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## Pramod succeeds Parrikar as CM

BJP's Sawant to be aided by two Deputy CMs from alliance partners

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

BJP MLA Pramod Sawant was on Monday named as the new Goa Chief Minister after party bigwigs, including president Amit Shah and Union Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari, could bring about a consensus on his name by making the other claimants to the post from the alliance partners agreeable to his candidature, according to sources.

Sawant was the Speaker of the Goa Assembly.

Sawant's name was cleared hours after late Chief Minister Manohar Parrikar's funeral ceremony, also attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, concluded at Goa's Capital Panaji.

Sawant will be assisted by two Deputy Chief Ministers — Goa Forward Party (GFP) chief Vijai Sardesai and Maharashtrawadi Gomantak Party (MGP) MLA Sudin Dhavalikar. Interestingly, the two who have now been "accommodated" had earlier staked their claim to the top post in the State.

There was no Deputy CM post in place when Parrikar was CM. But since the MGP and the GFP both have 3 MLAs

each they hold the key to any Government formation.

"We have managed to convince the alliance partners and finalised the formula of two Deputy Chief Ministers for the State," a senior BJP functionary said. Parrikar was heading a coalition Government comprising the BJP, three MLAs each of the GFP, the MGP and three Independents.

Shah said it will be hard to fill the void left by Manohar Parrikar even as reports suggested that two MGP MLAs could switch over to the BJP to increase its number in the Assembly from 12 to 14.

Sawant has been a prominent presence in Goa's political scene since Parrikar's illness was announced in October 2018. In February, the BJP leader had updated the public about the State of Parrikar's health, after the CM was admitted to AIIMS in Delhi.

Sawant represents the Sanquelim constituency and is an Ayurveda practitioner by profession. He was close to Parrikar, who was understood to have groomed him as a politician. The Congress is currently the single largest party in the State with 14

MLAs. The BJP has 12 legislators in the 40-member Assembly, whose strength now is 36 after Parrikar's death.

The strength of the House

has reduced due to demise of BJP MLA Francis D'Souza earlier this year, and Parrikar on Sunday, and resignations of two Congress MLAs Subhash

Shirodkar and Dayanand Sopte last year. The NCP has one MLA in the Assembly.

Earlier, even as Parrikar's funeral procession was on, the

Congress yet again staked an abortive claim to form a Government in the coastal State.

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Goa CM Manohar Parrikar was cremated with state honours on Monday, with thousands bidding the affable politician a fond farewell. BJP president Amit Shah, some Union Ministers and CMs of BJP-ruled States attended the funeral. Parrikar's eldest son Utpal lit the funeral pyre. The funeral procession started from the Kala Academy where thousands, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, paid their last respects to the former Defence Minister

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## Maya dares Cong to fight all 80 seats in UP

SP echoes BSP's  
view, asks Cong  
not to spread  
confusion with  
7-seat 'graces'

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

A day after the Congress said it was leaving seven Lok Sabha seats for the SP-BSP-RLD combine in Uttar Pradesh, BSP supremo Mayawati on

Monday asked the Congress not to "spread confusion" and said the alliance was capable of defeating the BJP on its own.

Hours later BSP's poll ally Samajwadi Party (SP) the SP too echoed Mayawati's view. In a tweet, SP president Akhilesh Yadav said, "In Uttar Pradesh, the SP, BSP and RLD alliance is capable of defeating the BJP. The Congress party need not spread any kind of confusion."

Mayawati even dared the Congress to go ahead and field candidates in all the 80 Lok Sabha seats in the State.

The BSP chief in a series of



tweets made it clear that the party will not enter into any alliance with the Congress.

On Sunday, the Congress announced that it was leaving seven Lok Sabha seats in the State for the SP, Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) and Rashtriya Lok

Dal (RLD) alliance.

"The Congress is free to field its candidates on all the 80 seats in UP alone. In other words, our alliance (of SP-BSP-RLD) is capable enough of defeating the BJP. The Congress should refrain from spreading confusion about leaving seven seats for the (SP-BSP-RLD) alliance," Mayawati tweeted.

She also said, "The BSP would like to make it clear once again that there is no alliance or understanding with the Congress in UP and anywhere in the country."

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## CAPSULE

LONDON COURT ISSUES  
WARRANT AGAINST NIRAV

**New Delhi:** A London court has issued an arrest warrant against jewellery designer Nirav Modi, the main accused in the \$2 billion PNB scam case, in response to an ED request for his extradition in a money laundering case, officials said on Monday.

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JAWAN MARTYRED AS  
PAK SHELLS HIT LoC

**Jammu:** An Army jawan was martyred and four others were injured when the Pakistan Army violated ceasefire for a second day on Monday, resorting to heavy mortar shelling and firing along the LoC in Jammu & Kashmir's Rajouri district.

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3 SHOT IN DUTCH TRAM,  
POLICE NAB GUNMAN

**Utrecht:** A gunman killed three people and wounded nine others on a tram in the central Dutch city of Utrecht on Monday morning in what the mayor said appeared to be a terror attack. The gunman was nabbed after a manhunt that saw heavily armed officers with dogs zero in on an apartment building.

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## Priyanka sails, media runs aground



Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra rides a boat at Prayagraj on Monday

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PNS ■ PRAYAGRAJ

In an hilarious turn of events during the boat campaign by Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi on Monday, a boat carrying media persons and some Congress leaders ran aground at Manaj ghat of Allahabad from where Priyanka started sailing to reach Varanasi.

As media persons reached the Manaj ghat, they saw just

one steamer all decked up for Priyanka, and no arrangement for another boat to carry them along to cover Priyanka's poll campaign.

The drama started as soon as Priyanka — who reached the ghat around 11.30 am — got onto her steamer. There was no room for the media.

However, as soon her boat started sailing, media persons and some Congress leaders found another boat following

her, and they all jumped into the boat.

The boat was soon stuffed beyond its capacity and became unstable. On boatman's frantic instruction, some people had to alight. But as the boat reached the middle of the river, it ran aground in low water. And it could not budge an inch from there.

Following which, a boat was called in to take the stuck journalists back to the pier.

## Delhi BJP eyes dominant Purvanchalis

SAPNA SINGH ■ NEW DELHI

The burgeoning population of Purvanchalis (people from Bihar and Uttar Pradesh) has altered the poll demography of the national Capital. Punjabis, who used to dominate the public discourse and poll outcome in the past, now stand relegated to play the second fiddle to the domineering Purvanchalis.

The situation has propelled regional parties to select more leaders, representing Purvanchalis. The BJP is likely to field at least two candidates eyeing sizeable

Purvanchali votes in Delhi. Sources in the Delhi BJP said the party is focusing on Baniya and Purvanchali communities for the Lok Sabha elections. "Party is in the process of deciding the names of two leaders each from the Purvanchali and Baniya community while one candidate each from Jat, Punjabi and Dalit communities will be fielded," said sources.

When asked about another Purvanchali leader part from Delhi BJP party president Manoj Tiwari, the party sources hinted at former Congress MP from West Delhi Mahabab

Mishra joining the BJP. "We are learning from past instances, in 2012, during civic elections, the Delhi BJP fielded 18 Purvanchali candidates and 12 managed to win, and in 2017 the party gave tickets to 43 Purvanchalis and out of them 34 won. As the Purvanchali population is growing, one leader is not sufficient to represent the community," said a BJP leader.

If one considers voters' calculations in Delhi, the significance of Purvanchali voters in Delhi can be measured by the fact that they form nearly 35 to 40 per cent of votes in the

national Capital.

As per the Election Commission data, in Delhi, there are at least 20 Assembly constituencies or 80 municipal wards where Purvanchalis constitute 17 to 47 per cent of the vote.

The ruling Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) has 13 MLAs from Purvanchal background. Gopal Rai, AAP Delhi convener and a Minister in the Delhi Cabinet, hails from eastern Uttar Pradesh while Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia belongs to neighbouring Ghaziabad.

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It's enough! No  
ties with Cong,  
says riled AAP

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The speculation for alliance between the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) and the Congress came to an end after AAP's Delhi convener Gopal Rai on Monday made it clear that there would neither be any alliance with the Congress nor a rollback of any of its candidates in the national Capital.

The statement came a day after the AAP declared its candidature for the seventh Lok Sabha seat in Delhi. Asserting that "enough is enough", Rai said these are the final seven candidates of the party and there is no question of "any roll back".

Rai said despite facing stiff opposition from its workers, the party was open to an alliance with the Congress in Delhi but after waiting for so long and constantly hearing conflicting statements from the party, we have decided that now even if the Congress approaches us, there will be no alliance in Delhi.

He also said there has been no communication from the Congress and it clearly shows that the grand old party is "not serious" about elections in Delhi. "AAP will fight the Lok Sabha polls on the issue of full Statehood and it is 'late now' for talks on an alliance in Delhi.



The Congress is confused and everyone is giving different statements," Rai said.

The ruling AAP had earlier on March 2 announced the names of its candidates for the six Lok Sabha seats. The AAP declared its seventh candidate for West Delhi Lok Sabha seats on Sunday. The party insiders said the name of Balbir Singh Jhakhar was announced after the recalcitrant attitude of the Congress leadership towards forging an alliance in the national Capital.

The other six AAP candidates are Atishi from East Delhi, Guggan Singh from North-West Delhi, Raghav Chadha from South, Dilip Pandey from North-East, Pankaj Gupta from Chandni Chowk and Brijesh Goyal from New Delhi seat.

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# Speeding vehicle mows down 3 in Shastri Park

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Three men died after they were allegedly hit by a speeding Light Goods Vehicle (LGV) in national Capital North-east district's Shastri Park area. The incident occurred on late Monday night at Dharampura red light.

The deceased have been identified as Chander (53) a resident of New Seelampur, Zahid Hussain (40) and Jamil Ahmed (45) both residents of Delhi's Shastri Park. They all used to work as labourer in the area.

According to Atul Kumar Thakur, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), North-East district, a police control room (PCR) call was received regarding the incident at about 12.15 am on Monday following which a police team rushed to the spot.

**'On spot, the injured trio was rushed to nearby hospital where Chander and Zahid were declared brought dead by the doctors whereas Jamil was referred to Trauma Center where he succumbed to his injuries during the treatment'**

"On spot, the trio injured was rushed to nearby hospital where Chander and Zahid were declared brought dead by the doctors whereas Jamil was referred to Trauma Center where he succumbed to his injuries during the treatment," said the DCP.

"During initial investigation it was revealed there was

a collision between two unidentified car with a TSR. The crash attracted people from the vicinity. While they were engrossed in sorting out the issue, the tragedy struck as a rashly driven LGV just ran them over near Dharampura red light. Three men who were standing there, were crushed below the wheels.

The erring vehicle's movement has been traced to Nazafgarh area in outer Dellhi, said the DCP.

"The driver of the canter, identified as Manohar (35) was caught by people and handed over to the local police. A case of rash and negligent driving causing death under section 304 of Indian Penal Code (IPC) has been registered at Shastri Park police station. The bodies have been sent for autopsy," the DCP added.

## 1 more dengue case reported; doctors advise Delhiites to take precautionary measures

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi has reported one more dengue case even though the vector-borne disease is usually reported between July and November.

With this the total number of cases of vector-borne diseases has reached to 20 this year, according to a data released by the South Delhi Municipal Corporation on Monday.

Out of these cases, 14 cases diagnosed belong from other States. Doctors have advised the people to take precautionary measures to ensure there was no breeding of mosquito larvae and urged them to wear full-sleeves and use mosquito nets.

The report said domestic breeding checkers found mosquito breeding in 1,147 households in the city till March 16. It said that 1,814 legal notices have been served

for various violations and 63 prosecutions initiated.

Last year, 2,798 dengue cases and four related deaths were recorded by the South Delhi Municipal Corporation (SDMC), which tabulates data on vector-borne diseases in the city.

These diseases are usually reported between July and November, but the period may stretch to mid-December.

The dengue victims last year included a minor boy. Water coolers should be dried when not in use as dengue infection-carrying mosquitoes breed there, a doctor said.

According to the SDMC, 10 people had died due to dengue in Delhi in 2017, of which five were not residents of the national capital. Overall, the vector-borne disease had affected 9,271 people in the city last year.

# 2 car thieves held in Dwarka after chase, 9 cases solved

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Police on Monday arrested two notorious criminals after a brief scuffle with police team in Delhi's Dwarka area. The accused used to target car parked outside the Gyms in Delhi and Haryana. Posing as a costumer, the accused used to go inside and used to steal the car keys from the counters.

The accused have been identified as Pramod (30) a resident of village Atta in district Bulandshehar Uttar Pradesh (UP) and Praveen (29) alias Doctor a resident of Delhi's Najafgarh. With their arrest Delhi Police has claimed to have solved 9 cases of theft and robbery registered against the accused at Delhi and Haryana.

According to Anto Alphonse, the Deputy



Commissioner of Police (DCP), Dwarka district, tip off regarding the duo accused was received that they would be coming to Sector-23 Dwarka in a stolen Maruti Swift Desire car following which a trap was laid.

"Police team signalled the driver of that Swift car to stop but the driver in order to flee from the spot, brushed the car with the tree trunk. Meantime police manage to trap the car from all sides. The driver identified as Pramod started to scuffle with the Sub Inspector Vivek and during this SI sus-

tained minor injury on his right hand but was soon overpowered. The team managed to apprehend both the car occupants," said the DCP.

"During interrogation, they disclosed that they were involved in more than 8-9 cases of auto lifting from Delhi and Haryana. They had disposed 7 cars in

Meerut and Sambhal (UP) to Daud and Saddam. They used to mainly target car park outside the gym in Delhi and Haryana.

The duo used to pose as customer and used to steal car keys from the counter of the gym," said the DCP.

"On the instance of the accused one Creta car stolen from Sector-5, Gurugram, and one Pulsar bike stolen from the area of Palam village have been recovered," said the DCP adding that further investigation is going on.

## Man accused of murder held with 2 accomplices

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Police on Monday claimed to have arrested a 30-year-old history-sheeter along with his two associates. The accused was wanted in six cases of robbery, carjacking, attempt to murder, kidnapping, molestation, extortion and criminal intimidation.

The accused has identified as Ajay (30) who live in Qutabgarh, Delhi and his partners were Manish and Sunny who are also residents of Holambi Kalan in Delhi.

"Acting on a tip off on March 15 a trap was laid by the police team near Sector-16 in Delhi's Rohini and at about 9:20 PM, the accused Ajay was nabbed by the police team. On the spot police also recovered a loaded 7.65 mm country made pistol and five live rounds. He was arrested under 25 Arms Act," said Rajiv

Ranjan, the Additional Commissioner of Police, Crime Branch. "During interrogation, the accused Ajay revealed that he remained in jail for 3 years and when he came out he met Manish and Sunny and together they committed a number of crimes in Delhi and its neighboring Haryana," said the Additional CP.

"The accused further disclosed his involvement in various cases including attempt to murder in Bawana, Carjacking cases in Narela Industrial area and Aman Vihar and ₹37 lakhs robbery in Gurugram (Haryana)," said the Additional CP.

"Information about the arrest of the accused has been shared with the concerned Police Stations of Bawana, Aman Vihar and Kanjhawala. Further investigation in the case is in progress," the Additional CP added.

# NCERT drops chapters on caste conflict from Class IX history books

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Certain chapters on caste conflict will be removed from the NCERT history textbooks for Class 9 as part of curriculum rationalisation exercise initiated by HRD Minister Prakash Javadekar to reduce burden on students. "Of the the chapters that are to be deleted include one on clothing and how social movements influenced how we dressed," the National Council of Educational Research and Training official said.

"The second chapter is on the history of cricket in India and its connection to the politics of caste, region and community while the third focuses on the growth of capitalism and how colonialism altered the lives of peasants and farmers," the official added. In 2016, the CBSE had issued a circular to all its affiliated schools informing them that the section 'Caste Conflict and Dress Change' was omitted from the curriculum and no questions from this section should be asked in 2017. However, this section remained part of the textbook until NCERT's curriculum rationalisation exercise was initiated under which the complete chapter was dropped.

# Gang printing, distributing pirated NCERT books busted

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

With the arrest of a 28-year-old man, the Delhi Police on Monday busted a syndicate, allegedly involved in printing and circulating pirated National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) books on a large scale. Police have recovered huge quantity of books and semi-finished once worth ₹50 lakhs from the printing unit of the accused which is situated at East Delhi's Ghazipur area.

"The managements of the schools were allegedly getting hefty monetary benefits by the publishers in lieu of prescribing the books. After the Government's move, there was a sudden rise in demand for the NCERT books. Unscrupulous elements exploited the situation by getting printed pirated books and hooked in the sellers by offering them higher profit margin," said police.

The accused has been identified as Abhishek, a resident of Delhi's Shakarpur. According to Rajiv Ranjan, Additional Commissioner of Police, Crime Branch, specific inputs were received that an offset unit is publishing pirated NCERT books of class 6th to 12th

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standard of different subjects for the upcoming new Academic session.

"On March 12, a raid was conducted along with vigilance officer and production officer of NCERT on publishing unit where the entire setup was unearthed. The accused Abhishek was apprehended from the spot," said the Additional CP.

"During interrogation, the accused Abhishek revealed that after dropping during his studies, he started helping his father in his press. In the year 2017 he came in contact with one Rahul Jain who was also running an offset press. Rahul asked him for printing of some NCERT books title pages. He came to know through Rahul that there is huge profit in publishing of pirated NCERT books, as

NCERT books are always in shortage," said the Additional CP.

"The accused established an offset press at village Ghazipur with the name of Kumar Offset and Abhishek Graphics and solely started publishing pirated NCERT books of 6th to 12th standard. He procures NCERT water-mark paper from Chawri Bazar, Delhi. After preparation of complete set of books he distributes them to different parts of North and South India," the Additional CP.

"NCERT books due to its excellent quality have always been in huge demand. Further, the Ministry of Human Resource Department (MHRD) has made efforts to make NCERT books mandatory for CBSE affiliated schools. The Government move came amid allegations that several schools were allegedly compelling students to purchase costly books of private publishers", he said.

"Police have recovered more than 3500 printed books which were ready to be sold in market and around 700 unfinished books have been seized from the offset unit," said the Additional CP adding that further investigation is going on.



STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Water supply would be affected in the national Capital on Tuesday due to some of the maintenance work being carried out by the Delhi Jal Board near east Vinod Nagar Gurudwara.

The areas where supply would be available or not available are West Vinod Nagar, Mandawali Fazalpur, Indra Colony, Chander Vihar, Patparganj societies, East Vinod Nagar, Khichripur and adjoining areas.

Delhi Jal Board has advised residents to store sufficient quantity of water in advance as per their requirement to avoid any inconvenience. Water tankers will be available at telephone numbers 1916 (Central Control Room), Mandawali water emergency: 011-227227812, Jagriti SPS water Emergency: 011-223274834, 22374237.

# Keep updating yourself, management grads told



Madhya Pradesh CM and chairman of IMT Ghaziabad Kamal Nath give away prizes to students during convocation on Monday

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SP SINGH ■ GHAZIABAD

The Tata Sons chairman, Natrajan Chandrasekaran, passed on leadership tips to the graduating students of Institute of Management Technology (IMT) here in Ghaziabad on Monday.

The chairman of the Tata Sons was delivering his keynote address to the outgoing management students of IMT during the convocation -2019 as the 'guest of honour'.

He told the students to maintain continuous learning process in their professional

career since the world is changing too fast and you have to keep a pace with the changing times. "Keep updating yourself to maintain compatibility with the time.

During this cut throat competition you have to walk on the edge of a sword. So keep your learning habits intact", the Tata Sons Chairman said.

"Your attitude and mindset is very important as its shapes up your professional career", the Chairman said.

Quoting great Nelson Mandela, "Every thing is impossible until it is done", he

hammered across his point. "Maintain your attitude and nothing is impossible in the career if you set your mindset. This secret of thought process will change your whole scenario in your career" he added.

He further told the students that don't get stressed in your career. The pressure is always around you in your professional but never take it in a negative manner as that would harm you physically. "No pressure no performance" the chairman said.

He further told the stu-

dents there must be a purpose in the career so that you may be inclined to fulfill them. And be in gratitude whatever you get in your professional career.

The purpose will encourage you to fulfill it and fulfillment comes from the deep core eternal purpose adopted at the time of starting your career added the chairman of prestigious company.

The Chief Mentor of IMT, Kamal Nath, the Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh declared the convocation 'open' and welcome the Chief guest.

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6) For the reasons stated, we hereby call upon all of you to discharge in full your liabilities to us within a period of 60 Days from the date of this notice. Failing which, we will be exercising the powers under Sec.13 of the Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest act against the secured assets mentioned above. The powers available to us under Sec. 13 of the act inter-alia includes (i) Powers to take possession of the secured assets of borrower including the right to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale for realising secured asset, (ii) Take over the management of the business including the right to transfer by the way of lease, assignment or sale & realise the secured debt and any transfer of secured asset by us shall vest in transferee all rights, or in relation to, the secured assets transferred as if the transfer had been made by you.

7) The amount realised from exercising of the powers mentioned above, will first be applied in payment of all costs, charges and expenses, which in the opinion of us have been properly incurred by us or any expenses incidental thereto, and secondly applied in discharge of the dues of us as mentioned above with contractual interest from the date of this said notice till the date of actual realisation, and the residue of the money, if any, Shall be paid to you.

8) Please take note that after receipt of this notice, you shall not transfer by way of sale lease or otherwise any of the secured assets referred to in this notice, without prior written consent of the bank (secured Creditor). If Done it is an offence punishable Under Section-2 of the act.

9) Your attention is also invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the act, respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

10) Please take further note that this is without prejudice to the rights of the bank to against all of you before the DRT / Competent Court for recovery of the entire balance amount outstanding or any part there of along with interest payable and costs till the date of realisation.

**Date: 18.03.2019**  
**Place: New Delhi**  

**(Authorised Officer)**  
**Syndicate Bank**



# AAP, BJP booked for poll code violation

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The office of Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), Delhi has lodged two First Information Reports (FIRs) against Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) and one case against the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) for violating the model code of conduct, which came into force on March 10 for the 'General Elections-2019'. On the directions of the Delhi CEO, the Delhi Police have seized a total number of 82 unlicensed arms and 2,113 cartridges, explosive and bombs along with 16,495 litres of illicit liquor in the national Capital.

As per the data shared by the Election Commission, a total number of 9,0937 hoardings, banners and posters have been removed till date since the act came into act. Around 235 FIRs registered and 253 persons have been arrested under the exercise Act.

"Besides the 235 FIRs and arrest of 253 persons for violating the model code of conduct, the election commission have also been registered a total



number of 75 FIRs under the Arms Act and have arrested total 93 person under the same act," said Ranbir Singh, CEO, Delhi.

Singh further informed that around 16,495 litres of illicit liquor has been seized besides 94 kg narcotics. As many as 13,001 people have been booked under CRPC and Delhi police act violation.

"We have registered six cases for having connection with the misuse of car under various categories such as election purposes, gratification or voters among others," said the CEO.

As per the report, in the last two months around two lakh people have been added to the electoral roll in Delhi, taking the total number of eligible voters to 1.39 crore at present which includes 77,05537 male, 62,82366 female and 665 third gender voters.

The reports also shows that there are around 1,81,756

voters between the age-group of 18-19. As per the CEO, there has been an increase of 90,000 to one lakh voters after model code of conduct came into force.

The Lok Sabha General Elections will start from April 11 and will be held over seven phases, followed by counting of votes on May 23.

The election in Delhi is scheduled on May 12.

Polling stations will be set up in total 2,696 locations with 13816 polling booths in each Assembly constituency. Delhi has seven Lok Sabha seats and 70 Assembly constituencies. There would 425 critical polling stations, as per current assessment, officials said.

ACTION TAKEN BY CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER FOR VIOLATION OF MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT	
4 FIRs	2 against AAP, 1 against BJP and one others
Unlicensed arms	82
Cartridges, explosives and bombs	2113
Number of FIRs under exercise Act	235
Number of persons arrested under Exercise Act	253
Number of persons arrested under various sections of CRPC/DP Act	13001
Number of hoarding, banners and posters removed	93007
Number of illicit liquors seized	16,495 litres of liquor (257 bottles, 24681 quarters of IMFL, 119 bottles, 51787 quarters of country made liquor and 399 bottles

# Woman fashion designer shows courage, fights off chain snatcher

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

A 33-year-old woman fashion designer displayed exemplary courage as she fought two snatchers in East Delhi's Geeta Colony area on Friday. While two bike-borne snatchers were trying to grab her bag, despite felling from the auto-rickshaw the woman did not give up and fought them till they fled from the spot empty-handed.

The victim identified as Asha Mehra (33) was commuting in an auto-rickshaw at Geeta Colony on Friday when the incident occurred. Mehra, a resident of Gol Market in New Delhi, works as a designer at a private firm in Gandhi Nagar and commute regularly by auto-rickshaw.

"When the snatchers tried to snatch her bag she did not loose the grip of the bag. During the incident, the auto driver did not slow down the vehicle until she tumbled out of



it. After this, the snatchers escaped to avoid being caught," said the senior police official.

"When the victim fell from the auto-rickshaw, there was a mini pile up of three-four cars that applied sudden brakes to avoid hitting her. Mehra was lucky to survive despite falling off in the middle of road," said the senior police official.

According to victim statement, she had had hired the auto-rickshaw from ITO around 12 noon. "When it drove down Geeta Colony fly-

over, she noticed the accused on a white bike driving very close to the auto-rickshaw. They did not wear helmets," said

"A case under appropriate section has been registered at Geeta Colony police station. Police have also identified the accused with the help of CCTV footage. Manhunt has been launched to nab the accused snatchers," said Meghna Yadav, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), Shahdara district.

# Will raise issue of non-declaration of assets by AAP MLAs with Lokpal: Gupta

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Leader of Opposition (LOP) in Delhi Assembly Vijender Gupta has said the Bharatiya Janta Party (BJP) will raise the issue of non-declaration of assets and liabilities by Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) MLAs with the soon to be appointed India's first Lokpal.

Gupta said that the party will file complains to Lokpal about how the AAP moral and legal structure has completely been eaten away by termite of corruption. "We will seek Lokpal's intervention in issues such as involvement of Delhi Power Minister Satyendar Jain in Hawala case, water tanker scam, premium bus service scam, home delivery of ration scam, appointments in government and a host of other serious issues of corruption and irregularities," he said.

Gupta further said that



Delhi Chief Minister Kejriwal who came to power on the plank of honesty, transparency and probity in public life spent major part of his time in covering the corrupt practices of his subordinates. BJP MLAs will seek Lokpal's intervention in matters of corruption which have been hanging due to procedural delays, he added.

