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Bengal tops turnout amid violence; voting wanes

At 62.87%, 5th phase polling across country down by 3% from last round

mid sporadic incidents of violence in West Bengal and a grenade attack in Pulwama, political heavy-weights Rajnath Singh, Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi and Smriti Rani on Monday tested their popularity through ballots in the fifth phase of polling for 51 constituencies in seven States. The polling percentage was a tad dull in this round with 62.87 per cent average turnout across the country in comparison to 65.56 per cent polling in the previous round. West Bengal recorded

West Bengal recorded highest 74.42 per cent polling while Jammu & Kashmir had 17.07 per cent polling. Uttar Pradesh recorded 57.06 per cent, Bihar 57.76, Rajasthan 63.69, Madhya Pradesh 64.61, and Baythand 64.60 Appath and Jharkhand 64.60. Amethi and Rae Bareili recoded around 54 percentage polling. Polling was held in 14 seats

in UP, 12 in Rajasthan, 7 each in West Bengal and Madhya Pradesh, 5 in Bihar and 4 in Jharkhand, leaving 158 Lok Sabha seats in the next two rounds on May 12 and May 19. After this round, 27 seats are left to be decided in the remaining two phases in UP. Prime Minister Narandra Modi's constituency Varanasi will go to polls on May 19.

The BJP and the SP alleged

rigging and booth capturing in Amethi and Kunda seats.

In J&K, polling began on a violent note with terrorists lobbing a grenade on a polling station in Pulwama, but there were no reports of casualty. Polling was held in Pulwama and Shopian of Anantnag Lok Sabha constituency which

includes Kulgam.

There are 18 candidates in the fray for Anantnag constituency, including PDP president and former Chief Minister of Jammu & Kashmir, Mehbooba Mufti. Bengal reported stray inci-

dents of violence in Bangaon, Hooghly and Barrackpore seats, an election official said.

Jaising vs Supreme Court of India and Anr (2003), it has

been held that the report of a committee constituted as a part of the In-House Procedure

s not liable to be made public,

the notice said.

It further said, "The In

House Committee has submitted its report dated May 5,

2019 in accordance with the In

House Procedure, to the next

receive the report and also

cerned, namely, the CJI."

The Committee submit-

ted its report to Justice Arun Mishra — number four in

Bobde is the next senior most judge, followed by Justices N V

Ramana, Arun Mishra and R F

were not submitted to Justice

Ramana as he was part of the Committee when it was con-

stituted but recused himself

after the former woman employee, who is the com-

plainant, expressed certain reservations over his inclu-

on April 23, 2019. On April 25, Justice Ramana recused himself

after the complainant expressed her reservations over his inclusion on the ground that he is a close friend of the

CJI and a regular visitor to his

Justice Bobde had inducted Justice Malhotra as she had

also alleged that the Committee

was not formed in accordance with the Vishaka guidelines laid

by the top court.

In Justice Ramana's place

The panel was constituted

The findings of the panel

After the CII, Justice

sent a copy to the judge

Congress of rigging the booths and demanded re-polling in Barrackpore and accused the Election Commission of not being effective in ensuring fair polling in the State.

Incidents of clashes between TMC and BJP workers, hurling of bombs, candidate getting hurt due to lath-icharge by Central forces, manhandling of a contestant and beating up of a polling agent were reported from seven Lok Sabha constituencies which voted in the 5th round in West Bengal.



Modi dares Cong to fight next 2 phases on Bofors scandal PARVINDER BHATIA Chaibasa in Jharkhand. parties does not at any cost Recently at a rally in Pratapgarh, Uttar Pradesh, want a Government with absolute majority.

Women voters await their turn at a polling station at a village in Neemrana in Rajasthan on Monday

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday dared the Congress to contest the next phases of the Lok Sabha polls on the Bofors scandal in which former Prime Minister

Rajiv Gandhi was an accused. "If the Congress and its 'Raagdarbaris' are so much concerned about corruption why don't they come up with issue of Bofors scandal in last two phases of elections that will cover Punjab and Delhi. It is the best time for them to clear themselves," said Modi while addressing a massive

Swedish defence manufacturer Bofors had paid huge kick-backs to Rajiv and others for the sale of its artillery gun to India when he was the PM.
Also, Modi said
"mahamilavat" of the Opposition parties are keen to form a "khichdi" Government at the Centre.

Modi also alleged the grand alliance of Opposition

Modi took a swipe at Congress

president Rahul Gandhi's father and Rajiv Gandhi, call-

ing him Bhrashtachari number

1 (corrupt number 1).
There were allegations that



Prime Minister Narendra Modi being garlanded by BJP workers during an election

'Arrogant' Didi vs 'expiry' PM

Modi, Mamata exchange barbs on hood of snake

SAUGAR SENGUPTA KOLKATA

Super-cyclone Fani (meaning "hood of snake" in Bengali) kicked up a different sort of "storm" in West Bengal as Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee engaged in a bitter slugfest on a day when the State went for the fifth phase of polling. Minutes after the Prime

Minister alleged during an election rallies at Tamluk and Jhargarm that after Fani repeated phone calls from the PMO yielded no response from the Chief Minister's office in Kolkata, Mamata hit back saying neither she was bound to respond to the calls from an "expiry Prime Minister" nor Modi as a outgoing incumbent had any right to call a review

meeting.

Mamata said she could not take the call as she was busy

mpaigning for elections.

The Chief Minister who was out of town had forthwith suspended her poll campaigns and moved to Kharagpur to

Modi for "playing politics with natural calamity," saying, "the Prime Minister had undermined the federal norms by bypassing a democratically elected Chief Minister by holding discussions with the Governor over the consequences of Fani."

While Modi reacted on Monday saying it was "not me who had ignored the Chief Minister but she refused to take Minister but she refused to take my call," Mamata exploded, "Why should she speak to an expiry Prime Minister" who had "no right to call a review meeting." The Chief Minister was holding another election rally at Kotulpur.

Saying that Mamata would not speak to him because she was too proud to do so. Modi

was too proud to do so, Modi said, "Didi is so arrogant that she didn't speak to me. I waited for her call but she would not call back. The 'speed breaker' Didi was more interested in doing politics."

Mamata said, "Today this

man has come to shed tears for Bengal as this is election sea-son. Where he was when we were fighting floods. His

Gross injustice, cries woman as SC panel gives CJI clean chit

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hief Justice of India Ranjan Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi on Monday got a clean chit from the Supreme Court's In-House Inquiry Committee which "has found no substance" in the allegation of sexual harassment levelled against him by a former woman employee of the SC.

3-member Committee, which completed its task in 14 days, proceeded ex-parte as the woman had opted out of the enquiry on April 30 after participating for three days. After opting out of the Committee enquiry, she had issued a press statement describing as "very frightening" the atmosphere of the panel and raised various objections and raised various objections including denial of her lawyer's presence.

Immediately after the office of apex court's Secretary General came out with the findings of the committee, the woman issued a press statement saying that she was "highly disappointed and dejected"

She said "gross injustice" has been done to her as a woman citizen of India and "worst fears" have come true, and all hope of justice and redress from the highest court of the land have been shattered. She said that she will con-

sult her lawyer and decide on the next steps.

A notice by the office of

Supreme Court Secretary General said the report of the Committee, headed by Justice S A Bobde, "is not liable to be made public". The Committee, also com-

prising two woman judges of the SC — Justices Indu Malhotra and Indira Baneriee — had on May 1 recorded the statement of the CJI.

"The In-House Committee has found no substance in the allegations contained in the complaint dated April 19, 2019 of a former employee of the Supreme Court of India. Please take note that in case of Indira



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nother Aam Aadmi Party Vijay Goel and Vijender Gupta. On Friday, AAP legis-lator from Gandhi Nagar Anil Bajpai had joined the BJP. Hitting hard at the AAP, Sehrawat said he was not even invited for party funceven invited for party functions and was insulted.

Another Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) MLA, Devinder Singh Sehrawat from Delhi's Bijwasan, joined the BJP on Monday at the party office in the presence of BJP leaders

Modi punched Advani, instead of farmers' woes, alleges Rahul

PNS CHANDIGARH

Taking a jibe at Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Congress president Rahul Gandhi on Monday said the Prime Minister is a "boxer" who with his "56-inch chest" entered the ring to fight unemployment and corruption but instead punched his own coach and veteran BJP leader LK

He said people must vote for a strong majority-led Government and not a remote

controlled-led regime.

Stressing on the need to give a majority Government in Jharkhand, he said the future

of the nation will be decided in

Campaigning for party candidate Shruti Choudhary in Haryana's Bhiwani, which is known as India's Boxing nurs-ery and has produced renowned boxers like Olympic medalist Vijender Singh, Rahul said, "In the last election, India put a new boxer, Narendra Modi, in the ring. The boxer,



who boasted of his 56-inch chest, entered the ring to fight unemployment, farmers' woes, But the first thing he did was to deliver a punch on his coach

registered for 10 board

17,61078 appeared in exams and around 16,04428 cleared the exams.

This time too, the board examinations were con-

ducted on percentage and marking method but not Cumulative Grade Point

Average (CGPA) which was implemented eight years ago in CBSE,. Students have a

positive feedback about this

includes names of

Among them around

exams.

Advani's face.'

Continuing his tirade against Modi, the Congress chief said, "For the last five years, this boxer has hit India's poor, weaker sections, farmers and now people are saying they do not want this boxer. He failed to understand who he is

fighting against."
"After he punched Advani ji, he runs after his team. One by one, he punches Gadkariji, Arun Jaitley ji, dhar, dhar, dhar," Rahul said amid loud

applause from the gathering.

The boxer knocked out small shopkeepers with demonetisation and Gabbar Singh Tax, he said referring to the Goods and Services Tax

Mrityunjay Manariya becomes city topper

STAFF REPORTER BHOPAL

itvuniav Manariva of Mithi Govind Ram School topped the city with 99.2%. Talking about the success Mrityunjay said, "I used to study for many hours and did a lot of hard work. Lused to study constantly and did not waste time on social media." Mrityunjay wants to crack UPSC and has chosen Commerce Math as his subiect and wants admission in Sriram College Delhi. Mrityunjay says there is nothing possible without hard work.

He further said that he gives the entire credit of her success to her parents and teachers. He said, "Self study did wonders for me. I did not join any tuition or extra classes for my studies. Even my parents supported me a bit." For the preparations, he said, "I did my studies from NCERT books and few guided books suggested by my teachers and that was enough. Besides I did regular study throughout the year whatever my teachers taught

The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) was declared a result of Class



result of High school examination

X on Monday. The students

were very happy after the results were declared on CBSE website.
Shaurya Shrivastava of Sagar Public School (SPS) ranked second with 99.2% percent marks Along with percent marks. Along with this, Arushi Rahul of Carmel Convent ranked third with 99%.

The CBSE examination was conducted in about 6.000 examination centers across India and abroad. A total of 31,14,831 students registered for the CBSF

Students celebrate their success in Bhopal on Monday after Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) announced its

Students of St Mary Convent Sr Sec School perform brilliantly in CBSE X Board Exams

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The students of St Mary Convent Sr Sec School performed brilliantly in CBSE X Board Examinations 2018-19. The overall result of the school was 100 per cent, while 29 students secured 90% and above marks.

The toppers list includes

97.2%, Devika Lekshmi 97.2%, Devika Lekshmi scores 96.4%, Faiza Ahmed Siddiqui scored 95.2%, Saundarya Dubey scored 95 %, Aryan Chaturvedu scored 94.4%, Prince Yaday scored

Sania Pati scored 97.2%. Devika Lekshmi scores 96.4%, Faiza 94.2%, Tanmay Khongal scored 94.2%, Harsh Paradkar scored 94.2%, Sakshi Meena **Ahmed Siddigui** scored 95.2% scored 94.2%.

66.84 % polling recorded in seven Class 10 and Class 12 board constituencies which 18,27,472 regis tered for the Class 10 exams. Notably, from Bhopal about 17 lakh students were

Total 66.84 per cent polling was registered in seven parliamentary constituencies that went for voting on Monday, in the second phase of polling in Madhya Pradesh and fifth phase of the country.

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Voting began at 7 am for the Tikamgarh, Damoh, Khajuraho, Satna, Rewa, Hoshangabad and Betul seats in the second phase of elections in the state.

This total per cent of polling was recorded till 9 pm. Election Commission officials said that the figure might change till late night.

Tikamgarh constituency recorded 63.52 per cent, while Damoh had 64.31 per cent polling. The polling percentage in other constituencies was-66.42 in Khajuraho, 61.82 in Satna, 60 23 in Rewa, 73 74 in Hoshangabad and 77.16 in

Tikamgarh constituency recorded 63.52 per cent

Vision Centre opened at Mandideep

STAFF REPORTER BHOPAL

Kashinath, Chairperson of International programme, India, inaugurated a Vision Centre at Mandideep on Monday. The centre has been setup by Sewa Sadan Eye Hospital, Sant Hirdaram Nagar with the collaboration of International NGO Operation Eye Sight Universal.

Local Social activist, Jagdish Prasad Shankarlal Soni, has provided building for this vision center. On the occasion Medical Director of SSEH, Dr Prerna Upadhyaya, Local representative, Rajendra Agarawal, JP Soni and OEU office bearer Dr Harish Kumar were mainly present.

Kashinath said that OEU

have so far setup over 111 Vision centers in the country, but the Mandideep-based Vision center is of the highest quality amongst all. He said that a Canada-based philanthropist, Anthony Grey, has donated money to open this center. Medical Director of SSEH, Dr Prerna Upadhyaya, said that by the opening of this center, local Eye patients will be benefitted and probable loss of



Social activist, Rajendra Agarwal, said that since Mandideep is an industrial area, it is comparatively pol-luted. This affects the vision of the local people. With the opening of this center, local people will get the medical facility for Eye care.

Agarwal appreciated the contribution of local donor

Jagdish Prasad Soni who have made building available for opening this vision center. Social activist, IP Soni, said he and his family had been continuously organising Eye camps for the last 30 years in Madideep with the cooperation of SSEH and thousands of the

He assured to continue his ocial services in the said field in future also. Earlier, the Managing Trustee of SSEH, Shri L C Janiyani, threw light on the activities of the Hospita and welcomed the guests. He felicitated the guests by presenting them shawl and Srifal. Vote of thanks was proposed by Trustee Suresh Awatramani.

Three notorious criminals arrested

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In a major breakthrough, three notorious criminals were nabbed by Chhola Mandir police near Coach Factory area and four pistols and five cartridges were recovered. It was said by SP Bhopal (North) Hemant Chouhan, while speaking with the medi-apersons on Monday.

While speaking with the mediapersons, the SP said that

on receipt of information, police swung into action and nabbed three dacoits while two managed to escape. A large number of weapons have been seized from their posses-sion. Three pistols and four country-made pistols, five live cartridges were recovered from their possession. The nabbed accused

revealed that they were planning of dacoity at Ganesh petrol pump in the area. The police have registered a case under sections 399 and 402 of the IPC and section 25/27 of the Arms Act.

The three nabbed dacoits are Raja alias Dharmendra Parihar (28), Ravi Batham (19), Ankit Pathak (19) Out of the three dacoits, two have past criminal record.



Miscreants planning dacoity in police custody in Bhopal on Monda

Raja was booked for theft. robbery, burglary and dacoity cases. He has been booked for 10 crimes. Ankit has been booked by Chhola Mandir police for robbery and dacoity. During the police operation, two of the accused managed to escape. The absconded accused persons were identified as Vinay and Balram.

Vinav and Balram have past criminal records. He has been booked for 9 cases by Chola Mandir, Nishatpura, Aishbagh, Piplani police in assault, theft, arms Act and six

cases of robberies.
Other absconding accused, identified a Balram Pandit, was booked by Nishatpura police for robbery and under

ammunitions were also seized during operation

Arms Act. The sources of weapons would be revealed during the further investiga-

BJP wants dalit leaders but those who are deaf and mute: Udit Raj



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Attacking the BJP Government at the Centre for ignoring the cause of dalits and tribals, former BJP MP, Udit Raj, questioned the silence of President Ram Nath Kovind

Congress was speaking to mediapersons here on Monday. He re-affirmed his allegation that BIP wants dalit leaders but

those who are deaf and mute. Calling the BJP anti-Dalit, the MP claimed that the Centre did not pursue the SC/ST case properly in Supreme Court

which led to increased sectoral tussle in the society. The Dalit leader also alleged that the BJP instead of talking of an equitable society propagated social harmony (samrasta) which meant they wanted to continue the caste bias.

The MP claimed he had openly raised his voice on this and atrocities against Christian community despite being in BJP post 2014. He slammed the BJP for alleged double stan-dards on Sabarimala row and triple talaq ban saying if the temples are run by traditions, then Islam is also governed by traditions. "The BJP wants

Dalit votes but not Dalit lead-Claiming that he wasn't the

questioning the institution of President of India, he claimed he was raising questions against President Ram Nath Kovind as a fellow Dalit and sought to know why he was silent on community issued including the remarks from BJP ministers for destroying the constitu-tion, rampant privatisation, no Dalit getting appointment as 38 Vice Chancellors and 500 judges were appointed. "What kind of duty he (president) discharged all this while," he questioned

Two miscreants booked for duping 60-year-old woman

STAFF REPORTER
BHOPAL

Bairagarh police has booked two miscreants for duping a 60-year-old woman to the tune of ₹1 lakh at CTO area on May 1. The police have regis-May 1. The police have regis-tered a case after complaint was lodged by the victim on Saturday night.

Police said the victim, iden-tified as Usha Malviya, was

duped by two miscreants near CTO area when she was on her way to market on May 1. The victim lives with her nephews after the death of her husband who worked with the Indian

Army. In her victim she stated that the incident took place on May 1 around 3:45pm when she was moving towards mar-ket and when she reached near JK mobile shop two youths approached her and asked about her residence after which accused told her that they used to work at a garment store in Chanchal Market and today after having dispute they left job and took dues of Rs 1 lakh.

Miscreants claimed that they wanted to return their home in Bihar but carrying money could cause trouble due to police checking and offered to keep money in guar-antee of her gold jewelry she was wearing and would collect the same on the same day after making arrangements to

provided the accused with gold jewelry and when she checked money first and last currency notes were found true while rest was paper. The victim lodged com

plaint with Bairagarh police and based on the complaint a case of fraud was registered. A gold chain and finger ring worth over ₹1 lakh were duped from the victim.

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Summer camp organised for children of Bhopal slums



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Summer camp was organ Asimmer camp was organ-lised by Uday Social Development Society for the children of Bhopal slums at St. Raphael Co-ed School. The camp started on 2nd may and concluded on 6th. The objectives of summer camp were to enhance the leadership quality in the children, to promote and strength the participation of children in prioritising the issues and to instil the lifelong values of teamwork.

Children in the age group of seven to teen years are in the moulding stage. Right skills imparted now can help them to shape their life and future. A total of 110 children from

five slums i.e. jatkhedi, bagmu-galiya, rahul nagar, durga nagar, Dolak Basti were participated in the camp. The core ingredients of the programme are effety and of the programme are safety and self defence technique, Role plays, Session on good and bad touch, Discussion on child rights and child protection, Craft work, and child protection, Craft work, colouring and painting, Session on capacity building on leader-ship ,Songs based on social issues, and more.

Mrutyunjay from Radio Popcorn (Bhabha University) was the chief guest of the programme. Mehendi and rangoli competitions were organized on 6th May. Through this competition, the children got the opportunity to display their creative talent. In order to eval-

uate the effectiveness of the summer camp, a test was conducted which measures the learning of the children. Awards and certificates were given to

encourage children.
"This camp was memorable experience for all of us as at the end of it; we took many important skills and lessons. I enjoyed this camp a lot and want to join it again whenever it will organise", said Rohini,(participant) of jatkhe-

di slum.

"We learnt various things first time in this camp which were not taught in the school. This camp increases my confidence and also helped me to learn various skills" said Lalit

Wakankar archaeologist of work and research trend: ASI DG

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Wishnu Sridhar Wakankar was the archaeologist of the work and research trend," said Director General of the Archaeological Survey of India

PVS Sanger. He was addressing the seminar on Vishnu Sridhar Wakankar here on Monday at State Museum. He further said "He went into the depth of the subject and found solutions to his doubts and curiosities. He believed that before going with any result in front of society, it is very necessary to test the sub ject and establishment on the criterion of truth itself.

He was speaking at the lec-ture organised by the Directorate Archaeological Archives and Museum on the occasion of the birth centenary of Wakankar Speaking on the contribution of Wakankar in Indian Wakankar in Indian Archeology, he said that his life has been rooted in the general-

ity of excursion, research, writ-

ing, analysis and rewriting. In the Bhimbethakka caves, the presence of ancient human beings and their lifestyle, the imagery and memories of the kind of painted relics they saw

were awe-inspiring.
PVS Sengar said that not only Bhimbetha, but also with the results of many important places, the discoveries and research of the Shailasarayya art the specifications of the coastal rivers, the ancient evidence, the discovery of Pandola Village, along with the results of Vishnu Sridhar The meaning of Wankankar's personality can be assessed. As a personality, he was very intuitive, friendly and known for his spontaneous behavior different from his rep-utation and identity. Especially with his colleagues, he was equally involved in solving and addressing his curiosity.

Departmental officials welcomed the guests. A large number of audiences were present on

on Monday



Congress candidate for Bhopal Lok Sabha seat Digvijay Singh campaigns for Lok Sabha elections at Bittan

Hoshangabad division experiences light rainfall

STAFF REPORTER BHOPAL

ight rainfall was witnessed Lat several places in Hoshangabad division in the past 24 hours which was induced by abrupt weather conditions.

Temperatures have started rising after a brief period of normal weather conditions induced to cyclonic storm which faded away on Monday.

Significant increase in tem-

peratures was witnessed in Sagar division while temperatures in remaining divisions vere at same levels State capital would wit-

ness clear sky conditions and partial cloudy weather would be witnessed in the evening. Across the state night tematures have been witnessed

at high levels. Among the nearby area Raisen recorded night temperature at 28.2 degree Celsius. Day temperatures peaked

at 43 degree Celsius which was recorded in Khargone State capital recorded day

Pioneer photo



temperature at 41.3 degree Celsius while night temperature at 26.8 degree Celsius making night hotter. The pattern would prevail for the next days.
Weatherman said that

from Monday onwards day and night temperatures would

start increasing gradually.

Khajuraho recorded day temperature at 44 degree Celsius while night temperature was recorded at 21 degree Celsius which was 5.6 degree Celsius below the normal tem-

The weather conditions would remain around the same levels for the next 3-4 days and later temperatures would start upward journey.

On Sunday day tempera-tures witnessed increasing trend while night tempera-tures witnessed decrease and the pattern was witnessed across the state. Thundery activities and lightening which was witnessed among the nearby divisons Hoshangabad division are less likely to prevail in the next 2-3 days and other nearby divisions

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ADVERSE REMARK ON DEFENCE FORCES

I never ever made it: Swara Bhaskar



ess Swara Bhaskar addresses a press conference in Bhopal on Monday

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Film actress Swara Bhaskar refuted allegations made on her claiming that she is daughter of an ex-serviceman and never made any derogatory comments on defence forces.

The actress who was here on Monday blamed fake news circulators of attributing fake and distasteful comments to

her on social media.

"My father had retired from Indian navy and I grew up on the ration offered by India Army," clarified Bhaskar saying she never ever made any adverse remark on defence forces. Asked to reply about a specific tweet of her on Indian army, the film actress claimed she had actually spoken on Dalit atrocities in Una but fake news circulators who quoted her views out of context

This has been a problem of social media that using my pictures, people attributed anything in last few years, claimed the actress who was in Bhopal to take part in a function organised by a volunteer organ-

Endorsing her views in favour of farmers, Bhaskar indirectly referred to Mandsaur shoot out saying if the farmers raise their voice and they are shot at so whether is it justified?

To a query whether she backs Congress ideologically, the actress claimed whoever party stands for constitutional values, she stands with it. "I like ideological similarities with

Congress election manifesto as it talks about jobs, social and economic justice, issues of dalits and minorities, brother-hood, it's against violence and the vision is for every citizen irrespective of his/her caste, creed or religion," said the actress candidly.

Any leader who believes in constitution would make a good PM. The one who believes he would be everyone's PM and this would be known after he becomes PM, she arter ne becomes PM, sne replied on whether she finds Rahul Gandhi a good PM can-didate. "He is constantly talk-ing about the constitution, unity, about youths, farmers and I think it's a good thing. If he becomes PM with this ide-ology, he can be a good PM." 17-year-old girl dies of burn injuries under Shahjehanabad police station

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

A¹⁷-year-old girl died of burn injuries under suspi-cious circumstances at Sanjay Nagar under Shahiehanabad police station area on Sunday. The girl committed suicide or she was set ablaze would be investigated.

According to the police, the deceased, Gulnaz Khan, was rushed to a nearby hospital where she was declared dead after she was found in a charred state inside her house late in the

afternoon on Sunday.
Police said that the family members have claimed that the deceased committed suicide in her room. The reason behind the death remained unknown and would be investigated. Post mortem report is awaited which could help in revealing the reason behind the death. The deceased was a class 12 student. At the time of the incident the deceased closed her room from inside and set and later when she started crying family and neighbours rushed to her res-

After the preliminary inves-tigation the body was sent for the post mortem and the police have registered a case under Section 174 of the CrPC and have started further investiga-tion. During the investigation police found that before the death of the victim she had a fight and it is possible that she vas set ablaze

Meanwhile, a 35-year-old man committed suicide by consuming poisonous substance at Pyaasi village under Gunga police station area on Sunday Police said that the deceased Karan Singh was fond was found in an unconscious state on May 2 and was rushed to a nearby hospital where he died during treatment on Sunday.

Pink booths built **IN BRIEF** for women's convenience

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

he Pink booths built for the L convenience of women in Betul district are centers of attraction. Here women were seen taking selfies along with voting enthusiastically. Leena and Pankaj Sahu

who had come to vote with their 3-month-old infant at the Pink booth in Ambedkar Community Building of Betul first took a selfie. They said that such good facilities and decoration is motivating voters to vote. Ninety-year-old Ramji Panwar of Biroli polling centre of Multai assembly segment and disabled voter Anil Panwar of Vinoba ward polling centre Betul assembly segment, praised the voting facilities at

the booth.

Jyoti Tandilkar came to vote with her month -old child at Belkund polling booth in Bhainsdehi assembly segment. They said that due to good arrangements, they did not have any difficulty in voting. Betul Collector Tarun Pithode and Superintendent of Police Kartikeyan also stood in the

line to vote.

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The marriage rituals of Pooja Rajak were going on at Kekra village in Gadarwara Vidhan Sabha segment. Preparations for haldi ceremony were in progress. When

Pooja insisted on voting before this ritual, the family was shocked. Eventually, they yielded to her decision. Pooja reached the polling booth and exercised her right to franchise.

Retired Professor, 82-year old Bhagchand Jain reached the polling booth no. 157 at New Police Line of Damoh district headquarters with the help of a stick. He was accompanied by his wife Saroj Sandheliya and daughter-in-law Sudha

Seventy five-year-old Jalam alias Babulal was quiet excited to vote through a machine. He cast his vote at JPB School polling centre. He said that he had voted several times in his life but this is the first time he has voted through an EVM.

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TONSURED SHIVPRATAP SINGH VOTES

Bhopal: Shivpratap Singh, a youth whose father passed away seven days ago, also reached the polling booth no. 177 in Chhatarpur city to cast his vote. Singh's father Parmanand Singh died on April 29. In spite of this, Shivpratap came to the booth in plain clothes after getting his head shaved and cast his vote. Shivpratap, who cast vote in the hour of

ONE BOOKED FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT

Bhopal: Koh-e-Fiza police has booked a 20-year-old youth for sexually assaulting and killing 12-year-old girl along with his aide who was arrested on the next day of murder. On May 1, Awinash Sahu and Justin Raj visited Manuabhan Tekri area with deceased and her relative where she was raped and killed. Initially, police had nabbed Awinash for the crime who confessed to the crime and later in the investigation Justin Notably a 12-year-old girl was raped and brutally murdered at Manuabhan Tekri area of the State Capital at on May 1. The body was recovered in the morning on May 2 and the police nabbed Awinash Sahi

CHAMUNDA KALI DISPLAYED AT IGRMS

Bhopal: Under the popular museum series 'Exhibit of the Month' of Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya, a Wooden Gambhira mask of Goddess Kali "Chamunda Kali" is displayed in the appearance for the month of May, 2019. This will be inaugurated on Tuesdays, 07th May, 2019 in Veethi Sankul at 4.30 pm.

