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New Delhi: A large number of

women activists and lawyers

were on Friday detained and taken to the Mandir Marg police

sexual harassment probe.

300 SEATS FOR BJP IN POLLS, SAYS GADKARI

New Delhi: Union Minister Nitin

Gadkari on Friday differed with

colleague Ram Madhav that the

BJP could fall short of numbers

in the ongoing Lok Sabha polls

and asserted that it will get more

After UN terror

tag on Masood,

JeM renamed as

Jaish-e-Muttagi

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With the United Nations (UN) declaring Jaish-e-

Mohammad chief Maulana

Masood Azhar a designated

global terrorist, the outfit has

changed its name to Jaish-e-

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the behest of Pakistan Army-

ISI in order to hoodwink the

international community into

believing that Islamabad is acting against terror groups.

days after the UN designated

Azhar as a global terrorist under the 1267 Sanctions

banned the outfit. Post-UN

listing, the Pakistani terrorist

will face freezing of assets, a

The tactical shift comes

The UN had earlier

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Pitroda eats crow for '84 riots brag

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After giving the BJP a handle to beat the Congress, Sam Pitroda, the close associate of party president Rahul Gandhi, on Friday apologised for his controversial "hua to hua" (so what) comment on 1984 anti-Sikh pogrom even as Prime Minister Narendra Modi latched on to the comments saying these words reflect the "character, mentality and intentions of the Congress".

'What I meant was move on. We have other issues to discuss as to what the BJP Government did and what it delivered. I feel sorry that my remark was misrepresented, I apologise. This has been blown out of proportion," said Pitroda after his remarks on Thursday prompted attacks on him by BJP leaders led by the Prime Minister himself.

While apologising for his remark, Pitroda accused the BJP of "distorting the truth" and said things of the past are not relevant in this election and the saffron party has nothing positive to offer and is attacking the Congress with lies.

Referring to Pitroda's remarks, Modi told a rally in Haryana, "Congress, which ruled for a maximum period, has been insensitive and that is reflected by the three words spoken yesterday...These words have not been spoken just like that, these words are character and mentality and intentions of the Congress. And which were these words, these were 'hua to

Pitroda, Modi said, was "very good friend" of Rajiv Gandhi, and is very close to Gandhi family and is "Guru of Congress 'naamdar' (dynast) president" Rahul Gandhi.

The BJP deployed its spokespersons saying the party has no remorse on the genocide of patriotic community and sought to know whether Rahul would dismiss his "Guru" who

3rd phase to

the Congress candidates, and

the BJP's Sadhvi Pragya Singh

Thakur and Union minister

Narendra Singh Tomar. The

campaigning for these eight

seats has come to an end on Friday evening.

The contest between

Congress' Digvijay Singh and

Hindutva activist and Malegaon blast case accused

Pragya Thakur in Bhopal will

be one of the most keenly

watched fights in the election.

in order to shed his pro-

minorities image, Digvijay Singh peddled the 'soft

Hindutva' line by roping in seers, including Computer

Baba (Namdeo Das Tyagi) who

conducted 'hath yoga' and set

roadshow in support of

Digvijay Singh in the state

capital to woo voters. On the

other hand, Pragya Thakur

highlighted her alleged tor-

ture in police custody to win

the sympathy of voters in

Bhopál, which has been a BJP

IPS officer Hemant Karkare for

her alleged torture in custody

and claimed that he died

because she cursed him, a

statement which was con-

demned at the national level by

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apologised and later withdrew

it on the ground that it was

She also blamed martyred

bastion since 1989.

They also conducted a

afire cow dung cakes.

Political observers feel that

The Congress on its part has distanced itself from Pitroda's "so what" remarks on the anti-sikh riots and asked the leaders of the party to be careful and sensitive in future.

Congress's chief spokesperson Randeep Surjewala said the party abhorred violence of any kind against any person or group of people on the basis of caste, creed, colour, region or religion, adding that riots and violence had no place in the Indian society.
"Violence and riots are

unacceptable and unpardonable in our society... Any opinion or remark made by any individual to the contrary, including Sam Pitroda, is not the opinion of the Congress party. We advise all leaders to be careful and sensitive," Surjewala said in a statement.

Stating that the Congress had strived to ensure justice for the 1984 riot victims, Surjewala said the party continued to support the quest for justice and stern punishment for those found guilty in the anti-Sikh riots, as also the subsequent acts of violence, including the 2002 riots in Gujarat.

The Congress spokesperson added that unlike the ruling BJP, which had fielded a candidate charged with terror crimes and who was being lauded as the saffron party's face by Modi himself, the Congress had shown the moral and political courage to punish the leaders accused of violence or involvement in the 1984 riots.

Pitroda, a US-based longtime adviser of then Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi and now that of Kahul, has apparently made a similar gaffe some time back while speaking Union Ministers and on the IAF strike in 'Balakot' in Pakistan giving the BIP a han-

dle to attack the Congress. This time round when seven seats of Delhi and 13 Lok Sabha seats of Punjab and one



Prime Minister Narendra Modi addresses a rally on the last day of the campaigning for the sixth phase of the Lok Sabha polls, in Rohtak on Friday

of Chandigarh, with sizeable Sikh population, are to go to polls on the last two phases of elections on May 12 and May 19, Pitroda seems to have again stirred the poll pot by saying Sikh riots "hua to hua".

Attacking Congress, Finance Minister Arun Jaitley said it was a matter of disgrace that the party did not have any remorse, and wondered if Rahul Gandhi would "oust his Guru" for the remark.

In a series of tweets, Jaitley said it was a "matter of disgrace" that the Congress party has "no remorse" over the Sikh killings of 1984.

Šam Pitroda's 'hua to hua' reaction to the 1984 anti-Sikh killings is reflective of the lack of remorse on the part of Congress with respect to the 1984 genocide. Will the Congress president oust his Guru, who rubbishes the genocide of India's most patriotic community in 1984?" Jaitley

Another Union Minister Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi hit out at Pitroda saying he had rubbed salt into the wounds of the victims of the tragedy.

Describing the Congress as a "caucus of mentally bankrupt intellectuals", Nagyi alleged that the Opposition party, through its "criminal silence" on Pitroda's remarks, was once again trying to justify the brutal killings of Sikhs in 1984. Union Minister Prakash Javadekar demanded that UPA chairperson Sonia Gandhi and Congress president Rahul Gandhi apologise to the nation over their leader Sam Pitroda's reported remarks about the 1984 anti-Sikh riots. Javadekar said Pitroda has made a very "irresponsible" statement about the riots.

"Congress leaders Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi must apologise for Sam Pitroda's irresponsible statement that the '1984 Sikh geno-cide happened, so what," he told reporters. Javadekar said that Rahul

Gandhi's guide and Rajiv Gandhi's colleague Pitroda had made "a very condemnable' remark in public discourse.

He also claimed that Pitroda said Rajiv Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi would never target a group of people. "Then how he can explain Rajiv's justification of 1984 Sikh genocide by saying 'when a big tree falls, Earth tremors'. If this is not a justification then what it is," he asked.

"He will say the communal politics by Rajiv Gandhi on Shah Bano issue is also not relevant," the Union Minister claimed, adding that it was relevant, because these issues were being faced by the nation.

Atishi moves DCW, Gambhir vows to hang self if charges proved

integrity, character and the

East Delhi parliamentary seat returning officer K Mahesh

seeking a police probe into the accusations. The complaint

was lodged by BJP's Krishna

Nagar councillor Sandeep

Kapoor, said Delhi BJP

spokesperson Harish Khurana.

already asked the Delhi Police

to register a complaint in

yesterday's developments.

@GautamGambhir for nearly 2

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respect he has for women,"

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@GautamGambhir. I know

him well and he can never talk

ill of any woman. Whether he

wins or loses is another matter

Press conference on Thursday

circulation of pamphlets car-

rying "obscene and derogato-

refuted the allegation saying he

would quit the electoral contest

if proved guilty. The issue

refused to die down even as

campaigning for May 12 polls

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Cricketer sues Atishi, Kejriwal and Sisodia, ex-teammates VVS Laxman, Harbhajan

'vouch for his character' STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

day after controversy Aday after conflower, involving distribution of 'obscene and derogatory" pamphlets against her, Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) East Delhi candidate Atishi on Friday approached chairperson of Delhi Commission for Women (DCW) Swati Maliwal and lodged a formal complaint against BJP candidate from the seat Gautam Gambhir.

Stepping up his counter-offensive, Gambhir on Friday said he will "hang" himself in public if the AAP can prove that he has any link to the derogatory pamphlets. Gambhir tweeted, "Challenger Number 3 to

@ArvindKejriwal and @aap. If he can prove that I have anything to do with this pamphlet filth, then I will hang myself in public. Otherwise @Arvind Kejriwal should quit politics. Accepted?" Gambhir had sent defama-

tion notices to Kejriwal, his deputy Manish Sisodia and Atishi on Thursday night asking them to withdraw their charges against him and tender unconditional apology or face legal action. Meanwhile, Gambhir's former teammates VVS Laxman and Harbhajan Singh defended Gambhir and



Atishi hands over her complaint to Delhi Commission for Women Chairperson

Indrani Mukerjea CAPSULE to turn approver against Karti in INX media case

PNS NEW DELHI/MUMBAI

 ${f I}$ ndrani Mukerjea, an accused in the INX Media case, is all set to turn an approver against Karti Chidambaram, the son of former Union Finance Minister P Chidambaram, after the CBI on Friday said it has no objection to her plea. The agency told the Bombay High Court that it would produce Mukerjea at Patiala House Court in Delhi on May 23.

Indrani has already deposed before the CBI and the ED that she was forced to give 5-crore bribe to Karti on recommendation of P Chidambaram to tackle

Income Tax probe in a `300crore money laundering case. Indrani and her husband Peter Mukerjea are currently

lodged in Byculla jail and are facing charges in the murder of their daughter Sheena Bora. Both of them were accused in the INX Media bribery case also. CBI filed FIR against them along with Karti for the irregularities in the FDI clearance for the INX TV channel.

In 2007, the Foreign accompanied by Deputy Chief Investment Promotion Board Minister Manish Sisodia in a (FIPB) cleared only foreign investment in the TV channel had alleged Gambhir's role in for Rs 5 crore. But they illegally routed Rs 305 crore and were caught by Income Tax in 2008, said CBÍ. After Income Tax served

notice, Indrani and husband approached Finance Minister Chidambaram and a bribe of Rs 5 core was given to Karti. The bribe was deposited in two firms controlled by Karti and FIPB provided post-facto clearance to INX Media, accused

Enforcement Directorate had already attached Rs 50 crore worth properties of Karti in Delhi, Ooty, London and Spain. CBI and ED have been pressing for custodial interrogation of Chidambaram, who is obtained interim protection. from Delhi High Court. With Indrani turning an approver, the agencies are expected to file chargesheet soon.

travel ban, and an arms embargo by all UN member States. The change in nomenclature of the Pakistan-based terror groups is aimed at

serving the twin purpose of projecting that the Pakistani State is acting against terror groups including the JeM and the banned terror group will be able to regroup and radicalise youths. Under the new garb, the JeM will be able to recruit more youths to its fold as the outfit's morale has faced drubbing post-Balakot strikes and the terror tanzeem's radicalisation and recruitment drive has also been adversely affected in the wake of the fear psychosis generated after the attack at Balakot, sources in the security agencies said.

The Bahawalpur-headquartered outfit is also anticipated to creating infrastructure at other locations in order to check any repeat attack by Indian forces, sources said.

Pakistan has in the past facilitated the change in name of another UN-banned terror group Lashkar-e-Tayyaba which rechristened itself as Jamat-ud-Dawah and subsequently to Milli Muslim League, a political party launched during last elections to project LeT chief Hafiz Sayeed as a democrat.

The Pakistan Army-ISI combine is known to cheat its allies, including the US and China. The Pakistan Army provided a facility to Al Qaeda chief Osama Bin Laden at the garrison town of Abottabad and kept him under cover for over a decade and fleeced Washington for arms and funding in the name of counter-terrorism operations. The US Navy seals however killed him in an operation on May 2, 2011.

The Pak army and ISI are employing similar tactics to extract funding from China in the name of protecting its interests in the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor. On the terror directed at the Indian hinterland and in Jammu Kashmir, Pakistan has remained in denial mode even as it continues to use terror as a state policy against India and the JeM itself owned responsibility for killing 40 CRPF men through a suicide bombing on February 14 this year at

seal fate of veterans **STAFF REPORTER** BHOPAL The third phase of polling for eight Lok Sabha seats in Madhya Pradesh will decide the fate of several prominent candidates, including Digvijay Singh and Jyotiraditya Scindia, who are

Muslim devotees offer prayers on the first Friday during the holy fasting month of Ramzan at Taj-ul-Masajid in Bhopal on

'Grand Alliance is like live-in relationship'

▼n run-up to Lok Sabha elec-Ltion BJP said that Grand Alliance which is group of numerous political parties is like a live-in relationship.

Addressing a press meet in the State capital on Friday BJP's Rajya Sabha MP Rakesh Sinha said, "In a live-in relationship a couple lives tgether without any commitment. Similarly, the partners of Grand Alliance are also living in same condition. There is no accountability in live-in relationship and no future plan. Alliance also have no leadership, no future programme they joined hands to fulfill their own ambition. It is alliance of selfish parties."

"From Jharkhand to Karnatka and Assam to Punjab the political parties have joined hands against BJP to fulfill their own interests. The Grand Alliance partners are living in same manner as there is no programme, no leadership at what time who leave it is not

definite," said Sinha. Criticising the Congress party Sinha said that when

of development then challenges come from beyond border at the time entire Opposition raised questions on sovereignty of the country it was like that it is not Congress it seems like political party of

Pakistan is doing all this. "People are getting difficulties who were indulged in religious conversion. Christian missionaries are polarizing

There should be prevention on funds of NGOs. There is effort to make Jharkhand as Mizoram," said Sinha.

Bitter LS campaign ends in Haryana; Top leaders campaign on last day

NISHU MAHAJAN 🔳

 $\Gamma^{
m he}$ campaigning for Lok Sabha battle in Haryana ended on a high note on Friday with the political heavyweights from ruling Bharatiya Janata Party and its main rival Congress travelling the length and breadth of the state to give one final push

to woo the voters. The ten parliamentary seats in Haryana will go to voting on May 12, the sixth phase

of polling. As a fitting end to BJP's aggressive campaign, the Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday held "Vijay Sankalp rally" in Jat-dominated Rohtak, known as political capital of Haryana while the party chief Amit Shah held rallies in Barwala and Charkhi Dadri. The Chief Minister Manohar Lal addressed a rally in Sirsa (reserved constituency).

In Gohana (Sonipat), former Chief Minister and Congress candidate from Sonipat Lok Sabha seat, Bhupinder Singh Hooda alongwith his son, three-time MP and Congress candidate from Rohtak, Deepender Singh Hooda held "Samajik Bhaichara rally" to muster support in the Jat belt.

Jannayak Janta Party eader and outgoing Hisar MP Dushyant Chautala, who is seeking re-election on JJP's ticket, led the campaign of his fledgling political outfit and its alliance partner Aam Aadmi Party to seek vote for himself and his brother Digvijay Chautala, JJP-AAP joint candidate from Sonipat, at a rally held in Iind.

Indian National Lok Dal

secretary general Abhay Chautala held "Vijay Bhay Rally" in Kurukshetra in support of his son Arjun Chautala, who is party's candidate from Kurukshetra Lok Sabha seat.

The last day of canvassing in Haryana saw no-holdsbarred attacks and counterattacks by the political bigwigs. Prime Minister Narendra

Modi evoked the 1984 anti-Sikh riots at Rohtak's rally to target the Congress party in the backdrop of party leader Sam Pitroda's remarks over the riots while the BJP chief Amit chief attacked influential political families of Hoodas and Chautalas for alleged misrule in Haryana.

Targeting former CM Bhupinder Singh Hooda, Shah at his rallies in Hisar and Charkhi Dadri described him as the biggest player of land scams. Haryana got riddance from the corruption of Hooda and goondaism of Chautalas which were at its peak during the respective regimes, he said.

Continuing his attack against Congress, Amit Shah said that the Congress is not working in the interest of the country but the main opposition party is working to protect the interest of neighboring Pakistan. The Congress by supporting anti-national elements is strengthening the "Tukde Tukde Gang" which is out to weaken the country. But the people of the country will not allow the Congress to succeed in its nefarious designs, the BJP chief added.

a dig at the former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, he said that during the UPA regime the Jawans were illtreated and faced barbaric acts, their heads were also taken away but the Mauni Baba kept silent. The Congress is responsible for the increase in terrorism, Shah alleged.

Reacting to the allegations of BJP top leaders, former Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda at his rally in Gohana said, "The BJP has done nothing during its five years tenure. They have no achievement to tell... They just divided the people of this country as well as the state." Referring to Jat quota agi-

tation 2016, Hooda said that Haryana was burnt under BJP's regime to divide the people of the state on caste lines. But the BJP will never succeed in its nefarious designs and people will give them a befitting reply in the elections, he His son Deependra Singh

Hooda also accused the BJP of dividing the society on religious and caste lines. The ruling BJP is trying to divert the mind of people as it has done nothing during its five years rule, he added. Hitting out at both BJP and

Congress, JJP leader Dushyant Chautala said that the two political parties are two sides of same coin. In Haryana, Congress has always tried to help the BJP, he alleged. Attacking Prime Minister

Modi, Dushyant said that the PM at his election rallies at Fatehabad and Kurukshetra earlier spoke about JJP, which shows he is scared of a new political party.

Former CM Hooda is also feeling nervous as he is facing a tough fight in Sonipat against Digvijay Chautala, Dushyant said.

benefitting her rivals.

'Occupational Health, Hazards and its Management'

First Health Awareness Programme inaugurated

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 $T^{\text{he First Health Awareness}}_{\text{Programme of the series on}}$ 'Occupational Health, Hazards and its Management' was inaugurated on Friday by the Chief Medical Services Dr Vandana Dave, at the Conference Hall of

On this Occasion, Amitabh Dubey, AGM (HRD), Dr (Mrs) Namrata Dingrocha, AGM & Head (Surgery and OHS) and Dr VK Onkar (Sr DGM and I/c OHS) were also present. RD Bharadwaj, Dy Mgr Ind Hygiene & Training coordinator (OHS) conducted the pro-

During her inaugural speech, the Chief Medical Services said that such programs of OHS/Health department, not only provides knowledge to maintain healthy life but also updates the employees about various protective techniques from hazards, common life style and occupational diseases. She was glad to see all young participants.

On this occasion, AGM (HRDC) highlighted the importance of such programs and said more and more employees should attend them there by availing the benefits of the same.

Dr VK Onkar, Sr DGM and In-charge, OHS, briefed the delegates about the program, the subject inputs and beneficiaries in past years.

He also explained the

importance of different activities of OHS. RD Bharadwaj, Dy Mgr(Ind Hygiene) and Training Coordinator—OHS, conducted the programme and also highlighted the schedule and subject/ topics of all such programs to be organized in future. In the end, he thanked all the dignitaries on dais, CMS, AGM (HRDC) & P & PR, Horticulture, Canteen, a special thanks to participants and all those who have contributed in successfully organ-

Three gamblers arrested; cash, betting receipts recovered

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Piplani police arrested 3 persons on the charge of accepting bets and recovered ₹ 23,600 and betting receipts from their possession near Tea Point stall on Thursday.

Acting on a tip off, around three persons were caught and betting receipts were found from their possession late in the night on Thursday. Police received information that gamblers are facilitating betting and based on the information. three persons were searched and were found accepting receipts.

The nabbed accused were identified as Pulkit Popli (33) of Nikhil Bungalows and police recovered ₹ 5,500 from his possession, Rajesh Popli (36) of Awadhpuri and police recovered ₹11,700 from his possession and Utsav Sinha alias Monty (34) and police recovered ₹6,700 from his posses-

Police said that during the raid, the gamblers were found

a street light and recovred ₹23,600 cash from their possession. During the raid, police recovered mobile phones which were used by the gamblers and police suspect that the mobile phones were also used to place bet at the spot. The call record details of the mobile phones would be investigated.

Meanwhile, Chunbhatti police have nabbed two miscreants near Chunbhatti trisection and recovered illegally transported 500 bottles of county-made liquor worth ₹45,000 from their car on Thursday. According to the police, acting of a tip off, two men were detained near Pushpa

apartment at around 12 in the night and when they were searched, six cartons were recovered from their posses-The two accused were identified as Arjun Bairagi and Hanumant Meena who were

carrying liquor in a car bearing

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were carrying liquor and failed to produce licence regarding the liquor and were nabbed. The source from which the two have obtained the liquor and where it was scheduled to be delivered would be investigated. A case under section 34 (2) of the Excise Act was registered and further investigation has

IIMC extends last date for online registration

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The Indian Institute of Mass Communication has extended the last date for receiving online application forms for its various PG Diploma Programmes till 15th May from the earlier date of May 12. The institute had been receiving requests for extension of last date, particularly from students in Odisha and adjoining States, where communication services were badly affected due to severe cyclonic storm.

Admissions have been announced for 476 seats across IIMC's six campuses in Delhi, Dhenkanal (Odisha), Aizawl (Mizoram), Jammu (J&K), Amravati (Maharashtra) and Kottayam (Kerala). The Institute has also introduced 10 per cent quota for the Economically Weaker Section.

The selection for the IIMC PG Diploma Courses will be through a national level entrance examinations comprising a descriptive written test, group discussion and interview. The written exami-

Indian nationals possessing a recognised Bachelor's degree in any field are eligible to apply. The details of Course content, fees structure and the process of online application can be accessed at the Institute's website www.iimc.gov.in.

nation for the IIMC PG Diploma Courses in Malayalam, Marathi, Odia, and Urdu will be held on Saturday, 25th May. For English Journalism, Hindi Journalism, Radio & TV Journalism and Advertising & Public Relations, the written test will be held on

May 26, 2019.

Indian nationals possessing a recognised Bachelor's degree in any field are eligible to apply. The details of Course content, fees structure and the process of online application can be accessed at the Institute's

18-year-old girl sexually exploited on pretext of marriage

STAFF REPORTER BHOPAL

An 18-year-old girl was sex-ually exploited for the past three years on the promise of marriage at Habibganj area. A complaint was lodged by the victim on Thursday.