Gupta said that Gopal Rai is falsely blaming the Cente for bringing up the Bill late. "The fact remains that Congress used every trick to delay the

appointment of the Lokpal due its vested interests. It continued to ensure delay for one technical or the other reason," he said.

"It is false to say that Central Government is sitting over the Bill for the last many years. The fact remains that the Bill introduced in Delhi Assembly on 4th December, 2015 has not seen light of the day due to inefficiency of the Delhi Government," he said, adding that a RTI has revealed that it is still lying with Delhi Government and shunting from one department to another.

Accusing AAP of politicising the constitutional post of Lokpal, he said that the issues which AAP leader Gopal Rai is threatening to take up with Lokpal such as Ruffle and Sahara- Birla diaries have already been rejected by the Supreme Court.

# AAP will lodge plaint against PM: Rai

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) will file complaints of corruption against the Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the Rafale fighter jets multi crore scam and Sahara Birla diaries with the soon to be appointed India's first Lokpal, senior party leader Gopal Rai said on Monday.

Rai said that the appointment of anti-corruption ombudsman Lokpal, marks the culmination of eight years of unprecedented struggle by the people of India, which forced the successive central governments to finally bow before them and provide a Lokpal to the country.

Rai said that there are questions that why it took five years for the 'chowkidaar' to appoint a Lokpal. It is a matter of shame for the prime minister that it took him this long for its appointment, he added.

"It was the first of its kind struggle led by Anna Hazare, which first brought the issue of

## RAFALE FIGHTER JETS SCAM



Lokpal to the Centre stage in 2011, finally leading to its appointment with active intervention of the Supreme Court of India," Rai said.

Accusing both the Bharatiya Janta Party at centre and the Congress for resisting the move to appoint Lokpal in order to prevent investigations of corruption cases, he said that the decision to appoint Lokpal

is taken after sensing the mood of the country.

Rai asked why it took five years for the government to appoint the Lokpal. "With big proclamations of 'Na Khaunga Na Khaane Doonga' why did it take the Modi government five years to appoint a Lokpal, which they had promised before 2014 elections," he said

The name of former

# BJP approaches CEO against Khera for violating poll code

SAPNA SINGH ■ NEW DELHI

Days after writing to Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) for the appointment of 'observers' in mosques during elections, the legal cell of Delhi Bhartiya Janata Party (BJP) unit again approached the CEO but this time against Congress' national spokesperson Pawan Khera for allegedly violating model code of conduct in India TV Show "Vande Matram".

"On March 16, during the Vande Matram Conclave hosted by India tv, while debating with BJP spokesperson Samit Patra, Pawan Khera, a spokesperson, Indian National Congress (INC) said, "Modi Stands for Masood Azhar,

**'While Modi ji was criticizing Dr Manmohan Singh hours after the 26/11 attack, Congress got Hafiz Saeed listed in the international terrorist list instantly. You haven't been able to do it with Masood Azhar after all these years'**

Osama, Dawood and ISI," letter quoted.

This may be recalled, Khera told BJP national spokesperson Dr Sambit Patra that Narendra Modi government was hiding behind terrorists and misleading the farmers and youth of this coun-

try by making fake promises. Khera reminded Patra that the BJP criticized Manmohan Singh hours after 26/11 attack.

"While Modi ji was criticizing Dr Manmohan Singh hours after the 26/11 attack, Congress got Hafiz Saeed listed in the international terrorist list instantly. You haven't been able to do it with Masood Azhar after all these years," Pawan Khera said.

Meanwhile, speaking to the pioneer, S N Verma Co -convener, legal cell, Delhi BJP said that we have lodged a complaint against Khera since he used derogatory language against PM Modi. "They are trying to assassinating the character of PM Modi," said Verma.

# Massive fire breaks out at chemical paint factory in Mundka

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

A massive fire broke out at a chemical paint factory situated at Swaran Park in West Delhi's Mundka, fire officials said Monday. The fire department received a call at around 11.35 pm and dispatched 18 fire-tenders to the spot. The fire was doused at around 3.05 pm officials said. Officials said no casualties were reported.

According to Atul Garg, Chief Fire Officer, "The factory did not have a no objection certificate (NOC) from the department." The investigation has been initiated and the exact cause of fire will be

**'THE FACTORY DID NOT HAVE A NO OBJECTION CERTIFICATE (NOC) FROM THE DEPARTMENT'**

ascertained after that, a senior fire official said.

A senior police officer said once the fire department will be done with their investigation then police will take appropriate action. In another incident, a minor fire broke out at a shop in Govindpuri. Three fire-tenders were rushed to the spot and the fire was doused successfully.

# Traffic advisory issued to ensure safe, secure travel during Holi

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

In order to provide a safe and secure travel for the commuters during the celebrations of Hindu festival Holi, the Delhi Traffic Police have made elaborate arrangements to ensure safety of motorists on roads and check the incidents of drunken driving, over-speeding, reckless driving, zig-zag driving, dangerous driving, red light jumping, triple riding, minor driving, driving/riding without helmet, performing stunts on two-wheelers and other traffic violations.

The festival of Holi (Dhulendi) will be celebrated on 21st March, 2019 (Thursday). "Special checking teams

with alcometers have been deployed at major intersections and vulnerable points to detect and prosecute traffic violations. Special Traffic Police checking teams with interceptors along with PCR and Local Police teams will be stationed on various roads and strategic locations/intersections all over the city to check the traffic violations on the road such as drunken driving, Red Light jumping and others. Interceptors will be deployed at various vulnerable roads to check incidences of over-speeding," said K Jagadesan, the Joint Commissioner of Police, Traffic.

He further added that if any commuters will violate the norms such as drunken driving, red light jumping, using mobile phone while driving, dangerous driving and over speeding, their driving license will be seized and suspended for a minimum 3 months.

"As per the directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court Committee on Road Safety, in cases of Action shall also be initiated against the registered owners of vehicles whose vehicles are found to be driven by minors/unauthorized persons, performing stunts, driving without license and others," said the Joint CP, traffic.

Further advising the commuters to obey the traffic rules, the traffic police unit appealed to all motorists and asked the parents to not allow their minors to drive vehicles.

# Govt to challenge HC order on school fee hike

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Government has decided to challenge the High Court order setting aside a rule which barred private schools built on public land to hike fees without seeking prior permission, a senior official said Monday.

The Delhi High Court had last week allowed private unaided schools in the city to go ahead with an interim hike in fees to implement the recommendations of the Seventh Central Pay Commission on salaries of teachers and other employees.

"This condition (permission for hike in fees) was part of the agreement that the government had made with such schools at the time of allotting land.

Also, if they get a free hand to arbitrarily hike fees ultimately parents will suffer, which we are not in favour of. So we will challenge the order,"



a senior official of the Directorate of Education (DoE) said. As many as 325 private schools in the city, including some well-known ones, are built on government land.

The High Court observed that "so long as the fees charged by the concerned educational institution(s) did not amount to 'commercialisation of education', thus understood, the Constitution clearly advocates a 'hands off' approach by the government, insofar as the establishment and administration of the institution, including the fixation of fees by it, was concerned.

This would also immunise the institution from the

requirement of being called upon to explain its receipts and expenses, as before a chartered accountant".

The court went on to add that the interim hike, as a temporary measure, did not infract the fundamental rights, either of the institution, or of those to whom it imparted education and therefore, it "was perfectly in order".

The DoE had in 2017 allowed the schools to go ahead with an "interim fee hike" up to 15 per cent in line with the seventh pay commission's recommendations provided they get their financial accounts audited by the Government in a fixed period of time.

The order was withdrawn by the AAP Government last year, saying that the schools would have to obtain prior permission from it before increasing their fees and any hike would be permitted only after an audit of the schools' accounts.

# NGT raps officials over 'inaction' plan for noise

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The National Green Tribunal has rapped the police and the district administration over their action plan to check noise pollution in West Delhi and termed the ATR as "inaction report".

A bench headed by NGT Chairperson Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel said the DCP and the SDM are merely avoiding the responsibility and shifting the burden to the Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC) or others.

DCP Deepak Purohit and SDM Nitin Jindal, who were present at NGT, informed the tribunal in their action report that an exclusive website and a helpline were being developed by DPCC.

It had also been asked to undertake programme of awareness and a separate head has been created for the calls relating to noise pollution.

"We find that the action taken report (ATR) is in fact 'Inaction Report. The DCP and the SDM need to be trained for the job for which they have

been appointed. They are merely avoiding the responsibility and shifting the burden to the DPCC or others. It is difficult to accept that only DPCC can create awareness or that only DPCC can create website and DCP and SDM are unfit for the job," the bench said.

The green panel directed the chief secretary and the Police Commissioner to monitor the situation and file a report within a month by e-mail. It also directed the DCP and SDM to take steps for starting the website within a month and furnish a compliance report.

"It will be open to them to take assistance from any experts but not to shift responsibility. The website should be interactive. Hot spots should be identified and mapped and kept under surveillance. They may take guidance from experts including the DPCC and Central Pollution Control Board to understand their mandate and acquire minimum knowledge required for the job," the bench said.

The tribunal said that vio-



lation of noise pollution norms is a criminal offence under Section 15 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, apart from Sections 268/290/291 IPC and it is mandate of Delhi Police to enforce the law.

Noise free environment is a part of fundamental right to life for the citizens, it said.

"We also direct the three Municipal Corporations in Delhi, the New Delhi Municipal Council and the Delhi Cantonment Board to acquire noise monitoring devices at the earliest. Technical assistance for the purpose can be taken from CPCB/DPCC.

"Awareness programmes

to check noise pollution in West Delhi and slapped a fine of Rs 5 lakh on it for non-compliance of its order.

The green panel had said that neither a dedicated 24 hour helpline nor a public redressal mechanism has been devised for receiving complaints by SMS, telephone or e-mails.

It had also noted that even the DCP and the SDM have not held joint weekly meeting to review the situation.

The green panel on September 27, 2018 had passed a slew of directions and said Delhi Chief Secretary, Commissioner of Police and Delhi Pollution Control Committee will be responsible for enforcement of the directions.

The tribunal was hearing a plea filed by Hardeep Singh and others alleging that bars and restaurants in Rajouri Garden area were using

loud speakers and DJ systems during weddings, receptions, parties and other functions and causing noise pollution from 10 pm to 6 am.



# UK court issues warrant against Nirav Modi

**To be arrested soon: Officials**

**PTI ■ NEW DELHI**

A London court has issued an arrest warrant against jewellery designer Nirav Modi, the main accused in the USD 2 billion PNB scam case, in response to an ED request for his extradition in a money laundering case, officials said Monday.

They said the investigative agency was recently informed about the issuance of the warrant by the Westminster Magistrate Court and Modi is expected to be put under formal arrest by the local police (London Metropolitan police) soon.

The warrant was issued a few days back and the ED was subsequently informed, they said.

After the arrest, Modi will

be brought before the court to secure bail and the legal proceedings for his extradition will begin thereafter, they said.

A similar procedure was followed when absconding liquor businessman Vijay Mallya was arrested by the London police after a warrant was issued based on the ED's request to extradite him to India in a money laundering case pegged at ₹9,000 crore.

Mallya's case is in final stages in that country.

The Enforcement Directorate (ED), early this month, had said that United Kingdom's home secretary Sajid Javid had referred India's request for extraditing Modi to a court for initiating legal proceedings against the diamantaire.

A British daily had recently published a report and video showing Modi walking in the streets of London and said the fugitive diamantaire was living in a swanky 8 million pounds apartment in the city's West

End and that he was involved in a new diamond business.

The ED and the CBI are investigating Modi, his uncle Mehul Choksi and others for alleged money laundering and corruption to perpetrate the alleged scam in the Brady House branch of the PNB in Mumbai that was unearthed last year.

Modi, 48, is currently living in a three-bedroom flat occupying half of a floor of the landmark Centre Point tower block in London, where rent is estimated to cost 17,000 pounds a month, UK's Telegraph newspaper had reported.

Modi has been chargesheeted by both the agencies and the ED has also attached his assets worth ₹1,873.08 crore under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), and has also seized assets linked to him and his family worth ₹489.75 crore.

# Indian couple's dream shattered after NZ mosque shooting

**PTI ■ CHRISTCHURCH**

For the Indian couple Abdul Nazer and Ansi Alibava, life in New Zealand was peaceful and promising until Friday's mass shootings at two mosques in Christchurch that shattered their dreams.

Both were both inside the Al Noor mosque in central Christchurch when the first shots were fired by a white supremacist, in one of New Zealand's worst mass shootings, that killed 25-year-old Alibava and 49 others.

The couple borrowed some USD 48,000 to move to New Zealand from Kerala last year so that she could do a master's degree in agribusiness management, which she completed just three weeks ago.

Nazer, 34, was working at the local supermarket to help pay the bills.

When Alibava graduated, they hoped she would get a high-paying job and they

would live and work in New Zealand.

Friday's mass shootings at two mosques in central Christchurch changed everything for the couple.

Recounting the horrible attack, Nazer told CNN that he and Alibava were seated separately inside the mosque -- men sat on the left, women on the right.

"Right before the main prayer, I heard a single shot firing and I thought that some kids outside might have popped a balloon," Nazer said.

Seconds later a series of staccato shots from a high-powered weapon sent 300 or so people in the mosque scrambling for the exit.

Nazer said he was close to an emergency door and escaped after someone smashed the glass. Others were not so lucky. "People started falling over me, I saw people with blood on their shirts," he said.

# India-Pak tensions to figure in Qureshi-Wang talks: China

**Beijing:** China on Monday said that it would like to see the easing of tensions between India and Pakistan following the Pulwama terror attack and the issue would figure in the first strategic dialogue between Foreign Minister Wang Yi and his Pakistani counterpart Shah Mehmood Qureshi on Tuesday.

Qureshi who arrived here on Monday is visiting China, days after Beijing for the fourth time blocked a bid in the United Nations Security Council on Wednesday to designate Pakistan-based chief of Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) terror group Masood Azhar as a "global terrorist" by putting a technical hold on the proposal, a move India termed as disappointing.

The JeM has claimed responsibility for the February 14 Pulwama attack that left 40 CRPF personnel dead and escalated tensions between India and Pakistan.

The proposal to designate Azhar under the 1267 al Qaeda Sanctions Committee of the UN Security Council was moved by France, the UK and

the US on February 27.

"As neighbour, China would like to see easing of tensions between the two. We would like to see the two countries continue to engage in dialogue for the peace and stability of the region," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Geng Shuang told a media briefing here.

"I believe the issues causing regional tensions will be discussed," Geng said.

To another question whether the issue of listing of Azhar would figure in the talks specially in the backdrop of Chinese Ambassador to India Luo Zhaohui expressing confidence that it would be resolved, Geng said, "well I can't prejudge the topics" that are going figure in the talks.

"But they will discuss issues of bilateral, regional and international issues of mutual concern," he said.

Regarding the listing of Azhar, "China will continue to deal with the issue with a responsible and constructive manner and will maintain close

communication with all parties, including India and Pakistan," he said.

Lu on Sunday exuded confidence of resolving the issue of designating Azhar as a global terrorist through consultations.

"I am quite sure this matter (listing of Azhar by the UN) will be resolved. This is only a technical hold and the matter can be resolved through continued consultation," Luo said on the side-lines of an event at the Chinese embassy.

According to reports in the Pakistani media, Qureshi will hold comprehensive discussions on the entire range of bilateral relations, including the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor.

Both sides will also discuss the regional situation and cooperation at multilateral fora.

Qureshi will also address the Political Parties Forum on the CPEC and participate in the ruling parties' dialogue between the Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf and the Communist Party of China. He will also call on the Chinese leadership, the reports said.

# CRPF to celebrate foundation day today

**RAKESH K SINGH ■ NEW DELHI**

The Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) continues with its flip flop with the date of the Raising Day celebration of the world's biggest paramilitary force.

While the CRPF was raised as the Crown Representative Police on July 27, 1939, the paramilitary will celebrate the formation day on March 19 this year.

In 2015, the then Director General of CRPF Prakash Mishra had decided to celebrate the raising day on the actual date of its foundation that is on July 27 at the actual place of foundation in Neemuch in Madhya Pradesh.

Till 1983, the raising day of CRPF was celebrated on October 31 but was shifted to November after the assassination of then PM Indira Gandhi on October 31 in 1984. A few years later, it was again shifted to December. However, it again reverted the celebrations to October before being observed



in July.

While Deputy Inspector General M Dinakaran of Intelligence branch who also doubles up as the chief spokesperson despite the Force having a full-fledged Indian

Information Service as the PRO of the force did not respond to a text message as to why was the CRPF deviating from the actual date of birth anniversary.

CRPF insiders said the

force mostly functions on the whims and fancies of the chief and the Raising Day is celebrated on the basis of the availability of the chief guest unlike other paramilitary forces which stick to their actual raising dates.

The then Home Minister Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel had presented the Presidential Colours to the Force on March 19, 1950 and the raising day has been shifted to the date from 2018, another official said. National Security Advisor Ajit Doval will be the chief guest at this year's raising day.

Top echelons of the CRPF manned by IPS officers also defy the uniform code of the force by wearing the symbol IPS instead of the stipulated CRPF insignia.

As the per the uniform rules, the IPS officers on deputation are supposed to wear the insignia of the CRPF to instill a sense of belongingness to the force and with the cadre officers and the constabulary, another officer said.

# Delhi BJP eyes dominant Purvanchalis

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Interestingly, in the 2015 Delhi Assembly elections, these voters had shifted their loyalty to AAP. All 13 Purvanchali candidates fielded by AAP won with thumping majority in 2015 Assembly polls. In the 2013 Assembly polls, BJP had won 14 of these 20 seats while AAP bagged six seats.

However, Tiwari did some damage control by bringing Purvanchali voters back to BJP fold in 2017 municipal elections winning all three civic bodies.

Significantly, large population of Purvanchali community forced a Baniya leader to demonstrate his political speech in popular Bhojpuri language. The incumbent Delhi BJP president and Bhojpuri superstar Tiwari remains undisputed leader of the Purvanchalis but Union Minister and a Delhi BJP veterans, Vijay Goel also projected himself as the new mass leader of Baniya and Purvanchali combine.

Exploring political roadmap for Delhi, Goel made his intention very clear in the presence of party president Amit Shah and Tiwari as he addressed party workers in Bhojpuri language - the effective tool to connect to large Puravanchali population.

Addressing BJP booth

workers in Delhi on December 23, in the presence of Shah and other senior BJP leader, Goel, who comes from Baniya community, sought to strike a chord with the dominant Purvanchali lobby in the party, saying, "jab tak Vijay bhaiya ba, kauno ke majaal naikhe ki Poorvanchal ke bhai logan ke baal bhi banka kar sake, (nobody in Delhi could dare cause even a little harm to any Purvanchali in Delhi as long as Vijay Bhaiya was there)".

Recalling his years-long agitation to bring lottery to end, Goel, said people living in slums still remembered him for this."

"Jab hum jhuggi jhopdi me jayein, aur sunai padela ki Vijay bhaiya dilli me lottery khatm kar dela, uu kabi bhulayi na jaye, hamra man gadgad ho jaye" (It fills me with immense joy and pride when I see people remembering the struggle of Vijay bhaiya to bring lottery to an end in Delhi).

Goel also mentioned about BJP's Purvanchali leader and said, "jab hamara Manoj Tiwari bhaiya bhi baitha hua, (not to forget, Manoj Tiwari bhaiya is also here in Delhi), Goel said in Bhojpuri.

Feeling connected with Goel, BJP workers too applauded him with loud cheers as BJP president Shah smiled at the surprise sprung by Goel.

# Pak, China should not create hurdles in designating Azhar as terrorist: Pak daily

**PTI ■ LAHORE**

Pakistan and China should not create hurdles in designating JeM chief Masood Azhar as a global terrorist, a leading Pakistani daily said Monday, emphasising the need to crack-down hard on terror groups in the country as it will help Islamabad regain the respect of the international community.

The Dawn newspaper in an editorial said that there are no "good" or "bad" militants groups and all have either caused or are capable of wreaking havoc in the country.

"That outlook is hopefully a thing of the past now, as the prime minister (Imran Khan) has promised that no groups will be allowed to use Pakistani territory for militant activities.

"He must make good on that pledge. This is the only way Pakistan will regain the respect of the international community, and counter India's constant campaign to isolate it," it said.

"Most (of the terror groups) have been banned but much more is required to ensure that they are eliminated and never come back to life. If the world wants to blacklist Masood Azhar, there should be no hesitation on Pakistan's part. Neither should China use 'technical reasons' to block such a move," the daily said.

China for the fourth time blocked a bid in the United Nations (UN) Security Council last week to designate the Pakistan-based chief of Jaish-e-

Mohammed as a "global terrorist" by putting a technical hold on the proposal, a move India termed as disappointing.

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The daily said while India has been "thirsting for revenge" in the post-Pulwama period, its efforts to blacklist the Jaish and its efforts are not altogether altruistic."

The paper said despite India's efforts to portray Pakistan as a hub of jihadi activity, there is still a case to be made for the country to clamp down further on the Jaish and others of its ilk - for its own security.

"The dangers of the path adopted by the Jaish are clear. Azhar's aim was to blur the distinction between pro-Kashmir jihadi groups and those subscribing to sectarian militancy within Pakistan."

"When Gen (Pervez) Musharraf proscribed the Jaish, he was targeted by the group, barely escaping two attempts on his life. The attempt to rein in the Jaish's activities caused a large section of the group to join hands with the TTP to attack the state and religious minorities.

# Will remain sensitive towards India's security, strategic concerns: Maldives

**PTI ■ MALE**

The Maldives on Monday reaffirmed its "India-First Policy", saying it looks forward to working closely with India on all issues and will remain sensitive towards its security and strategic concerns as External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj held talks with the country's top leadership.

The Maldivian leaders also expressed commitment to support India's efforts to combat terrorism, particularly cross-border terrorism, and crimes such as piracy, organised crime, narcotic drugs and human traf-

ficking.

Swaraj arrived here on Sunday on a two-day visit, the first full-fledged bilateral trip from India to the strategically located Indian Ocean island nation after the government of President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih came to power in November last year.

She held talks with President Solih, Foreign Minister Abdulla Shahid, former President Mohamed Nasheed and other top leaders.

The External Affairs Minister and Solih took stock of the progress made in bilateral relations since his visit to India in December 2018.

Swaraj and her Maldivian counterpart Shahid during their meeting on Sunday discussed the entire gamut of bilateral relations and also noted the number of high level exchanges, between the two countries over the past three months.

They recalled the visit of

Prime Minister Narendra Modi to attend the swearing-in ceremony of President Solih in November as well as his visit to India in December.

The bilateral talks between the Foreign Ministers was followed by a joint ministerial meeting in which Swaraj held discussions with Shahid, Defence Minister Mariya Ahmed Didi, Finance Minister Ibrahim Ameer and other ministers.

She also met Maldivian Home Minister Imran Abdulla on Monday and discussed steps to continue the upward trajectory in bilateral relationship.

"Foreign Minister Shahid reiterated his government's "India-First Policy" and said that his Government looks forward to working closely with the Government of India on all issues. He also reiterated that the Government of Maldives would remain sensitive towards India's security and strategic concerns," according to a joint statement.

# Odisha culture, cuisine draws footfalls in New Delhi

**PNS ■ DELHI**

Odisha Parba — a three-day Omega celebration of Odisha's rich culture, traditions, and cuisine held in New Delhi — received overwhelming response by visitors, including tourists and foreigners.

On the concluding day of the celebration on Monday, some elated visitors expressed pleasure over having relished the authentic taste of Odisha and experienced the essence of rich cultural ethos of the State at the event.

Traders too echoed happiness over good response at the event in the national capital. One of the food vendors said, "We feel happy that Delhiites showed amazing interest in Odia delicacies."

# It's enough! No ties with Cong, says...

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The BJP and Congress have not yet declared their candidates for elections in Delhi. There were rumours of an alliance between Congress-AAP last week when the Congress decided to seek feedback from its booth-level workers on a tie-up with the AAP. "There are many leaders and workers in Delhi Congress who are in favour of alliance with AAP. But a final call in this regard will be taken by party president Rahul," P C Chacko, a senior Congress leader, had said earlier.

As different claimants refused a clarity to the scene, Shah took charge of the situation and held discussions with the alliance partners.

The BJP president met alliance partners - the GFP, MGP and Independents at a star hotel at Dona Paula near Panaji and was able to convince them on Savant's candidature for the Chief Ministerial post," sources said. The BJP chief also attended the funeral of Parrikar at the Miramar beach. Gadkari, who was coordinating for the BJP, also continued to hold parleys with alliance partners.

Parrikar, 63, was heading a coalition Government comprising the BJP, the GFP, the MGP and Independents. "During a meeting with Gadkari, Dhavalikar expressed his willingness to become the Chief Minister of Goa. He said he has sacrificed many times by supporting the BJP, and now, he has put in his demand, but the BJP will not agree to that, "Michael Lobo, BJP MLA and Deputy Speaker of the Goa Assembly, told reporters.

Earlier, GFP chief Vijai Sardesai also staked his claim for the post.

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Reserve Price (per day)	Rs. 6781 (Rs. Six Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty One only)
Earnest Money	Rs. 1,00,000/- Rs. One lacs only
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Bidding Start date	26.03.19
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Tender Opening Date and Time	15.04.19 at 15:30 hrs.
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# 1 CRPF jawan killed, 6 injured in Chhattisgarh Naxal attack

**Raipur:** A CRPF jawan was killed and six others were injured in a Naxal attack in Chhattisgarh's Dantewada district Monday evening, police said. The attack took place at around 5 pm when a team of CRPF's 231st battalion was on an area domination operation from its Kamal post towards Kondapara village under the Aranapur police station area. Deputy Inspector General (anti-naxal operations) Sundarraj P told PTI. When the patrolling team was advancing through the forest just 200 meters away from the post, a group of armed rebels triggered an IED blast and opened indiscriminate firing on them, setting off a gun-battle, he said.

**PTI**

# Maya dares Cong to fight all 80...

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"Our party wrokers should not succumb to confusion being spread almost everyday by the Congress," she said.

The Congress on Sunday said it it will leave two seats for the Apna Dal (Krishna), and entered into an electoral agreement with the lesser known Jan Adhikar Party.

The SP and the BSP had forged an alliance on 80 Lok Sabha seats in the State.

As per the deal, the SP will contest 37 Lok Sabha seats in UP and the BSP 38, leaving three for the Ajit Singh-led Rashtriya Lok Dal and two for Sonia Gandhi (Rae Bareilly) and Rahul Gandhi (Amethi).

The seats offered by the Congress include Mainpuri, Kannauj and Firozabad, all held by the SP, and those likely to be contested by the BSP chief and RLD chief Ajit Singh and his son Jayant Chaudhary, UP Congress chief Raj Babbar told reporters here Sunday.

