due to ease in trade war tensions.

"Expectation over Budget and Q1 FY20 (results) will control the trend of the market," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Financial Services.

Sectorally, BSE metal, power, utilities, basic materials, realty, healthcare, bankex and finance ended up to 2.88 per cent higher.

IT, teck, telecom and

FMCG shed up to 0.65 per cent.

The broader BSE midcap and smallcap indices outperformed the benchmarks, rising up to 0.85 per cent.

On the currency front, the Indian rupee appreciated 22 paise to 69.13 against the US dollar intra-day.

On a net basis, foreign institutional investors bought equities worth ₹1,157.87 crore Tuesday, and domestic institutional investors purchased shares to the tune of ₹377.22 crore, provisional data available with stock exchanges showed.

Brent crude futures, the global oil benchmark, rose 1.17 per cent to \$65.03 per barrel.

Globally, while bourses in Shanghai, Hong Kong, Tokyo and Seoul ended on a mixed note, equity markets in Europe were trading in the green in early deals.

India's trade agreements pushing import of cheap paper into country: IPMA

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Government's policy of extending preferential tariff treatment to paper and paperboard under the free trade agreements (FTAs) has led to large quantities of paper being imported in the country at significantly lower costs to the dis-

advantage of domestic industry. In its pre-budget submission, Indian Paper Manufacturers Association (IPMA) has stated that both under India-ASEAN FTA and India-Korea CEPAC, basic customs duty on paper and paperboard has been progressively reduced, and currently stands at 0%.

Business Corner



Over 150 employees of Healthians donated blood at a recent blood donation camp organised as part of World Blood Donor Day at its Office in Gurgaon



Pond's launched #SeeWhatHappens campaign with the aim of bringing the issue of inner voices into the spotlight

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is hereby informed that a female namely **Sakshi**, D/o Sh. Praveen R/o D-63 jj Colony Khanpur, New Delhi has been missing since 24.05.2019. In this regard a case DD No. 110A, dated 27.05.19, has been registered at P.S. Ned Sarai, New Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the missing girl but no clue has come to light so far. The description of the missing female is as under:

Name: Sakshi, **Gender:** Female, **Age:** 22 years, **Height:** 5'1", **Complexion:** Fair, **Built:** Medium, **Face:** Round, **Wearing:** Yellow colour suit, sky blue colour payjami with black colour shoes in her feet.

If anyone has any information regarding this missing girl, kindly inform the SHO/Ned Sarai, New Delhi.

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DP/5508/SD/19

SHO P.S. Ned Sarai, New Delhi.
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SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is hereby informed that a man namely **Pankaj Kumar Singh** S/o Sh. Nawal Kisor Singh, R/o HN-A, 32 Flat No-7, Surender Appt. Asola Village, New Delhi has been missing since 09.05.2019 from the area of P.S. Maidan Garhi, New Delhi. In this regard a report vide GD No. 34A dated 16.05.2019, has been lodged at P.S. Maidan Garhi, New Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the missing man but no clue has come to light so far. The description of the missing man is as under:

Name: Pankaj Kumar Singh, **Gender:** Male, **Age:** 36 years, **Height:** 5'7", **Complexion:** Fair, **Face:** Round, **Built:** Fat

If anyone has any information regarding this missing man, kindly inform SHO/Maidan Garhi, New Delhi.

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SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General public is hereby informed that a boy namely **Atul Dubey @ Sameer**, S/o Upender Dubey R/o H.No.-B-63, Hari Enclave, Kirari Suleman Nagar, Delhi has been missing/kidnapped since 06.06.2019 from the area of P.S. Aman Vihar, Delhi. In this regard a case vides FIR No. 255/19 dated 08.06.2019, has been lodged at P.S. Aman Vihar, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the missing/kidnapped boy but no clue has come to light so far. The description of the missing/kidnapped boy is as under:

Name: Atul Dubey @ Sameer, **Gender:** Male, **Age:** 15 years, **Height:** 5', **Complexion:** Fair, **Face:** Round, **Wearing:** Green colour T-Shirt, Grey colour Half Pant and Hawai Slippers in Feet.

If anyone has any information regarding this missing/kidnapped boy, kindly inform SHO/Aman Vihar, Delhi.

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SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is hereby informed that one girl namely **Sangeeta @ Aarti**, D/o Raj Kumar, R/o: B-35, Rajeev Nagar, Begumpur, Delhi Age: 18 years 5 Months, Height: 5'4", Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Oval, wearing Yellow Colour Top & Blue Colour Jeans, has been missing/kidnapped from the area of P.S. Begumpur, since 07.06.2019. In this regard a DD No. 21-A, dated 09.06.2019 has been registered at P.S. Begumpur, Delhi.

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

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DP/3009/RD/19

MISSING

General public is hereby informed that one person, **Shashi Ranjan Prasad**, R/o: H. No. 2702/31, Asthal Mandir, Sangam Vihar, New Delhi, has been missing since 31.05.2019 from the area of PS Neb Sarai, New Delhi. In this regard, a Case Vide DD No. 78A, Dated 31.05.2019 has been lodged at P.S. Neb Sarai, New Delhi. Investigations has been carried out but despite best efforts, the person could not be traced. The description of the missing person is as under:

Name: Shashi Ranjan Prasad, R/o: H. No. 2702/31, Asthal Mandir, Sangam Vihar, New Delhi, Age: 66 years, Height: 5'5" Feet, Face: Round, Built: Thin, Complexion: Shallow, Wearing: White Colour Kurta Payjama and Chappal in his feet. If anyone has any information about the missing boy, then please inform P.S. Neb Sarai, New Delhi.

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Trend Blazer

Why Ayushmann did Article 15?

Actor **AYUSHMANN KHURRANA** says that the intent to bring about social change by starting a conversation is what compelled him to back a film like *Article 15*, which is centred around caste discrimination in the society. It was important for him to show India a very significant social film.

"As an artist, you sometimes get a film that demands you to back it wholeheartedly because it is trying to make a strong statement, it is trying to affect social change by starting a conversation."

This compelled me to put my voice behind it because it is cinema that needs to be made and seen. It is cinema for the entire country, for the youth to notice," says Ayushmann.

'I am trying to get onto the YouTube world by launching my channel, after exploring the Instagram and Twitter world. As a person, I have been super expressive. Somewhere, I have become more private after becoming an actor. Let's see how it goes.'

—Alia Bhatt

Director **ALI ABBAS ZAFAR** is known for his huge scale movies and his penchant to deliver wholesome entertainers that the entire nation can enjoy.

He says, "It's humbling to get so much love from audiences. When I set out to make a film, I don't think about records. That's never my approach. It could be a hugely limiting, pressurising proposition for any filmmaker especially me. I always set out to tell a story of audiences have empowered me to tell heartfelt and entertaining stories that the entire nation could go to the theatres and enjoy it."

I live the most regular life: Tom

It has been a crazy ride to fame for **TOM HOLLAND**, who is winning hearts all around the world as the new Spider-Man. But, he does not want to get lost in the glitz and glamour of the industry.

The actor thinks he has done a great job at evading the spotlight, and says he lives the most normal and regular life ever.

"I don't get paparazzied. I don't go to fancy parties," Holland said.

He added, "When I am not on the press tour or red carpet, I live the most regular life ever. I have done a good job at keeping out of the spotlight. It is very important because you can get lost in it. No one will ever say no (to you) and no one will ever tell you anything bad. That is why I keep my brothers, my family very close because they will tell me that 'I am being an idiot.'"



THESE JEWELS BRIGHT I WEAR!

If you are a Tintin fan, you know of singer Bianca Castafiore and her love for trinkets. Now they are a reality. A report shows that coloured gemstones outperform traditional choices in the jewellery market. By TEAM VIVA

It is time to invest in and own coloured gemstones compared to traditional gold and platinum, if a latest lifestyle study is to be believed. And around seven per cent of Indian UHNWIs (ultra high net worth individuals) are collecting coloured diamonds as a passion-led investment. India already has a well-established wedding jewellery tradition that celebrates stones embedded in gold and silver, so the traction here is but expected.

Thanks to transparent valuation standards, the establishment of institutional gemology labs and active market transactions, gemstones have come of age. Knight Frank, a global property consultancy, launched its luxury investment index (KFLII), which cited that in coloured gemstones, a 17.43 carat Kashmir sapphire ring was the top performer at Bonhams' London sale at the end of April. Formerly owned by a European noble family, this Kashmir sapphire ring fetched £23,063, far exceeding its £3,000 to £4,000 guide price.

The report focussed on the increasing value of coloured gemstones, seen to be outperforming the wider jewellery market and, therefore, increasingly popular with investors and collectors worldwide. The index series provides data on investments of passion, such as whisky, cars, jewellery and others, tracking each over time.



Experts say that consumers are preferring high-quality gemstones which are rare and unique in designs. Shishir Baijal, chairman and managing director, Knight Frank India, said, "More than 100 per cent incremental value of the gemstones and jewellery over a decade have made them lucrative asset investment classes, than just

purchasing it for its aesthetic value. Indian UHNWIs are increasingly making passion-led investments in gems and jewellery. Much of the rising popularity of coloured gemstones is due to growing awareness and developments that have boosted consumer confidence, such as widespread certification, more industry transparency and gemological analysis."