According to the police, the

victim was sexually assaulted by the accused Pancham Singh for the past three years and during the period assured her of marriage and continued to sexually exploit her.

Based on the complaint, the police have registered a case under sections 376 and 506 of

The victim came into contact with the accused around three years ago and was lured by the accused of marriage. The two developed relationship and on April 16, 2017, the victim was accompanied by the accused to his flat in Habibgani where she was sexually assaulted and the ordeal continued for the next three years. The Victim claimed that she wasminor at the time of sexual assault. But when she turned 18 and asked for marriage, the accused refused to marry.

Later, when the victim presurised her of marriage, the accused threatened her of life and escaped from his house. The victim informed her mother and they approached Habibganj police and lodged a

complaint on Thursday. The accused is still absconding and search has been intensified, said police. The victim works as a domestic help and met the accused when she used to visit nearby area for work. The details of the accused are yet to be found.

Bharat Bhavan: Sheeshe Ke Khilone staged



A scene from the play 'Sheeshe Ke Khilone' staged at Bharat Bhawan in Bhopal on Friday

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Hindi play Sheeshe Ke AKhilone was staged brilliantly at Bharat Bhavan on Friday

The play was performed under guest performance. Directed by Govind Singh Yadav, Sheeshe ke Khilone is an urdu adoptation of the play The Glass Menagerie written by Tennessee Williams and adapted by Bilquis Zafeer ul Hasan. The play was performed by the artists of Dramatic Art and

Design Association, New Delhi. Aijaz is an aspiring poet

who works in a factory to sun- incident, and arrives, back port his mother Nafeesa and sister Lubna who has a problem with one of her legs. Aijaz's father had run away many years ago. Nafeesa asks Aijaz to find a match for Lubna. Aijaz brings home Amjad who had studied

with Lubna in school. Amjad reveals that he is already engaged to another girl, and leaves. After this Aijaz says he wants to join the merchant navy. Nafeesa is disillusioned by now. Lubna has been preserving glass dolls since her childhood. At some point her favourite glass

doll is disfigured by Amjad. Aijaz leaves home after this town after many years laden with guilt towards his mother and sister.

The play is beautifully written. It ask question about why God leave his creation alone in tough times. The way Lubna takes care of her glass menageries why the Almighty cant take care of his humans?

The audiences were spellbounded with the solo performance of the artists.

The artists on the stage maintained to captivate the attention of the audiences as they burst out laughing on every

YI launches 'Show the Ink' campaign

STAFF REPORTER BHOPAL

▼n democracy's voting festival, now it is the turn of Bhopal to cast their votes. On May 12, lakhs of voters in Bhopal will vote for the development of the country.

Voting is the duty of every citizen of the country and Yi (Young Indians), Bhopal is launching 'Show the Ink' campaign to encourage the voters who fulfill their duty of casting their votes for the betterment of the nation. While talking to media

persons here on Friday, YI Chairperson Apoorva Malviya addressed the conference and gave information about the campaign. He told that after voting, the responsible citizens of Bhopal can get discounts in many outlets in the city by showing the Voter Ink over their hands. This campaign includes selected outlets from nearly all segments related to lifestyle.

Yi Road Safety Vertical Chair, Pratik Vatsa and

Members of Young Indians at 'show the ink' campaign during voter awareness programme ahead of the Lok Sabha elections in

Bhopal on Friday

Business Connect and Innovation Vertical Chair, Priyanka Gupta said that to encourage the youth, 'Youth Walk Booth' slogan is also part of this campaign. Ride to vote will also be a

special part of the campaign

If going to the voting booths is a problem for you, then YI has a solution for this too. Under any such circumstances where a voter is either handicapped or is unable to visit the booth due to age issues, 'Born To Ride' group will

'Born To Ride' group will help you reach the voting booth and cast your votes. All you need to do is call a

work together with YI. This

contact person icon between 8 am and 2 pm at 9893011711 for

Massive fire at Chetanya Market

Dozens of bicycles damaged

STAFF REPORTER BHOPAL

Dozens of bicycles were damaged after a massive fire broke out at Chetanya Market at Dawa Bazaar area (Behind Allahabad Bank) in the morning on Friday.

A bicycle godown situated on the third floor was gutted in fire due to short circuit borne fire in the early morning. Locals informed fire brigade and owner of the godown regarding the fire. The ground and other floors remained undamaged.

The fire which broke out at 7.30 am in the base of nonworking lift filled with garbage soon spread to bicycle godown through a wire. More than a dozen fire tender vehicles were pressed into service which took around four hours to control and pacify the fire

'Shades of tranquillity' captivates art lovers

The garbage caught fire the Dawa Bazaar. but it was a short circuit borne Owner of the fire or garbage was lit by someone could not be ascertained and would be investi-

The fire was controlled before it could damage the

nearby shops and buildings. The workers use to work at the godown but at the time of the fire no one was present due to early morning hours

and same was the situation of

Owner of the godown is yet to report the incident. The timely action averted a major mishap. Police said that the dozens of bicycles were gutted in fire but the loss could not be ascertained as the owner is yet to provide the details.

Along with the material, office and shed build to the keep the goods was were also gutted completely in the mas-

THE RURAL AMBIENCE AND

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HOUSES HAVE

Delhi Public School

Vehicles, acquired by the district administration officials for electioneering, a day before the sixth phase of the Lok Sabha elections at Lal parade ground in Bhopal on Friday Pioneer photo

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Shades of tranquillity, a solo exhibition by Veena Jain is captivating the attention of the art lovers of the city. It is being put up at Alliance Française de Bhopal's Art Gallery.
The exhibition is all about

creativity at its best. Veena Jain has recreated the stories of life through her paintings. The vibrant use of colours is the essence of these paintings. The painting exhibition will be on view till Saturday.

According to the artist, "Things that are captured through the lens of your creativity, seep deep into your heart and transcend through stories are my paintings."

"These savs, "These the stories that you tell. These

stories are the long stored anecdotes that reflect upon my understanding of what's around me and what's around you. My work is my way of projecting the art that's beyond quintessential colours and have a rusted melody to it. A melody that I humm everyday and



would like everyone to hear, see

"I have maintained a very intimate relationship with my surroundings. Whatever I've seen in my surroundings, I've striven to express it through my paintings in a unique manner.

My works take their final form with the aid of visualistic and abstract images. I've tried to look and present the fundamental matter found many layers beneath the obvious," she adds

The rural ambience and its

mud racked houses have deeply affected my mental makeup. Traveling down the lanes of my childhood, she find herself attached closely to such scattered memories. All this is and much more is the part of her canvas.

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Last leg of campaigning in Bhopal: Diggy urges voters to vote for him

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During the last leg of campaigning in Bhopal, Congress candidate on Friday afternoon visited Sarvadharam Colony on Kolar and other localities of Bhopal.

Singh addressed his last public meeting before the campaigning came to an end at 5pm. After meeting a handful of shopkeepers and making brief vote appeal, Singh reached the stage. Amid chanting of mantras by priests, the party leaders, the Congress candidate was greeted with flowers.

While addressing the public, Singh appealed the gathering to vote for him on May 12. He told the supporters to end eight time winning streak of BJP from Bhopal and promised that from wherever he contests, he maintains family relations with locals.

Within few minutes, Singh left the venue for another and reached the nearby bigger tent where he addressed the last dozen leaders, he started with get the mock poll done cau-



BJP candidate for Bhopal Lok Sabha seat Sadhvi Pragya Singh Thakur during her election campaign in Narela State Assembly constituency (left) and Congress candidate Digvijay Singh during an election campaign Lok Sabha elections at Koh-e-Fiza locality (right) in Bhopal on Friday

public meeting of this poll. As asking he party cadre to remain he spoke after almost half a vigilant for next two days and

tiously on EVMs. Alleging that BJP would distribute money and liquor but exuded confi-

be poor but weren't dishonest. He asked the party cadre to act

dence that his supporters might like a farmer for two nights and remained alert as farmer guard

Without speaking a word on BJP's Pragya Thakur, Singh turned to civic issues in suburb Kolar, claiming the region is grappling with issues such as potable water, transportation,

sewage and others. "Be with me for two more days and I promise you, Digvijay Singh would serve you for next five years," he added.

He assured the public to end the hooliganism of local BJP MLA Rameshwar Sharma and added MLA's misdemeanours in government land encroachment would be exposed. Warning goon elements of the BJP, the Congress veteran claimed, "Whatever happened in Mamaji's (Shivraj) rule is gone, these things won't be allowed in Nanaji's (himself)

He concluded with chants of Bharat Mata ki Jai and left the venue as more such welcome kiosks awaited him on way back as almost an hour was

left for campaigning. Earlier, Singh also visited temples situated in his campaign route and braving the blistering heat, also walked on foot during the campaigning. Besides, he called on a Jain saint Vishuddha Sagar in Mandakini Colony.

Youth dies in

road accident

A²⁴-year-old youth was mowed down by a speed-

under Khajuri Sadak police

station area late in the night on

injured man was rushed to a nearby hospital after his was hit

by a speeding unidentified vehicle. The locals informed

the police and on the receipt of

the information, a police team

reached the spot and started

fied as Rahul Singh of Bairagarh Kalan. The incident

took place at around 10 pm

when the deceased was walk-

ing towards his house. The col-

lision proved fatal for the

investigation, the body was

sent for the post mortem and

the police have registered a case

under section 304 A of the IPC.

School under Bajaria police sta-

Jagdish Mali was admitted at a

private hospital on May 8 and

later referred to Hamidia hos-

pital where he died during

treatment. Police said that the

deceased used to work as

labour in Chandbad.

tion area on Thursday.

Meanwhile, a 24-year old youth died under suspicious circumstances near Subhash

According to the police,

After the preliminary

The deceased was identi-

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STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Pragya: Digvijay assaulted religions, called bhagwa and Hindus 'terrorists'

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Owing to her health prob-lems, BJP's Pragya Thakur is campaigning for the past two days mostly on a bike and visiting various areas. She has claimed that custodial torture has left her with depleted physical condition and she can't walk for long stretches.

It was around 1 pm when she reached State Mantralaya where she appealed to the Government employees outside the building with folded hands to vote for her and the BJP on May 12.

Former Minister Umashankar Gupta and other leaders accompanying Prgya Thakur addressed the gathering at most of the time, while the BJP candidate spoke only at

Attacking her opponent Digvijay Singh, Thakur said, "I reached amongst you very late thinking let them show their aukat (worth) to you," said Thakur as BJP workers cheered. She poked fun at Singh apologising to Government employees recently, claiming I thought you people would return to the state of the state o ple would return him with disfigured face but you kept

good thing. Thakur was referring to Singh's bitter relations with the government staffers post 2003 when the former CM had sacked 28,000 daily wagers and also planned retirement of many who completed 20 years

your patience which was a

Besides, Thakur claimed like the employees, she was also a victim of him (Digvijay),

who according to Thakur had assaulted the religion as well claiming he has called bhagwa and Hindus -terrorists. He has questioned sacrifices of our martyrs and also the action initiated on the enemies.

Recounting her alleged custodial tortures, Thakur said she was live example of ten years of their (Congress) misdeeds. The BJP candidate also claimed the Congress was left disappointed after she was banned for 72 hours but I kept enjoying my spiritual activities.

Referring to the yagna held in favour of Digvijaya Singh, the sadhvi said they again insulted bhagwa by inviting seers with fake reasons. When they realised, they exposed the truth and said Pragya Thakur was the real

Campus drive held at Scope College

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campus drive was carried Acampus universal Acope

The students of various academic branches were a part of the campus drive. The drive was carried by different companies. The company has selected 52 students at the package of Rs 1.5 lakhs per annum.

The selection was held in three rounds. The first was the written test of the participants. The participants who qualified the written test were then appeared for the technical round.

The students were asked about the technical upgrades in market. The qualified students were then appeared for the HR interview. After the HR interview the students were shortlisted for

Prior to the campus drive, the representatives from different companies addressed the students. They also informed the students about their company through a power-point presentation. During the power point presentation, an interaction session was also carried out. The students asked about their queries to the experts for their

future endeavours.

While informing about the campus drives, organiser of the campus drive said that conducting campus drive is a way to encourage the students to move forward for a bright future. Group Director of Scope College of Engineering Devendra Singh Raghav congratulated the students for their recruitment in various companies.



BJP leader Shivraj Singh Chouhan during a road show in favour of party's candidate Sadhvi Pragya Singh Thakur at Nehru Nagar locality ahead of sixth phase of Lok Sabha elections in Bhopal on Friday

Late Vajpayee was set to dismiss CM Modi: Yashwant

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Former BJP leader Yashwant Sinha here on Friday claimed the then Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vaipavee was set to dismiss Narendra Modi, Gujarat Chief Minister at the time, after the 2002 post-Godhra riots, but withheld the decision as Home Minister LK Advani had threatened to resign from the Cabinet on the

Talking to media persons here on Friday, the former Union Finance Minister also dismissed as a non-issue the controversy over the alleged misuse of INS Viraat by former Prime Minister late Rajiv Gandhi. "After the communal riots in Gujarat, Atal Bihari Vajpayee had decided that then state chief minister Narendra Modi should resign.

While going to the national executive committee meeting in Goa in 2002, Atal ji had made up his mind that the Gujarat government would be dismissed if Modi ji refused to



resign," he claimed, adding that there was a meeting within the party.

"According to my information, Advani ji had opposed this (dismissing the Modi government) and he told Atal ji that if Modi ji is dismissed then

he (Advani) would resign from the Government. So, he (Vajpayee) withheld the deci-

monitoring programme implementation etc

To a query on Modi's allegation that Rajiv Gandhi used INS Viraat as a "personal taxi",

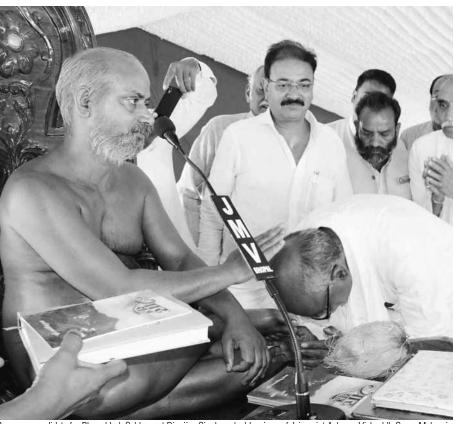
sion and Modi ji continued,"

Sinha said these are non-issues and that former naval officers had already issued clarifications

"It is not as per the dignity of a prime minister to speal lies like this," Sinha said, adding the Lok Sabha polls were being fought on the Modi govern-ment's performance and not on the country's history.

Sinha, a member of the Vajpayee cabinet, hit out at Modi for raising the issue of Pakistan in the general elec-

SINHA. A MEMBER OF THE VAJPAYEE CABINET, HIT OUT AT MODI FOR **RAISING THE ISSUE OF** PAKISTAN IN THE **GENERAL ELECTIONS**



Congress candidate for Bhopal Lok Sabha seat Digvijay Singh seeks blessings of Jain saint Acharya Vishuddh Sagar Maharaj during his election campaign ahead of sixth phase of Lok Sabha elections in Bhopal on Friday Pioneer photography

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'Thug Ka Swang' staged at Tribal Museum

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Bundeli play 'Thug Ka Swang' was staged at Madhya Pradesh State Tribal Museum here on Friday. The play was performed under the weekly presentations of dramas 'Abhinayan'.

Directed by Vishwanath Patel the play was a Bundeli Swang style play. There is a house of thugs in the mockery, who make their living by fooling innocent people.

Both the boys make their prey on the road and cheat with their own father. One day, they makes a person fool by purchasing a bull for a cheap price, but what these two boys did not know was the person they had looted if Swang Thug i.e. a theif himself.

On the second day he robs both the boys disguise as a woman and he takes four times the price of his bull. On the other hand, Pandit plans to have lunch at his disciples' house. But he face such foolish

students that Pandit does not have the luck to eat the food nor gets his fees, but he is beaten upside down.

The presented play was a comedy drama, in which the exploits of the thugs was shown. The history of thugs in the country has been going on since ancient times, thugs often used to be found in a single way or a deserted place. But today the thugs are surrounded by us and we do not even know how we became victims of thugs. Thugs are not creatures coming from another world, but there are some people among us. Those who make unem-

The comedy drama was full of folk music, whose language was Bundeli. The duration of this presentation was approximately 50 minutes.

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Cong compared religion with terror: Javadekar

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Attacking the Congress Camp, Union Human esource Development Minister Prakash Javadekar here on Friday alleged that the party compared religion with terror, tried to label Hindu society as anarchist and attempted to make the expression saffron terrorism sink in.

'The Bharatiya Janata Party does not view insurrection on the basis of faith," he

While talking to media persons here, lambasting the then Premier Rajiv Gandhi's advisor Sam Pitroda's reaction to the anti-Sikh disturbances of 1984, Javadekar said that Pitroda's statement on the massacre of thousands of Sikhs is extremely shameful therefore Congress President Rahul Gandhi and his predecessor Sonia Gandhi should tender an apology.

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Tight security for poll on May 12 | CEO reviews poll preparations

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With 9,000 security personnel guarding and maintaining law and order for fear free and fair elections security arrangements have been adequate in the State Capital to conduct elections on May 12.

The central forces CRPF, BSF and RAF have been deployed for the Lok Sabha elections. The central forces are assigned to sensitive polling

The entry and exit points have been monitored alertly which are around 70 across the city. Apart from this the moving teams meant to vigil polling booths are three in 7 Vidhan Sabha constituencies and Static Surveillance Teams (SST) has

been made and a total of 42 teams have been formed which would keep eye round the clock.

through webcasting, CCTV cameras and videograph. Besides, monitoring will be done with 1200 CCTV cameras. A whatsapp monitoring cell has been constituted to monitor instagram, whatsapp and social media.

At the police station level along with Quick Response a mobile unit would be deployed. On the day of election a total of 400 mobile units will remain active across the state capital. Out of the 400, 200 would be of police while remaining will be of magistrate.

arrangements would be bol-

Monitoring will be made

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MONITORING WILL BE MADE

stered by 50 vehicles of Dial-100 FRÝ and 11 mini FRV on

of magistrate. To avert spreading of The above security rumors and curbs anti-social elements misusing social media

by posting disagreeable posts, audio, video, messages.

The contact number of the cell is 7040106300. The name of informers will be kept confidential.

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hief Electoral Officer C(CEO) VL Kantha Rao and Deputy Commissioner of Election Commission of India, Sudeep Jain reviewed the preparations for the third phase of elections in the state at Bhind and Morena district headquarters today under Lok Sabha Election-2019. Besides they also held discussions with political parties, candidates and observers appointed by the Commission.

Deputy Commissioner Jain told the officials engaged in election work to make every possible effort to conduct independent, fair and peaceful polling. He told them to provide information about all the facilities and security arrange-

ments available at polling stations, to the voters so that more and more voters are motivated to exercise their franchise fearlessly.

Chief Joint Electoral Officer Abhijit Agrawal, Inspector General of Yogesh Police, Chaudhary and senior officers engaged in election work in both the districts were present on the occasion.

Besides, the Chief Electoral officer informed that State SVEEP icon and well-known TV actress Divyanka Tripathi Dahiya will hold a live discussion with voters on Saturday,

निर्वाचन सदन NIRVACHAN SADAN भारत निर्वाचन आयोग **ELECTION COMMISSION**

> May 11 at 12 pm on Chief Electoral Officer, Madhya Pradesh's Facebook, Twitter YouTube (@CEOMPElections). Tripathi will motivate voters to vote

through a live message. Tripathi will also give information about the facilities being provided to the voters at polling centres by the Election Commission during her live programme.



Former Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda addressing a rally at Gohana in Sonipat district on Friday.



BJP chief Amit Shah at a rally in Hisar to seek votes for party candidate Brijendra Singh, former IAS officer and son of Union



Jannayak Janta Party leader and outgoing Hisar MP Dushyant Chautala alongwith his mother, MLA Naina Chautala and younger brother Digvijay Chautala, JJP-AAP's joint candidate from Sonipat, at a rally in Jind on Friday



INLD secretary general Abhay Chautala, INLD state chief Ashok Arora and party's candidate Arjun Chautala at a rally in

IN BRIEF

SEWA SADAN EYE HOSP TO REMAIN CLOSED ON MAY 12 Bhopal: Sant Hirdaram Nagar, Bhopal based Sewa Sadan Eye Hospital

will remain closed on Sunday, May 12, 2019 on the Polling day of Bhopal Parliamentary Elections. This special holiday is sanctioned to staff to facilitate them to exercise their franchise for Bhopal Parliamentary elections.

SAGAR STUDENTS, FACULTIES PLEDGE TO VOTE

Bhopal: Hundreds of students along with faculties of Sagar Institute of Science and Technology, School of Management Studies (SISTec MBA) Gandhi Nagar pledged to use their electoral power on the poll day. An awareness campaign in form of an oath ceremony was conducted by SISTec MBA Students for the citizens to exercise their right to vote. Principal SISTec, Keshvendra Choudhary, Vice Principal Swati Saxena, Principal SIPTec, Kuldeep Ganju, Abhishek Tripathi, Dean, SISTec MBA, faculties and staff were also present in the oath ceremony. SISTec MBA Students also create awareness by presentation of Nukkad Natak – 'Hamara Vote, Hamara Adhikaar' which explained to spread the message - cast your vote, importance of each vote, along with understanding of electronic voting machine and voting helpline number

MANIT STUDENTS TO GET TRAINING IN CRISP

Bhopal: MANIT Bhopal engineering students are getting trained in CRISP. This training is being organized on Industrial Hydraulics for the students of Mechanical Branch of Maulana Azad National Institute of Technology (MANIT), Bhopal and for different colleges of Rajiv Gandhi Praudyogiki Vishwavidyalaya.

Tejinder Singh Bedi, subject expert of CRISP, informed that during this 4-week program not only the theoretical but also 70% practical knowledge will be given and students will work on the short project also. Mr Bedi said that Hydraulics technology is used in production in all types of industries. On completion of this 4-week training, knowledge of hydraulics will help students in getting employment in industries. For last 21 years, CRISP has been offering practical based industrial trainings for the students of various engineering branches which is also helpful in placement of students. These training programs are organized for the students of Electrical, Electronics, Mechanical, Production, Automobile, Computer and IT, Civil and Architecture branch

WHAT IF SOMEONE LINKS YOU TO GODHRA: CAPT AMARINDER TO MODI

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Taking strong exception to the Prime Minister's offensive attempt to link Rajiv Gandhi with the 1984 riots, Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on Friday threw the Lok Sabha battle hat back into Narendra Modi's ring by drawing a comparison with the Godhra massacre, which took place under the latter's chief ministership in Gujarat.