86-YEAR-OLD VOTER HONOURED

Bhopal: Divisional Commissioner of Rewa, Ashok Kumar Bhargava honoured 86-year-old voter Lalmani Singh, Divyang voter Omprakash Gupta and 82 year old Salam begum by presenting them bouquet at polling booth. He also cheered the first voter Barkha and Varsha Shukla Bhargava with his wife also casted votes at the polling booth in the

Bhargava conducted inspection of arrangements visiting various polling booths and honoured senior citizens Hurmat Khan, Zaibunnisa and Shankar Prasad Mishra by presenting them bouquet.

VOTER REACHES IN BRIDEGROOM ATTIRE

Bhopal: The wedding of Abhishek Purohit of Azad Ward, Pipariya was scheduled for May 6. Prior to leaving for Jabalpur with the marriage procession, Abhishek reached the polling booth in his bridegroom attire along with his family despite a busy schedule and exercised franchise. After this, the procession left for Jabalpur for marriage.

100% DISABLED VOTES REACHES TO VOTE

Bhopal:Yachika Ahirwar, 21-year-old resident of famous hill station Pachmarhi under Pipariya Assembly constituency, is 100 percent disabled by birth. She is totally unable to walk. Despite such adverse circumstances, she wished to exercise franchise. The district administration provided an ambulance to Yachika to reach the polling booth where she cast her vote with the support of her friends and family

PREGNANT WOMAN EXERCISES HER RIGHT TO VOTE **Bhopal:** Gayatri Dhabake, a resident of Itarsi, says that it is my right to vote. Despite a nine-month pregnancy, she came to vote. She came to the polling booth no. 153 of Itarsi with her husband Tarun. Gayatri believes that apart from being a constitutional right, voting is the most

SDO TO ISSUE INCOME, PROPERTY CERTIFICATES

important duty as well. Hence all must vote.

Bhopal: Sub Divisional Officers (Revenue) and Tahsildars have been authorised by the Madhya Pradesh Government to issue income and property certificates in order to give benefit of provision of 10 percent reservation to people belonging to economically weaker section in Central Government services and academic institutions. It is to be highlighted that a provision to give 10 percent reservation in

the services of the central government and academic institutions has been made by the 103rd constitutional amendment by the Government of India for the people of economically weaker section, who are not covered under the existing schemes of reservation.

The State Government has issued instructions to issue income and

property certificates in the format prescribed by the Government of India after proper investigation and satisfaction in order to ensure benefit of this provision to the economically weaker section of the state in central services and academic institutions

abled voter met Om Prakash 86-vear-old Lalmani and 82-Gupta and honoured him with a bouquet. Om Prakash told him that there was no inconvenience in voting. He voted very easily. He did not have to stand in line and faced no inconvenience in reaching

Om Prakash to the vehi-

Division reached polling station no. 147. Here he met dis-

the polling booth from his home. The Commissioner accompanied

e and sent him off.

Many elderly voters

enthusiastically including democracy.

year-old Salma Begum cast their votes in Rewa city. Resident of Raniganj, 82-year-old voter Hurmat Khan, 79-year-old Zaib-un-Nissa and 85-year-old Shankar Prasad Mishra also voted at Nigam. All voters cast their vote with joy and pride.

They said that every voter must exercise his franchise to strengthen the democracy.



Woman votes, leaving baby at creche STAFF REPORTER BHOPAL **Anganwadi workers and**

Awoman who had come to vote at polling station no.147 in Rewa Lok Sabha constituency left her baby at the creche as she cast her vote without any worry. Anganwadi workers and

sahayikas entertained the child with toys, balloons and stories. They also gave her toffee and biscuits. Crèches have been arranged in almost all the polling stations in the district so that mothers of small children can vote freely.

Disabled Omprakash Gupta seemed very happy after voting at the Kala Mandir polling centre no-147 in Rewa city. He did not have any difficulty in reaching the polling booth and casting his vote was

can vote freely easy without standing in line. Here the administration had made arrangement of free to and fro transport for the voters from their home to the polling station and back. As soon as these voters reached the booth, they were made to

vote respectfully with the help of Divyang Mitras.
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IInd Floor, Above Passport office, Kushabhau Thakre Inter-State Bus Terminal (ISBT) Campus, Ambedkar Marg, Near Chetak Bridge, Bhopal (M.P.) Bhopal, Date: 03.05.2019

Tender for online submissions are invited on website www.mpeproc.gov.in under "Live Tender" and Department Name "Bhopal Municipal Corporation" for following work. Detailed NIT Tender Schedule and other information can be seen on the website www.mptenders.gov.in.

5.No.	System NII no.	Name of Work	P.A.C. (RS.)
1	2019_UAD_21311_2	Establishment of a Mordern Abattoir at Adampur Chawni Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh On Design, Build, Finance, Operate & Transfer (DBFOT) Basis Under Public Private Partnership	7,00,00,000/-
C	orrigendum and Am	endment for above NIT shall not be issued separately in	newspapers

& correction if any, would be Published on website only.

City Engineer (SBM) Municipal Corporation, Bhopal

29 TH BN INDO TIBETAN BORDER POLICE FORCE, JABALPUR (M.P) **AUCTION NOTICE**

On behalf of the president of india, a manual auction will be held by 29th bn. ITB Police po-Gaur, Jamatra Road Jabalpur (MP) for the disposal of condemned (motor vehicle) will be auctioned at bhq 29" bn ITB Police Po- Gaur Jamatra Road Jabalpur on 25.05.2019 at 1000 hrs

DOOK VALUE | FADNICCE | DATE OF

NO		OF VEHICLE	BOOK VALUE	MONEY	AUCTION
	VEH.REG NO	CH01G-1875			
01	MAKE & TYPE	S/MAZADA BUS	A BUS 6,60,064.00	4,000.00	25.05.19
	OF VEHICLE	T-3500(26+01STR)			
1	All interested part	ies can participate in the	auction on stinulated	date and tim	6

All bidders will have to the deposit rs- 4,000.00 (four thousand only) as earnest,money on

25- 05-2019 up to 1000 hrs. It will be returned immediately after the auction is over The condemned store will be auctioned as on were as it is basis.

No person/parties will be permitted to bid without depositing the security money other terms and conditions will be intimated to all bidders before the start of auction.

NOTE - For More Details Pse Visit Our Website (http/itbpolice.nic.in)

DETAIL OF VEHICLE

Auctioned vehicles will be removed with in 12 hrs from the place of auction. It will be responsibility of the successful bidders to remove the store at his own arrangement which will be possible only when the full amount along with applicable GST amount is deposited by the successful bidders on the spot immediately

The commandant, 29" bn itbp reserve the right to reject one or all bids without assigning any

Decision of commandant 29th Bn I.T.B. Police will be final in all aspect to any dispute regarding above auction. Auction will start on 25-05-2019 at 1000 hrs.

Faraz Khan and Pranav Khare to get high-level equestrian training

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

The talented players of Madhya Pradesh State Equestrian Academy, Faraz Khan and Pranay Khare will receive high-level training of horse riding in Munich. Both of the players left for Germany from Bhopal on Monday.

Captain Bhagirath, the Chief Instructor of the Horse riding Academy has also accompanied them. In the High Level Equestrian Event Training (Cross Country Training) held in Munster, Germany from May 8 to 21. training will be given to the players by coach Corel Brillian on the Warmbald breed horse For the purpose of getting high level training on Olympic level horses in Germany, the players and the youth welfare department have been sent to

Germany on exposure.

It is notable that Faraz Khan and Pranay Khare have brought laurels to the country and the region by giving medals to the country in international competitions. In January 2019, in the Federation Equestrian International World Dressage Competition held in Delhi and Bengal, Faraz Khan and Pranay Khare received a gold medal at the Jumping Challenge event.

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Appendix-IV-A [See provisio to rule 8(6)]
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-auction Sale Notice For Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rules 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) & guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged / charged to the secured creditor, the constructive / physical possession of which has been taken by the authorised officer the secured creditor will be sold on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS, AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" & WHAT EVER THERE IS" on 24-05-2019 for recovery of bank dues

Demand Notice Date Reserve Price Name of the Branch / EMD Bid Incre Description of Secured Assets Borrower / Guarantors/ Mortgager (Moveable/Immovable Properties)

Borrower: M/s Mishra Enterprises, Prop. Rajendra Prasad Mishra S/o B.N. Mishra Guarantor/mortgagor (S): Kiran Mishra W/o Rajendra Prasad Mishra Add of Both: H.No. LIG-GL-1176, Deen Dayal Nagar, Gwalior	H.No. LIG-GL-1176, Deen Dayal Nagar, Gwalior, M.P Pin 474020 Area:750.51 Sq.ft, Boundaries, East- House No. 1175, West- House No. 1177, North- Road 7.5 Mt., South- H.N. 1166 & 1165 Symbolic Possession	31/03/2018 06/07/2018 ₹ 1533423.27 + Interest & Other Charges	₹ 19.71 Lacs ₹ 197100/- ₹ 25000/-
	or Main, SDM Road,Gwalior, M.P Tel: 0751-2422783, Mob 08674991295 EMD A/c : The Authorised Officer, Allahabad Bank, A/c No. 50458252728,		210260
Borrower: M/s Jai Maa Berare Dugdha Dairy Prop:Sri Ram Naresh Gurjar S/o Sri Maan Singh Gurjar Gurantor/Mortgagor (s) 1. Mrs Rambeti Bai W/o Sri Maan Singh 2. Mrs Shyamo Bai W/o Sri Sabharam Singh 3. Mr Murari Singh S/o Maan Singh 4. Mr Vijendra Singh S/o Maan Singh	Survey No 342,346,347/1,349/1 And 383,patwari Halka No 72 Of Village Naugaon,tehsil Gwalior, distregwalior Admeasuring 46177.56 Sq.ft. In The Name Of Mrs Rambeti Bai W/o Sri Maan Singh Boundaries: East- property Of Others, west- Property Of Others, North- Property Of Others, South- Way. Symbolic Possession Symbolic Possession	06-10-2018 ₹ 1,82,57,119/-	₹ 88.11 Lacs ₹ 8.82 Lacs ₹ 25,000/- ₹ 62.00 Lacs ₹ 6.20 Lacs ₹ 25,000/-
Borrower: M/s Maa Shitla Dugdha Dairy Prop: Sri Virendra Singh Gurjar S/o Sri Amar Singh Gurjar Gurantor/Mortgagor (s): Sri Virendra Singh Gurjar S/o Sri Amar Singh Gurjar		29-09-2018 10-12-2018 ₹ 2,16,13,542/-	₹ 160.28 Lacs ₹16.02 Lacs ₹ 25,000/-

Amar Singh Gurjar Gurantor/Mortgagor (s) : Sri Virendra Singh Gurjar S/o Sri Amar Singh Gurjar Property Of Others, North- Road, south- Property Of Others iance form & EMD: 23.05.2019 up to 4:30 pm. at Allahabad Bank Date & time of submission of Process Co Date & time of e-auction: 24.05.2019 from 11:00 A.M. To 2:30 P.M at the platform of "https://allahabadbank.a For detailed terms & conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Allahabad Bank Secured creditors website: https://allahabadbank.auctiontiger.net,

Litmus test on the popularity of Khattar

Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar may not be in the fray but his pop-ularity and performance will be put to test as the state goes to polling on 10 Lok Sabha seats on May 12.

Although the state is wit-nessing a multi-cornered contest but the real battle for baltest but the real battle for bal-lots would be mostly confined to the ruling BJP led by Manohar Lal and Congress, where former Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda is

spearheading the campaign.

The Lok Sabha poll outcome on May 23 in Haryana, where Khattar is heading the maiden BJP Government, would eventually indicate the sentiments among the voters of the state, which is also scheduled to go to Assembly polls later this year. There is a real-ization among all political parties that the result of parlia-mentary elections will set the tone for Haryana Assembly

After making his political debut about four-and -a-halfyears ago in assembly elections from Karnal, Khattar is now shouldering the responsibility of leading the party's charge in



Haryana. To boost the party' poll prospects, the star campaigner of saffron party, Manohar Lal is engaged in a hectic campaigning, addressing atleast two election rallies every day, besides holding a roadshow and meeting party workers and people of the state on daily basis. Not only Haryana, the former RSS Pracharak Manohar Lal is also holding poll rallies in neighboring Punjab, Delhi, Himachal Pradesh, union territory of Chandigarh and other states.

On his birthday a day before on May 5, the Chief Minister held two election ral-

after addressing two rallies, he went to Delhi for canvassing.

Interestingly, the first-time MLA, Manohar Lal is the most followed Haryana politician on Twitter with 1.46 million on Twitter with 1.46 million followers and has also been actively connecting with the voters through this micro-blogging site in the election

Notably, the saffron party, while riding the Narendra Modi wave in 2014 Lok Sabha elections, had emerged as a major gainer in Haryana where it had managed to win 7 seats and later that year, created a history by attaining absolute majority on its own in the State Assembly polls. The Congress could win only one seat while the undivided Indian National Lok Dal had won two seats in last general elections.

Political observers say, "Like, former Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda, who faces a must-win situation in Sonepat Lok Sabha constituency to prove his popularity among the Jats, it would an acid test for Manohar Lal's popularity as well among the non-Jat vote bank in Haryana."

They feel that any gain in BJP's tally in Haryana in 2019 polls would strengthen party at national level while any loss would put him under attack by his rivals within and

outside the party.

While the political observers feel that the 2019 election may not be a repeat of 2014 where Modi wave had decimated the Congress in Haryana, Manohar Lal exudes confidence of winning all 10 Lok Sabha seats in the state.

At his election rallies and roadshows, he is focusing on listing out BJP government's achievements at the Central and State level besides sticking to the issue of national security and nationalism.

"The BJP government has eliminated the culture of mid-dlemen and agents by bringing in transparency in the working of the government and its departments," he told people at an election rally in Rohtak on Monday.

"The ongoing Lok Sabha

elections are different from the past elections as it is a con-test between the BJP which has ensured all round develop-ment in last five years besides ensuring nation's security and the opposition Congress which misled the people through its promises including the Garibi Hatao slogan in the last sever-

A non-Jat and Punjabi Chief Minister, who is under Chief Minister, who is under attack by opposition over his government's failure during violent Jat quota stir 2016, dera followers' violence at Panchkula in 2017, violence during Baba Rampal's arrest is also hitting back at the opposition on the issues of corruption, dynasty politics and tion, dynasty politics and national security during can-

vassing. He has also faced sharp criticism from his own partymen over issues including slow pace of implementation of CM's announcements and bias attitude towards some constituencies in Haryana. Even as Manohar Lal has

managed to put his house in order and sharing dais during election campaigning with the likes of Rao Inderjit Singh, Birender Singh, known as his detractors, a poor show in Lok Sabha may again see dissenting voices rising against him in the

"Manohar Lal has been termed as an inexperienced administrator after his failure to handle the situation during Jat quota stir and dera followers' violence at Panchkula

ry in Jind bypoll and party's win in direct mayoral polls in five major cities of Haryana besides success of major schemes like Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao in

Haryana," political experts say. Apart from his hometurf -Karnal, where Manohar Lal had managed to get party tick-et for his confidant Sanjay Bhatia, the Chief Minister faces a challenging task to ensure BJP's victory on three more seats including Rohtak, Sonipat and Hisar, which are witness-

and Hisar, which are witness-ing high-stakes poll battle. While former CM Bhupinder Singh Hooda is candidate from Sonipat, his son Deependra Hooda is contesting from Rohtak and two dynasts from Chautala and Bhajan Lal families are in the fray from Hisar seat against the BJP

Before the poll schedule was announced, the Chief Minister strove hard to get a number of development pro-grammes and projects launched in the state. To woo the voters, he had also announced a new scheme to provide financial and social security cover to small farmers and workers in unorganized sector and rebate to artisans in power bill in the state.

Woman packed polling teams under Hoshangabad parliamentary constituency

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

All members of the periods the teams in 10 polling booths in each urban body of the constituencies Assembly constituencies Narsinghpur, Tendukheda and Gadarwada under the Hoshangabad parliamentary constituency are female.

Such polling booths have been named Saheli Matdaan

Kendra by the local adminis-tration. The entire work in connection to the voting is being conducted excellently at these booths by these female workers. Women voters besides other voters are getting inspired to cast vote while watching these females holding elec-tions perfectly. Such a polling booth no. 194 has been made in SDM Girls School, Stationganj, Narsinghpur. Maya Patel is a Presiding Officer, whereas Usha Soni, Haribai Thakur and Azra Parveen are election officer no. 1/P-1, P-2

Éighty year old osteoporosis Divyang Kamma Nouriya exercised voting right at polling booth made in Government Primary School of Hirapur vil-lage of Tendukheda assembly

and P-3 of the booth respec-

constituency. His son Bhura Nouriya took him to the Nourrya took nim to the polling booth carrying him on his back. They were also assisted by the Boothdoot at the booth. They refused to take assistance of wheelchair/ tricycle made available for the convenience of hadicapped. convenience of handicapped voters at the polling booth. Bhura Nouriya says that nothing is bigger than serving par-ents and voting is also like serving the country.

A young lecturer of a pria distance of 400 km to cast his vote. He casted vote at the polling booth of village Imliya-Kadheli of Tendukheda assem bly constituency of the district. He was accorded welcome by the CEO, Jila Panchayat RP Ahirwar and Additional Superintendent of Police Rajesh Tiwari, who were conducting inspection of the booth.

Adarsh Matdaan Kendra no. 173 at Government Primary School, Talapar of Narsinghpur was decorated like a house decorated for marriage. The booth was made attractive by decorating it with balloons, flowers and leaves. The entrance was also decorated and even arrangements of shed, drinking water besides crèche for children were made at the booth. Proper seating and washrooms arrangement for male and female along with ramp/wheelchair arrangement were also made at the booth. Elderly, handicapped, pregnant and lactating mothers did not have to wait in queue to cast their votes.

Three generation of the same family reached together first to cast their votes at polling booth of Kareli of Narsinghpur assembly constituency.

Eighty three year old Chowdhray Rajendra Singh, his 51 year old son Praveen Kourav and 21 year old grand-daughter Tejasvini were part of the family. Chowdhary Rajendra Singh told that voters of every generation must exercise their voting right fearless-ly to strengthen the democra-

Priyanka Gandhi in Haryana today

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Congress general secre-tary and party's star cam-paigner Priyanka Gandhi will visit Ambala, Hisar and Rohtak on Tuesday for cam-

Rohtak on Tuesday for cam paigning.
Priyanka will hold public meet-ings in Ambala and Hisar to seek votes for party c a n d i d a t e s Kumari Selja and Bhayya Bishnoi respectively on May 7. Later in the evening, she will hold a roadshow in Rohtak in support of party candidate, three-time MP Deepender Singh Hooda. This would be Priyanka Gandhi's first visit to the state after her entry into active

Former Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda said that campaigning by Priyanka Gandhi will boost

priyanka taandii wili boost party's campaign in the state. Congress' Rajya Sabha MP Kumari Selja is pit-ted against BJP's MP Rattan Lal Kataria in Ambala while Bhavya Bishnoi is Bhavya Bishnoi is locked in a three-

cornered electoral battle in Hisar with JJP's Dushyant Chautala and BJP's Brijendra Singh in the fray. Deepender Hooda is facing BJP's Arvind Sharma in Rohtak.

Haryana CM hits out at Congress

PNS ■ ROHTAK/BHIWANI

Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal on Monday said that the ongoing Lok Sabha elections are different from the past elections as it is a contest between the BJP which has ensured all round development and the opposition Congress which misled the people through its promises including

the Garibi Hatao slogan. Manohar Lal addressed two Vijay Sankalp rallies at Kalanaur in Rohtak district and Bhawani Khera in adjoining Bhiwani dis-

trict on Monday.

Speaking at Kalanaur,
Manohar Lal said that the BJP had five years back made promises which have been ful-filled resulting in upliftment of the poor and the other sections

of the society.

He said that the Prime Minister Narendra Modi Bhupinder Singh Hooda and

understood the pain of the poor and started various devel-opment programmes including Ayushman Bharat Yojna, pro-viding cooking gas cylinders free to the poor, ensuring elec-tricity to all the homes and provision of toilet facilities in the houses of the poor. Manohar Lal said that the

BJP government has eliminated the culture of middlemen and agents by bringing in trans-parency in the working of the government and its depart-

ments.

The government is collecting data of all households. Soon time will come when government officials will visit your home and tell you about various schemes from which each individual can benefit, he

Without referring to the duo of former Chief Minister

Lal said that the father-son dynastic politics has to be

The Chief Minister said that former PM Jawaharlal Nehru announced eradication such and now the fourth generation Gandhi family member, Rahul Gandhi has again given

the Garibi Hatao slogan. He said that Rahul Gandhi should not be addressed as 'Pappu' as he is national president of Congress – the main opposition party of the country.

Taking a dig at the Congress leaders and workers, he said that they has no faith in the supremo (Rahul Gandhi) of their party. Rahul Gandhi and Narendra Modi cannot be compared, he said adding that they

Later addressing the Vijay Sankalp Rally at Bhawani

the party had won in Harvana

Assembly polls 2014. Noted sociologist, Jitender

Prasad, a former professor of Sociology at Maharshi Dayanand University (MDU),

Rohtak, while talking to The Pioneer, said, "As per the past electoral trends, the Jat voters

have always polarized behind a favored Jat leader in elections. In Rohtak, Deepender will

undoubtedly get the support of Jat community and is also like-

ly to get voters from non-Jats,

ly to get voters from non-Jats, due to his good image and association with the con-stituency for a long time, he said. The Jat candidates fielded by other political parties like JIP-AAP candidate Pradeep Deshwal are unlikely to divide

Iat vote bank in the constituen-

cy as people seem to have this

ing or infact, wasting their vote

between two sides, JJP and INLD candidates after the split

in Jat-centric party, INLD last

the epicenter of violent lat reser-

vation stir 2016, which is likely

Notably, Rohtak district was

year, he added

general perception of not divid

the BJP will give a strong and stable government after the counting of votes on May 23. Manohar Lal said that the

voice of the Congress, which is helping the enemies, has to be ended. Opposition cast asper sions on the actions of the defence forces, he said claiming that the Congress is trying to weaken the defence personnel's

Speaking at the rally, Union Steel Minister Birendar Singh said that he first contested the election in 1972. Previously elections were fought on caste consideration, but in this elec-tion the scenario is totally

In this election neither caste, nor religion, nor area nor the family lineage is being considered. There is only one agenda of development, he claimed.

other political parties in the

Assistant Professor, RBI chair at

Chandigarh-based Centre for Research in Rural and Industrial

Development (CRRID) said, "A

very strong caste based polar-

ization is in play in Haryana this

election. But, Deepender still has a fair chance to emerge as a win-ner from Rohtak, probably with

a very less margin this time,"
"In this direct contest
between BJP and Congress,

major share of non-Jat vote including Punjabis, Brahmins,

Baniyas, Rajputs, Ahirs among others will go in favor of BJP. However, a section of Punjabi

vote bank is also likely to favor

Deepender due to his good rep-

utation among all communities

has remained the focus of rul-

ing BJP in the past five years with Prime Minister Narendra

Modi and party chief Amit

Shah visiting the constituency

on various occasions. The state

BIP unit has also opened its

fully-equipped war room-cum central office in Rohtak for

To boost party's campaign in the high-stakes poll battle

Prime Minister Narendra Modi

has chosen May 10, the last day

of campaigning of sixth phase to address a rally there while

Congress general secretary

Privanka Gandhi will hold

roadshow in Rohtak on May 7.

in Rohtak," he added.

Kulwant Singh Nehra,

of RSS-sponsored **Bhagwa Atankwaad**



EC stops screening

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

An RSS affiliate wing screened a short film 'Bhagwa Atankwaad-Bhramjaal' which was allegedly stopped by the Election Commission midway through on Monday on Monday.

Chief Electoral Officer of Madhya Pradesh VL Kantha Rao expressed ignorance about any such order from CEO office. The organisers however furnished an order from Assistant Returning Officer Madhya Bhopal against the

The screening of the short movie - Bhagwa Atankawad Ek Bhramjal' was staged by volunteer organisation Bharat Vichar Manch in Bhopal on Monday. The short film was screened midway through and former RAW officer RSN Singh was having a discussion with the media, the screening was stopped on the directives of EC.

The police personnel also stopped the press briefing. The movie is however already avail-

able on Youtube. The short film deals with the issue of 'saffron terrorism' and comprises statements of three political per-sonalities – Sushil Shinde, P Chidambaram and Digvijay Singh, on saffron terrorism and the RSS.

The short film conveys a message that Malegaon and Samjhahuta blasts were a conspiracy to malign the image of Hindus. The movie also quotes findings of the National oraganised a symposium on internal security in the city.

The organisers of the event claimed that the programme wasn't linked with the elections but was an attempt to establish the truth Former RAW director, RSN

Singh told the media that it was all (conspiracy) was hatched at the behest of one foreign lady. "The saffron terror was coined in a well-planned conspiracy in Delhi's Lutyens'. He also backed the Pragya Thakur's decision of foraying into politics.

BATTLEGROUND ROHTAK

Rohtak could again bring smile on Congress faces

NISHU MAHAJAN ■

Rohtak Lok Sabha constituency, known as a political capital of Jatland – Haryana, is witnessing an "electoral battle of prestige" with three-time MP Deepender Singh Hooda, locked in a direct contest with BJP's nominee Arvind Sharma to retain the parliamentary seat that has remained Hooda family's citadel.

Strong caste polarization is likely to dominate the outcome in this keenly watched poll battle between Congress'
Deepender Singh Hooda, son of
former Chief Minister
Bhupinder Singh Hooda, a prominent Jat leader and BJP's candidate, former MP Arvind Sharma, a prominent Brahmin Among other 18 candidates

in the fray from Jat-dominated Rohtak seat include Jannayak Janta Party-Aam Aadmi Party's alliance candidate Pradeep Deshwal, a Jat, INLD's nominee Dharmveer Foii and Loktantra Suraksha Party-Bahujan Samaj Party's joint candidate Kishan Lal Panchal, who comes from the Vishwakarma community, a backward class.

Rohtak, a major hub of the Jat electorate, was the lone parliamentary seat that had withstood the Modi wave and was won by the Congress out of 10 Lok Sabha seats in Haryana in

Deepender, who has had an impressive run on the political pitch with three consecutive poll victories in Jat heartland of Rohtak in Haryana since his electoral debut in 2005, is seeking mandate for the fourth term with challenges of anti-incumbency factor coupled with saf-

fron surge in the state.

The political analysts are of the view that Rohtak seat is a direct contest between Congress and BJP with other political parties unlikely to make any major impact on voters.

Interestingly, the Rohtak

seat, which exemplifies dynasty politics, was won by late Ranbir Singh Hooda in 1952 and 1957. Later, his son two-time former CM Bhupinder Singh Hooda won the seat four times and since 2005, Deepender has carried forward the family legacy.

however, is facing a tough contest this time in his family's citadel with ruling BJP, primarily focusing on consolidation of non-Jat vote in its favor after the

Jat quota agitation 2016 that has widened the divide between the Jat and non-Jat communities in the state.

The saffron party's pick of a prominent Brahmin leader, Arvind Sharma in Jat-dominated Rohtak constituency clearly indicates towards party's strategy to win over the non-Jat votes to wrest the Rohtak seat. A former Congressman, three-time MP Arvind Sharma had earlier this year joined the BJP and had in the past won the lat dominated Sonepat Lok Sabha seat in 1996 as an independent candidate and later, won Karnal Lok Sabha seat in 2004 and 2009 on

Congress' ticket.
The BJP, which has been going full throttle to win Rohtak, is also banking on brand "Modi" and has also been reaching out to the leaders of caste-based The Congress candidate, organizations in the constituency besides holding an aggressive campaign led by Chief Minister Manohar Lal there. BJP's support base large-ly comprises urban non-Jat vot-

ers and traders in Rohtak con-

ization of votes on caste lines, the Congress' candidate, Deepender is banking on the development works undertaken in last 15 years and the support that his father Bhupinder Singh Hooda, a prominent Jat leader enjoys in

e community.