He said that the Congress was reciprocating the gesture of the alliance which has left Rae Bareilly (held by UPA chairperson Sonia Gandhi) and Amethi (held by Congress president Rahul Gandhi) for it.

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# For Bihar alliance, Cong acquiesces with 10 seats

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

With stalemate over seat-sharing amongst the Bihar grand alliance partners continuing, the State Congress leadership is believed to have communicated to the high command to take the decision at the earliest keeping in mind the necessity of being in the mahagathbandhan.

The final decision has to be taken by Congress president Rahul Gandhi within a day and that AICC sources said to keep the alliance intact the Congress is ready to accept 10 seats against its persistent demand of 11 Lok Sabha seats of the total of 40 Bihar Lok Sabha seats and thus pave way for the success of the grand alliance to take on the might of NDA.

BPCC president Madan Mohan Jha sought to refute reports of a rift, claiming “we have made no demands. Seat-sharing talks are making good progress.

The elections have just begun. Wait for two-three days and you will come to know our formula as well as other details,” Jha said who reached Delhi to convey the feelings of Bihar to the central leadership.

The “mahagathbandhan” in Bihar formally acknowl-

edges Congress, RJD, Upendra Kushwaha’s RLSP, Jitan Ram Manjhi’s HAM, Sharad Yadav’s LJD and Mukesh Sahni’s VIP as its constituents. Attempts are being made by Madhepura MP Pappu Yadav whose wife Ranjeet Ranjan is a Congress MP to seek entry into the formation though the same is being opposed by the RJD which had fielded him on its ticket five years ago but expelled him later on disciplinary grounds.

Sharing of seats in the grand alliance has been hampered by squabbles between smaller partners like the RLSP and the HAM with each party demanding a share that was bigger than what the other was to get.

Sources also say that things have reached an impasse on account of the Lalu Prasad’s RJD asking the Congress to be content with eight seats, but the latter is making a “demand” of not less than 11. Four of the 40 Lok Sabha constituencies in Bihar would go to polls in the first phase, notifications for which have been issued on Monday.

The current impasse surfaced following RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav indicating “fissures” as crisis deepened in the



Bihar mahagathbandhan. Amid hard bargaining by smaller parties, the major players — RJD and Congress — have locked horns over the seat sharing arrangements.

Bihar political sources said RJD supremo Lalu Prasad, who is in jail (currently in hospital), is keeping close watch over the development and determined that the RJD will not contest less than half of the total 40 seats.

RLSP’s head Upendra is pressing for not less than four seats while HAM supremo

Jitan Ram Manjhi too is not budging from his demand for equal number of seats.

AICC sources said RJD is not ready to give more than eight to nine Lok Sabha seats to Congress which had already finalised its candidates on 11 seats for the ensuing polls.

In the given scenario, if the Congress too sticks to its position, the RJD will have to sacrifice at least four seats to accommodate others allies of the mahagathbandhan. And this is something Lalu is not

going to accept at any cost, said a senior party leader.

One of the constituent CPI(ML) too has asserted that decisions relating to the state “could not be taken while sitting in New Delhi.” “You cannot take a decision about Bihar by holding parleys in New Delhi.

You have to be here, among the people of the state, to assess the situation on the ground and then take a realistic decision,” CPI(ML) general secretary Dipankar Bhattacharya stated.

## Notification for first phase of Lok Sabha polls issued

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Setting in motion the high-voltage electoral battle, the Election Commission (EC) on Monday issued a notification for the April 11 first phase poll for 91 Lok Sabha seats in 20 States and Union Territories across the country.

With the issuance of the notification, the nomination process has begun which would continue till March 25. Simultaneously, notification was also issued for Assembly elections in four States — Andhra Pradesh (all 175 constituencies), Odisha (28 of total 147 constituencies), Sikkim (all 32 constituencies) and Arunachal Pradesh (all 60 constituencies).

All the constituencies in both the Telugu-speaking States Andhra Pradesh and Telangana will go to polls on April 11 in the first phase. In the first phase, voting will take place in Andhra Pradesh (25 seats), Telangana (17),

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Uttarakhand (5), Arunachal Pradesh (2), Meghalaya (2), Mizoram (1), Nagaland (1), Sikkim (1), and the Union Territories of Andaman and Nicobar (1) and Lakshadweep (1), the notification said. Eight constituencies (out of 80) in Uttar Pradesh, two (of 42) in West Bengal, four (of 40) in Bihar and two (of 6) in Jammu & Kashmir will also go to

polls in the first phase. The electorate in five (of 14 constituencies) in Assam, one (of 11) in Chhattisgarh, seven (of 48) in Maharashtra, one (of two) in Manipur, four (of 21) in Odisha and one (of two) in Tripura would also cast their votes in this phase, the notification said.

Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and West Bengal will see polling in all the seven phases. Saharanpur, Kairana, Muzaffarnagar, Bijnor, Meerut, Baghpat, Ghaziabad (VK Singh) and Gautam Buddha Nagar (Mahesh Sharma) will vote in the first of the seven-phase general elections.

The Jammu and Baramulla seats in Jammu & Kashmir will also go for polling in the first phase.

All the 175 Assembly seats in the Andhra Pradesh assembly, 60 of Arunachal Pradesh, 32 of Sikkim and 28 of Odisha’s 28 assembly seats will also cast their vote in the first phase on April 11.

## Union Culture Min calls Priyanka ‘Pappu ki Pappi’, gets slammed

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Union Culture Minister and BJP MP Mahesh Sharma has kicked up an unsavoury controversy by describing Congress president Rahul Gandhi as “Pappu” and his sister Priyanka Gandhi Vadra as “Pappu ki Pappi” during a poll campaign in Gautam Buddha Nagar, inviting sharp riposte from the Opposition

A purported video of Sharma’s speech in his parliamentary constituency’s Sikandrabad area has gone viral on social media in which he is seen condemning not only Gandhi family politicians, but also other regional leaders including BSP supremo Mayawati, TMC chief Mamata Banerjee and SP president Akhilesh Yadav.

“Pappu kehna hai main prime minister banunga... Mayawati, Akhilesh Yadav, Pappu... Aur ab ‘Pappu ki Pappi’ bhi aa gayi hai. Wo Priyanka kya pehle hamare desh ki beti nahi thi kya, Congress ki beti nahi thi kya, aage nahi rahegi kya? kya naya leke aayi hai? (Pappu says he wants to become Prime Minister. Mayawati, Akhilesh Yadav,

Pappu... And now ‘Pappu’s Pappi’ has also arrived! Wasn’t Priyanka already a daughter of this nation, a daughter of the Congress. And would she not remain so in future? What new has she brought in?),” he told a crowd of his supporters during his speech delivered on March 16.

Regional politicians like West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee or her Karnataka counterpart H D Kumaraswamy would make no difference to the local people even if they were “to come dance or sing” here, Sharma said.

“If Mamata Banerjee dances Kathak (a classical dance form) here, Kumaraswamy, the CM of Karnataka, comes and sings a song here, who is going to listen to them? They have just 72 seats (in Lok Sabha). How will they get 200 more (for a simple majority)?” the Minister said. Congress national secretary and UP-west co-incharge Dheeraaj Gurjar slammed the Minister for his remarks.

“As are his thoughts, so are his words. Being on such a responsible post, Sharma ji has made such a remark against a

woman! It is condemnable,” Gurjar told *PTI*. “The BJP on its own should take some action against him.”

Sharma also claimed opposition leaders do not want a strong Government at the Centre but a weak one. They want to support “Pappu, who has remained a Pappu,” he said. He also attacked the Congress party for keeping the Nehru-Gandhi family at the helm.

“First (Pandit Jawaharlal) Nehru, then (former PM) Rajiv Gandhi, then Sanjay Gandhi, thereafter Rahul (Gandhi) and now Priyanka (Gandhi Vadra)...And if there will be another, it will also be a Gandhi. Are they doing some favour to the country?” he asked.

“If you want to rise above them, you can see only one tiger and that is (Prime Minister) Narendra Modi,” he said.

Gautam Buddha Nagar goes to polls on April 11 in the first of the seven-phased Lok Sabha elections. Sikandrabad, which geographically falls in the Bulandshahr district, is a part of the Gautam Buddha Nagar parliamentary seat.

## Cong united in Haryana, says Azad

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Seeking to scotch speculations about a rift in its State unit, the Congress on Monday said it is united in Haryana and will display this unity when leaders undertake a bus yatra to launch its election campaign there. It denied differences among functionaries over a state coordination committee meeting being called off after being announced.

Congress general secretary in-charge of Haryana Ghulam Nabi Azad’s remark came days after a coordination committee in Haryana was withdrawn soon after it was made public.

Reportedly, a section in the state unit expressed resentment over inclusion and exclusion of some leaders in the panel. Two days ago, the party had announced the coordination committee for the State and later withdrew it, but there was no major reason, he said.



Manish Khanduri, BJP leader Bhuwan Chandra Khanduri’s son, addresses a Press conference after joining the Congress, in New Delhi on Monday

The committee is likely to meet on Tuesday with former Haryana Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda as its chairman, Azad said.

The Congress leader has

denied any resentment or differences over the committee’s formation.

In its proposed meeting on Tuesday, it would decide the date for the launch of the “bus

yatra” as part of its Lok Sabha poll campaign in the State, Azad said.

Polling in 10 Lok Sabha seats in the State will be held on May 12.

The bus yatra would also mark the party’s campaign for the assembly elections slated later this year, he said. “We will now follow the Andhra-Karnataka model, which I had started about two decades back, to put all the leaders in one bus and take them around,” Azad said.

The Congress did it in Karnataka in 1999-2000 and in Andhra Pradesh in 2003-2004, he said.

“They are different before entering the bus, but when they come out of the bus after a few weeks, they are one. Twenty leaders become one. When they speak from one stage, when they eat from the same plate, they become one. So, we are working out this plan for a bus tour,” Azad told reporters here. During the yatra, he said, leaders would be laying the foundations of the party’s campaign for the Assembly elections.

## India, Japan discuss scourge of terrorism threatening world

**New Delhi:** The scourge of terrorism threatening the world figured prominently during the talks between India and Japan when a parliamentary delegation led by Deputy Chairman Harivansh visited that country recently. Noting that terrorism tops the list of all existential threats that the world faces today, the Deputy Chairman thanked Japan for expressing solidarity with India in its fight against global terror.

The Speaker of House of Representative, Japan with whom the delegation interacted condemned terrorism and assured assistance to India in its fight against terrorism. Deputy Chairman expressed that given the close friendship among

the people of two countries, growing engagement in many fronts, the future of India-Japan bilateral relation is full of promise and potential.

The Indian delegation included Bhubaneswar Kalita, Shamsher Singh Manhas and Banda Prakash (all Members of Rajya Sabha), the Secretary-General, Rajya Sabha and other officials of the Rajya Sabha Secretariat, an official press statement from the Rajya Sabha said.

The Indian delegation interacted with their Japanese counterparts under the aegis of Japan-India Parliamentary Friendship League (JIPFL). Appreciating the role of JIPFL in providing bipartisan political support for strengthening

relations between Japan and India, Harivansh said it would be ideal if the Upper Houses of the both Parliaments sign an agreement to strengthen parliamentary cooperation for which the work is underway.

Referring to the Summit meeting in 2018 between both the Prime Ministers, which achieved numerous milestones covering areas as diverse as economic cooperation, maritime security, new and digital technologies, agriculture, food processing and healthcare partnership, the Deputy Chairman called upon the Japanese companies to participate in flagship initiatives such as Make in India, Digital India, Skill India and Smart cities.

## Acid attack uncivilised, heartless crime, does not deserve any clemency: SC

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court has said that acid attack is an “uncivilised and heartless crime” which does not deserve any clemency.

The apex court observed this while asking two convicts, who have already undergone five year jail for throwing acid on a 19-year-old girl in 2004, to pay ₹1.5 lakh each as additional compensation to the victim.

The top court also asked the Himachal Pradesh Government to pay compensation to acid attack survivor under the Victim Compensation Scheme.

“Indeed, it cannot be ruled out that in the present case the victim had suffered an uncivilised and heartless crime committed by the respondents (two convicts) and there is no room for leniency which can be conceived,” a Bench of Justices

AM Khanwilkar and Ajay Rastogi said.

The bench further said, “A crime of this nature does not deserve any kind of clemency. This court cannot be oblivious of the situation that the victim must have suffered an emotional distress which cannot be compensated either by sentencing the accused or by grant of any compensation.”

The court delivered its verdict on an appeal filed by the state challenging the March 24, 2008 judgement of the Himachal Pradesh High Court which had reduced the 10-year jail term awarded to both the men by a trial court to five years.

According to the victim, she was on her way to college on July 12, 2004 when the two men came on a two-wheeler and threw acid on her and fled the spot. She had suffered 16 per cent burn injury in the incident.

## Indian Army holds exercise with 17 African nations

**New Delhi:** With the objective of fostering closer military ties with African nations, the first ever Africa-India Field Training Exercise-2019 called AFINDEX-19 started in Pune on Monday and will end on March 27. At least 17 nations from the African continent are taking part in the exercise to plan and conduct humanitarian mine assistance and peace keeping operations under Chapter seven of the UN Peace Keeping operations.

Giving details of the inaugural conclave, officials said here on Monday the exercise will focus on exchange of best practices between the participating nations, team building and tactical level operations in conduct of United Nations mandated tasks to include establishment of a new mission, siting of a United Nations Headquarters for Peace Keeping operations, siting of Military Observer sites during the peace keeping missions, protection of civilians, nuances of standing combat deployment, convoy protection,

patrolling aspects and aspects related to humanitarian mine assistance.

The participating countries from Africa include Benin, Botswana, Egypt, Ghana, Kenya, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, South Africa, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe came together for the opening ceremony along with a contingent of Maratha Light Infantry representing India.

Major General Sanjeev Sharma, General Officer Commanding, Golden Katat Division, who was the Chief Guest for the opening ceremony, reviewed the parade, in presence of a large number of Defence Attaches and other officials of the participating countries. A fly past by a set of Advanced Light Helicopters and Cheetah Helicopter of the Indian Army carrying the flags of United Nations, India and the AFINDEX was the highlight of the opening ceremony.

## 142 per cent rise in assets of 153 MPs

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The average assets of 153 MPs who were re-elected in 2014 grew by 142 per cent, averaging ₹13.32 crore per MP, with Shatrughan Sinha, Pinaki Mishra and Supriya Sule sharing the top honours. Among the MPs, the highest rise of ₹116.73 crore was made by Shatrughan Sinha, who was with the BJP. In 2009, his assets were around ₹15 crore which went upto ₹131 crore in 2014.

Pinaki Mishra of Biju Janata Dal (BJD) showed an increase of ₹107 crore in his assets, to ₹137 crore in 2014.

The third highest jump was made by Supriya Sule of the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) whose assets climbed from ₹51 crore in 2009 to ₹113 crore in 2014.

According to Election Watch and Association of Democratic Reforms (ADR), average asset growth for 153 MPs in five years (from 2009 to 2014) was ₹7.81 crore.

The independent public research groups compared financial details submitted by 153 MPs who were re-elected in 2014.

The study found that average assets of these MPs in 2009 was ₹5.50 crore which more than doubled to ₹13.32 crore.

Among the top 10 high net worth MPs include Harsimrat Kaur Badal of Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) at number 6 and Varun Gandhi of the BJP at 10th slot. Gandhi had shown his assets to be only ₹4 crore in 2009 which jumped to ₹35 crore in 2014.

At the party level, 72 BJP MPs showed an average jump of ₹7.54 crore while 28 Congress MPs had an average rise of ₹6.35 crore in their assets.

Among top leaders, Congress MP Rahul Gandhi’s assets went up from ₹2 crore in 2009 to ₹7 crore in 2014.



PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Having been pipped at the Hpost by Jaipur City last year, the 800-year-old Warangal-based Ramappa Temple, the only temple in the country named after its sculptor Rampapa, has been nominated for the UNESCO World Heritage site selection process for 2019. It is India’s only entry this year. The Archeological Survey of India (ASI) has written to the UNESCO for its nomination, said sources in the premier conservation agency under the Union Culture Ministry.

Located in Palmapet in Mulugu district, the Ramappa

Temple, also known as the Ramalingeshwara Temple, dates back to 1213 AD during the period of the Kakatiya ruler Ganapati Deva. Now the temple, known for its architectural marvel is under the protection of the Kakatiya Heritage Trust (KHT) that has been pushing it for the World Heritage tag since 2012, even before the formation of the Telangana State.

The dossier was submitted to the Centre in 2018 along with the dossier of Jaipur city. Both technically qualified but the Centre chose Jaipur city over Ramappa Temple in 2018. Now, said an official in the ASI, the temple has become the country’s

only nomination for the World Heritage site selection process.

While many structures of the 1200 AD era are now in poor status, this temple, dedicated to God Shiva seems to have remain untouched by the vagaries of the weather. For instance, there are cracks from the beams on the temple floor but despite this, the structure has not collapsed. “The temple roof (garbhayalam) of the temple is built with bricks which are so light that they can float on water. Also, it is built on the sand box technology, which made it resistant to earthquakes and other natural calamities. Depending on the size and area of the construc-

tion, the earth was dug three meters deep for the foundation. It was then filled with sand and for the sand mixture to become strong, it was mixed with granite, jaggery and Karakkaya (Chebula),” said the ASI official.

Another unique feature of the temple is that it was carved with dolomite rocks, which are so intricate that even a hair can pass through it. The pillars have 13 significant carvings, probably indicating the thirteenth century during which the temple was built. Every Shivratri, a Hindu festival dedicated to Lord Shiva, the temple witnesses huge congregation of Hindu devotees.



# Bengal heads for 4-corner LS poll fight

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

With alliance talks between the Congress and the Left Front almost crumbling down, Bengal tended to head for a four-corner fight in the general elections. Leaders from both the parties said they had not been approached by the other side after Saturday evening.

Subsequently Pradesh Congress president Somen Mitra on Sunday night flew to Delhi with a list of 42 probable candidates for party president Rahul Gandhi's approval. PCC leaders on Monday said Gandhi had "given his go-ahead and anytime soon the AICC may declare a preliminary list of 12 or 15 candidates."

Even as Congress on Monday went ahead with its decision to announce its candidates' list the Left tended took a cautious approach withholding its decision for the remaining 17 seats which it had left out pending seat-sharing discussions between the two sides. Amidst talk process the Left had earlier announced its list of 25 candidates.

There has considerable

pressure from subaltern ranks in both the sides party source said. "We want an alliance. The leaders should shun their personal ego and look at the interests of the common people who have been suffering at the hands of TMC," said Abu Akhtar a Congress worker from Kolkata said.

"We want an alliance to resist both the TMC and BJP as both are the two sides of the same coin," said Samarpan another Congress worker from Kasba blaming party MP "Pradip Bhattacharya and Deep Dasmunshi for the failure of talks."

CPI(M)'s Dilip Jana wanted the party to "shed its big-brother attitude and follow the path shown by the great Jyoti Basu to sew up the alliance."

The Congress had been asking for 18 seats while the Left was not willing to part with 13-14 seats. Out of the 18 seats the major bones of contention was Purulia --- from where the Congress had in 2014 polled about 2.5 lakh votes whereas the Left had got 3.25 lakh votes---and Basirhat where the Left and Congress got about 2.84 lakh and 1.20 lakh votes

## “WE WANT AN ALLIANCE TO RESIST BOTH THE TMC AND BJP AS BOTH ARE THE TWO SIDES OF THE SAME COIN” — CONG

respectively.

The Congress had also been asking for Raiganj seat where former Union Minister Deepa Dasmunshi had in 2014 lost out to the Left Front's Md Salim by a wafer-thin margin of 1,300 votes. With the "CPI(M) trying to dictate its terms on us" and with Rahul Gandhi categorically asking the State party units "not to make compromise on the party's prestige we had no other way but to stop the talks."

Both the parties had jointly contested the Assembly elections in 2016 with the Left Front managing to get nearly 90 percent of its votes transferred to the Congress whereas the latter managing to transfer about 74 percent of its votes transferred to the Left. "Had the Congress been able to transfer its votes like we did we would have formed the Government," said a senior PCC member adding "Though out of 294 the Alliance got 77 seats we lost out to the Trinamool Congress in 70 seats by small margins of 150 to 4,000 votes."

Keeping that prospect in mind a number of leaders on both sides had been asking for alliance between "particularly because the Election Commission looks more serious beginning its area domination exercise pretty early."

While the Congress was almost ready with its list of 12 candidates sources told your reporter that the party could field Priya Roy Chowdhury from Coochbehar, Sukh Bilas Burma from Jalpaiguri, Shankar Malakar from Darjeeling, Deepa Dasmunshi

from Raiganj, Isha Khan Chowdhury from Malda North, his uncle AH Khan Chowdhury from Malda South, Adhir Chowdhury from Behrampore, Abhijeet Mukherjee from Jangipur, Abu Hena from Murshidabad, Nepal Chandra Mahato from Purulia.

The Left Front however was holding a marathon meeting on its next strategy. Insiders said that one group in the Front was for leaving the 17 seats to the Congress irrespective of the other party's stance which would not only save the CPI(M) from allegations of spoiling the alliance but also keep doors of talks open.

The second groups wanted to go it all out to give the Congress the real feel of its strength in the State. The third opinion wanted to leave 11-13 seats --- including the 4 seats the party had won in 2014 --- for the Congress.

The BJP which had fast come up as the prime opposition party in the State on the other hand was likely to announce its own list of candidates on Tuesday, party sources said.

# On campaign trail from Didi's home constituency

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

Untimely spells of squalls over the past a few days seem to have given the Trinamool Congress' candidates a respite from early summer heat which is easily visible from the face South Kolkata party nominee Mala Roy.

Taking advantage of the "extended Spring," Roy the Chairman (equivalent to Speaker of a State Assembly) of Kolkata Municipal Corporation and a "homemaker to the hilt" has drawn forward the fervor of Holi by a few days even as she plays with colour while in election trail.

"Everyone has a child hidden inside. I too am no different. So when I have found this opportunity to play with Aabir" or Gulal (dry colours), "particularly with the children of the neighbourhood," she says liberally smearing faces with green Aabir.

And why does she use green only? "There is no hard and fast rule about colours. Spring is the season of colours. Any colour can be used. Green however is more favourite because it carries a meaning. It is more akin to nature," she

sounds philosophical adding her party has no problem with colours as "we use blue, pink, yellow and many other hues."

Roy and her husband a former TMC MLA and a scholar have been in and out of the party on more than one occasions. The couple had left the Congress to join Mamata Banerjee's battle against the Left Front before coming back to the parent party. Subsequently she joined the TMC again in 2015 to become a councilor and then the Chairman of KMC. Ever since, she has been loyal to the party.

"I am a loyal soldier of Mamata Banerjee. She has asked me to go, contest and win the polls from a constituency one represented by herself. I will try my level best to do that" she says in the midst of taking a mid-day leave of a couple of hours when she goes back home to have a light dinner with rice, fish, curry, neem-brinjal fry and some chutney. "I take plenty of water during my campaigns," she says aware that her constituency was once represented by the likes of Shyama Prasad Mukherjee.

She contesting against

CPI(M) candidate Dr Nandini Mukherjee a professor of computer science from neighbouring Jadavpur University.

"Yes South Kolkata is a highly conscious political constituency," she says adding however the people here "are traditionally Congress-Trinamool Congress and lately Mamata Banerjee-oriented. So I am confident that I will win."

Banerjee had once won this seat by a huge margin of 2.35 lakh votes she reminds not forgetting however that BJP candidate Tathagata Roy had in 2014 elections come second taking a lead from a couple of Assembly segments.

On the possible Left-Congress alliance she says, "I don't consume rejected stuffs," and on BJP one of her party men says "western disturbances do come occasionally only to fade away with time," reminding the "people of Bengal are largely not communally oriented. You can firm up some support by confusing nationalist and communal ideas but permanently the fight will remain between Left ideology and the one preached by Mamata Banerjee."

# AIADMK re-nominates just six of its 37 MPs

KUMAR CHELAPPAN ■ CHENNAI

Stage is set for the 'mother of all battles' in Tamil Nadu. Both the DMK and the AIADMK, the two main protagonists, announced the names of candidates and constituencies from where the parties would lock horns for controlling the State as well as the Centre.

Voters in Tamil Nadu will decide on April 18 which political formation should rule not only the country but also the fate of the Edappady Palaniswamy government in the State. This is because the by-polls to be held on the same day to 18 assembly constituencies is crucial as well as critical for both the AIADMK and the DMK.

There are two more fonts in the State in addition to the two fronts led by the traditional rivals, the AADMK and the DMK. The AMMK led by TTV Dhinakaran (who was eased out of the AIADMK along with his aunt and former Jayalaluthaa aide V K Sasikala) and film actor-turned politician Kamal Haasan too are in the fray in all the constituencies. While the AMMK is having an electoral alliance with the SDPI, an Islamic extremist outfit, the Makkal Neethi Maiam of Kamal Haasan is fighting all the

39 seats on its own.

Though Tamil Nadu will see four-cornered contests in all the 39 Lok Sabha constituencies and the 18 assembly by-polls (this may go up to 21 by-polls as the apex court would decide by this weekend the pleas by the opposition DMK to conduct the by-polls in three more vacant seats which are enmeshed in legal imbroglio), the main fight would be between the fronts led by the AIADMK and the DMK.

The AIADMK leadership had shown that it is no different from the DMK in dynasty and family politics. The list of AIADMK candidates include P Raveendranatha Kumar (son of deputy chief minister O Panneerselvam) , Manoj Pandian (son of former Speaker Paul Pandian) and VVR Rajan Sathyan (son of Madirai MLA Rajan Chellappa) who will contest from Theni and Madurai respectively. J Jayavardhan, who is seeking re-election from Chennai South is the son of AIADMK senior minister D Jayakumar.

Interestingly, only six of sitting 37 MPs who won the 2014 Lok Sabha election have been re-nominated to contest this time. The party leadership has brought in the old war horses like KP Munusamy and Agri SS Krishnamurthi to take on the

challenge posed by the break-away AMMK faction.

While the AMMK is sure to erode the strength of AIADMK in some of the constituencies dominated by the Thevar community ( the community to which Dhinakaran, Sasikala belong), what type of damage the MNM would cause is yet to be seen. Kamal Haasan, who prefers to be addressed as Ulaga Nayakan (Global Hero) is yet to declare the ideology of the party though it has seen many leaders making an exit.

The AMMK would contest from 38 constituencies in the State leaving one seat to the SDPI. "It is certain that the AMMK and the MNM would end up as also ran in this battle. These parties are unlikely to make any impact in this election . The DMK is having an overall advantage in this election ," said Sam Rajappa, veteran commentator.