"It is wrong of Modi to connect Rajiv with the anti-Sikh riots of 1984...What if someone starts linking Modi with Godhra?," he asked, adding that it did not behove the Prime Minister of the country to stoop to such levels to

win an election. He said that if some indi-

vidual leaders were allegedly involved in the riots, they should be punished as per law. "Since the riots had happened, I had been saying that I had heard accusations about the involvement of Sajjan Kumar, HKL Bhagat, Dharam Das Shastri, Lalit Maken and Arjun Das, and, till date, I stand by my statement," he added.

However, he asserted that the involvement of some individuals did not mean Modi could try to implicate Rajiv or the Congress party in the riots. By the same yardstick, Modi should also have been implicated in the Godhra attack, he added, asking the Prime Minister to refrain from undermining the prestige of his position with such crude and baseless statements.

PITRODA'S STATEMENT

Capt, other Punjab leaders express shock |West|MP

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Singh, expressed shock over senior Congress leader Sam Pitroda's statement regarding 1984 anti-Sikh riots.

While Capt Amarinder maintained that he was in total disagreement with Pitroda's controversial remarks that "if the 1984 riots happened, they happened, so what", the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) strongly condemned the "shameful utterances" as highly deplorable and an insult to the humanity.

The Akali Dal and Patiala's sitting MP Dr Dharamvir Gandhi even went on to demand Capt Amarinder's res-

ignation. Expressing himself in total

Cutting across party lines,
Punjab leaders, including
Chief Minister Capt Amarinder

Versial remarks "if Pitroda had actually said this", Capt
Amarinder said that it was ignored, he said adding that

Other parts should be treated as "non-event" and hence ignored, he said adding that

Expressing shock,
Union Food Proces shocking. "1984 riots were a big tragedy and justice had yet not been meted out to the victims," he said.

> "Sam Pitroda has ripped open while Capt Amarinder has sprinkled salt on the wounds of the Sikhs by making complimentary statements to confirm that the Congress was behind the massacre of Sikh in 1984 and their assertions are preposterous that this should be now be a closed chapter," said SAD MLA Bikram Majithia.

> Petroda's statement had exposed the real insensitive and inhumane face of the Congress because they have pleaded that the horrendous

Pitroda is political guru of Congress president Rahul Gandhi and is reflecting on

Rahul's mind only.

"Congress distancing itself from Pitroda's statement won't wash its sins," he said

SAD's senior vice-president Daljeet Singh Cheema said that all Punjabis and Sikhs would give a befitting reply on May 19 to the Congress party's arrogance-laden statement on

He said that Pitroda's statement clearly show that the Congress party still feels proud for its role in orchestrating the most inhuman and terrible crime against the humanity by butchering thousands of

disagreement with Congress killings of innocent and innocent Sikhs in 1984 and Overseas unit head's contro- unarmed Sikhs in Delhi and does not want to listen any

> Expressing shock, the Industries Minister Harsimrat Kaur Badal said that the Chief Minister took one full day to react to Rahul Gandhi's principal advisor Sam Pitroda's inhuman remark on the '84 genocide, "only in the face of the angst of the Sikh commu-

nity".

"Even now, the Chief Minister did not deign it fit to ask Congress president Rahul Gandhi to remove Sam Pitroda as his principal advisor. He has simultaneously given a clean chit to the butcher of Delhi -Jagdish Tytler. He also did not ask for the removal of another genocide perpetrator - Kamal Nath as chief minister of Madhya Pradesh," she said.

experiences soaring heat

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With the moisture incursion, day temperatures took little dip still night temperatures at few places soared around 30 degree Celsius.

West Madhya Pradesh witnessed soared night temperatures on Thursday. Gwalior recorded night temperature above 31 degree Celsius while Datia recorded night temperature at 29.3 degree Celsius. Rajgarh recorded night temperature at 27.2 degree Celsius.

Weather conditions have witnessed lull phase with moderate temperatures and hot and humid conditions in the past 2-3 days. State capital recorded day temperature at 40.7 degree Celsius on Friday and 25.4 degree Celsius.

The highest day temperature of the state was recorded at 44 degree Celsius in Damoh, Sidhi

and Khajuraho on Friday.

Among the major cities Indore recorded day temperature at 38.8 degree Celsius and night temperature at 22.2 degree Celsius, Jabalpur recorded day temperature at 42.8 degree Celsius and night temperature at 24.7 degree Celsius and Gwalior recorded day temperature at 41.4 degree Celsius and night temperature at 31.2 degree Celsius. Jabalpur, Nowgong, Rewa

and Khargone recorded 43 degree Celsius while Satna recorded 42 degree Celsius on

According to forecast Bhopal would witness partial cloudy weather conditions in the evening in the next 2-3 days while the day and night temperatures would be witnessed around 40 and 26 degree Celsius on Saturday.

Rewa and Sagar divisions recorded significant rise in temperatures while remaining divisions witnessed temperatures around same level and nothing significant in terms of increase was recorded at any other place across the State.

SCPCR chairperson visits Govt-run children's homes

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

The State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (SCPCR) chairperson Usha Negi and other officials of the commission paid a surprise visit to the government run children home, home for special children and juvenile home situated in Haridwar on Friday. During the visit, various problems came to light. The SCPCR team issued directions for addressing these issues.

During Negi's visit it came to light that the governmentrun homes were having fewer resources. Also, the level of sanitation of the place especially of the toilets was poor. The in charge of the campuses stated that the poor condition of the places was because of the limited resources provided to them. The SCPCR chairperson issued directions to maintain the campus in a proper way. She also assured that the commission will help the home with the resources needed.

Addressing the media during the visit Negi said, "The adoption process in the campus is slow which should have



better home and a family to have a child. Also, many other problems like lack of proper sanitation came to light for which necessary directions were given.

This will help the child get a be provided by us. So far no such application has reached us from their side. We will try our best to resolve all the problems as much as we can."

She further stated, "It is important for the officials We have assured that the designated to various duties been speedy in the first place. resources on the campus will should be punctual and hon-

est in their work.

A majority of children living in these homes fail to have a proper family. The incharges are the only family they have which means that it is the duty of the official to take his/her responsibility

Less scholarship amount against rules: Students

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

Students of Industrial Training Institute (ITI) Polytechnic from Dehradun along with a social activist group met district social welfare officer Jeet Singh Rawat on Friday. The students alleged that they have not been provided with the full amount of scholarship from the year 2017. They had received a small amount of scholarship money only once which is gainst the rules.

Shubham, a student who passed out of ITI said, "We qualified for the scholarship in the year 2017 however no sum was received by us. We were recently credited with a sum of Rs 2,300 per semester which was supposed to be about Rs 16,000 per semester. We have completed our college but as the fee of the institute has not been paid we are this regard."

unable to get our degrees." As per the officials Rs2,300 which was credited to the students with a cut is due to the recent

received by the department in However, the students stated that the GO received is very recent but the scholarship which has pending for the past two years should be

Government Order (GO)

given to the students. Representative of the social activist group Navkranti Morcha said, "We have given the memorandum to the officials stating our demands.

The pending scholarship for students is important as many of them come from a deprived background and are unable to pay the fee. Necessary steps by the officials should be taken in

'Challenges and Possibilities in MP discussed

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

ustralian Deputy High Commissioner Rod Hilton, posted in Delhi, discussed on Challenges and Possibilities in Madhya Pradesh' with R Parashuram, Director General of Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Good Governance and Policy Analysis (AIGGPA). Parashuram said that students of Australia can pursue internship or research at the institute. Hilton agreed on this proposal. He said that Australia wants to invest in different areas in

Parashuram said that we can explore new possibilities to work together in different areas including capacity building and consultancy. He gave detailed information about the challenges and possibilities of the state. Shri Parashuram told about the possibilities of agriculture and rural development while Hilton gave information about the agriculture sector of Australia. The Institute's Advisor

MM Upadhyay informed about the achievements of the agriculture sector. He said that the agricultural growth rate remains constant in two digits. Advisor Mangesh Tyagi and Girish Sharma also participated in the discussion.



Researchers red-flag world's tallest Pancheshwar dam

ARCHANA JYOTI ■ NEW DELHI

fter locals and environ-Amentalists, it is now researchers, including those from the Government, who have Gambhir manifesto: BJP candidate vows to convert Ghazipur landfill into green, clean Yamuna the ambitious 5,040-MW Pancheshwar multi-purpose project proposed on the Kali river bordering northern Nepal and India's environmentally-sensitive Uttarakhand region.

A pet project of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the dam will be the world's tallest dam (315m high) on completion and is expected to sub-merge land owned by close to 30,000 families spread over 62 villages in the Hill State.

After "evaluating risks associated with the project in the light of environmental impact observed for the Tehri dam in the region and the geological understanding developed over the years", a team of researchers has called for "reassessment of its (project's) geo-environmental implications in the ecologically sensitive Kaliganga valley.' The study has been pub-

lished in the recent issue of Current Science. The researchers analysed in detail three major factors related to sediment mobilisation from glacial-paraglacial zones and unstable slopes, infrastructure development and seismicity and their likely impacts. They concluded since there has been no major earthquake in Uttarakhand Himalaya region for long now, the next one to hit this area could be a really big one with magnitude above 8.

The researchers were SP Sati from the Department of Environment Uttarakhand's VCSG University of Horticulture and Forestry and Shubhra Sharma, from the Department of Earth and Environmental Science, IISER-Mohali, Naresh Rana from National Centre for Seismology, Ministry of Earth Sciences, Harsh Dobhal from the School of Media and Communication Studies, Doon University, Dehradun and Navin Juyal, who is associated with the Physical Research

Laboratory in Ahmedabad. Citing various studies, they pointed out that while during the last 100 years, earthquakes of magnitude more than 7.5 iolted Assam (1950), Bihar (1934) and Kangra (1905), Uttarakhand Himalaya is yet to face high magnitude earth-



quakes (more than 7.5 on ritcher scale) as being part of the Central Himalayan seismic gap.

"The probability of a high magnitude earthquake in the gap areas is more, yet the precise timing of the earthquake cannot be predicted accurately," said the researchers as they pointed out that in the Nepal Himalaya most of the hydropower projects are run-ofthe river type and lack any major reservoir and yet major-

ity of them were damaged during the 2015 Gorkha earthquake. Keeping this probable threat in mind, the researchers noted that as the project area lies in Zone IV of seismic zone map of India where various faults around the proposed site are suggested to be currently active, it therefore highlights the increased vulnerability of the

The dam will have a drainage area of 12,000 square

Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid

land dispute at Ayodhya, the

Supreme Court said on Friday

while extending till August 15

the time for completion of the

a report from former apex court judge Justice F M I

Kalifulla, who is the chairman

of the panel, in which the com-

mittee has sought extension till

August 15 to complete the

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ing for years and years. Why

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site to seismic hazard.

km, out of which 2700 square Himalayan rivers. km lies in the glacial and paraglacial zones. The rock fill dam will create a reservoir of 116 square km, out of which 76 square km would be in India. There have been doubts regarding the impact of this project on the terrain and its ecosystem besides concerns on the disruption of the socio-economic conditions of the people living in Uttarakhand's Pithoragarh and Champawat districts.

Finally, said researchers, we are yet to develop a reasonable understanding of the behaviour of the Himalayan cryosphere in response to climate variability and changing precipitation trends. "This calls for a complete re-evaluation of the methodology employed for assessing hydropower potentials of the glacial and snow fed

"This is important considering that majority of the hydropower projects are planned in higher Himalaya, implying that these would be sustaining largely on the melt water discharge with subordinate contribution from ISM (as the contribution of ISM decreases northward of MCT)."

This is also true for Pancheshwar dam project. Recent study from Hindu Kush Himalaya region indicates that a majority of the glaciers has retreated and lost ice mass since the mid-19th century. As a consequence, the melt water contribution into rivers would be adversely impacted, which if, not accounted for, will lead to under-performance of the hydropower project.

Besides locals in the affected region, various green

BABRI DISPUTE —

activists and organisations including South Asia Network on Dams, Rivers and People (SANDRAP), a network of organisations and individuals working on issues related to the water sector, have been up in arms against green signal given

Himanshu Thakkar, coordinator of the SANDRP said, Seismicity and Reservoir Induced Seismicity(RIS) are not the only hazards that the Pancheshwar Dam faces.

Key point is to first assess the inherent disaster potential of the area. The next step would be how the project construction and operation would change the disaster potential of the area and third step would be to assess how the project will perform in these circumstances. None of these are included in the EIA.

IAF forces plane from Karachi to land in Jaipur

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The IAF on Friday made a cargo plane from Georgia to force-land at Jaipur on Friday after it entered the Indian airspace from Karachi through an undesignated route in Gujarat. Fighter jets including SU-30s were scrambled to intercept the plane after it initially did not respond to radio call from Indian controlling agencies. The incident took place at a time when the entire western border with Pakistan is on high alert post Pulwama terror attack and subsequent events and the IAF is on full alert.

"Investigations by various agencies are now on about the incident on Friday. It was learnt the Indian radars picked up the plane entering north Gujarat from Karachi through an undesignated route at about 3.15 pm and after not getting any response, the IAF finally made the plane to force land at Jaipur at about 4.30 pm . The plane is operated by Motor Sich airlines registered in Ukraine and most probably deviated from its designated flight path while coming to

Giving details, the IAF said in an official statement later that an unknown aircraft entered Indian Air Space in North Gujarat Sector at 15.15 hours with its IFF (Identification, Friend or Foe) 'on'. The aircraft did not follow the authorised Air Traffic Services (ATS) route and was not responding to Radio calls from Indian control-

Since ATS routes in the area were closed due to the current geopolitical situation, and the aircraft entered Indian Air Space from an unscheduled point, the Air Defence interceptor on operational readiness was scrambled and vectored towards the unknown aircraft for investigation. On visual contact, the aircraft was iden-



tified as Georgian An-12 flying at 27,000feet. The aircraft neither responded on international distress frequency nor to visual signals during interception. However, when challenged, the aircraft responded and informed that it was a non scheduled An-12 aircraft that had got airborne from Tbilisi (Georgia) for Delhi via Karachi. The aircraft was shadowed and forced to land at Jaipur for necessary investigation, offi-

While the probe will find out the facts, Rajasthan and Gujarat besides the entire North including Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir international border is on heightened alert after the February 13 Pulwama attack followed by Indian air strikes in Balakot on February 26 and Pakistan retaliating the next day in Rajouri sector by trying to hit Indian military establishments by its jets.

At least two unmanned aerial vehicles used by the Pakistan Army to gather intelligence about Indian positions on the international border in Rajasthan were shot down by the IAF jets and the Army early last month. Both the UAVs crashed on the Pakistani side.

Also, Pakistan closed several entry and exit oints in its airspace for commercial flights coming from India since the Balakot attack and these routes remain closed even now forcing the international flights to take longer route for Europe and US as the Pakistani airspace is blocked.

FROM SUPREME COURT =

Centre's reply on plea to regulate Netflix, Amazon content sought



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday asked for the Centre's response on a plea seeking guidelines to the regulate

functioning of online media streaming platforms like Netflix and Amazon Prime Video which display "uncertified and sexually explicit"

A bench of Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi and Justice Sanjiv Khanna issued notices to the ministries of broadcasting, law and communications on an appeal challenging the February 8 order of the Delhi High Court order dismissed it.

The high court had rejected the petition by NGO, Justice For Rights Foundation, after the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting had informed it that online platforms are not required to obtain any licence from it.

plea, filed through advocate H S Hora in the apex court, said these online web plat-forms are functioning in India without obtaining licence which has been admitted by the ministries concerned in their affidavit filed before the high court on February 4.

"The said online platforms are displaying unlicenced, unregulated, uncertified content and collecting subscription amounts from Indian consumers whereas the content telecasted on the online platforms is illegal to the extent that certain movies banned under the provisions of the Indian Cinematograph Act and not even passed by the Central Board for Film Certification but are allowed to be telecasted for the general populace by bypassing the law of the land," the plea said.

It added that due to lack of any licence or regulating body, the respondents via their inaction are creating a special class of broadcasters and therefore discriminating against the customers, regular movie producers, Cable-TV operators and D2H operators.

Ayodhya mediation date extended till Aug 15 The panel of mediators is "optimistic" about an amicable solution to the politicalsensitive Ram

should we not grant time," the bench, also comprising Justices S A Bobde, D Y Chandrachud,

A five-judge Constitution bench, headed by Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi, said it received Bhushan and S Abdul Nazeer, told the counsel appearing for the parties concerned. "They (panel) have submitted to the court to consider extension of time, which we are inclined," the bench said at the outset. The apex court had on March 8 referred the matter to the panel of mediators for mistic about the result and are exploring possibility of an amicable settlement and appointcate and renowned mediator Sriram Panchu as members of the mediation committee. During the brief hearing on

Friday, the counsel appearing for both the Hindu and Muslim parties expressed confidence over the ongoing mediation proceedings and said they are fully cooperating with the process. When one of the lawyers

raised the issue of translated copies of several documents in vernacular languages, the bench said they have received a report on May 7 from the chairman of the panel and the member of the committee have not expressed any such difficulty".

"We have perused and considered the report of May 7 of Justice F M I Kalifulla indicating the progress made in the mediation proceeding. Chairman of the mediation

committee has sought extension of time till August 15 to enable the committee to find an amicable solution.

We are inclined to grant time till August 15," the bench said, adding that the panel would submit its report to the court after that. One of the advocates

appearing in the matter said the apex court had earlier given eight weeks time to the panel of mediators to complete the proceedings and now nine weeks have gone by.
"We had given eight weeks

and the report has come. We are not inclined to tell you what is there in the report of the committee," the bench said.

One of the counsel told the bench that there are around 13,990 pages of documents in several vernacular languages and said some wrong translations have been made which would be a problem.

INSHORT

PC: WHY REPEAT LIES

WITHOUT VERIFICATION

New Delhi: Senior Congress leader P Chidambaram on Friday

Modi why he "repeats lies

top Navy officers had blown

Naval warship INS Viraat.

asked Prime Minister Narendra

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ACTION AGAINST PROF NEERAJ DEMANDED

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against Professor Neeraj Hatekar

of the department of economics,

plagiarism charges against him

University had last month found

New Delhi: Union Tourism

Javadekar demanding action

Mumbai University over

A probe committee of the

that Hatekar had copied

hani causes no severe damage to Sun Temple

ARCHANA JYOTI ■ NEW DELHI

 $F^{
m ani}$ cyclone that left the eastern coast in Odisha battered on May 3 did not cause any significant structural damage to the Sun temple in Konark, a high-level central team that visited the historical monument said on Friday. The team said that the

monument will be opened to public in next 2-3 days. The central team of Archeological Survey of India (ASI) officials led by its DG, Usha Sharma, is in Odisha to also assess the Jagannath Temple in Puri and will submit its report soon. A statement from the

Union Culture Ministry said that the "team visited the Konark in forenoon on May 10, 2019. The team observed that by and large there is no structural damage to the monument".

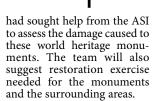
The team has informed that there is some dislocation



level which is being set right. More than 200 trees have been damaged which are being

The electric and illumination system including internet access has gone out of order, restoration of which will take some time. The monument will be opened to public in next 2-3 days. The chemical cleaning and consolidation of eastern face will be completed on priority. The monument will be restored back to normal within about a fortnight, said a statement here.

The team is now in the process of visiting Sri Jagannath in the scaffolding provided for chemical cleaning at upper Puri Temple to assess the damage. The State Government



Earlier, the Superintending Archaeologist, Bhubaneswar Circle ASI had inspected Monuments including Shri Jagannath Temple at Puri. He found certain damages on the surface but no major damage to the structure of the temple, said the statement here.

The office of Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, in a tweet on Friday, said that he had drawn attention of Union Culture Minister Mahesh Sharma to damage to these

temples.
The State Government had sought direction to the ASI for deputing a high level team to assess damage and implement remedial measures ahead of important cultural event of Rath Yatra in Puri, which is slated for July 4.

RaGa seeks closure of criminal contempt proceedings against him, verdict reserved

ed Justice (retd) Kalifulla, spir-

itual guru and founder of Art of Living foundation Sri Sri



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Congress President Rahul Gandhi on Friday told the Supreme Court that he has tendered unconditional apology for "wrongly attributing" to it the "chowkidar chor hai" remarks and the criminal contempt proceedings against him should

A bench headed by Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi reserved the verdict on the criminal contempt plea filed against him by BJP MP Meenakshi Lekhi. Senior advocate A M

Singhyi, appearing for Gandhi,

told the bench, also comprising

Justices S K Kaul and K M Joseph, that the Congress President has already tendered unconditional apology and has expressed regret over the wrongful attribution to the

apex court. Senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi, appearing for Lekhi, told the bench that the apology tendered by Gandhi should be rejected and action must be taken against him as per the

Sinha, Shourie, Bhushan seek setting aside of earlier verdict, apex court reserves judgment

PTI
NEW DELHI

Cormer Union Ministers TYashwant Sinha, Arun Shourie and activist lawver Prashant Bhushan on Friday sought from the Supreme Court setting aside its earlier verdict that dismissed their petition for criminal investigation into the Rafale fighter jet deal case.

A bench headed by Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi reserved its verdict on a batch of petitions seeking review of its December 14 judgment last which dismissed the pleas challenging India's agreement with France to procure 36 Rafale

fighter jets. Lawyer Prashant Bhushan, during two-hour-long hearing, referred to var-ious aspects including alleged

suppression of material facts from the court and said that an FIR should have been lodged and a criminal investigation launched into the case. He also referred to the documents relating to alleged

the court should ask Gandhi to

parallel negotiations being undertaken by the PMO and said that three members of

the Indian Negotiation Team

had objected to the parallel negotiations. He said that a prima facie cognisable offence has been committed warranted registration of the FIR. Attorney General K K Venugopal, appearing for the Centre objected to the review petition and said that the basic grounds for seeking

The petitioners are seeking review of the judgment on the basis of secret "stolen documents".

review of the verdict are the

same as they were in the

main petition.