In 2014 general elections, Deepender was pitted against BJP's nominee OP Dhankar (Cabinet Minister), a lat candidate and had managed to register a hat-trick by a margin of more than 1.7 lakh votes in the

managed to win four out of nine assembly seats that form Rohtak parliamentary constituency in the State Assembly election, making inroads in the Jat stronghold of Rohtak.

In the past elections, the non-Jat polarization has worked in favour of the BIP in bypoll to Jind assembly segment and even in Rohtak assembly seat, which

CONGRESS CANDIDATE DEEPENDRA SINGH HOODA: "I am confident of winning the Rohtak Lok Sabha seat and believe that this victory in Rohtak will give a political lirection to the state in the upcoming assembly elections due to be held later this year. lave support of people of my constituency due to the development works undertaken in

BJP CANDIDATE ARVIND SHARMA: "There is Modi wave in entire country in this election. In Rohtak also, people wants to see Narendra Modi as the next Prime Minister. Given the enthusiasm among people that I have witnessed during election campaign, I am sure that the BJP will win Rohtak as well as other 9 seats in the state."

to caste shadow on the poll outcome in the constituency.

The quota agitation that

killed over 30 people in the state had upset the Jat community. whose major demands including reservation still remain unfulfilled. Upset with the ruling BJP, the Jat outfits have already announced to boycott the BJP and vote in favor of

assembly segments while support from their Dhankar took lead in Kosli

elections.

five seats are being Hooda represents Garhi Sampla Kiloi assembly

LAST THREE ELECTIONS

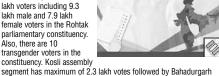
In 2014 Lok Sabha, Deepender Singh Hooda had won for the third BJP's candidate OP Dhankar

In 2009 general elections. Deepender had retained the Rohtak seat in style, with a record margin by defeating his main rival Nafe Singh Rathi of the INLD by a margin of over 4.45 lakh votes

▶ In 2005 by-election, Deepender had made successful electoral debut with a winning margin of 2.32 lakh votes against his nearest BJI rival Capt Abhimanyu. Deepender had contested the bypoll after his father Bhupinder Singh Hooda had resigned from the LS seat after getting elected to the State Assembly from the Kiloi constituency

NUMBER OF VOTERS

According to the Election lakh male and 7.9 lakh female voters in the Rohtak parliamentary constituency. Also, there are 10 transgender voters in the



with 2.1 lakh voters, Garhi Sampla with 2 lakh voters There are 1876 polling stations in the Rohtak constituency, where a total of 18 candidates are in the fray

Congress' Deepender Singh Hooda had won for the third consecutive time by a margin of more than 1.7 lakh votes. BJP's candidate OP Dhankar had finished second after securing 3.18 lakh votes, while

INLD's Shamsher Kharkara polled 1.51 lakh votes and AAP candidate Naveen Jaihind had Rohtak Lok Sabha seat

Kalanaur, Bahadurgarh, Badli, Jhajjar, Beri and Kosli During the last general elections, Deepender had managed to keep his

and Bahadurgarh segments. However in 2014 State Assembly elections, the BJP had wrested four of the nine

party is now banking on Manish Grover-to mobilise constituencies for party nominee Arvind Sharma

The BJP has its MLAs in and Kosli while rest of the segment in Haryana

PERFORMANCE IN 2014 ELECTIONS

In 2014 Lok Sabha polls, which is largely dominated by the Jats, cover the entire district of Rohtak, and those of Rewari and Jhajjar partially. It has nine assembly segments of Meham, Garhi Sampla-Kiloi, Rohtak,

supremacy in seven

Lok Sabha seat. The saffron these four party legislators which include two Cabinet Ministers—OP Dhankar and Rohtak, Badli, Bahadurgarh represented by the Congress Former CM Bhupinder Singh

PM will sink in his own wave of lies, says Cong

The Congress on Monday came out with its own report card on the Modi Government's flagship schemes and alleged that none has met its target. It said the Prime Minister "will sink in his own wave of lies".

Addressing a Press conference at the Congress head-quarters, party leader Navjot Singh Sidhu shared details about various schemes of the BJP Government.

Talking first about the "₹20,000-crore" Namami Gange scheme launched in 2015, Sidhu said that Water Resources Minister Nitin Gadkari had claimed that 80 per cent of Ganga cleaning work will be completed by

2019. "Out of ₹20,000 crore ear marked for the scheme, only ₹6,000 crore has been spent. Only 10 per cent of the sewage treatment plants have been made. The Ganga is most unclean in Varanasi," Sidhu claimed. Modi represents Varanasi in the Lok Sabha and

is contesting again.

"The National Ganges
Council was supposed to meet
once a year. The PM is its chairman and the CMs of the five states that have Ganga basin are its members. This Council has not met even once in last five years," he said.

on the much publicised Digital India scheme, Sidhu said, "Digital India was sup-posed to connect 2.5 lakh villages with broadband connec tions by February 2019. Only 1.1 lakh villages have got the optic fibre cable as yet...The internet has not worked in even two per cent of villages," he said. "Now this work is being outsourced to companies such as Reliance and Vodafone," he alleged. Under the 'Skill India' pro-



lages which have been adopt-

ed by the PM in Varanasi. "Under Swachh Bharat

Abhiyan, 400 toilets were made in these two villages. In 80 per

cent of the toilets, cow dung

and firewood are being stored...The PM installed solar

street lights. It does not have motor or batteries," said the former BJP MP.

Sidhu alleged that out of ₹684 crore allocated under the "Beti Padhao, Beti Bachao"

scheme, 56 per cent of the money has been used in adver-

tisements featuring the PM. "Can you imagine? These are the flagship programs of the PM Modi...Liar-in-Chief is his

name.

Then he (PM) complains

" the called me a liar.

Only the weak complain. The

brave ones defeat their opponents. Should I call

you Raja Harischandra?" he

About Fasal Bima Yojana, Sidhu said it is "even a bigger scam than Rafale scam". "I am saying it categorically." "Under the UPA Government, 4.85

crore farmers were insured. Under the Modi Government,

4.87 crores were insured. The

premium taken under the UPA

regime was just ₹10,560 crore.

All of these are Government

companies such as LIC," he

Government, while the number of people insured are the same as UPA, the premium taken is

₹47,408 crore...The premium has increased by five times," he

the

"Under

About Fasal Bima Yojana,

asked.

gramme, the Modi Government promised skill enhancement for 40 crore people, according to Sidhu but "only 41 lakh people have been trained". "Out of 41 lakh, only 6 lakh people have got place-ment," he claimed. Sidhu also talked about

the progress in the Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) scheme, which was launched in

"AMRUT scheme has 500 cities under it where sewage facilities and water connectivity has to be provided. Its project utilisation is just 3 per cent. Can you imagine? In BJP-ruled states of Assam and Bihar, not a single project has been com-pleted," he said.

On the Mudra scheme, Sidhu said the average sanc-tioned loan under it comes to ₹46,000. "The person, who has an annual income of ₹1.11 lakh, you are giving him a loan of ₹46,000 and asking him to start a business. What a joke

this is?" he asked.

"Just one per cent of the loans given under the Mudra scheme were above ₹5 lakhs," he added.

About Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana, Sidhu said, "In phase 3, 78 per cent of the 786 MPs (Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha) have not adopted any village...46 per cent of the Union Ministers have not iden-tified any village. The scheme does not have any budgetary

He also talked about Jayapur and Nagepur - two vil-

Sacked BSF jawan Tej Bahadur Yadav on Monday moved the Supreme Court challenging the Election Commissions decision to cancel his candidature from the Varanasi Lok Sabha con-stituency from where Prime Minister Narendra Modi is contesting.
Yadav, who was dismissed

in 2017 after he posted a video online complaining about the food served to the troops, was fielded by the Samajwadi Party as its candidate from the Varanasi seat.

Yadav, in his plea, termed the decision of the poll panel discriminatory and unreason-able and said it should be set

decision to cancel his candidature The SP had initially fielded Shalini Yadav as its candi-

date to contest against Modi and later nominated the sacked BSF jawan. The poll panel had dismissed Yadav's nomination

FROM SUPREME COURT ===

Tej moves to court against EC's

He was served notices by the Varanasi returning officer over "discrepancies" in the two sets of nomination papers submitted by him.

In the first set of papers on April 24, he had mentioned that he was dismissed from the Border Security Force. On April 29 he submitted a second set of papers as the SP nominee, but did not give out

this information.

He was also required to submit a no-objection certificate from the BSF, giving rea-

Bring on EC record giving clean chit to Modi & Shah, Cong told

The Supreme Court
Monday asked Congress
MP Sushmita Dev to bring on
Flection record the Election Commission's orders giving clean chit to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and BJP President Amit Shah on complaints of Model Code viola tions. A bench comprising Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi and Justice Deepak Gupta has now listed the plea of Dev, a Congress MP from Silchar Lok Sabha seat in Assam, for hearing on May 8.

Senior advocate A M Sighvi, appearing for Dev, alleged that the poll panel has passed unreasoned orders dismissing the complaints of the Congress party on violations of MCC (Model Code of Conduct) by the prime minister and Shah who are accused of using armed forces in their campaign.

The bench asked the law-

maker to file an additional affidavit bringing on records the orders passed by EC on the complaints of MCC violations by the top two BJP leaders.
The EC has given clean chit

to Modi for two of his speech-es — one in Latur last month urging first time voters to ded icate their votes in the name of Balakot air strike heroes and soldiers killed in the Pulwama attack, and the other in Wardha on April 1, where he indicated that Wayanad constituency had more voters from the minority community.

RAFALE DEAL Review pleas, contempt petition against RaGa to be heard on May 10

PTI ■ NEW DEI HI

The Supreme Court on Monday said it would hear together on May 10 the pleas seeking review of its verdict on the Rafale fighter jet case and the contempt petition against Congress President Rahul Gandhi for wrongly attributing to the apex court the "chokidar chor hai" remark against Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

A special bench headed by Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi said the petitions seeking review of its December 14 ver-dict of last year will come up for

hearing on May 10.

The bench, also comprising Justices S K Kaul and K M Joseph, expressed surprise as to how the review pleas and the contempt petition against Gandhi were listed on different dates when it had earlier ordered that both the cases will be heard together.

"We are little perplexed

that the two cases are listed on two different dates when the order was that these matters will be heard together," the bench said. Gandhi had made the con-

temptuous remark, "chowkidar chor hai", against Modi, which the apex court had said was rongly attributed to it.
The top court had on April

30 given another opportunity to Gandhi for filing one more affidavit for his remark.

Though Gandhi, through his counsel, admitted that he made a mistake by wrongly attributing the remark to the Supreme Court, it observed that in the affidavit filed earlier, at one point the Congress President admitted the mistake and at one point denied mak-

ing contemptuous remarks.

During Monday's brief hearing, advocate Prashant

sons for his dismissal. Plea against traffic restriction

on J&K NH dismissed

The Supreme Court on Monday dismissed a plea challenging the Jammu and Kashmir Government's order restricting civilian traffic for a day in a week on a stretch of the national highway from Udhampur to Baramulla for the movement of

security forces.
Counsel for the State Government told the bench comprising Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi and Justice Deepak Gupta that the order restricting traffic on the national highway was taken due to the ongoing election and will remain in force till May

The bench, after hearing the submissions, said, "We are not inclined to keep this petition pending." The State Government had issued an order on April 3 in which it said that keeping in view the Pulwama terror attack, another car bomb attack on security forces' convoy at Banihal and movement of forces dur-ing the Lok Sabha elections, no civilian traffic movement will be allowed on the NH stretch from 4 AM to 5 PM once a week.

The order had said there would be one "dedicated day every week" for movement of security forces' convoy when there would be no civilian traffic on the national highway from Baramulla to Udhampur from

MUZAFFARPUR SHELTER HOME

SC directs CBI to file status by June 3

he Supreme Court on Monday The Supreme Court on Monae, directed the CBI to complete its probe by June 3 into the alleged murder of 11 girls at a shelter home in Bihar's Muzaffarpur and asked the agency to file a status report.

A bench comprising Chief Justice

Ranjan Gogoi and Justice Deepak Gupta said that since the matter was 'urgent", it would be heard by a vaca-

tion bench on June 3.
"Office to list the matter on June 3 before the vacation bench of this court. In the meantime, the ongoing investigation, as stated in the reply of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), be completed and all necessary actions in accordance with law, including filing of status report before this court, be also completed," the bench said in its order.

4 AM to 5 PM.

The regulation of the vehicular movement on the NH would remain in force till May 31, it had said.

The bench initially asked the CBI to complete the probe related to alleged 11 murders within two weeks

Centre announces ₹1K cr

keeping in view the urgency of the matter, but later asked it to do so by

Attorney General K Venugopal, appearing for CBI, told the court that completion of probe on this aspect "will not be possible" with-He said that 11 girls were sup-

posed to have been murdered and as per CBI's recent affidavit filed in the apex court, it was found that there were a total of 35 girls with identical names who at one time or the other had staved there.

"11 girls are supposed to have been murdered. In one case, we have recovered bones also," he told the bench. In the affidavit, the CBI had told

the court that 11 girls were alleged-ly murdered by key accused Brajesh Thakur and his accomplices and a "bundle of bones" was recovered from a burial ground in Muzaffarpur

Give me ₹50 cr, will kill Modi: 2-yr-old Tej's video surfaces

two-year-old controversial A clip featuring sacked BSF jawan Tej Bahadur Yadav purportedly claiming to kill Prime Minister Narendra Modi for a sum ₹50 crore surfaced on the social media on Monday "shocking" the BJP which high lighted how mainstream political parties were embracing such a person.

Yadav was fielded by the Samajwadi Party as a Lok Sabha

candidate from Varanasi con-stituency against Modi. However, his candidature was cancelled as he was dismissed

from service. Reacting to the develop-ment, BJP leader GVL Narasimha Rao said, "It is very shocking that yet another con-spiracy to assassinate the Prime Minister has come to light by someone who was drafted as a Lok Sabha candidate against the PM in Varanasi by the Samajwadi Party. In a stunning

video, Tej Bahadur Yadav is heard asking for Rs 50 crore to assassinate Modi."

Rao alleged that Tej Bahadur is also seen accepting that he has links with terror outfits like Hizbul Mujahidden and Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT). He said the BJP requested all democratically spirited individuals, institutions and political parties to condemn such violent plans in an unequivocal manner. "We condemn it, we expect all agencies to take note

of this threat," Rao said. The EC rejected Yadav's

nomination as he was unable to submit a certificate to affirm that he had not been sacked for either corruption or disloyalty during the last five years. Yaday has now approached the Supreme Court terming the poll panel's decision as discriminatory and unreasonable and sought reversal of the poll panel's decision in order to aallow him to contest the elec-

more to cyclone-hit Odisha PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

The Centre on Monday announced the release of an additional ₹1,000 crore to the cyclone-hit Odisha as announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. This amount would be in addition to the ₹341 crore that had been provided to the Odisha's State Disaster Response Force in

advance.
As announced by Prime Minister after his aerial survey and review of relief efforts with the Odisha Government, the Home Ministry has announced a further release of ₹1,000 crore for assistance to the state, the statement said

In the National Crisis Management Committee (NCMC), headed by Cabinet Secretary PK Sinha, Odisha Government informed that restoration of Power and Telecommunication infrastructure continue to remain the major priority in the Cyclone affected areas of the

restoration has been reported while more works need to be done in Bhubaneswar and Puri. The NEET examination, which was postponed, will now be held on 20th May. Medicines dispatched by the Centre have

PIONEER NEW SERVICE ■

The HRD Ministry on Monday assured the

Karnataka Government it would

soon decide on their request to allow over 500 students from the

State, who missed the NEET

exam on Sunday due to a train delay. HRD Minister Prakash

Javadekar announced that the

National Testing Agency will

conduct NEET exam again for

those students of Karnataka who missed their exam as their

train was delayed which has

come as a major relief to the can-

will be conducted on May 20.

Nearly 365 students from north

Karnataka had missed appear-ing for the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) on

NEET for these students



Reviewing the relief measures, Cabinet ecretary stressed that power connectivity need to be restored on priority basis as drinking water supply, telephone connectivity and banking operations need electricity

been received and all measures were being taken to prevent any outbreak of diseases

Reviewing the relief measures, Cabinet Secretary stressed that power connectivity need to be restored on priority basis as drinking water are functional and sufficient supply, telephone connectivity and banking operations need electricity.

The option of deploying vehicle-mounted mobile towers, as requested by Odisha, is being explored to provide connectivity in Puri and Khurda. More than 2,500 gang men

More than 2,500 gang men are working in Odisha to restore power lines, substations and Steel Ministry has dispatched about 5,500 steel electric poles and another 15,000 will be supplied by 14th May.

May.
Cabinet Secretary directed that more manpower should be mobilized to restore power. He also suggested that mobile service operators need to operationalize their towers in coordination with the State

Government.

Ministry of Petroleum informed that majority of petrol and diesel retail outlets stocks of diesel and other fuels are available in Odisha.

Three mobile dispensers of Diesel of 6000 liters capacity each are being pressed into ser-

INSHORT

IMA DEMANDS OVERHAUL Of Diagnostic Technique New Delhi: The IMA has demanded a major overhaul of the Pre-conception and Pre-nata Diagnostic Techniques (Prohibition of Sex Selection) Act, saying the legislation in its present form has led to "harassment" of obstetricians and radiologists and has "miserably failed" in restoring the sex ratio of the country. The Indian Medical Association (IMA) demand came after the Supremo

PM 'UTTERED UNTRUTHS' SAYS YECHURY New Delhi: CPI(M) general

validity of Sections 23(1) and

23(2) of the act.

secretary Sitaram Yechury said on Monday that Prime Minister Narendra Modi "uttered untruths" to sharpen communal polarisation. Modi at an election rally in West Bengal's Jhargram slammed Yechury for his "derogatory" remarks against Ramayana and Mahabharata.

SCHOOL PRINCIPAL CONGRATULATE STUDENTS done their RD Public Senior Secondary School, Krishan Vihar, proud by coming out with

flying colours in the CBSE X examination, results for which were announced on Monday. Principal Sudha Rampal congratulated them for their performance.

WB, Karnataka to gift grey wolves, Kalii Pheasants to Gorakhpur Zoo

ARCHANA JYOTI ■ NEW DELHI

wo non-BJP States — West Two non-BJP states — The Bengal and Karnataka — have agreed to 'gift' their two grey wolves and colourful Kalij Pheasants each respectively to the upcoming Gorakhpur Zoo in BJP Chief Minister Aditya Nath Yogi's hometown in Uttar

While the Padmaia Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park (also called the Darjeeling Zoo) in West Bengal has agreed to part away with a pair of grey wolves, Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens, popularly known as 'Mysuru Zoo,' which is one of the oldest zoos of the country, will hand over two bright male pheasants to the Shaheed Ashfagullah Khan Prani Udvan also known as Gorakhpur Zoo being constructed in the same namesake district

A distinctive pheasant with bare red facial skin, the Kalij Pheasant has a backward-point ing crest with a vertically compressed tail. Males are iridescent black and silver while females are grayish-brown. These winged beauties are found in forested areas, usually in the

mountains. Although the Indian gray wolf is distributed in a vast area of peninsular India, the actual estimates of wolf populations are available only from

Gujarat and Rajasthan (Jhala & Giles, 1991). Only a few reports on the occurrence of wolf are available from Karnataka The Indian Grey Wolves are social animals, i.e. they live in packs and generally with one pair amongst them which gives birth to a litter of pups during the colder months. After shift ing the pair of wolves which have been given name as Ajay

and Kumda, the Mysuru Zoo will be left with nine pairs.

Not keen to lose on the time,

the UP Government wants that the Central Zoo Authority (CZA), under the Unior Environment Ministry, should give permission to keep the gifted animals at Lucknow Zoo for transit period till the con-struction work of the enclosures is completed. A total 33 enclosures are being constructed to house the animals in the zoo to be sprawled in the area of 121

The cost for transportation of the gifted animals will be borne by the Gorakhpur Zoo that will have state-of-the art facilities such as amphitheatre, snake park, avian enclosures and butter fly park among other basic facilities.

Sources in the Ministry, which oversees the functioning of the CZA, said that the proposal is being studied as keepng the 'gifted' animals for a trai sit period in a zoo, other than where they will be permanently housed is usually not in the interest of the animals transported from their original enclo-In fact, the proposal to con-

struct the Gorakhpur Zoo had been pending for quite a long time during the SP government which was approved by the Central Zoo Authority and Supreme Court in Mayawati's tenure, in 2010. However, it gained momentum after the BJP Government took over the regime in the State. It will be the first in the eastern UP and big-

ger than the Lucknow zoo. Initially, it was called as Gorakhpur zoo which was rechristened by the SP Government after revolutionary Ashfaqullah Khan, in May 2012.

KVIC distributes 1 L bee boxes to farmers, jobless youths in 2 yrs

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) has distributed more than one lakh bee boxes among the farmers and unemployed vouths across the nation in less youths across the nation in less than two year under a pro-gramme named 'Honey Mission' launched in August 2017 from the Presidential Edifice at Rashtrapati Bhawan

During this process, KVIC achieved many landmarks. First, on 21st May 2018 on World Honey Bee Day, KVIC made a World Record of distributing maximum number of bee-boxes in a single day by distributing 1,000 bee-boxes among 100 Mishing Asamese tribe in the Kaziranga forest area, beating previous best of 841 in Israel in 2016.

KVIC also made a new World Record of distributing maximum number of 2330 bee-boxes in a single day in the Zangalee Army area at Kupwara in Jammu & Kashmir among 233 beneficiaries, in association with Indian Army's Sadbhawna Programme. KVIC Chairman Vinai

immediately made an action plan on this line named 'Honey We have so far distributed 1,01,000 bee-boxes, across the country, which had happened for the very first time in India. We have not only distributed bee-boxes, rather under 'Honey Mission', we have also created

Kumar Saxena said that fol-

lowing the Prime Minister's call

of 'Sweet Revolution', the KVIC

more than 10,000 new employment, besides creating around 25,000 additional man days through the fabrication of Bee boxes and Honey Extractors," he said, adding, "The KVIC has also provided the bee-keepers practical training about examination of honeybee colonies, acquaintance with apicultural equipments, identification and management of bee enemies and diseases, honey extraction and wax purification, and management of bee colonies in spring, summer, monsoon tumn and winter seasons Saxena, who himself mon-

itors the progress of 'Honey Mission' round-the-clock, fur-ther said that besides production of healthy honey and wax bee-keeping would open many iob avenues for the unem ployed youths and aspiring young entrepreneurs. "Being the nodal agency of

Prime Minister Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), the KVIC would provide loans for setting up units of processing, packaging and labelling units for the honey," he added.

It may be noted that through 'Honey Mission', so far 246 metric tonnes of honey has been extracted through these Bee-Boxes only, valuing over Rs Besides, if the farmers are

'Honey Mission'. However, assessment of gains in crops' yield in terms of money, has not been ascer-tained as yet.

to be believed their crops yield has increased up to 30 percent

after the implementation of

Rewriting NEET: HRD to decide on Karnataka's request May 5, as the train in which they were travelling reached Bengaluru over seven hours

"Happy to announce that Karnataka Students who missed NEET exam due to rail-way delay will get another chance," HRD Minister

Prakash Javadekar tweeted. Chief Minister H D Kumaraswamy held a meeting with Chief Secretary T M Vijaya Bhaskar and Higher Education Department officials on the issue. The students missed the National Eligibility and Entrance Test (NEET) on Sunday as their train reached Bengaluru an hour after the scheduled reporting time and also due to a change in an exam

centre, reportedly without any prior information. Kumaraswamy had also



urged Javadekar and Railway Minister Piyush Goyal to ensure that the students who missed the test get another chance to write the NEET.

Union Minister D V adananda Gowda also wrote to HRD Minister Prakash Javadekar, seeking an early solution to the issue. He said the situation could easily have been averted had the National Testing Authority given wide publicity on the change in exam centre and intimated students well in advance.

"I shall be grateful if you could kindly look into the matter and do the needful to

ty to the missing students to write the exam," Gowda said in his letter.
According to reports, over 500 students from various

provide one more opportuni-

places in North Karnataka dis-tricts failed to make it to the exam venue due to a five-hour delay in Hampi Express while the others missed the opportunity due to a change in an exam centre. One of the candidates tweeted to Javadekar that the train was running behind schedule by seven hours and that they would miss the test for no fault of theirs. Former Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah had tweeted on Sunday highlight ing the issue. Candidates had staged a protest outside the railway station for missing the test for no fault of theirs BHOPAL | TUESDAY | MAY 7, 2019

PAPER WITH PASSION

A speech too far

Modi has failed his own self-worth by making uncharitable remarks on the late Rajiv Gandhi. Frankly, he didn't need to



True leadership is tested in the most unfavourable and hostile conditions. And it commands respect when it emerges with grace under pressure. Or when its courage is under fire. No matter who or what the opponent, it is about the certain choices that you make in taking up a challenge than making uncertain moves, hoping they will hit the target, that prove whether you are qualified to be a class apart. On this count, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who has always positioned himself as a larger than life deliverer —

no matter how crafted or earned — should not have disrespected the dead, in this case, an assassinated Prime Minister. Plunging levels of indecency in public discourse may have ceased to surprise us anymore but at least one never expected Modi to take on Congress president Rahul Gandhi with the utterly reprehensible comment of "Your father's life ended as Bhrashtachari No 1." That, too, at a public rally where even the backbencher would know that Rajiv Gandhi was killed in a blast set off by a Tamil suicide bomber. People may have rightful reservations about Congress era incompetencies and Bofors but to link that accidental, tragic death to them is entirely uncalled for. Nothing can justify this lowly jibe from somebody who holds a prized Constitutional post and by virtue of its occupancy, is expected to set high standards. Besides, Modi emerged as a reaction to extreme anti-Congressism and, therefore, is expected to not use tropes but set a singular example that is not referenced in comparisons. He should fit the persona he wants to script a repeat history with, not sag from its contours. Agreed Rahul Gandhi's own jibe of chowkidaar chor hai began the downward spiral when no probe or court has pronounced the Prime Minister guilty of wrong-doing but to return that ill-timed belligerence or immaturity with such repugnance is certainly unexpected and unwarranted. Yes, he is under pressure on Rafale to tear down the Congress charge of corruption by pulling out Bofors but wouldn't it have been better to deal with the inconsistent facts of that case? Why get personal? Besides, Rajiv Gandhi himself was absolved of being a direct recipient of the Bofors payoffs by the Delhi High Court and the Supreme Court refused to entertain a petition against him. The new BJP leadership must remember that it is justifying the candidacy of Sadhvi Pragya Thakur on the same logic that the court had not pronounced her guilty. Surely, the party realises the trap of selective interpretations? Or the fact that all parties invoke "the innocent until proven guilty clause" to suit their convenience? Worse, senior BJP leaders amplified Modi's remark instead of letting it lapse organically.

Nobody is arguing that there should be no critique of previous regimes to justify the alternative policies of one's own. But in hitting below the belt, Modi ended up making Rahul look like the victim and have the entire Opposition rally around him and the Congress by extension. This at a time when the glue was sort of coming off the angularities of the mahagathbandhan. He just gave them a reason to stay together. This also comes as a cushion after BSP chief Mayawati's large-heartedness of the day before when she asked her voters to throw their weight behind the Congress. As for Rahul, it gave him the opportunity to undo the frivolity of his hugplomacy in Parliament, take the moral high ground and emerge convincing in contrast. His tweet on karma, and claiming that he harboured no ill will about such vicious attacks on his bloodline rather than himself endeared him to many. He was expedient enough to take a dig at the new BJP leadership's hypocrisy on values of the Indian parivaar, recalling how the party had sidelined mentors like LK Advani and Murli Manohar Joshi. Frankly, Modi did not need to engage in this vitriol if he is so sure himself of making past the magic number. In fact, in contrast to his 2014 campaign, where he posited himself in a far more statesmanlike manner and, therefore, seemed earnest about progressive development, the gallery-playing and divisive Modi of 2019 is hard to reconcile with. It doesn't behove the expansive confidence he has exuded so far and makes him look pathetically insecure. One would have thought that he would graduate to the next level instead and change the discourse from namecalling to one of real issues, something which is totally missing this time.