Talking about how coloured gemstones are outperforming the wider jewellery market and therefore increasingly getting popular among investors, Milind Mathur, partner, Kohinoor Jewellers, Agra, said, "Precious coloured gemstones are gaining prominence in the market of late owing to their everlasting charm and emerging trends among the customers. The market for coloured gemstones has flourished notably owing to their

increasing demand. Their rarity and undeniable allure are what makes them truly stand out. It is the colour, cut, clarity and carat that play a pivotal role in deciding their value and making them desirable. On the other hand, we have witnessed royals adorning coloured gemstones in the recent past and I think that has also influenced the buying pattern of the customers."

Varda Goenka of Fine Jewels by DIAGOLD has observed a spike in demand for natural gemstones like rubies, emeralds, blue and yellow sapphires. Blue sapphire and emerald are considered top quality and are seen as highly desirable acquisitions. Besides, such stones in India have an auspicious aspect, which makes for a value-added choice."

Andrew Shirley, Head of Luxury Research at Knight Frank, said, "The interesting story here is that coloured gemstones are outperforming the wider jewellery market with some significant sales taking place already in 2019."

Jean Ghika, global head of jewellery at Bonhams, cited, "The rarity factor is an undeniable pull," she says. "Potential buyers are looking to expand their collections beyond colourless diamonds. They're keen to seek out the very best examples of highly desirable and rare specimens, whether that be Kashmir sapphires, Burma rubies or no-oil emeralds, the likes of which they may never find again."



'Pataudi palace is special'

Actor Saif Ali Khan says his ancestral home Pataudi Palace holds a lot of emotional value for him.

Saif's brand House of Pataudi has come out with its latest collection inspired by the Pataudi Palace. He co-owns the brand with Myntra and Exceed Entertainment.

"The palace is an architectural marvel for many, but for me its home and holds a lot of emotional value," Saif said.

"It is interesting for me to see a collection inspired by the hues of the palace gardens. The floral patterns and designs used in the collection intertwine with elements of the nature that surround Pataudi Palace," he added.

The Summer Palace Collection brings alive the ornate beauty and grandeur of the palace. It comprises everyday Indian wear conceptualised as Firdaus, festive with royal charm, Noor and Riwayat for classic Indian weddings.

Amar Nagaram, Head, Myntra Jabong, said, "The collection is a reflection of the opulence and grandeur surrounding the Pataudi palace and is a royal treat for patrons of ethnic wear."

—IANS

ATTENTION PLEASE

Actor LEONARDO DICAPRIO draws eyeballs to Chennai water crisis



Oscar winning actor Leonardo DiCaprio, known for his environmental activism, has raised awareness about the ongoing water crisis in Chennai. He shared a photograph of a dry well on social media.

Caprio wrote, "Only rain can save Chennai from this situation. A well, completely empty and a city without water. The southern Indian city of Chennai is in crisis, after the four main water reservoirs ran dry.

The acute water shortage has forced the city to scramble for urgent solutions and residents have to stand in line for hours to get water from government tankers. As the water levels depleted, hotels and restaurants started to shut temporarily and the air con was turned off in the city's metro.

Officials in the city continue to try and find alternative sources of water but the community continue to pray for rain.

Chennai has been facing a severe water crisis. While Cholavaram (full capacity 1,081 mcft), Redhills (full capacity 3,300 mcft) and Chembarambakkam (3,645 mcft) lakes that supply water to Chennai have gone dry, there is only 19 mcft water left in the Poondi reservoir (full capacity of 3,231 mcft), according to the Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board.

DiCaprio, who works extensively as a climate champion, had visited India in 2015 to film a segment for his 2016 documentary film, 'Beyond the Flood'. He also visited the Taj Mahal during his trip.

NORTHERN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE (Through e-tendering)
Name of work with its location: Provision of interlocking at X-ing no. 109 & 133 in section of ADSTE/ROK of DLI Division. App. Cost of the work: Rs. 50,85,862.38/- only. Tender Document Fee: Rs. 5,900/- only. Earnest Money Deposit: Rs. 1,01,700/- only. Address of the office: Senior Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer-I, Northern Railway, 3rd Floor, Annexe-1, DRM office, New Delhi-110055. Date & Time for upload the tender/closing of tender: Tender uploading/closing date & time-17.07.2019 up to 15.00 hrs. Website particular & notice board location where complete details of the tender can be seen etc.: See the Northern Railway website www.reps.gov.in & Notice board at S&T branch, 3rd Floor, DRM office, State Entry Road, New Delhi-110055. No.: 558-Sig-16-M-Tender-1282 Dated: 26.06.2019. 2055/2019.

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1	Name of work	"Provision of OFC & associated equipments in JUC-HSX, NSS-NSS, PHR-LNK, JUC-NRO, NSS-JJJ & NSS-RHU Sections of FZR Division."
2	Approximate cost of the work	Rs. 7,79,19,660.79 (SEVEN Crore Seventy Nine Lakh Nineteen Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty and Seven Nine only).
3	Cost of tender form	Nil
4	Address from where tender document can be downloaded	Indian Railways website www.reps.gov.in from 27.06.2019 from 11:00 hrs.
5	Earnest money	Rs. 5,39,600.00 (Five Lakh Thirty Nine Thousand Six Hundred only).
6	Completion period	11 (Eleven) months.
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8	Detailed Tender Notice	Available at Indian Railways website www.reps.gov.in

HOW TO COMBAT DRUG MENACE

Alcohol continues to be the most common psychoactive substance used in India though its prevalence varies across the states, says SB SHASHANK



Drug menace is so alarming worldwide that the special session of UN General Assembly on drug policy, which was scheduled to take place this year was brought forward to take place in year 2016. There are three international conventions, namely, Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, Convention on Psychotropic Substances, 1971 and Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drug and Psychotropic Substances, 1988 to which India is a signatory. It covers India's commitment to the international community in combating the use and abuse of psychotropic substances. At home, there is a policy document which was brought out in 2012 by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment to guide ministries, state governments, NGOs, international organisations on gamut of issues related to reduction in demand and supply, relief and rehabilitation.

Recently, the ministry released findings of a nationwide comprehensive survey, which was undertaken last year to know magnitude, spread and extent of substance use in the country. This document provides data across all the states, for the first time, about the extent of problem and will enable poli-

cy makers and planners in determining the target of demand reduction and further in identifying focus areas which are to be prioritised. The survey report will prove to be milestone in our fight against the substance use and problem. When compared to the previous survey, which was conducted in 2001 with turn of the millennium, though with limited sample size, the trend in use and abuse shows rise over last eighteen years. To reverse the trend requires more focus on policy gap and implementation strategy.

As the survey report shows, alcohol continues to be the most common psychoactive substance used in India though its prevalence varies across the states. In contrast to the common perception that

Uttar Pradesh may be the numero uno, what is surprising is that Chhattisgarh occupies top position both in prevalence of use and dependence followed closely by Tripura and Punjab in that order. The national average is that every seventh person is current user of Alcohol and out of that, every fifth person requires medical intervention for being alcohol dependent. On gender classification on use, men constitute 27.3 per cent of population whereas women constitute just 1.6 per cent. This also gives strong reason to support why women should be involved in combating alcohol abuse as some states have also shown by example. Delhi with 21.3 per cent of population as current user of alcohol is much above the national average of 14.6

per cent and use disorder at 6.2 per cent is also much above the national average of 5.2 per cent.

Cannabis and Opioids occupy the second and third position in prevalence of substance use. On national level 3.1 crore people 2.8 per cent use cannabis which includes *bhang*, hashish (*charas*) and weed (*ganja*), which is more harmful than the former. Every fourth user is either suffering from harmful use or from dependence requiring intervention. The states of Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Sikkim, Chhattisgarh and Delhi top the list and have prevalence more than the national average. Sikkim and Punjab have much higher cannabis use disorder than other states.

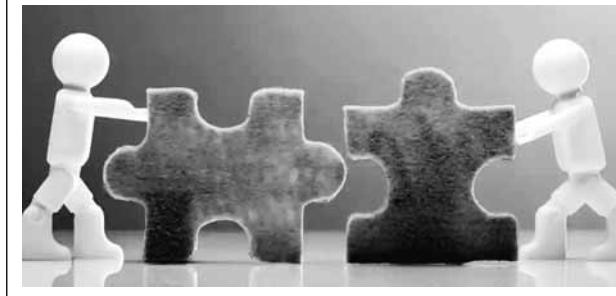
The most common opioid used are

heroin, pharmaceutical opioid and opium coming in same order in use prevalence showing that heroin is now the predominant opioid which is a major shift in use pattern. But in southern states pharmaceutical opioids are predominantly used. On national level 2.06 per cent of population come under the category of current users and around one third of them are problem users requiring intervention. Among the states Mizoram, closely followed by Nagaland, tops the chart of use where the prevalence is more than 12 times the national average. Punjab (9.69 per cent) and Delhi (7.79 per cent) also have much higher user load, with significant proportion requiring corrective interventions, than national average of 2.06 per cent.

Sedatives and inhalants are also used as psychoactive substance. About 1.18 crore people (1.08 per cent) use sedatives which are non medical and non prescribed. North eastern states Sikkim, Nagaland, Mizoram, Manipur top the chart in maximum prevalence in use of sedatives. Among all the substances, inhalants are the only substance for which prevalence of use among children and adolescents are more than adults. At national level 4.6 lakh children and 18 lakh adults require intervention for being problem users of inhalants.