He also referred to the secrecy clause of the inter-governmental agreement between India and France and said that this matter pertains to defence deals and not to the award of contract for construction of flyover or

Venugopal sought dismissal of the review petitions.

law. Rohatgi also argued that make an apology to the public

substantial parts of his PhD thesis from his wife' Rajni Mathur's MPhil desertation. SC REFERS LARGER BENCH ON ADDITIONAL ACCUSED

on Friday referred to a larger bench the issue of whether a lower court has the power to summon additional accused even after having decided a criminal case against the others

New Delhi: The Supreme Court

SC STAYS AIADMK MLA'S DISQUALIFICATION

involved.

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Friday stayed disqualification proceedings against an AIADMK MLA who was served notices by the Tamil Nadu Assembly Speaker for allegedly indulging in "anti-party" activities, days after it gave similar relief to two other party legislators.

TIEN SEEKS INDIA'S HELP FOR PARTICIPATION IN WHA New Delhi:

The Taipei Economic and Cultural Center in India Representative Ambassador Chung-kwang Tien

on Friday expressed deep

disappointment about WHO's decision not to invite Taiwan to participate in the 72nd World Health Assembly at Geneva in May 2019 under the political blockage from the People's Republic of China. Tien called for Indian Government and concerned sectors to support Taiwan's participation in the coming World Health Assembly.

World's 1st parent-wise genome for water buffaloes developed

The National Development Dairy Board (NDDB) has developed world's first complete parent-wise genome assembly called NDDB_ABRO_Murrah" of riverine buffaloes. This comes on the back of successful launch of INDUSCHIP, a customized genotyping chip for indigenous cattle and their

crosses. Seen as a milestone for the dairy body, for the first time a trio binning was used for separating haplotypes of a buffalo, using a father-mother-offspring trio aimed at ensuring better accuracy. The genome



has achieved more than 99 per cent genome coverage.
An NDDB statement quot-

ed Dr. Michael Schatz, a

research as saying: "This will certainly be a valuable resource for the world." This Buffalo genome shall be India's contriassembly developed by NDDB renowned scientist in genomics bution to genetic improvement a single day.

World buffalo population is estimated to be 224.4 million, of which 219 million (97.58 per cent) are in Asia.

And India has 113.3 million buffaloes, which comprise approximately 50.5 per cent of the total world.

Of the 13 buffalo breeds in India, the Murrah, native to central Haryana, is the most sought after and acknowledged as the best 'breed-improver' with its gene pool now extending across the globe in South Asia, South America, Mexico and West Asian countries.

The breed is particularly in demand for its milk yield, the highest recorded at 32 litres in

India, UK vow to boost cooperation in maritime security, counter-terrorism

New Delhi: India and the UK on Friday resolved to step up cooperation in the key areas of maritime security, counter-terrorism and climate change as the two countries held their foreign office consultations to review the entire range of bilateral relations.

Foreign Secretary Vijay Gokhale represented the Indian side, while the UK side was headed by Sir Simon McDonald, Permanent Under Secretary, Foreign and Commonwealth Office of the UK Government.

The consultations provided an opportunity to review the entire range of bilateral relations, including political, economic, commercial, scientific, regional and international cooperation, including in the Commonwealth, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said in a statement.

They expressed satisfaction on the level of political exchanges and decided to further intensify them in the coming months. Both sides agreed to increase their collaboration in the fields of Indo-Pacific,

disaster resilience, climate change and development in third countries, amongst other fication of the UK joining the International Solar Alliance was formally handed over during the consultations. Over the past year, the

two countries have identified specific areas to work together as a force for good, for example on a global coalition on climate resilience, disaster relief and development, the British High Commission said in a statement.

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PAPER WITH PASSION —

Delhi confidential

Pamphleteering against AAP's Atishi won't cut ice as the voter is guided by personal choice than prevalent sentiment



Fery few politicians are trusted by the common man. And certainly, none of them are trusted when parties sell brochure dreams during every election. The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) candidate for the East Delhi seat in the ongoing Lok Sabha polls, Atishi Marlena, doesn't suffer a trust deficit of any sort or need a sales pitch. Even her worst critic would admit that she at least worked hard to get where she is and doesn't need to paratroop publicity for herself. As an advisor on education to the AAP government in Delhi, she has

restored credibility in the government school system, improved the learning infrastructure, appointed mentor-teachers to support local schools and built competitive and performance-oriented interventions. The improved board results and efficiencies of students from these schools are testament enough. So she definitely doesn't need a self-deprecatory pamphlet, one that is downright putrid, to create a buzz around herself. That's why any theory that the AAP had resorted to poll-time gimmickry to get a sympathy vote by outraging the integrity of its woman leader is an idiotic low in any debate in any part of the country. Though pamphlets have historically been used by Communist parties to push their agenda and ideology in every home, this one, inserted smartly between morning newspapers of East Delhi residents, wasn't about an appeal for vote. Instead, it listed sexist, casteist and religious reasons why nobody should vote for Atishi or the Congress for that matter. Though unsigned, given its tenor, it was assumed to have been the handiwork of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), which has had a stormy adversarial relationship with AAP. However, its star candidate and cricketer Gautam Gambhir, who is expected to hit the ball out of the park given his aura, has flung a defamation suit at AAP and a challenge that he would quit politics altogether if it was proven he was the author of such a vicious bit of propaganda war. Gambhir is right and may not even be aware that a rabid supporter or fan group may have done gross mischief. But in a polarised polity such as the one that exists now, one doesn't need to be a prime mover. The division has crept into the system so insidiously, slipping through every crack, that it could be any mad hatter's handiwork. Particularly in a scenario where national-level leaders themselves are hitting each other drastically below the belt in public speeches, pretending to force a presidential-style campaign with more slander than substance. But character assassination of a woman in the basest terms is certainly a misfired gun that better be junked in the cesspool it came from.

One must understand that the Delhi voter is different and doesn't go by waves or prevalent political thought. More arithmetic-dependent, the city is home to power players, bureaucracy, the service class and businesses, each of whom looks to extract their advantages. In those areas where trading classes dominate, there are worries about recovering from the effects of demonetisation and faulty GST. In East Delhi itself, there is so much segmentation that it is difficult to seize a unifying issue. For example, the upscale areas of Nizamuddin East, New Friends Colony and Vivek Vihar would probably go by the macro picture and be swayed by trending issues like national security and India's international standing. But for slum clusters of Trilokpuri and Okhla, it will always be about who guarantees the better life and facilities at the constituency level. So there are issues like transport, pollution, sealing (which has put many small units and home-run businesses at risk), joblessness (with crisis hitting public sector companies that are headquartered here), regularisation of unauthorised migrant colonies, garbage disposal and crime, especially against women. In fact, BJP leader Nitin Gadkari has actually sensed the pulse of Delhi by saying that he had workable solutions to the city's two biggest problems — pollution and traffic. While the AAP has mastered neighbourhood issues too, there has been an anti-incumbency slide among traditional Congress voters who had switched loyalties. Besides, AAP would seem good enough for a Vidhan Sabha than a Lok Sabha, where it is only plugging a statehood issue, too abstract for the baseline voter. A three-way split, many believe. will help the BJP. Either way, Delhi elections cannot be won with pamphleteering. And this episode should best remain a lesson on how not to push too far.

Return of the Mac

As McDonald's ends a decade-long dispute with its partner, will Indians in the north and east welcome the brand back?



long-standing dispute between American fast-food chain McDonald's and its business partner in north and east India is on the verge of being resolved with both parties informing the National Companies law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) that they are working on an out-of-court settlement. This will hopefully bring to an end over a decade of wrangling and damaging problems for the brand which has suffered in the process, but what next? In an era where more and more questions are being asked

about the dangers of fast food and as consumers are increasingly becoming aware of the ill effects of excess salt and sugar in them, can McDonald's gain its mojo back in north India? And what does this episode teach foreign investors of the perils of dealing with Indian partners? Both questions are fascinating and do not have clear-cut answers. As India develops economically and the family system is put under increasing pressure with youngsters moving out and taking up jobs far away, fast food will, for better or worse, become a regular phenomenon. That said, there is awareness of the risks posed by preservatives and unhealthy levels of saturated fats, salts and sugars and younger people, particularly the group that marketers call millennials or those born after 1980, are very health-conscious. Brands like McDonald's have moved to "healthier" food items on their menu in many Western countries and now that this tussle has been resolved, it will likely be able to focus on new and innovative items for India as well. McDonald's "Paneer" and "Aloo Tikki" burger, for example, was developed specifically for India but the crisis has meant that innovation took a back seat.

The second issue of foreign business collaborations might have longer term impacts. Both parties in this case felt aggrieved and the legal hassles did no favours to India as a place to do business. Competing cases in the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) and the London International Court of Arbitration (LICA) are also evidence of how convoluted and irksome the company law process here is and only now are attempts being made to establish India as a major arbitration centre. This should not be the case going forward. Disputes between partners are in the nature of business and they have to be resolved amicably where both parties can go back claiming victory. It took over a decade to resolve this problem. A loss for both in real terms.

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Same legacy, different face

With Gen Bajwa likely to retire soon, he and his successor are expected to keep waters boiling selectively as peace delegitimises the edifice, rationale and scale of the Pak military

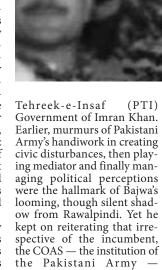


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eneral-turned Pakistani President, Pervez Musharraf, never moved into the Aiwane-Sadr (official presidential palace) of Pakistan but chose to stay in the real centre of power in the Pakistani military establishment ie, the Army House at Rawalpindi. The current Army House was taken over by the Pakistani military after disposing of its previous resident in the form of its democratically elected Prime Minister, Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto. Today, it remains the cynosure, epicenter and the final pit-stop for all significant approvals and substantial decision-making. The Army House of the Pakistani Chief of Army Staff (COAS) is practically the more important address as compared to the Chaklala residence of the nominally higher Pakistani Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee (CJCSC). Frequently, the occupants of the Army House have tended to overstay their mandated tenures. The Pakistani Army is under its 16th head (10th Chief of Army Staff and six previous Commander-in-Chiefs); whereas its genealogical otherhalf of the Indian Army is already under its 26th Chief of Army Staff (not counting the earlier four Commander-in-Chiefs). In the Pakistani narrative, the military chiefs who extended their tenures, like Ayub Khan, Yahya Khan, Muhammad Zia-ul-Haq and Pervez Musharraf, too, appropriated the role of Presidents; whereas the more recent ones like Ashfaq Parvez Kayani and Raheel Sharif preferred to pull the strings from behind the façade of a civilian and democratically-elected Government.

The current Pakistani Chief of Army Staff, General Qamar Javed Bajwa, is seemingly following the footsteps of his predecessor, Gen Raheel Sharif, and has promised to "retire" on time at the end of his three-year tenure in November 2019. On November 28, 2016, the fourth in seniority, General Qamar Bajwa from the 16th Baloch Regiment, superseded two other officers to start his three-year tenure as the Chief of Army Staff. General Raheel Sharif, too, had superseded two senior officers — in both these cases their appointment was initiated by former Prime Minister of Pakistan Nawaz Sharif, ostensibly to get a "non-political" officer.

However, all five Pakistani COASs, o were sworn by Nawaz Sharif gave him subsequent grief, including Gen Waheed Kakar (forced Sharif to resign), Gen Jehangir Karamat (forced him into premature retirement), Gen Pervez Musharraf (ousted him) and later Raheel Sharif and Qamar Bajwa, who bore no subsequent favour or loyalty to Sharif to bail him out politically. In fact, the unmistakable hand of the Pakistani Army under Gen Qamar Bajwa was omnipresent in ushering in the Pakistan



in non-military matters. Like his immediate predecessor, Gen Bajwa, too, has maintained public reticence and only allowed his work to do the talking. In his tenure, there has been no realistic break from the past on the part of the Pakistani Army and its machinations in Afghanistan and India, much to the consternation of both the countries.

remains independent, decisive

and wholly non-interfering

Pakistan's continued patronage of the likes of JeM chief Masood Azhar remained intact till it became imperative to publicly disavow the terrorist in the face of pressure from the international community and multilateral agencies like the UN and the latest Achilles heel, the Financial Action

Task Force (FATF), which threatens to "blacklist" Pakistan. Now, Gen Bajwa is in the

last leg of his mandated three-year tenure and would be in a "legacy mode" to leave a definitive imprint of his reign. If Gen Raheel Sharif could appropriate 'Operation Zarbe-Azb' as his legacy, Gen Bajwa could stake claim to the relative success of 'Operation Radd-ul-Fasaad' and to the whispered 'Bajwa Doctrine' that ostensibly counter-posits the Pakistani perspective in the Afghan-US-Pakistan triad.

Despite the recent embarrassment emanating from the Masood Azhar episode and the grovelling for international finances towards its empty coffers (done by the civilian Government), the Pakistani military is back in the saddle on the crucial Afghan front with the US forced into co-opting the eager Pakistanis in the that nation's future.

Gen Bajwa has also managed to keep the Chinese in good humour with a dedicated division of 15,000 soldiers to secure the various infrastructural elements of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). Spin-doctoring the narrative to suit the Pakistani ears, the claimed 'capture" of Indian commanding officer Kulbhushan Jadhav and Indian fighter pilot Abhinandan Varthaman has retained the halo for the "apolitical" and professional Pakistani Army

Within it's own "uniformed" fraternity, the budgets towards the Pakistani military and its expansive commercial activities remain as healthy as ever with the template of plausible-deniability readily available for any act of misdemeanour, for which the politicos carry the public can. The formula of fronting Islamabad (civil politicians), while retaining the essential levers in Rawalpindi (military headquarters) has been working flawlessly, post the Pervez Musharraf era of direct mili-

Lt General (Corps Commander, Multan) would be the senior most for the appointment as the next Pakistani COAS or CICSC in November, though historically, seniority is no guarantee for the appointment and essentially Imran Khan will toe the advice of the Pakistani military. Like his predecessor and possibly his successor (who-

tary takeover.

ever that is), Gen Bajwa personified the professional face of the Pakistani military with no supposed personal affiliation to overt politics or reli-giosity, whilst simultaneously pandering to the duplicitous instincts of retaining the "terror industry" that is outwardly facing towards India, Afghanistan and Iran. This posturing retained the relevance, credibility and emotions in the face of a tangible enemy", ie, India.

Gen Bajwa and his successor are expected to keep the waters boiling selectively as peace delegitimises the edifice, rationale and scale of the Pakistani military. The proverbial "bleed with thousand cuts" has been the successful formula as opposed to a full-on or even a "theatre level" confrontation that could end up embarrassingly for istanis as did Now, three Chiefs in a row would have walked a consistent pattern and as Gen Bajwa makes way for the 11th COAS, more of the same is expected, "Naya Pakistan" notwithstanding.

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SOUNDBITE

It is wrong of Modi to connect Rajiv Gandhi with the anti-Sikh riots of 1984. What if someone starts linking him with Godhra?

Punjab Chief Minister —Amarinder Singh



I have nothing against social media and I appreciate people who use it to their advantage But I can't do that. I love pictures I am a photograph person

Actor



India will decide on oil imports in the face of US sanctions as per its national interests but it is expected New Delhi will not ignore a reliable energy supplier such as Tehran.

Iranian Ambassador



After the communal riots in Gujarat, Atal Bihari Vajpayee had decided to dismiss Mod but withheld the decision as LI Advani threatened to resign

Former BJP leader



LETTERS EDITOR

Toothless body

Sir — This refers to the editorial, "Poll panel under fire" (May 6). This election season has been unique in several ways. Allegations, counter-allegations, half truths and absolute lies have taken the political discourse to a new low. It is disgraceful that political leaders, who wish to occupy the centre-stage in the corridors of power, have become obscenely rash and impetuous in their choice of words.

The Election Commission's (EC) silence in the face of this continuous electoral hate-mongering is one of the most alarming aspects of the current general election. The EC, which is the watchdog of the electoral process, should have been more vigilant so as to take punitive and remedial action against erring leaders.

Devendra Khurana

box system.

However, when doubts per-

sisted, Opposition leaders

urging it to direct the Election

Commission for random verifi-

Unnecessary ruckus

Sir — When the EVMs replaced the ballot system to ensure the conduct of free and fair polls as

We cannot survive all by ourselves

he world biodiversity report, warning that up to one million species are at risk of extinction in the coming years as a result of human activities, is a telling comment on the state of the earth's biodiversity and a wake-up call to take action to reverse this grave situation. It must be admitted that human activities have spurred the depletion of biodiversity. Habitat destruction, carbon emissions and over-fishing are just a few causes that threaten our species. Extreme weather-related events triggered by human-caused climate change are also responsible for the rapid decline of life on earth.

The UN-backed 'Global Assessment Report' should galvanise the global community to adopt sustainable lifestyle measures so as to avert further depletion of life forms evolved over an unimaginably long period of time. We have to recognise that our existence is linked to that of other species and we cannot survive all by ourselves. Besides, the loss of other species has alarming implications for human survival itself. The report lends an



added urgency for installing a system of planetary housekeeping that goes to preserve the biosphere — its atmosphere, soils, water and climate — in a state fit to sustain all the plant and animal species (numbering about 8 million) inhabiting the earth. The homo sapiens are now being tested on their sapience

G David Milton Maruthancode

also accuracy, the move was welcation of at least 50 per cent of comed by almost all parties. It is the EVMs using the voter verifiable paper audit trail (VVPAT) in unfortunate that the same parties every Assembly segment or are now crying foul over their functioning and have raised demands to revert to the ballot

Assembly constituency.
The three-judge Bench, headed by Chief Justice of India, took the right stand by sticking to its earlier order and rejected approached the Supreme Court,

the Opposition plea outrightly. The top court's ruling should be an eye-opener for all political

parties that they cannot take the court for granted and knock its door at their whims to get a favourable ruling for their superfluous demands. It is time that all political parties cooperate with the EC to get EVMs upgraded with foolproof technology going forward and remove any iota of doubt about their functioning.

KR Srinivasan Secunderabad

What's the truth?

Sir — Former Chief of Navy, retired Admiral L Ramdas, has claimed that former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi went on an official duty to Lakshwadweep to chair a meeting of the Islands Development authority. Retired Vice Admiral Vinod Pasricha confirmed the same by saying that Rajiv Gandhi was on an official visit — not on holiday – when he used Indian warship INS Virat. Contrary to their versions, retired Navy commander VK Jaitely said that Rajiv Gandhi and Sonia Gandhi had gone on a vacation to Bangaram Island and Navy's

resources were used extensively. It is beyond comprehension that the former Prime Minister used a Navy warship to go to an island even for an official visit when so many other means were available. Not the retired officers but the Navy needs to come out with facts which should clarify whether a warship has ever been used by any other Prime Minister to go to an island while on official duty.

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FIRSTCOLUMN

The hidden pain of giving birth

Pregnancy must be an amalgamation of modern-day facilities and traditional cultures for better parenting



DIKSHA S CHADHA

new revolution is brewing in the millennial world. Just as the new generation re-defined love and relationships, it is now ready to present to us a modern version of pregnancy. Gone are the days when a baby bump was kept hidden to ward off the evil eye. Pregnancy today is celebrated with expensive announcements and showers. It comes as a moment that gets etched into permanence with maternity photo-shoots becoming the new norm. From having hospitals dedicated for pregnant couples to radiologists going an extra mile to gift intra-uterine 3D photos of the unborn baby to the parents, and gynaecologists agreeing to conduct elective Caesarean births on the date as per the parent's choice — the medical fraternity, too, has upgraded itself to match with the modern times.

While all of this has empowered the urban woman — who works hard to prepare herself for conception with the internet and self-help books by her side — even she cannot expect the unexpected. A woman is prepared for some sleepless nights post-pregnancy but why don't the methods of sleep-training for the baby written in those books ever work? She knows the thousand benefits of breast-feeding but why do her nipples hurt when she feeds the newborn? When life with baby does not turn out as flowery as the posters in the maternity ward suggested, who should be held accountable? Her doctors will make her understand that all these are normal and every mother has to face it. Much to the trauma of this independent fierce warrior wonder woman, her dreams of being a perfect movie 'mom' are shattered. As if this isn't enough, her ears become the burial ground for countless unsolicited motherhood solutions from

The truth of the matter is that no matter how much we modernise and empower the Indian woman and hospitals, one thing that our activists and leaders have failed to modernise is Indian society. Don't get me wrong, the deep-rooted traditions in society were set by learned men (and women, hopefully), who intended to simplify scientific knowledge. Take for example, the tra-dition of following a 40-day isolation period after the birth of the baby. This is logical as post-partum, infections are most common in the puerperium. However, over a period of time, people have turned this into an orthodox rule and women in some rural households are even made to sleep on the floor in a dark room for 40 days. On the contrary, urban babies, born in modern hospitals, are greeted with a swarm of kisses and teddy bears, all to the distress of a helpless new mother, who was told that there is a custom which forbids others from visiting the baby till 40 days are up. Only in India can we see such hypocrisy where a tradition, which was meant to protect both the new baby and the mother from infections, would turn into a cause for psychological trauma.

Another instance of a tradition going wrong is when the baby undergoes a massage therapy. Originally, these massages were meant to increase blood circulation and promote mother-baby bonding. This time-trusted tradition has now been taken over by the highly sought after japas, who are 'experienced' women and are often hired to bathe, massage and groom the new-born. Much to the scare of my pediatric colleagues, the kind of passion these ladies put into straightening the God intended limbs and back of the baby are enough to turn an alien into a human. Meanwhile, the shrill cry of the baby is considered as a sign of her doing a good job. So much in the name of modernisation. The victim in this complicated web of interaction is the modern Indian woman, living in the traditional Indian eco-system, who by virtue of her education and access to numerous social media platforms is well aware of the 'right' thing to do but at the same time cannot overrule her elders. So what should she do? In most situations, it's actually about what can she do? The battle between tradition and education has no real winners.

The need of the hour is to find a middle path — a place where modern-day facilities and information meet Indian culture and customs. What we need is for our ante-natal programmes to shift from merely existing as a value-add to the delivery packages in hospitals to a stronger, focussed and practical approach towards parenting. Internet can give worried new parents all answers to questions they ask but how about giving them the answers to questions they don't even know need to be asked? Every pregnancy deserves the advantage of our cultural heritage. And for that to happen, the medical fraternity will have to build a bridge between the traditional system of childbirth and child rearing, each system being in need of refreshing its approach and adapting to the current age.