But T Ramakrisnan, author and columnist is of the view that one should not underestimate the AIADMK led front. "TTV Dhinakaran will pose problems. But Eda Palaniswamy and Panneerselvam are seasoned politicians who are capable of springing surprises. This is an open match in spite of the fact that DMK-led front has a slight edge," said Ramakrishnan.



Congress president Rahul Gandhi during an interactive session with IT Professionals "India Preneurs" ahead of Lok Sabha Election 2019 in Bengaluru on Monday

# Attempt made to fuel communal hatred ahead of elections in Gorakhpur

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

With the first phase of Lok Sabha polls inching closer, some unidentified miscreants tried to fuel communal hatred in the sensitive Gorakhpur by throwing broken idols in Padri Bazaar area on Monday morning.

Luckily, the local police responded to an SOS in time and assured the agitated people of initiating stern action against the perpetrators.

A heavy police force was later deployed to avert any untoward incident.

The police also registered a case against unknown persons and started investigation.

As per reports, residents of Padri Bazaar area in Gorakhpur where shocked to find at least 12 broken idols strewn at the roadside on Monday morning. The idols from Natveer Baba temple and other roadside places of worship were dumped there after damaging them.

As the news of recovery of broken idols spread, hundreds of local residents converged on the spot within no time and raised slogans against the police and one community, alleging its hand in the mischief.

On learning about the

incident and the protest, a police team led by senior officers rushed to the spot and defused the situation. They assured the agitated mob that the idols would be repaired or replaced and the culprits would be brought to justice in the shortest possible time.

Circle officer of Gorakhnath, Pravin Singh, said that prima facie it appeared to be an act of mischief and a probe was underway.

The police were trying to identify those responsible for the incident.

Meanwhile, in Muzaffarnagar, a 17-year-old Dalit girl was gang-raped by five youths at Phulat village under Ratanpuri police station on Sunday evening and the entire act was filmed by the miscreants. After a case was registered, the police arrested three of the accused.

As per the report lodged by the girl's brother, she had gone to the field on Sunday afternoon to collect fodder for cattle when the five accused forcibly dragged her to a secluded place and took turns with her.

The miscreants filmed the entire act and threatened to make the video public if she reported the matter to anyone.

# Advantage Chidambaram as his adversary joins DMK

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ CHENNAI

In what could be a major relief to Congress strongman and former union finance minister P Chidambaram, AIADMK leader Raja Kannappan quit the party and joined the DMK on Monday. Raja Kannappan had filed an election petition in Madras High Court challenging the election of Chidambaram from the Sivaganga Lok Sabha constituency in the 2009 General Election. Though it is more than decade since he filed the petition, the case is getting dragged on much to the relief of Chidambaram.

The victory of Chidambaram in the 2009 election was shrouded in controversy from the day the results were announced. Though the returning officer initially declared that Chidambaram lost the election, the former had to retract the announcement. At the end of the day Chidambaram was declared elected by a wafer thin majority of 3354 votes, the lowest margin of victory from south India.

Raja Kannappan's argument was that the data entry operators employed in the counting station by the then DMK government entered the votes polled by him in the account of Chidambaram and vice versa. J Jayalalithaa, the then Leader of the Opposition

herself wrote to the Chief Election Commissioner stating that Chidambaram's win was by fraudulent means and not based on the votes cast by the electorate.

Chief minister J Jayalalithaa, in a letter to the chief election commissioner in 2011 had said that during counting of votes in the 2009 Lok Sabha election , 'blatant irregularities' were committed by the Data Entry Officers at Sivaganga to further the poll prospects of Chidambaram.

Jayalalithaa said in the letter that 3400 votes polled by Kannappan from 11 polling stations were entered in favour of Chidambaram and 1617 votes polled by the later were entered in favour of the AIADMK candidate. She said this was done by the DEOs at the behest of the then DMK government and no action was taken against the operators who indulged in such grave offences.

"The votes that were physically entered by the counting agents/ counting officers of Kannappan were deliberately changed by the DEOs at the time of making entries in Form-20. A comparison of the hand written entries made by the counting agents of Kannappan and the entries made by the Data Entry Operators in Form 20 would clearly reveal that the votes polled in favour of Kannappan were entered with mala fide intention to favour

Chidambaram and facilitate his fraudulent victory," Jayalalithaa had told the CEC.

Though the case was filed in 2009, the court is yet to complete the hearing . "For five years, Chidambaram played all tricks to get the case derailed. Once the court agreed to take up the case, it took us nearly three years to collect the evidences and submit the evidences. Then there were the routine delays due to retirement of judges and court holidays," explained Saravana Kumar, the Madas High Court lawyer pursuing the case.

He said though Raja Kannappan had crossed over to the DMK, it would not affect the case. "He would not be able t withdraw the case as that stage is over. We expect the court to pronounce the verdict in this year itself" said Saraana Kumar.

Raja Kannappan jumped the fence on Monday and went to the DMK camp as the AIADMK leadership over-looked him while selecting the candidates for the Lok Sabha election. Chances are that his case against Chidambaram may remain as the longest fought election petition in the country. Tamil Nadu electorate are electing their MPs on April 18 and there is no possibility of any verdict in this case by that time. As tennis commentators say, it is Advantage Chidambaram.

# Jawan martyred in LoC ceasefire



Senior officer pays tribute to Rifleman Karamjeet Singh, who was injured and later succumbed to injuries after Pakistan Army violated ceasefire along the LoC, in Rajouri on Monday



MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

A 24 year old Rifleman Aattained martyrdom in a fresh incident of ceasefire violation along the line of control in Keeri Battal area of Sunderbani sector of Rajouri district early Monday morning. Three other soldiers of the Indian army also received injuries and were rushed to the nearby army hospital.

Tension prevailed in the area following fresh escalation since late Sunday evening.

According to Lt- Col Devender Anand, Ministry of Defence Spokesman in Jammu, "Pakistan army initiated 'unprovoked' ceasefire violation by shelling forward areas and targeting Indian posts along the line of control in Sunderbani sector sunday evening at around 6.30 p.m". The firing continued in the area for about four hours, local reports claimed.

After a brief lull, Pakistan army once again resorted to heavy shelling early Monday morning in the same sector at around 5.30 a.m. In response, Indian army retaliated strongly and effectively. As the firing continued Rifleman Karamjeet Singh received critical injuries and later he succumbed to his injuries. Lt Col Devender Anand said, "martyred army jawan hailed from Janer village of Dharam Kot tehsil in Moga district of Punjab and is survived by his parents".

# Unarmed youth killed by terrorists in Pulwama

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

Terrorists shot dead another 'unarmed' youth outside his home in Reshipora area of Tral in South Kashmir's Pulwama district on Monday evening.

The deceased has been identified as Mohsin Ahmad Wani son of Gh Mohammad Wani.

According to ground reports, "Wani was shot at by terrorists outside his home in Reshipora village of Tral on Monday evening". He was shifted to sub district hospital in the area where doctors declared

him brought dead.

This is the fifth incident since past week in which civilians were targeted by terrorists and four among them later succumbed to their injuries.

A civilian, a woman SPO and an army deserter were killed and a National Conference (NC) leader was injured in these firing incidents.

On Saturday, a woman Special Police Officer, Khushboo Jan, was killed by terrorists in Shopian inside her house.

On Thursday terrorists abducted 40-year-old Manzoor

Ahmad Lone from his home in Dogripora village, Awantipora in Pulwama and later dumped his body in an adjoining village.

Same day terrorists shot at and injured National Conference block president Mohammad Ismail Wani outside his home at Bijbehara in south Kashmir's Anantnag district.

On Wednesday, terrorists killed 37-year-old youth Showkat Ahmad Naik outside his home at Pinglina village in Pulwama district. Naik had joined the Army but deserted during training in September last year.



An artist applies colours on a foreign tourist during Holi festival celebrations in Pushkar on Saturday



# Parrikar cremated with state honours

IAN S ■ PANAJI

The last rites of Goa Chief Minister and former Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar, who died on Sunday after suffering from pancreatic cancer for over a year, were held with full military and state honours at the Miramar beach here on Monday evening.

Thousands of supporters and BJP workers accompanied the funeral cortege from the Kala Academy Arts and Cultural Centre, where the remains had been kept throughout the day for the public to pay last respects to the nearby Miramar beach.

The mortal remains of Parrikar, wrapped in the national tri-colour, were placed on a pyre amid a 21 gun salute at the beach and his elder son Utpal Parrikar consigned it to flames.

Parrikar, 63, is survived by two sons, two daughter-in-laws and a grandson.

Top BJP leaders including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, BJP President Amit Shah, Union Ministers Nirmala Sitharaman, Nitin Gadkari, Smriti Irani, Suresh Prabhu and Ramdas Athawale offered



Mortal remains of Goa Chief Minister Manohar Parrikar being taken to BJP office from his residence in Panaji on Monday PTI

**The mortal remains of Parrikar, wrapped in the tri-colour, were placed on a pyre amid a 21-gun salute at the beach and his elder son Utpal Parrikar consigned it to flames**

floral tributes to Parrikar. Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis also paid his last respects.

Parrikar was Chief Minister of Goa on four separate occasions, but could not complete a single term in office.

He served as Defence Minister in the Narendra Modi cabinet from 2014-17 before returning to state politics.

His death has triggered a political crisis in Goa, with the BJP being unable to come up with an alternative Chief Ministerial candidate, who is acceptable to coalition allies.

## IIT-Bombay to hold condolence meet for alumnus Manohar Parrikar

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IIT-B) will hold a condolence meet on Monday evening to pay tributes to their alumnus, Goa chief minister Manohar Parrikar, who died after a long illness.

The meeting will be held at 5 pm at the institute's P C Saxena auditorium here, an IIT-B spokesperson said.

Parrikar, 63, who had also been the defence minister, died on Sunday evening at his private residence in Goa after battling a pancreatic ailment since over a year.

In 2017, he addressed the 55th convocation of the Mumbai-based institute where he told the graduates to take up jobs in social and development sectors.

An alumnus of the famed institute, he also asked students to join politics and the Army, said a former IIT-B student who was present at the convocation ceremony.

## Modi reaches Goa to pay last tribute to ex-Def Minister

PTI ■ PANAJI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday paid tribute to Goa chief minister Manohar Parrikar, who died of pancreatic cancer on Sunday.

After arriving in the coastal state, Modi reached the Kala Academy in Panaji where he paid his last respect to the 63-year-old senior leader. He met Parrikar's family members and offered his condolences to them.

Defence minister Nirmala Sitharaman also met Parrikar's family members.

Earlier in New Delhi, a Union Cabinet meeting was convened to condole the demise of Parrikar, following which Modi left for Goa.

BJP president Amit Shah will also be in the coastal state to take part in the funeral procession of the late leader, the party said.

The chief minister's body has been kept at the Kala Academy to allow the public

pay their tributes.

Earlier in the morning, his mortal remains were kept the BJP office in Panaji, located around three km from the Kala Bhawan, for the party leaders and workers to pay their last respects.

Parrikar, a four-time chief minister, died at his private residence Sunday evening after battling the pancreatic ailment since February last year. The IIT graduate represented Panaji Assembly seat in the state for over two decades.

Parrikar's final journey will begin after 4 pm.

His last rites will be performed at 5 pm at the Miramar beach here, next to the memorial of Goa's first chief minister Dayanand Bandodkar, who was also cremated there.

Parrikar would be accorded a state funeral with full military honours, according to the home ministry. The central government has announced national mourning on Monday.

## Cabinet: Goa CM will be remembered for simplicity

New Delhi: The Union Cabinet on Monday condoled the demise of Goa chief minister Manohar Parrikar, saying he will be remembered for his simplicity and as an exceptional administrator. Terming Parrikar as Chief Minister of commoners, the Cabinet resolution remembered his contribution to the welfare of armed forces and ex-service men.

After observing a two-minute silence, the Cabinet meeting chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi passed a resolution which said, in his death the country has lost an able administrator who was affectionately called the "chief minister of commoners."

"Shri Parrikar will be remembered for his simplicity and his abilities as an exceptional administrator. His contribution to the building of modern Goa and to the modernization of India's Armed Forces as well as improvement to the lives of ex-Servicemen will never be forgotten," the resolution read. **PNS**

# When Manohar Parrikar helped shooter Tejaswini take aim

Mumbai: When a young and little known Tejaswini Sawant was in urgent need of financial help to participate in a shooting world championship in Germany, Goa chief minister Manohar Parrikar came as her ray of hope.

The support not only enabled the shooter from Kolhapur in Maharashtra to participate in the competition in 2005, but also became a turning point in her career as she scaled new heights thereafter, Sawant said.

Her only regret now is that she could not thank the chief minister enough for his generosity which made a big contribution in her life and shooting career.

"It was a brief meeting with Parrikar along with family friend and senior BJP leader Chandrakant Patil. He just listened about my performance and estimated the expenditure. He then signed a cheque for me immediately," the ace

shooter recalled while talking to PTI over phone.

"The amount was around Rs 1 lakh and it was the most needed help for me that changed my entire career," she said.

It helped Sawant move ahead as she scored 397 and 396 out of 400 in two rounds of the event, comfortably securing a place among the mainstream shooters to represent India.

The boost further helped her in improving her performance game by game, and she subsequently became the first Indian woman shooter to win a gold medal at the World Championships, with a world-record equalling score in the 50m rifle prone event in 2010 in Germany.

"I could do it only because of two people. First, Manohar Parrikar for his trust and financial support, and then Chandrakant Patil, who took my case to Parrikar," she said.

Since 2006, Sawant won several gold and other medals

in international championships.

She said after the early success in her career, she received offers for a job in the Goa government and financial help for travel and training expenses till she wanted to play.

"I regret that I could never thank Parrikar properly for his contribution in my life and career," the shooter said while expressing her grief over his demise.

When contacted, Patil, who is currently Maharashtra's revenue minister, said he shared close ties with Parrikar.

He said when Sawant approached him, Parrikar's name came to his mind and he called up his number for help.

"He was like that (generous). In case of Tejaswini, Parrikar helped her in his own capacity. He didn't use the government money. Though he spent from his pocket, he never brought up the issue in our subsequent conversations," Patil said. **PTI**

## PEOPLE THROG PANAJI STREETS TO PAY LAST RESPECT TO PARRIKAR

Panaji: Thousands of people thronged the streets of the state capital Monday to catch a final glimpse of Goa chief minister Manohar Parrikar, who died of a pancreatic ailment, as his mortal remains were brought to the BJP office here for party workers to pay their last respect.

His remains would be taken to Kala Academy, around three km from the BJP office, later on Monday, to allow the public pay their tribute to him.

A pall of gloom descended on the BJP office and hundreds of Parrikar supporters turned emotional when his mortal remains, wrapped in the tri-colour, was brought there.

The truck carrying the 63-year-old chief minister's body travelled 5 km from his private residence in Dona Paula to Panaji, as people tried to catch sight of the popular leader, who rose from the small coastal state to become the country's defence minister. **PTI**



Sand artist Manas Sahoo makes a sand art to pay homage to Goa's Chief Minister Manohar Parrikar, who passed away battling pancreatic ailment yesterday, in Puri, Monday PTI



An artist paints graffiti at Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus (CST) railway station platform as a part of Swachhha Bharat Abhiyan in Mumbai on Monday PTI

# 6 sailors rescued from capsized tug off Mumbai coast

## Search is on for one remaining crew member

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

A team of Indian Coast Guard (ICG) personnel rescued six members on board a tug "Revti" after it capsized in the Arabian Sea off the Worli Seaface in south-Central Mumbai on Monday.

The ICG personnel were continuing their search one missing crew member from the capsized tug.

'Revti' was on way from Mumbai to Tarapur when the mishap took place. There were in all seven members on board the ill-fated vessel.

Acting on a distress call from 'Revti', the authorities diverted the Indian Coast Guard Ship Amartya, a fast patrol vessel on surveillance mission, to undertake search and rescue mission.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that I, Ashwani Kumar, Jaiswal residing at H.No. 7010 Sector 14 Gurgaon Haryana have lost / misplaced the share certificate no. 100032 distinctive nos. 5807401 to 5807800 for 400 no. Equity shares of face value Re. 5/- paid up under folio no. A00026, registered in the name of Ashwani K. Jaiswal & in the books of sicon custody ltd having registered office at gate no. 1426, Vih-Shikarpur, Taluk Shrirur, Pune Di Maharashtra-412208 and have applied to the company for issue of duplicate share certificate(s). Any person having claim/objection can write to the company within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice else the company will proceed to issue duplicate share certificate(s) in my/four favour.

Date : 18.03.2019, Place : Gurgaon

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Raman Chhatwal (Advocate)  
Ch. No-G-623, Karkardooma Court, Delhi



"CG ship responded to the distress call and reached position of Tug at 10.54 am and rescued six from the sinking vessel. The recovered crew has been provided with necessary first aid and their condition is presently stable," an ICG press release said.

"In addition to the surface search by two ships to find one missing crew, two helo sorties by chetak helicopter have been launched to undertake sea-air coordinated search," the release added.

The authorities identified the rescued sailors as Rashid Quasim Sorathiya (38), Tonoy Chalak (22), both from Midnapur, West Bengal, Ramesh J Keni (55), Dilip Yadav(29), both from Mumbai, Shanu Kumar (19), from Mumbai and Salem Siddiqui

The missing crew member was identified as one Abdul Azeez (53).

**PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON**

**See Section 82 Cr.P.C.**

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Rakesh @ Rocky** S/o Amar Singh R/o Jhuggi No. B-854, Jhuggi Bengali Camp, Meera Bagh, Delhi have committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence FIR No. 319/10 u/s 452/506/323/325/34 IPC P.S. Paschim Vihar, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Rakesh @ Rocky** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Rakesh @ Rocky** absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Rakesh @ Rocky** accused of FIR No. 319/10 u/s 452/506/323/325/34 is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **24.04.2019**.

**By Order: Ms. Sonam Gupta, Metropolitan Magistrate, Mahila Court-02 (West Dist.) Room No. 158, 1st Floor, Tis Hazari Court, Delhi**

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**SEARCH FOR MISSING**

General public is hereby informed that a female namely **Poonam W/o Santosh Kumar**, R/o **H.No. 17/22, Nathan Vihar, Ranhola, Delhi**, Age : **20 yrs.**, Height : **5'1"**, Face : **Long**, Complexion : **Shallow**, ID Mark : **A Mole on Left Side of Shoulder**, Wearing : **Purple Suit, Red Pajama, Yellow Sweater and Black Chappal in Feet**, has been missing / kidnapped since **28.02.2019** alongwith her son Namely : **Krishana**, Age : **01 yrs. 6 months**, Height : **2'**, Face : **Round**, Complexion : **Shallow**, Wearing : **Red Shirt-Pant and White Shoes in Feet**. In this regard a case **DD. No. 60-A dated 28.02.2019** has been lodged at PS. Nihal Vihar, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local Police to trace out the missing / kidnapped female but no clue has come to light so far.

if anyone have any information about this missing / kidnapped female please inform undersigned Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>, Email: [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in), Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641, Fax: 011-24368639

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1.	Rakesh Malik/ Nalini Malik/ LBGUR00002066206	Flat No 904, 9th Floor, Liberty Tower, Omaxe North Avenue, Sector 15, Bahadurgarh, Jhajhar, Haryana 124507/ March15, 2019	October 31, 2018 Rs. 24,47,521/-	Dehil /Ncr

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**Date : 19-03-2019**  
**Place: Delhi/NCR**

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## Death of an icon

Manohar Parrikar was a model politician. In his passing, India and Goa have lost a good son



Usually when a high-profile politician passes away, particularly in these times of over-sharing on social media, some people tend to reflect on the negative aspects of the person in assessing his legacy. Even if everyone might not share these anecdotes publicly, often gossip and innuendo make it to private conversations, particularly among reporters, who tailed that politician as part of their jobs. Manohar Parrikar, however, was not that kind of politician. Every

correspondent, who spoke with him during his brief tenure as Defence Minister as well as the corps of journalists in Goa, mourned the man with nary a bad word to say. Because there really was nothing negative to say about Parrikar, who was a committed nationalist and a concerned Goan, who genuinely joined politics to make a difference instead of enjoying the trappings of power. There is no doubt that he was born to a certain level of privilege, being a Goud Saraswat Brahmin, and further cracked the hyper-competitive Joint Entrance Examination to join the Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay. But once he dedicated his life to politics, he became a model politician. He still used his Scooty, eschewing official transportation, travelled economy class and remained approachable and affable. Most importantly, he did use the media to build himself up as a man of the common people because he truly was an *aam aadmi*.

Despite being a member of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), he had incredible popularity in a State where Roman Catholics form a significant proportion of the electorate and led the BJP to power. That was his pragmatism, a man who grew out of the RSS, became a technocrat and armed with practical logic and his love for Goan food, convinced the people that no ideology was untouchable provided it allowed common people to live and grow fairly. Despite being close to Nagpur, he went out of his way to be inclusive of minorities, tribals and OBCs. In that sense, he may have well laid the rainbow coalition template for the BJP. For the intelligentsia, which finds itself at odds with the current dispensation, he was the first IITian Chief Minister, who never changed his attire of simple bush shirt and trousers, and came much before the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) and Arvind Kejriwal brought in more IITians for a citizens' movement. Many consider his elevation to the role of Defence Minister a reason the BJP did not do well in the last Goa Assembly polls, and in the confusion of the hung legislative Assembly, it was felt that Parrikar was the only man who could possibly lead a BJP Government. In fact, he is the reason that the party could not only consolidate itself, considering its scattered dots in the early 1990s, but could guarantee stability in a State that had become famous for its easy tradeoffs by politicians. This is already evident with the BJP compelled to create two posts of deputy Chief Ministers for holding on to its allies and not cede the turf to the Congress. Despite the first indications of suffering from a pancreatic disease, Parrikar went back to the hustle and bustle of running the small State. His tremendous work in developing a sleepy Goa — and he hated *susegad* — despite setbacks such as the mining ban, has propelled it forward as an industrial and tourism powerhouse. In the past few years, despite knowing that he almost certainly had a terminal disease, he kept working, swearing to the people of Goa that he would serve them till his last breath, and he fulfilled his oath. The building of the impressive Atal Setu over the Mapusa river outside Panjim after several years as well as the massive highway projects that will connect the small State, that is still hobbled by small, narrow roads, will always be his legacy. Unfortunately he could not stay for the new airport being built in Mopa to be inaugurated. This newspaper suggests that the new airport that should be opened within the next two years be named after Manohar Parrikar as a tribute to his incredible legacy.

## Sending it underground

Will the government's move against electronic nicotine delivery systems achieve anything?



The Union Health Ministry does not like smoking and with millions of tobacco-related deaths annually, that is a good thing. There is no doubt that smoking is a bad, dirty and expensive habit — even if it does not kill you, it can leave you with debilitating health consequences later on in life such as heart disease, high blood pressure and neurological problems such as strokes. There is ample evidence connecting the consumption of tobacco with health issues, yet no country has ever banned

smoking outright. But the tobacco industry realises that it is in a pickle with fewer younger persons taking up the habit. So in order to appear cool, several start-ups in the past few years have introduced new "electronic nicotine delivery systems" (ENDS), commonly called "vaping" as the nicotine is vapourised and not burnt in the process. There are several ENDS products in the market, the most popular being Juul, an American brand that was planning to enter India later this year but now has been stymied because of health concerns. This is not peculiar to India. Several health authorities are worried about the high concentration of nicotine in products like Juul and the fact that the nicotine refills are available in all sorts of flavours, including seemingly innocuous ones like "bubblegum," that not only mask the amount of nicotine consumed by users but easily attract new users. The Health Ministry, therefore, wants Juul and other ENDS devices banned and even though such attempts have been thrown out by the courts, they want the import of such devices controlled.

The simple fact is that there are several things that are banned in India but are still easily available, something that will be highlighted by the large-scale consumption of the psychotropic substance *bhaang* on Holi by a large number of people. Most vaping devices are extremely expensive and banning them will serve little purpose since many users will bring in the devices as personal items from abroad. Controlling vaping products as well as regulating the type of refills sold and the concentration of nicotine available will be far easier to monitor. At the same time, tobacco control in India should not miss the woods for the trees. Instead of looking at the very top of the market, tobacco control advocates have to continue the fight against chewing tobacco, crack down on *bidis*, which still form a majority of the tobacco consumed in India, and work out a rehabilitation plan for those impacted by disease from tobacco-related issues.

# Nasty side of power plays

Kuldip Nayar's recollections in his book, *On Leaders and Icons: From Jinnah to Modi*, about leaders of pre and post-independent India make some startling revelations



SANDHYA JAIN

Declining to release Kuldip Nayar's posthumously published book, *On Leaders and Icons: From Jinnah to Modi*, former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh informed the veteran journalist's wife that on perusing the book, "I found a reference on page 172 that during my prime ministership, Government files would go to Sonia Gandhi's house. This statement is not true and Kuldip did not check with me about its truth. In this background, I would find it embarrassing to attend the book release function on February 8, 2019." Raconteur par excellence, Nayar wrote that Singh's lack of a popular base helped his political career. Selected as Prime Minister, for 10 years, he served as a "convenient front man for Sonia Gandhi and her dynasty." Government files would go to her residence where senior Congress leader Ahmed Patel guided her in day-to-day Government affairs.