With this survey report, the states have their tasks cut out to accelerate the action to combat the menace of substance abuse. June 26 is observed as the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking. The states joined the world community in creating more awareness about the gigantic problem. To many, such symbolism may not impress but it is significant so long as it goes beyond symbolism per se with resolve.

(The writer is an IAS officer and director of Department of Women and Child Development, GNCTD dealing with the matter of Prohibition.)



Max Bupa partners with MobiKwik for health insurance products

Max Bupa, on Wednesday, announced a strategic partnership with MobiKwik, a Fintech platform, to promote affordable and convenient bite-sized group health insurance products for MobiKwik's customers across the country.

Bite-sized insurance offerings, which are essentially easier to buy over the counter health insurance products, primarily targeted towards working professionals and millennials, are fast picking up pace in the country and gaining huge interest from customers who are always on the go and are looking for convenient, low price and accessible health plans for their specific health needs. It is for those customers who are looking for quick, simple and affordable health insurance propositions to take care of their specific health needs.

No paperwork or medical will be required. An immediate policy issuance at affordable premium will be available. It will be digitally enabled, which will involve buying health insurance in just two clicks. Max Bupa is also offering a cancer cover at nominal premium and a HospiCash product, in order to make health insurance purchase simple, instant and affordable for MobiKwik's vast customer base.

The HospiCash product offers a perfect solution for their evolving health needs. It provides for a pre-defined daily allowance basis the number of days of hospitalisation irrespective of the actual expense incurred by the customer. Priced at an annual premium as low as ₹135, it will offer ₹500 per day hospital allowance for up to 30 days in a year to a customer. If admitted to an ICU, the amount receivable by the policy holder is twice the daily hospitalisation cash benefit. In addition to this, customers will also get additional security against accidents wherein the family would receive ₹1 lakh in case of accidental death of the customer.

The organisation will also offer a new proposition for Vector-Borne diseases like dengue, chikungunya, malaria, Japanese encephalitis, lymphatic filariasis, for those who are interested in further safeguarding themselves. A lumpsum of ₹10,000 against these conditions will help the customer to not only take care of hospitalisation expenses but also work leave losses. Such proposition would soon be available on the MobiKwik platform at a nominal premium.

um of ₹49. Further, customers will also get an accidental death cover for ₹1 lakh as an additional security.

Cancer being one of the most dreaded diseases with over 1 million patients getting registered every year, the battle against cancer has a severe financial drain which leads to families of patients to borrow from friends or family or even sell their assets. To provide solution to these challenges, Max Bupa will be offering a fixed benefit cancer plan for MobiKwik's customers which would provide the required protection to the customers and support them in such tough times, with a lumpsum payout to not just take care of their medical expenses but also support the financial needs of their family.

Upasana Taku, co-founder, said, "Our mission is to build affordable and accessible financial services for billions. Bharat needs a truly disruptive approach to ensure health insurance is available to every citizen at a low premium, with instant issuance and without fear of medical exams and piles of paperwork. A single hospital stay without any insurance cover becomes a long lasting financial burden on many lower and middle class families. We are committed to enabling our customers with smart insurance products that are affordable and simple to understand with lightning fast purchase experiences. With this partnership, we are bringing together the power of protection and digital to provide affordable health insurance to millions of Indian families."

Speaking on the announcement, Ashish Mehrotra, managing director and CEO, Max Bupa Health Insurance, said, "The customer is at the center of everything we do and it is our constant endeavour to design products and solutions that fulfill their growing requirements. Today's customers demand simple, affordable and digitally enabled on the go products which provide coverage for lifestyle illnesses as well as basic hospitalisation cover. In line with this, we foresee bite-sized insurance products driving the insurance sector in the near future, eventually bringing more and more new customers into the ambit of health insurance. We are enabling financial inclusion by making pocket size health insurance solutions available and plan to acquire one million MobiKwik customers over the next three to four years."

A spiritual practice



Ramkrishna Vedala, secretary, mentioned the contribution of yoga guru BKS Iyengar and gave vote of thanks to the chief guest, artists and participants.

After the inaugural address, the chairman alongwith staff, artists and art lovers practiced yoga under guidance of yoga guru, Rahul Singh Chauhan and Rajat Sharma from Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga.

This event's highlight was an art demonstration segment on 'yoga, yantra and tantra' followed by five senior artists. Eight college students also worked in sync with senior artists. Practitioners of these arts spoke on this connection through their own experience.

A children workshop also illuminated the event wherein 20 children made pictures and paintings. Colour kits and gifts were also distributed among children.



On the occasion of Sant Kabir Jayanti, the founder of Swami Vivekananda Subharti University, Dr Atul Krishna Baudh was awarded as Eminent professor by Bhartiya Dalit Sahitya Academy. GR Banjare, provincial head, said that Atul has been felicitated with this award because of his selfless contribution to the field of education and social service. "A personality like him has always tried to unite people and curb the caste system," said Dr Champalal Mandre.



SCOPE organised a meeting of its think tank Wednesday to deliberate on the PSU Economic Summit and its consultancy wing. Rakesh Kumar, chairman and CMD, NLC India Ltd, professor NR Bhanumurthy of the National Institute of Public Finance and Policy and DR UD Choubey, director general addressed the meeting. Among others, CMD and directors and senior management executives of public sector enterprises were also present.



NHPC Limited has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Ministry of Power for the year 2019-20. The memorandum was signed by Ajay Kumar Bhalla, secretary, Ministry of Power and Balraj Joshi, chairman and managing director, NHPC. As per the MoU, the generation target has been set as 26,000 MU as compared to the last year's target of 25,400 MU. Targets for revenue from operations has been kept as ₹8,200 crore. Furthermore, targets regarding plant availability factor, trade receivables and reduction in claims against the company not acknowledged as debt, etc., have also been included in the MoU.



The SSB Wives Welfare Association (SWWA), Sandiksha organised and celebrated the 5th International Yoga Day. The event was addressed by the president Seema Prasad, who laid down the importance of practice of yoga and its role in promoting a healthy lifestyle. The programme was also attended by other dignitaries including its secretary Ameeeta Negi, treasurer Vinita Uperti, Smita Agarwal, Rita Misra and Swarna Sajwan.

LISTEN FIRST



viding them counselling and management of drug-related problems.

This year's theme 'Listen First' is an initiative started in 2016 to increase support for prevention of drug use that is based on science and is thus an effective investment in the well-being of children and youth, their families and their communities. Speaking on the occasion, SB Shashank, director of department of Women and Child Development, mentioned that the department is

coordinating with all the stakeholders such as health and education, Institute of Human Behaviour and Allied Sciences, Delhi Police, Delhi State AIDS control society, etc., to combat drug abuse. For the past 16 years, the campaign has seen more than 1,00,000 participants or families.

All the activities were planned keeping the drug abuse preventive measures in the focus and educating the youth to stay away from the drugs.

Tailik Sahu Mahasabha felicitates its ministers

The Delhi Chapter of Akhil Bhartiya Tailik Sahu Mahasabha organised a felicitation ceremony for elected around 100 MPs, ministers and MLAs of the community at MP Club, North Avenue.

Gauri Shankar Sahu, president, said that the efforts will

be made for the welfare and

betterment of this community through the help of dignitaries. A bhawan for this organisation will be set up to further facilitate it.

Surendra Prasad, convenor, informed that the membership drive has been initiated to strengthen the organisation further.

NMDC, in association with Chhattisgarh government, runs an education initiative named *Choo Lo Asman* to support the students of Bastar region of Chhattisgarh for preparing them academically to pursue higher studies in different disciplines like engineering and medical courses.

To encourage the candidates in the entrance examinations like IIT-JEE and AIIMS, NMDC has started a scheme for sponsoring their education

Nurturing talents

with an amount of ₹5 lakh per student. The amount will be provided to the students during the entire course in equal annual installments. For the present year, it is going to sponsor four students of Bastar, who have cleared JEE, advance entrance recently. These students are — Santharam Kunjam, Kiran Baghel, Harish Baghel, Ved Prakash Som.

NMDC has always been in

the forefront to improve educational facilities under various educational schemes such as establishment of education city, Siksha Sahyog Yojana, Balika Siksha Yojana, Mid-Day meal scheme etc.

NMDC's focus areas under CSR activities are education, health and sanitation, infrastructure, integrated village development, skill development for gainful employment.

Northern Railway organises beneficiary identification and awareness drive



more than 1,100 contractual staff, SN Agrawal, director general (Railway Health Services), Dr Pradeep Kumar, assistant general manager, Archana Joshi, chief medical director, Dr Vinay Kumar, divisional railway manager, SC Jain and other officials from Northern Railway, along with Dr Indu Bhushan, CEO, National Health Agency, also attended the event.

Seven railway hospitals have been empanelled for implementation of Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojna. The union government has launched this programme to provide a cover of ₹5 lakh per family annually for secondary and tertiary care hospitalisation and cashless access to healthcare services at the point of service to eligible individuals.

Conflict won't last long: Donald Trump

REUTERS ■

WASHINGTON/GENEVA



File photo

US President Donald Trump said on Wednesday he was "not talking boots on the ground" should military action be necessary against Iran, and said any conflict would not last long.