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POINTCOUNTERPOINT

WHAT IS WITH 1984? YOU (BJP) SPEAK ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED IN FIVE YEARS. IT HAPPENED IN 1984, SO WHAT? (1984 HUA TO HUA). —CONGRESS LEADER SAM PITRODA





WILL THE CONGRESS PRESIDENT OUST HIS GURU, WHO RUBBISHES THE GENOCIDE OF INDIA'S MOST PATRIOTIC COMMUNITY IN 1984? **—UNION MINISTER**

Swachh needs a mother's touch

If India is to achieve the impossible goal of being open defecation free, it must rope in mothers as primary care-givers to inculcate the habit of using toilets among the future generation



PRIYANKA TANWAR

amta hurries towards the bushes, glancing over her shoulder frequently. She ■avoids eye contact with a passer-by, holds her chunni close, her hand clasped tightly with that of her daughter's. Her head down, her posture almost apologetic, she makes her way through the bushes to relieve herself. After some respite, she watches her daughter imitate her. She can't help but wonder if her daughter's future will be the same. If she will also have to go through her days, uncomfortable, bloated, weak and in pain. After a few moments, she cleans herself and her daughter, gathers her clothes quickly, grabs her bucket, her daughter and begins her journey towards home. She only hopes that she will make it for the next 12 hours without any major discomfort. In many rural areas of the country, comfort. In many rural areas of the country, women like Mamta have watched their mothers, grandmothers and even great-grandmothers practise open defecation with complete resignation. Taught from a very young age that toilets are not meant to be part of the household infrastructure, they dutifully walk several kilometres every day to relieve themselves. Many find it difficult and de-humanising, some even feel threatened and uncomfortable. However, now almost all such women have embraced it.

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According to a 2017 report by WaterAid, titled, Out Of Order: The State of the World's Toilets, India had the highest number of people (732 million) without access to toilets, out of which 355 million were women and girls Access which, 355 million were women and girls. As a matter of fact, women and girls often face serious threats to their life and safety. When they go to the fields to relieve themselves, they are often followed, stalked and ogled at. In a few horrific cases, women have been beaten and raped while conducting private business.

Therefore, to protect their dignity, they avoid going to the toilet repeatedly during the day by minimising their intake of food and water. This often causes several health problems like anaemia and stunted growth among others. Additionally, the sheer humiliation women face when they have to defecate openly leads to irreparable psychological damages, too. Other than poor health, the lack of toilets has caused women and girls to drop out of school and get limited education or face harassment. In rural areas, most girls drop out of schools at an early age because of the lack

India is a country of over a 1.3 billion people, out of which over 320 million defecate in the open. What's more startling is that the country accounts for 60 per cent of the world's population that lives without sanitation. While no other country has taken a decisive stance on sanitation, the Government has been addressing this infrastructural challenge on a mission mode. But much more needs to be done.

Given the complex nature of India's sanitation problem, initiatives geared towards toilet construction and behaviour change need to be strengthened, in addition to other infrastructural and skilling issues. The Government cannot be held solely responsible for this. In order to make these more effective and increase collective ownership, public-private partnership becomes an obvious solution, especially in terms of financing and providing technology



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interventions. The underlying idea is to identify localised systems and translate related knowledge and research into effective and widespread action.

The conceptualisation and implementation of the Swachh Bharat mission in 2014 created a movement to solve infrastructural issues and fulfill the goal of universal sanitation coverage. Data from the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) portal suggests that 27 out of India's 36 States and Union Territories are now open defecation free (ODF) with 98.6 per cent of Indian households having access to toilets. While the Government must be congratulated for this remarkable feat, it must also realise that for India to achieve 100 per cent open defecation free status, a comprehensive behavioural change strategy is a must. The focus of future communication strategies must be on changing the mindset of the people, who still hold on to puritan religious beliefs and refrain from installing a toilet within their premises as they view them as impure.

People in rural areas even mock the toilet culture itself. Under coercion, many have built toilets in their homes, consoling themselves by using it as a storage space. Many do not even understand why toilets have to be used when vast forest areas are at their disposal. How does one explain to those, who have grown accustomed to defecating openly since their childhood, that a toilet experience is much more than just building and using them? It Achilles heel of a successful campaign,

is inclusive of diverse aspects such as human waste management, smart technology for sanitation, data collection and maternal health management.

Campaigns need to be designed to challenge societal norms and cultural attitudes by bringing men and women together to understand the requirement f a toilet. Once these campaigns establish a cause-and-effect relationship between access to toilets and better health and financial outcomes, people may become more accustomed to using toilets.

What must not be forgotten is that ctually been ny campaigns have a designed for base of the pyramid consumers. Affordability is always an issue. Toilets in any rural household, whether rich or poor, are considered low on priority. At times, women are not even consulted even if what is at stake is their comfort. This is mainly because of prevailing mindsets, mostly in rural India. This is why men need to be part of the process and made aware of how toilets can provide and protect dignity of their women. Progress can only be deep and enduring when the community itself is involved in the planning, decision-making and implementation process. Wherever the devolution of power has happened at the level of community women, the Swachh Bharat has been an empowering tool of not only change but women's health.

While behaviour change is the

women can become the cornerstones or foundation of success for such drives. If the woman, as a primary caregiver, is aware of safe sanitation and the toilet culture, she will be able to inculcate the same in her children.

Take the case of Mamta. She has a daughter, who needs to be toilettrained. Should Mamta resort to teaching her in the bushes, or explain to her why she needs to use a toilet? What if Mamta herself is unaware of how to use a toilet? Or why exactly she needs a toilet? What if there is no toilet in the village? How will Mamta help her daughter toilet-train in a healthy manne

Between the ages of one and six, a child's perception of right and wrong, his/her ability to adapt and respond to situations, primary responses and reflex actions are determined. A mother's ability to position a toilet as a safe space, where her child can go and relieve herself without being stared at, without feeling humiliated, without being violated, is what makes her so indispensable to the sanitation movement.

In essence, India will move forward one mother at a time, one child at a time. This is critical not just for the nation's social and economic prosperity but also for the progress of the next generation. It is important for campaigns and policies to pay heed to the fact that as primary caregivers, mothers are indeed the fore-runners of the sanitation movement in India.

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Time to shed guilt and set boundaries

Maintaining work-life balance seems like an end goal for many women. But in reality, it's impossible to achieve. Instead of striving for it, mompreneurs must embrace the integration of both on terms workable to her



t least once in her career, every working mother is asked: "How do you maintain work-life balance?" With a progressive Indian society forcing mothers to "have it all" - career, love, family and me-time - achieving worklife balance is easier said than done even though the concept of "working mothers" has come into existence since decades.

However, there are many women who have perfected the art of doing both at once, that, too, successfully and conveniently. Thanks to digitisation, the boundaries between work and personal time have blurred. Yet, there are some women, who take breaks from work balance is real.

The term "work-life balance" indicates the distinct nature of work and life. It also suggests that one needs to delegate equal time for both. From juggling between the house and office work, surpassing in managing offices, running an organisation and managing children at home, ensuring that nothing is ignored — all of it can just be chaotic. In the melee, there comes multiple moments when meeting all the obligations seems impossible. But not giving up on the integration of both career and family is the key to deal with struggle. Mompreneurs, as women in eadership roles are called today, will definitely swear by this mantra.

Being open to making bold **choices:** Entrepreneurial duties are challenging and in a competitive industry, everyone wants to move ahead that, too, at a fast pace. Technology has created choices that demand quicker decision-making. It

to fulfill the responsibility of being a full-time mother.

After all, the struggle of striking a school function for the kids or missing out a family brunch to fly for an important investment meet. There will be plenty of moments when life will give some harsh options to choose from. But one has to do the best with what is available. There's no need to go on a guilt trip after making bold choices. Being a woman entrepreneur and a mother at the same time, it's okay to be strong enough to lead in times of modifications. After all, sacrifices have always been a fact of life. For ages, men have been making such sacrifices on the personal front for work commitments but when it comes to women entrepreneurs, they often end up feeling guilty. Gladly, times have changed and so should mindsets.

Being mindful about the schedule: There is always enough time for work, being with family and friends, exercising and binge-watching Netflix. It all depends on being mindful while planning the week ahead, focussing on all set

commitments. Maintaining a time log for a week or two can reveal the hours being spent involuntarily, considering humans have the tendency to overestimate the time spent on working and underestimate the number of hours spent for fun or leisure. The important part is to keep the family members in the loop about the schedule so that even if someone has to hit the gym in the evening, she can arrange childcare in advance and avoid unnecessary

Remain focussed: Whether it is about taking charge of the entrepreneurial responsibilities at work or being an ideal mother to the kids at home — every role demands hundred per cent focus. While it may sound impossible for many mompreneurs, it is the key to making life easier eventually. Keeping the laptop aside and focussing on children and other family members at home, talking about things that matter to them even if it is for a short period, can work wonders. What does not is spending hours with them with half a mind. It's far from having

Being smart in setting bound**aries:** This is something no one else can do for a person. As the boss lady, one is required to be smart in making commitments. Rather than pleasing everyone around by agreeing to all requests, she must stay selective and keep "no" as an option, too. While at work, instead of blindly following deadlines, identify their mportance; offer to send updates through emails if possible instead of attending long meeting hours where you are not a key stakeholder. Saying "no" to certain things isn't always a negative deal. It can often lead to opportunities for others to pitch in, learn and let you say "yes'

to other crucial things in life. Learning to embrace the chaos: Life of a mompreneur can be extremely erratic and unpredictable. Despite meticulous planning, things might seldom fall out of place. One can fail to meet even daily goals, regardless of them being real. Being a CEO or a co-founder of a start-up

quality time and does no good on both ends — be it professionally or to build the resistance power of bearing the blows life throws.

One has to keep calm even after missing a few deadlines sometimes or when a fever-ridden kid is screaming his heart out while you are attending a conference call. The sooner you accept this reality, the easier it will be to eliminate a lot of stress. Not only will it make your life easier but also of those you are surrounded by.

It goes without saying that mompreneurs are superheroes for commendably handling household chores and professional leadership duties with aplomb but while worklife balance may seem like an end goal, in reality, it is probably impos-

So, instead of striving to make it happen, mompreneurs must embrace the integration of both to achieve tremendous success in the boardroom while being able to

raise and enjoy a healthy generation.
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COLLISION COURSE With each new act of

defiance, Democrats have struggled to find ways to compel the Trump administration's cooperation — and to stop the President's assault on the American Government's system of checks and balances. At this point, it will probably fall to the courts to resolve many skirmishes. And, though Democrats are seen as having the legal edge, many fear the battle will get bogged down in litigation until after the 2020 election.

(The New York Times)

ELHI BOUTS

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s Delhi goes to vote on May 12, campaigning in the national Capital came to end on Friday evening. The contenders have left no stone unturned to reach out to the last of the voters. **Local issues** seem to be on forefront in deciding the fate of the candidates who are in the fray. **Water supply, sealing, developing basic amenities, infrastructure are some of the key issues that is going to be a decisive** factors in electing parliamentarians. All the candidates of three major parties — the Congress, the Aam Aadmi Party and the BJP, in the national Capital pulled up their socks raising local issues to turn voters in their favour. In a separate constituency based manifesto issued by the respective candidates also suggested way to address these issues affected the residents directly.

IDATES IN FRAY

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YOUR CONSTITUI



n this constituency issues that dominating the poll discourse include the Goods and Services Tax (GST), demonetisation, bad infrastructure, irregular water supply and the sealing drive.

A large section of people in this constituency are affected of these issues and claiming to elect the candidate who has potential to address these issue on priority basis.

Law and order is also one of the issues in the constituency.

Residents said that chain snatching and harassment of women are common and it must be addressed on priority basis.

Chandni Chowk is the smallest parliamentary constituency in Delhi in terms of electorate.

The constituency comprising 10 Assembly seg-ments — Adarsh Nagar, Shalimar Bagh, Shakur Basti Tri Nagar, Wazirpur, Model Town, Sadar Bazar, Chandni Chowk, Matia Mahal and Ballimaran.

Traders and Muslim votes will hold the key.

In 2008, when a delimitation exercise was under taken, several North Delhi neighbourhoods such as Model Town, Tri Nagar, Wazirpur, Shalimar Bagh and Shakur Basti were made part of this constituency, which accounted for about 15 per cent Muslim voters that was 30 per cent before delimitation.

The percentage of voters of the SC and OBCs has gone up to about 25 and 20 respectively post delimita-tion while the Vaish community accounts for 10 per

cent voters. The constituency is wit nessing a three-corner fight between the BJP, the Congress and the Aam Aadmi Party. Incumbent BJF MP Harsh Vardhan is pitted against Congress' old-timer JP Agarwal, who represent ed the seat in 1984, 1989 and 1996



battle is expected in East Delhi constituency among the AAP's 'education reformer' Atishi, cricketer-turned-politician Gautam Gambhir and turncoat Arvinder Singh Lovely of the Congress.

Gambhir, the new entrant in the political pitch attacked the rivals AAP and Congress. Gambhir was severe in his attack on AAP's national convener and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal for his persistent demand full statehood Delhi.

After the delimitation of parliamentary constituencies in 2008, East Delhi parliamentary the constituency was divided into ten Vidhan Sabha segments namely Jangpura, Okhla, Trilokpuri, Kondli, Patparganj, Laxmi Nagar, Vishwas Nagar, Krishna Nagar Gandhi Nagar and Shahdara. In 2014 Lok Sabha election

Bharatiya Janata Party's Maheish Girri had won the East Delhi Lok Sabha constituency with a margin of 1,90,463 votes.

The East Delhi seat has seen some of the biggest names of Delhi politics fight elections. These include former Delhi CM Sheila Dikshit and her son Sandeep Dikshit. The seat was formed in 1966 and witnessed its first election in 1967.



and community are playing an important role. Keeping the caste arithmetic, the Congress has fielded champion boxer Vijender Singh who is a Jat and also won bronze medal at the 2008 Beijing Olympics. He will take on BJP's sitting MP Ramesh Bidhuri also a Gujjar and Aam Aadmi Party's (AAP) Raghav Chadha who belongs to a Punjabi community. The Gujjars and Jat voters dominate a number of Assembly segments in the seat.

The seat is witnessing a triangular contest among AAP's Raghav Chadha, sitting BJP MP Ramesh Bidhuri and Congress' Vijender Singh. The AAP, which is seeking to wrest the seat from the BJP, has been raising local issues before the people.

ed by Jats and 12 by the Gujjar community. Gujjars are predominantly present in Chhatarpur, Badarpur and Tughlakabad areas while Jats also have a sizeable presence in the villages bordering West Delhi constituency.

Problems faced Water supply remains one of the biggest concerns for the residents of South Delhi. Some places in Mehrauli, Chattarpur and Sangam Vihar still experience water scarcity. While the people admit that the supply has improved a lot over the last two years, yet, they say, a lot remains to be done While political parties are raising

n South Delhi constituency, caste the issues of nationalism, unemployment and full statehood status for Delhi, the residents of the high-profile constituency insist that they need someone who takes care of their dayto-day problems first.

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The civic issue of parking and traffic congestion in the heavily-populated constituency also weigh on people's mind. Many complain about the unending jams that they have to negotiate, especially during rush hour, and say these matters haven't been paid

It has 10 Assembly segments -Chattarpur, Palam, Bijwasan, Kalkaji, Mehrauli, Deoli, Ambedkar Nagar, The constituency has a total of 42 Sangam Vihar, Tughlaqabad and Badarpur.

> The constituency currently has 20,65,755 voters. A split in the vote bank between Congress and AAP and a new face of Congress Vijender Singh gives BJP an edge in the constituency. While AAP's vote share has registered a decline in elections held since 2015 Congress' has been growing slowly. AAP and Congress largely depend or similar vote bases — Muslims, Dalits and those living in unauthorised colonies and JJ clusters among others. It is the same vote bank which propelled AAP to power with an unprecedented mandate in the 2015 Delhi Assembly elections.



orth-East constituency, a stronghold of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and erstwhile Jan Sangh since its formation in 1966, is headed for an interesting but tough battle among the sitting MP Manoj Tiwari of the BJP and former Chief Minister Sheila Dikshit. AAP's Dilip Pandey is also in the fray. The constituency boasts of a sizeable number of Hindu and Muslim votes. The Purvanchalis also have a formi-

dable presence with 40 per cent voters. Tiwari, the Bhojpuri film star, commands a strong following among Purvanchali voters and had won comfortably in 2014. However, with the arrival of Sheila Dikshit, the contest has queered the pitch for the Delhi State BJP president.

The constituency comprises 10 Assembly segments - Burari, Timarpur, Seemapuri, Rohtas Nagar, Seelampur, Ghonda, Babarpur, Gokalpur, Mustafabad and Karawal Nagar and has 19,57,707 number of voters in which 40 per cent voters are Poorvanchalis. Interestingly, out of the ten Assembly

seats, nine has AAP MLAs. The Pioneer visited these areas to read the mood of the voters and found that Poorvanchalis are sure of to whom they want to win the seat but others were waiting till the last to clear the air over the selection of the candidate to cast their vote. In some of the Assembly constituencies such as Seelampur, Babarpur and Mustafabad, Hindu voters appear to be inclined towards the BJP but Muslim voters are divided as

to whom they should support. However, these voters in Timarpur, Burari and Gokalpur favoured AAP, citing the development works carried out by the party in the area but they said they will decide a day before the election about

to whom they are going to support. The constituency has a large population of Muslims and after that comes Brahmin in the area and Purvanchalies. AAP and Congress largely depend on similar vote bases - Muslims, Dalits and those living in unauthorised colonies and JJ clusters among others.

It is the same vote bank which propelled AAP to power with an unprecedented mandate in the 2015 Delhi Assembly elections but with alliance between the two failed to materialised; it may divide the votes between the AAP and the Congress which will benefit Manoj Tiwari. Though all the parties have termed election as non-caste but in the fray to win battle AAP has also fielded Dilip Pandey who is also from Purvancha

The BJP candidate is riding on the support of the Purvanchalis voters which is more than 40 per cent in this constituency

Further division of Muslim votes and those living in juggi clusters will directly benefit BJP. Whereas the AAP candidate Pandev also has a share of the purvanchalies votes in the area votes.

However, with Sheila Dikshit's entry into fray has made the contest triangular. Seelampur, Babarpur and Mustafabad have a sizeable Muslim population. AAP and Congress candidates have launched a massive door to door contact to lure voters to cast their votes in their favour.



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he main issue in this constituency is sealing drive which was conducted by the Municipal Corporations on the direction of Supreme Court Monitoring Committee.

It largely affected traders and all the party's candidate have promised in its manifestoes to address sealing issue after voted as an MP.

Besides, water supply and dysfunctional street lights and traffic chaos are other issues that the residents are suffering from.

The constituency which houses the residences and workplaces of all the key departments of the country s a number of local issue to deal with prominently. New Delhi constituency

was formed in 1951, is the oldest of the seven constituencies of Delhi with 16,17,470 voters. It comprises 10 assembly seats Karol Bagh (SC), Patel Nagar (SC), Moti Nagar, Delhi Cantt, Rajinder Nagar, New Delhi, Kasturba Nagar, Malviya Nagar, R.K. Puram, Greater

Kailash. Congress Ajay Maken, BJP's Meenakshi Lekhi and

AAP's Brijesh Goyal are in fray from the seat.

olitical parties in the national Capital have blamed each other for playing caste and community cards during elections but the reality is that caste affiliations of voters as well as candidates seem to play a crucial role in the Delhi politics despite the political party's campaigns hinging upon issues such as infrastructure development, price rise, water crisis and corruption. Going by caste arithmetic in the West Delhi constituency, communities such as Jat, Gujjar, Piniahi. Sikh and Vaish continue to dominate area's electoral fortunes.

There are two Jat candidates -Parvesh Varma from BJP and Balbir Singh Jhakhar from AAP. Congress has fielded Purvanchali candidate Mahabal Mishra who had won this seat in 2009. Purvanchali, Jat, Sikh and Punjabi voters will ultimately

decide the outcome. It is believed that the Jat votes may split. "Purvanchalis who form a formidable vote block, too, can split, mainly between Congress and BJP. Earlier, the constituency was considered to be very important for the Jats, when Sajjan Kumar, a former Congress leader, was in power.



Later, Purvanchali voters became a vital part of the West Delhi seat," said a political analyst.

After the delimitation of parliamentary constituencies in 2008, West Delhi was constituted with 10 Assembly segments-Madipur, Rajouri Garden, Hari Nagar, Tilak Nagar, Janakpuri, Vikaspuri, Uttam Nagar, Dwarka, Matiala and Najafgarh.

West Delhi has a population of 25.43 lakh and a population density of 19,563 inhabitants per square kilometer. While neighbourhoods such as Dwarka, Janakpuri and Rajouri Garden are considered affluent and middle class, areas such as Madipur, Hari Nagar and Matiala are considered home to migrants and working-class families who live in unauthorised colonies whereas Najafgarh is considered as a place where one can see a glimpse of rural

Pockets such as Rajouri Garden, Tilak Nagar, Janakpuri and Hari Nagar have a large Sikh population, while Jharoda, Dichaun Kalan, and Dhansa are Jat strongholds.

Varma, the son of former Delhi CM Sahib Singh Varma, belongs to the Jat community and the party believes it would help him win a second term but Jakhar, who also belongs to Jat community, is a native of Mitraon village in Najafgarh area in the constituency. Though Both Varma and Jhakhar does not give much weight to the caste but the reality is that the constituency which has also a strong hold of Jats in several areas may see vote division. Whereas, Congress candidate Mishra, a migrant is banking on Purvanchali voters to repeat his 2009 performance. According to political pundits, the Purvanchali votes also divided here between Congress and BJP.

Though, the economic and cultural make of the area is varied but the demands of people are largely the same which we can see in other six Lok Sabha constituency in National Capital. The residents of Dwarka rued lack of water and connectivity in the area.

orth West (NW) Delhi reserved constituency has over 23 lakh voters, the Scheduled Castes and Jats are the two big communities here. Much of the constituency has a rural character, with thousands of migrant workers living in unauthorised colonies, JJ clusters and slums spread across Mangolpuri, Sultanpuri, Sultanpur Majra. While Jats form a large vote bank, the middle and upper-middle classes have a

presence in areas like Rohini. The constituency comprises large rural belts where locals rely on dairy farming and traditional farming and has three types of residents original habitants who rely on farming, migrant population, comprising rickshaw pullers and industrial workers and the set of people who reside in housing societies that have sprung up in the last few years in Rohini.