Digital gets physical

Israel's response to a Hamas cyber attack was real-time. What does this mean for warfare in the future?



ne of the unwritten rules of global warfare has always been a 'reasonable' response to an attack. Does India's counter-strike in the aftermath of the Pulwama attacks qualify on that count? That is what most countries felt given that India had hit back at the terrorists who had orchestrated the attack on the convoy of paramilitary forces. But Israel's response to a suspected Hamas cyber attack on its interests was to bomb into oblivion the house where the online warriors were operating from. The question many war-

fare theorists are asking now is whether this was a proportionate attack? The United States (US) did not even use low-yield tactical nuclear weapons when it was chasing Osama bin Laden or in any of the wars that it has been involved in after it dropped the "Fat Man" nuclear bomb on Nagasaki. That said, Israel's responses to Palestinian terrorist attacks has almost always been disproportionate, using far superior weaponry against a State that barely exists.

But there are a couple of things that we should all keep in mind. With increased digitisation in the world, a cyber attack can itself be disproportionately more damaging than a physical version. Paralysing the banking or electrical system of a nation can cause far more damage economically than a bomb. It might not kill any people, at least not directly, but as demonetisation has taught us, a shock to the financial system can be extremely damaging to the economy. So should the response to such a transgression also be physically proportionate? That is clearly something that will have to be determined on a case-tocase basis but nations are rightly becoming more aware of the risks and the need to respond to such attacks. Primarily because a digital offensive may not allow any State the liberty of time to script an equally potent digital counteroffensive. Sometimes, there may not be enough digital assets to compromise, sometimes the attacking State would have secured its own digital assets. A physical reaction may be the only way to respond in such a complicated scenario. Taking out the nerve-centre of the attack by blowing it up could well be a baseline response and that is what Israel seems to have done. Other countries may have different ways of responding — they may employ sleuths or assassins to go after the perpetrators. This is a brand new world of warfare that we are entering into and the answers to many of these questions will unfortunately only come after the scale of a devastating impact.

Reality check for Chacko

While the Congress leader's assertion that the Nehru-Gandhis are the 'first family' goes against our democratic ethos, their transgressions are now precedents followed by others



A SURYA PRAKASH

lthough the Congress was in the vanguard of the freedom movement, many of its members are still not comfortable with the core values in our Constitution and the democratic way of life. A case in point is the recent statement of a dyed-in-the-wool Congressman PC Chacko that the Nehru-Gandhi family is "the first family in the country."

In the mid-1970s, the then Congress

president, Dev Kant Barooah, had pro-claimed that "Indira is India and India is Indira." What followed was terrible consequences for the country's citizens. Taken in by such sycophancy, Prime Minister Indira Gandhi displayed fascist tendencies and turned our democracy into a dictatorship. While the assertion of the Congress leader. Mr Chacko, that the Nehru-Gandhi family is the "first family of the country" goes against the very grain of our democracy and Constitutional *dharma*, we must admit that the family has many firsts to its credit. Here are some of them:

In 1946, when the All-India Congress Committee (AICC) asked its State units to propose the name of the person who, in their view, should become party president and the first Prime Minister of India, not one Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC) voted for Iawaharlal Nehru. A dozen of them wanted Jawanariai Nentru. A dozen of them wanted Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel to become the party president and Prime Minister. Three other State units proposed no candidate. Yet, though he did not secure a single vote, Jawaharlal Nehru, backed by Mahatma Gandhi, became the first Prime Minister of India. The Congress and historians close to this family have written tomes, describing Nehru as a "great democrat" but have hidden this dreadful truth from the Indian public. Nehru, therefore, has the unique distinction of getting the top job without a single vote in

Nehru was also the only Prime Minister under whom India suffered a humiliating defeat in a war with China, thanks to his woolly-headed approach to international relations and gross misreading of China's real intentions. He was also the Prime Minister who preferred to beseech the United Nations on January 1, 1948, and internationalise the Kashmir issue, rather than allow the Indian

Army to throw out the infiltrators.
Yet another first for Nehru was the manner in which he initiated dynastic politics in the country. He manipulated the party bosses and ensured the appointment of his daughter Indira Gandhi as the Congress pres

Indira Gandhi, too, has many firsts to her readit. She was the only Prime Minister to supersede four judges of the Supreme Court (three of them in April 1973, and one in January 1977) and propound the theory of a "committed judiciary"—that is, committed to the Congress. She was the only Indian leader to crush democracy and replace it with

dictatorship during the dreaded Emergency, which she imposed in 1975. She was the first national leader to abolish the need for quorum in Parliament so that a few Congress MPs could make laws for the entire country. She was also the first and only Prime Minister to empower the President to amend the Constitution through an executive order. She was also the first leader of the Congress to give party tickets to two people, who had hijacked an aircraft in 1978. Soon after she returned to power, she ensured the withdrawal of cases against the hijackers, gave them party tickets in the Uttar Pradesh Assembly elections in 1981 and ensured their victories.

Thus, she made sure that the hijackers became honourable members of the Uttar Pradesh legislature. Thereafter, her successors in the family — Rajiv Gandhi and Sonia Gandhi have repeatedly honoured one of the hijackers with a party ticket to contest the Lok Sabha elections from Uttar Pradesh. Such is the respect that the Nehru-Gandhis accord to this individual that they have given him the party ticket five times and made desperate attempts to ensure the presence of this man in the House of the

Raiiv Gandhi is another



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Two members of this fam- Jawaharlal Nehru and Indira Gandhi — have the unique distinction of conferring the Bharat Ratna upon them-selves. Later, Rajiv Gandhi, too, was awarded the Bharat Ratna posthumously. All the three members of this family, who became Prime Ministers, have

Minister after Indira Gandhi to

BR Ambedkar. It was left to other party Governments to confer the Bharat Ratna on these great national leaders.
Yet another first, which is now etched in stone, is that this is the only political family in the country to name all major Government schemes, nation al projects and institutions and most of the sports trophies after its own members to the complete exclusion of every-

Sonia Gandhi is probably the only foreigner to get herself included illegally in the voters' list in our country. This hap-

ened in 1980, when she was still a citizen of Italy. Someone lodged a complaint with the Chief Election Officer, Delhi, and he removed her name from the voters' list because she was not a citizen of India

Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi are two members of the Nehru-Gandhi family who are members of the Lok Sabha and who consider it infra dig to ask questions in the House Obviously, they take the Chacko principle seriously. A look at the parliamentary record of the two Gandhis shows that they have never asked a single question in their parliamentary careers. According to a study conducted by PRS India, on an average, MPs asked 300 questions in the 15th Lok Sabha and 293 questions in the 16th Lok Sabha Compare their record with the highest number of questions asked by an MP in the 16th Lok Sabha — 1,181 — and you get an idea of what an active MP can do during question time. This is the record of the "First family." Mr Chacko, please stop using expressions that militate against our democratic ethos. India is the biggest democracy in the world, not a monarchy.

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UNDBITE

Modi is a hover who unemployment but ended up punching his coach and veteran leader LK Advani.

Congress chief
—Rahul Gandhi



I made a mistake when I gave my older children phones when they were 13. It ended my relation



The Islamic State chose a country that had recently established peace to make the statement to the world

Sri Lankan President



I am keeping the truth of flagship programmes in front of you. The Prime Minister will sink in his own wave of

Congress leader —Navjot Singh Sidhu



ETTERS

A role model in disaster management

Rebuild Odisha

Sir - This refers to the editorial, "Preventive measures" (May 6). The cyclonic storm named Fani, the worst witnessed by India in 20 years, crossed the Odisha coast near Puri with wind speeds of about 200-220 kmph but could not inflict as much damage as was expected. Odisha's management of the natural disaster has become a template for the world to follow given our population. It seemed like the State had learnt lessons from past. All its arms performed to perfection — there were weather alerts, preparedness and informed public participation. Post the disaster, the Centre as

well as the State Government are faced with a hefty task of rebuild-ing infrastructure. Fani has left a trail of destruction across the State with considerable structural damage being inflicted to private and public properties. To this end, the Union Government has taken timely action. It has released emergency funds and deployed National Disaster Response Force teams. The State Government pressed into action even before the cyclone was about to hit Odisha. More than 12 lakh people were

his refers to the editorial "Preventive measures (May 6). Fani, which means the hood of a snake and is pronounced 'Foni', was rated as an "extremely

severe cyclonic storm." Fani did what a cyclone does best - wreaking havoc. It damaged infrastructure and buildings and uprooted trees, electric poles and mobile towers. At the same time, it was great consolation that the proactive disaster management kept casualties to the minimum. India has come a long way from the days when the loss of life due to natural calamities ran into thousands. Now, we have the scientific know-how to forecast a natural disaster in the offing and take precautionary measures to save people living in affected areas from its fury and ferocity. Early warning and timely evacuasaved lives.
ISRO's satellites and IMD's new hurricane model

played a part in preventing Fani from taking a heavy casualty toll. That climate change may trigger extreme weather-related events in the coming days must raise our level

shifted to safe places and 26 lakh



of prenaredness to cone with them. Damage-proof houses in disaster-prone areas and more secure livelihoods have to be given priority to reduce the vulnerability of impoverished people to large-scale natural disasters. Zer loss of life in natural disasters is achievable and we musachieve it considering the fact that each life is precious

G David Miltor

Genuine success

were alerted through SMS. The State has shown commendable performance and was rightly applauded by the UN as well This refers to the editorial, "Genuine scores?" (May 4). The high percentage of marks applauded by the UN as Going further, the rehabilitation exercise is not just the responsibility of the Union or the State secured by students in the Central Board of Secondary Education class XII examination is a clear Government. It must become a revelation that our academic sysnational mission. tem places too much emphasis on marks. The result is that our stu-

and miss the rank by a whisker.

Objective questions neither correctly reflect a student's intelligence nor should they be a yardstick for assessing their capability. Students who come from smaller towns and rural areas are at a great disadvantage as they are unable to get admission in reput-ed colleges. Time has come for a revamp of our education system.

dents are negatively impacted

Greater emphasis must be laid on creative education by focussing on greater flexibility and change ing patterns of examination because marks are not everything to test a students' capability.

KR Srinivasan

Perfect handling

- This refers to the editorial, "Preventive measures" (May 6). The lower number of human casualties reported from Odisha when a gigantic storm, Fani, crossed its landmass is in itself proof that the State has learnt from the 1999 experience. Certainly, advancements in crossbar frequenting sided the weather forecasting aided the authorities in minimising the loss. But the focus now should be on creating infrastructure that is resilient enough to withstand the onslaught of nature's fury. This is all the more important as climate change-induced extreme weather has become the norm rather than the exception.

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FIRSTCOLUMN

Balance the cost of progress

It is essential that steps to assess and combat the depletion of our natural resources be taken. Environmental accounting can help detect that



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I hile more focus is being laid on scarce natural resources globally, a new concept in world economy, in addition to Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and Net Domestic Product (NDP), has emerged recently. This is termed as the Environmental Domestic Product (EDP) or Green Net Domestic Product (Green NDP). While GDP stands for total market value of the goods produced and services rendered by a country within a specific peri-od of time, NDP is calculated by deducting depreciation on the nation's capital goods. Both GDP and NDP have very well been accepted as the economic health indicator of countries globally. With the advent of EDP, it seems that the world has pocketed another economic health indicator, which emphasises including the economic costs of degrading natural resources that may or may not have occurred due to the production of goods and rendering of

services within an economy.

While progress has been achieved in almost all sectors of development, we have completely ignored or rather caused damage to the environment. Green accounting, also termed as Environmental Accounting, Resource Accounting or Integrated Accounting, helps firms in recording the environmental costs incurred by way of damages and depletion of natural resources as a result of their operations. Over a period of time, natural threats like global warming, earth-quakes and tsunami among others have become too frequent across the globe. No country has remained unaffected from these natural calamities. It, is therefore, essential that we take stringent steps to fight climate change and build responsibilities in our systems.

As far as India is concerned, former Environment Minister Jairam Ramesh had first stressed upon the need to merge green accounting practices with traditional ones. The Ministry of Environment & Forest (MoEF) in 1991 had made the first announcement on environmental disclosure in annual accounts. Further, the Companies Act, 2013, has made it mandatory for certain companies to follow green accounting practices and contribute at least two per cent of their annual net profits towards CSR activities. Hence, business organisations are being made accountable for the damages they cause to nature and are also being compelled to pay back for it through CSR activities and simultaneously making a disclosure in their board reports. If it is established that the environmental resources are depleted during production process, then the inclusion of such damage cost in arriving at the net profit or loss shall adhere to the fair valuation principles of business.

It is as true as the existence of humans on earth that the environment has badly and adversely been affected due to emissions from industries. Another important factor is that industries are completely ignorant about the natural resources and the benefits they could have attained had they factored in various unutilised and easilv available natural resources. This is why the concept of environmental accounting has emerged. This is a field of study that will go hand in hand with traditional accounting practices, which provide a uniform methodology to corporates to account for the past, present and future natural costs in its financials.

The implementation of green economy will show the real picture of economic growth and development. More than an accounting practice, it is a standard that is being followed by all nations. As an initiative to implement environmental accounting prac-

tices, India became part of the Paris Agreement, whereby each member country has to plan and report the steps taken to mitigate global warming and reduce emission of Green House Gases. This apart, for every business to start a unit, environmental clearance from various Government departments has been made mandatory. Environmental accounting is an emerging concept that helps promote CSR activities and also calculates the true GDP. If we can implement it at the national level and make it mandatory for firms to calculate the associated environmental costs, then the very purpose of computation of net national income can be achieved. Also, the level of CSR activity, which each such firm has to undertake in order to compensate the damages caused to environment, can be fixed



POINTCOUNTERPOINT

SHE (MAMATA) IS PURSUING CHEAP POLITICS OVER FANI. SHE DID NOT SPEAK TO ME WHEN I TRIED CONTACTING HER TO TALK ABOUT THE CALAMITY. —PRIME MINISTER





ARE WE HIS SERVANT THAT WE WILL GO WHEREVER HE BECKONS? WHY SHOULD I SHARE DAIS WITH AN **EXPIRY PRIME MINISTER DURING ELECTION TIME?** ---WEST BENGAL CHIEF MINISTER

New front in war on terror

The local militant Islamist group involved in the attacks neither had the sophistication nor the ability to carry out such attacks. It was clearly steered more by the ISI than IS



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espite all the confusion, carnage and hor-ror of the Sri Lankan suicide bomb attacks, that killed at least 359 people and left hundreds more injured, one thing that is abundantly clear is the utter futility of such attempts by religious bigots to change the world to their likeness. Of course, there is also a stark to their likeness. Of course, there is also a stark reality that Governments around the world are forced to confront and for which politicians pay a heavy price: That despite the strictest of con-trols imposed, little can actually be done to con-trol the turn of such events. In the case of Sri Lanka, the security and intelligence establishment appeared to have become complacent if not comatose after it defeated the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) in 2009. Politicians try and make a living by trying

to convince the citizens that they have the nec-essary expertise and required abilities if given a free hand to make their lives safe, secure and comfortable. Nothing can be further from the truth as at the end of the day, howsoever sophisticated and technology-dependent the data col-lection, analysis and dissemination process may be, they are all finally subject to the frailties and

It has emerged that in the case of Sri Lanka, actionable intelligence provided by Indian agencies was not acted upon because of the ongoing factional fight between President Maithripala Sirisena and Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe. This apart, there's also the perception that these agencies were keen on creating a rift between Sri Lanka and Pakistan over ating a fit of wheel of Landa did Faskad over the issue. Also, there may well have been a sense of complacency, not least given the common perception that Indian agencies rarely get it right — the Pulwama tragedy being the latest one in a long line of such disasters.

Fortunately, the Sri Lankan Government did move rapidly after the attacks. Once it had over-come the initial shock, it was able to identify the perpetrators and put in place a series of measures that have till now prevented a repeat of such attacks from being executed. Also, except for a couple of minor incidents, they have been able to prevent reprisals against the Muslim community, the overwhelming majority of whose members are upright and loyal citizens, who were equally shocked and incensed by the senseless atrocities perpetrated in the name of their religion. This ensured that much of the subsequent intelligence that enabled the police and security forces to stop further attacks was provided from within the community.

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Finally, one could not help but appreciate Prime Minister Wickremesinghe's prompt action to publicly apologise for the inability of his Government to forestall the tragedy. He fur-ther ensured accountability by sacking the defence secretary and police chief for inaction on their part and for deliberately withholding intelligence about possible terrorie attracts. Our intelligence about possible terrorist attacks. Our political leadership will do well to learn from this. They must keep their egos under control and focus on accountability every time they come short instead of clinging on to their chairs

as they all do.
Interestingly, while the Islamic State (IS) lost no time in claiming responsibility for the attacks,



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its ability to actually coordinate and execute such a sophisticated and complex attack, involving seven suicide bombers, seems quite doubtful. The fact that it is on the run obviously fact that it is on the run obviously makes organising such an attack extremely challenging, though it may well have been able to radicalise the perpetrators online.

On the other hand, dismissing their involvement as out of hand would also be quite foolish, given that its ideology has attracted a large num-

its ideology has attracted a large number of followers in recent years. We have already seen some pointers towards this in our neighbourhood as well as in Jammu & Kashmir. Moreover, we must also remember that a vast number of our population emia vast number of our population emigrates to the Middle East in search of jobs and it is not inconceivable that some among these workers may well have fallen prey to this radical ideology and returned to South Asia to carry forward the Islamic State's war against non-believers. It will indeed be against non-benevers. It will indeed be interesting to learn what interrogations of suspects — captured before they were able to act — brings out. Then there is, of course, the alter-

native narrative that suggests the involvement of Pakistan's Inter Service Intelligence (ISI) along with Chinese intelligence to create an environment within the country that can enable former President Mahendra Rajapaksa to once again win the presidential hustings due in the near future. That he

the belief that Indian agencies were able to provide such detailed actionable intelligence only because they had caught and interrogated some members of a module, connected to the per-

bers of a module, connected to the per-petrators at Coimbatore.

It has been a long-standing belief within our security and intelligence community that after the withdrawal of the Indian Peace Keeping Force of the Indian Peace Keeping Force from Sri Lanka and the subsequent refusal of the Indian Government to supply the Sri Lankan armed forces with weapons, the Sri Lankan Government turned to Pakistan for assistance. It is at this time that Pakistan's ISI established a foothold in that island nation, which was used to radicalise train arm and used to radicalise, train, arm and employ Islamists for operations in South India.

Let us not forget that Sri Lankan Muslims have sided with Pakistan since the Partition. And have been united by the "big" presence of India in the neighbourhood to coalesce their mutual interests. Let us also not forget that during the 1971 Liberation War of Bangladesh, when India withdrew landing and overflight rights to Pakistan, Sri Lanka extended landing and refuelling facilities to Pakistan International Airlines. As the Pakistan Army launched operations against the Mukti Bahini, Pakistani military aircraft landed and took off from the Katunayake international airport. While Sri Lanka insisted these aircraft tings due in the near ruture. That he will early activate was rabidly anti-Indian in his past two tenures as President is not under doubt as also his wholehearted support of Pakistan and China.

This perception is supported by Thanka insisted these aircraft were civiliant, there were reports that they actually carried armed troops. And as the Tamil separatists also kept the island Muslims at bay, Pakistan's ISI got actively involved in the local gov-

ernment's counter-offensive strate

gies.

In this particular case, while there is the possibility that these elements may well have acted independently, it could just as well have been a "false flag" operation to push the blame on cadres of the Islamic State, who in their present condition, would have been more than happy to accept responsi-

more than happy to accept responsi-bility for obvious reasons. One way or the other, the National Thowheeth Jama'ath, the local militant Islamist group involved in the attacks, neither had the sophistication nor the ability to carry out such attacks and clearly unknown foreign organisa-tions provided them with the neces-

sary technical and logistic support. Finally, in our context, there have been credible reports that Islamists have been successful in establishing a fairly strong presence in States such as West Bengal and Kerala, where they now seem to be becoming increasing-y assertive. They have got away with Governments have been reluctant to act against them in the foolish hope that by doing so, they would gain the support of the Muslim community to consolidate power. This bodes ill for the country in the long run and the country in the long run and requires the Union Government to undertake necessary measures, some of which may well make them unpopular, if we are to avoid a turbulent and

extremely violent future. (The writer, a military veteran, a consultant with the Observer Research Foundation and a Senior Visiting Fellow with The Peninsula Foundation, Chennai)

How to solidify the building blocks

If the quality of pre-primary education determines the 'success' of the child, then, should not all children have the right to access a uniform pre-school education?



A ccess, retention and success, which mean bringing children to school, retaining them for at to school, retaining them for at least eight years (up to 14 years of age) till they pass grade VIII or ideally for 12 years till they pass the senior secondary level, have been the mantra of the education sector since the Jomtien Conference was held in 1990.

Ever since, our educational planners as well as the Government have done a stupendous job in improving the quality of education in schools. Today, India can boast of great achievements for having expanded school access to children in outlying areas. Several policies and initiative have been launched and they have only grown sharper and

tighter in details with the passage of time. But a closer look will reveal that at the grassroot level, little has changed. Students from low-income families and first generation school oers continue to face complex chal-enges. While for the first time India was able to bring the school dropout rate to less than three per cent, a large majority of the children still remains out of school. We can claim advancements in school infrastructure and the provision of mid-day meals to our students but why is it that learning levels among the severely disadvantaged and first generation children have not changed? Why is it that a majority of drop-outs continue to belong to the poor and less-privileged

A major reason for children dropping out of school is unpre-paredness. Children who do not live with their immediate families find it difficult to adjust to the school environment. They also do not understand the importance of schooling and there is no one back home to convince the child why he/she must attend classes. It is not that our edu-

cationists or policy-makers are not aware of this fact. It was, perhaps, this realisation that prompted them to launch programmes like the Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS) and Anganwadi centres. But clearly they have not been able to reap desired results. The schemes were expected to support the mother by way of providing crucial information and medicine during pregnancy and prepare her child for school. Instead, centres providing such services have remained lowquality child minding centres.

The need of the hour is to bifurcate the lower primary from the ele-mentary school and conjoin it with the pre-school so as to provide quality language and life skills training to all children aged between three and eight. Many children, who suffer from various types of disabilities, do not receive the attention of Anganwadi teachers as also prima-ry teachers as they lack the required training to detect disabilities. Detection should be an essential component of the teachers' training process so that they know how to

deal with such situations and refer

them to the appropriate agencies. Further, it is often said that children have the capacity to learn many languages between ages three and eight. So, it is essential that teachers are proficient in at least three languages

The absence of a professional gency for the design, development and implementation of a well-conceptualised scheme is also one major rea son why programmes are arbitrary in nature. Pre-school to lower primary education ie, institutions for children aged between three and eight years, should be seen as a continuum. Life skills training as well as literacy and numeracy skills should be provided in the mother tongue and within the institutions. Any national body, ideally the National Council for Educational Research and Training (NCERT), should be designated as the

(NCER1), snould be designated as the nodal agency for designing a plan for complete development of the child. Adequately, for the teachers, the National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) must design and develop training norms and decide on the standards required to be appointed a *shikshak* at these centres. And this, without much formal intervention.

It goes without saying that the Right to Education Act, 2009, did not do much good to this age group of students. In fact, it worked against their interest. By giving scant atten-tion to early childhood education, the nation has deprived the poor and the less-privileged children of their right to education. The non-formal schools, which were run by voluntary organisations like the Ekal Vidyalaya, and who have been doing great ser-vice to children in far-flung areas, have been declared illegal/unlawful. Perhaps, we need to re-examine if this sector can be covered under the RTE or be made free for NGOs, the philanthropists and others to contribute.

Traditionally, education of this age group has always been seen as a dharm and the society contributed towards making it possible. We should rely more on the local community for running these schools. Mothers of children studying in these centres and other volunteers

should be roped in to run then smoothly and ensure a check and balance system born of participation not of imposition. They should not be seen as a Government establish ment but as a community centre of

the society.
So where did we go wrong and what needs to change? We have to emphasise that mother and child care centres are not just about health but also about literacy/education of both The major reason behind the poor performance of these centres and schemes is the involvement of inappropriately trained personnel to man age them. The nodal Ministry for these centres should be the Ministry. se centres should be the Ministry of Human Resources Developmen of Human Resources Development alone with experts from areas of med-icine, nutrition, psychiatry and so on. If the quality of pre-primary educa-tion determines the "success" of the child, then, should not all children have the right to access a uniform preschool education?

(The writer is professor of educa tion at the Indira Gandhi Open University. Views expressed are per-





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to some standard of social responsibility is not without problems. The most obvious is that they need to all be held to the same standard. Little is accomplished if content deemed dangerous and obnoxious is not banned everywhere but only on one or two networks. Even when content is swept away from all of the easily accessible parts of the internet, it will thrive in fetid crannies. (The Guardian editorial)

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Shopian, Pulwama votes

MOHIT KANDHARIIAMMII

A mid palpable tension in the air, a little over 14,000 'brave' voters stepped out of their houses in 'disturbed' districts of Shopian and Pulwama in the third and final phase of polling in the Anantnag Lok Sabha constituency, sealing the fate of PDP Chief Mehbooba

Mufti, on Monday.

However, in the cold desert region of Ladakh, an estimated 64 per cent electorate exercised their right to vote in a multi cornered contest.

According to Chief Electoral Officer, J&K Shailendra Kumar, "the fifth Snailenara Kumar, the fifth and final phase of polling in the State passed off peacefully on Monday".

He said, the twin districts of Shopian and Pulwama

recorded around 2.81 per cent voting while Ladakh Parliamentary constituency recorded 64 per cent polling during the day. He said, Kargil district recorded little over 73

14,000 brave voters step out to vote



Security personnel stand guard outside a polling station in Pulwama on Monday PTI Poll officials at a polling station in Pulwama on Monday

per cent polling while Leh district recorded around 55 per cent polling.

Overall poll percentage in

all five phases touched 44.15 per cent in the State, he added.

polling booths in Shopian and Pulwama districts wore a Pulwama districts wore a deserted look amid tight security arrangements. Hardly any voters approached the polling stations in Shopian, Wachi,

segments of Anantnag. To scare away voters, unidentified militants lobbed a grenade at a polling station in Pulwama while a petrol bomb was hurled at another polling station in Shopian. No loss of

life was reported in both the

Reports of clashes between protesters and the security forces were received from var-ious areas of both Pulwama and Shopian. Separatists have also given a separate election boy-cott and a shutdown call in Shopian and Pulwama

districts.

In Ladakh, the contest was four-cornered between Jamyang Tsering Namgyal of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Rigzin Spalbar of the Congress and two indepen-dents, Haji Asgar Ali Karbalai and Saijad Huserin and Sajjad Hussain.
In Anantnag, the main

contest is between Mehbooba Mufti of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), Ghulam Ahmad Mir of Congress and Justice (retired) Hasnain Masoodi of the National Conference.

Till late evening, all the polling parties returned safely from Shopian and Pulwama district. Barring few reports of clashes the deinduction process

was completed peacefully.

Local reports claimed at least four locals received injuries when security forces used tear smoke shells to dis-

Zero vote cast from Burhan Wani's village, only 15 from Pulwama suicide bomber's

PTI ■ SRINAGAR

 $N^{
m obody}$ from the village of Burhan Wani, the poster boy of terror group Hizbul Mujahideen, voted on Monday, while just 15 from the native place of Pulwama suicide bomber, who nearly brought India and Pakistan to a war cast the ballots, officials said.

Also, zero polling was wit-nessed from the villages of other top militant commanders in south Kashmir, the hotbed of militancy in the Valley, officials added.

Wani's Shareefabad village in the Tral area decided to give a miss to the elections as no one from the village went to exercise their franchise.