Asked if a war was brewing, Trump told Fox Business Network: "I hope we don't but we're in a very strong position if something should happen." "I'm not talking boots on the ground," Trump said. "I'm just saying if something would happen, it wouldn't last very long."

The comments come just days after Trump canceled air strikes minutes before impact, with allies warning that the increase in tensions since the United States pulled out of a nuclear pact with Iran last year could accidentally lead to war.

Iran suggested it was just one day from breaching a threshold in the agreement that limited its stockpile of uranium, a move that would put pressure on European countries that have tried to remain neutral to pick sides.

The fate of the 2015

nuclear deal, under which Iran agreed to curbs on its nuclear program in return for access to international trade, has been at the heart of the dispute which has escalated and taken on a military dimension in recent weeks.

Washington sharply tightened sanctions last month, aiming to bar all international sales of Iranian oil. It accuses Iran of being behind bomb attacks on ships in the Gulf, which it denies.

Last week, Iran shot down a US drone it said was in its air space, which Washington

denied. Trump ordered retaliatory air strikes but called them off at the last minute, later saying too many people would have died.

Although the United States and Iran both say they do not want war, last week's aborted U.S. strikes have been followed by menacing rhetoric on both sides. On Tuesday Trump threatened the "obliteration" of parts of Iran if it struck U.S. interests. President Hassan Rouhani, who normally presents Tehran's mild-mannered face, called White House policy "mentally retarded".

Iran unbowed by US insults: supreme leader Khamenei

AFP ■ TEHRAN

Iran's supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said on Wednesday that his country remains unbowed by pressure exerted by the United States and its "insults" against the Islamic republic.

"The Iranian nation seeks dignity, independence and progress; that's why pressures by cruel enemies do not affect Iranians," Khamenei said in a speech to a crowd in Tehran. "The graceful Iranian nation has been accused and insulted by the world's most vicious regime, the US, which is a source of wars, conflicts and plunder," he said, quoted by his office. "The Iranian nation won't give up over such insults," said Khamenei.

Tehran and Washington have engaged in an escalating war of words following Iran's shooting down of a US drone last week. Pressure mounted this week with US President Donald Trump announcing sanctions on Khamenei and other top Iranian officials.

The new measures are the latest against Tehran since Trump last year pulled out of a landmark nuclear accord between Iran and world powers.

Won't surrender to US-led sanctions, says North Korea

AP ■ SEOUL

North Korea said Wednesday it won't surrender to US-led sanctions and accused Washington of trying to "bring us to our knees."

The statement is yet another reminder that North Korea keeps mistrust of the US. Though its leader Kim Jong Un and President Donald Trump recently exchanged letters.

Their second summit in Hanoi in February ended without any agreement due to disputes over the extent of sanctions relief North Korea should win in return for a limited denuclearization step.

The North's Foreign Ministry said it "will not hesitate to pull a muscle-flexing trigger in order to defend our selves" if anyone dares to trample over its sovereignty.

It accused the U.S. Of



File photo

maintaining hostility toward North Korea. It cited recent U.S. Reports on alleged human trafficking and religious crackdowns in North Korea, and comments by Secretary of State Mike Pompeo that some 80-plus percent of the North Korean economy is sanctioned.

Pompeo "let loose a sophistry as if the sanctions are

rendering the bilateral talks possible," said the statement, carried by the official Korean Central News Agency.

The statement said all these developments show the "wild dream of the U.S. To bring us to our knees by means of sanctions and pressure has not changed at all but grows even more undisguised."

Lebanese town bans Muslims from buying, renting property

AP ■ BEIRUT

Mohammed Awwad and his fiancee, both Muslims, recently found an affordable apartment for rent online in a town in Lebanon, southeast of Beirut.

The 27-year-old journalist called the number and asked the owner when they could drop by to take a look.

He was stunned by her response: Muslims are not allowed to settle in the town, she said.

The apartment owner apologised to Awwad, saying she wouldn't mind renting to people of any sect but officials in the town of Hadat issued orders years ago that only Christians be allowed to buy and rent property from the town's Christian residents.

Robert Mueller to testify publicly on Russia probe

AFP ■ WASHINGTON



which he complained, without referring to Mueller, of "Presidential Harassment?" The Mueller report released in April outlined numerous contacts between Trump's 2016 election campaign and government-linked Russians, as well as evidence that the president tried on several occasions to stymie the investigation.

The Democrats have been split on whether to launch impeachment proceedings against the Republican president but -- fearing that much of the country is unaware of the Mueller report's contents -- have been asking major figures in the probe to testify in public on its findings.

But the president has asserted executive privilege to bar cur-

rent and former aides from cooperating with several congressional investigations into his conduct.

Making his only public statement about the high-stakes probe on May 29, Mueller said longstanding Justice Department guidelines prevented him from charging Trump, despite at least 10 possible acts of criminal obstruction by the president.

But not indicting Trump was not equivalent to clearing him, Mueller said, suggesting Congress has both the constitutional powers and the responsibility to pursue the case.

Mueller's testimony comes with both parties focused squarely on next year's presidential election.

Iran 'never seeks war' with US: Rouhani

AFP ■ TEHRAN

the president said, quoted by state news agency IRNA.

Rouhani was speaking by phone to his French counterpart Emmanuel Macron, as Tehran and Washington engaged in an escalating war of words following Iran shooting down its aircraft in its airspace.

But pressure mounted this week with Trump announcing sanctions on Iran's supreme leader and top officials.

efforts in this respect," the Iranian president told Macron.

US President Donald Trump said he pulled back from retaliatory strikes on Iran at the last minute, rejecting Tehran's claim that the aircraft was in its airspace.

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The new measures are the latest against Tehran since Trump last year pulled out of a landmark nuclear accord between Iran and world powers.

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"Russia attacked our democracy to help Trump win. Trump welcomed and used that

Protesters urge discussion of Hong Kong issues at G-20

AP ■ HONG KONG



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Lam's push to pass the extradition bills has prompted hundreds of thousands of people to fill Hong Kong's streets in protest marches, while smaller groups have surrounded government offices, the legislature and police headquarters.

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MAHMUDULLAH HAS SUSTAINED A LOW GRADE CALF INJURY. WE WILL MONITOR HIS PROGRESS OVER THE NEXT FEW DAYS WITH REGARDS TO HIS AVAILABILITY FOR THE NEXT WORLD CUP MATCH — THIHAN CHANDRAMOHAN

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TODAY LIVE

STAR SPORTS

West Indies vs India

3:00 pm IST

VENUE: Old Trafford, Manchester



Mohammad Amir's fan holds a poster to show her love and support for the Pakistani bowler during Pakistan-New Zealand game at Edgbaston in Birmingham on Wednesday

ICC/Twitter

Ganguly supports MS

Former Indian skipper Sourav Ganguly has come in support of veteran wicketkeeper-batsman MS Dhoni who had to face criticism for his slow knock against Afghanistan in India's World Cup game in Southampton. However, Ganguly feels that his performance against Afghanistan was a one-off situation and he will prove that he is a great asset to the Indian team in the remaining matches of the tournament. "At the end of the day, MSD is a very good batsman and he will definitely prove that in this year's World Cup 2019 as well despite his sticky form against Afghanistan. It's just one match," Ganguly was quoted as saying by DNA.

Fit and fine

Brian Lara was on Wednesday discharged from a hospital here in Mumbai, declared "fit and fine" a day after he complained of chest pain. The 50-year old from Trinidad, considered one of the greatest batsmen to have played the game, was admitted to the Global Hospital in Parel after complaining of chest pain during a gym workout session. "He (Lara) has been discharged at 12:20 from the hospital," a source told PTI. "He is fit and fine," he added without divulging any further details. In a late evening message on Tuesday, Lara had allayed concerns over his health. "I may have just extended myself in the gym this morning. I was getting a pain in my chest and I just thought that it was best to see a doctor," he had said.

Remembering Malcolm

He arrived as a raw talent, became a world beater, made friends for life and suddenly left them with moistened eyes and a void that they have never been able to fill. That's Malcolm Marshall for you. He is forever embedded in the soul of Hampshire cricket and in the memory of those who saw him run in from the ridge at the Old Northlands Road ground. The imposing new stadium which is off city limits became operational in the early 2000 and probably doesn't give an idea what the 'Bajan' meant for the club for whom he took 1000 wickets in the Championship. "Malcolm and I were very close and it was wonderful. He was the best friend I had in cricket," said Mark Nicholas, now a renowned commentator and back then Marshall's captain at the Hampshire county. Nicholas sported an indulgent smile as he termed a young Marshall "splendidly naive". In a space of four to five years, he became the best fast bowler of his time with every skill in his armour. "He began by bowling sort of awesomely fast with a whippy action. He then developed his skills. Once he had perfected the outswinger, he moved to perfect the inswinger. By about 1984-85, he had about everything - stamina, pace, control, movement, fantastic bowling brain." "He had deep knowledge, almost frenzied in his investigations for opposition players, he shared with us. He was the best ally that a captain could dream of. It's always good for a skipper if the fast bowler is on your side," Nicholas recollects.

Agencies

Self-belief meets self-doubt

Men in Blue look to cement semis berth as Windies play for pride

PNS ■ MANCHESTER

It will be, by and large, a for-the-record match at Manchester today with India bidding to cement their semi-final positioning and the West Indies trying to take one back home.