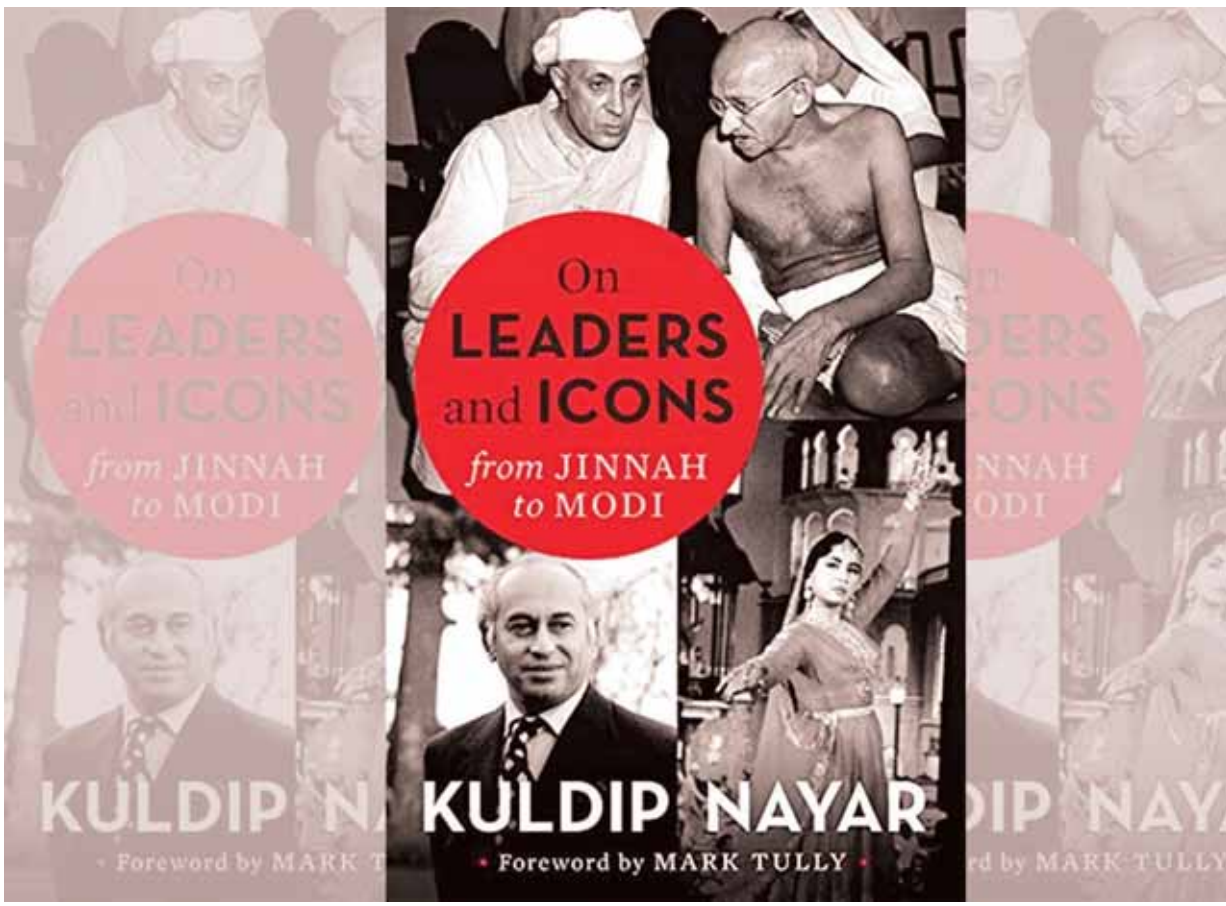
This is hardly news for most Indians. What is startling is the revelation that when former Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru suffered a stroke in January 1964, Indira Gandhi ruled the country in the name of her ailing father. Lal Bahadur Shastri, as Minister without portfolio, "began quietly dealing with the files marked to Nehru. Indira Gandhi did not like this. She would insist on seeing important files herself before sending them to Shastri. The latter learnt of this but did not protest".

Nehru's ambition to make Indira Gandhi his successor was visible to all. In 1959, UN Dhebar stepped down as Congress president and aware of Nehru's desire, proposed Indira Gandhi as next president. Aghast, Home Minister Govind Ballabh Pant protested that her frail health would hinder the extensive travels required of a Congress president. But Nehru raised his voice: "she is healthier than both of us — and could put in longer hours of work." With that, Indira Gandhi was unanimously elected and cleared the first hurdle to prime ministership.

Indira Gandhi's name came up after Nehru died but Morarji Desai's ambition thwarted a consensus and the mantle fell on Shastri, who died of a heart attack less than two years later in Tashkent, Uzbekistan. Nayar, who was in the media delegation, recounts that Shastri retired slightly agitated as the accompanying Indian media had badgered him about the return of Haji Pir and Tithwal to Pakistan after the 1965 war. Angered over the concession, his wife, Lalita, had refused to speak to him over the telephone.

At the *dacha*, Swaran Singh asked Nayar, "Who do you think the next Prime Minister will be?" Nayar repeated what Shastri had told him a few months earlier: "If I die in the next two years, my successor will be Indira Gandhi. If I survive, it will be YB Chavan (then Defence Minister)". In Delhi, he recalls, Lalita Shastri asked him, "Where were you? Can't you see he has been poisoned, his whole body is blue?"

There was distressing politics over the cre-



mation. Indira Gandhi wanted Shastri cremated in his home town, Allahabad, away from Raj Ghat where Mahatma Gandhi and Nehru had *samadhis*. She had already (though Nayar omits to mention it) denied him the Prime Minister's residence at Teen Murti by turning it into a memorial. An enraged Lalita trounced Indira Gandhi by threatening a fast-unto-death. Indira Gandhi then opposed inscribing Shastri's famous slogan, "*Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan*" on his *samadhi* at Vijay Ghat; Lalita threatened self-immolation. Later, searching for an appropriate prime ministerial bungalow, Indira Gandhi inspected the Shastri home, sneered at his "middle class living" and left the place to the family.

Despite his gargantuan memory, Nayar states that Jinnah joined the Indian National Conference in 1906. Actually, the Conference had merged with the Indian National Congress (INC) in 1886; Jinnah joined INC in 1906. He recalls Jinnah's first speech as President of Pakistan, wherein he admits the intractable problem of minorities in both countries: "...All the same, in this division it was impossible to avoid the question of minorities being in one Dominion or the other." Clearly, Jinnah knew the problem he was creating but went ahead. More tellingly, the Quaid-e-Azam's speech was not broadcast by Radio Pakistan: A reali-

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ty byte regarding his power in the country he created.

Interestingly, Nayar recounts that when he met Louis Mountbatten near London on October 1, 1971, the latter recalled a conversation with Jinnah at the Viceroy House in Delhi on April 9, 1947: "I told Jinnah that his moth-eaten Pakistan would not last more than 25 years." Mountbatten claimed he told Jinnah that East Pakistan would become an independent country in 25-30 years. However, his former Press adviser, Alan Campbell-Johnson, told Nayar, "Mountbatten's memory probably fails him. I should have known if he had made such a remark." Cyril Radcliffe, who delineated the border, concurred with Campbell-Johnson: "You are the first person to tell me this. I had never heard it before."

One wonders why Mountbatten, who presided over the bloody Partition and decapitation of India's northern frontier to serve the West in the emerging Cold War, embellished the truth. Speaking to Larry Collins and Dominique Lapierre in 1972, Mountbatten claimed, "I was always convinced East Pakistan would never work. The whole concept of two different peoples being held together over all those miles by the same religion was absolute nonsense. But West Pakistan was something else, I wanted it to work.... I wanted

Kashmir with them, I did not muck up my own creation..." (*Mountbatten and Independent India*, Vikas: 1998: 56)

Nayar says Jinnah sowed the seeds of separation when, during his first official visit to East Pakistan, he insisted that Bengalis would have to learn Urdu, Pakistan's national language. Yet, in India, Nehru allowed Sheikh Abdullah to impose Urdu on Jammu & Kashmir, when Kashmiri has a rich literary tradition.

Nayar reveals that Nehru had said, "Even if Kashmir were to be handed over to Pakistan on a platter, Pakistan would think of some other way to keep its quarrel with India alive, because Kashmir is only a symptom of a disease and that disease is hatred of India." Surely Nehru realised that the object of hatred was India's Hindu majority. Though he does not say so overtly, Nayar places the burden of maintaining plurality solely on the Hindu community. His ode to Noor Jehan should have queried why famous artistes in cosmopolitan Mumbai went to Pakistan. Why, when Maharaja Hari Singh ran a secular Government, did his court artist, Malika Pukhraj, go to Pakistan? Above all, why did Saadat Hasan Manto?

(The writer is Senior Fellow, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library; the views expressed are personal)

## SOUNDBITE

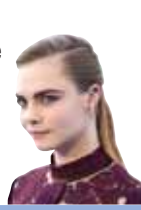
For many years I had been sitting at home but I have come out because the country and the Constitution are in danger.

**Congress general secretary**  
—Priyanka Gandhi



I hope I can be an inspiration to girls who aren't normal or feel like they (don't) belong, because I definitely don't a lot of the time.

**Actor-supermodel**  
—Cara Delevingne



I am sure this matter (listing of Azhar by the UN) will be resolved. This is only a technical hold and can be resolved through consultation.

**Chinese Envoy**  
—Luo Zhaohui



For the Gandhi family, every election is a picnic. They come, they see and resort to rhetorical speeches. After elections are over, they head towards Switzerland or Italy.

**Senior BJP leader**  
—Dinesh Sharma



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Bad air woes

Sir — Flagging the deadly impact of air and water pollution, that annually claims at least nine million lives globally, a new UN report termed air pollution as the "single biggest environmental health risk in the world" and called for urgent action to save humanity from the disastrous consequences of environmental degradation. It is rather unfortunate that many children and aged people in our country suffer from diseases caused due to air and water pollution. The Government must take urgent steps to address the problem.

**Najmul Huda**  
*Mumbai*

### Revisit travel norms

Sir — A huge amount of public money is being wasted in allowing senior officials in the legislature, judiciary, bureaucracy and public sector undertakings to travel in business class rather than economy class in domestic flights. All airlines may be directed to reserve the first two rows of the economy class for those

officials entitled to travel in business class. However, those desirous of travelling in business class can do so by paying the difference in fares. Frequent-flier-points earned should go into the accounts of the Government department concerned rather than in the names of individuals.

**SC Agrawal**  
*New Delhi*

### A chronicle of two distinct responses

This refers to the editorial, "Terror has no religion" (March 16). The sickening mass shooting in New Zealand, that killed more than 49 people besides injuring others, is a reminder about the growing threats of global terrorism. Remarkably forthright was the response of New Zealand's Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern, who emphatically declared that the victims, many of whom may be migrants or refugees, "are us" and the shooter "is not." The overriding theme of Ardern's statements was that her country represents "diversity, compassion and refuge."

If terrorism bound Christchurch and Pulwama together in senseless bloodshed, the golden-hour responses from the top in India and New Zealand charted dramatically different courses. Circumstances surrounding the immediate aftermath of the Pulwama attack were shrouded in controversy. Allegations, vigorously denied by the Government, that the Indian Prime Minister was shooting for a film at the Jim Corbett Park gained traction because Narendra Modi reserved his most vocal com-



ments for the campaign trail. Barring a tweet, Modi neither addressed the nation nor the media. The visible podium of national leadership was left vacant by a Prime Minister who had made spectacular gains from his communication skills in 2014 and who used to mock his predecessor as "*Maun-mohan*." Terrorism of every stripe, in every nation, must be collectively rejected using the same language of unequivocal condemnation.

**Meghna A**  
*New South Wales*

### Further reforms

Sir — The Election Commission of India (ECI) has launched a new 'Citizens Vigil' or CVIGIL app for the benefit of voters ahead of the general election. The app has been launched with a primary focus to enable the citizens report any instances related to non-com-

pliance of Model Code of Conduct during the elections. The app further acts as an effective feedback mechanism for a voter to reach out directly to the ECI.

The effort made by the ECI to monitor voter feedback effectively through apps is welcome but it benefits only smartphone-savvy users, especially in urban and semi-urban areas. A novice

voter has no other way to reach out to ECI other than the newly launched app. The electoral body should now strive to open all possible digital and offline modes of communication to further strengthen the voter feedback mechanism. It should also initiate various effective communication tools like a dedicated postal mail box, an (nodal officer based) email id, toll-free SMS feedback mechanism, social media handles and also a new single window website to register only the feedback (similar to CPGRAMS portal).

**Varun SD**  
*Bengaluru*

### No let-up on terror

Sir — China has once again blocked India's bid to declare Masood Azhar as a global terrorist. But we must not be disheartened as placing terrorists on such lists does little to combat terrorism. India must strengthen its internal security mechanism to prevent any future attacks.

**Shivansh**  
*Via email*

Send your feedback to:  
letterstopioneer@gmail.com







# Jet Airways grounds four more planes

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Cash-strapped Jet Airways on Monday said it has grounded four more planes, taking the number of aircraft that are non-operational due to non-payment of lease rentals to 41.

Grappling with financial woes, the carrier has been looking at ways to raise fresh funds.

“...An additional four aircraft have been grounded due to non-payment of amounts outstanding to lessors under their respective lease agreements,” the airline said in a filing to the stock exchanges.

As mentioned earlier, the company is actively engaged with all its aircraft lessors and regularly providing them with updates on the efforts taken to improve the liquidity, it said.

“Aircraft lessors have been supportive of the company’s efforts in this regard,” it said, adding that all efforts are being made to minimise disruption to its network.

Meanwhile, the shares of the company closed at ₹237, up 0.87 per cent on the BSE. During the day, it touched a high of ₹238 and a low of ₹233.40.

At the NSE, the shares closed 0.68 per cent higher at ₹236.75.

Earlier this month, Jet Airways Chairman Naresh Goyal said that more than 50 of its aircraft were not operating.

As per its website, the airline has a fleet of 119 planes.

“The payment of interest due on March 19, 2019, to the debenture holder will be delayed owing to temporary liquidity constraints,” it said in a separate filing.

## Naresh Goyal writes to staff, assures early resolution

PTI ■ MUMBAI

With the clouds of uncertainty darkening over the survival of his 25-year-old airline, Jet Airways chairman Naresh Goyal on Monday sought to reassure the 16,000-strong staff of the efforts to restore the “much needed stability” in its operations at the earliest.

Since a larger number of its over 100-fleet are grounded leading to drastically curtailed operations, the airline is struggling to prevent a nose-dive somehow.

Goyal, in a communication to employees Monday evening also said talks with the airline’s strategic partner Etihad Airways and SBI-led lenders are going on. The UAE carrier owns 24 percent in the airline.

“Once again I assure you that I am personally committed to have the resolution process completed as soon as possible and restore the much-needed stability to our operations at the earliest,” Goyal said in a letter to the staff who are apprehensive of their future with the airline.

The airline is sitting on a debt pile of over ₹8,200 crore and has defaulted thrice since January, including on some forex debt.

On 14 February, its board had approved a bank-led-resolution plan, whereby the SBI-consortium of lenders will become the largest shareholders in the airline and Goyal would exit the management as the chairman and board member.

## ₹ spurts 57 paise to scale new 7-mth peak on strong fund flows

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Indian rupee on Monday surged by 57 paise to close at an over seven-month high of 68.53 against the US dollar, also marking a sixth straight session of gains, driven by sustained foreign fund inflows and narrowing trade deficit.

Besides, weakness in the greenback against major global currencies and a heavy buying in domestic equities aided the forex market sentiment domestically.

The dollar index, which gauges the greenback’s strength against a basket of six currencies, fell 0.20 per cent to 96.40.

At the Interbank Foreign Exchange, the rupee opened at 68.92 and advanced to a high of 68.45 during the day. It finally settled at 68.53, a rise of 57 paise against the dollar over its previous close.

This was the highest closing level for the rupee since August 1, 2018 — when it ended at 68.43.

On Friday, the domestic currency had closed at 69.10 against the US dollar.

In the last six trading sessions, the rupee has appreciated by 161 paise.

“Indian rupee continues advancing for the sixth day in a row, marking the best performer among the Asian currencies in today’s trade amid better than expected trade data and foreign fund flows,” said V K Sharma, Head PCG & Capital Markets Strategy, HDFC Securities.

According to data released by the Commerce Ministry, the marginal 2.44 per cent rise in exports as well as lower imports of gold and petroleum products in February significantly narrowed the country’s trade deficit to \$9.6 billion.

Meanwhile, the Financial Benchmark India Private Ltd (FBIL) set the reference rate for the rupee/dollar at 68.6088 and for rupee/euro at 77.7827. The reference rate for rupee/British pound was fixed at 91.1184 and for rupee/100 Japanese yen at 61.50.

Further lifting market sentiment, foreign institutional investors (FIIs) put in ₹1,822.99 crore on a net basis on Monday, provisional data showed.

“Overseas investors have bought \$2.4 billion in equities this month, taking net foreign purchases to \$4.7 billion, the highest in Asia. Global funds have raised holdings of rupee-denominated bonds by \$833 million this month, HDFC Securities’ Sharma said citing exchange data.

## Sensex, Nifty end higher for 6th straight session

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Extending its winning streak to the sixth consecutive session, the BSE Sensex gained over 70 points on Monday as stocks made further headway powered by unabated foreign fund inflows and narrowing country’s trade deficit amid positive global cues.

The 30-share benchmark advanced to hit a high of 38,369.59 as buying activity gathered momentum. However, investors locked in gains pushing the key index into the negative zone to hit a low of 37,952.10 before bouncing back to end 70.75 points, or 0.19 per cent, higher at 38,095.07.

Likewise, the 50-stock NSE Nifty finished 35.35 points, or 0.31 per cent, higher at 11,462.20 after hitting the day’s high of 11,530.15 and a low of 11,412.50. Among Sensex components, Bajaj Finance topped the gainers list by surging 2.84 per cent.

Other winners were PowerGrid, RIL, Axis Bank, Tata Steel, Kotak Bank, IndusInd Bank, Tata Motors, NTPC, HDFC Bank, Asian Paints, ICICI Bank, ITC, Sun Pharma and Yes Bank, rising up to 2.29 per cent.

On the other hand, Maruti Suzuki, Hero MotoCorp, Bharti Airtel, HCL Tech, M&M, L&T, Infosys, Vedanta Ltd, Bajaj Auto, TCS, HDFC, ONGC, Coal India and HUL, retreated up to 2.56 per cent.

A 15 per cent or 1,500-point rally has ensued in the Nifty 50 since October 2018. The market’s internals are the healthiest they have been since 2017, said Sunil Sharma, Chief Investment Officer, Sanctum Wealth Management.

“First and obviously, dramatic inflows have come in from FIIs. Capitulation by retail has happened, and short covering by the bears seems to be underway. Next, capital sitting on the sidelines that is waiting out the elections, is going to start feeling the pull of runaway equity prices against idle cash,” he said.

On a net basis, foreign institutional investors (FIIs) bought shares worth a net of ₹4,323.49 crore on Friday, while domestic institutional investors (DIIs) were net sellers to the tune of ₹2,130.36 crore, provisional data available with BSE showed.

“What we are witnessing and what markets seem to be telegraphing is a tilt back towards synchronised stimulative policy at some point in the medium term future by the Fed, ECB, Japan and Chinese central banks,” he said, adding that these environments are

pro-emerging market assets and pro emerging currencies.”

During the day, BSE really gained the most rising 2.46 per cent, oil and gas 1.55 per cent, PSU 0.94 per cent, bankex 0.88 per cent, metal 0.79 per cent and FMCG index up 0.42 per cent.

However, auto index, capital goods, IT, tech and healthcare indices ended lower by up to 1.36 per cent.

Investor sentiment also remained upbeat on narrowing trade deficit, according to market experts.

The marginal 2.44 per cent increase in exports as well as lower imports of gold and petroleum products in February significantly narrowed the country’s trade deficit to \$9.6 billion, data released by the commerce ministry Friday showed.

Strengthening gains, the rupee appreciated 54 paise to 68.56 against the US dollar intraday. Global crude benchmark Brent crude futures fell 0.15 per cent to \$67.06 per barrel.

Investor sentiment was also buoyed tracking a firming trend in most Asian bourses and a higher opening in European shares on speculation that the US Federal policy makers will lower interest rate forecast after weaker-than-forecast economic data on Friday.

## Anil Ambani thanks Mukesh, Nita for timely support in clearing RCom dues

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Billionaire Anil Ambani on Monday thanked his brother Mukesh and his wife Nita for extending “timely support” after his debt-laden firm Reliance Communication cleared payments due to a service



## Govt cautions against fraudulent websites for KUSUM scheme registration

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Government on Monday cautioned against fake websites claiming to be registration portal for Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthaan Mahabhiyan (KUSUM) scheme and said such websites may be misusing the collected data.

The scheme, formulated by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), aims to promote use of solar energy among the farmers.

“It has been noticed that few websites have cropped up claiming to be registration portal for KUSUM scheme. Such websites are potentially duping general public and misusing data captured through fake registration portal,” the ministry said in a statement.

The MNRE further said that DISCOMs or electricity distribution companies and state nodal agencies shall implement the KUSUM scheme for which the detailed guidelines will be issued soon.



All potential beneficiaries must avoid depositing any registration fee or sharing important data on fake websites, it said, adding “they can contact their DISCOMs/state renewable energy nodal agencies or can visit official portal of the ministry for necessary information related to the scheme.”

Last month, the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) approved launch of

KUSUM scheme with the objective of providing financial and water security to farmers.

The scheme consists of three components — 10,000 MW of decentralised ground-mounted grid connected renewable power plants, installation of 17.50 lakh standalone solar powered agriculture pumps, and solarisation of 10 lakh grid-connected solar powered agriculture pumps.

## RBI panel on MSME seeks public views on various aspects

PTI ■ MUMBAI

An RBI-appointed panel on Monday sought suggestions from the public on long-term solutions for economic and financial sustainability of MSME sector, including ways to improve credit rating mechanism to help them raise funds at competitive rates.

The panel is undertaking a comprehensive review of the sector to identify causes and propose long-term solutions for its development, the central bank said in a statement.

The committee was set up in January under former Sebi chairman U K Sinha.

MSMEs contribute about 45 per cent of the manufacturing output, over 40 per cent of total exports of the country, and around 8 per cent of the country’s GDP.

## FAME-II: Govt sets up inter-ministerial panel for monitoring, sanctioning of projects

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Government has constituted an inter-ministerial Panel for monitoring, sanctioning and implementation of projects under the ₹10,000-crore FAME-II programme, aimed at incentivising clean mobility.

The Project Implementation and Sanctioning Committee will be chaired by the secretary in the Department of Heavy Industries and will have other members including NITI Aayog CEO, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade secretary, Department of Economic Affairs secretary and secretaries in the power and new and renewable energy ministry, among others.

The Department of Heavy Industries, in an order, said the committee is constituted “for the purpose of overall monitoring, sanctioning and implementation of the scheme, with immediate effect and until further orders.”

The panel’s terms of reference includes modifying coverage parameters for various components and sub-components of the scheme, reviewing demand incentives annually or earlier based on price and technology trends, modifying limits of fund allocations among different segments and types of vehicles, reviewing the cap for maximum incentive per vehicle, and deciding other scheme parameters for its smooth roll out.

## FARMERS HONOURED AT MAHINDRA SAMRIDDI INDIA AGRI AWARDS 2019

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Mahindra & Mahindra’s Farm Equipment Sector, India’s tractor manufacturer and a part of the \$20.7 billion Mahindra Group, on Monday announced the winners of the Mahindra Samridhi India Agri Awards (MSIAA) 2019. Instituted in 2011, the Mahindra Samridhi India Agri Awards are bestowed upon farmers and institutions to recognize their noteworthy and purposeful contributions in the field of agriculture, the backbone of the Indian economy.

The Chief Executive Officer of NITI Aayog, Amitabh Kant was the Chief Guest at the awards ceremony. Shri Sanjay Agarwal, Secretary, Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare, Government of India was also present at the awards ceremony.

At the awards, Mahindra reinforced its commitment to Farming 3.0, the new age in agriculture defined by Innovation and Technology.

### MISSING

General public is hereby informed that one person, **Namely:** Balbir Singh, **S/o:** Niranjan Singhal, **R/o:** 503/01, Devli Village, New Delhi, has been missing since 19.08.2019 from the area of PS Neb Sarai, New Delhi. In this regard, a **Missing Report DD No. 33A, Dated 15.02.2019 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:

**Namely:** Balbir Singh, **S/o:** Niranjan Singhal, **R/o:** 503/01, Devli Village, New Delhi, **Age:** 50 years, **Height:** 5'7" Feet, **Face:** Oval, **Built:** Medium, **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Wearing:** White Shirt and Black Pant. If anyone has any information about the missing boy, then please inform P.S. Neb Sarai, New Delhi.

email: [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in) **S.H.O**  
Fax: No.011-24368639  
Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641 **P.S. Neb Sarai, New Delhi**  
DP/5300/SD/19. **Ph. 011-29551326, 29551597, 8750870835**

### SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General Public is hereby informed that one lady namely **Kunti D/o Ishwar R/o** Sarde Colony, Village-Bakhtawarpur, Opposite Fatehpur, Alipur, Delhi has been missing / kidnapped since 10.10.2018 from the area of P.S. Alipur, Delhi. In this regard a case vides **DD No. 20-A dated 04.12.2018** has been registered at PS. Alipur, Delhi.

The description of missing/kidnapped lady is as under : **Name :** Kunti, **Father's Name :** Ishwar, **Age :** 32 years, **Height :** 5'2", **Face :** Long, **Complexion :** Wheatish, **Wearing :** Orange Colour Suit & Salwar and White Chappal in feet.

If anyone having any clue/information, kindly inform the undersigned.

**SHO**  
Website : <http://cbi.nic.in>  
e-mail : [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in)  
Fax : 011-24368639  
Ph. : 011-24368638, 24368641  
DP/109/ON/19

**P.S., Alipur, Delhi**  
**Ph.: 011-27202290**  
**27202265**

### SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is here by informed that this person (depicted in the photo) namely: **Surjeet S/o Ram Bahal R/o A-45, Shiv Puri, Samaipur, Delhi** has been missing/kidnapped since 17.02.2019 from the area of P.S. Samaipur Badli, Delhi in this regard a DD No. **61-A dated 25.02.2019** has been lodged at **P.S. Samaipur Badli, Delhi.** Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the person but no clue has come to light so far.

His physical description is as under:-  
**Sex:** Male, **Age:** 37 years, **Height:** 5'5" ft., **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Face:** Round, **Built:** Medium, **Wearing:** Blue Check Shirt, & Blue Colour Jeans Pant, Black Colour Jacket and Sports Shoes in feet.