Just 15 votes (of the total 350) were polled In Gundibagh, a village that hit the interna-

after one of its residents Adil Dar became a suicide bomber for Jaish-e-Mohammed terror group and triggered a blast in an explosive-laden car near a CRPF convoy killing 44 personnel, the officials said.
Also, zero voting was

recorded from Noorabad, the village of Zakir Musa, the so-called chief of Ansar-Gazawatul-Hind terror group; Beighpora, the village of the incumbent Hizbul Mujahideen commander Rivaz Naikoo; and Sheikhpora, the village of Mudassir Khan, the master-

mind of February 14 terror strike, said the officials. Wani's killing in an encounter with security forces in 2016 had triggered a massive unrest in the valley that left nearly 100 people dead and thousand others, including



Pariwar, shows his identity card and his finger marked with indelible ink after casting his vote during the fifth phase of Lok Sabha

Centenarians beat the heat

Notwithstanding the soaring mercury, several centenarians cast their vote in Rajasthan during oolling for 12 Lok Sabha con stituencies in the desert state on

Monday, setting an example for the younger generation.

Veera Singh, a 114-year-old resident of Raisinghnagar in Sriganganagar district, reached the polling station to vote this morning 104 year old Comparison and ing. 104-year-old Gangaram and 102-year-old Gurdayal Kaur exercised their franchise in Jaipur and Suratgarh town of Sriganganagar district respectively.

"It shows their dedication towards fulfilling their responsibil-ity towards democracy and they are an inspiration for young generation," chief electoral officer Anand Kumar

Apart from the centenarians. a

vote share.



couple of grooms in Jaipur and Nagaur too reached the polling booths to exercise their franchise as the national duty took precedence over their marriage

In Lalana village of Parbatsar in Nagaur, a groom riding a mare reached the polling station to cast his vote whereas in Malviya Nagar of Jaipur, another groom chose to get his finger inked before exchang-ing his wedding vows. Deputy Chief Minister Sachin Pilot voted at a polling station in

Jalupura area here whereas Rajasthan Chief Electoral Officer Anand Kumar and his deputy D logaram and state chief secretary D B Gupta and his wife also voted.

In the second phase, Election
Commission has set up 133 polling
stations where women are handling
election process and security.

A total of 2.30 crore people, including seven lakh first-timers, are eligible to vote in 12 Lok Sabha seats. The State has 13.82 lakh voters in 18-19 years of age group. As many as 134 candidates are in fray in the second phase of election.

Kashmiri Pandits vote in special booths, hope for end of terrorism and return to homeland

PTI ■ JAGTI CAMP (JAMMU)

iving miles away from their Linative place for the past three decades, displaced Kashmiri Pandits on Monday voted with the hope for an end to terrorism and peaceful return to their homeland. "We want that South Kashmir should be freed from

the twin grave threats (terror-ism and radicalisation) to the composite culture Kashmiriyat," 65-year-old Pyara Lal Pandita, who hailed from Pulwama district of the Anantnag Lok Sabha con-stituency, said after casting vote at a special polling station here

Kashmiri Pandits, who have been voting in exile for the past three decades in Jammu.

Delhi and Udhampur for their native Assembly and parliamentary constituencies, say the situation in Kashmir is getting worse due to rampant radicalisation and terrorism, weakening the possibility of their return to and rehabilita-

tion in Kashmir Valley.
Arvind Koul, who hails from Shopian, says his community members cannot return to their homeland unless and until there is restoration of "composite culture (Kashmiriyat) and humanity (insaniyat) as existed before the emergence of terrorism in the valley" in 1989-1990.

For 21-year-old Sunita Bhat from Tral of south Kashmir, "Peace and security are first and foremost condi-

ity community." "The Government should consider these before formulating a rehabilitation policy," she said.

Meanwhile, some Kashmiri Pandits staged demonstrations outside a special polling station here on Monday after they found their names missing from the voter list.

Anantnag district went to polls on 23 April, while voting in Kulgam district took place on 29 April, while Shopian and on 29 April, while Shopian and Pulwama districts voted on Monday. The Election Commission set up 21 special polling stations for Kashmiri Pandits in Jammu, one in Udhampur and four in Delhi to ensure their participation in the democratic process.

Earlier, people got electricity on Eid, but not on Diwali: Adityanath

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath alleged on Monday that during earlier governments in Uttar Pradesh, people got electricity on Muharram and Eid, but not on Holi and Diwali.

Addressing a public meeting in Domariaganj constituency in Siddharth Nagar district. Aditvanath said the situation was different now, saying Prime Minister Narendra Modi believed in 'sabka saath, sabka vikas' (support for all, development for all).

"Earlier, power connections were given on caste lines and people didn't get electricity on Holi and Diwali, but on Muharram and Eid," the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)

Adityanath's remarks is reminiscent of Modi's com-ments at a rally before the 2017 assembly election in the state.



The PM had said if people get electricity on Ramzan, they should also get electricity dur-

Adityanath also mocked at the SP-BSP-RLD alliance. "Shivpal Yadav (Akhilesh's uncle) says that he has no sister. So, where did the 'bua' (aunt) came from?" he asked, referring to Bahujan Samaj Party chief Mayawati.

Everyone knows that the new relationship is built to hide each other's sins and the rela-tionship will eventually break on May 23," the CM said. He said the people would give a befitting reply to Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra for her remarks that wherever her party was weak in the state, it has fielded such candidates who would cut into the BJP

"People will give a befitting reply like a 'muhnochwa' to the ote-cutter remarks of the 'shehzadi' (princess')," Adityanath said, in an apparent reference to Vadra. In 2002, villagers insisted that a light-emitting flying object, or the 'muh-nochwa' (face scratcher), came towards them in the dead of the night and scratched their face, and even gave them mild electric shocks.

The 'muhnochwa' was reportedly seen in about 30 districts and hundreds of people were said to have suffered seri-ous scratches and bruises on the face and arms.

Vote for Modi as he has made nation secure: Shah

Launching an electoral blitzkrieg in Bihar, BJP pres-ident Amit Shah on Monday urged the people to vote for Prime Minister Narendra Modi "for only one reason, he has made the country secure."

Addressing five rallies in the State, Shah said "here are the names of more than 100 welfare schemes launched by the Modi Government. You need not, however, vote for vour NDA candidate because of the improvement in your lives these measures might have brought. Simply vote for one reason, Modi has made the country secure".

Shah, who arrived here late Sunday night, addressed during the course of the day five back-to-back rallies in as many Lok Sabha constituencies Sheohar, Pashchim

Champaran, Purvi Champaran, Siwan and Maharajgang. At present, the BJP holds all the five constituencies and except for



BJP president Amit Shah during an election rally for the Lok Sabha polls, in Siwan district of Bihar, on Monday

Siwan, which has been given up in favour of Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's JD(U), its MPs are seeking re- election from their respective seats.

"Recall the 10 years of UPA rule when Aliyas, Maliyas and Jamaliyas from Pakistan used to attack our armed forces at will and the government headed by Mauni Baba (former PM Manmohan Singh) and leaders like Rahul Baba could not utter

a word. Contrast the situation with now when every bullet fired from across the border is retaliated with a mortar shell (goli kaa jawaab gola se)", Shah said.

"When 44 CRPF personnel were killed in Pulwama, Pakistan massed its troops along the borders fearing yet another surgical strike. But our Narendra Modi is the man with a 56-inch-chest. He commissioned the Air Force to do the needful and

bombed and the militants wer bombed and the militants were blown to smithereens (aatankwadiyon ke purze purze uda diye)", said Shah evoking wild applause from the crowds. Lambasting the Congress for promising abrogation of Article 370 and its ally Omar Abdullah of the National

Conference for demanding restoration of the post of Prime Minister in Jammu & Kashmir the BJP chief asserted "at present we are in power. But in future even if we cease to be in power we will fight tendencies which are sympathetic to Kashmir's ession, till our last breath".

In Siwan, Shah came down heavily on Lalu Prasad's RJD which has fielded Hina Shahab, the wife of jailed mafia donturned-politician Mohd Shahabuddin, and said "the name of this land of first president Dr Rajendra Prasad by the reign of terror unleashed by Shahabuddin. The RJD, with the help of the Congress, is working towards bringing back the bad old days".

Political earthquake after election results, says Tejashwi

IANS PATNA

Bihar Opposition leader Tejashwi Yadav on Monday predicted a political earth-quake when the results of the ongoing Lok Sabha polls are declared on May 23.

"Wait for May 23, there will be a political earthquake," Tejashwi Yadav told the media

The Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) leader claimed that Chief Minister Nitish Kumar will resign either on May 23 or shortly after that.

shortly after that.

Tejashwi Yadav also said that differences between the ruling Janata Dal-United and the Bharatiya Janata Party were growing and will soon lead to a conflict.

He made the remarks as voting for Bihar's five parliamentary seats of Sitamarhi, Madhubani, Muzaffarpur, Hajipur and Saran was on. POLITICIAN'S CORNER Battle ground













Bombs hurled, booths 'looted' in West Bengal

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■
BONGAON/BARRACKPORE/
HOOGHLY

Ahelpless Election Commission of India watched Bengal's poll percentage drop by notches even as sporadic violence, bombing and booth-capturing marred the fifth phase of elections too with both the Opposition BJP and Left Front and the ruling Trinamool Congress accusing each other of "rampant rigging."

Amid news of sporadic violence coming in from Bongaon, Howrah, Hooghly, Arambagh and Barrackpore Aramoagn and Barrackpore the State witnessed 73.97 per cent polling till 5 pm, ECI sources said not expecting the overall poll percentage to cross 78-79 per cent mark a well 4-5 per cent short of the normal polling rate in an otherwise politically sensitive State.

Reports of violence and booth jamming came in from Barrackpore where the turncoat TMC strongman and for-mer MLA Arjun Singh was fighting against former Union Minister Dinesh Trivedi.

While a suave and composed Trivedi was seen playing cricket with children amid overseeing polling, Singh ran from booth to booth alleging massive rigging by TMC workers. He reportedly exchanged fisticuffs with police officials before comwith police officials before com-plaining that "the police were helping the TMC rig elections. He fell down and injured him-self while chasing away outsiders."

Bombs were hurled at Himli Saolapara in Gaighata Assembly segment of Bongaon parlia-



A paramilitary jawan pushes away a miscreant at a polling station at Gayeshpur in Bangaon parliamentary constituency of Nadia district, on Monday

mentary constituency where mentary constituency where one TMC supporter received head injuries. Later the CAPF resorted to massive lathi-charge. At Howrah outgoing TMC MP and former India footballer

Prasun Banerjee was physically assaulted allegedly by the BJP supporters and the central forces when he "went to a booth to check rigging."

Sporadic violence was

reported from parts of Hooghly constituency where BJP's Locket Chatterjee said "90 percent polling was rigged in Dhaniakhali Assembly seg-ment," demanding repolling. A

BJP supporter accompanying Chatterjee allegedly smashed an EVM alleging rampant rig-ging. Reports of violence also came in from Chandannagar in Hooghly, Arambagh, Bhatpara

in Barrackpore. At Arambagh CPI(M) polling agents were literally kicked out of the polling booths by armed TMC goons they alleged adding "all the while the CAPF jawans looked the other way.

Special However, Police Observer Vivek Dubey said the poling was by and large peaceful.

Drought relief work: EC relaxes model poll code in Maha

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

The Election Commission of India has relaxed the Model Code of Conduct to facilitate effective implementation of relief works in 151 drought-affected villages in Maharashtra in view of public interest. Responding to a letter writ-ten by Maharashtra chief min-

ister Devendra Fadnavis after the completion of the four-phased Lok Sabha polls on April 30, the ECI — in a letter written to the State Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) — said that it had no objection to the state government undertaking drought relief

ment undertaking drought reiter works in the affected areas "in view of public interest involved"

The ECA — in its letter to the CEO — stated that the staffers involved in the counting would not accompany the min-isters on any tour during the period. In its April 30 letter, Fadnavis had urged the Chief Election Commissioner to relax the Model Code of Conduct as the elections for all 48 Lok Sabha seats in the state were over

"Maharashtra is reeling from severe drought and heat-wave. The code of conduct, which was enforced during elec-tions, should be relaxed. The elections for all 48 Los Sabba elections for all 48 Lok Sabha seats have been concluded in the four phases," Fadnavis had said in his letter. Fadnavis said the State Government needed to take a re-look at drought relief

measures and expedite projects.
The CM said the Government needed to fast-track projects such as digging of wells, repairs in water supply projects, repairs of water canals for dis-tribution of water from dams and other reservoirs to villages.

Ahead of Ramzan, Pak Army scales up tensions along LoC

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

head of the beginning of A head or the beginning head of the head of the beginning head head here deliberate-Pakistan Army has deliberately scaled up tensions along the Line of Control in frontier Poonch district.
On Monday, the Pakistan

Army violated ceasefire agreement for the fifth time in a row since Thursday.

Local villagers living in the direct line of fire also pressed panic buttons on Monday as several shells land-ed in the civilian areas.

Following intense shelling in the forward areas some of the thickly forested areas also caught fire

According to preliminary reports, a BSF officer along with two civilians received splinter injuries during 'unprookeď ceasefire violation along the line of control in Krishna Ghati sector of Poonch

on Monday.

The civilians, injured in the shelling, were identified as Ashiq Hussain and Masood Ahmad, both residents of Mankote area in Poonch.

BSF spokesman in Jammu said, "Ceasefire violation was reported along LoC in Mendhar, during retaliatory fire a Sub Inspector Gokul Anand Ojha of 168 BN received splinter interest on his left thich SES. ter injuries on his left thigh. BSF spokesman said, "injured offi-cer was evacuated to a near by hospital and his condition is stated to be normal".

Ministry of Defence PRO in Jammu, Lt-Col Devender Anand said, the unprovoked



ceasefire violation was reported in KG sector around 2.45 p.m. He said, Pakistan army initiated ceasefire violation by shelling with mortars and fir-ing of small arms. The firing was going on till 6.30 p.m in the forward areas of KG sector, local reports said.

In response to heavy artillery firing from across the line of control, Indian army jawans too retaliated 'effect tively' and 'strongly' using sim-

ilar calibre of weapons.
Ground reports suggested
Pakistan army has been constantly using artillery guns to target civilian areas. At present, the Indian army

authorities are closely studying the pattern of cross LoC firing as they fear Pakistan army may have been providing cover fire to a large group of infil-trators to sneak inside the Indian territory. However, the Indian army has not confirmed any reports of infiltration bid in the area from across the line of



VARUN TRIGGERS YET ANOTHER CONTROVERSY

BJP MP Varun Gandhi has mastered the art of creating controversy after controversy. The young Gandhi is currently campaigning for his mother Maneka Gandhi in Sultanpur that goes to the polls in the sixth phase on May 12. Varun said on Monday that people should vote for 'Bharat Mata'. "My mother is contesting from here and she is a noble soul. You all should vote for 'Mata' that is 'Bharat Mata'. You are living in Hindustan and you should vote for Hindustan. If you vote for others (read SP-BSP alliance), you will be voting for Pakistan," he said.

77% POLLING WITNESSED IN T CIVIC POLLS: SEC

Nearly 77 per cent of the over 59 lakh people exercised their franchise in the first phase of elections to mandal parishad territorial constituencies (MPTCs) and zilla parishad territorial constituencies (ZPTCs), official figures said on Monday. The first phase polling was neld for 2,097 MPTCs and 195 ZPTCs.

WILL FORM A STRONG GOVERNMENT: AKHILESH Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav warned on Monday that if the Congress or the BJP come to power, the two parties would deprive the common people of basic necessities. "The BJP had promised

one man (depicted in the photo) namely Rahul S/o Sh. Virlesh Kumar R/o H. No. 32, Street No. 3, A-2 Block, West Sant Nagar, Burari, Delhi Aged -27 Years has been reported missing since 17.04.2019 vide **DD No. 48-A** Dated 23.04.2019 lodged at Police Station Burari, Delhi. His physical description is as under:-

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good days, respect for farmers, security and safety of women. We have come up with a big alliance to make a strong Government," Yadav said at rally in Uttar Pradesh's Maharajganj district. "Let's join hands and construct a new India." SEARCH FOR MISSING MALE General Public is hereby informed that

Complexion: Shallow, Height: 5',
Face: Round, Built: Strong, Clothing: Black coloured t-shirt, black coloured lower and slipper in his feet.

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Navy's submarine 'Vela' launched

In a move that will further boost the Indian Navy's capabili-ties, Vela — the fourth Scorpene class submarine constructed by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDSL) for the Navy — was launched at the Kanhoii

here on Monday. Veena Ajay Kumar, wife of Dr Ajay Kumar, ence Production,

who was the chief guest on the occasion, launched the submarine, in the presence of Vice Admiral AK Saxena.

The submarine was towed to Mumbai Port Trust (MRT) for separation from the pontoon, after which she will undergo rigorous trials and tests, both in harbour and at sea before delivery to the Indian Navy.

'Vela' is one of the six

Scorpene-class submarines are being built by the MDSL in collaboration with M/s Naval Group (formerly DCNS) of France Messrs DCNS of France. These submarines, post induction, would form the core Navy's conventional Submarine Arm.

The state-of-art features of Scorpene-class submarines include superior stealth and the ability to launch a crippling attack on the enemy using precision guided weapons. The attack can be launched with torpedoes, as well as tube launched anti-ship missiles, whilst underwater or on surface. The Stealth features will give it invulnerability, unmatched by many submarines.



Naval Group of France

They are designed to operate in all theatres including the Tropics. All means and communications are provided to ensure interoperability with other components of a Naval

Cmde Rakesh Anand, Chairman and Managing Director, MDSL said on the occasion that the launch of the P15 B Destroyer 'Imphal' on April 20, and the subsequent launch of 'Vela' were indeed some of the major events his

organisation so far this year. Monday's event reaffirmed the steps taken by MDSL in the ongoing 'Make In India' programme, which is being active-ly implemented by the Department of Defence Production (MoD).

Currently, eight warships and five submarines are under construction at MDSL which was one of the India's leading shipyards with a capacity to meet requirements of the Indian Navy.

The Scorpene class of submarines can undertake multifarious tasks typically undertaken by any modern subma-rine which include anti-surface as well as anti-submarine war-

Ex-AIADMK Min lambastes Dhinakaran's greed for power

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■

 E^{ven} as the Supreme Court stayed the Tamil Nadu Speaker's move to initiate steps Speaker's move to initiate steps to disqualify the three AIADMK legislators owing allegiance to TTV Dhinakaran, one of the former MLAs who was disqualified earlier blamed the AMMK leader for his greed to become the CM of the State.

V Senthil Balaji, former minister and one of the 18 for-mer MLAs who were disqualified under the provision of the anti-defection law by the Speaker, said at Aravakurichi that it was Dhinakaran's greed to become the chief minister impasse in the AIADMK. Balaji was in the AIADMK and had won the 2016 assembly election from Aravakurichi only to switch over to the Sasikala-Dhinakaran camp after the demise of the then chief minister J Jayalalithaa in December 2016

After his disqualification, Balaji crossed over to the DMK and is the party candidate for

the by-election to be held on Mau 19. This is the first time a former associate Dhinakaran is blaming the latter for his ambition to become

the Chief Minister.

The trouble in the
AUADMK began in early 2017 with Dhinakaran declaring his plan to contest the RK Nagar assembly by-election caused assembly by-election caused by the death of Jayalalithaa, who was representing the constituency. Chief Minister Edappady Palaniswamy was quick the writing on the wall about the danger posed by Dhinakaran's election as MLA.

Dhinakaran who was eased out of the AIADMK along with Sasikala launched Amma which resulted in the political Makkal Munnetra Kazhakam and has been claiming that he was the rightful heir of Javalalithaa. Though he had declared

that he would seize the party and the government with the help of his sleeper cells, nothing has happened since then Dhinakaran failed to get the party symbol of Two Leaves allocated to the AMMK by the EC.

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

(See Section 82 Cr.PC)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that Akhta S/o Habibul Rehman R/o H. No.41, Salim ka Makan, Village-Kureni, Narela, Delhi has committed (or suspected to has committed) the offence in case FIR No. 315/17 u/s 308/34 IPC, P.S. Narela, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused Akhtar cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Akhtar has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service o the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Akhta of FIR No. 315/17 u/s 308/34 IPC, P.S. Narela, Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before 26.06.2019.

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S. Divisional Mechanical Engineer, Northern Railway, DEMU-Shed Shakurbasti; to and on behalf of President of India, invites E-Tender for the under noted work. Tender No.: 25.6.656.DSL.SSB Name of Work: Provision for cleaning, watering and OBH4 for premium Yande Bharat Express (T18 services along with Provision of fungiation and sanitizing of coaches). Approximate cost: ₹46.18,107/- including GST Earness and santizing of coaches). Approximate cost: ₹46, 18, 107.1 including GST Earnest money: 739, 2400. (Note: it should be in the form of net banking or gateway only. Note: FDR not be accepted as EMD for tender invited on IREPS as per Railway Board letter no. 2015/CR-I/CT/5/1 dated 31.08.2016). Completion period of the work: 05 months. Gost of tender document: ₹3,540.4 with GST @18% (Note: It should be in the form of net banking or gateway only. Note: FDR not be accepted as EMD for ender invited on IREPS as per Railway Board letter no. 2015/CR-I/CT/6 dated 31.08.2016). Date and time for submission of tender and opening of tender: Upto 15:00 hrs. or 28.05.2019. Opening of Tender at 15:00 hrs. Nebsite particulars notice board location complete details of tender can be seen: Above tender is available on IREPS site: i.e. www.ireps.govin No. - 258.856.DSL.SSB Dt.-04.05.2019

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Open Tender in Single bid system through E-Tendering on IREPS Portal

rom eligible contractors for the following work. Tender Notice No: KR-CO-SW-T-EW-1-19-04 dtd. 25/04/2019. Name of Work: "Earthwork in cutting for flattening of slopes, provision o perms, lining of side drain/catch water drains and protective work a

Agave cutting at Km 148/200 to 149/078 in Ratnagiri Region*.

Total Estimated Cost: ₹ 4.79 Crores. Closing Date/Time: 16/05/2019 upto 15:00 Hrs. for submission of online Offers/Bids. Tender Notice No: KR-CO-SW-T-EW-1-19-05 dtd. 26/04/2019 Name of Work: "Earthwork in cutting for Lowering and Flattening of slopes in Soil & Hard rock, Lining of CWD and Protective works at Km 183/800 – 184/300 in UKC yard in Ratnagin Region". Total Estimated Cost: ₹ 4.10 Crores. Closing Date/Time: 17/05/2019 upto 15:00 Hrs. for

Completion Period: 12 Months (Including Monsoon). Manual Offers shall not be accepted. Please visit www.ireps.gov.in website for details / participation and corrigendum / addendum will be hosted in this website



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to MDSL in the field of con struction, integration and tests

of the submarines in India

transfer of technical data pack-

age to MDSL through infor-mation system as well as on job training to MDSL's personnel

on critical technologies.

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US cannot ensure crude sale to India at concession: Ross

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

 $T^{\text{he US on Monday said it}}_{\text{cannot ensure the sale of its}}$ crude oil to India at concessional rates to make up for the cheaper Iranian oil going out of

the market.
"Oil is owned by private people, so the government can-not force people to make concessionary price," US Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross, who is here to participate in a trade forum, told reporters.

India this month stopped importing crude oil from Iran following the US move to end sanction waivers.

Iranian oil was a lucrative

buy for Indian refiners as the Persian Gulf nation provides 60 days of credit for purchases, terms not available from suppliers of substitute crudes pliers of substitute crudes Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Iraq, Nigeria, and the US.
Also, Iran made arrange

ments to ship the oil to India including providing insurance cover during transit. In the case of most other suppliers includ-ing the US, refiners have make shipping arrangements and pay for insurance.

"Iran is a problem, if you have seen recent terrorism incidents, and we should be doing whatever we can against terrorism," Ross told reporters after meeting Finance Minister



Kenneth Juster said, "The US working with other countries, including Saudi Arabia, to isure an adequate supply of oil". New Delhi has lined up

supplies from alternate sources such as Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, UAE and Mexico to make up for the lost volumes from Iran.

India was the second-biggest buyer of Iranian crude oil after China. It bought some 24 million tonne of crude oil from Iran in the fiscal ended March 31. Iran supplied more than a tenth of its oil needs.

US President Donald Trump last year withdrew from the 2015 nuclear deal between Arun Jaitley. the 2015 nuclear deal between US Ambassador to India Iran and world powers and

revived a range of sanctions against the Persian Gulf nation. It, however, granted a sixmonth waiver from sanctions to eight countries — China, India, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Turkey, Italy, and Greece — but with a condition that they would reduce their that they would reduce their

purchases of Iranian oil.

The waiver began in November 2018 and expired on May 2. India, the world's thirdbiggest oil consumer, meets more than 80 per cent of its oil needs through imports. Iran in 2018-19 was its third-largest supplier after Iraq and Saudi Arabia, meeting over 10 per cent of total needs.

Investor wealth erodes by ₹1.24 lakh cr as markets sink by 363

wealth Monday a m i d huge selling pressure in ty market

where the Sensex plunged 363 points.

Tracking weak global sen-

timent amid fresh trouble for the world economy after the US vowed to further raise tariffs on Chinese goods, the BSE key index closed at 38,600.34 plunging 362.92 points or 0.93

Led by the sell-off in the broader market, the market capitalisation of BSE-listed companies drop ₹1,24,380.06 crore dropped

₹1,50,37,633.14 crore. "Global indices bled today as the US-China trade war condition further intensified. The worsening situation has put the entire world in a state of flux where even a tiny escalation can cause big damage,

said Umesh Mehta, head of

research, Samco Securities Ltd.
From the 30-share pack, 25
scrips witnessed sell-off led by Yes Bank, Tata Motors, Bajaj Finance, Tata Steel and HDFC.

On the BSE, 1,634 scrips declined, while 831 advanced and 200 remained unchanged. Sectorally, BSE consumer durables, metals, realty, capital

goods and auto indices fell up to 2.82 per cent. In the broader market, the BSE mid-cap and small-cap indices also ended lower by up to 0.85 per cent.

Chinese bourses sank led Chinese bourses sank led by Shanghai Composite Index that plunged 5.58 per cent. Benchmark indices of Japan, Hong Kong and South Korea

Yes Bank shares fall over 5%; m-cap drops by ₹2,135 cr

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Shares of Yes Bank on Monday dropped by over 5 per cent, wiping out ₹2,135.29 crore from its market valua

tion, after ratings downgrade.
The scrip tumbled 5.30
per cent to close at ₹166.30 on the BSE. During the day, it tanked 5.75 per cent to ₹165.50. It was the worst hit among the 30-front-line shares. On the NSE, shares

dropped 5 per cent to close at ₹167. In terms of volume, 43.12

lakh shares of the company were traded on the BSE during the day, while over 4 crore units changed hands on the NSE.

The company's market valuation fell by ₹2,135.29 crore to

₹38,515.71 crore on the BSE.

The private sector lender had a double whammy Saturday after domestic rating agency ICRA downgraded its long-term ratings along with a negative outlook, citing a spike in its lower-rated advances

and falling core capital buffers.
The agency downgraded ratings on instruments totalling borrowings over ₹33,000 crore by the lender,

ICRA said.

The bank had also reported its maiden loss of over Renchmark indices of Japan,
Hong Kong and South Korea
also witnessed sharp declines.

*\frac{1}{506}\$ crore in the March
quarter, driven by a near tenfold spike in provisions.

Business Corner



Akshaya Tritiya is traditionally considered an auspicious day for purchasing valuables and making investments. During this time, jewelers in India see strong consumer footfall and enthusiasts prefer buying precious metals. Keeping this in view, BIS endorses that the consumers must shop only hallmarked jewelry this festive season to ensure desired purity of the purchased product



Syndicate Bank's Sunil Kumar Sobti, Deputy General Manager, assumed charge as Regional Manager of Regional Office-1, Delhi. In his guest address, he gave his business mantras of promoting bank bussiness to Sobti and Branch Heads



MMTC is ushering in the propitious occasion of Akshay Trithiya at its Festival of Gold exhibition-cum-salewith new medallion designs inspired by religious detities Silver medallions in 50 gm are available ineight different colour representations of gods and goddesses. The prestigious miniratnahas also introduced its bestselling 8 gm gold coin for the first time in 22 carat

China to send trade envoy to

US for talks to end tariff war

despite Trump's new threat

India's services sector output growth at 7-month low: PMI

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

 $T^{
m he\ country}$'s services sector activity fell to a sevenmonth low in April owing to softer rise in new business and disruptions arising from the elections, a monthly survey showed Monday.