The Caribbeans have already lost a lot in the tournament besides defeats to Australia, England, Bangladesh and New Zealand on a trot, not to mention one wasted game against South Africa as rain called day.

They have 3 point from six games and have lost the fire power of big-hitter Andre Russell who is out of the tournament with a knee injury which they fervently hoped would heal; their prime striker Chris Gayle has been comparatively windless, unable to kick up a storm with his run-getting abilities and their outage from the Cup despite a brilliant warm-up run (they defeated New Zealand) has dented their morale and the famous Caribbean magic they are traditionally rated for.

India is in red hot form and unbeaten, having won all their outings, four so far if you discount the washed away match against New Zealand. Directly contravening this, the Windies have lost all they have played for so far since thrashing Pakistan in their tournament opener and would be meeting India to proverbially play for pride or whatever is left of it in this competition.

In another manner of speaking, self-belief will meet self-doubt but since it is cricket, gloriously uncertain underdogs can emerge triumphant, a feat one almost saw in the clash against Afghanistan where the famed Indian batting line-up was stymied and the bigger team won only on a late burst by its pacers feeding on Afghan inexperience.

West Indies would be looking at that closely to draw some strength for themselves. Also, Chris Gayle is known to tear into the scene when there is nothing much to play for, so this one could be the one for the road back home for him and consequently the Windies.

Over the ifs and buts, over all the speculation, fact is that India have so far played professionally sound, convincing cricket, hiding their middle order niggles and the impactful loss of Shikhar Dhawan to injury on the arm of their bowlers.

Kohli's team work chant has been at play even though the talk of a struggling Mahendra Singh Dhoni, more so after the Afghanistan match, has found momentum, what with the great Sachin Tendulkar talking about his disappointment with the Dhoni-Jadhav partnership against Afghanistan on a talk show.



Bhuvneshwar Kumar, right, watches fellow bowler Mohammed Shami bowl during a training session ahead of India's World Cup match against West Indies at Old Trafford in Manchester AP



Rohit Sharma bats in the nets during a training session AP

HEAD TO HEAD				
	Played	WI	Ind	Tied/NR
Matches	126	62	59	2/3
Day matches	93	53	37	-3
In World Cup	8	3	5	-
Last 5 matches	5	1	3	1/-

HIGHEST TOTALS

India	418-5 in 50 overs at Indore	08-12-2011
West Indies	333-8 in 45 overs at Jamshedpur	07-12-1983

PERFORMANCE IN WC

Team	P	W	L	T	N/R	Success%
India	79	50	27	1	1	63.92
West Indies	77	42	33	-	2	55.84

FAISAL FEATURES

Bhuvi over Shami

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Cricket icon Sachin Tendulkar on Wednesday picked pacer Bhuvneshwar Kumar over fellow speedster Mohammed Shami, who took a sensational last over hat-trick against Afghanistan, when an unbeaten India take on West Indies in their World Cup game at Manchester today.

The Master Blaster picked 'Bhuvi', as pacer is commonly known, for his sheer ability to trouble swashbuckling West Indies batsman Chris Gayle.

"It's a great news for India that Bhuvneshwar Kumar is fit. I have seen his body language which showed that he is really confident," Tendulkar told Star Sports.

Kumar (29) had sustained an injury against Pakistan and missed the game against Afghanistan, which India won by 11 runs on June 22.

Shami (29), who was drafted in the team in place of Kumar, took a hat-trick in the 50th over of

Afghanistan's innings, becoming just the second Indian, after pacer Chetan Sharma, to achieve the feat in a World Cup match.

"For the upcoming match between India and West Indies, if I had to choose between Bhuvneshwar Kumar and Mohammed Shami, I would definitely pick Bhuvneshwar Kumar."

The only reason being, Bhuvneshwar Kumar can bowl to Chris Gayle at the outer angle and that is what makes Chris Gayle uncomfortable.

"I still remember how uncomfortable Chris Gayle was when Bhuvneshwar Kumar was bowling at him in the last Test I played," added Tendulkar, who holds numerous records to his name.

The 46-year-old batting legend played his last of 200th Test, a world record, at Mumbai in 2013.

"I know it will be a little unfortunate for Mohammed Shami but I believe for this game, Bhuvneshwar Kumar should be picked," Tendulkar signed off.

Dhoni, who is playing his last World Cup, has not been among the runs right from the start. Trying to pace up the scoreboard, he went in a flash against Pakistan and failed to energise against South Africa and Australia earlier in the tournament. Dhoni being crucial for middle order momentum tends to come under quick scrutiny. He did not take the optional nets at Manchester on Wednesday.

Like its middle order performance, it is also crucial for India to win against the West Indies this Friday, to not just put a seal on their semi-final qualification, but more importantly get the spot they want in the knockout match on the basis of run-rate and number of wins.

Among the unbeaten teams, India figures alongside New Zealand, vying for the top slot in the semi-finals where the No 1 team plays No 4.

'All preped to face Carib challenge'

■ MANCHESTER

How do you look at this match to ensure a big score?

If you look at our first three games, we put up some really big scores. And Afghanistan match, the wicket was a little sticky; it was tricky to bat under those circumstances. But I think it's a question of adapting, understanding these conditions and adapting to that.

How will we prepare for bowling and prepare our batsmen for the left-arm fast bowlers in absence of our own, or even in the practise bowls?

We have Khalid with us as our net bowler. And also we have a throw-down specialist who is particularly a left-hander. So I think we have enough practise of the left-arm bowling as of now.

What about the evolution of Hardik Pandya? Kedar was not even used. What he has added to his arsenal as a bowler in ODI cricket?

Over a period time it was a big challenge for him to bowl those 10 overs, and he realised that to be able to bowl those 10 overs I need to develop a certain armory in my bowling. And that's what he's worked on. He's worked on his slow balls, his slow bounces also, and also he's worked on perfecting his bounces. So all these put together have given him the confidence to go through those 10 overs.

Does the fact that England lost yesterday take the pressure off you?

Not really. I think according to the situation and the condition



Mohammed Shami, center, and Jasprit Bumrah, right, prepare to bowl as they stand with Indian bowling coach Bharat Arun during a training session AP

of the wicket, we were able to successfully defend the total that we put up. And had we probably lost a wicket at that stage, then things would have turned out differently. So I don't think it's too much of a concern for us right now.

Does the head coach or the skipper or the coaching staff speak to MS or is it a case where he's played a lot of cricket, he's left to his own devices to plan?

To answer your first question, Virat Kohli is probably the number one batsman across all formats. To compare anybody to the way he plays is not right. And there is a constant dialogue between all the batsmen, the sup-

port staff, the batting coach, the head coach — Ravi Shastri has a constant dialogue with all the coaches. I can't really get into the brass tacks of what we discuss, but yes if I have to answer your question, there is a constant dialogue for us to improve.

You had said that Bhuvneshwar Kumar was the first choice pacer ahead of Shami. Now with Shami coming in and doing well and Bhuvneshwar injured, does that change? And how is he now in terms of fitness?

Bhuvneshwar's injury is not of any great concern. It is just a niggle, which we didn't want to take a chance. And it was also an opportunity for us to plug Shami into the games. But the fact he's done exceptionally well all goes well for us; it's an embarrassment of riches. And we would take a call as per the conditions, but Bhuvi has done exceptionally well, so I think it's a pretty good headache to have.

What's the message that you're giving your bowlers?

Here in the World Cup where every match we're playing a different team. For the bowlers to do well, they need to be aware of the batsmen's strength and their shortcomings. So I think what they really focus on, they have enough breaks between the games, and as you rightly said the workloads have also been managed. What they really work on is the mindset and the strength and weaknesses of the opponents.

Both fast bowlers and spin-

ners have done well. How have you managed the spinners and the fast bowlers simultaneously?

If you don the role of a coach, you should be adept with the skill of spin and fast bowling. It's about understanding both that gives you the best chance to manage them.

As for the spinners, again, as I answered the earlier question, the more you're aware and the more you understand what you're capable of doing, these two factors would ensure that you have the best platform for you to perform.

How do you look at the West Indies batting challenge?

They're an outstanding side and they play real positive cricket. We are aware of the challenges that exist in this game. And I think our plans are pretty much in place and we are up for the challenge.

WI has the likes of Chris Gayle and Brathwaite. Do you have to change your approach at all against such a positive batting lineup?

Yes, of course. It's a big challenge for the bowlers too — especially when they come after you. But whenever batsmen come after you, if you're willing to look at it deeply, there is a chance for it — in it for the bowlers, and I think that's what the bowlers would be looking to do.

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Jason Holder's Press conference on Page 2

PRELIMINARY STAGE							
Pos	Team	P	W	L	N/R	Net RR	Pts
1	AUS(Q)	7	6	1	0	+0.906	12
2	NZ	6	5	0	1	+1.306	11
3	IND	5	4	0	1	+0.809	9
4	ENG	7	4	3	0	+1.051	8
5	SL	6	2	2	2		



Chris Gayle scored 87 against NZ at the age of 39 years and 274 days. He is the oldest to score over 80 runs in an innings in WC match.