NW Delhi constituency came into existence in 2008 as a part of the implementation of the recommendations of the Delimitation Commission of India constituted in 2002. This constituency is reserved



for the candidates belonging to the Scheduled castes. NW Lok Sabha constituency comprises of ten Vidhan Sabha segments such as Narela, Badli, Rithala, Bawana, Mundka, Kirari, Sultan Pur Majra, Nangloi Jat, Mangol Puri and Rohini.

Congress has fielded Rajesh Lalothia, Aam Aadmi Party has fielded Gugan Singh whereas Bharatiya Janta Party's (BJP) Hans Raj Hans is also in the fray.

Other than Rohini and limited areas in North West where there is Delhi Metro connectivity, civic issues plague most portions of this constituency. Haphazard, unplanned development has created its own problems too, especially in rural and unauthorised areas.

There is, therefore, a sense of unhappiness across the 10 assembly segments that make up the seat: Narela, Badli, Rithala, Bawana,

Mundka, Kirari, Sultan Pur Majra, Nangloi Jat, Mangol Puri and Rohini. In 2014, BJP's candidate Udit Raj

bested AAP's Rakhi Birla by over one lakh votes. Former Union minister and Congress leader Krishna Tirath, ran in third, while BSP's Basant Panwar got 21,485 votes. The result this year could parallel the last election's.

While the candidates are promising to resolve all issues in the constituency but the residents says otherwise. The rural population rued about the lack of sanitation facilities which also mean that there is a threat to women when they step out to attend nature's call, which is either early in the morning or late in the evening.

The constituency has a sizeable SC population, with the roughly 19.1 percent. According to CEO data, NW Delhi constituency has 23,77,604 electors in the constituency - 13,04,555 (men); 10,72,891 (women) and 158 (third gender). The number of electors in some of the other constituencies are West Delhi (23,67,509); North East Delhi (22,89,493); South Delhi (20,65,755)

CHANDNI CHOWK Total electors: 15,62,268



NORTH EAST Total electors: 2,290,492



EAST DELHI Total electors: 2,039,220



NEW DELHI Total electors: 1,617,470



NORTH WEST DELHI Total electors: 23,78,984



WEST DELHI Total electors: 23,71,561



SOUTH DELHI Total electors: 20,67,463



STATES/UT Valmiki Nagar, Paschim Champaran, Purvi Champaran, Sheohar, Vaishali Gopalganj, Siwan, Maharajganj Chandni Chowk, North East Delhi, East Delhi, New Delhi, North West Delhi, Delhi (7 seats) West Delhi, South Delhi Haryana (10 seats) Ambala, Kurukshetra, Sirsa, Hisar, Karnal, Sonipat, Rohtak, Bhiwani Mahendragarh, Gurgaon, Faridabad Jharkhand (4 seats) Giridih, Dhanbad, Jamshedpur, Singhbhum Morena, Bhind, Gwalior, Guna, Sagar, Vidisha, Bhopal, Rajgarh Madhya Pradesh (8 seats) Uttar Pradesh (14 seats) Sultanpur, Pratapgarh, Phulpur, Allahabad, Ambedkar Nagar, Shrawasti, Domariyagani, Basti, Sant Kabir Nagar, Lalgani, Azamgarh, Jaunpur, Machhlishahr, Bhadohi Tamluk, Kanthi, Ghatal, Jhargram, Medinipur, Purulia, Bankura, Bishnupur West Bengal (8 seats)

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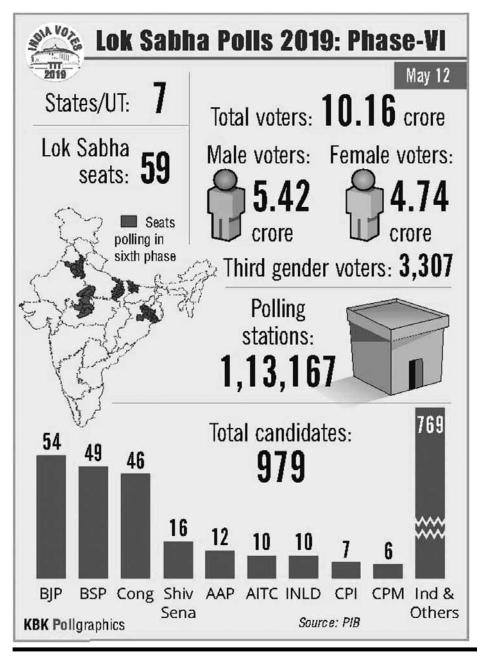


He (Modi) says a lot of things about me, my father and my family in general. But I don't mind. In fact. I would say Narendra Modiji, the more you hate me, the more I will love you, because I belong to Mother India and it's only love that is in my heart...I am prepared for a debate. Call me anywhere... Let me speak for 15 minutes **RAHUL GANDHI**



Hua to hua — this is a reflection of the mentality of the Congress...Our Government is doing the job of dispensing justice for the sin committed by the Congress 'naamdars' in 1984...It is the first time that justice is being done over the anti-Sikh riots; the perpetrators are being given life terms and death sentences

NARENDRA MODI



NANDIGRAM remains where it was years ago

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■

Nandigram continues to remain where it was 12 years ago when a police firing in March 2007 claimed the lives of 14 who were protesting against illegal land acquisition by the then Left Front Government.

'There is hardly any development except the newly built roads and street lights. Otherwise the political situation continues to remain the same," said Isfaq Alam a local farmer who was involved in the movement being a member of anti-land grab committee.

"In those days our rights were trampled upon. Today they are in our place," says he. Asked who were referred to as "they" he says "they mean the CPI(M) cadres who carried out

maximum oppression on us."
Today the Marxists are hardly allowed to speak let alone follow their political activities. "They are given to taste the same medicipated by taste the same medicinetoday. They have no right to vote, they cannot perform any political activities, their guests are thoroughly scrutinized and they still have to pay 'taxes' for the offence they committed."

Asked to comment on why they are subjected to similar torture and what is the differ

ence between the people in power then and those in power now, he says "this is done by 'order' from above." Asked to

name on whose 'order' things are done he falls silent. At Sonachura village Suina Banerjee a job aspirant says "I paid Rs 3 lakh for a school teacher's job but nothing has happened. A court case has done us in. The CPI(M) people were haughty, arrogant but

At Garchakrabaeria village a farmer says he has no problem with the present dispensation as "Didi has ensured that our land remains with us. No one can take our land till she is the Chief Minister."

not thieves.

His neighbour however

says ensuring that your publication is from Delhi and that the story will be published far away from Bengal, "at time it seems that industry was a better option because we grow only crop of Masuri rice here in a year. That does not take care of our family well. We need an industry but the people are confused. No one dares to talk about an industry here."

On who does the wind favour the TMC, BJP or the Left, the locals speak in whisper. "The Left has no chance as most of them have gone to the BJP. The TMC will win because they will remain in Government here for another two years. So who will want to earn enmity with them."

Campaign ends for penultimate phase PTI ■ NEW DELHI silence period kicked in from

Avitriol-filled campaign Aended on Friday for the sixth and penultimate phase of Lok Sabha polls to be held in 59 constituencies in six States and Delhi with barbs flying thick and fast as leaders made every effort to sway voters in their favour.

On Sunday, elections will be held in 14 seats in Uttar Pradesh, 10 seats in Haryana, eights constituencies each in Bihar, Madhya Pradesh and West Bengal, seven seats in Delhi and four in Jharkhand.

In 2014, the BJP had won 45 of these seats, the Trinamool Congress 8, the Congress two and the Samajwadi Party and the LJP one seat each among others. Prime Minister Narendra Modi once again led the BJP's campaign holding several rallies and stepping up his attack on Opposition par-ties, particularly the Congress. BJP chief Amit Shah, Congress president Rahul Gandhi and a host of Union ministers among others canvassed for their party candidates in the past few days, undertaking whirlwind tours of

constituencies. Microphones fell silent and weeks of high-octane poll campaigning by parties came to end on Friday evening in the national capital as the 48-hour

system for the following work:

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6 pm ahead of the Lok Sabha elections.

All seven parliamentary constituencies in Delhi will go to polls on Sunday. As many as 164 candidates are in fray in the polls, which are largely been seen as a three-way contest among the BJP, Congress and AAP. Prominent candidates in the contest include, veteran Congress leader Sheila Dikshit, Olympian boxer Vijender Singh, Union minister Harsh Vardhan, cricketer-turnedpolitician Gautam Gambhir

and Atishi from AAP. In Uttar Pradesh, the candidates whose electoral fate will be decided include SP president Akhilesh Yadav and Union minister Maneka Gandhi. Of the 14 constituencies going to polls in the state, the BJP had won 13 in 2014 with Azamgarh being the only exception from where SP patron Mulayam Singh Yadav had been victorious. In Haryana, Union ministers Krishan Pal Gurjar and Rao Inderjit Singh are seeking reelection while former chief minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda is once again entering the race to the lower house.

The high-voltage electioneering saw a galaxy of leaders from the ruling BJP and Congress campaign for their respective parties in Haryana.

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Lovely targets BJP, AAP 'parachuted' candidates

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Terming his rivals from the AAP and the BJP as political tourists, Congress candidate from East Delhi Lok Sabha constituency Arvinder Singh Lovely said that these "para- most polluted point in chuted" candidates visit the con- Delhi because of failure stituency only at the time of the election and never turned back among the public after winning election to listen and solve residents' plights.

In an interview with *The Pioneer*, Lovely talked about the various issues, challenges and priorities of this constituency and asserted to solve it amicably after being elected as an MP.

Lovely said that the Congress party needs to score just six per cent more votes to win the East Delhi Lok Sabha seat, as after 2015, in all the elections, the Congress had either come first or second with the AAP candidates finishing a distant third.

I am a resident of this constituency while the BJP and the AAP has fielded outsiders as their candidates who are reluctant to meet the people of East Delhi even during the elections campaigns while he personally interacts with the people and understands their issues and problems," he said. "The real issue is unavailability of the candidates from the constituency. That is the reason the Bharatiya Janta Party (BJP) was forced to deny ticket to its sitting MP from here," Lovely said when asked Lovely also accused

the Delhi Government for failing to curb pollution. "Anand Vihar is the of public transport system in last five year. The gocernment has reduced the buses and failed to implement Mono Rail project Shastri Park to Mayur Vihar that was sanctioned by the

Congress in Delhi.

He said that pollution was a big issue in East Delhi, and Anand Vihar and the Gazipur landfill areas were the worst affected, and people are struggling to breathe. "Almost 80 per cent of the air pollution was on account of vehicular traffic and the rest due to the construction dust and garbage accumulation, and in the last five years, pollution in East Delhi has reached dangerous levels," he said.

"Garbage crisis in Delhi is one of the major issues. Gazipur landfill site which was exhausted years back caught fire frequently. The AAP government did nothing to solve the problem. The third and fourth phase expansion of the metro project has been progressing at a snail's pace, as neither the Kejriwal Government nor the Modi Government at the Centre take any

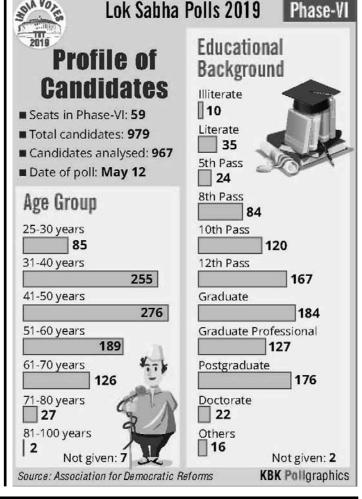
work," he said.

When asked about the problem of unauthorized colony, he said in 2013, we regularise 1200 colonies but the present Government has not given anv attention in providing facilities in the unauthorized colonies. "My priority would be to regularise these colonies and provide all civic

amenities to residents of these colonies," he said.

Lovely said that whatever development East Delhi witnessed was carried out during the 15-year Congress rule under the leadership of Sheila Dikshit, and after that, all the development works have been stalled. "I have detailed 25 main points that require his immediate attention, including replacing the old iron bridge across the Yamuna river, which has outlived its utility.

Expressing concern at the plight of the families of small traders and industrialists who have been worst affected by the sealing and demolition drives, said that as soon as the Congress comes to power, the people of Delhi would be given relief on a priority basis from the sealing and demolition' drives so that they can earn them livelihood without hardships, and also end the unemployment crises the people are facing.



Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra wave at crowd during an election campaign rally for the Lok Sabha polls, ir Bhadohi, on Friday

Mamata accuses BJP of purchasing votes

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■

Mamata Banerjee on Friday came down heavily on the BJP for smuggling cash to purchase votes after the police recovered Rs 1.13 lakh from the vehicle of Bharati Ghosh the BJP candidate from Ghatal Lok Sabha seat.

While Ghosh claimed that she had been framed by the State police another case involving a second candidate burst in the saffron party's face with the West Bengal Commission for Protection of Child Rights booking BJP contestant from Diamond Harbour on charges of child abuse.

Close on the heels of Ghosh being booked for carrying money in excess to what she was permitted the Chief Minister told an election rally

at Ashok Nagar that the "BJP is bringing boxes loaded with cash to purchase votes," adding the "central forces were not checking the boxes being carried in the convoys of Prime Minister Narendra Modi or other BJP leaders while the vehicles of other opposition leaders, including the Chief Ministers, were being checked without following the mini-

mum decorum." Referring to cash seized from Ghosh's vehicle she said "this is one case that has come to light," adding "howsoever money they spend to buy votes the result on May 23 will show that the TMC has won 42 out

of 42 seats from the State." Earlier the police said that Ghosh's was vehicle was chased for several kilometers on Thursday night and she was intercepted. Ghosh a former

IPS officer and the SP of the same district however said she had been framed as she was carrying cash withdrawn from bank and that the remaining cash in excess of the prescribed Rs 50,000 belonged to her fellow passengers.

At Diamond Harbour another BJP candidate Nilanjan Ray was reported against by the WBCPCR for abusing a girl child. The panels chairperson Ananya Chakrabarty said "the incident took place on April 26 but it came to our notice yesterday and we have directed the police to lodge an FIR against him." She said the victim in the case was 17-year-old girl.

Incidentally Ray was contesting against Trinamool Congress outgoing MP Abhishek Banerjee who was also the nephew of Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee.

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Registrar, Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University invites e-tender from reputed and eligible contractors/firms in two bid system (Technical & Financial) for the Supply and Installation of lab equipment/instrument under DST-FIST programme for USEM, at Sector 16C, Dwarka, New Delhi-110078. Tender document can also be downloaded from Delhi Govt. e-procurement website i.e. **www.govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in.** The details of Tender document can also be viewed from University Website http://ipu.ac.in.

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Item wise EMD mentioned in the Annexure-G of the e-tender document in favour of Registrar, GGSIP University payable at Delhi in form of FDR only with validity of 135 days. Cost of Works Rs. 80 Lacs (approximate)

The bids shall be submitted in two stages viz.(i) Technical bid (ii) Financial bid. Detailed specification of the item(s) to be supplied is placed a Section-III Annexure-G. The Technical & Financial bid should be uploaded on e-procurement website i.e. www.govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in (No documents need to be submitted in hard copy other than EMD).

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Trump raises tariffs on | Jet Airways shares up \$200bn of Chinese goods 3% on revival hopes

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

Atrade war between the world's two largest economies escalated on Friday after the US more than doubled tariffs on \$200 billion worth of Chinese products and Beijing vowed to retaliate.

The Trump administration's move comes as high-level officials from both sides are attempting to salvage a trade deal in Washington.

The higher tariffs will be applied to relevant US-bound goods exported from China on or after Friday, according to a notice from the US Federal

Register.
Tariffs are taxes paid by importers on foreign goods, so the 25 per cent tariff will be paid by American companies who bring Chinese goods into

the country.

The US imposed a 10 per cent tariff on \$200 billion worth of Chinese products including fish, handbags, cloth-

ing and footwear — last year. The US raised tariffs on \$200 billion worth of Chinese imports from 10 per cent to 25 per cent on Friday, China's Ministry of Commerce said in

Beijing.

"China expresses deep regret over the development and will have to take necessary countermeasures," the min-

will meet us halfway, and work with us to resolve existing issues through cooperation and consultation," the statement

A Chinese delegation led by Beijing's top trade negotiator Vice Premier Liu He arrived in Washington on Thursday for the latest round of trade talks.

Under the current circumstances, Liu said he "hopes to engage in rational and candid exchanges with the US side," he was quoted as saying by China's state-run Xinhua news agency.

Liu said that China believes raising tariffs is not a solution to the problems and is harmful to China, to the United States and to the whole world.

Talks between the two sides will resume in Washington on Friday, hours after the tariffs took effect. Reactions in Asia markets

to the US move were mixed. Having started the day in positive territory, Japan's Nikkei Index fell nearly 1 per cent in afternoon trading. The Shanghai Composite Index rose more than 2 per cent and Hong Kong's Hang Seng Index was up around 1 per cent.

Even though President Trump has downplayed the impact of tariffs on the US economy, the rise is likely to affect some American companies and consumers as firms istry said in a statement. may pass on some of the cost, "We hope the United States" analysts said.

Beijing slams US for 'unreasonable suppression' of

China mobile

 $B_{ ext{the US}}^{ ext{eijing on Friday slammed}}$ able suppression" of China Mobile after US regulators denied the telecom giant's request to operate in the US market over national security concerns.

Federal Communications Commission on Thursday said that because of China Mobile USA's ownership and control by the Chinese government, allowing it into the US market "would raise substantial and serious national security and law enforcement

China Mobile — the world's largest mobile operator with nearly 930 million customers as of February — first filed an application for permission to operate in the United States in 2011. The five-member FCC said in a statement that the decision was made after "extensive review" and "close consultation" with national security and law enforcement agencies.

Shares of Jet Airways rose by nearly 3 per cent Friday after SBI chairman Rajnish Kumar said the lenders have received two "unsolicited" bids for the company and "one" more is expected by the end of the day, keeping the hopes for the revival of the grounded car-

rier alive. The scrip went up by 2.85 per cent to close at ₹151.80 on the BSE. During the day, it gained 6.91 per cent to ₹157.80.

In terms of traded volume, 21.26 lakh shares were traded

The consortium of 26 lenders, led by State Bank of India, which now owns 51 per cent in the airline, had invited expressions of interest (EoIs) between April 8 and 12 and had received four prelim-

inary bids. "Two unsolicited bidders have submitted EoI for Jet and we are expecting one more bid by the end of the day," Kumar told reporters at the earnings conference in Mumbai.

Jet Airways stopped operations on April 17 due to acute financial distress.

The BSE had sought clarification from Jet Airways Thursday with respect to news that regional director report finds instances of siphoning of Jet gets two unsolicited bids, one more expected: SBI chairman

PTI ■ MUMBAI

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Friday is the last day to submit financial bids and media reports said none of the four bidders — private equity firms IndiGo Partners and TPG, and Jet's strategic partner Etihad and the country's sovereign wealth fund NIIF — are likely RPT likely to submit financial bid.

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PTI ■ NEW DELHI

TPCI said Friday.

JET AIRWAYS

we are expecting one more bid by the end of the day," Kumar said told reporters at the earnings conference here.

The lenders are offering 31.2-75 percent stake in the company on a fully diluted basis. Currently, the airline owes ₹8,000 crore to the lenders.

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Jet founder Naresh Goyal, who was forced to step down from the airline on March 25 as part of a deal with lenders, had earlier partnered with Future Trend Capital to submit a bid for investing in the airline. But later he reportedly withdrew the offer, as others threatened to walk away.

Iran, Trade Promotion Council

of India (TPCI) Chairman

"This fresh restriction will

Mohit Singla said in a state-

not impact India immediately

as the import of metals and

other mining products from

Iran are not much. However, it

will surely deter India's poten-

tial investor sentiment in

Chabahar port and also impact

the Indian manufacturers in Iran who are into steel, billets

and bars for export purposes,

Rakesh Kumar, CMD, NLC India Ltd and new Chairman of SCOPE along with UD Choubey, Director General, SCOPE made a courtesy call to CVC of India, KV Chowdary. He also took this opportunity to discuss wide ranging issues related with preventive vigilance in public sector enterprises. T Venkatasubramanian, CVO NLC India Ltd was also present on the occasion



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Syndicate Bank's Sunil Kumar Sobti, Dy GM, assumed charge as Regional Manager. He took his first meeting of all Branch Heads. In this meeting, special invitee S Vijay Kumar GM (ZM, Delhi Zone) was present. In his guest address, he gave his business mantras of boosting bank business to Sobti and Branch Heads. Sobti instructed all Branch Heads to focus on best Customer Services, Govt. Schemes and MSME Loan

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31.05.2019 at 11.30 hours (immediately after close of

uploading of tender (D2). In case of two packet system,

Financial bids of the eligible tenderers would be opened subsequently on the date & time to be notified later on

Tender Notice No. 287-Sig/C/TKJ/51/19

Earnest money amount Rs. 89,300/-

Approx.

Completion period

Sale/availability of

Last date/Time of

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tender document on

Tata Power-DDL SIDBI, Equifax releases over 10K Pulse to track electricity connections lending trends

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

With use of smart technologies like 'Advanced Distribution Management System' (ADMS), 'Geographical Information System' (GIS), 'Field Force Automation', and 'Digitalization of Services', Tata Power Delhi Distribution (Tata Power-DDL) has released over 10,000 electricity connections in this year within an average time of 48 hours.

A senior Tata Power-DDL said that the technologies are helping the company to track consumer service request instantly, do remote diagnosis, coordinate with project managers and find the best solution all the while keeping the customer updated in real time.

Besides drastically improving several processes and enhancing consumer experience across all touch points the integration of these advanced but also contribute towards technologies have also signifi-

Mode of Tender | E-Tender (Single Packet)

division on Northern Railway"

Tender Notice No. 287-Sig/C/TKJ/48/19 Dated 10.05.2019

Tender Notice No. 287-Sig/C/TKJ/48/19

Earnest money amount Rs. 87,700/-

Approx.