However, predictions that

economic conditions will normalise after the elections underpinned optimism regarding the outlook and supported a stronger upturn in employment.

The seasonally adjusted Nikkei India Services Business Activity Index, fell from 52 in March to 51 at the start of the 2019 financial year, pointing to the weakest upturn in output since last

BRIDGESTONE INDIA

Bridgestone India Private Ltd's two plants in India have opted

for using solar power to reduce 1,50,000 tons of CO2 emisssion. The Pune Plant in Chakan has

installed 1 MW of Solar capaci-

installed I MW of Solar capaci-ty and another 4 MW of capac-ity is being set up. The Indore plant in Kheda, in Madhya Pradesh has 1 MW solar energy

capacity that is being enhanced by another 1 MW capacity slated to be operational by the third quar-

eligible contractors for the following works:

S. Tender Notice No

Date 18/04/2019

Tender No. T-2019/1

20/05/2019 at 1530hrs

Date of pre bid meeting: 17/05/2019

AIMS TO REDUCE

1,50,000 TONS OF

CO2 EMISSION

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Despite the moderation, the services PMI was in the expansion territory for the 11th straight month. In PMI parlance, a print above 50 means expansion, while a score below that denotes contraction.

"Although the Indian private sector economy looks to be settling into a weaker growth phase, much of the slowdown was linked to disruptions arising from the elections and companies generally foresee improvements once a government is formed," said Pollyanna De Lima, Principal Économist at IHS Markit, and author of the report.

The general election, that began on April 11, is cur-

rently underway. Votes will be counted on May 23.

However, poll was not the only reason cited for the slowdown. In the service sector, competitive conditions and a shift towards online

and a shift towards online bookings among customers reportedly restricted new business gains and in turn growth of activity, Lima said.

On the employment front, buoyed by ongoing improvements in new work and optimistic growth projections, service providers jections, service providers placed more people in jobs during April. Meanwhile, the seasonal-

ly adjusted Nikkei India Composite PMI Output Index, that maps both the manufacturing and services

industry, fell from 52.7 in to 51.7 in April, indicative of a slight pace of expansion in aggregate activity that was weaker than seen on average

over the series history.

On the prices front, the report said that rates of inflation for input costs and out-put charges remained weak by historical standards.

"Another key takeaway from the latest results is the lack of inflationary pressures in both the manufacturing and service sectors, which coupled with slower economy growth offers room for a fur-ther cut to the benchmark repurchase rate," Lima said. The next meeting of RBI's

Monetary Policy Committee is scheduled on June 3-6.

India-US to engage regularly to resolve outstanding trade issues

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India and the US on Monday agreed to engage regularly at various level to resolve outstanding trade issues by exploring mutually beneficial suitable solutions, an official statement said.

"Both sides agreed to deepen economic coopera-tion and bilateral trade by ensuring greater cooperation amongst stakeholders, including Government, busi-nesses and entrepreneurs," said a statement after meeting between visiting US Commerce Secretary Wilbur

Ross and Commerce Minister

Suresh Prabhu.

Ross is visiting India to attend the 11th Trade Winds Business Forum and Mission hosted by the US Department of Commerce.

Without giving details, the statement said the both sides also discussed various "outstanding trade issues" and agreed to engage regularly at various levels to resolve them by exploring "suitable solutions, which are mutually beneficial and promote economic development and prosperity in both countries".

FinComm to meet RBI Guv, bank officials during Mumbai visit on May 8-9 PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The 15th Finance Commission will meet RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das and representatives of banks and financial institutions durand inancial institutions dur-ing its two-day visit to Mumbai beginning May 8, according to an official statement.

The commission, chaired by NK Singh, will discuss issues concerning macro-eco-nomics, financial stability and cost of borrowing of the Centre and states with the Reserve Bank.

The commission will also lar, ACME Solar, GMR
ding, participated in the ocess, offering internships to estudents.

Gireesh C Tripathi, Deputy

The commission will also discuss the issues concerning recapitalisation of banks, and possible scenarios of the Bimal Jalan committee report on surplus capital available with the RBI for transfer to the Government, the statement said. | impose punishing tariffs on \$200 billion worth of additional Chinese products, Geng played reached by Friday.

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

hina's top trade envoy is preparing to travel to Washington for crucial talks, a Chinese official said Monday despite US President Donald Trump threatening to impose more punishing taxes on \$200 billion worth of Chinese prod-ucts, citing slow progress in negotiations

The brief statement from Chinese Foreign Ministry Spokesman Geng Shuang came as media reports said Beijing may cancel the high-level trade talks with the US, leading to tumbling of shares prices across the world amid worries that the two major economic giants were once again on the path of confrontation.

confrontation.

Asked whether the top
Chinese envoy Vice Premier
Liu He would visit Washington
as planned, Geng said, "a
Chinese team is preparing to
travel to the United States for
trade talks."

Persiting to the proports

Reacting to the reports, Geng told journalists, "What I can tell you is that the Chinese team is preparing to travel to the US for the trade talks." He parried a spate of ques-

tions whether the talks would be resumed on Wednesday and declined say when the trade team would go to Washington.

About Trump's threat to round of talks.

it down saying that such a sit-uation prevailed earlier. "As to the US threat on

Chinese tariffs, I think such situation appeared many times before. China's position is always clear cut and the US knows that clearly. Regarding the trade talks between China and the US those consultations have been held for the 10th round and made positive

President Trump's surprise remarks came on Sunday as the two countries locked in a long-

standing trade war seemed near to striking a trade deal. A high-level Chinese del-egation led by Vice Premier Liu was scheduled to be in Washington to resume talks aimed at resolving the trade war that has cast gloom over the world economy.

"China is considering can-celling trade talks that are to resume in Washington starting Wednesday," The Wall Street Journal reported Sunday quoting unnamed sources.

"There has been wide-spread expectations in recent days that an accord could be reached by Friday," it said.

Quoting an unnamed source, CNBC News said the Chinese Vice Premier will like ly cancel the trip he had planned for himself and a 100person delegation for the final

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NOTICE

Pursuant to RBI Circular No DNBS (PD) CC.No.82/03.02.02/2006-07 dated October 27, 2006 and other relevant regulations issued by Reserve Bank of India, notice is hereby given that Viridian Capital and Financial Services Pvt Ltd, a company registered under the provisions of the Companies Act, 1956, having its registered office at Plot No. 8, Pocket 1, Jasola, New Delhi-110025 ("Company") and registered with RBI as Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC) vide Registration No B-14.01655, has appointed Mr. Sunil Verma (DIN: 01608825) as Managing Director of the Company and Mr. Mundamuka Venkateswaran Subramanian (DIN: 07628898) as Director of the Company w.e.f. June 19, 2018 and April 25, 2017 respectively. Further, the Company has also received the approval from RBI for the abovementioned changes in management of the Company vide RBI Letter No DNBS.(ND)/ CMS-IX/ 5190 /05.22.123/2018-19 dated April 15, 2019.

Any person including any creditor having any objection to the abovementioned changes, may write to the company at its registered office and also to the concerned Regional Office of the Department of Non-Banking Supervision, Reserve Bank of India, at New Delhi

For Viridian Capital and Financial Services Pvt Ltd

Managing Director DIN: 01608825 Sunil Verma

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Sincerely, Managing Director

Kosamattam Finance Ltd. M.K.C.Building, Market Junction, M.L.Road, Kottayam-686001, Ph: 0481-2586400

Thomas Cook India inks pact with Sentosa **Development Corporation**

New Delhi: Thomas Cook (India) Ltd., integrated travel and related financial services company, has signed an agree-ment with Sentosa Development Corporation (SDC), Singapore to bring more tourists from India to Sentosa, a holiday island-in-the-city that is home to a diverse array of novel leisure experiences. MoU was signed between Mahesh Iyer - Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer, Thomas Cook (India) Ltd., and Quek Swee Kuan, Chief Executive Officer, SDC. **PNS**

our branch situated at Kosamattam Finance Ltd., Building /SE-30, First Floor, 110088. Tel No -011-27482991 to be merged with our branch functioning at Kosamattam Finance Ltd, Building No -D2, Ground Floor, 40 Feet Road, Opp:

DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY

ATOMIC MINERALS DIRECTORATE FOR EXPLORATION & RESEARCH

Cost of Tender

₹500/- CASH

NR New Delhi

NOTICE INVITING RE-TENDER

Sealed item rate tenders in the prescribed form are invited on behalf of President of India for the item rate to

part-II tenders as per details available at aforesaid address and on the website http://www.amd.gov.in from

Date and time of receipt of tender's 20/05/2019 to 1500 hours and tenders will be opened on the same day e. at 1530 hrs on 20/05/2019. NIT can be seen on www.amd.gov.in Regional Director reserve the right

Description of contract Job

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New Delhi

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Ratan Tata invests in Ola Electric Mobility

Ride hailing major Ola Monday said Ratan Tata, Chairman Emeritus of Tata Sons, has invested in its EV business — Ola Electric Mobility (OEM).

This investment, which is part of OEM's series A round of funding, is in Tata's person-al capacity, Ola said in a state-

Details of the funding were not disclosed.

"His investment in Ola Electric will bring his deep experience and mentorship to company's ambitions make electric mobility viable at scale," it added.

Tata is also investor in ANI Technologies. Ola's parent company. He had invested in ANI Technologies

in July 2015. In March this year OFM had announced raising ₹400 crore in a funding round led by Tiger Global and Matrix India "The electric vehicle

ecosystem is evolving dramat-

Pariod of sale of tender

Last Date of Submission

All working days 05/05/2019

(1500hrs)

Ola Electric will play a key role in its growth and develop-ment," Tata said.

running several pilots involving charging solutions, battery swapping stations, and deploying vehicles across two, three and four-wheeler segments.

Bhavish Aggarwal, co-founder and CEO of Ola said Tata has been a mentor to him personally, and an inspiration

as an investor and a mentor... We are privileged to have his

lished to enable Ola's electric mobility pilot programme in Nagpur. In 2018, Ola subsequently

ically every day, and I believe placement

Ola Electric is currently

in shaping Ola's journey over the years.
"I'm very excited to welcome him on board Ola Electric

guidance and support once again, as we work towards our goal of a million electric vehicles in India by 2021," he added. OEM was initially estab-

announced 'Mission: Electric' to bring 1 million electric vehicles on Indian roads by 2021.

Business achieves 100% summer

NTPC School of

PNS NEW DELHI

he NTPC School of Business The NTPC School of Business (NSB), one of India's premier management institutes for the power sector has achieved 100% summer placement for its first PGDM (Energy Management) batch. Under the institute's Summer Internship Program (SIP), a host of renowned companies including the Indian Energy Exchange, Power Trading Corporation, Power Finance Corporation, AMP Solar, ACME Solar, GMR Trading, participated in the process, offering internships to

Director General (NSB) and Sunil Maheshwari (Professor IIM-A), Chairman of Governance Committee of NSB congratulated the students and the placement cell for this remarkable feat shortly after the process for the institute's first batch concluded.

SEARCH FOR MISSING



namely Ishika, D/O Late Pawan Kumar, R/O A-4/12A, Janta Flat, Paschim Vihar, Delhi. The girl has been missing since 21.04.2019 from the area of P.S. Paschim Vihar East, Delhi. In this regard FIR No. 206/19 u/s 363 IPC dated 21.04.2019 has been lodged at P.S

The description of the missing girl is as under: Name: Ishika, Age: 17 Years 4 Months, Height: 5', Complexion: Fair, Face: Round, ID Mark: A old hurt mark on forehead, Wearing: Navi Blue Top, Blue Jeans and Chocolate Colour

If anyone has any information regarding this missing girl, kindly inform SHO/P.S. Paschim Vihar East, Delhi.

Fax: 011-23011334 DP/2193/OD/19

General public is hereby informed that a girl



Paschim Vihar East, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing girl but no clue has come to light so far.

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Regional Director, NR 011-2610450/26101913, Fax: 011-26107358

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Sub- Pay officer, AMD, of submission 20/05/2019

Lanka officials discover SL Min asks forces to avoid bombers' training centre

owner of house and two other individuals

PTI COLOMBO

Sri Lankan authorities on Monday discovered a facilitv believed to be used as a training centre by the suicide bombers prior to the terror attacks on churches and luxury otels on the Easter Sunday that

killed more than 250 people. Nine suicide bombers carried out a series of devastating blasts that tore through three churches and three luxury hotels on the Easter Sunday. The Islamic State claimed the attacks, but the government blamed local Islamist extremist group National Thawheed Jammath (NTJ) for the attacks.

The two-storey building was discovered in the Blackpool area in Nuwara Eliva. Details of this facility had surfaced during questioning of some suspects who were arrested in connection with the

It is believed that 38 mem. It is believed that 38 members of the NTJ group including suicide bomber Zahran had received training at this facility prior to the recent terror attacks," it said.

According to the prelimi-nary investigations, the final training session which was attended by Zahran took place on April 17 - four days prior to

the deadly Easter attacks.

Zahran, the mastermind behind the Easter blasts, led the attack on the Shangri-La hotel and was accompanied by a sec-ond bomber identified as Ilham Ahmed Ibrahim. He was killed inside the hotel where he blew

himself up.

The training centre had been set-up in the building that had been on rent.

Police have arrested the

owner of the house and two other individuals who had allegedly provided accommo-dation facilities at the building.

The NTJ has no history of large-scale attacks. The group came to prominence last year

aging Buddhist statues.

All suicide bombers involved in the blasts are believed to be Sri Lankan nationals. In a statement issued

through its propaganda 'Amaq' news agency two days after the attacks, the ISIS identified the attackers as Abu Ubayda, Abu al-Mukhtar, Abu Khalil, Abu Hamza, Abu al-Bara'a, Abu Muhammad and Abu Abdullah

President Maithripala Sirisena last week used emergency powers to ban the NTJ and a splinter group identified as Jamathei Millathu Ibraheem (JMI).

The move to ban the out-

fits came after the Lankan Parliament adopted a newlyenforced emergency regula-tion on Wednesday following a series of eight coordinated blasts, which ripped through three churches and three high-end hotels frequented by tourists on April 19 in the country's deadliest violence since the devastating civil war ended in 2009

incidents that may lead to radicalisation of Muslims

Sri Lankan security forces should avoid the incidents that caused some people face social stigma during the search operations after the Easter Sunday blasts carried out by a "cult" within the community, as it may lead to radicalisation of moderate Muslims in the country, a Minister has warned.

Minister of City Planning Water Management and Higher Education Rauff Hakeem said Muslims welcome and support the security forces and police to carry out search operations following the April 21 carnage in which over 250 people were killed. There have been few inci-

dents of concern during these operations, which should be avoided as these could lead to radicalisation of moderate Muslims in the country, he was

quoted as saying by the Daily Mirror on Monday. "Some people have suf-fered social stigma as a result of some minor happenings during search operations being sensationalised. One must not

erature written in Arabic or in Tamil is found in a house. It

may not be terrorist literature.

"There may be anti(Osama) Bin Laden or antiextremist literature with some people. The security forces could get help from the Department of Muslim Affairs to interpret such literature," the

Minister told reporters.

Hakeem also said that the bombings had been carried out by a cult living among the Muslims which earlier attacked the "mainstream mosques in certain Middle Eastern coun-

"We as Muslims had warned the authorities of certain activities such as speeches made by certain people pro-moting extremism, which is against Islam, by certain groups from time to time," he said.

When asked about the

weapons being found in some mosques, during the searches, Hakeem said places of worship should not be used to keep arms, adding that "terrorist activities and ordinary crimes should not be mixed up".

Trump warns Palestinians: End rocket attacks on Israel, they will bring more misery

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

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m he\ US\ supports\ Israel\ "100}_{
m per\ cent"\ in\ its\ defence}$ against a barrage of deadly rocket attacks by militant groups in Gaza, US President Donald Trump has said, warning Palestinians that such actions would bring them "nothing but more misery".

Tensions flared up on Saturday between Israel and Palestine with massive rocket fire from Gaza, drawing waves of Israeli retaliatory strikes which continued throughout Sunday. At least 23 Palestinians,

including at least nine militants, were killed. Four civilians in Israel were killed, at least three of them

Israeli citizens.
"Once again, Israel faces a barrage of deadly rocket attacks by terrorist groups Hamas and Islamic Jihad. We support Israel 100 per cent in its defense of its citizens," "Trump said in a tweet on Sunday.

"To the Gazan people — these terrorist acts against Israel will bring you nothing but more misery. End the violence and work towards peace - it can happen!" Trump said in a

According to media reports, the militant groups have fired about 600 rockets towards Israel. In response, Israel has launched about 250 air strikes against terrorist groups in the region.

The flare-up comes despite a truce brokered by Egypt last month. It is one of the most surges in violence since the conflict of July and August 2014.

In that year, Israel launched a ground offensive on Gaza following the kidnapping and killing of three Israeli teenagers.

The conflict killed 67

Israeli soldiers. Hamas and its allies launched more than 4,500 rocket strikes that killed six civilians in Israel.

On the Palestinian side,

2,251 people, including 1,462 civilians, were killed in the seven-week conflict, according to the UN Palestinian leaders in Gaza

agreed to a ceasefire with Israel on Monday to end a two-day escalation in violence. Israel also lifted restrictions

on civilian movements in communities around the Gaza

NAWAZ SHARIF WILL RETURN TO JAIL TODAY Lahore: Pakistan's former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif will return

to jail here in a procession of Pakistani workers on Tuesday to complete the remaining period of his seven years imprisonment in the Al-Azizia Mills corruption case

BAHRAIN UPHOLDS DEATH SENTENCE

Dubai: Bahrain's supreme court on Monday upheld death sentences for two Shiite activists and jail terms for dozens of others on terror-related charges and links to Iran. BNA state news

MALI GETS NEW GOVT AFTER PROTESTS

Bamako: Mali's president has named a new government after its predecessor resigned last month amid widespread protests over an upsurge of deadly inter-communal violence, a presidency statement said.

TRUMP: MUELLER 'SHOULD NOT TESTIFY'

Donald Trump declared on Sunday that Special Counsel Robert Mueller "should not testify" before Congress on his investigation into Russia's interference in the 2016

China slams US naval ships sailing through SCS

Beijing: China on Monday protested over two US warships sailing near islands claimed by it in the disputed South China Sea, saying it violates its sovereignty and also denounced a Pentagon report on Chinese military's modernisation as an

attempt to spread the "China threat theory".

The US guided-missile destroyers 'Preble' and 'Chung Hoon' travelled within 12 nautical miles of Gaven and Johnson Reefs in the Spratly Islands, which Beijing calls Nansha.

The latest US challenge to Beijing's territorial claims in the region comes amid trade tensions as President Donald Trump said Sunday he would raise tar-iffs on USD 200 billion in

"On May 6 two US war ships without the permission of the Chinese government have entered the adjacent waters of the Johnson reef in China's Nansha island in the South China Sea, (SCS)," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Geng Shuang told a media

He said the Chinese navy identified the US vessels and asked them to leave as per Chinese law.

"The relevant move the

briefing here on Monday.

US warships infringed upon China's sovereignty and undermined peace and security in the relevant waters. We deplore that and firmly oppose that," he said and asked Washington to stop such "provocations". PTI

Maoists choose democratic path in Nepal as armed revolution fails to change system: Prachanda

Kathmandu: Ruling Nepal Communist Party president Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' on Monday said armed revolutions "have not been able to change any system" and that that is why Maoists have chosen the peaceful and democratic path in the country.
Prachanda, who was once

a strong proponent of armed struggle in the Himalayan kingdom to overthrow the monarchy and establish a republic country, said there is a need for serious discussion on Marxist ideology and its experiment in Nepal.

Addressing a programme

organised here to mark the 201st birth anniversary of Karl Marx, a German philosopher who is considered the father of 'communism', he said several armed revolutions have "failed in the world context".

"Such revolutions have no been able to change any system That is why we have chosen the peaceful and democ ratic way out," Prachanda, who is a former Moaist leader, said. He said socialism will not

come through the development of capitalism, and neither it can be brought without dismantling the feudal system. "We need to develop nationalist capital and need to

bring movement in ideology and organisation if we are to establish a system based on socialist ideology...A conscious jolt is needed to bring a socialist revolution in the country," the former prime minister said.PTI

Meghan Markle gives birth to baby boy

Meghan Markle, Britain's Duchess of Sussex, gave birth to a healthy baby boy on Monday.

Meghan, 37, went into labour "in the early hours" of Monday morning, and her husband Prince Harry was by her side, the Buckingham Palace said.
"It's a boy," the palace said.

"The Duchess and baby are both healthy and well, and the couple thank members of the public for their shared excitement and support during this very special time in their lives," Buckingham Palace said in the Instagram statement

US deploys carrier strike group to send 'clear message' to Iran force comes after US President Command region to send a

Washington: The US is deploying an aircraft carrier strike group and a bomber task force in the Middle East to send a "clear and unmistakable" message to Iran that any attack on American interests or its allies will be met with "unrelenting force", National Security Advisor John Bolton has

Bolton said on Sunday the decision to deploy the USS Abraham Lincoln Carrier Strike Group and a bomber task force to the US Central Command region in the Middle East was in response to a number of "troubling and

escalatory indications and warnings" from Iran. The deployment of the strike group and bomber task

Donald Trump last month refused to give waivers to countries like India from buying oil from Iran, in an attempt to reduce Iran's oil exports to zero.

After coming to power, Trump withdrew from the Iranian nuclear deal last year and has imposed stringent sanctions against what he describes as the "authoritarian" Iranian regime.
"In response to a number

of troubling and escalatory indications and warnings, the United States is deploying the USS Abraham Lincoln Carrier Strike Group and a bomber task force to the US Central clear and unmistakable mes-sage to the Iranian regime that any attack on United States interests or on those of our allies will be met with unrelenting force." Bolton said

"The United States is not seeking war with the Iranian regime, but we are fully pre-pared to respond to any attack, whether by proxy, the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, or regular Iranian forces," he said in a statement.

The US is seeking to ramp up pressure on Iran to counter what the White House perceives to be a potential threat.

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



It is publically informed that, one male dead body namely Unknown, S/o Unknown, R/o Unknown, Age 65 years, Height 5'5", Complexion Wheatish, Wearing white Lungi, he's left leg is broken, he was found Platform No. 14, West Foot Over Bridge, Old Delhi Railway Station,

Delhi, In this regard a D.D. No. 20-A, Dated 02.05.2019 has been lodged at P.S. Old Delhi Railway Station, Delhi.

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

DP/3821/RLY/19

Enclave, Above April Rasoi Restaurant,

Ganesh Nagar, Delhi-110092,

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 55 years of age was found dead as side NDRS Ajmeri Gate Side, on 02.05.2019, 6:00 AM. In this regard a FIR/DD No. 8-A, dated 02.05.2019 has been registered at Police Station New Delhi Railway Station, Delhi.

His physical description is as under: Sex: Male, Age: 55 years, Height: 5'1" ft., Complexion: Shallow, ID Marks: Long Hair & Long Beard, Wearing:

Black T-Shirt & Grey Pant. 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. New Delhi Railway Station, Delhi DP/3822/RLY/19 Mob.: 8750871305

SEARCH FOR MISSING



MUNNA TIWARI CRPF (Constable/GD) has been missing/ kidnapped since 12.04.2019 from 27 Battalion CRPF Camp Bawana, under the area of PS. Narela, Delhi. In this regard DD No. 86-A dated 18.04.2019 has been lodged at PS. Narela, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing/kidnapped person but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone have any information about this missing/kidnapped

E-Mail ID: cic@cbi.gov.in Fax: 011-24368639

SHO

General Public is hereby informed that one person Namely: Munna Tiwari (Force No.-

041609241), S/o:Harender Tiwari, R/o:

Bilauti Tehshil, Distt.- Shahpur, Bihar (Pir

No-802154) Present Address- CRPF

Camp, Bawana, Delhi, Age: 34 Years,

Height: 182 Cms, Face: Long,

Complexion: Wheatish, ID Mark: A cut Mark on Chin, Wearing: Proper Uniform of



person please inform the undersigned.

PS. Narela, Delhi,

General public is hereby informed that one girl namely Komal Goswami D/o

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

Shambhu Goswami R/o H.No C-37. Aman Puri, Nihal Vihar, Delhi, has beer missing/kidnapped from the area of P.S Nihal Vihar, Delhi since 25.04.2019. In this regard, a case FIR No. 284/19 u/s 363 IPC, Dated 25.04.2019 has been registered at P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi. The description of the missing/kidnapped



Age: 17 Years, Complexion: Fair, Height: 5'5", Face: Round, ID: Tattoo Mark 'Om' and name 'Komal' on her left hand. **Wearing:** Pink colour Kurta-Black colour Salwar and Chappal in feet. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out her but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone has any information about the missing girl then please inform P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi at following Tel No. / email: cic@cbi.gov.in and Website: http://cbi.nic.in

Ph.: 011-23961522, 23980685 Builiding No -A2, Pandav Nagar **GOLD AUCTION NOTICE**

P.S. Old Delhi Railway Station, Delhi

Ph 9654529043 7012993605 The pledges, in specific and the public, in general, are hereby notified that public auction of the gold ornaments pledged in the below accounts is proposed to be conducted on following dates. The gold ornaments being auctioned have been pledged by various borrowers who have failed to close the loan accounts and redeem the pledged gold ornaments despite being notified by letters sent by registered post. The lists of pledges taken up for auction have also been displayed at the respective branches. Please note that the liense remaining un-auctioned shall be auctioned on the respective branches. Please note that the liense remaining un-auctioned shall be auctioned on the respective branches. Please note that the liense remaining un-auctioned shall be auctioned to the respective branches. Please note that the liense remaining un-auctioned shall be displayed at the venue on the date of auction mentioned above and on the Company website and no further notice regarding the change of date and venue shall be issued.