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BUMRAH IS THE NUMBER ONE BOWLER IN THE WORLD RIGHT NOW. HE'S A WORLD-CLASS BOWLER, PRODUCING IN ALL FORMATS — CHRIS GAYLE

'I am there with greats'



Chris Gayle bats in the nets during a training session ahead of their match against India at Old Trafford in Manchester

PTI ■ MANCHESTER

Chris Gayle's swagger is unmatched and the 'Universe Boss' shows no modesty or pretension when asked where he sees himself among the pantheons of greats in West Indies cricket.

"I'm definitely up there. I'm definitely up there with the greats without a doubt," Gayle, who came for an interview after a request from the travelling Indian media contingent, answered it in two straight sentences.

Gayle, who was supposed to retire after the World Cup, has reversed his original decision and will hang his boots after playing a home series against India, a country where he enjoys manic fan following.

"Like I say, I enjoy each and every moment of West Indies, playing for West Indies. Like I said, it's still not the end. I still have a few games to go. Maybe another series to go who knows we'll see what happens," said the soon-to-be 40 Jamaican.

Gayle has had a roller-coaster ride in the last two decades for West Indies cricket when the performance of the assortment of islands reached an all-time nadir.

"But like I say, it's been a lot of ups and downs. I have got to say I really enjoy each and every moment. But we share some quality moments with some quality players as well," he said when asked to reflect back on his career in which he has scored more than 18,000 international runs.

He took a trip down the memory lane having started way back in 1999.

"I started my career with the likes of Courtney Walsh, Curtly Ambrose, you watch them on TV and you realise they're in the dressing room, it's just a bunch of guys. And Brian Lara, the first captain as well, Carl Hooper. So it's some quality moments when you look back on it," he fondly recollects.

"I'll have to analyse it and give you full details, a better exclusive interview on that

It's not the end

PTI ■ MANCHESTER

Dashing West Indies batsman Chris Gayle will retire from international cricket after the home ODI and Test series against India scheduled in August-September, revising his earlier plan to call it quits after the ongoing World Cup.

Among the high profile players in the last two decades, Gayle will follow the in footsteps of Steve Waugh (2004) and Jacques Kallis (2013), who announced their international retirement after playing against India.

"My plans after World Cup? I may play a Test match against India and then I will definitely play the ODIs against India. I won't play the T20s for sure. That's my plan after the World Cup," Gayle said.

The 39-year-old had last month stated that he would retire after the World

Cup but speaking to the media on the eve of the game against India here, the left-hander said he has had a change of mind.

"It's still not the end. I still have a few games to go. May be another series to go, as well. Who knows, we will see what happens," Gayle said when asked about his career which was supposed to end after the World Cup.

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West Indies media manager Philip Spooner later confirmed that the assignment against India

will be Gayle's last in national colours.

"Yes, Chris will play his last series against India," Spooner said.

It has been learnt that Gayle's participation in the India series was necessary keeping the commercial aspects in mind as it is scheduled right after the World Cup.

Also a Test match in Jamaica and good friend and former IPL teammate Virat Kohli in the opposition ranks will be seen as a fitting farewell for cricket's greatest modern day entertainers.

India's tour of West Indies comprises three T20 Internationals, three ODIs followed by a couple of Test matches.

There will be two T20 games in Florida on August 3 and 4, followed by a third in Guyana.

GAYLE, WHO WAS SUPPOSED TO RETIRE AFTER THE WORLD CUP, HAS REVERSED HIS ORIGINAL DECISION AND WILL HANG HIS BOOTS AFTER PLAYING A HOME SERIES AGAINST INDIA, A COUNTRY WHERE HE ENJOYS MANIC FAN FOLLOWING

particular moment, and then you can take it further," he laughed.

"But like I said I could not have had a better career as a player representing the West Indies," he added.

Call it irony, his limited overs jersey number is 333, which again is his highest Test score. The two triple centurions were absolute highs along with a double hundred in the 2015 ODI World Cup.

"Two triple centuries in Test cricket. Those two will definitely be on top. A double century in the World Cup as well. But there's a lot more to actually talk about. But if I get into detail it will be a long list, to be honest with you. But I'll stick with those for now," Gayle said.

As he prepares to bid adieu in the next couple of months, Gayle finds Nicholas Pooran as a "savage youngster" who could potentially be a 'mini Universe Boss'.

"Mini-universe boss, that's a serious name. Nicholas Pooran is going to

be a savage youngster, trust me on that one. I must commend Pooran's work ethic. It's fantastic for a youngster to actually just come into the team. And he's going to be a world record breaker," he didn't say but declared.

He sees a future leader in Shai Hope.

"And Shai Hope as well. Definitely, he will have a big part to play in West Indies cricket. He's a guy who actually may be a future captain as well."

Gayle is confident that with the likes of Pooran, Hope and Shimron Hetmyer in the ranks, the future is bright for West Indies.

"Definitely, the future is bright for West Indies cricket, without a doubt. The likes of Nicholas Pooran and Hetmyer, his name has been calling in all forms of the game so far, for these guys to actually believe and build on start. Trust me, it will be much, much better for them within their career going forward," said Gayle.

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West Indies' captain Jason Holder, center, and teammates attend a training session

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Time to fight

AFP ■ MANCHESTER

West Indies captain Jason Holder says he is proud of his players but wants them to put everything together in a "perfect" World Cup performance against India.

The two-time champions opened their campaign with a convincing victory against Pakistan but have not won since and, barring an unlikely sequence of results, will be heading home after the group phase.

Batsmen Shai Hope, Shimron

Hetmyer, Nicholas Pooran and Carlos Brathwaite have shown glimpses of what they can offer but have failed to win games for the team.

Brathwaite hit his maiden one-day international century in West Indies ultimately fruitless chase of a target of 292 against New Zealand on Saturday.

Holder urged his team to show fight on Thursday against Virat Kohli's unbeaten side, who look certain to reach the semi-finals.

"We've shown glimpses here and there of what we can produce. And as a

side we just haven't brought it together collectively more often than not," Holder said at Old Trafford on Wednesday.

"And it hurt us in games before. So tomorrow (Thursday) is another opportunity for us to bring it all together and play a perfect game."

The West Indies' World Cup hopes were hit by injuries to Evin Lewis and Andre Russell, who has been replaced by Sunil Ambris in the squad, but Holder said the batsmen should step up despite the problems.

"Injuries have definitely plagued us. But I've been proud of them so far. I think for them it's just a matter for them to grasp battoning on the international circuit," said Holder.

"And I think Shai has done a reasonable job so far. Hetmyer (Hetmyer) has shown

glimpses of brilliance, as well as Nicholas. It's up to them to take it deeper. They've got to be the rock and soul for our team.

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Shakib's game out of this world

TIGER TALK



By ABDUR RAZZAK
Bangladesh spinner

It's amazing what Shakib Al Hasan is doing, it's just unbelievable batting.

Shakib has improved a lot because he was dropped in the Indian Premier League and had to practise really hard.

Importantly, he knew what needed to improve — and he did it.

As well as being a fantastic all-rounder, Shakib also has the potential to be one of the best batsmen than to win games like this.

Watching the game, and indeed other matches in the competition, it's clear to see some similarities between this Afghanistan team and Bangladesh when they were starting out.

Like us, their strong point is spin, while the level of performance is also similar to Bangladesh from the world.

A good understanding is really important when building partnerships, and they've been playing for

such a long time together that they now know each other inside-out.

Both are fighters, mentally strong and also smart cricketers too. It's a partnership that works well.

It was obviously a wonderful performance by the team against Afghanistan, but especially Shakib.

The boys want to play in the semi-finals and to do that there is no other option than to win games like this.

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Shakib Al Hasan celebrates with Liton Das after completing his five-wicket haul

bowlers to us, but I didn't particularly agree.
In truth, I was expecting a performance like this from the Bangladeshi spinners. Everyone knows that if the pitch is turning, Shakib and Mehidy are dangerous, and so it proved.

Bangladesh play Asian rivals India and Pakistan next, but I have to say no cricketer thinks about facing their neighbours in any different way to normal; they're just another opponent.

India have been a very good in the World Cup so far and came into the competition as one of the favourites.

Everyone is talking about them, but that creates an opportunity for our players. I'm sure they'll be up for the challenge.

Bangladesh can definitely take some lessons from Afghanistan's performance against India where

they ran them close, but everyone has different ways of playing.

On that day, Afghanistan's bowling and fielding was amazing, but if we bat well and focus on our strengths, we can do well too.

It depends on the wicket and the situation on the day but you have to play what is in front of you.

India's batting line-up is so strong that Bangladesh will have to be at their very best with the ball if they want to stand a chance of winning.

That said, I believe they can do it.

The team is playing really well at this moment. I still think that it will be very difficult to qualify for the semi-finals, but they've created a great chance for themselves.

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Neeraj ruled out of Amir Khan showdown

NEW DELHI: Indian pro boxer Neeraj Goyal has been hospitalised after suffering

"severe injuries" following a car accident, ruling him out of next month's WBC Pearl

World Championship clash against British star Amir Khan.