Any person is having information or clue about this missing/ kidnapped person may kindly inform to the following:-

**SHO**  
Website:<http://cbi.nic.in> **P.S. Samaipur Badli, Delhi**  
E-mail: [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in) **Ph. No.: 011-27854757,27854799**  
Tel. No.: 011-24368638/24368641 **Mob. No: 7065036326**  
Fax No.: 011-24368639 **DP/112/ON/19**

### PHYSICAL POSSESSION NOTICE

## ICICI Bank

### ICICI Bank Limited

**Registered Office:** ICICI Bank Ltd, ICICI Bank Tower, Near Chakli Circle, Old Padra Road, Vadodara- 390007.  
**Corporate Office:** ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai - 400051  
**Branch Office:** ICICI Bank Ltd., 2nd Floor, Videocon Tower, Jhandewalan Ext., New Delhi- 110055

Whereas  
The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Bank Limited under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.  
The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of property/ Date of Physical Possession	Date of Demand Notice/Amount in Demand Notice(Rs)	Name of Branch
1.	Prashant Agarwal/ Shivani Agrawal / LBDEL00001415371	Shop No. VPL-08, Shipra Krishna, Ahinsa Khand, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad / 14-03-2019	February 28, 2017 Rs. 12,55,295/-	Ghaziabad

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/ guarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 days Notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

**Date : 19-03-2019**  
**Place: Delhi/ NCR**

**Sd/-**  
**Authorized Officer**  
**ICICI Bank Limited**

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Whereas, the undersigned being the authorized officer of the HDFC Bank Ltd. under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued demand notices, and calling upon to pay the amount within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. Details are given as under:-

Customer Name	13(2) Notice Date	Notice Amt.	Possession Date & Time	Description of Property
1. M/s Happy Deal Store Through Its Proprietors Mrs. Asha Arora 2. M/s Arora Traders Through Its Proprietors Mr. Ramesh Kumar Arora 3. Mrs. Asha Arora W/o Sh. Ramesh Kumar Arora 4. Mr. Ramesh Kumar Arora S/o Sh. R.R Arora	26-Dec-2018	Rs. 46,90,788/-	14-Mar-2019	Dda Built Up Freehold SFS Flat Bearing No. 19, On Ground Floor, Cat-II, Situated At Nagin Lake Apartment, Peera Garhi, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi. Bounded As Under:- North : Flat No. 28, East : Passage, South : Open, West: Street
1. M/s Ashva Energy Private Limited Through Its Director Mr. Neeraj Gupta 2. Mr. Neeraj Gupta S/o Sh. Jagat Kishor Gupta 3. Mrs. Arti Gupta W/o Sh. Neeraj Gupta	29-Dec-2018	Rs. 25,82,785/- & Rs. 5,58,354/- Total = Rs. 31,41,139/-	15-Mar-2019	House Bearing No. 6-N/139, Type-high Duplex Flat, Sector-05, Situated At Rajender Nagar, Sahibabad, Ghaziabad. Bounded As Under:- East : Staircase, West : Open, North : Open+Road, South : Park

The borrower(s) having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein above in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of section 13 of Act read with rule 8 & 9 of the said Rules, on above mentioned dates. The borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to charge of the **HDFC Bank Ltd.** for an amount of notices mentioned above and interest thereon together with expenses and charges etc. less amount paid, if any. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

**DATE :- 14/03/2019 & 15/03/2019**  
**PLACE :- DELHI & GHAZIABAD (UP)**

**Authorized Officer**  
**HDFC Bank Ltd.**

### APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is here by informed that an unidentified person (depicted in the photo) name: **Unknown** residence and family is **unknown** about **25 years** of age was found dead at Main Chandni Chowk Road, Opposite Gurudwara Sheesh Ganj, Kotwali, Delhi. In this regard a DD No. **12-A**, dated **27.02.2019** has been registered at Police Station **Kotwali, Delhi.**

His physical description is as under:-  
**Sex:** Male, **Age:** 25 years, **Height:** 5'6" ft., **Complexion:** Shallow, **Wearing:** White Colour Shirt, Blue Colour Jeans & Bare Footed.

Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or Telephone Numbers.

**SHO**  
**P.S. Kotwali, Delhi**  
**Ph. No.- 011-23977100**  
**Mob. No- 8750870121**

**DP/9768/N/19**



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# Forewarned is forearmed

The incidence of type I Diabetes is rising by three per cent every year, with nearly 75,000 new children being diagnosed to have T1DM every year. Type I Diabetes is also known as Insulin Dependent Diabetes Mellitus (IDDM) and Juvenile Onset Diabetes Mellitus. As of 2018, there were at least 97,000 cases of juvenile Diabetes reported in India alone, which is alarming.

Type I Diabetes is an autoimmune disorder which affects the pancreas, and stops the production of insulin. Insulin is a hormone which plays a number of roles in the body's metabolism. Insulin regulates how the body uses and stores glucose and fat. Many of the body's cells rely on insulin to take glucose from the blood for energy. The hampering of the production of insulin leads to laboured functioning of other internal systems. The circulatory system, nervous system, skin, eyes, feet and others, are all impacted by Diabetes.

Juvenile Diabetes has been connected to viral infections like mumps, rubella, and even in-utero enteroviral infections, along with early stage nutrition. However, one of the most direct and apparent causes till date has been genetics. Men and women with type I Diabetes tend to stand a greater chance of passing on the disease to their children.

In case of women with type I Diabetes, the risk is higher in case of pregnancies after the age of 25. About one in every seven people with type I Diabetes have a condition called Type II Polyglandular Autoimmune Syndrome. This condition leads to thyroid and malfunctioning of adrenal gland. The child's risk of developing Diabetes in this case is as high as 50 per cent.

It is crucial for families to be aware of the risk factors, and the possible impact on their children. The best way to prevent/prepare for possibility of the disease is regular screening, regardless.

## Type I Diabetes is determined by the presence of one or more autoimmune markers. One can get tested to assess the levels of these

distinguishing type I diabetes from type II.

- **Antibodies, GAD and other pancreatic antigens**
- **Glutamic Acid Decarboxylase Antibodies (GADA or Anti-GAD):** This test looks for antibodies built against a specific enzyme in the pancreatic beta cells that produce insulin and Insulin Auto Antibodies (IAA).

In addition to attacking beta cells, the immune system in people with type I Diabetes also targets insulin. This test thereby, looks for those antibodies that target insulin

While, these are tests that directly indicate diabetes, there are certain other tests can also prove to be indicators of developing diabetes and should be regularly monitored like lipid profile, kidney profile tests, thyroid tests, skin & eyes

Additionally, there are molecular tests which can be undertaken to assess the genetic root. Type I Diabetes is determined by the presence of one or more autoimmune markers. One can get tested to assess the levels of these, to determine the possibility of developing type I diabetes, or complications thereof.

Diabetes can't be cured (yet), but it can be controlled. Growing with Diabetes can be quite challenging for kids, from physical as well as an emotional point of view. Children with Diabetes require balanced nutrition, exercise, and most importantly, support from those close to them.

Medical science is striving endlessly to ensure easier management of the disease, to enable young patients of type I Diabetes to lead fulfilling lives. In a situation with so much at stake, forewarned is definitely forearmed, and it falls on parents, doctors, and the adults in their lives to ensure that we take this responsibility.

## WARMFOODS

**CAYENNE PEPPER:** Cayenne peppers are a type of chili pepper. They belong to the nightshade family of flowering plants and are closely related to bell peppers and jalapenos. Cayenne peppers are a popular spice used in many different regional styles of cooking, and they have been used medicinally for thousands of years.

The capsaicin in cayenne peppers has metabolism-boosting properties. It helps increase the amount of heat your body produces, making you burn more calories per day.

Cayenne pepper may help boost the stomach's defense against infections, increase digestive fluid production and help deliver enzymes to the stomach, aiding digestion

It is full of beta carotene and anti-oxidants that support your immune system. It aids in breaking up and moving congested mucus and once this nasty mucus will leave the body, the symptoms of the flu or cold will diminish.



## Holi grail

Skin and eyecare experts share tips that can be followed this Holi

While it's a pleasure playing with colours on Holi, it's always quite a difficult task to get rid of the same after the festive party. Here are few of the tips which you can consider for post-holi cleansing of your skin, hair and nails:

First, you can opt for cleaning up after Holi is to shampoo generously, and wash off the colours from the hair. It is also advised to oil the hair again after the shampoo in an order to lock the moisture in the hair. Second, you should clean your skin after Holi celebration with a face-wash which is gentle, and not harsh on the skin.

Third, you can put some aloe vera gel on the areas affected by the colors or sun burn caused due to the long exposure in sunlight. It can also be helpful to reduce the itching on the skin, caused due to the mixing of glass into the Holi colours.

Fourth, you can clean up after playing holi. Gently massage on your face and body with sesame seed oil as it helps in protecting the skin along with helping in removing the residues of the colours.

The final measure which you can take to clean up after playing holi is to apply a hair mask or hair pack. It can be well prepared by using the domestic remedies like making a mixture of henna powder, lemon juice and curd. Apply it on the hair and wash after an hour, it will make your hair free from harmful chemicals of the Holi colours and will ensure that your scalp is completely clean, while locking back the nourishment in the hair.

Ensure that if you find any serious issue popping up, then you need to consult a rightly qualified dermatologist for the same.

### LOOK BEFORE YOU PLAY

Holi — the festival of colours is finally here, bringing a lot of fun and joy with itself. It's a great amuse to drench into the hues of colours but at the same time it can be hazardous to our skin, nails as well as hair, as it can result into acne, rashes and many other skin diseases. It's quite an important thing to make yourself prepared well in advance for the same, you can do so by keeping the points in mind.

First, apply ice cubes and massage with the same for around ten minutes as it will close the open skin pores thereby, preventing the acne to appear on the skin. Second, you can put almond oil on your whole body as it acts as a wall between the skin and the color, preventing the colour sticking onto the body. It's also enriched with Vitamin E, providing nourishment to the body. The third thing which you can do to prepare yourself before indulging into the colours is to put sunscreen on the whole body to shield your skin from the exposure to the perilous UV Rays, which can also lead to tanning. The fourth thing which you can do for a safe Holi is to put petroleum jelly around the fingertips, nails, in between the fingers, at the back-side of ears, and on the lips as well. The final measure which you can take for a hassle free Holi is to shampoo as well as condition your hair well before playing Holi too, because if the pre-dirt of the hair mixes with the colours, it can damage your hair at a great extent resulting into rough and dry hair, which can further lead to a huge amount of hair-fall.

## DadiKa Kehna

*The weather is just right to play Holi. While most people take care of the skin and nails when they play with colours, many forget that haircare is just as important. ROISHANI DEVI shares tips to prevent damage to them*



When you are playing Holi, you forget the damage the colours can do to your skin, eyes and hair. But that doesn't mean that you can't enjoy this festival of colours. Here are tips that one can follow:

Putting lots of hair oil is an age-old trick to prevent the hair from getting damaged. Ensure that you oil them at least an hour before you start playing with colours. One can use almond oil.

Drink lots of fluids. Keep yourself well hydrated this will prevent your hair from getting dry and more vulnerable to harsh colours.

Ensure that you tie your hair properly, braid them. A better way would be to use a scarf to tie your hair. This will prevent

the hair from damage.

After you have finished playing with colours, it is important to wash your hair properly. First, thoroughly wash your hair with plain water to get rid of the colour.

Use a mild shampoo. Leave it on for about 10 minutes. Rinse and apply a conditioner. You can make your own shampoo using shikakai, reetha and orange or lemon peel. If your hair feel dry, oil your hair again and leave it overnight. Wash off, the next day.

Apply a deep cleansing conditioner. Apply a hair mask using lemon, eggs, yogurt and amla after two to three days to treat the damage done to your hair.



## BE AWARE OF EYE INFECTIONS

Our eyes are among those body parts, which are extremely susceptible during Holi. Uses of synthetic colours that are composed of chemicals possess a great threat to one's eyes. The artificial green colour used on Holi comes from copper sulphate, which can cause several eye infections and allergy.

Eye infections are caused by bacteria, chemicals or other microbiological agents. There are different types of eye infections with different causes and treatments. Most common eye infections are conjunctivitis/pink eye, keratitis, endophthalmitis, blepharitis, sty, uveitis, cellulitis and ocular herpes.

■ **EYE ALLERGY:** Eye allergy post-Holi is fairly common. Symptoms of eye allergy include redness of the eye, itching, tearing, burning, sting-



ing and watery discharge. Eyelids become inflamed and, sometimes, you may experience blurred vision. The longer the synthetic colour is in the eye, the more damage it will cause.

You can save yourself from eye allergy post Holi by washing your eye immediately with plain water and continue washing for at least ten minutes. The particles of the chemical will wash away and you will feel relaxed. There are a number of eye drops that can help you relieve eye allergy.

■ **TESTS TO DIAGNOSE EYE INFECTION:** Tests for diagnosis of eye infections like viral retinitis, endophthalmitis, and Fuch's uveitis. Molecular panels for diagnosing these conditions are based on advanced molecular methods and provide greater than 90 per cent sensitivity with the assurance of 100 per cent specificity, leading to faster and effective treatment.

The writer is Dr Aparna Kotekar HOD, Molecular Department, iGenetic Diagnostics

### SKIN CARE

Playing Holi is fun, but it's hectic to get back your skin in the very same condition as Holi colours grasp the nourishment of the skin and thereby, turn it dry. Here are some of the tips which you can adapt for a healthy skin, post Holi celebration. One should also consult a qualified dermatologist for taking extra special care. Follow the following steps and get rid of all your jitters.

First, have a bath in lukewarm or normal water to remove the dry colours from the skin. Do not use soaps as it is alkaline in nature and can be harsh on the skin, and can cause further dryness. For face, choosing cleansing cream over face wash is a better option as it will soothe the skin and won't be causing any itching or irritation. Gently massage the cleansing lotion all over the skin and remove it with a moist cotton.

Second, after washing the face pack, you can apply moisturiser all over the body.

Third, coconut oil can be used as a skin cleanser and to lock the moisture in the skin.

Fourth, to remove the colours from the fingertips, or around the nails you can mix the rose water into the warm water and dip your hands and feet in the same.

Fifth, you can do to take care of your skin is not to use any body or face scrub, exfoliators, after at least 48 hours of playing holi.

Finally, you can adapt to take care of your skin is to avoid going out in much exposure to the sun.

### TREATMENT

Holi colours can lead to skin rashes or skin infection which can result into severe burning and itching that can be very much harmful to

skin. What you can do as a measure of precaution is to keep a first-aid box, or medicine pouch handy with yourself so that if any emergency strikes, it can be helpful. In that you can keep some antiseptic powder, solution, cream, and lotion, bandage, anti-burning cream, band aid, anti-allergic tablets, body oil, moisturiser, petroleum jelly, face and hand cream, sunscreen to protect the skin from sunburn. These solutions can act as a saviour for your skin from any kind of hazardous skin diseases or rashes that can be caused due to the Holi colours.

### AVOID

Many skin treatments should be avoided during the festive season of Holi as it can affect adversely to our skin as there is colour mixed in the air and everywhere throughout the atmosphere. It can cause severe skin diseases like skin peeling, rashes, itching, or irritation and others. Skin treatments which involve exfoliation in any of the forms like scrub, peel, or dermabrasion should be avoided before or just after Holi, instead you should go for mild hydrating and oxygen infusion rejuvenation treatments to prep your skin and make it healthy from within. You can use home based remedies like aloe vera as it moisturises the skin, reduces inflammation, and thereby, turning the skin cool, it also helps in reducing the peeling of the skin. It soothes the irritated skin and helps in reducing sunburn, and areas which feel hot and painful.

However, the best way to take precaution of skincare during Holi is to consult a qualified dermatologist for the same.

The writer is Dr Rohit Batra, Dermatologist, Sri Ganga Ram Hospital & Dr Neha Mittal, Cosmetic Physician, Dermaworld Skin & Hair care

## WATCH THE SCALES

**SATKAM DIVYA** tells you how to keep yourself healthy this festive season

Can diet alter your health happiness? The answer to this is a certain yes. One has to be thoughtful while eating if you love to be healthy and in shape. Festivals are a sweet delight we all know. However, too much of sweetness comes hand in hand with excessive calories which can hamper your body's weight and health as well.

Festivals like Holi in which sweet indulgence is a must with no escape formula, it becomes hard to avoid sweet as well as its cravings. Certainly, there is no fixed diet which can be followed during a festive season. Also, each person will have their different set of rules. Like for example a diet suggestion by our grandma and a plan given by a gym instructor will match nowhere during these festivities. But it is an individual's responsibility to kill those little sweet craving monsters jumping inside or to satisfy them with a little or optional indulgence. It has to be you and only you who can decide what and how much you are going to eat by following your ming or a heart.

■ **What are the basics of diet which need to be kept in mind during festivals?**

Festive season diet is very essential and a beginning to the basics is by stocking the right type of food to munch on during celebrations. Getting your hands on the right ingredients is the best to watch your calories and keeping your diet healthy even amidst the celebrations.

You can choose to go nutty over the nuts since they contain the healthy fats which can help your skin and hair without any further harming to weight. A handful of dry fruits like raisins, almonds, figs, pistachio, apricots, and cashews, are few healthy eating as well as gifting options during this Holi. Dried fruits can also be added to several home-made low-calorie sweets during the festival as well.

It is also important to avoid deep ghee indulgence along with white sugar and instead, switching over to sweets made from jaggery or dark chocolate with dry fruits will be a far better option. Sweets made from white flour, sugar, and ghee must be minimised to keep excessive calories at bay. Eating healthy as well as gifting healthy items must be a proper *mantra* this Holi.

Spicing of healthy festivals can be done with savory and sweet foods by adding cloves, saffron, cinnamon, cardamom, and black peppercorns and others. Besides giving a good flavour to foods these are enriched with several biological properties to help the health with several benefits. These are also readily available in our Indian kitchens as well.

To keep yourself healthy and fit you can rely on the following tips:

■ Try to stick to your daily work out regime if you follow any. Because little more food indulgence with a break of workout regime can trigger a sudden weight put on.

■ Cooking fiesta during festivals is a stress buster for many. However, empty stomach cooking might result in snacking on each and every stuff your eyes get hold on. To avoid this, it is best is either to cook while you are not too hungry or keeping unhealthy snacks out of your easy reach in kitchen closets.

■ Grocery shopping during pre-festival preparations must be linked with some principles to follow. Like opting for only healthy foods to store and avoiding unhealthy stuff from the beginning.

■ Refrain from non-veg meals and opt for more natural vegetables and fruits in meals. Else opt a *mantra* to keep a balance between veg and non-veg diet with mindful diet instead of binging on non-veg entirely giving the festival a reason to yourself for overeating.

■ Always remember to stay hydrated and have plenty of water and other fluids.

The writer is CEO, KlinicApp

## TIPTOP

Recently Pharmazz India Pvt Ltd presented its nine years of research done for developing life saving drugs at a conference. These drugs will be helpful in

cases of accidents, maternal mortality, diarrhoea and burns as these can control excessive blood loss or fluid loss from the patient's body to such an extent that doctors can effectively get extra time of 6-7 hours to save the life. The event was attended by medical researchers from India and the US.

Twenty highly-credentialed Indians are executing human trial tests in 25 major Indian medical institutions, that address shock from serious blood loss, stroke from reduced blood supply to the brain, Alzheimer's disease and injuries to the spinal cord.

"This conference shows Indian doctors and scientists collaborating on new

technological answers to life-threatening challenges faced by millions of Indians," Pharmazz Co-founder Anil Gulati, PhD, MD, said.

Millions of Indians are afflicted by these injuries and diseases every year. For instance, we have very high rates of car crashes. People are injured and bleed. Millions have lost their lives from the blood loss. Our drug has already saved lives in clinical trials, and we hope it will be successful and save more," Dr Gulati said.

Considering the preclinical and clinical data till date, the chances of survival are very high. The drug has shown remarkable effects in patients of hypovolemic shock. Three important surrogate clinical endpoints for hypovolemic shock are blood pressure, blood lactate and base-deficit. The results demonstrate all three points significantly (P<0.001) improved.



### SLIMLINE

Increased use of digital media may be partly responsible for the growth in the percentage of young adults experiencing certain types of mental health disorders in the US over the past decade, suggests new research.

"More US adolescents and young adults in the late 2010s, versus the mid-2000s, experienced serious psychological distress, major depression or suicidal thoughts, and more attempted suicide," said lead study

author Jean Twenge, Professor of Psychology at San Diego State University in the US. These trends are weak or non-existent among adults 26 years and over, suggesting a generational shift in mood disorders instead of an overall increase across all ages. Cultural trends in the last 10 years may have had a larger effect on mood disorders and suicide-related outcomes among younger generations compared with older generations

### STUDYCENTRE

Statistics by the WHO indicate that there are about 466 million people across the world with disabling hearing loss. This number is likely to increase to 900 million by 2050 if no action is taken. The need of the hour is to lay emphasis on early identification and intervention for hearing loss. More than one billion young adults aged between 12 and 35 years are at risk of hearing loss due to exposure to higher recreational noise levels. Around one-third of people over 65 years of age are affected by disabling hearing loss.

It is recommended that people who are continuously exposed to a noise level of greater than 85 dB should be provided hearing protection. Tips from Heart Care Foundation of India:

■ Traffic flow around areas like schools and hospitals should be minimised as much as possible. Signboards displaying 'Silence zone', 'No honking' must be placed near them.

■ Ban the use of horns with jarring sounds, motorbikes with damaged exhaust pipes, and noisy trucks.

■ The use of loudspeakers in parties and discos, as well as public announcements systems should be checked and discouraged.

■ Noise rules must be stringent and strictly enforced near such silence zones.

■ Plant trees along roads and in residential areas is a good way to reduce noise pollution as they absorb sound.





# May in last-minute push to win Brexit support

AP ■ LONDON

British Prime Minister Theresa May was making a last-minute push on Monday to win support for her European Union divorce deal, warning opponents that failure to approve would mean a long — and possibly indefinite — delay to Brexit.

Parliament has rejected the agreement twice, but May aims to try a third time this week if she can persuade enough lawmakers to change their minds. Her aim is to have the deal agreed before EU leaders meet Thursday for a summit in Brussels.

But there was no sign of a breakthrough, and the government faces a deadline of the end of Tuesday to decide whether they have enough votes to pass the deal, so that a vote can be held on Wednesday.

May's spokesman, James Slack, said Monday that the government would only hold a vote if there is "a realistic prospect of success." May is likely to ask for a delay to Brexit at the Brussels summit. If a deal is approved, she says she will ask the EU to extend the deadline until June 30 so that Parliament has time to approve the necessary legislation.

If it isn't, she will have to seek a longer extension that



would mean Britain participating in May 23-26 elections for the European Parliament — something the government is keen to avoid.

May's goal is to win over Northern Ireland's small, power-brokered Democratic Unionist Party. The DUP's 10 lawmakers prop up May's Conservative government, and their support could influence pro-Brexit Conservatives to drop their opposition to the deal.

Still, May faces a struggle to reverse the huge margins of defeat for the agreement in Parliament. It was rejected by 230 votes in January and by 149 votes last week.

Influential Conservative Brexiters Jacob Rees-Mogg said he would wait to see what the DUP decided before making up his mind on whether to support May's deal.

"No deal is better than a bad deal, but a bad deal is better than

remaining in the European Union," he told LBC radio.

British Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt said Monday he saw "cautious signs of encouragement" that the deal might make it through Parliament this week.

After months of political deadlock, British lawmakers voted last week to seek to postpone Brexit. That will likely avert a chaotic British withdrawal on the scheduled exit date of March 29 — although the power to approve or reject a Brexit extension lies with the EU, whose leaders are fed up with British prevarication. EU leaders say they will only grant it if Britain has a solid plan for what to do with the extra time.

"We have to know what the British want: How long, what is the reason supposed to be, how it should go, what is actually the aim of the extension?" German Foreign Minister Heiko Maas told reporters in Brussels.

"The longer it is delayed, the more difficult it will certainly be," Belgian Foreign Minister Didier Reynders agreed, saying: "We are not against an extension in Belgium, but the problem is — to do what?" Opposition to May's deal centers on a measure designed to ensure there is no hard border between the U.K.'s Northern Ireland and EU member Ireland after Brexit.

# China's air prowess on Pak Day

PTI ■ BEIJING

The J-10 fighter jets of the Chinese air force will participate in Pakistan's National Day parade on March 23, state-media reported Monday.

The J-10 fighter jets of the People's Liberation Army Air Force's Bayi Aerobatic Team arrived in Pakistan on Saturday in preparation for a flight performance there, Global Times reported.

Contingents from countries including China, Saudi

## PAKISTAN'S NATIONAL DAY PARADE

Arabia and Turkey will participate in the parade, with Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad being the guest of honour, the report said.

Hu Zhiyong, a research fellow at the Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences' Institute of International Relations, told the daily that China sending fighter jets to celebrate Pakistan Day is symbolic of the friendship between the two countries

noting that Pakistan is an "all-weather friend" of China.

Recently China announced plans to upgrade the JF-17 fighter jet being jointly produced by both the countries.

In addition to the J-10's flight performance, Chinese analysts expect more Chinese elements at Pakistan Day parade as the country operates a variety of Chinese weapons.

The Pakistan Air Force also operates the ZDK-03 early

warning aircraft, which is developed by China and is reportedly capable of aerial detection and sharing real time battlefield information.

The MBT-2000 main battle tank developed by China North Industries Corporation (Norinco) is designated the Al-Khalid in the Pakistan Army, the report said.

Pakistan also operates the likes of China's HJ-8 anti-tank missile and FM-90 air defence missile, according to China Military Online.

## GLOBE TROTTER

**6 KILLED IN POLL VIOLENCE IN B'DESH**  
**Dhaka:** Six people, including a presiding officer, were shot dead on Monday by unidentified gunmen in Bangladesh's southeastern hills on the second phase of a nationwide sub-district polls, police said. Eight others, including some policemen, were injured in the shootings at Baghaichhari sub-district headquarters in Rangamati district.

**DR CONGO TRAIN DERAILMENT KILLS 24**  
**Kinshasa:** At least 24 people were killed and 31 injured when a freight train carrying stowaways derailed in the Democratic Republic of Congo, police and medical services said. The accident occurred Sunday in Kasai province, in the centre-west of the central African country. "We have retrieved 24 bodies, mostly children. It is a provisional toll because the wagons are still overturned," a railway police official in Bena Leka, 140 kilometres (90 miles) north of Kananga, one of the main towns in Kasai, told AFP.

**21 DEAD AS GUNMEN STORM MALI ARMY CAMP**  
**Bamako:** Suspected jihadists have killed 21 Malian soldiers in a raid on an army camp in central Mali, military sources said, after a dawn attack that the armed forces believe was led by a deserter.

## Musharraf admitted to Dubai hospital after reaction from rare disease: Party

PTI ■ ISLAMABAD

Pakistan's former military ruler Pervez Musharraf has been admitted to a hospital in Dubai after suffering a reaction from a rare disease that has weakened his nervous system, his party has said.

General (retd) Musharraf, 75, who has been living in Dubai since March 2016, is facing the treason case for suspending the Constitution in 2007, a punishable offence for which he was indicted in 2014.

A conviction for high treason carries the death penalty or life imprisonment.

# More than 1,000 feared dead in Mozambique storm

AFP ■ BEIRA (MOZAMBIQUE)

More than a thousand people are feared to have died in a cyclone that smashed into Mozambique last week, while scores have been killed and more than 150 are missing in neighbouring Zimbabwe.

The city of Beira in central Mozambique bore Cyclone Idai's full wrath on Thursday before the storm barrelled on to neighbouring Zimbabwe, unleashing fierce winds and flash floods and washing away roads and houses.

"For the moment we have registered 84 deaths officially, but when we flew over the

area... This morning to understand what's going on, everything indicates that we could register more than 1,000 deaths," Mozambican President Filipe Nyusi said in a nationwide address.

"This is a real humanitarian disaster," he said. "More than 100,000 people are in danger".

Aerial photographs released by a Christian non-profit organisation, the Mission Aviation Fellowship, showed groups of people stuck on roof tops with flood waters up to window level.

"The scale of damage... (in) Beira is massive and horrifying", the International

Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) said.