HEAST DELHI: Bhajanpura, Dilshad Colony, Gamri, Moujpur, Durgapuri Branches

AUCTION CENTRE: Durgapuri Branch, Kosamatlam Finance Ltd, C-240, Ground Floor, 100 Feet Road, Hardev puri, Near- LIC, Durgapuri, Phone- 9654529043, DATE & TIME:15/05/2019 10.00AM AUCTION CENTRE: Durgapuri Branch, Kosamattam Finance Ltd, C. 240, Ground Floor, 100 Feel Road, Hardev puri, Near- LIC, Durgapuri, Prone- 9654529043, DATE & TIME-15052019 10.00AM
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4701, 4703, 4707, 4708, 4712, 4719, 4721, 4727, 4728, 4726, 4730, 4733, 4734, 4736, 4737, 4738, 4736, EAST LECENT: Salars Wayur Visiar Phase 3 Branch, Kosamattam Finance Ltd, A 1280, 1st Floor, G. D. Colorny, Mayur Visiar Phase 3. Near South Indian Hot Chips, Delhi-110096, Ph. 9654529043, Date & Time: 16-05-2019, 2.00pm List of pledges: GANESH NAGAR: 1326, 2412, 3520, 3671, 3733, 4154, 4213, 4433, 4442, 4515, 4516, 4517, 4521, 4522, 4525, 4528, 4529, 4530, 4532, 4538, 4558, 4558, 4560, 4561, 4565, 4566, 4569, 4570, 4571, 4572, 4576, 4577, 4638, 4664, 4665, 4675, 4680, 4691, 4712, 4713, 4718, 4724, 4726, 4726, 4726, 4738, 4739, 4752, 4762, 4784, 4789, 4722, 4803, 4805, 4814, 4819, 4820, 4823, 4824, 4844, 4846, 4852, 4855, 4658, 4658, 4651, 4666, 4686, 4691, 4971, 4912, 4 8528, 8529, 8530, 8532, 8533, 8541, 8543, 8549, 8550, 8551, 8552, 8555, 8570, 8571, 8578, 8581, 8582, 8585, 8586, 8591, 8593, 8594, 8597, 8599, 8602, 8604, 8608, 8611, 8632, 8644, 8645, 8647, 8656, 8661, 8662, 8665, 8672, 8573, 8574, 8 8678, 8685, 8689, 8695, 8695, 8703, 8711, 8713, 8717, 8729, 8737, 8746, 8759, 8760, 8766, 8769, 8760, 8768, 8769, 8770, 8776, 8777, 8788, 8787, 6789, 8791, 8791, 8791, 8792, 8793, 8801, 8802, 8904, 8905, 8912, 8813, 8817, 8818, 8821, 8821, 8827, 8828, 8837, 8853, 8857, 8858, 8865, 8869, 8669, 8669, 8670, 8711, 8711, 8714, 8729, 8737, 8746, 8759, 8760, 8769, 8760, 8768, 8769, 8770, 8776, 8777, 8788, 8787, 6789, 8791, 8791, 8792, 8794, 8801, 8802, 8904, 8802, 8904, 8804, 8802, 8904, 8801, 8801,

WEST DELHI: Adyapak Nagar Branch & Chanakya Place AUCTION CENTER: Advasas Nagar Branch, Kosamattam Finance Ltd. No. A-20. Adhvapak Nagar, Opo, Hanuman Mandir, Najafoarh Road, Nangloi, West Delhi, Delhi, Pin-110041, Ph 9654529043, Date & Time: 17-05-2019, 10.00 am List of pledges: ADHYAPAK NAGAR: 58, 61, 64, 947, 3340, 3673, 3830, 3846, 3873, 3876, 3887, 3930, 3931, 3942, 3951, 3963, 3978, 3985, 4007, 4026, 4032, 4038, 4045, 4049, 4053, 4059, 4069, 4105, 4114, 4125, 4126, 4127, 4126, 4127, 4128, 4129 4370, 4379, 4380, 4383, CHANAKYA PLACE: 15, 24, 27, 28, 34, 40, 54, 56, 57, 62, 71, 74, 79, 80, 81, 88, 93, 96

PERSONS WISHING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ABOVE AUCTION SHALL COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING:

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KOSAMATTAM FINANCE LTD

signatory/Director Shri Vidya Vinod Sio Sh Sapar Rattan, resident of 191, Sukhdev Viba New Delhis the owner of Plot No. 7-20, Oxho Industrial Vena, Phase-II, New Delhi Chigina Allotment Letter, possession letter Possession Siparat Lesse Deed executed b DDA in Revour of Ashok Kumar Sahni an Grom-D in respect of the above said propert nave been lost. An NCR/FIR to this affect ha seen lodges vide LRNor: 1016253/2019 dealer 303/05/2019. It any person including Banks inancial institutions or any other persor celative, organization, Company firm o government authority has any right, tille, dain or interest whatsoever into or upon above referred falt is herebymake the same known in writing, with documentary evidence to the undersign within 15 days. In the event for response to this notice, the purpose of this notice shall be completed. Mansoor Ansar if (Advocate), Office B/43 A, (LGF-4), Kalkaji, New Delhi-110019.

Public Notice

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Ph.: 011-27282350, 27285839 PUBLIC NOTICE To be known to all that my client, M/s Neha

This is to inform at large on behalf of our client Mr. Anil Kapoor, that pursuant to the mutual settlement (tripratite agreement dated 13th June 2018) between our client, Mr. Sunil Kapoor and Reliance Assets Recenstruction Company Limited, Our client apart from his 50% undivided share in the roof rights has now also purchased the remaining 50% undivided share in the roof rights of the built up oncourt bearing on A.8. Guiranwales.

whatsoever." Rajan Bajaj (Advocate) Indian Law Chambers, Advocates and Solicitors, B1A/1A, Janak Puri, New Delhi-110058

Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641 Fax No. 011-24368639 Sd/- S.H.O. P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi DP/2194/OD/19 Ph. 011-25946700



SEARCH FOR MISSING GIRL General public is hereby informed that one girl namely Karishma. D/o Shr Balkar Singh, R/o A-39, Vikas Vihar, Chander Vihar, Nihal Vihar, Delhi, Age 21 years, Height 5', Complexion Fair, Long Face, Wearing Blue colour suit-salwar and black colour sandal in

feet has been missing / kidnapped from Karishma regard a DD No. 71-A dated 16.04.19 has been lodged at

PS Nihal Vihar, Delhi. Any person having any information or clue about this missing kidnapped girl may kindly inform to the following.

E-mail ID:cic@cbi.gov.in Tele: 011-24368638, 24368641 PS: Nihal Vihar, Delhi Fax: 011-24368639 Ph.: 27946700, 27946710

SEARCH FOR MISSING GIRL



General public is hereby informed that one girl namely Shabman Khatun, D/o Shri Majjhar Hussain, R/o H.No. 17/18, Khasra No. 65/5, B-Block, Gali No. 23 Dass Garden, Baproola, Delhi, Age 22 years, Height 5'5", Complexion Fair, Long Face, Wearing Green colour suit, red colour pajami, yellow colour sweater,

Shabman Khatun black chunni and hawai chappal in feet has been missing / kidnapped from the area of PS Ranhola. Delhi since 07.01.19. In this regard a DD No. 40-A dated 09.04.19 has been lodged at PS Ranhola, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about this missing kidnapped girl may kindly inform to the following. E-mail ID:cic@cbi.gov.in

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MOUNTAIN TO CLIMB

Liverpool face huge task of overturning 3 goal deficit against Barca in UCL semis



AFP LIVERPOOL

iverpool emerged victorious from a bruising battle against Newcastle to dremain in the hunt for the Premier League title, but may have sustained too many wounds to summon a Champions League semi-final comeback against

Barcelona on Tuesday.
A late double from Lionel Messi in the Camp Nou on Wednesday has left Jurgen Klopp's men with a mountain to climb to overturn a 3-0 first leg defeat if they are to reach a second consecutive

Champions League final.
Liverpool have overcome such deficits before in the Champions League, most famously in the 2005 final against

But hopes of another famous European comeback at fortress Anfield were dealt a blow when Mohamed Salah was stretchered off with a head knock as Liverpool edged out Newcastle 3-2 on Saturday to move two points ahead of Manchester City at the top of the Premier

Salah watched a thrilling end to the match at St James' Park in the dressing room as his replacement Divock Origi headed home fellow substitute Xherdan Shaqiri's free-kick four minutes from

Origi, who also scored a 96thminute winner to beat Everton in the Merseyside derby in December, Shaqiri and Daniel Sturridge have made important contributions in a supporting role to a club record points tally for Liverpool this season.

However, with Roberto Firmino However, with Roberto Firmino already ruled out due to a groin injury, few would give Liverpool any hope of overhauling a three-goal deficit without two of their prolific front three.

Klopp therefore has a difficult balanc-ing act deciding whether it is worth emptying the tank of his injury-hit squad once more on Tuesday or to save their legs for Wolves' visit to Anfield on the final day of the Premier League season.

Despite a sensational season, Liverpool's chances of winning either trophy are fading.

To have any hope of a first league title in 29 years, Klopp's men must hope that Manchester City's relentless run of 12 straight league wins comes to an end either at home to Leicester in their game in hand on Monday, or at Brighton come

Barcelona will also not be complacent heading to Anfield a year on from letting a 4-1 first leg lead against Roma slip away in the quarter-finals.

Messi made it clear from before the season began that the Champions League

was his and Barca's primary target in his first campaign as club captain. Moreover, while Liverpool toiled on Tyneside, Barca coach Ernesto Valverde had the luxury of making 11 changes for an inconsequential 2-0 defeat to Celta Vigo having already wrapped up

the Spanish title. Yet, Origi's winner at Newcastle personified Liverpool's persistence and

Salah out of

Barca clash

LIVERPOOL: Liverpool will be with-out top scorer Mohamed Salah for Tuesday's semi-final, second leg after manager Jurgen Klopp revealed he was concussed in a 3-2 win at

The Egyptian was stretchered off at St James' Park on Saturday due to a head knock sustained as he

challenged Newcastle goalkeeper Martin Dubravka for a high ball.

"It's a concussion so that means he would not even be allowed to play. So that's it," said Klopp at his

Pre-match press conference on Monday. "He feels OK but it is not good

enough from a medical point of view that is all. He's desperate (to

play) everything but we cannot do

Klopp will also be without Brazilian striker Roberto Firmino

due to a groin injury.
"Two of the world's best strikers

are not available tomorrow night and we have to score four goals against Barcelona to go through after 90 minutes," added Klopp. "It doesn't make life easier, but

as long as we have 11 players on the pitch, we will try it."

AFP

Newcastle.

refusal to give up.

Four times in their last seven league outings Liverpool have won the game in the final 10 minutes.

Now they must harness the same

belief if Barca are to be given a fright at

'LIVERPOOL ARE A TEAM THAT CAN MAKE ANY OPPONENT SUFFER. WE HAVE NO REASON TO BE COMPLACENT." (BARCELONA MANAGER)

YOU HAVE TO CONCENTRATE FOR THE WHOLE 90 AGAINST MESSI. IT'S IMPORTANT TO SHOW RESPECT BUT NOT TOO MUCH RESPECT. WE CAN'T BE SCARED

-TRENT ALEXANDER-ARNOLD

THIS TEAM (LIVERPOOL) IS SO WON-DERFUL WE WILL TRY 100 PERCENT, BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN IT WILL ALL -JURGEN KLOPP (ON PROSPECT OF

ADVANCING INTO FINAL)

"WE HAVE BIG PLAYERS AND BIG PLAY-ERS SHOULD SHOW IN BIG GAMES AND I THINK THIS IS ONE OF THOSE GAMES ON TUESDAY, SO I EXPECT ONE OF THE BIGGEST GAMES AT ANFIELD.



City title bid ranks alongside greatest achievements: Pep

Pep Guardiola has suggested remaining in control of this season's relentless Premier League title race is his most satisfying achievement as a manager.

The Manchester City boss says the English top division is the toughest domestic compe-tition he has faced during a 10-season coach-

ing career that has brought him 25 trophies. City have won 12 Premier League matches in a row, and are on course to finish just two short of matching last season's competition record of 100 points, yet they are being pushed all the way by Liverpool, who have set extra-

ordinary standards of their own.

Jurgen Klopp's side have lost just once in the league all season, against City in January, and recorded their eighth successive top-flight victory on Saturday, beating Newcastle 3-2 to

return to the top of the table.

City have a game in hand, at home to Leicester on Monday, but are likely to have to win both that and their final league match at Brighton on Sunday to retain their title. 'Yeah, it's the toughest league I've ever

played as a manager, because of the quality of the rivals," said Guardiola, a former manager of both Barcelona and Bayern Munich.

"No doubts. That's why being there is incredible. But, of course, only one will take the prize and the other one will be at home

LIVERPOOL 'WOW'

Guardiola is thrilled his City players have maintained their standards following last season's record-breaking points total, with the club three wins away from completing an unprecedented domestic treble of Premier

"Arriving at this stage, two games left with 92 points, after 100 points last season, being there, that is the most satisfaction I've had as a manager," the Catalan manager said.

"It's not easy, honestly. And they did it again. Now, we try to win against Leicester and then go to the final league game at Brighton with it in our hands, with a chance to be cham-



"IN MY CAREER AS A MANAGER, I 'IN MY CAREER AS A MANAGER, I PLAYED AGAINST INCREDIBLE SIDES. THERE ARE TWO THAT WERE 'WOW'. ONE IS BARCELONA WITH LUIS ENRIQUE, WITH NEYMAR, LIONEL MESSI AND LUIS SUAREZ IN FRONT. THE OTHER IS THIS LIVERPOOL. I THINK THEY'RE THE BEST TWO SIDES I'VE FACED AS A SIDES I'VE FACED AS A MANAGER."

(MANCHESTER CITY BOSS)

pions." The standard of this season's title race has rarely been equalled at the highest level of English football.

Since the rules were changed in 1981 to make a win worth three points, only once has a top-flight team finished with more than 95 points, and that was City last season.

Yet both City and Liverpool are on course to pass that total this time around; Klopp's team have 94 points with one match left, at home to Wolves on Sunday.

Guardiola suggested Liverpool are one of the two best sides he has ever faced as a man-ager, with the other being the Barcelona team that thrashed City 4-0 in a 2016 Champions League meeting.
"The difference is Liverpool. We did the

same job (as last season), he said.

"In my career as a manager, I played against incredible sides. There are two that were 'wow'. One is Barcelona with Luis Enrique, with Neymar, Lionel Messi and Luis Suarez in front. The other is this Liverpool. I think they're the best two sides I've faced as a manager



Mertens overtakes Maradona's record

AFP NAPI FS

Dries Mertens on Sunday over-took club legend Diego Maradona in Napoli's all-time Serie A scorers list after bagging his 82st goal in a 2-1 win over Cagliari which sealed second place in this season. The Belgian striker headed in the equaliser after 85 minutes in

Argentinian ace Maradona, who hit 81 league goals between 1984 and

Serie A scorer in the club's history, behind Antonio Vojak, who hit a record 102 league goals between 1929 and 1935 and Slovakian Marek Hamsik, who achieved 100 before leaving to play in China this

"I'm very happy to have over-

2013 from PSV Eindhoven. "We must be proud of the our second place."

goals in Italy I have to stay. I have always said that I feel good here, I have a contract for next year and I am very happy to stay here.

Hamsik has scored the most goals in all competitions for Napoli with 121, followed

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TOP SCORERS FOR NAPOLI								
Rank	Name	Years	Serie A	Total				
1	Antonio Vojak	1929-1935	102	103				
2	Marek Hamsík	2007-2019	100	121				
3	Dries Mertens	2013-present	82	107				
4	Diego Maradona	1984-1991	81	115				
5	Attila Sallustro	1926-1937	78	108				

Naples to surpass former

Mertens is now the third best

taken Maradona and to be a part of Napoli's history," said Mertens, 31, who arrived in southern Italy in

'The future? If I want to score

by Maradona on now joint third on

107 with Attila Sallustro. Mertens said he is enjoying play-ing under Carlo Ancelotti who

took over from Maurizio Sarri this "With Ancelotti my role has changed. The place behind the striker is mine. I have more free-

dom and it shows."

Mertens has scored 14 goals this season including the last three

Both of Napoli's Serie A titles were won under Maradona in 1987

The club are 16 points behind champions Juventus but 10 ahead of third-placed Inter Milan with three games to play.

20 time Grandslam champion says he would stop playing tennis if he felt he couldn't be among the best

AGENCIES MADRID

the topic of when Federer will But the 37-year-old has been able to put off Father Time by continuing to win major trophies and

remain in the top 10 in the world. And in a further show that he's not ready to quit, Federer has decided to play during the clay court season for the first time since 2016.

Speaking in an interview with Spanish publication *Marca* ahead of the tournament, Federer was asked if he was surprised that he's still able to compete at such a high level at 37.
And the 20-time Grand Slam revealed the major factor in his deci-

A little, yes," Federer admitted. "If you told me ten years ago that this would be happening, I wouldn't have believed it. I could

sion to carry on playing.

Federer makes retirement claim ahead of Madrid return



have hoped for a top ten or top 20

Place, but not this.

"If I'd been asked in 2009 if I would be playing in 2019 I'd have said only if I was still competitive.

"I have made my career and I do not need to play to lose in the second round in any town and the second round in any town and the second round round in any town and the second round rou ond round in any tournament. My goal is to win, as I did at the beginning of the season.

ning of the season.
"If I feel like I can't be the best, it's better for me to stop.
"I still enjoy the victories in Masters 1000 events or being world No 1, as I did last year in Rotterdam." In a wide-ranging interview, Federer was also asked about the clay court form of Rafael Nadal and Novak Diokovic

Both players have suffered surprise defeats during the clay season and have arrived in Madrid with doubts surrounding them but Federer is not among those doubters.

He said: "Who is No 1 and No

"It's not like they've been under

a rock for the last month, Rafa comes from making semi-finals in

'I understand that because of what they've won, we expect more from them. Nadal and Djokovic are favourites.'

Playing Aus will boost confidence: Manpreet

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Playing against a world class team like Australia will provide good exposure to youngsters and will boost the confidence of the team ahead next month's FIH men's Hockey Series Final, feels India captain Manpreet Singh.

The India team travel

Down Under for five matches starting on Wednesday. The tour, marked as a preparation for next month's Hockey Series Final in Bhubaneswar, will be newlyappointed chief coach Graham Reid's maiden assignment with the team.

The men's side will play two matches each against the Australian national team and Australia A and a lone game against the Western Australia Thundersticks club.

"Playing a world class team like Australia ahead of the important Series in June will only help build our confidence. We had a good tournament in Malaysia in March and some of the youngsters did well there," Manpreet said.

"While Iaskaran Singh will make his international debut, it will be Gursahibjit's second tournament with the Indian team and Armaan Qureshi is also returning to the team after



a long gap. I am confident these players will live up to the expectations. It will be good exposure for them against the world No 2 side," he added.

The team boasts of an interesting mix of experienced players and newcomers. And Reid will look to test all combinations ahead of the Hockey Series Final, where India needs to finish on top to ensure a place in the final round of the Olympic quali-fier scheduled in October this

India began its season with a Silver medal at the 28th Sultan Azlan Shah Cup in Ipoh, Malaysia and will hope

to keep up the good show.

Talking about the ideology of the new coach, Manpreet said Reid emphasises on having team players rather than relying on individual perfor-"The new coach constant

ly reminds us why a team player holds more value to him than an individual player with excellent skill set.

"He also instills winning mentality in every player and confident body language has also been an area of focus apart from game-specific tactics over the past three weeks of training under Graham Reid," Manpreet said.







YOU MUST KNOW RULES OF PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

Unless you are on a sidewalk separated from the road or you are in a wide bike/pedestrian lane, you should walk in single file. This is, especially, important on a road with lots of curves and where traffic has only a split second chance of seeing you before hitting you. While it can be enjoyable to walk down the road, two to three abreast chatting merrily, drivers don't expect it and you may lose your best walking buddies, writes TEAM VIVA

are walking in an area where there aren't sidewalks or paths separate from the road. To stay safe walking, few rules could help in reaching destination safely and securely.

Walking outside is a great way to

enjoy the fresh air and get a workout at the same time! Before you lace up those sneakers, here are some important safe ty tips you'll want to consider if you head outdoors to walk.

If there is no sidewalk, you must walk on the side of the road, choose the side where you are facing oncoming traf fic. Your mother was right—you should look both ways before crossing any street. At controlled intersections, it is wise to cross only when you have the pedestrian crossing light. Even then, drivers and bikers may have a green light to turn and won't be expecting you to be in the crosswalk. Make eye contact with any drivers who may be turning Give them a wave. Make sure they see you. In an interaction between a vehicle and a walker, the walker can only lose. It can be tempting to simply jay walk, but that is not only a safety hazard, it can result in getting a ticket. Especially, if there are no sidewalks or pathways on your route, the rules of the road say you should walk against the traffic. This way, you can see the traffic coming and be aware of any potential danger coming towards you

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There is a disparaging cliche about people who are supposedly unable to walk and chew gum at the same time. However, multi-tasking while walking isn't as simple as that saying might have you believe. If a walker's attention is overly focused elsewhere, it can be possible to walk themselves into a dangerous situation or an injury. In fact, a recent study that examined pedestrians near busy streets suggests that texting

while walking may be as dangerous as texting while driving.

In addition to surrounding streets and cars, walkers also need to be aware and cars, walkers also need to be aware of any obstacles in the path ahead, uneven ground, and others around them on foot or bicycle. If they need to make a phone call or send a text message, they should stop for a moment and step aside before doing so. Also, walkers must beware of anything that might decrease their chance of hearing warnings or important sounds around them. It's recommended to either leave the headphones at home or keep them at a low volume, and only in one ear if pos-

Wear bright colours when walking

WALKING OUTSIDE IS A GREAT WAY TO **ENJOY THE FRESH** AIR AND GET A **WORKOUT AT THE** SAME TIME! BEFORE YOU LACE UP THOSE SNEAKERS HERE ARE SOME **IMPORTANT SAFETY** TIPS YOU'LL WANT TO CONSIDER IF YOU HEAD **OUTDOORS TO** WALK



in the daytime. When walking at night, wear light-colored clothing and reflec-tive clothing or a reflective vest to be vis-ible. Drivers are often not expecting walkers to be out after dark, and you need to give them every chance to see you, even at street crossings that have crossing signals. Be just as cautious at dawn or twilight, as drivers still have limited visibility or may even have the setting or rising sun directly in their eyes.

Vary your route. This is for safety as

well as enjoyment. It is much more interesting to experience different surroundings from time to time. This also prevents anvone else from memorising your whereabouts or routine.

Beware of drivers. Do not assume

that drivers know when pedestrians have

the right of way. Walk with awareness and caution, assuming that no drivers see you. Be especially cautious of driveways-most drivers are watching for

oncoming cars, not walkers.

Be aware of your surroundings Watch for ice, water, bike riders, cracks in the pavement, or any other hazards in your path. It can be very easy to trip and fall without warning, which can be

especially dangerous if you are alone.

Some individuals carry hand-held spray devices that contain mace or something similar. These are designed to fit comfortably in your hand, are very light and easy to use Just make sure that you do need to use it, the wind is not

blowing into your face at the time. Don't drown out your environ-

ment when listening to music with you earbuds or headphones. Keep the vol-ume at a level where you can still hear bike bells and warnings from other walkers and runners. Your audiologist wi

also thank you.

Distracted walking due to chatting, texting, or playing games like Pokemon Go on a mobile device while you walk is as dangerous as doing those things while driving. You are distracted and not as aware of your environment. You are less likely to recognise traffic danger, tripping hazards, or passing joggers and bikers. Potential criminals see you as an easy target. Adopt habits that can keep your phone in your pocket, or at least make it a practice to stop in a safe place to complete your phone tasks before moving on.

moving on.

It is terrifying and tragic to witness dogs running out into traffic or getting into a fatal dog fight, whether on leash or off leash. But when walking your dog on a long leash there is also a danger that you will trip other walkers or bikers. You will keep your dog safer as well as those who pass by you if you use proper leash

walking etiquette.

Street safety is a concern for many walkers. Choose your walking route for paths frequented by other walkers, joggers, and bikers. If you see someone suspicious, be prepared to alter your course or go into a store or public building to avoid them. Acting alert and aware can convince bad

guys you are not an easy target.

Use these rules to enjoy safer walking workouts and avoid injuries and accidents





it is his new challenge. Varun will be stepping into the shoes of veteran Govinda, who featured in the 1995 film, which was directed by Varun's father David Dhawan. David is on board to helm the remake as

well "I feel honoured, grateful and uncontrollably excited to be a part of the remake! That's the next challenge that I'm ready to take up," Varun said. Actress Sara Ali Khan will be filling in for Karishma Kapoor from the original.

'Aladdin has been one of my favourite films sincé childhood. Being a musician my fascination with the movie began with its songs, A whole new

world being my favourite among all of them. I am really honoured to be given the opportunity to be the voice of Aladdin, Along with voicing for the movie, I'm even singing the songs and I just can't wait for all my fans to see my work in the Hindi version. -Armaan Malik

Television actor KARAN OBEROI was arrested by Mumbai Police for the alleged rape and blackmail of a woman in 2017, official sources said. A complaint was lodged with the Oshiwara Police and charges under the Indian Penal Code Sections 376 (rape) and 384 (extortion) were slapped against him. He has been remanded to police custody till May 9. As per the First Information Report lodged by the victim, the accused raped her on the promise of marriage, filmed the act and tried to extort money from her under the threat of making the video public.

PeeCee has a story for her kids

S PRIYANKA CHUPKA JONAS already has an epic love story lined up for her future children with husband and singer NICK JUNAS

With the annual Met Gala happening, Priyanka expressed some nostalgia when she shared a set of photographs of her and Nick from the 2017 ball on her Instagram. Privanka savs she will definitely tell her and Nick's future children about their Met Gala love story It was in 2017 at the Met Gala that Priyanka and Nick walked a red carpet together for the first "The story I'll definite-

ly tell our future

kids... How I Met

wrote, adding several

your father, she

red heart emojis.

The SOTY 2 actor tells Chahak Mittal that while



tter the word nepotism and pictures of star children immediately float in front of your eyes. Tiger Shroff, of course, can't deny his genes but the talk about options drying out quickly for outsiders and insiders being given unlimited chances is not a new one. Tiger does believe that having a background makes it easier to bag big roles and get noticed. However, "when the lights go off at the theatre and the film starts, the audience only sees the actor. Nepotism exists, especially because there are sons and daughters of established and renowned names in the industry, but it also has its own pros and cons. Getting easily noticed doesn't always mean that you are accepted by the audience. Moreover the level of expectations is immediately upped as the audience looks at our family backgrounds and we have the burden of living up to our fathers and mothers. If we don't we won't get a sec-

It was not his family background that swung it for him in his latest outing. It was on the sets of *Baaghi 2* that Tiger Shroff bumped into Karan Johar and bagged the role of Rohan in *Student of the Year 2*, opposite newbies Ananya Panday and Tara Sutaria. Talking about how different lara sutaria. Talking about now different the film looks as compared to its previ-ous edition, he says, "Except for the school, that is Saint Teresa's, nothing is same. It is an all new take on the protagonists, friendship and love between them as well as their battle to win the 'student of the year' trophy. Here, more emphasis is on extra-curriculars and sports rather than just studies (laughs)."

The glitz and glam in the film would

make one question where does such a school, which does not reflect a real world exist? Why does the film showcase such a thing which is not even relevant to an Indian student's life? Tiger explains, "I agree (laughs). It gives out the message that the focus shouldn't be just on acad-emics but on other activities as well which are important for personal growth and development. Also, we are not trying to preach anything, but there are many facets in the film," he says. The other message that it gives is that "while one should live for others and their loved ones, at the same time one should also follow one's dreams whole-heartedly. We are trying to have fun and say this as an under-current in the

... Well, shooting for this film, Tiger says, was no less than "partying" since his pre-vious films have mostly been packed with action and stunts. "As compared to *Baaghi* and Baaghi 2, I would say that this one was very light-hearted, easy-going and chilled out. A lot of physical work went into my previous films. The scenes and my role were more candid and conversational. I

┪he Kings, a hip-hop dance

crew from Mumbai, are the

new rulers of the American reality television show

World of Dance. Their choreog

rapher Suresh Mukund says after

this victory, the 15-member crew is done with dance competi-

last performance at the competition, Mukund said, "We did a

Baahubali act in India two years ago that went viral, so I knew the concept of cinematic feel and

slow motion will work for sure

I kept that for the finale round. Coincidently, they asked us to do

a performance with a cinematic

heme in the finale round. I knew

they wouldn't understand it

(Baahubali) as it's not a Hollywood film. Then I planned

to do it in Spartan style."

The show's judge Ne-Yo called it the "greatest action film" he has ever seen, while

Derek Hough thought they "altered reality" Jennifer Lopez

was happy to be surprised by their act.

at a dance show. He and Vernon Monteiro were part of the Fictitious Dance Group which

This isn't Mukund's first stint

Talking about the group's

had to practise many things before to per-form. And it's been a while since I have done any such project. When you watch it, you'll realise that every scene is so full of fun," he explains. It wasn't at all diffi-cult, he says. "The role in Baaghis was cult, he says. "The role in *Baaghis* was heavy and I had to put in my everything. Here, I didn't have to use my powers or

When an actor picks up a certain kind of role in every film back to back, the industry and even the audience, to an extent, start stereotyping him/her under a particular genre. Even Tiger, who has done a series of action films has been done a series of action films has been done a series or action films has been through the same. He says, "Yes, you do want to get out of a particular space and try out more things. However, doing the same kind of drill doesn't confine you to a box. It takes time to get into other things and certainly even I will." However, he believes that his action

Flowever, ne believes that his action hero image gives him an edge in a competitive industry. "When people talk about action heroes of the present time, one of the names could be Tiger Shroff. Yes, I am typecast but this whole thing has given me an identity and made me stand out. It makes me feat good."

out. It makes me feel good."

Besides, his appeal his inspirational. Tiger says, "Youngsters want to be like heroes. They put their poster on the wall and admire them. As an action hero, I want to have some meaning in my life, and I want to touch many hearts." For Tiger, the best part of being an actor is that he can "touch and stir some emotions in thousands of people and then return the love that they give you for your work. However, the worst is that you don't get enough time for your loved ones.' Talking about his evolu-tion since the time of *Heropanti* (2014), the actor says, 'I have

grown more aware since that time. The more you do some-thing, the more tricks you have up your sleeve. At that time, I was very raw, naive, fresh, simply unaware, and also simply unaware, and also very sheltered from the world. There was this entire baggage of being my father's son. I had so many insecu-rities. I would constantly think about how will I look in front of the camera confident-ly. How will I say a certain line? How will people think of me? How will I perform the action? What if I hurt someone? There were a plethora of thoughts. I think today I can channelise those thoughts, put them into a framework and work accordingly.