कार्यालय- जिला अभियंता, जिला परिषद, पलामू

-सूचना:-

निदेशानुसार एतद् द्वारा सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि जिला परिषद, पलामू अन्तर्गत निविदा के माध्यम से कार्यालय होने वाली योजनाओं में निविदा देने के लिए विभिन्न श्रेणियों में निबन्धन हेतु संवेदकों से आवेदन पत्र आमंत्रित किया जाता है। आवेदन पत्र किसी भी कार्यविवर को, आवेदन हेतु संवेदकों से आवेदन पत्र आमंत्रित किया जाता है। आवेदन पत्र किसी भी कार्यविवर को, आवेदन हेतु संवेदकों से आवेदन पत्र आमंत्रित किया जाता है। आवेदन पत्र पूर्ण रूप से भर कर आवश्यक कागजात एवं निवन्धन शुल्क का भारतीय स्टेट बैंक का बैंक ड्राफ़ट (जो सचिव, जिला परिषद, पलामू के पदनाम से होगा) जमा कर प्राप्त किया जा सकता है। आवेदन पत्र पूर्ण रूप से भर कर आवश्यक कागजात एवं निवन्धन शुल्क का भारतीय स्टेट बैंक का बैंक ड्राफ़ट (जो सचिव, जिला परिषद, पलामू के पदनाम से होगा) के साथ अन्तिम तिथि दिनांक 20.07.2019 को 5:00 बजे अपराह्न तक जिला अभियंता कार्यालय में जमा किया जा सकता है।

नियम एवं शर्तों की जानकारी जिला परिषद, पलामू के सूचना पट् पर अथवा कार्यालय अधिकारी में संबंधित सहायक से देखा जा सकता है।

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1	2.50 करोड़ रुपये से ऊपर प्राक्कलित राशि के निविदा देने हेतु सक्षम।	2.00 लाख	
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3	10.00 लाख रुपये से ऊपर 50.00 लाख तक के प्राक्कलित राशि के निविदा देने हेतु सक्षम।	25 हजार	पलामू के पदनाम से होगा।
4	10.00 लाख रुपये तक के प्राक्कलित राशि के निविदा देने हेतु सक्षम।	10 हजार	

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जिला अभियंता, जिला परिषद, पलामू

PR 210050 (District)19-20#D

झारखण्ड सरकार अम., नियोजन एवं प्रशिक्षण विभाग जिला नियोजनालय, डालटनगंज (पलामू)

प्रेस विज्ञाप्ति

पलामू जिला के निजी नियोजकों/प्रतिष्ठानों से अपील

1. रोजगार कार्यालय (रिवित की अनिवार्य अधिसूचना) अधिनियम 1959 के अन्तर्गत वैसे निजी प्रतिष्ठानों/नियोजक जिनके यहाँ कार्यरत कर्मियों की संख्या 25 या 25 से अधिक है, वैसे नियोजकों/प्रतिष्ठानों को जिला नियोजनालय में निजी नियोजक के रूप में निबंधन कराना अनिवार्य है।
2. निजी नियोजकों/प्रतिष्ठानों एवं जिला नियोजनालय में पारस्परिक संबंध होता है, जिससे निजी नियोजकों/प्रतिष्ठानों में विभिन्न पदों पर नियुक्ती/बहाली करने में जिला नियोजनालय हमेशा सहाय रोपान करता है।
3. जिला नियोजनालय में पलामू जिला के बेरोजगार युवक/युवतीयों निबंधित हैं, जिन्हें निजी प्रतिष्ठानों के द्वारा प्राप्त विभिन्न पदों के विकल्पों के आधार पर जिला नियोजनालय द्वारा समय-समय पर दर्तोपांत ठेंगड़ी रोजगार मेला/भर्ती कैम्प का आयोजन करके उन्हें अपने ही जिले में रोजगार मुहैया कराया जाता है।
4. पलामू जिला के तमाम निजी नियोजकों/प्रतिष्ठानों का रोजगार मुहैया/रिक्ति की सूचना न केवल कानून जिम्मेवारी है वरन् आपकी नैतिक जिम्मेवारी भी बनती है, जिससे द्वारा दी गई रोजगार के अवलम्बन पलामू जिला से बेरोजगारी को दूर करने में अहम भूमिका प्रदान करती है।

अतः पलामू जिले के तमाम निजी प्रतिष्ठानों/नियोजकों से अपील है कि वे अपने निजी प्रतिष्ठान का निबंधन जिला नियोजनालय में अवश्य करवाएँ एवं पलामू जिला के बेरोजगार अर्थर्थियों को रोजगार के सुनहरे अवसर को प्रदान करें।

धन्यवाद।

जिला नियोजन पदाधिकारी

डालटनगंज (पलामू)

PR 210061 (District)19-20#D

कार्यालय

विद्युत कार्यपालक अभियंता विद्युत कार्य प्रमण्डल, धनबाद अतिअल्पकालीन निविदा आमतंत्रं सूचना सं० 05 / 19-20

1. निविदा अभियंता करने वाले पदाधिकारी का पदनाम :- विद्युत कार्यपालक अभियंता, विद्युत कार्य प्रमण्डल, धनबाद।
2. विवरण का नाम :- ऊजी नियमां
3. परिमाण विपत्र की अंतिम तिथि :- दिनांक 02.07.19 को 12:00 बजे अपराह्न तक
4. निविदा प्राप्त करने की अधिकारी नियम विपत्र एवं समय :- दिनांक 03.07.19 को 2:30 बजे अपराह्न तक
5. निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय :- दिनांक 03.07.19 को 3:00 बजे अपराह्न में
6. परिमाण विपत्र विक्री का स्थान :- विद्युत अधियार्थी विद्युत कार्यपालक अभियंता, विद्युत कार्यपालक अभियंता, विद्युत कार्य प्रमण्डल, धनबाद।
7. निविदा खोलने का स्थान :- विद्युत कार्यपालक अभियंता, विद्युत कार्य प्रमण्डल, धनबाद।

कार्य की विवरणी :-

कार्य का नाम प्राक्कलित राशि परिमाण विपत्र की राशि रु अधिकारी की राशि अवधि

1 Patch repair of Security light in the Darsanikar - Nonihat Road at Basuikinath, Dumka. 5,34,397.00 1250.00 2 % of the Estimated value 10 Days

2 Patch Repair and additional work in the DDC Residence, Dumka. 4,39,954.00 750.00 2 % of the Estimated value 30 Days

3 Comprehensive annual maintenance with operation & running of two nos. of lift manually in 28 court Building, civil court Dhanbad 7,43,143.00 1250.00 2 % of the Estimated value 12 Months

4 Temporary lighting arrangement by strip light in the Electric pole for decoration of between Basuikinath - Deoghar road from Nandi chowk to Tijhri Deoghar border (under Dumka District) and LED Arc Gate Light In different Palaces at Basuikinath & Connected Road on the occasion of Shrawani Mela 2019 From 16 - 07-19 to 05-08-2019 (31 days). 1,17,69,910.00 10,000.00 2 % of the Estimated value 10 Days

5 Additional chemical earthing down conductor for lighting arrester on the different building in the campus of Sainik School, Tilayat at Koderma. 4,42,337.00 750.00 2 % of the Estimated value 25 Days

निविदा के नियम एवं शर्तों कार्यालय के सूचना पट् एवं वेबसाइट www.jharkhand.gov.in पर देखा जा सकता है।

विद्युत कार्यपालक अभियंता, विद्युत कार्य प्रमण्डल, धनबाद।

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Government of Jharkhand

Urban Development Department

Hazaribag Nagar Nigam , Hazaribag

e- Procurement Short Tender

Reference No. - UDD/NP/HZB/07/2019-20 Dated : 24-06-2019

1. Detail of work

Group No.	Name of work	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money	Cost of BOQ	Completion period for construction
I.	Construction of New P.C.C. Road from the house of Nizam Tailor to the House of Kerbla Gate VIA The House of Badruddin From Mahavir Sthan To the House of Gulam Ansari VIA Imambara, From the House of Nasim to the House of Nishad Khan VIA House of Arsal Mistry From the House of Jharkar Bhuiya to the House of Mohzam Under Ward 1.	9102900/-	182058/-	10000/-	03 months (90 days)
II.	Construction of P.C.C. Road and R.C.C. Drain from the House of Tarzan Khan to the House of Aenaullah VIA House of Haji Akbar, From Ekram Dukan to the House of Aki Khan VIA House of Danish Sir, From the House of Haider to Main Road VIA The House of House of Ayub, From the House of Safik to Mukhtar Ansari VIA The House of Fida Hussain Under Ward 2.	8500145/-	170003/-	10000/-	03 months (90 days)
III.	Construction of R.C.C. Drain & P.C.C. Road and Guard Wall From Kalatanki To Jhilimagar VIA The House of Late Deepak Sinha To Gandhi Samarak, Back Side of Indira Gandhi School To kalatanki Under Ward 4	8550830/-	171017/-	10000/-	03 months (90 days)
IV.	Construction of R.C.C. Drain & P.C.C. Raod and Guard Wall From Kalatanki To Jhilimagar VIA The House of Late Deepak Sinha To Gandhi Samarak, Back Side of Indira Gandhi School To kalatanki Under Ward 4	8820730/-	176414/-	10000/-	03 months (90 days)
1	Date of Publication of Tender on website	26.06.2019	up to 11:00 Am		
2	Last Date/ Time of receipt of bids online	11.07.2019	up to 2:00 PM		
3	Hardcopy Submission date	12.07.2019	11:00 am to 3:00 pm		
4	Bid Opening date	13.07.2019	at 3:00 pm		
5	Name & Address of office inviting tender	Office of Executive Officer,	Nagar Nigam, Hazaribag.		
6	Contact No. of Procurement officer	9431180442			

NOTE : Only e-Tenders will be accepted.