Ninety percent of the city of some 530,000 people and its surrounding area has been "damaged or destroyed," it said in a statement.

"The situation is terrible. The scale of devastation is enormous," the IFRC's Jamie LeSueur said.

"Almost everything is destroyed. Communication lines have been completely cut and roads have been destroyed. Some affected communities are not accessible." A large dam burst on Sunday and cut off the last road to Beira, he said.

## SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED FEMALE

General Public is hereby informed that one female (depicted in the photo) namely **Saroj D/o Kannu R/o H. No. C-2/16, Nangli Vihar Extn., Baprola, Delhi Aged - 20 Years** has been reported missing/kidnapped since 20.02.2019 from the area of P.S. Ranhola, Delhi vide **DD No. 17-A Dated 21.02.2019** registered at Police Station Ranhola, Delhi. Her physical description is as under:-



Saroj

**Complexion:** Fair, **Height:** 5'3", **Face:** Round, **Clothing:** Golden coloured suit, black coloured salwar and sandal in feet.

Any person having any information/Clue about this missing/kidnapped female, may inform SHO, Ranhola, Delhi at E-mail : **cic@cbi.gov.in** or website : **http://cbi.nic.in**

Tele No. : 011-24368638 or 24368641 Sd/-  
FAX No. : 011-24368639 SHO, Ranhola, Delhi  
DP/2007/OD/19 Tel.: 011-28363001, 28363002, 28363003

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the Public that the Original Registered Lease Deed dated 13.11.1997 executed between U.P. State Industrial Development Corporation Limited and Ved Ram & Sons (now as VRS Foods Limited) for the Property bearing address at B-56, Site-IV, Sahibabad Industrial Area, Sahibabad, Ghaziabad, U.P., duly Registered with Sub Registrar having Bahi No.1, Jild-4632, Page-226/232, Number 4131/32 dated 20.11.1997, has been lost/misplaced.

An FIR/NCR to this effect has already been lodged in the Police Station; Crime Branch, Delhi Vide LR No. 749429/2019 dated 01.03.2019. All persons are hereby informed not to deal or carry out any transaction with anyone else on the basis of the said lost documents and anyone dealing based on the said original Registered Lease Deed will be doing so at their own risk and consequence. Any person claiming any right, interest, having any objection or found in possession of the Original Documents may kindly inform the undersigned in writing on the below mentioned address within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice.

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Dear Sir/Madam,

NOTICE U/S 13(2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS & ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002

1) We have, at your request, granted to borrower's various credit limits for an aggregate amount of Rs. 12,27,490/- and we give below full details of various credit facilities granted by us:

Sl. No.	Nature of facility Account number	Limit	Outstanding liability	NPA Date
1.	9033720000186	1227490	1279229.66	30/06/2018
	TOTAL	1227490	1279229.66	

2) As you have defaulted in repayment of your liabilities, We have classified your account/s as Non Performing Assets on the dates mentioned above in accordance with the directions or guidelines issued by the reserve bank of India, and secondly applied in discharge of the dues of us as mentioned above with contractual interest from the date of this said notice till the date of actual realisation, and the residue of the money, if any, shall be paid to you.

3) Please take note that after receipt of this notice, you shall not transfer by way of sale lease or otherwise any of the secured assets referred to in this notice, without your prior written consent of the Bank (Secured Creditor). If done it is an offence punishable under Section-2 of the act.

4) Your attention is also invited to provisions of sub-section (B) of section 13 of the act, respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

5) Please take further note that this is without prejudice to the rights of the bank to against all you before the DRT / Competent Court for recovery of the entire balance amount outstanding or any part there of along with interest payable and costs till the date of realisation.

Date : 18.03.2019  
Place: New Delhi

(Authorized Officer)  
Syndicate Bank

# Will remain sensitive towards India's security, strategic concerns: Maldives

PTI ■ MALE

The Maldives on Monday reaffirmed its "India-First Policy", saying it looks forward to working closely with India on all issues and will remain sensitive towards its security and strategic concerns as External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj held talks with the country's top leadership.

The Maldivian leaders also expressed commitment to support India's efforts to combat terrorism, particularly cross-border terrorism, and crimes such as piracy, organised crime, narcotic drugs and human trafficking.

Swaraj arrived here on Sunday on a two-day visit, the first full-fledged bilateral trip from India to the strategically located Indian Ocean island nation after the government of President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih came to power in November last year.

She held talks with President Solih, Foreign Minister Abdullah Shahid, former President Mohamed Nasheed and other top leaders.

The External Affairs Minister and Solih took stock of the progress made in bilateral relations since his visit to India in December 2018.

Swaraj and her Maldivian counterpart Shahid during their meeting on Sunday discussed the entire gamut of bilateral relations and also noted the number of high level exchanges, between the two countries over the past three months.

They recalled the visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to attend the swearing-in ceremony of President Solih in November as well as his visit to India in December.

The bilateral talks between the Foreign Ministers was followed by a joint ministerial meeting in which Swaraj held

discussions with Shahid, Defence Minister Mariya Ahmed Didi, Finance Minister Ibrahim Ameer and other ministers.

She also met Maldivian Home Minister Imran Abdulla on Monday and discussed steps to continue the upward trajectory in bilateral relationship. "Foreign Minister Shahid reiterated his government's "India-First Policy" and said that his Government looks forward to working closely with the Government of India on all issues.

He also reiterated that the Government of Maldives would remain sensitive towards India's security and strategic concerns, "according to a joint statement.

Maldives is an important country for India's maritime security and there have been concerns in India over China's growing influence over the country in the last few years.

# Gunman kills three on Dutch tram, taken into custody

AP ■ UTRECHT

A gunman killed three people and wounded nine others on a tram in the central Dutch city of Utrecht, sparking a man-hunt that saw heavily armed officers with sniffer dogs zero in on an apartment building close to the shooting. The suspect in a shooting arrested on Monday. Authorities immediately raised the terror alert for the area to the maximum level, and the city's mayor said a "terror motive" was the most likely theory.

Dutch military police went on extra alert at Dutch airports and at key buildings in the country as the Utrecht man-hunt took place.

A few hours after the shooting, Utrecht police released a photo of a 37-year-old man born in Turkey who they said was "associated with the incident." The photo showed a bearded man on

board a tram, dressed in a dark blue hooded top.

Police warned citizens not to approach the man, whom they identified as Gokmen Tanis, but call authorities instead.

The Utrecht attack came three days after 50 people were

killed when an immigrant-hating white nationalist opened fire at two mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand during Friday prayers. There was no immediate indication of any link between the two events.

**PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON**  
(See Section 82 Cr. P.C.)  
Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person **Sagar S/o Pritam Singh R/o Y-142, Mangol Puri, Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed ) the offence in case **FIR No. 180/18, u/s 379/411/34 IPC** at P.S. Mangol Puri, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon that the said **Sagar** could not be found and where it has been shown to my satisfaction that the accused **Sagar** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Sagar** is required to appear before the court to answer the said complaint on or before **01.08.2019**.  
By Order  
**Sh. Rakesh Kumar -II**  
Metropolitan Magistrate (North-West)  
DP/2019/OD/19 Room No. 105, 1st floor, Rohini Courts, Delhi (Court Notice)

**APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION**  
  
General public is hereby informed that an **unidentified body of a male namely Unknown (Nickname: Apple @ Mithun), S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, was found 10.03.2019 at 03.00 PM on Community Center, Behind Janak Cinema, Janak Puri, Delhi.** In this regard **DD No. 46-A, dated 10.03.2019** has been lodged at Police Station, Janakpuri, New Delhi. Dead Body has been preserved 72 Hrs. at mortuary, DDU Hospital, Hari Nagar, Delhi. Identification of unidentified dead body of male is as under:  
**Name: Unknown, Age: 30-35 Years, Height: 5'6", Complexion: Shallow, Face: Long, Built: Normal, Wearing: Blue Jeans, Full Black T-Shirt and Black Shoes.** If anyone have any information or clue about this male deceased may kindly be inform undersigned.  
**SHO**  
**Police Station, Janakpuri, New Delhi**  
DP/8163/WD/19 Ph.: 011-25551410, 8750871129

**APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION**  
  
General public is hereby informed that an unknown dead body was found at **under hanuman Setu, Yamuna Bazaar, Kashmiri Gate, Delhi**, dated 05.03.2019. In this regard a **DD No. 52-A dated 05.03.2019**, has been lodged at **P.S. Kashmiri Gate, Delhi**.  
The Description of the dead body is given as under: **Name: Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Sex: Male, Age: 40 years, Height: 5'7", Complexion: Shallow, Wearing: Grey Colour T-Shirt, Grey Jacket, Blue Jeans Pant and Bare Footed.**  
Sincere efforts have been made by the local Police to trace out the dead person but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone having any information about this dead person, please inform undersigned.  
**SHO**  
**P.S. Kashmiri Gate, Delhi**  
Ph: 011-23968730, 0875087123  
DP/9772/N/19

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**PUBLIC NOTICE - TENDER CUM AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET**  
[See proviso to rule 8 (6)]  
**Notice for sale of immovable properties**  
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.  
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Ltd. will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis as per the brief particulars given hereunder :

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s) /Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Loan Account No. (B)	Details of the Secured assets with known encumbrances, if any (A)	Amount Outstanding (In ₹) (D)	Reserve Price (In ₹) (E)	Earnest Money Deposit (In ₹) (F)	Date of Property Inspection and Time (G)	Date & Time of Auction (H)
1.	Mr. Atul lamba (Borrower), Bishamber Lal lamba/ Rupali Lamba (Co-Borrower) - LBCB700001490991	Flat No. A- 2, 306, Third Floor Of Silver Stale, Plot No. F- 29, Sector 50, Noida. Area Is 1735 Sq. Ft.	Rs. 45,51,494/- as on March 11, 2019	Rs. 1,08,00,000/-	Rs. 10,80,000/-	March 27, 2019, From 12:00 Noon to 2:00 PM	April 9, 2019, From 12:00 Noon to 2:00 PM

The online auction will take place on the website of auction agency **Shriram Automall India Ltd. (URL Link – "https://eauctions.samil.in")**. The Mortgagees/ Noticee are given last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till **April 8, 2019, before 5:00 P.M** failing which, this/these secured assets/s will be sold as per schedule.

The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit their offer along with aforesaid earnest money deposit (as referred in column No. (F)) in a sealed envelope superscribed "offer for purchase of property" so as to reach at **ICICI Bank Limited, 2nd Floor Videocon Tower, Block E-1, Jhandewalan Extension, Rani Jhansi Road, Delhi-110055** or our marketing agents **Shriram Automall India Ltd** having their office at **2nd Floor, Best Sky Tower, Netaji Subhash Place, Pitampura, New Delhi – 110034** on or before **April 8, 2019 before 5:00 P.M.** The marketing agency has also been engaged as auctioneer for proper conduct of auction. EMD DD / PO should be from a Nationalised /Scheduled Bank favouring **"ICICI Bank Limited"** payable at **Delhi**. For any further clarifications with regards to inspection, terms and conditions of the auction or submission of tenders, kindly contact on Mobile no. **8584874809/ 8657476284** of ICICI Bank Limited or **9910453434** of Shriram Automall India Ltd. The tenders which are acknowledged by the Bank/e-auction vendor official and registered before the cut off time with complete details shall only be considered for auction. The Authorized Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any reasons thereof. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please visit ICICI Bank Ltd website at **https://www.icicibank.com/notice-board/properties-for-sale/properties.page?**  
Sd/-  
**Authorised Officer**  
**ICICI Bank Limited.**  
Date : March 19, 2019  
Place : Delhi/ NCR



**Trend**  
*Blazer*

**‘Being in love helps onscreen’**

It is a happy co-incidence that actor **ALI FAZAL** has done his first full-fledged romantic film *Milan Talkies* right when his own love story with actress **Richa Chadha** unfolds. Reluctantly Ali, who is currently looking at the second season of his successful digital series *Mirzapur*, admits that being in love does make celluloid love more interesting.

“I am sure it affects the way you look at love. How can it not? But more than my own feelings, I relied on my director Tigmanshu Dhulia to guide me through the conventions of love in *Milan Talkies*. He had never done a full-on love story. Neither had I.”

**‘Wild Edens: South Asia will devote an entire episode to my native country of India. With this, millions of people will have the opportunity to see my country as an exotic mix of wild nature, rare animal life, unique wildlife sanctuaries and magnificent landscapes that are mesmerising and are also under the threat of dangers of climate change.’**

**—Freida Pinto**

Actress **JANHVI KAPOOR** says her films are more important to her than earning fame as she has experienced fame since her childhood.

“Fame is important for every actor and whatever fame I have earned is all because of my family. I have been getting recognised more after my first film so, I am very grateful for love and support which I received from the media and the audience. I have experienced fame since my childhood so now my work, acting and films are more important to me than fame,” Janhvi said.

She is currently working on the untitled biopic of Gunjan Saxena, the Indian Air Force's female combat pilot.

**Kim helps rehouse an ex-prisoner**

Reality TV star **KIM KARDASHIAN** has issued a plea on social media after her deal to rehouse a former prisoner fell through.

It was revealed that the beauty mogul had offered to cover Matthew Charles' rent for the next five years, as he was struggling to find a place to live due to his criminal record. Matthew was released in January after serving more than 20 years of his 35-year sentence for non-violent drug and weapons charges, following the implementation of the First Step Act, a US prison reform bill. The *Keeping Up with the Kardashians* star reached out to him privately and made the generous offer in an effort to get him back on his feet following his release.

# HAVE MONEY, WILL FLY

Millennials are availing loans to finance travel to their dream destinations. By TEAM VIVA

More than a perfect house or balcony, it is the number of stamps on passports that millennials save for today. With India estimated to become the youngest country by 2022, the Indian millennials are majorly influencing the country's travel trends, which show that travel has become a way of life for many young Indians and they are structuring their work and financial plans to ensure frequent get-aways. They don't share their parents' interest of investing in commodities.

Keeping in mind that Indians are travelling more than the global average, Nalini Gupta, head of Costa Cruise, India, says that the trend of travel loans has emerged and now many fin tech companies are offering personal and retail loans for people to sponsor their travel packages. “However, the young Indian and especially the Gen Z, which grew in the midst of the great recession,

have also become fiscally conscious travellers, who will pre book to save money and unlike their parents do not make last minute travel decisions,” she says.

According to Karan Anand, head relationships, Cox & Kings, “The trend of taking more than one holiday by millennials has led to many of them opting for travel loans. These are for destinations such as the Far East and Europe. Even those who take short breaks to Dubai any Abu Dhabi fall in this bracket. These loans have a tenure of 18 to 24 months which make them attractive.”

Heena J Akhtar, co founder, TripXOXO says, “Travel loans have become prevalent in the last three years. Patrons are opting for their dream trips because they can upgrade the trips



**‘Patrons can upgrade to international destinations especially for their honeymoons. They are also exploring experiences such as a balloon flight with breakfast, falcon show and a helicopter ride’**

to international destinations especially for their honeymoons. Travellers are also exploring high-end experiences such as a balloon flight with breakfast and falcon show, a helicopter ride, Abu Dhabi Formula 1 or a skydive which make their holidays memorable. People do pre-bookings for summers before prices increase.”

The cruise industry in India is also expanding rapidly. This is

because the cruise product meets many of the requirements of travellers, who want good food, well-planned entertainment activities, Instagrammable experiences and visiting unique ports. Nalini says, “Cruise options provide great value for money propositions and more than anything are hassle-free. Given the growing demand of Indians wanting to cruise, it is estimated they will exceed Chinese cruise passengers soon. The major cruise destinations are Singapore, Europe, Dubai and Maldives.” Since cruises don't come cheap, finance offers a good option to travellers.

Anand Menon, brand leader, FCM Travel Solutions, points towards the summers as the season for the maximum number of vacations. He says, “There's an increase in demand and therefore the cost of travel packages is bound to go

up due to the rise in airfares and the rate of exchange (ROE). However, the rate of interest (ROI) for travel loans doesn't fluctuate significantly throughout the year, unlike ROE which can witness fluctuations dramatically.”

For instance, he says, on a given day the rate for one euro could be ₹80 and after a few months, it could be ₹87. Thus, the cost of travel packages can only be affected by the ROE. Also, this year, since the holiday season is approaching, we have witnessed an increase in queries by 38 to 39 per cent in March vis-à-vis January and February. Customers who book early always benefit.

People usually take loans between ₹2.5 lakh and ₹5 lakh for international destinations. The most common destinations are Europe, Australia and South Africa to travellers who might otherwise choose regular haunts in Goa, Thailand or Sri Lanka.



Bollywood names such as Amitabh Bachchan, Akshay Kumar and Anupam Kher have mourned the death of Goa Chief Minister Manohar Parrikar, who died at the age of 63.

A slew of actors remembered Parrikar and called him a “gentleman, intelligent and a good soul.”

Parrikar died at his private residence on Sunday after a prolonged battle with pancreatic cancer. He was diagnosed with advanced pancreatic cancer in February last year and in and out of hospitals in Goa, Mumbai, Delhi and New York since then, had turned “extremely critical” on Sunday, the Chief Minister's Office wrote on social media.

Here's what the entertainment celebrities have wrote on twitter:

**Amitabh Bachchan:** Manohar Parrikar CM Goa, passes away. A gentleman to the core, simple in demeanour and well respected. Spent few short moments with him... very dignified, fought his illness bravely. Prayers and condolences.

**Anupam Kher:** Deeply deeply saddened to know about the untimely demise of Manohar Parrikarji. He was one of the most real, dignified, intelligent, warm, down-to-earth and honest person I had met. He had a great quality of inspiring people so effortlessly. Will miss him. Om Shanti.

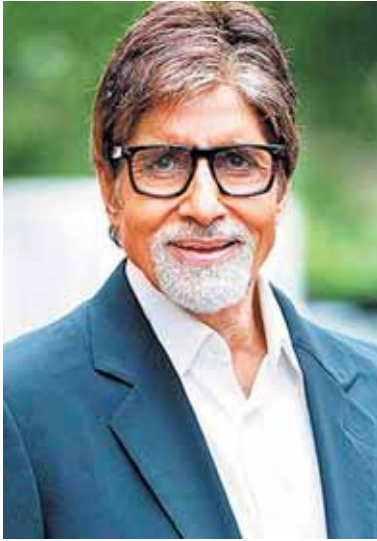
**Akshay Kumar:** Extremely sad at hearing about the demise of Manohar Parrikarji. I feel blessed to have had the fortune of meeting and knowing a sincere and good soul as he was. Heartfelt condolences to his family.

**Kay Kay Menon:** Manohar Parrikar, a fine example of 'simple living, high thinking'. A personality that inspired confidence in every position that he served for the Nation. RIP Sir.

**Randeep Hooda:** Man of few words, simple, epitome of integrity and efficiency, a straight shooter, defence minister,

## Bollywood bids goodbye

Top names from the film industry took to social media to mourn the demise of the former Goa CM, MANOHAR PARRIKAR, calling him the finest example of simple living and high thinking



three-time chief minister of Goa, away from the trappings of a person in power, IITian, well mannered, a true servant of the nation, an example to follow for one and all... Salute Manohar Parrikar.

**Swara Bhasker:** RIP Manohar Parrikar. Condolences and strength to the family in this tragic time of grief.

**Shankar Mahadevan:** A big void which can never be filled. An extremely sad day for India as we have lost one of the finest leaders, Manohar Parrikar. My heartfelt condolences and prayers for the family.

—IANS



## Mahesh meets cancer patient

Actor Mahesh Babu who never shies away from giving it back to the society, especially to his fans, reached out immediately to his ardent fan from Srikakulam who's suffering from cancer and had a wish of meeting his favorite actor.

A source reveals, “Mahesh believes that the position at which he is today is because of their loyalty and love. His heart melted when he came across this request. Amidst shooting for his forthcoming *Maharshi*, he tried every possible way to reach out to the official authorities and set up a meeting with his fan (Parvin Bybi) at the earliest.

“Mahesh didn't want to inform any one before going. He wanted to keep it as smooth as possible. He met her early in the morning and spent quality time. He's now in touch with her parents as well to constantly know about her health and help them out in every way possible.”

A recent study revealed that over 93 per cent of Indians are sleep deprived. By TEAM VIVA

It's scientifically proven that children who don't get adequate amount of sleep, develop cognitive and behavioral problems years later. Getting less sleep hurts these cognitive processes in many ways. First, it impairs attention, alertness, concentration, reasoning, and problem solving. This makes it more difficult to learn efficiently. Second, during the night, various sleep cycles play a role in consolidating memories in the mind. If you don't get enough sleep, you won't be able to remember what you learnt and experienced during the day. Teenagers are also prone to depression. Lack of sleep can also have negative effects on children's performance in school, during extracurricular activities and even in social relationships as it plays a critical role in thinking and learning. Conditions like attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), lack of concentration and high risk of obesity are linked to too little sleep in children. Everyone needs at least nine hours of sleep per night.

# THE BEST MEDITATION

A recent study conducted by Godrej Interio revealed that children are one of most sleep-deprived segments in India. They launched the sleep@10 campaign in 2017 that focused on addressing the rising concern over sleep deprivation. It was found that over 93 per cent of Indians are sleep-deprived.

The study is based on the insights sourced from Indians that have taken their sleep test on the sleep-o-meter. Over 3.5 lakh Indians have taken the sleep test and Delhi was found to be one of most sleep-deprived city in India. The study revealed that the problem of not sleeping on time wasn't only restricted to the adults in Delhi but kids as well wherein only 60 per cent of respondents below 18 years feel drowsy and tired after waking up which shows that sleep deprivation is on a rampant rise among the next generation. Around 45 per cent of the children respondents admitted that 'screen time', including television and phone, could be delaying their sleep hours while 41 per cent of the children respondents



said they slept after midnight while the ideal time would be around 10 pm.

According to the sleep-o-meter data, respondents between 18-25 age group, 29 per cent go to sleep between 12 midnight to 2 am while 58 per cent rarely sleep at 10 pm which is declared as an apt time for sleeping. Among respondents between 26-54 age group, 36 per cent get less than six hours of shut eye while only eight per cent respondents are able to sleep at 10 pm. For the respondents above the age of 55 years, 41 per cent sleep after 10 pm but before 12 am while 40.4 per cent rarely sleep around that time.

The exam times are stressful not only for children but everyone around them and especially for parents. One of the first steps parents must take to tackle anxiety and stress related to exams is to ensure that children are getting enough sleep. Getting adequate sleep is highly essential during exams as it helps them to focus, retain, and recall information better.



# HOW THEY PAINTED HISTORY

SAIMI SATTAR takes a walk through *Drishyakala*, an exhibition at the Red Fort, which documents the period from the 16th century to Independence

One gets a feeling of travelling back in time. The image is familiar, yet it is not, for it has been stripped of any appearance of modernity, including the chaos that becomes normal when there is an abundance of human population. An elephant cart pulling a load next to the footsteps of Delhi's Jama Masjid has the possibility of holding the viewer enthralled. Then there are the chariots of Mahabalipuram, no longer placed within the sanitised surroundings of today but rather appearing to be straight out of Mowgli's world akin to the old, abandoned palace inhabited by King Louie.

The 144 prints by Thomas and William Daniel, which featured in the six volumes of *Oriental Scenery* published between 1795 and 1808, occupy the top floor of the *Drishyakala* exhibition, which is being displayed at Barrack number 4 inside the Red Fort, a monument which can be considered to be the heart of Shahjahanabad. Put together by the DAG, these works are a part of one of the four exhibitions done with the Archaeological Survey of India as part of the public-private partnership. They represent the story of India between the 16th century to the Independence.

These exhibitions, which have works from private collections, museums and more, took more than six months to put together. "We got in touch with curators from outside DAG in 2017 and started towards the end of the same year. But it was in the last six or seven months that work started on it in full swing," says Poonam Baid, Researcher and Project Coordinator, Exhibitions & Publications, DAG.

There was a definite idea behind putting this up at a central place which does not fall into the realm of a traditional art gallery. "The idea behind putting these up at the Red Fort, which features on the list of must-visit for everyone and not just art aficionados, is to cater to the common people who would not otherwise visit something like the Art Fair. Besides, it would give them a sense of belonging to their heritage. This would enable them to see the national art treasures together, which have never been seen before," says Poonam. The effort seems to be bearing fruit as about 2,000-3,000 people are coming in every day. The way they browse and even the discussions that they have among themselves make it apparent that this is their first brush with art at close quarters. "We want to hold their attention. Our primary motivation was to reach out to



them with important art works," she says.

So, while the ground floor has the works of nine National Art Treasures, Abanindranath Tagore, Amrita Sher-Gil, Gaganendranath Tagore, Jamini Roy, Nandalal Bose, Nicholas Roerich, Rabindranath Tagore, Raja Ravi Varma, and Sailoz Mookherjee, the first floor is dedicated to portraits, which include those which are academic as well as royal, by impressionists and expressionists, and also popular prints during the period of freedom struggle and Independence. "Many of these canvasses and water colours were done to build a momentum towards popularising art in that period and that is how prints came in the picture," says Poonam. It is on the third level that the works of Daniels feature.

However, there are also overlaps. So while Raja Ravi Varma made paintings, he also set up the lithographic press and became the first person to print a picture in India. "He was a pioneer who set up a press and churned out oleographs and lithographs of his paintings so that every home had a Raja Ravi Varma as these

were representation of divinities," she points out. However it is not just the prints which make the cut at the exhibition. Verma was a master draughtsman and so his sketch-books too have been put on display.

At the entrance itself, flanked on either side by rooms that display the works of the nine artists, is the Indian Constitution adopted on January 26, 1950 which was not a printed document. It was entirely handcrafted by the artists of Shantiniketan under the guidance of one of the national treasures, Acharya Nandalal Bose, with the calligraphy texts done by Prem Behari Narain Raizada in Delhi.

Another important work by the artist is the Haripura that Nandal did for the 1938 Congress session. "We felt that this was important due to its historical context and people should see it. But there is also a mythological print as well as nature studies that he did in Shantiniketan and some collages. So all the genres of the artist and what all of them represent can be seen," says Poonam.

An early work of Jamini Roy for instance does not show the influence of the *Kalighat Pat* (Kalighat paint-



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ing), which was a style of art with bold sweeping brush-strokes, that the artist is known for. On the contrary, it can be classified more in the genre of an impressionist landscape which is representative of his early works.

Similarly Amrita Sher-Gil's works are showcased not just by her paintings but also by a sculpture of two wild cats — one of the few done by the artist.

"The works of these nine artists cannot be exported," informs Poonam. She also says that this is one of the biggest exhibitions which has works of all of the nine artists under one roof. "We selected the paintings on the basis of every genre, different kinds of work and when it was done by the artist. It also includes unseen works," she adds.