Completion period

Sale/availability of

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NORTHERN RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE

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31.05.2019 upto 11.30 hrs

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SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

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"Utility Shifting of Signal and Telecom Equipments for doubling

line coming between Laksar - Haridwar section of Moradaba

Rs 43,82,574.15 (Rupees Forty Three Lakh Eighty Two Thousand

Tender documents will be available on IREPS

website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in from 09.05.2019 to

31.05.2019 upto 11.30 hours. Tender documents

can be uploaded by the tenderer on IREPS web site

cantly improved the 'Getting Electricity' process reducing the number of steps involved and simplification of the document procedure through acceptance of self-certified declaration along with two documents namely ownership, rent proof and iden-

days tracking the status of their connection in real time. Sanjay Banga, CEO, Tata Power-DDL said, "Tata Power-DDL has made significant technological advancements and process simplification for providing faster electricity connections to consumers. applicants can get the connection with minimum documentation by following simple steps. I believe, this initiative of ours will not only result in enhanced customer experience the ease of doing business".

tity proof, he said, adding that

applicants can get a new con-

nection within seven working

launch Microfinance

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Small Industries
Development Bank of India (SIDBI) and Equifax, collaborated to launch a first-of-itskind newsletter "Microfinance Pulse" to track the lending trends in the microfinance sector. The first edition of the newsletter reported that Non-Banking Financial Company -Microfinance Institutions (NBFC-MFIs) continue to maintain their market dominance with the market share of 38% in third quarter of financial year 2018-19 (Q3-FY19). Gross Loan Portfolio (GLP) for the industry stood at Rs 1,57,644 crore as at end Q3-FY19, registering a quarter-onquarter (Q-o-Q) growth of 7%. The total number of active

loans as at end Q3-FY19 were 8.22 crore showing a growth of 24% over as compared to the previous financial year.

E-Procurement Tender

Due on

₹ snaps 4-day losing streak; inches up 2 paise to 69.92 vs USD

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Snapping its four-session los-ing run, the rupee ticked higher by 2 paise to finish at 69.92 against the US dollar Forex traders said the domestic unit recovered in the later part of the day amid

reports that the US is expected to remove India from its manipulation currency According to media reports, the US Treasury Department may name Vietnam as a currency manip-

ulator and is expected to

remove India and South Korea

from its watch list. However, rising crude oil prices in the overseas market, sustained foreign fund outflows and continuing sell-off in the domestic equity market weighed on the rupee, forex

SSE/P.way/Con./

Varanasi 1763283 Nos.

traders added.

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Nos.

toe as per RDSO drawing No. RDSO/T-3701

North Eastern Railway E-Procurement Tender Notice No. 05TRACK2019

On behalf of the President of India, Chief Administrative

Officer/Con., N.E. Railway, Gorakhpur invites the following

with Alteration No. 5 and conforming to IRS specification No. IRS

Delivery Period: 12 Months, Estimated Tender Value (Rs.):

• Submission of Tender up to 14.59 hrs. on 04.06.2019 • Date of Opening

15.00 hrs. on 04.06.2019 • Detailed tender notice, eligibility criteria and

terms & conditions are available on website https://ireps.gov.in. • In case

any disparity arises between Hindi and English version of tender notice,

English version will hold good and will be followed.

CPRO/W-73 Dy. Chief Engineer/Con/Track, N.E. Railway/Gorakhpur

About any Passenger Amenity complaint SMS on Mob. No. 09794845955

Do not cross unmanned level crossing with loud music on a vehicle

Description of

Materials

Supply of Elastic Rail

Clip MK-III with flat

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12,67,09,516.38, Earnest Money (Rs.): 20,00,000.00

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ing sectors are expected to

impact Indian manufacturers

in the Persian Gulf nation,

US President Donald Trump on Wednesday announced tougher-than-ever

sanctions against Iran's steel

and mining sectors, hours after

Tehran said it would suspend

some curbs under a denu-

India imports iron and steel, machinery, mechanical appliances, nuclear reactors, who are into steel, billets and boilers, and electrical machinbars for export purposes, in

US sanctions against Iran's steel,

mining sectors may impact

Indian players there: TPCI

LETSTRACK LAUNCHES APP, DEVICES

he added.

New Delhi: Letstrack launched App and Devices in India for B2C and B2B consumption. A mix of artificial intelligence and IoT, Letstrack has solutions like LTSafe, LT Claim, LT Profit, LT School, LT attendance; LT Insurance. It provides analyzed, detailed and quality information served on our Smart-phones, Web Browsers and Emails informs of push notifications, updates, reports and lives feeds through easy to understand info-graphics and text for everyday consumption.

SEARCH FOR MISSING PERSON



General public is hereby informed that one person namely Chetram, S/o Shri Puran Chand, R/o H.No. 9323, Katra Sultan, Tokriwalan, Azad Market, Delhi Age 45 years, Height 5'9", Complexion Shallow, Oval Face, Thin Built, Wearing Red colour T-shirt and grey colour pant

Bara Hindu Rao, Delhi. In this regard a vide DD No. 35-A dated 17.04.18 has been lodged at PS Bara Hindu Rao,

Any person having any information or clue about this missing

E-mail ID:cic@cbi.gov.in SHO Tele: 011-24368638, 24368641 PS: Bara Hindu Rao, Delhi

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



has been missing from the area of PS

person may kindly inform to the following.

Fax: 011-24368639 Ph.: 23529707



DP/2235/OD/19

General public is hereby informed that this person

at 05:00 am. In this regard a FIR No. 148/19 u/s 279/304-A, dated 16.04.2019 has been lodged at P.S. Mundka, Delhi.

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

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Appeal for Identification

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

Tender Notice No. 287-Sig/C/TKJ/51/19 Dated 10.05.2019



General Public is hereby informed that a male dead body Name: Unknown, S/o Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: 25 years approx, Height: 5'4", Complexion: Shallow, Sex: Male, Wearing: Grey Colour Pant and Blue T-shirt. He was found dead from the area of PS Sarojni Nagar, Delhi on 26.04.2019 at 16:41 pm. In this regard, a FIR/DD No. 17A

dated 26.04.2019 has been lodged at PS Sarojni Nagar,

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

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

P.S., Sarojni Nagar, Delhi

DP/6876/SW/19 Ph.: 011-26882346, 8750870835

PUBLIC NOTICE CICI Home Finance

Registered office: ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra-Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai- 400051. Corporate Office: RPG Towers, Andheri Kurla Road, J.B. Nagar, Andheri (East), Mumbai - 400059 A notice is hereby given that the following borrower/s have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest obtained by them from the secured creditor and the loans have been classified as Non Performing Assets (NPA). The notice dated. were issued to them under Section 13 (2) of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act-2002 on their last known addresses as provided to the secured creditor by them, that in addition thereto for the purposes of information

	e said borrowers enumerated below, the said borrowers are being informed by way of this public notice.					
Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address	Property Address of Secured Asset / Asset to be Enforced	Date of Notice Sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date		
1.	Gajraj Jain, Rajani Jain, B- 79, Sectro- 44, Chitrakoot Noida, Uttar Pradesh A/c No- NHBWR00000815318	Flat No. Ig- 06- 1703 Imperial Gardens Sector- 102 Village- Kherki Majra Dhankot Tehsil And Disrtict Gurgaon 122001	01-Apr-2019, Rs. 10260247/-	11/10/ 2018		
2.	M/s Mica Industries Ltd. Vikas Goel, Vinay Gupta, A- 36, 2nd Floor, Rajauri Garden, Delhi A/c No:- NHDEL00000738641	Flat No. 0001, (Ground Floor), Block No. 04, Harmony, Nirvana Country, Gurgaon	04-Apr-2019, Rs. 8595433/-	01/11/ 2018		
3.	Sanjeev Sharma, Sarita Sharma, Flat No- D- 2, Plot No- D- 18/6, Old Govind Pura, Delhi A/c No- NHDEL00000785702	173, Block No. C, Sector 122, Noida 201301	04-Apr-2019, Rs. 2855396.76/-	09/01/ 2019		

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

Sd/-Date: 10-05-2019 Place: Delhi/NCR **Authorized Officer** APOLLO TRICOAT TUBES LIMITED CIN: 74900DL1983PLC014972) Registered Office: 37, Hargobind Enclave

Vikas Marg, Delhi-110092 Corporate Office: 36, Kaushambi, Near Anand Vihar Terminal, behind wave cinema, Ghaziabad-201010 Website: www.apollotricoat.com Ph. No.: +91-121-4041400 NOTICE

Pursuant to the Regulation 29 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirement) Regulations, 2015, the neeting of the Board of Directors of the Company has been scheduled to be held on Friday, May 17, 2019 at the Corporate Office of the Company at 36, Kaushambi near Anand Vihar Terminal, behind wave cinema, Ghaziabad-201010, inter-alia to consider and approve the Audited financial results for the fourth quarter and financial year ended March 31, 2019. The detailed notice is available on the website of the Company i.e www.apollotricoat.com

For Apollo Tricoat Tubes Limited

Surbhi Arora Date: 10.05.2019 Place : Ghaziabad Company Secretary

Named: Vinod, S/o: Amar Singh, R/o: Village Mohammad Pur, Distt. Firozabad (UP), Age: Approx. 52 years, Sex: Male, Height: 5'7", Complexion: Wheatish, Wearing: Hospital Clothes, He was admitted in Aruna Asif Ali Hospital as per MLC No. 630/19 on 02.03.2019 due to a road accident (before 15-20 days) in the area of RS Mundka. He was died during the treatment on 15.04.2019

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

> P.S. Mundka, Delhi Ph.: 8586932309,7065036126



CHOLAMANDALAM INVESTMENT AND FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED 🥸 Chola Corporate Office: 1st Floor, 'Dare House', No.2, N.S.C. Bose Road, Chennai-600 001
Branch Office: 1st & 2nd Floor, Plot No.6, Main Pusa Road, Karol Bagh, New Delhi - 110 005 DEMAND NOTICES ISSUED TO THE FOLLOWING BORROWERS UNDER SECTION 13[2] OF THE SECURITISATION & RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002 Name Of The Borrower/ **ADDRESS** A B Entire First Floor Portion and M-33, 3rd Floor, Rajour 1,43,45,522.98/-s on 22.04.19 further interest there on 1. Jasvinder Singh Garden, New Delhi-110027 portion Privately marked as Nos.B-1, C, H & I at Ground Floor 2. M/s. Angad M/s. Angad Fashions. Fashions of property bearing No.137, neasuring 350Sq.yds, in Block-New Delhi - 110027. 3. Simarpreet Singh Plot No.J-137, First Floor 4. Saran Preet Kaur Block-J, Main Market, colony known as Rajouri Garden, area of Village-Basai Darapur, 5. Sandeep Singh Raiouri Garden. New Delhi – 110 027. New Delhi-110027.

The Under signed is the Authorised Officer of Cholamandalam Investment And Finance Company Limitedhereinafter called the secured creditor, under Rule 2[a] of the Security Interest [Enforcement] Rules framed under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

In pursuant to loan agreement on the dates mentioned in column [A] the above named borrowers in column [C] residing at the address in column [D] were sanctioned loans indicated in column [G] in loan account number indicated in column [B]. Towards the due repayment of loan, equitable mortgage by deposit of title deeds of the assets in column [E] was On persistent default in repayment of the loan amount the loan accounts of the borrowers have been classified by the

secured creditor as Non Performing Asset in accordance with the directions and guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India. Consequently notice under Sec. 13[2] of the Act was also issued to each of the borrowers on the dates mentioned in column [F], which have been returned undelivered. I state that under section 13 [8] of the Securitisation Act, you can redeem the secured asset by payment of the entire

outstanding including all costs, 'charges' and expenses' before notification of sale. In view of the above, the above named borrowers are called upon to discharge in full their liabilities towards the Secured Creditor by making the payment of the entire outstanding indicated in Column [H] above including up to date interest, costs, and charges within 60 days from the date of notice, failing which, the secured creditor shall be entitled to take possession of the Secured Asset and shall also take such other actions as is available to the Secured Creditor in law. In

the absence of full discharge of dues even after the transfer of secured assets the secured creditor reserves its right to proceed against the borrowers before a Sole Arbitrator, in terms of the Loan Agreement In addition the above named borrowers shall not alienate by way of transfer, sale, lease or otherwise or create third party interest or dealing with the Secured Asset in column [E] mentioned against the name of the each borrowers in any nanner except with specific prior written permission of the Secured creditor.

MAGMA HOUSING FINANCE

AUTHORISED OFFICER Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited

MAGMA HOUSING FINANACE LTD. Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act. 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and to the Borrowers and Guarantors in particular that the under mentioned properties mortgaged to Magma Housing Finance Limited, the possession of which had been taken by the respective Authorised Officer of the company under section 13(4)/ section 14of the Act, will be sold through e-Auction as per the terms mentioned below for the realization of Company's dues/ outstanding with applicable interest, charges

he property described below is being sold on "AS IS WHERE IS. WHATEVER THERE IS AND WITHOUT RECOURS!

- 1	The property described below is being sold on AS IS WHERE IS, WHATEVER THERE IS AND WITHOUT RECOURSE							
ı	BASIS" under the Rule 8 & 9 of the	e Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules (hereinafter referred to as the Rules):						
ı	1. Name of Borrowers/ Gurantors	Description		& Time of E Auction	1. Reserve Price			
ı	2. Demand Notice date	& Nature EMD (Ear		ate of Submission of nest Money Deposit)	(In lakhs)			
1	2. Demand Notice date			Date and time of	2. EMD Amount			
ı	3.Total Dues + Interest from	of Property		ection of Property	(In lakhs)			
ı	1.POURNAVI EVENTS PVT LTD (ALL THAT PIECE AND PA	RCEL THAT	1.DATE & TIME OF E-	1. RESERVE			
1	BORROWER) THROUGH IT .S PROP-	MORTGAGE PROPERTY		AUCTION: 27.05.2019	PRICE (IN LAKHS):			
ı	VIKASH SHARDANA 2.VIKASH	SECOND FLOOR WITHO	OUT ROOF	(11.00 AM TO 2.00 PM)	RS.20000000/-			
1	SHARDANA(CO BORROWER) 3.	/TERRACE RIGHTS,OUT OF		2. LAST DATE OF	(RUPEES TWO			
1	SHALINI SHARDANA (CO BORROWER)	PROPERTY(BUILDING) BUILT		SUBMISSION OF	CRORE ONLY)			
ı	2.DEMANDNOTICE DATE:27.04.2017	THE LAND BEARING NO N-48		EARNEST MONEY				
1	UNDER LOAN PROPOSAL	MEASURING 245.23 SQ MTR			2. EMD AMOUNT			
1	NUMBERHL/0031/H/13/100048 3.TOTAL	IN THE RESIDENTIAL COLONY KIRTI NAGAR.NEW DELHI		DEPOSIT (EMD)&	(IN EARIO).			
1				DOCUMENTS:	10.2000000			
1	DUES : RS. 98,45,291/-	LIMIT OF DELHI M		25.05.2019 BEFORE 5:00	(RUPEES TWENTY			
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ı	FIVE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED	BOUNDRARIES OF THE THE		3. DATE AND TIME OF				
ı	NINETY ONE ONLY) PAYABLE AS ON	OF THE SAID PROPERTY AS U		INSPECTION OF				
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- 1	INTERFECT © 420/ DED ANNUM	MODELL DADIK COLLELL DOAD		(44 00 AMETO 4 00 DM)	l .			

The intending bidders are advised to visit the Branch and/or the properties put up on Auction, and obtain necessary information regarding charges, encumbrances. The purchaser shall make his/her/their own enquiry and ascertain the additional charges, encumbrances and any third party interests and satisfy himself/herself/itself in all aspects hereto. All statutory dues like property taxes, electricity dues and any other dues, if any, attached to the property should be ascertained and paid by the successful bidder(s)/prospective purchaser(s). The bidder(s)/prospective purchaser(s) are requested, in their own interest, to satisfy himself/herself/itself with regard to the above and the other relevant details pertaining to the above mentioned property/Properties, before submitting the EMD/bids. TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF E AUCTION SALE:

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The auction / sale will be Online e-auction / Bidding through website https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net.or Auction Tiger Mobile App on the date as mentioned in the table above with Unlimited Extension of 5 minutes.

The interested bidders are required to register themselves with the portal and obtain login ID and Password well in advance, which is mandatory for e-bidding, from auction service provider M/s E-Procurement Technologies Ltd. Auction Tiger, Ahmedabad (Contact no. 079-40005437) Mr. Parthiv Cell no. 9979543878. Email: telangana@auctiontiger.net, & parthiv@auctiontiger.net, Mr. Bhasker Dhubbaka Mob.8341410158. Email: bhaskar@auctiontiger.net, & parthiv@auctiontiger.net, Mr. Bhasker Dhubbaka Mob.8341410158. Email: No-005016190 by way of NEFT/RTGS in the account of 'Magma Housing Finance Ltd', Bank-Axis Bank Ltd. Account No-00501000015. Branch-7, Shakespeare Sarani Kolkata '700071, Branch code...000005. drawn on any nationalized or scheduled Bank on or before 25.05.2019 and register their name at https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net and get user ID and password free of cost and get training on e-Auction from the service provider. After their Registration on the web-site, the intending purchaser/bidder is required to get the self attested hard copies of the following documents, e-mail and sent to: Authorised Officer, Magma Housing Finance Ltd.)
Mr.Vinay Kumar Gautam, F-4, 1st Floor, Okhla industrial Area, Phase -1, New Delhi i10020, Mobile No. 899919614 ID: vinay.gautam@magmahfc.co.in/ Auction Tiger, Ahmedabad (Contact no. 079-40005437) Mr. 9999919614 ID: vinay.gautam@magmahfc.co.in/ Auction Tiger, Ahmedabad (Contact no. 079-40005437) Mr. Parthiv Cell no. 9979543878. Email: telangana@auctiontiger.net, &parthiv@auctiontiger.net, Mr. BhaskerDhubbaka Mob. 8341410158. Email: bhaskar@auctiontiger.net

Voter's I-Card Ration Card, Electricity Bill, Telephone Bill, Registered Leave License Agreement 4.Copy of Aadhe Card, 5.In case of Company or partnership firm letter of Authorization and copy of partnership deed/registration certificate, 6.Copy of Cancelled Cheque of Intending Bidder's Bank Account for the purpose of refund of EMD on before or by the last date of submission of the EMD(s) as mentione

in the table above.

3. Online E-auction participation is mandatory in the auction process by making application in prescribed format which is available along-with the offer/tender document on the website. Bidders are advised to go through the website https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net for detailed terms and conditions of auction sale before submitting their bids and taking part in e-auction sale proceedings. Online bidding will take place at web-site of organization as mentioned hereinabove, and shall be subject to the terms and conditions contained in the tender/e-auction document. The Tender Document and detailed Terms and Conditions for the Auction may be downloaded from the website https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net or the same may also be collected from the concerned Branch office of Magma Housing Finance. A copy of the Bid form along with the enclosure submitted online (also mentioning UTR Number) shall be handed over to Concern Authorized officer Mr.Vinay Kumar Gautam, Mobile No.9999919614, At, Magma Housing Finance Ltd., Address: F-4, 1st Floor, Okhla industrial Area, Phase -1, New Delhi 110020, on or before date and time mentioned above.

For further details and queries, contact Authorized officer Magma Housing Finance Ltd, Name Mr. Vinay Kuma Gautam, Mobile No. 9999919614.

4. For further details and queries, contact Authorized officer Magma Housing Finance Ltd, Name Mr.Vinay Kumar Gautam, Mobile No. 999919614.
 5. Due Care has been taken to include adequate particulars of Secured Assets in the Schedule hereinabove. The Authorized Officer shall not be answerable/responsible for any error, misstatement or omission in this proclamation.
 6. The Secured Asset shall be sold above the Reserve Price only. Auction shall commence at one increment above the Reserve Price and bidders shall be free to bid among themselves by improving their offer with minimum incremental amount Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees ten thousand only).
 7. Only those bidders holding valid user ID and Password and confirmed payment of EMD through NEFT /RTGS shall be permitted to participate in the on line e-auction. The Authorized Officer reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids at any time without assigning any reason. Further, the Authorized Officer reserves the right to postpone or cancel or adjourn or discontinue the e-Auction or vary the terms of the e-Auction at any time before conclusion of the e-Auction process, without assigning any reason whatsoever and his decision in this regard shall be final.
 8. The sale shall be confirmed in favour of the purchaser /bidder who has offered the highest sale price in his bid/ tender / offer to the Authorized officer, however, the shall be subject to confirmation by the secured creditor only
 9. The Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) of the successful bidder shall be retained/adjusted towards part sale consideration. The EMD shall not bear any interest. The successful bidder shall have to deposit 25% of sale price, adjusting the EMD already paid, on the same day or not later than next working day, upon the acceptance of bid price by the Authorized officer. In case of failure to deposit the said amount as stipulated, the amount so deposite os far (in form of EMD or otherwise) shall be forfeited by the Co

11.After depositing of 25% of the sale price as per above terms, the balance 75% of sale price shall be paid on or before 15th day or within such extended period as agreed upon in writing by and solely at the discretion of the Secured Creditor the Company. In case of default in payment by the successful bidder as mentioned hereinabove, the amount already deposited by the bidder shall liable to be forfeited and property shall be put to re-auction and defaulting borrower shall have no claims/rights in respect of property and/or amount in any manner.
12.If the dues of the Company together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by them or part thereof as may be acceptable to the MHFL are tendered by/on behalf of the Borrowers and/or Guarantors, at any time before the date of confirmation of e-Auction, the sale of asset may be cancelled.
13.All statutory dues/attendant charges/other dues including registration charges, stamp duty, taxes etc. shall have to be borne by the purchaser only.

borne by the purchaser only. 14.The Sale Certificate shall be issued in the same name in which the Bid is submitted.

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15. The Authorized Officer or secured creditor i.e the MHFL shall not be responsible for any charge, lien, encumbrances, or any other dues to the government and/or third party claims etc. In respect of property/les being E-Auctioned, the intending Bidder is advised to make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances on the property including statutory liabilities arrears of property tax, electricity dues /charges/lien etc. such liabilities /encumbrances shall be borne by the Purchaser/s only.
16. The bidders should ensure proper internet connectivity, power back-up etc. The MHFL /Authorized Officer shall not be liable for any disruption due to internet failure, power failure or technical reasons or reasons/contingencies affecting the e-Auction

e-Auction.