'No one is scared to be herself'

Actors ANANYA PANDAY and TARA SUTARIA believe that women are finally having a say in all aspects of the industry. And effecting a gender balance. By Ayushi Sharma

There seems to be no end to the nepotism debate sparked off by actress Kangana Ranaut who had called Karan Johar "a flag-bearer" of it. However, actress Tara Sutaria defends her mentor and says he doesn't favour star kids in the industry. She says, "If you look at Sidharth (Malhotra) and me, we are not from the industry. That's reason enough to dismiss the claim."

She feels that it's a bit unfair. "The viewers these days are incredibly smart. They certainly decide whether someone deserves to be in a film or not. Whether you look at Sara or Janhvi or even

Ananya, they are constantly working hard. They really deserve to be where they are not because they are from the industry but instead they have earned it."
Actress Ananya Panday,
Chunky Panday's daughter, fur-

ther elaborates and explains that it's a simple concept one needs to understand. one needs to understand, that people won't invest money and their time in somebody they don't believe in. "At the end of the day we are representing Karan and Dharma productions. Unless and until you are not good enough, you don't give them a reason to believe in you, no one would do that," says Ananya. The newest kids on the block from the KIo stables are in town to promote Student Of The Year 2 along with their co star, Tiger Shroff.

Ananya apprises us that even though she is a product of this film industry she still auditioned for the role. And this makes her feel proud that she was tested and landed the role on her own steam. She feels, "Being a part of the indus-

try gives you access and can get you into those rooms where you can meet big personalities hat you do in

those rooms is solely on your shoulders." Ananya says that she wanted to be an actor since her childhood, "I have dreamt of it. But I don't think Karan was aware of that. He always thought that I am this kid who is passionate about act-ing but not of an age where I could pursue this as a career. I wanted to really audition for this film. So I went to meet him and asked him whether I should join college or audition? He told me to try my

hand at it and I did," she adds.

Talking about the film Ananya tells us that there's a strong message in the film about following your dreams. She says, "It's not about living for anyone but for yourself. Go confidently in the direction of your passion and

live the life you have imagined. This is a bubble gum film but it also has a message which is so important for youth. It teaches you in a fun manner rather than by preaching."

Tara apprises us that the film has many dis-parate facets to it. There is an emphasis on kab-badi. Then there are Tiger's dance and action moves for which he is loved. About her character, she says that Mia is much like the youth of today. "She is very strong, independent and knows what she wants and when she wants. I don't completely relate to her because we are opposites in certain ways and that's where the exciting part comes in as you get to play ver-satile roles. She does make mistakes in the film but then she tries to redeem herself, which all of us do as the youth. So I have learned that it's okay to make mis-

Ananya completely relates to her character. She says, "Shreya is extremely loud, expressive and confident. She doesn't take 'no' for an answer, is super passionate and a fighter as we

qualities match perfectly with the ones I had since school. Now that I am growing up, they are even more visible. I could also relate so much with Poo's character in Kabhi Khushi Kabhie Gham and Shanaya in *Student of The Year*. So Shreya's character is a lot like how girls are today. They can look up to her

Ask Ananya and Tara about what does it mean to be a modern Indian woman? They both strongly feel that omen are more fierce and independent than before. Ananya says, "It is obvious from the fact that there are two girls in the film with strong roles and different characters. It's so lovely to see that two women are given so much importance and it's high time. I feel empowered. The freedom women have these days is laudable. No one is scared to be herself."

Tara agrees with her and adds, "It's

actually a very exciting time as a young woman. The fact that we are produc-ing, directing, writing, acting, doing everything in every sphere of life is something which has changed over the years. There's hasn't been a better time for women in general. And it's show-ing in our films. There's ing in our films. There's no stopping us."

There is always a flip side to being an actor and talking about actors' private lives being under private lives being under constant watch. Link-up rumours are a part and parcel of being under the spotlight. It has been no different for Tara, who is rumoured to be dating actor Sidharth Malhotra. Tara said, "We were completely expecting this to be a part of our journey, waye just begun But I think some. We have just begun. But I think some-times it is fun to read these things. It's

flattering in a way that people care and want to know about us."

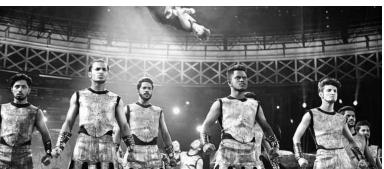
Tara ventured into showbiz in

2010 with Big Bada Boom and was seen in shows like The Suite Life of Karan & Kabir, Best of Luck Nikki and Oye

(The film directed by Punit Malhotra, will hit the theatres on May 10.)

Dance the *Baahubali* way

Indian hip-hop crew to stop competing after US dance show win



participated in dance reality shows like Boogie Woogie, Entertainment Ke liye Kuch Bhi Karega and India's Got Talent Later his crew, Kings United India, bagged the bronze at the World Hip Hop Dance Championship. Asked about

competitions, he said, "I feel that in order to grow in any talentbased field, you need to compete so that you can improvise your-self. When we won bronze, I thought that we would stop competing as that was a really big achievement. But then I started

following other dancers. I noticed that their level was going up. They were coming close to us, so that was the time when I thought that we have to do something to show that we are the best."

World of Dance provided them the platform to prove that

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they are the real "kings" of

"It was about all the dance forms coming together on one platform. I thought that if we win this, we will be the best in the nity to go for America's Got

Talent, but then we got World of Dance first," he said. "The Kings (managed by Qyuki) will no longer compete at dance competitions now. We have already achieved the world's best dance group title. My team is pretty set-tled right now and is doing shows worldwide," added Mukund, who was one of the inspirations for the Bollywood film ABCD 2.

The crew, consisting of Ritesh Vishwakarma, Karthik Priyadarshan, Shijin Ramesh, Chandan Acharya, Sunny Chatterjee, Mohan Pandey, Charles Edward, Pratik Gojare, Prem Bhayar, Payan Rao, Raia Prem Bhawar, Pavan Rao, Raja Das, Hardik Rawat, Akshay Varavdekar, Hritik Gupta and Naidu Vishwakarma, has taken home a cash prize of \$1 million. The choreographer is flooded with offers from channels to judge dance-based reality shows. "That's on my bucket list. I

want to enter Bollywood as a choreographer and ultimately, a film director," said the 31-yearold, who had served as an assistant director on ABCD 2. I want to work with Ranveer Singh. It's a dream," added Mukund.



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MEMOIRS OF PAIN

TAYEBA BEGUM LIPI's sculptures of blades represent the pathos-filled stories of patriarchy in the world of Muslim women of northern Bangladesh, says UMA NAIR

elonging to a large family in northern, rural Bangladesh, Tayeba Begum Lipi, Tayeba Begum Lipi, Bangladesh's most avant garde artist has an early memory of secretly witnessing her sister-in-law giving birth at home. Done under the care of a midwife, who cut the umbilical cord with a razor blade sterilised in boiling water. The 11th among the 12 children in her home, she says that she could still hear the water boiling. The blade is Lipi's

metaphor. It is her message and a medium in the art of provenance.

The artist has taken over the art world with her sculptures that are created out of stainless steel blades. She says she loves places that have living memo-ries and histories. Lipi's exhibition just opened at the Sundaram Tagore Gallery in New York to rave reviews and a host of curious gallery-goers.

Feminine everyday objects
Best known for her use of razor
blades, Lipi employs them in sculptures
of feminine everyday objects: handbags,
dresses, bras, bathtubs, baby strollers,

shoes and even a sewing machine.

The birthing event remains emblasoned on Lipi's mind. Reminiscent of Freud's 'primal scene,' the razor blade symbolises her recognition of her own entry into the world, entanglements of love, domesticity and physical pain. Her sculptures with glimmering chains of blades, expose matrimonial paradoxes in rural Bangladesh: pathos-filled stories of patriarchy in the world of Muslim women and also bring upon us images of all that is beautiful and inviting, but speak of pain and death and danger.

Bangladeshi Muslims

Lipi's work has been profoundly influenced by the September 11 attacks in New York in 2001 and the July 7, London bombings in 2005. Her countrymen's responses to these events and how



Unveiling womanhood

the world subsequently treats Bangladeshi Muslims. She recalls experiencing racial discrimination during travels in Europe prior to 2001 — where she participated in residencies, exhibitions and workshops — and it noticeably intensified afterward. As an artist, she also observed Bangladeshis at home and abroad suddenly questioning their own identity and felt compelled to announce their allegiance to their faith. "People felt that they had to stick to only one identity," Lipi noted and added, "So, they turned to religion."

Dissent and protest I distinctly recall seeing the bikinis at the India Art Fair. There is a striking way in which these undergarments

REMINISCENT OF FREUD'S 'PRIMAL SCENE,' THE RAZOR **BLADES SYMBOLISE** THE RECOGNITION OF HER OWN ENTRY INTO THE WORLD, **ENTANGLEMENTS OF** LOVE. DOMESTICITY AND PHYSICAL PAIN

Not for me 2

appear to be animated, despite the fact that no bodies inhabit them. The apparent fragility of *Comfy Bikinis* (2013) is belied by the realisation that the interlocking safety pins, which are used to create the piece, actually form a shield for the wearer. Upon realising that the objects we normally wear or sit on are forged from hazardous materials, Lipi's sculptures become sites of dissent and

protest.

She wields razor blades to address

have women — and this is violence against women — and this is what sets her apart as an artist. To draw attention to the excesses of violence against women is one of Lipi's primary goals. In doing so, she gives voice to the anonymous, often invisible, women of

Fear and oppression
She crafts the likeness of common-

place items like handbags, bathtubs and strollers from the small, menacing strips of metal, mainly to address the culture of fear and oppression that defines daily lives in Bangladesh. "I did not even think about why I was choosing it. I was only looking for a sharp, violent readymade object that could express my reaction to the vulnerable political situation in both Bangladesh and Pakistan," the artist said. "At some point, I questioned why I was attracted to this object, and then I found my answer in a childhood memory," added she.

Perils of a society Lipi fuses intimate subject matter

Replicated with aggressive materiality, reflecting on the personal and political perils of a sti-fling society. "My work always express-es a paradoxical human condition that a human being experiences in a country like Bangladesh," she explains. "Being in such a society, a woman's experience is

She identifies a duality in her environment and translates it viscerally into the personal experiences of her work. When you glance at her sculptures, they make a statement — they are luminous yet delicate in a surreal way. They look uncanny from afar, but terribly pain-

completely different than the experience

inducing from up close.

Photo: Sundaram Tagore Gallery, New York

Headgear for prosperity

VIRENDRA BANGROO's series of photographs, representing the culture and lifestyle of the Dard Aryans of Ladakh, combines history and calls for saving a dwindling tribe, says U NAIR

ot much is known about the Dard Aryans, one of the ancient peoples who are known to still live by age-old cultural practices and beliefs despite facing many odds. They are considered to be ever-vigilant soldiers defending our frontiers along with our Army. It is their spirit of deep valour and courage that needs to be saluted by com-

mon mortals like us.

Their life is captured in photographs by Virendra Bangroo at the India International Centre (IIC). The images combine history and the call for attention to definite this beta pade as a dwindling tribe that needs sus-

RICH CULTURAL LEGACY The Aryan Valley of Ladakh

boasts a colourful and rich lega-cy of the Dard Aryans inhabiting the area. According to Bangroo, the Dardic languages are a sub-group of the Indo-Aryan languages natively spoken in north-ern Pakistan's Gilgit Baltistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Jammu and Kashmir and eastern Afghanistan. They speak a distinct dialect of Dard-Shina, which is also known among the people of Ladakh as *Brokskat*. Interestingly, they have a dialect but no script

HILLSIDE PEOPLE

Bangroo, an assistant profes-sor at the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA), says "The word *Dard* itself comes from *Daradas*, which roughly translates into people who live on the hillsides." Bangroo, who has spent years studying this community, states that the people of this ethnic community are also linguistically and culturally different from those living in other parts of Ladakh. His images have a poignancy that we cannot miss.



The photographer gives us cluster of images that speak of the ethnicity and rich symbolism in clothes, jewellery and distinctive and colourful head gears. "A *Brokpa* tribal is identified by a colourful head gear called Tepi that has various colourful props attached, embellished with berry lowers," says Bangroo. The Tep they believe, wards off the evil eye. The women wear heavy metal, gold and silver jewellery along with full-length sheep skin capes and sheep wool *pherans*. While it might look heavy, it also looks exotic and vintage in terms of design and allure. What entices are the old metal coins which are a compulsory part of the acces-

METAL TO PREVENT

The men too have their own





unique customs in costume, they mostly wear maroon gowns with cummerbunds. There is a belief that metal worn on the body prevents sickness.

With absolutely no medical

facilities in the past being far removed from urban settlements, it seems that their head gears are worn for intrinsic meaning each prop on the head gear has a significant medicinal purpose.

The seven-coloured ribbons ward off any ailments caused by the sun or sudden kinds of sickness that are related to the eclipses. The silver brooches ward off planetary influences and the peacock feathers ward off paralyses.

BUDDHIST LEANINGS

Many of them converted to Buddhism nearly two centuries ago, the Dards as a group are fol-lowers of the Drigung Kagyu lin-eage of Mahayana Buddhism. Bangroo's research also states that some members of the community, particularly those on the other side of the Line of Control (LOC), are primarily Shia Muslims. What is deeply stirring is their belief in living in harmony with nature. Also, the fact that they still follow age-old, traditional customs of worshipping rivers, trees and mountains and also practice a form of ani-mism, a tradition which, according to some, hails from as far as

5,000 years ago.
Bangroo belongs to the group
of scholars at the IGNCA, which has has had an immensely vital contribution in the mapping of intangible cultural heritage of our country. Bangroo, has in his research, traversed the length and breadth of the Himalayas and worked for the preservation of ethnic cultural pockets which has seen leaps and bounds in connec-

tivity.

His work for this community in creating awareness about the rich cultural diversity of the region becomes a boon and a lifeline of sorts. Through his works we see two community museums in the Aryan Valley, which have become role model institutions for safeguarding the cultural heritage and sustainable develop ment in the region.

(The show runs till 13 May.)



Opposites attract

An exhibition aims at showcasing how threatened trees and demolished houses in the city strive to co-exist amidst urbanisation

n exhibition of photographs by Juhi Saklani showcases the demolished houses of Delhi's Sarojini Nagar and Netaji Nagar, juxtaposed with the banyan, peepul, neem and semal trees of these areas. It is currently open at the Delhi Photo

Company's new gallery here.
The show, titled *Human/Nature*, focusses on the loss of Delhi's trees as the city's old housing colonies undergo redevelopment. It was previously on public view at the *Photosphere* at the Îndia Habitat Centre (IHC) here. "In mv photographs, these threatened trees and demolished houses are still trying to co-exist," said the artist, for whom Delhi's redevelopment means loss of a quality of life that was full of trees, birds,

cleaner air, and a gentler pace of living.
"In our cities, faced with critical levels of air pollution and severe depletion of groundwater, the only smart city planning is to integrate old standing trees into our project designs. To cut trees and compensate by planting saplings elsewhere, or to transplant the trees into alien soil where they slowly die, is no solution," she added.

There are no people in the photographs to mirror the absence of people from the planning processes and decision making, said Saklani. The



ruined houses and trees glowing in evening light create a surreal effect, framed in old, broken window frames of the kind used in government housat Janpath's DPC Gallerv.



Art Explore Gallery presents *Visual Aural*, a show inspired by ambient sounds of daily life, featuring works by artists Abhijit Pathak and Raiesh Srivastava WHEN: May 16 to 30 TIME: (Monday to Saturday) 11 am to 6 pm WHERE: Art Explore, 23 Lakeside, Hauz Khas village



Silent Conflicts is a group show by 12 contemporary artists who use varied media such as staple pins, wood, bronze video, photographs, canvas and more to create deeply personal and political works that conflicts that we need to conquer in an ever-changing, evolving world WHERE: Visual Arts Gallery, India Habitat



AIFACS Art Gallery presents *The Tryst With Nature,* a solo exhibition of paintings by artist Sanjukta Barik who showcases her passion of art and how she uses it as a edium of expressing her life journeys and emotions. WHEN: May 10 to 16 WHERE: AIFACS Gallery

Microcosm: Macrocosm, an art exhibition at Artist Playground, aims to explore the continuity of time, space and energy, celebrating the living world. TIME: All day WHEN: Till May 17 WHERE: Lower ground floor, Pullman New Delhi, Aerocity.





orean Cultural Centre presents Impressions: a Korean Cultural Centre presents impressions. & Journey backwards, an exhibition with a view to bring the spirit of South Korea to Delhi. With 31 art works on display, the show will have calligraphy, notterv ink paintings and photographs. WHEN: Till May 31 TIME: 9 am to 5 pm WHERE: Korean Cultural Centre, Lajpat Nagar - IV.

BATTLE OF THE BEST

CSK face arch-rivals Mumbai Indians in hunting ground to seal final spot





PTI CHENNAI

anded a reality check in their last league fixture, defending champions Chennai Super Kings would bank on home advantage to seal their place in the summit clash when they take on a confident Mumbai Indians in the Qualifier 1 of the IPL here at

Qualifier I of the IPL nere at Chepauk Stadium on Tuesday. After the gruelling league phase of the ongoing IPL, the stage is set for the play-offs with CSK and MI clashing against each other for a place in May 12 final.

There is hardly anything to differentiate between the two sides as both CSK and MI have won the title three times earli-

The Mahendra Singh Dhoni-led CSK has been patchy after a strong start and finished its league engagements with a six-wicket defeat to Kings XI

Punjab at Mohali on Sunday. But CSK will be happy to return to their den to take on table-topper MI, probably its biggest IPL rival, to decide which team seals a spot in the May 12 final.

CSK boasts of a tremendous record at home this sea-son, winning six of its seven games at the M A Chidambaram Stadium here and come on Tuesday, it will act as a big advantage for the hosts.

A defeat, however, will pro-

vide both the teams a second chance in Qualifier 2 on May

The CSK top-order has fired in fits and starts in the league phase and will need to come out all guns blazing against a formidable MI bowling attack that includes Jasprit Bumrah (17 wickets), Lasith Malinga (15 wickets), the Pandya brothers (Hardik 14



wickets and Krunal 10 wickets), leggie Rahul Chahar (10 wickets) and possibly Mitchell McClenaghan.

Skipper Dhoni (CSK's highest run-getter with 368 runs from 12 matches, 3 fifties) has been the mainstay of a rather inconsistent CSK batting unit and along with openers Shane Watson and Faf du Plessis and Suresh Raina holds the key in Saturday's game as the usually fluent Ambati Rayudu has struggled to get

going. CSK, however, will miss the services of the Kedar Jadhav, who sustained a freak shoulder

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injury in the match against Kings XI.

But Jadhav wasn't in the

best of form and his absence would open up a spot for either Murali Vijay or Dhruv Shorey. Bowling has been CSK's

strong point so far this season and becomes even more potent on M A Chidambaram stadi-

um's sluggish wicket. Imran Tahir (21 scalps), the second highest-wicket taker this season after Kagiso Rabada (25), has been at the forefront of an effective CSK spin trio, also including veteran Harbhajan Singh and Ravindra Ledici (beth with 12 wideled) Jadeja (both with 13 wickets

And the success of Tahir & Co against the powerful MI batting line-up could very well determine the course of the

MI captain Rohit Sharma (386 runs), the impressive Quinton De Kock (492, third contest.

leading run-scorer), Hardik Pandya (380) and Kieron Pollard will be hard to stop once they get going and CSK's bowlers have a tough task at

the ever-improving Deepak Chahar, who has taken 16 scalps so far, to pick up early wickets for CSK and stifle the

rival batting line-up.

Going by the head-to-head record this year, MI holds the upperhand having won both its encounters against CSK in the

preliminary phase.

MI head coach Mahela Jayawardene would be aware of the job at hand and won't take CSK lightly despite the Lions' recent wobbly form.

CSK will certainly receive a boost by playing the Qualifier 1 at home with the crowd fully backing the team in what promises to be a cracker of a



Mandhana lights up Women's T20 Challenge

 $E^{xplosive\ opener\ Smriti\ Mandhana\ lit\ up\ the\ opening\ game\ of\ the\ Women's\ T20\ Challenge\ with\ an\ entertaining\ 90\ off\ 67\ balls,\ guiding\ Trailblazers\ to$ 2 runs thrilling win against Harmanpreet Kaur led Supernovas.

Chasing 141 runs to win, Harmanpreet (46 not out) smashed four boundaries in the final over bowled by experienced Jhulan Goswami to help Supernovas reach close to win but needing 3 runs in the final ball, Lea Tahuhu got run out which lead to Mandhana side secure narrow 2 runs win.

Earlier batting first, Mandhana's 90 runs help Trailblazers pot 140 for five against Supernovas here at Sawai Man Singh stadium on Monday.

After the early fall of New Zealand veteran Suzie Bates, captain Mandhana anchored a 119-run stand with Harleen Deol (36 off 44), who struggled to change gears on a slow surface at the Sawai Mansingh

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in fact, both Mandhana and Deoi struggled to get going as Trailblazers crawled to 25 for one in six overs after Harmanpreet Kaur-led Supernovas opted to field. The BCCI is organising a bigger tournament for the women in comparison to the inaugural edition last year when only a one-off game was played. Four out of the three games will be broadcast live on prime time unlike last year with an aim to attract a bigger TV audience.

At the venue, the stadium was far from full but that did not affect Mandhana's batting. After getting used to the slowness of the wicket, the southpaw went for her strokes and even smashed three sixes to go with 10 fours.

Australians are not taking part in the event this time owing to a scheduling dispute between the BCCI and Cricket Australia over men's ODI series.

Twelve foreigners from five countries are taking art in the tournament and are distributed equally between the three teams.

Brief scores: Trailblazers: 140/5 in 20 overs (Smriti Mandhana 90, Harleen Deol 36; Radha Yadav 2/28) beat Supernovas: 138/6 in 20 overs (Harmanpreet Kaur 46 not out, Sophie Devine 32; Sophie Ecclestone 2/11, Rajeshwari Gayakwad 2/17) by 2 runs.

Warner, Smith help Aus edge Kiwis

David Warner hit a quickfire 39 and Steve Smith 22 on Monday in their first appearance for Australia since a major ball-tampering scandal as the home team edged a second-string New Zealand by one wicket in a practice match.

The Australians were set a target of 216 at Allan Border Field in Brisbane as they warm up for their World Cup defence, and scraped home with 10 balls to spare thanks to a tail-end res-

They have now won nine one-davers in a row, although this was an unofficial game and not counted as a full internation-

Skipper Aaron Finch continued his rich vein of form with a measured 52, but fellow opener Usman Khawaja fell cheaply — bringing Warner to the crease, to warm applause from the crowd.

He survived a dropped catch on nought before clicking into gear and turning on the form that saw him average 69.20 in 12 innings in the Indian Premier League.

Warner hammered 39 off 43 balls before falling to leg-spinner Todd Astle attempting

That brought out Smith

who started nervously before hitting a pair of boundaries. He spent 43 balls in the middle before being caught behind off Matt Henry.
It was the pair's first game

in Australian colours since serving year-long bans for their part in the "Sandpaper-gate" ball-tampering scandal. After Smith departed,

Australia lost five for 42 before an impressive 34 from Nathan Coulter-Nile helped steer them

Earlier, Pat Cummins grabbed two wickets in his first over before New Zealand, missing Kane Williamson, Martin Guptill and Trent Boult, recovered to post respectable 215 off 46.1 overs

Tom Blundell led the fight-back and top scored with 77. Cummins ended with 3-36 off eight overs, with Nathan Coulter-Nile and Jason Behrendorff also grabbing three

Australia play another two games against New Zealand this week before heading to England where they open their World Cup campaign against Afghanistan on June 1 in



edar Jadhav's tryst with injuries Kjust don't seem to end. After a few rounds of hamstring injuries in few rounds of hamstring injuries in the past season, the vital cog in the Indian middle-order has now picked up a shoulder injury with the 2019 World Cup less than a month away. The injury happened during the Chennai Super Kings match with Kings XI Punjab on Sunday. While Kedar walked off and didn't take the field anymore, sources in the know of developments said that it looks more like an impact injury and the player should be fine

injury and the player should be fine in two weeks.

However, further participation in



the Indian Premier League is out of question as the World Cup is just round the corner.

"He has an impact injury and it is always better to be safe than sorry. More than dislocation it looks like a grade one trauma injury. You cannot rule out a mild subluxation either. But he should be fine in two

"He will not be playing in the playoffs as he needs to be fit when the Indian team leaves for the World

Cup," the source said.

Speaking after the game on Sunday, CSK coach Stephen Fleming had said that Kedar's focus would now shift to the World Cup as he wouldn't be playing any more games

in the IPL.
"Kedar is getting an X-ray and a scan tomorrow. We're hopeful for him. I don't think we'll see him again in this tournament for us. So now his attention will turn to what it looks like for the World Cup. He's in some discomfort but we just need to be accurate with our assessments tomorrow. Fingers crossed that it's nothing too serious," Fleming had

The incident took place in the 14th over of the KXIP innings when Kedar dived to his left to stop an overthrow from Ravindra Jadeja. Having hurt his shoulder in the process, Kedar immediately left the field with physio Tommy Simsek.

Cork sees Saini as India material

PTI MUMBAI

Speedster Navdeep Saini was Simpressive in the ongoing edition of the IPL and has rightly caught the attention of former England medium pacer Dominic Cork, who says India will have a "massive" future with

him.
Saini picked up 11 wickets
Challengers for the Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) from 13 matches and was their second best bowler after spinner Though the Viral Kohli-led

team failed to qualify for the playoffs, the 26-year-old pacer was impressive. "For me when you look at Navdeep Saini, I think India will

have a massive future with If we actually clip on him here and we "We need to see the deliv-

eries with his pegs," Cork, a Star Sports Select Dugout expert,



was quoted as saying in a media release on Monday. "The one thing I want to tell

these young bowlers is that it's about the head position. He (Saini) can be a little taller. "It looks like he is just going

to fall away so he might put his weight forward. So that is Saini, someone who is already very successful in this game," added



England. Saini is one of the four pac

ers who will assist Team India in their ODI World Cup preparations in England.

He will be a net bowler and

help Team India during the World Cup along with three others, the BCCI had announced earlier.

India have got 'fantastic chance' to lift WC: Vengsarkar

 Γ ormer India skipper Dilip Vengsarkar believes that the Virat-Kohli led team has a "fantastic chance" to lift the upcoming World Cup, which begins on May 30 in United

India has got a fantastic chance to win the World Cup. At-least last four they will go definitely. But the final, I can't predict to be honest. But we have got extreme potential and all the players are (in) good form," Vengsarkar told reporters here on Monday.

Vengsarkar, who is the mentor of the T20 Mumbai League, was speaking after the organ-isers Mumbai Cricket Association announced its second season which will begin from May 14. League's ambassador Sachin Tendulkar and mentor Sunil Gavaskar were also present.

Tendulkar too praised the League.
"T20 Mumbai League is soon going to be
a league that most of the players from across the nation will want to participate in. For so many years, the (way) Ranji Trophy team has played, if given a choice a number of players would have wanted to be part of Mumbai Ranji Trophy because the brand of cricket was different and everyone wanted to be part of it,"

said Tendulkar.

Tendulkar also said Mumbai still has



'I don't think we are down in the dumps at all. There have been occasions where we have gone to the semis and final (in the Ranji Trophy). I feel with this T20 League's perfor-

normance, as (Sunil) Gavaskar put it correctly, a number of careers started. Gavaskar urged the MCA authorities to schedule the league before the IPL auction. "Shivam Dube got an IPL contract after

(playing in T20 Mumbai League), Suryakumar Yadav also got a big contract and I am pretty certain that there will be many more coming from this league, who will be wanted by the IPL franchises for the next season," said