As an aside to this particular show, there are also timelines of each of the artists which highlight the important dates in their lives. Additionally, there are also films on each of the exhibitions to enable the public to better understand the idea, the artist as well as the works on display.

Moving on to the next floor, there are portraits of all sizes and clas-

sifications. "People are interested in the *rajas* and the royalty. A lot of thought process has gone into what would people like to see. You can engage with an academic portrait and look at the ornamental jewellery while being exposed to a legacy which has been put together," she says.

Many of these paintings look like they have been done in a studio setting. Poonam explains the reason for this. "These paintings often took off from photographs. The artists would imagine a studio with drapes and cushions and include these in the paintings."

There is also an interesting story behind how Indian artists started doing portraits. Poonam says, "When travelling European artist like Frank Brooks were given commissions to paint portraits, the Indian artists realised that the foreigner is getting good money for painting the maharaja. Moreover, making a life-size portraits was royal and regal which added more value to their art which the Indian artist was quick to understand. As a result, they too started doing commissioned works during the 18th and 19th century." Interestingly, while the subjects are documented, often there is no trace of the artists who remain anonymous since they were doing commissioned portraits and did not sign it.

A really massive painting made by Bourn and Shepard shows Nawab Mohammad Ali Khan Bahadur (1881-1947) of Malerkotla, Punjab done in the 1930s. An oil on canvas, it shows him in his regalia. The colours are fresh and well-preserved, including greens which have tendency to fade away. "It still has its original frame which weighs 380 kg and it required 12 people to carry it. The massive 108.0 x 60.0 inch painting was brought in separately and framed here," says Poonam.

However, it was not just the royalty which was getting their likeness painted. There is an entire section on Parsis, who were the first people who got into trades and businesses. "The royalty and the *rajas* were getting their portraits done and since the Parsis considered themselves next to royalty, they too commissioned artworks. They used to sit in the studio settings and got these made by artists like Pithawala or Pestonji Bomanji as they had the money to get it done."

Another section is devoted to artists who have made self-portraits like the ones by Pestonji Bomanji or Kishori Roy. There is also a photograph which has been hand-tinted to make it look like a painting.

On this floor, there are more prints, all of which are again anonymous. Most of the time, it is only the name of the press that one comes to know of, while the artists would by and large remain anonymous. The prints are divided into sections, so there is a representation of the heads of each of the princely states, a recreation of the 1911 Coronation or even one of George V and the royal consort Queen Mary in the one which pertains to the time of the British Raj. There is a separate section on the freedom struggle, which is rich in its representation of the heroes of the time, primarily Mahatma Gandhi and Subhash Chandra Bose. What is interesting to note is that while the ones from the British Raj are more formal and stiff, these are more of a representation that is rooted in popular culture. "A lot of literature was being written, which included caricature and sarcasm, during the freedom struggle. It was important to give representation through means of visual media as people can associate this easily with what they were reading," says Poonam.

The post-Independence section includes not just calendars but advertisements as well. The changing mood in the country can best be summed up by the addition of 'Shri' which is considered auspicious to the name of what was essentially a British company.

"We have tried to put together the prints according to how it was happening. These prints started with British era and go on to the Freedom Struggle and Independence. So while being divided into sections, it is also chronological but then some of the events were happening simultaneously. So overlaps are obviously there are many things were happening simultaneously," says Poonam.

Two smaller rooms also have newspapers, many of which have since then shut, on display. However, it is the third section on the second floor which is really captivating. The Daniels — William and Thomas — who were uncle and nephew were also artists who travelled across India starting from Calcutta in 1788. They did a series of prints. "The Daniels did something which was interesting. They started at one point and finished at another and whatever they saw, they documented. So it is essentially a documentation of India at that time," she says. Not surprisingly, these have become an important historical document. As has the exhibition.

(The *Drishyakala* exhibition is on display till July 31 at the Red Fort.)

## Letters from the past

A collection of three million rare stamps from the dominion of the Nizam of Hyderabad takes one back to the bygone era, says CHAHAK MITTAL



Emails and messages have altered the way we sit and communicate with people today. Purchasing stamps to post letters has become a bygone practice. We have lost the art of detailing and the pleasure of waiting to instant communication. Nevertheless, nostalgia continues to be the favourite among the ones who lived it, and as well the ones who have only heard of it through their ancestors.

Presented by the Guiral Foundation, *Property of a Gentleman, Stamps from the Nizam of Hyderabad's Dominions*, a US-based collector Hanut Ewari has inherited a collection of rare stamps and stamp sheets from his grandfather, Nawab Iqbal Hussain, who also served as the postmaster general of Hyderabad under the reign of seventh and last ruling Nizam of Hyderabad, Mir Osman Ali Khan. The exhibition, curated by Pramod Kumar KG, showcases the collection that has grown under the stewardship of Ewari with a plethora of stamps from across the globe.

Says Pramod, "The oldest stamp in the Ewari collection is from 1866. The collection consists of more than three million stamps and valuable, unusual and representative pieces from across what were called the princely states, including related paraphernalia such as blind and wet stamps, invitation cards, original letters, calligraphy art, postcards, revenue stamps of the region, erroneous stamps, seals and monograms."

Given that the stamps hail from the 1860s, they were in a very good shape

and properly maintained when he first looked at them. He says that it is also an evidence of how the paper used for these stamps has yellowed but didn't decay through the years. "They were properly maintained and in a healthy condition. We didn't have to restore any of it," informs Pramod.

Well, archives and repositories are much more than just shelves stacked with historical records. They are a crucial collection of the different kinds of material cultures inherited over the ages. The curator, who has been associated with a few national archives since a long time,

believes that India, being a country with vast diversity and history, can easily use and develop more archives for a deeper understanding of history and hence, a better development of the future. He feels that we don't know how to use our archives appropriately and effectively. "Museums and archives are a record that this existed and in a particular way. If we look at them closely, we will learn about things that are completely forgotten or ignored in the modern-day advancements. I feel that archives should be more than just about oral histories or past incidents. There is a lot to record for future

references like poetry, transition in language, artifacts, writings, graphic art and various other things not talked about today," says he.

He narrates that when the Ewari family approached him for the curation and presentation of their collection, he felt it was important since it "is something that will talk about the print history of India. These stamps reflect the postal history and transition of visual and graphic arts in the country. With the technological advancement, these objects, which once played an essential role in the communication network,

seem insignificant." He says that it important to make the current generation realise that they were originally used as modes of payment to transfer messages and facilitate revenue collection, and taxation.

The exhibition also aims to help people take into account that apart from their fiscal purposes, many states also utilised them as a way of celebrating the material heritage and culture of their region. The stamps show the use of exquisite calligraphy in diverse languages and architectural tropes that existed in the erstwhile Hyderabad.

Well, one of the most special elements of the exhibition, Pramod says, is the "focus on the architecture of the Nizam's dominion" on the stamps. The collection also includes the first stamp ever issued by the Nizam government in the city; a wide range of postage stamps in different colours, values, inscriptions and sizes; stamps featuring monuments from across the Nizam's dominion as well as the last stamp issued by the princely state, with the most special one being the rare stamps issued in the city to commemorate the victory of the Allied Powers in the Second World War.

"There is also Penny Black (the first adhesive postage stamp in the world in 1840), and a King George VI series of Indian postage stamps depicting different modes of transportation used to deliver mail," he adds.

(The exhibition is on till March 24 at Bikaner House.)

## Kolkata heritage buildings under scanner

The chunk of cement that fell from the ceiling of a heritage building missed an octogenarian former Union Minister — a tenant — but has brought to the fore the poor upkeep of the historic structures in the city, mainly due to the absence of proper laws.

Ironically, the 109-year-old Park Mansion on the iconic Park Street had received a prestigious heritage award for restoration of the colonial era structure from the Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) and the Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH) in 2013.

West Bengal Heritage Commission (WBHC) Chairman and artist Shuvaprasanna Bhattacharya said on an average two buildings of heritage value were being destroyed every day in Kolkata, the first capital of colonial India where the British East India Company had set up its base.

"It is unfortunate that in Kolkata, almost two buildings of heritage importance are destroyed every day due to the lack of proper law. I have no idea if the people are aware of this," Bhattacharya said.

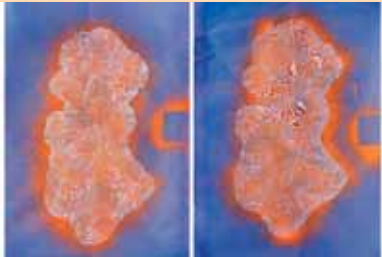
The city has as many as 1,475 heritage buildings. Bhattacharya said due to complex ownership a huge ancestral property, which upholds the city's culture and heritage, remains stuck in legal limbo.

"Due to this, we also cannot take up the property. Some amendments should be made to the existing laws to safeguard the heritage properties. There should be a committee to look after the interest of all the parties," Bhattacharya said.

—HANS



Gallery Espace presents *Un-practiced Frugality*, artist Akshay Raj Singh Rathore's solo exhibition, which will showcase around 20 of his artworks on paper taking into account his personal journey over the last four years. **WHEN:** Till April 13 **TIME:** 11 am to 7 pm **WHERE:** Gallery Espace, 16, Community Centre.



Kala Ghoda-based online auction *AstaGuru* will present its first modern Indian art auction for the year, featuring artworks by modern Indian artists such as Nandalal Bose, F N Souza, Jehangir Sabavala, M F Husain, S H Raza, Ganesh Pyne, Manjit Bawa, to name a few. **WHEN:** March 27-28

Vadehra Art Gallery presents *Fear of a New Dawn*, a solo exhibition of artist Ranbir Kaleka's artworks that offers an experience of abjection that blurs the borders between the conscious and the subconscious, and the self and the other. **WHEN:** April 6 **WHERE:** Vadehra Art Gallery.



*The Erratic Beats of my heart*, artist Deepa Shad's first solo exhibition, features her paintings as well as archival photographs, videos and diary pieces collected over a span of 21 years. **WHEN:** March 23 to 26 **TIME:** 11 am to 6 pm **WHERE:** The Academy of Fine Art and Literature



Akshara Theatre presents *Kashmir Stories*, an intense stage drama that relives the encounters and issues experienced by theatre and television artistes Gopal Sharman and Jalabala Vaidya, through a decade of travelling and filming in Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh. It gives voice to the tragedy and beauty of Kashmir, with hope for a peaceable future. **WHEN:** March 23 and 24 **TIME:** 7 pm **WHERE:** Akshara Theatre.



# ANDREESCU TOPPLES KERBER

Wildcard teen Bianca upstages Wimbledon champion 6-4, 3-6, 6-4 to win maiden WTA title

AFP ■ INDIAN WELLS

Canadian sensation Bianca Andreescu became the first wild card to win the WTA title at Indian Wells on Sunday with a gritty 6-4, 3-6, 6-4 victory over Wimbledon champion Angelique Kerber.

Andreescu, 18, shook off fatigue and rallied from a break down in the third set to topple the eighth-ranked German, who hasn't won a title since she beat Serena Williams in last year's Wimbledon final for her third Grand Slam crown.

Ranked 60th coming into the tournament, Andreescu will rise to 24th in the world with her first WTA title.

When she finally converted her fourth match point she kissed the sun-baked court and flopped spread-eagled on her back.

**'IT'S CRAZY'**

"If you believe in yourself, anything is possible," Andreescu said as she hoisted the crystal trophy as the youngest player ever to win one of



ANDREESCU FOLLOWS IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF 2018 CHAMPION NAOMI OSAKA, WHO WON HER FIRST WTA TITLE AT INDIAN WELLS TO LAUNCH A STELLAR SEASON THAT HAS SEEN HER CAPTURE THE US OPEN AND AUSTRALIAN OPEN TITLES AND RISE TO NUMBER ONE IN THE WORLD



the WTA's prestigious Premier Mandatory tournaments.

"It's crazy. Crazy is the word of the tournament for me. Just crazy."

It's another giant step in a breakout season for Andreescu, who finished 2018 ranked 178th in the world.

She has racked up 28 match wins in 2019 across all levels, including qualifying and challenger circuit wins — but Sunday's triumph was a cut above.

Andreescu's run to the final included rallying from 3-1 down in the third set to beat Irina-Camelia Begu in the first round and a 6-0, 6-1 rout of former world number one Garbine Muguruza of Spain, with a three-set win over sixth-ranked Elina Svitolina putting her into the title match.

She showed no sign of nerves as she opened the match with a break of Kerber's serve. It would be all she

needed to take the set without facing a break point herself.

Kerber's consistency and power from the baseline kept the less predictable Andreescu at bay in the second. The German came up with a massive hold for 2-1, saving two break points before taking a 3-1 lead with her first break of the Andreescu serve and from there forced the decisive set.

Andreescu follows in the footsteps of 2018 champion Naomi Osaka, who won her first WTA title at Indian Wells to launch a stellar season that has seen her capture the US Open and Australian Open titles and rise to number one in the world.

She becomes the fourth unseeded champion after Serena Williams in 1999, Kim Clijsters in 2005 and Osaka.

"Naomi did this last year," Andreescu said. "Now to be able to have my name beside so many amazing champions it means the world to me."



## Thiem spoils Federer's party

AFP ■ INDIAN WELLS

Dominic Thiem denied Roger Federer a record sixth Indian Wells title, beating the Swiss great 3-6, 6-3, 7-5 on Sunday to claim his first ATP Masters 1000 crown.

The 25-year-old Austrian, ranked eighth in the world, had fallen in two prior Masters finals, both in Madrid.

But he rallied for a third career win over Federer in five meetings, his first over the Swiss on hard courts.

Thiem earned the crucial break in the 11th game of the final set, connecting on two sharply angled passing winners to give himself a break point which he converted with a stinging forehand winner.

He sealed the match after two hours and two minutes when Federer's backhand found the net and will now return to a career-high ranking of fourth in the world.

It was the second year in a row that Federer was denied in the Indian Wells final. In 2018 he missed out on three championship points as he fell to Argentina's Juan Martin del Potro in the title match.

Federer, fresh off a remarkable 100th career title in Dubai, remains tied with Novak Djokovic for the most Indian Wells victories with five.

"I think it's not my right to congratulate you, you have 88 more titles than me," Thiem told Federer as he accepted the trophy.

He's the first Austrian to win a Masters 1000 title since Thomas Muster in Miami in 1997.

"It's been a great week for me, even though it didn't work out," Federer said. "Congratulations to Dominic — wonderful week and great play at the end. You deserved it."

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The breakthrough run at the Indian Wells has propelled India's Prajnesh Gunneswaran to career-high rank of 84 but injured Yuki Bhambri on Monday dropped out of top-200 for the first time in almost two years.

In the recently released ATP rankings, Prajnesh had collected 61 points after reaching the third round, where he beat world

## PRAJNESH RISES TO CAREER-HIGH 84

number 18 Nikoloz Basilashvili to register the biggest win of his career.

The performance helped him zoom 13 places to his new career-best ranking.

He was followed by Ramkumar Ramanathan (139), who dropped three places.

Both of them will try to

qualify for the singles main draw of the Miami Masters this week.

Yuki, who is nursing a knee injury, slid 36 places to 207. The last time the Delhi player was placed outside the top-200 bracket was in July 2017.

The next best in the singles chart were Saketh Myneni (251,



-5) and Sasi Kumar Mukund (268, +2). Mukund did not figure in even top-400 five months back and has shown good progress in this time period.

In the doubles, left-handed Jeevan Nedunchezhiyan touched a new career-high of 64 and was third highest-ranked played of the country after Rohan Bopanna

(36,+2) and Divij Sharan (41, -1).

Purav Raja (80, -1) and veteran Leander Paes (94, +2) complete the top-five.

In the WTA rankings, Ankita Raina continues to be India's top-ranked player at 168 (-2) and was followed by Karman Kaur Thandi, who jumped seven places to 203.

## Skipped Asian C'ships to prepare for Olympics: Mary

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Indian boxing star M C Mary Kom says her decision to skip the Asian Championships is part of a larger plan to enhance her chances of Olympic qualification at a time when the competition in her weight category has become significantly "difficult".

Mary Kom, who claimed her sixth world title last year in Delhi, will be looking to qualify for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics in the World Championships in Yokaterinburg, Russia. The Asian Championship is scheduled to be held next month in Thailand.

"This year is very important for me. Qualifying for the Tokyo Olympics is my main aim. Without competing in any competition I cannot qualify for the Olympics. It would be difficult. I have to know all the opponents in my category (51kg) and judge how strong they are compared to me," Mary Kom said.

"I have to first compete in the India Open and then slowly choose my tournaments in the 51kg category. I am looking to qualify for the Olympics at the Worlds and that is why I have decided to skip the Asian Championships to prepare myself best for the Worlds.

"Without proper planning I cannot qualify for the Olympics. India Open is also very important for me. So I have decided to choose some important tournaments to qualify for the Olympics," added the 2012 London Olympics Bronze-medallist.

The 2019 AIBA World Boxing Championships will be held from September 7 to 21.

Mary Kom would be competing in the 51kg category after her preferred 48kg divisions did not make the Olympic programme. The Manipuri had competed in the 51kg category in Germany during a training stint earlier this month and came back undefeated.

"I have already been competing in the 51kg category in last one year. I now know the areas where I have to work upon but fitness wise there are no issues. I just have to work upon strength, power and stamina," she said.



## Prannoy to lead in Asia Mixed Team C'ships

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

World No 24 H S Prannoy will lead a 13-member Indian badminton team at the Tong Yun Kai Cup 2019, the second edition of the Badminton Asia Mixed Team Championships to be held at Hong Kong from March 19-24.

In the absence of top shuttlers Saina Nehwal, P V Sindhu and Kidambi Srikanth, all of whom have been rested, Prannoy has been entrusted with the responsibility to lead a young Indian team.

The troika of Saina, Sindhu and Srikanth have been rested ahead of the upcoming India Open.

In its bid to give exposure to talented youngsters, the Badminton Association of India (BAI) has selected seven young shuttlers in the women's squad for the upcoming event, to be headed by Assam's wonderkid Ashmita Chaliha.

The 19-year-old prodigy from Assam already has a couple of BWF titles under her name and even reached the semi-finals of the Nationals this year.

She will be supported by Nagpur shuttler Vaishnavi Bhale, who was in last year's Uber Cup team.

Shikha Gautam and Ashwini K Bhat have also made it to the team by virtue of their fine show at the Nationals, where the duo won the women's doubles title.

Rutaparna Panda, Arathi Sara Sunil and UK Mithula are the other selected members in the women's team.

Among men, 2018 Asian Championships Bronze medallist Prannoy has the three-time national champion Sourabh Verma for company, in the six-member squad.

World No 45 pair of MR Arjun and



HS Prannoy returns a shot during match BWF/File Photo

Shlok Ramchandran, who won the Silver medal at the Nationals, will be spearheading the Indian challenge in men's doubles along with Arun George and Sanyam Shukla

Eleven teams have been divided into four groups in this six-day biennial competition.

The India team has been placed in Group B along side Chinese Taipei and Singapore. The top two teams from each group will advance to the quarter-finals.

India reached the quarter-finals in the last edition where they lost narrowly to Thailand.

## AFGHANS RECORD MAIDEN TEST WIN

AFP ■ DEHRADUN

Afghanistan claimed their first ever victory in Test cricket on Monday, beating fellow newcomers Ireland in what captain Asghar Afghan hailed as a historic day for the war-torn country.

Afghanistan and Ireland both achieved full member status of the International Cricket Council in 2017, becoming only the 11th and 12th teams to play the long format of the sport beloved of purists.

Rahmat Shah and Ihsanullah Janat scored fifties as Afghanistan chased down 147 to beat Ireland by seven wickets on day four of the one-off game in the north Indian city of Dehradun.

"It's a historic day for Afghanistan, for our team and our people," Afghan said.

"We have been playing for a while, we have been playing first-class cricket, so we have that composure. The bowlers were very good, Rashid (Khan), Yamin (Ahmadzai)," he added.

Afghanistan were steered to their target by a 139-run partnership between Shah, who made 76, and debutant Janat, who hit an unbeaten 65.

Shah, a top-order batsman, registered his second fifty of the match after making 98 in Afghanistan's first innings score of 314.



With three needed to win, Afghanistan lost Shah and then Mohammad Nabi in successive deliveries before Hashmatullah Shahidi came to the crease and hit the winning boundary.

"I want to congratulate all the lads in the team, they have been absolutely brilliant," said Afghan.

"We have got a few games before the World Cup and we want to make every opportunity count," the captain added.

**NATIONAL SPORT**

Cricket has become the national sport of Afghanistan, torn apart by decades of war, with many of the Afghan players cutting their crick-eting teeth in refugee camps in Pakistan.

The country gained one-day

international status in 2009 and have qualified for their second 50-over World Cup in England and Wales, due to begin on May 30. They have also been part of four Twenty20 World Cups.

They have made India their base since 2015, far away from the guns and bombs of their home country. Last year they made the leap to Test cricket, taking on India in Bangalore, but were thrashed inside two days.

It was Ireland's second Test too. They played their debut Test against Pakistan in Dublin last year, losing by five wickets.

"It's been a long tour, but the lads have been very good. You are never tired to play Test cricket, it's always a special feeling," said Ireland captain William Porterfield.

## 'There can't be conditional bans'

Gambhir calls on BCCI to go for all or nothing with Pak

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Former India opener Gautam Gambhir on Monday said the BCCI should either snap all cricketing ties with Pakistan, including multi-lateral events, or engage with the arch-rivals at every level as "there can't be conditional bans".

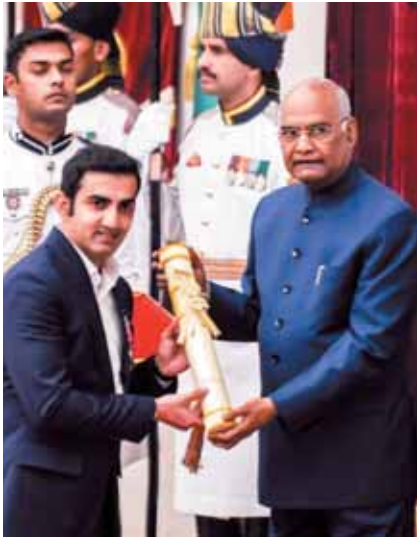
Gambhir, who called for snapping ties with Pakistan after the Pulwama terror attack, said the Indian Board has to decide and be prepared for the consequences.

"There can't be conditional bans. Either you ban everything with Pakistan or open everything with Pakistan. What has happened in Pulwama is absolutely not acceptable," Gambhir, who was recently conferred the Padma Shri, said.

"I am sure it's going to be difficult for India to boycott them in ICC tournaments but stop playing Pakistan in the Asia Cup," said the left-hander.

Outspoken in his support for the armed forces on social media, Gambhir reiterated that there should be a blanket ban on engagement with Pakistan even if it comes at the cost of being ostracised by the sporting community.

The BCCI had appealed to the ICC to snap ties with countries from where terror emanates in a veiled reference to Pakistan.



Gautam Gambhir receives Padma Shri award from President Ram Nath Kovind PTI

But the meeting was turned down at the ICC Board meeting in Dubai.

Gambhir cited England's forfeiture of their 2003 World Cup round-robin fixture against Zimbabwe in protest of the Robert Mugabe regime.

"England decided in 2003 and they wouldn't go to Zimbabwe, they forfeited. If BCCI decides not to play against Pakistan, everyone should be mentally ready to give those two points," he said.

"There could be repercussions and we may not qualify for the semi-finals. No media should blame the Indian team if they plan to boycott playing Pakistan," he said.

Asked what should be done if the two teams meet in the final, Gambhir said in that case, India should forfeit the final.

"Two points are not that important. Country is important, those 40 soldiers who lost their lives are far more important than a cricket match. If we let go of a World Cup final, the country should be ready for it.

"Certain section of society says that don't mix sports with politics but Jawans are far more important than a game of cricket."

India drew the International Olympic Committee's (IOC) ire after Pakistani shooters were denied visas for the Delhi World Cup owing to the Pulwama attack. The IOC suspended all discussion on hosting of major events in India and told other international federations to halt interactions with the country.

The IOC demanded that the Indian Olympic Association must provide government assurance that none of the participating countries would be denied visa in case India host any event. Recently, wrestling world body withdrew the Asian junior championship from India owing to the unresolved matter.

Asked if India's stand could lead to a sporting boycott of the nation in the near future, Gambhir said that he wouldn't mind that.

## Don't forsee threat to Indo-Pak WC match, they are bound by ICC agreement: Richardson

PTI ■ KARACHI

International Cricket Council CEO Dave Richardson on Monday said he doesn't forsee any threat to the high-profile India-Pakistan World Cup match, insisting that the two teams are bound by an ICC agreement to show up.

"For ICC events, all teams have signed a members' participation agreement which requires them to participate in all the matches of the tournament and (in case of) any unjustified non-compliance with that provision, the playing conditions will kick in and the points will be awarded accordingly (to the other team)," he said when asked about the matter.

There were demands that India should boycott the game against Pakistan in the World Cup in Manchester on June 16 in the wake of last month's Pulwama terror attack.

"The ICC's motto is clear we don't want to mix politics with sports."

Asked about the ICC's role in the resumption of bilateral ties between



India and Pakistan, Richardson said it is completely up to the two crick-eting boards.

The ICC CEO said the perception about Pakistan among the rest of the world is slowly changing and the world body is supporting its member board to bring back international cricket to the nation.

He also said that the successful hosting of Pakistan Super League (PSL) matches will do a world of good towards achieving the goal.

Richardson also thanked foreign players, who made the trip to Pakistan for PSL.

"Step-by-step, certainly Pakistan is on the right path," he said, assuring ICC's support to the PCB in its efforts to encourage foreign teams to visit Pakistan.

## 'NO COMPLACENCY ON WC SECURITY'

AFP ■ KARACHI

The deadly New Zealand shootings which Bangladesh cricketers narrowly avoided means security will remain an "absolute priority" going into the World Cup, the head of cricket's governing body said on Sunday.

Fifty people died in attacks on two mosques in Christchurch on Friday, in what is believed to be the worst assault on Muslims in a Western country.

Bangladesh's Test cricketers were just a few minutes from being caught up in the massacre, arriving in a bus at one of the mosques as shooting began.

The third Test between Bangladesh and New Zealand which was due to start in Wellington on Saturday was cancelled and the team returned home.

Speaking on the sidelines of Pakistan Super League (PSL) final in Karachi, the International Cricket Council (ICC) chief executive David Richardson said security had to remain "an absolute priority".

"I don't think security is anything new, obviously something happening in New Zealand probably took a lot of people by surprise and it emphasised the need not to be complacent, especially going into the World Cup," Richardson said.

"I know the work has already been done by the security director together with all the security agencies in the UK and they are leaving no stone unturned," he added.





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