Further details can be seen on website <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in>

Executive Officer
Nagar Nigam, Hazaribag

PR 210020 (District) 19-20 (D)

The 27-year-old from Haryana met with the accident when he was returning home after training.

Neeraj was set to take on Khan, a two-time world champion, in the WBC Pearl World Championship bout in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia on July 12.

"We are very sad to inform that our star Indian boxer Neeraj Goyal who was preparing for his mega fight against Amir Khan met with a car accident last night that has caused him severe injuries on his head, face and left arm. He is currently in hospital and we wish him a speedy recovery," Bill Dosanj



नालाडू ENGLAND

WE ARE NOT GOING TO TAKE A BACKWARDS STEP AND, AS I'VE SAID, THIS IS OUR WORLD CUP AND WE ARE GOING TO GO ABOUT IT HOW WE WANT TO — BEN STOKES

Neesham takes NZ to 237-6

Kiwi all-rounder's unbeaten 97 leads Black Caps recovery after Shaheen's early strike

PTI ■ BIRMINGHAM

Jimmy Neesham and Colin de Grandhomme hit fighting half-centuries as New Zealand posted 237 for six after Shaheen Shah Afridi's three-wicket burst left them in a perilous position against Pakistan on Wednesday.

Neesham finished with a career-best one-day international score of 97 not out, hitting a six off the final ball, while De Grandhomme scored 64 to give their unbeaten team side a defensible total of Edgbaston.

The pair, who came together at 83-5, added 132 for the sixth wicket, repairing the damage after a collapse following Kane Williamson's decision to bat in overcast conditions in Birmingham.

Teenager Shaheen, who finished with figures of 3-28 in his 10 overs, wrecked the New Zealand top order, taking three wickets in 20 balls as Pakistan looked for a crucial victory following their win against South Africa.

Neesham, whose previous highest ODI score was 74, hit five fours and three sixes in his sixth ODI fifty and was ably supported by De Grandhomme.

Despite New Zealand's fight-back, Pakistan coach Mickey Arthur said he was confident his side could win the match and stay in the hunt for a semi-final place.

"Shaheen Afridi is only 19, we've got to understand that. Today he was outstanding, he asked a lot of questions," he said.

"Jimmy Neesham and Colin de



Colin de Grandhomme congratulates Jimmy Neesham after the duo put on 100 run stand for 6th wicket against Pakistan

ICC/Twitter

Grandhomme played well. I thought we kept them at bay pretty well. I think there's always going to be a partnership, it's that sort of wicket, but they showed us how to play on the wicket. I'm backing us to chase that total."

New Zealand were wobbling badly when the in-form Williamson

was dismissed by leg-spinner Shadab Khan, who enticed the captain into giving an edge to wicketkeeper Sarfaraz Ahmed when he was on 41.

Williamson, who had scored centuries in each of his previous innings, put on 37 for the fifth wicket with Neesham after New Zealand had slipped to 46-4.

Mohammad Amir was first to strike, bowling Martin Guptill with the New Zealand score on five before Shaheen had opener Colin Munro (12) caught by Haris Sohail in the slips.

Ross Taylor edged a Shaheen delivery to Sarfaraz and Tom Latham departed in similar fashion.

SCOREBOARD

NEW ZEALAND	
Martin Guptill c Sohail b Shaheen	5
Colin Munro c Sohail b Shaheen	12
Williamson c Sarfaraz b Shadab	41
Ross Taylor c Sarfaraz b Shaheen	3
Tom Latham c Sarfaraz b Shaheen	1
Grandhomme run out (Amir/Sarfaraz)	64
James Neesham not out	97
Mitchell Santner not out	5
Extras (b 2, lb 3, w 4, nb 0, p 0)	9
Total (6 wkts 5-1 (Martin Guptill, 1.1), 24-2 (Colin Munro, 6.2), 38-3 (Ross Taylor, 8.6), 46-4 (Tom Latham, 12.3), 83-5 (Kane Williamson, 26.2), 215-6 (Colin de Grandhomme, 47.4))	237
Bowling	
Mohammad Hafeez	7-0-22-0
Mohammad Amir	10-0-67-1
Shaheen Afridi	10-3-28-3
Imad Wasim	3-0-17-0
Shadab Khan	10-0-43-1
Wahab Riaz	10-0-55-0

Overnight rain delayed the start by an hour but the umpires decided the match would remain at 50 overs per side.

New Zealand, who are second in the 10-team table with 11 points, kept the same team for the fifth match in a row.

Pakistan, who are seventh, with five points, also kept faith with the team that beat South Africa at Lord's on Sunday.

If New Zealand win they will join title-holders Australia in the semi-finals.

'It hurts but we're helpless'



Sarfaraz Ahmed in a file picture AP

PTI ■ BIRMINGHAM

asked him why he looked like a fat pig. The fan eventually apologised for his conduct after drawing flak from all corners for targeting the player during a private moment.

"I can't say anything on this. It's not in our hands to control what people say about us. Winning and losing is part of the game and it's not that we are the first team to have lost a match; previous teams also have faced defeats," Sarfaraz said.

Pakistan have kept alive their semifinal hopes with the win over South Africa in London.

"Had earlier teams faced the kind of criticism that we are facing, they would have realised how much these things hurt us. Now, there is social media. People write, comment and say whatever they like. These incidents affect the psychology of the players," he added.

Sarfaraz is not the only Pakistani cricketer to have expressed his displeasure over abusive criticism. Senior all-rounder Shoaib Malik and pacer Mohammed Amir too had urged the fans not to indulge in personal attacks.

"While criticising, one must not abuse. Criticise us on our cricket but don't get abusive with us," Sarfaraz said.

Oranje fever



Lieke Martens, center, celebrates after scoring Netherlands' second goal from the penalty spot against Japan AP

AFP ■ RENNES

A last-minute Lieke Martens penalty took the Netherlands through to the women's World Cup quarter-finals as they joined Italy in the last eight, confirming Europe's supremacy at the tournament and ending Asian interest altogether.

The Dutch on Tuesday scraped past Japan 2-1 to set up a quarter-final on Saturday in Valenciennes against the Italians, who had beaten China 2-0 earlier in the day thanks to goals from Valentina Giacinti and Aurora Galli.

Those results mean seven of the eight quarter-finalists in France are European, with holders and favourites the United States the sole exception. There had never previously been more than five European sides in the last eight of a women's World Cup.

Such an early exit is particularly painful for Japan, who won the World Cup in 2011 and were beaten finalists four years ago in Canada.

The Nadeshiko had their hearts broken in Rennes as

Barcelona star Martens converted a 90th-minute spot-kick awarded after a Vivianne Miedema shot had struck the arm of captain Saki Kumagai in the box.

The European champions, who lost by the same scoreline to Japan at the same last-16 stage in 2015, are through to the quarter-finals for the first time.

"It is history that we have made. We are really proud about that but we are not done yet here. We are really looking forward to the next game and we hope we can surprise more," said Martens.

She had given the Netherlands a 17th-minute lead with a superb backheel flick into the net from a Sherida Spitse corner, but Japan equalised just prior to half-time when Mana Iwabuchi supplied Yui Hasegawa to fire high into the competition back in 1991.

15th-minute tap in from Giacinti and substitute Galli's fierce drive three minutes after the break saw Milena Bertolini's side see off a committed Chinese team and match Italy's best run in the competition back in 1991.

"Today wasn't a display of beautiful football but the girls gave everything and we were clinical," Bertolini told TV station Rai. "To reach the quarter-finals is hugely satisfying."

10 years later..

AFP ■ LONDON

Spanish midfielder David Silva has confirmed he will leave Manchester City at the end of next season when his contract expires.

Silva is one of City's most decorated players of all-time having won four Premier League titles, two FA Cups and four League Cups since joining from Valencia in 2010. He scored his 71st goal in 396 appearances so far for the English champions in the FA Cup final last month as City completed a first ever domestic treble in English football.

However, the 33-year-old believes completing a decade in Manchester is the perfect time to step away. "This is the last one," Silva told reporters in his native Gran Canaria. "Ten years for me is enough. It's the perfect time for me.

"Initially, City were talking about two years, but I decided to sign another one, so I finished at 10 years.

"It completes the cycle. It's a nice round figure. I can never see myself playing against City for another team. So 10 years — that's it."

Silva missed chunks of City's title-winning 2017/18 season to return to Spain where his pre-mature born son Mateo was being treated in hospital.

Mateo has since recovered and was in attendance for City's first home game of this season in August, when Silva scored in a 6-1 rout of Huddersfield.

However, Silva has previously spoken of his desire to return to Spain for family reasons when his City career comes to an end.

Meanwhile in an another report, Bayern Munich will consider a move for Barcelona winger Ousmane Dembele if they fail to sign Leroy Sane from Manchester City, Bild newspaper reported on Wednesday. With veteran wingers Arjen Robben and Franck Ribery leaving the club, Bayern had targeted Germany international Sane as they look to bolster their attack ahead of next season.

"If the Sane transfer fails, Bayern also have Ousmane Dembele on their list," wrote Bild. France international Dembele, 22, was linked to Bayern before joining Borussia Dortmund from Rennes for 15 million euros (\$17m) in 2016.



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