17.The EMD of the unsuccessful bidders shall be returned within the 15 working days on the closure of the auction/sale

17.The EMD of the unsuccessful bidders shall be returned within the 15 working days on the closure of the auction/sale proceedings without any interest thereon. The said bidders shall not raise any claim whatsoever in nature in this regard.
18. The Offers/bids that are not duly filled up or not accompanied by the EMD and required documents or Offers received after the date and time prescribed hereinabove or as mentioned in the auction sale notice, shall not be considered / treated as invalid offer/bid, and accordingly shall be summarily rejected and the applicant/ bidder shall have no claim whatsoever against the MHFL or against Authorized officer in this regard.
19.The Authorized officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any reasons thereof. No Claim can be made against the Company or the Authorized Officer with respect to such a decision.
20.The intending bidder(s) out of his/her/their own free will, volition and discretion is/are participating in the e-Auction proceeding without any undue influence from any of the officials of the MHFL and is/are fully aware about the consequences of such e- Auction. The intending bidder shall have no recourse against the MHFL or the Authorized Officer in this regard and shall not be entitled for any refund of the deposited amount except hereinabove expressly provided or regarding interest on the said amount.

provided or regarding interest on the said amount. 21. In case the date of deposit of EMD & e-Auction date is declared holiday then the date shall be automatically extended to

21, in case the date of deposit of EMD & e-Auction date is declared noliday then the date shall be automatically extended to very next working day.

STATUTORY 15 DAYS NOTICE UNDER SARFAESIACT, 2002

22.The Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s) are hereby notified to pay the sum mentioned above along with upto dated interest and ancillary expenses before the date of e-Auction, failing which the Secured Asset/Property shall be auctioned/sold and balance dues, if any, shall be recovered with interest and cost.

Authorized Officer

Authorized Officer

(Vinay Kumar Gautam) Magma Housing Finance Limited

हरियाणा सरकार **TENDER NOTICE** NAME OF BOARD/ CORP./ AUTI DESHELLING & RESHELLING OF MILLS ROLLERS + 24 OTHER WORKS FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT: www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in RO NO. 76310

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OF SERMONS

PTI ■ COLOMBO

The Sri Lankan Government on Friday said the trustees of all the mosques in the country should not engage in or allow any gathering to promote or propagate hatred and also directed them to send the audio recordings of the ser-mons to authorities.

The Government's move came after security forces recovered swords and other weapons from mosques during search operations following the April 21 bomb blasts in which over 250 people, including 44 foreigners 10 of whom were Indians, were killed and 500 others injured.

All trustees of Mosques should not engage in or permit any gathering to promote or propagate hatred or extremism in any form, doing so will result in the Board of Trustees being held fully responsible under may laws including the Penal Code, according to a statement issued by the Ministry of Muslim Religious

"In view of the prevailing situation in the country, the Trustees are directed hereby to send audio records all sermons of Jumma (Friday) or otherwise on their Masjids and to forward them to the ministry," said the statement signed by Muslim Religious Affairs Minister MHA Haleem.

Muslim theologists and civil society organizations have warned radicalisation of Muslims with support from mosques in some places, particularly in the island nation's eastern province.

Nine suicide bombers carried out a series of devastating blasts that tore through three churches and as many luxury

The ISIS terror group claimed the attacks, but the government blamed the local Islamist extremist group National Thawheed Jammath (NTJ) for the bombings. The victims included over 40 foreigners, 10 of whom were

Mohamed Cassim Zahran, the mastermind of the blasts and NTJ leader, was running his own mosque in the eastern Kathankudi region, police said, adding that his extreme religious sermons had attracted followers.

Two weeks ago, Zahran's family members committed suicide by triggering a blast at a safe house in Sainthamuruthu area of Kathankudi following a gun-battle with the security

Police on Friday recovered a stockpile of explosives, belonging to the suicide gang, hidden on the beach at Kathankudi.

Lankan court orders DNA test to verify death of mastermind

Colombo: A Sri Lankan court has ordered a DNA test before May 15 to verify the death of Mohamed Cassim Zahran, the ring leader of the local Islamist extremist group NTJ which the Government blamed carried out the devastating Easter Sunday bombings killing over 250 people.

Zahran, the mastermind behind the Easter blasts, led the attack on the Shangri-La hotel and was accompanied by a second bomber identified as Ilham Ahmed Ibrahim. He was killed inside the hotel where he blew himself up. The Colombo Fort Magistrate also ordered the Deoxyribo Nucleic Acid (DNA) verification of Ibrahim, the second bomber. Nine suicide bombers carried out a series of devastating blasts that tore through three churches and as many luxury hotels on April 21, killing more than 250 people and injuring 500 others. PTI

5 KILLED IN MINE ATTACK IN PAK'S BALUCHISTAN

Karachi: Two Pakistani soldiers

were among five people killed in a attack by suspected militants in the coal mining area of troubled Balochistan province, officials said on Friday. The incident happened in Balochistan's Harna area on Thursday night when armed men stormed a coal mine and indiscriminately opened fired, killing two miners. Deputy Commissioner Azeem Dummar

INDIAN JAILED IN UK FOR **SEXUAL ASSAULT ON PLANE London:** An Indian travelling to the UK on a tourist visa has been jailed for 12 months for carrying out a "prolonged" sexual assault on a young woman during a long-haul flight from Mumbai to Manchester earlier this year. Hardeep Singh, 36, will be deported back to India at the end of his sentence. Singh, who pinned the woman passenger down on her seat during the flight, was sentenced to 12 months in jail at Minshull Street Crown Court in Manchester on

ISIS claims responsibility for Iraq blast that killed 8

Baghdad: The Islamic State group has claimed responsibility for a suicide bombing at a Baghdad market the previous day that killed 8 people.

The extremist group released a statement early on Friday saying the bomber detonated his explosives vest at the Jamila marketplace in Baghdad's sprawling Shiite neighbour-hood of Sadr City on Thursday evening. Fifteen people were wounded.

Iraq's security agencies have invested heavily in securing Baghdad, the country's capital, even as insurgents continue to stage attacks in the countryside.

Iraqis are out late during the holy month of Ramadan, when observant Muslims fast from dawn till sundown. Hakim al-Zamily with the Sadrist political movement, which enjoys wide support in Sadr City, said lax security was to blame and that IS cells are taking advantage of slackened security measures in Baghdad. AP

France opposes 'repeated extensions' on **Brexit: Presidency**

AFP PARIS

France opposes "repeated extensions" for Britain's exit from the European Union, a presidential official said Friday, keeping to the hard line of Paris on Brexit.

France does not want to enter into "a cycle of Brexit summits" following this month's European parliament elections which Britain will take part in after the deadline for its departure from the bloc was extended to the end of October, the official said.

The official, who asked not to be named, added that London should "have a solution before October 31" when Britain is due to leave the EU.

'The European elections could create a political shock that ends in a bipartisan agreement before June 30," the offi-"But if the situation is not

clarified before October 31, as the new commission is taking its place, we are not going to have a cycle of Brexit summits."

US seizes North Korean cargo ship for violating sanctions

AP ■ WASHINGTON

The US said Thursday it has seized a North Korean cargo ship that was used to violate international sanctions, a first-of-its kind enforcement action that comes tense moment in relations between the two countries. The "Wise Honest," North Korea's second largest cargo ship, was detained during an April 2018 stop in Indonesia and will be moved to American Samoa, Justice Department officials said.

Officials made the

announcement hours after the North Korea fired two suspected short-range missiles toward the sea, a second weapons launch in five days and a possible signal that stalled talks over its nuclear weapons program are in trouble.

Justice Department lawyers laid out the case for confiscating the ship in a complaint filed in New York, arguing that payments for maintenance and operation of the vessel were channeled through US financial institutions in violation of

Russia, Japan say differences remain over disputed islands

Moscow: Russia and Japan's top diplomats said Friday there was a way to go before their countries could resolve a World War II-era dispute over a chain of islands, following a meeting in Moscow. Ahead of talks, Russia's Sergei Lavrov said "significant differences" remained between Moscow and Tokyo's positions, despite several previous rounds of negotiations.
"The task is not easy, it's

clear it will only be solved by long, painstaking and creative work," Lavrov told journalists following his meeting with

Japanese counterpart Taro Kono. The territorial dispute centres on four islands, between the Sea of Okhotsk and the Pacific

Ocean, seized by the Soviet army in the last days of World War II. The string of volcanic islands are called the Kurils by Russia and the Northern Territories by Japan. "Solving a problem that remains unresolved more

than 70 years on from the end of the war is not easy," Kono said at a joint press conference, in remarks translated into Russian. AP

Gunshot fired outside London mosque during Ramzan prayers

PTI ■ LONDON

Cotland Yard has launched an Sinvestigation after a gunshot was fired outside a mosque in east London during Ramadan prayers on Thursday evening. The Metropolitan Police

said the firearm discharge at Seven Kings Masjid in Ilford is believed to be related to a previous altercation and is not being treated as an "Islamophobic hate crime or terror-related incident".

The Met Police's firearms officers attended the scene and confirmed there were no reported injuries or damage to the building. "At this early stage, ballistic evidence recovered from the scene suggests that the weapon was a blank firing handgun. Officers from Trident Specialist Crime investigate. There have been no arrests and enquiries continue," a Met Police statement said. It said that the incident may have stemmed from an earlier

altercation in the street.

that the incident may have stemmed from an earlier altercation in the street close to the mosque. Officers continue to work closely with representatives from the mosque and are providing reassurance to the local community," the statement noted. Officers were called to the mosque at 22.45 local time to reports that a man, believed to be in possession of a firearm, had entered a mosque on High Road in Seven Kings, east London.

"Initial enquiries indicated

Appeal For Identification General public is hereby informed



that this person Name: Unknown S/o : Unknown, **R/o**: Unknown, **Age**: 45 Years, Sex: Male, Height: 5 Ft. 6 Inch, Complexion: Shallow, ID Mark Old Scar Mark on Forehead. Wearing: Grey Colour Shirt and Pant, has been found dead on 25.04.2019 at 10:28 pm Near Gauri Shankar Temple, K-Block, Footpath,

Mangolpuri, Delhi. In this regard a DD No. 143-A Dated 25.04.2019 has been lodged at PS. Mangolpuri, Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this person but no clue has come to light Any person having any information or clue about this

person may kindly inform to the following. DP/2232/OD/19.

PS. Mangolpuri, Delhi Ph.: 011-27922186, 27921168, 7065036121

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON See Section 82 Cr. P. C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person Narender Paswan S/o Sachitra Paswan R/o A-409, JJ Colony Sawda, Ghevra, Delhi OR Kh. No.62/12, Krishna Colony, Gali No.-2 Praladpur, Delhi OR H.N.-136, Chauhanpur Village, Near-Loni Border, Delhi has committed (or are suspected to have committed) the offence under case FIR No. 623/15 u/s 498A/406/34 IPC has been registered at P.S. Narela. Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said Narender Paswan S/o Sachitra Paswan cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said. Narender Paswan S/o Sachitra Paswan has absconded (or are concealing themselves to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Narender Paswan S/o Sachitra Paswan accused of FIR No. 623/15 u/s 498A/406/34 IPC required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 13.06.2019 By Order

Old Reference/

DP/274/ON/19-(Court Matter)

Letter / Memo

No. & Date

RO NO. 76312 Dt. 10-05-2019

Name of Dept/

UHBVN

Ms, Swati Sharma, MM/Mahila Court-02. Room No.104, 1st Floor, (North District) Rohini Courts, Delhi

UTTAR HARYANA BIJLI VITRAN NIGAM

CORRIGENDUM NOTICE

Corrigendum -VI Date of closing of E -Tender: 23 -05-19 upto 13:00 Hrs.

Death toll rises to 12 in Lahore Sufi shrine suicide attack

PTI ■ LAHORE

 ■ attack targeting one of Pakistan's oldest and most revered Sufi shrines in Lahore rose to 12 on Friday as a police commando succumbed to his injures.

The death toll in the suicide

Ten people, including five police personnel, were killed when a suicide bomber blew himself up outside the Data Darbar shrine, the largest Sufi shrine in South Asia on Wednesday morning as the country marks the fasting month of Ramzan.

Elite force personnel Saddam Hussain succumbed to his injuries at the Mayo Hospital on Friday. Other three critically injured cops are battling for their lives at the Intensive Care Unit of Mayo Hospital, Lahore police spokesman Syed Mubashir said on Friday.

Nodal Officer / Contact

CE/PD&C, UHBVN,

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Superintending Engineer/ P&D,

the Dept./ Board Corp. Auth

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General Public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of a male Namely Unknown S/o Unknown, R/o Unknown Age: 35 years, Height: 5'5", Complexion: Shallow, Face: Round, Hair: Black, Injury Mark: Abrasion mark on left forehead, ID Mark: A tattoo of OM on right hand wrist and back side of palm. Wearing: Only dark grey coloured pant, without upper or footwear was found on 06.05.2019 at



12:05 PM near red light of Collie camp, Vasant Vihar in unconscious condition. During treatment in AIIMS Trauma Center he expired in Hospital in the night dated 05-06.05.19 In this regard a FIR/DD No.01A, dated 06.05.2019 has been

lodged at P.S. Kishan Garh, Delhi. If any one having any clue about deceased male may kindly inform the undersigned and contact on following numbers.

DP/6875/SW/19

P.S. Kishan Garh, Delhi Ph.: 011-26510085,26510075

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General public is hereby informed that one person namely Manish Mohan Kaushik (alongwith Moter Cycle No. DL-11 SX-6132 Splender black colour) S/o Lt. Sh. Prem Dutt Kaushik R/o H.No 520, Pana Udyan, Bagri Mohalla, Narela Delhi, has been missing/kidnapped from the area of P.S Narela, Delhi since 22.04.2019. In this regard, a case DD No. 92A u/s 363 IPC, Dated 22.04.2019 has been registered at P.S. Narela, Delhi. The description of



the missing person is as under. Age: 35 Years, Complexion: Wheatish, Height: 5'1", Face: Round, Wearing: Orange colour T-shirt & black lower and Hawa Chappal in feet. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out him but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone has any information about the missing/kidnapped person then please inform P.S. Narela, Delhi at following Tel No. / e-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in and Website: http://cbi.nic.in

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Sd/- S.H.O. P.S. Narela, Delh Ph. 011-27282350

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CSK RESTRICT DC TO 147/9

Bravo, Jadeja, Harbhajan & Chahar pick 2 wickets each to put Chennai on front foot

PNS ■ VISAKHAPATNAM

efending champions Chennai Super Kings dished out a clinical bowling effort to restrict Delhi Capitals to 147 for nine in the Qualifier 2 of the Indian Premier League, here on Friday.

Dwayne Bravo (2/19), Ravindra Jadeja (2/23), Deepak Chahar (2/28) and Harbhajan Singh (2/31) shared eight wickets between them to keep DC in check after opting to bowl

check after opting to bowl.

Sent into bat, DC made a shaky start with Prithvi Shaw (5) and Shikhar Dhawan (18 off 14) adding 21 runs in 2.3 overs before the former was caught plumb in front of the wicket by Chahar.

Shaw's dismissal opened the floodgates as DC lost three wickets in quick time to slump to 75 for four in 11.3 overs. Dhawan was the next to

depart, caught by Mahendra Singh Dhoni off Harbhajan and then Colin Munro (27) was holed at deep square-leg by Bravo off Jadeja as the South African went for a slog sweep.

Skipper Shreyas Iyer (13 of 18) tried to anchor the innings but he too fell while going for a big shot, caught by Suresh Raina off Imran Tahir (1/28) in the 12th

PNS ■ NEW DELHI



Chennai Super Kings skipper Mahendra Singh Dhoni caught Shikhar Dhawan behind the wickets during IPL season 12 second qualifier dame at Visakhaoatnam on Friday. The winner of qualifier 2 will face Mumbai Indians in the tournament's decider on Sunday IPL/Twitter

YOUTH & EXPERIENCE MADE BIG DIFFERENCE: GANGULY

I was the captain of the team at

a very young age and so was VVS

Laxman, in the years from 1999

to 2012, and it all made us good

players. This is an excellent situ-

ation for Delhi Capitals to grow

and become immensely good at

The team already has

their game as a unit."

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To make matters worse for DC, new man in Axar Patel departed in the next over, hitting a short delivery of Bravo straight to Tahir at third man.

Rishabh Pant (38 off 25) and Sherfane Rutherford (10) shared 22 runs for the sixth wicket but CSK didn't allow the Delhi outfit to get any momentum, picking up wickets at regular intervals to rattle their innings.

Rutherford became Harbhajan's second victim, followed by Keemo Paul who was cleaned up by Bravo's perfect yorker in the 18th over.

The onus was on hard-hitting Pant to take DC to a challenging total but he too failed to cope up with the pressure, caught by Bravo at long-on off Chahar.

Towards the end, Amit Mishra (6 not out) and Ishant Sharma (10 not out off 3 balls) used their long handles to great effect and struck some lusty blows to take the Delhi side close to the 150-run mark.

fully to win a match when given

the responsibility? Look how

Jonny Bairstow and Prithvi

Shaw have played, Shaw who

won us the match against

a player and to channelize that

talent - the most important

thing in this VIVO IPL format

"Talent is very important in

Kolkata Knight Riders.

under lights is quite challenging because the whole atmosphere changes, the way wind blows with the light and the way ball travels on the field. So, there is a lot difference from a day game," she added.

Krishnamurthy urged the BCCI to schedule more matches under lights so that the players can acclimatize with all

Veda demands more D/N games for women

PTI ■ JAIPUR

Indian leg-spinner Veda Krishnamurthy has urged the BCCI to organise more day-night matches for the country's women cricketers as it will not just bring in the crowds but also ensure that players don't drop catches due to unfamiliarity with playing under lights.

Krishnamurthy's Velocity lost to Supernovas by 12 runs on Thursday in a women's T20 Challenge match. The 26-year-old tweaker said the women are not particularly familiar with playing under lights and that reflected in their

under lights and that reflected in their fielding, especially catches.

"Not playing under the lights is the reason for dropped catches. While practicing at the academy ground we had found it difficult to sight the ball because it was dipping in. So it was really difficult to pick the ball," said Krishnamurthy.

"Actually if you look at it, playing under lights is quite challenging

Krishnamurthy urged the **BCCI** to schedule more matches under lights so that the players can acclimatize with all playing conditions

playing conditions. Most of the women's matches are scheduled dur-

"I think it is very important. At least if we start playing T20s in the evening, it will bring in more crowds. If we are promoting it and putting up a show, I would like more people to come," she added.

Young India opener Jemimah Rodrigues, who struck an unbeaten 77, also echoed her India teammate's

"We should start it with our domestic season. We have hardly been playing under the lights. Even in the matches in New Zealand or even the England series, we had morning games and our domestics are always from 10 am," she said.

"There is lot of difference when you play under the sun and under the lights. So I think the more domestic matches we play under lights, the more we will develop in our fielding and get better adapted," she added.

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SINGLES **RANI TO LEAD IN KOREA TOUR**

Former Indian skipper and Delhi Capitals advisor in this

year's IPL, Saurav Ganguly is

thoroughly impressed by Delhi

Capitals performance in this

year's IPL, where the side make

it to the play-offs for the first time

New Delhi: Striker Rani Rampal returns to lead a 18member Indian women's hockey team for the threematch series against Korea, starting on May 20, Hockey India announced on Friday. Goalkeeper Savita will be deputy to Rani, who returns after missing Malaysia tour due to injury, in the team under chief coach Spoerd Marijne. The matches will help the Indian team in preparing for the FIH Women's Series Finals, which is scheduled to be held from June 15-23 in Hiroshima, Japan. Savita and Rajani Etimarpu will be guarding the goalpost in while defender Gurjit Kaur makes a return to the team. Salima Tete, Sunita Lakra, Deep Grace Ekka, Karishma Yadav and Sushila Chanu Pukhrambam are the other defenders, while Monika, Navjot Kaur, Nikki Pradhan, Neha Goyal and Lilima Minz will command the midfield for India. Captain Rani will be joined by Vandana Katariya, Lalremsiami, Jyoti and Navneet Kaur in attack.

ANKITA MOVES TO SEMIFINALS IN LUAN New Delhi: India's Ankita Raina quelled a strong challenge from lower-ranked Eudice Wong Chong to make it to the singles semifinals of the \$ 60,000 ITF women's event here on Friday. The second seeded Indian, ranked 175, came back from a one-set deficit to beat her Hong Kong rival 2-6, 6-4, 7-5 in a nearly two-hour long quarterfinal. "It was a tough match, happy that I pulled off this one. In first set she started well and was not missing much. When I moved her around, I started coming back, so I persisted with the strategy," Ankita said from Luan. "She played really well. I enjoyed the match and was in control in second and third sets," the 26-year-old added. Ankita now has a chance to make her third final of the season as she faces seventh seed Chinese Shuyue

INDIA WIN 3-0 AGAINST AUS A

SHEIKH RECORDS PERFECT OPENING DAY CHANGWON: India's Sheeraz Sheikh recorded a perfect 50 out of 50 in the men's skeet competition to jointly lead a strong field of 84 shotgun shooters in the ongoing World Cup here on Friday and inch closer to an Olympic quota. The other three shooters at the top of the field are from Kuwait, Argentina and Norway. Mairaj Ahmad Khan, the only other Indian in the competition after Angad Bajwa pulled out due to health issues, shot 49 to also be favourably placed in seventh position with three more rounds of qualification to go on Saturday, before the top six finalists are identified. Sheeraz and Mairaj are aiming for the two Tokyo 2020 Olympic quota places on offer in the event, besides medals of course. Earlier, in the women's skeet, youngster Ganemat Shekhon shot a score of 115 out of a maximum 125 to end her

qualification campaign in 21st spot.

Smith 91 scripts Aussie win

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"When Rashid joined Sunrisers Hyderabad, he was a

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IPL is an extremely high-pres-

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times have we seen an Afghan

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Sandeep

Cricket or an ODI, play beauti- is that you need to play freely."

AFP BRISBANE

Capitals, in his discussion with

long-time former India teammate VVS Laxman on *Maruti Suzuki*

Cricket LIVE show on Star Sports

Network, 'Dada' shared his take.

Riders and Pune Warriors India

players said, "Our team has the

perfect mixture of experience and

The former Kolkata Knight

Cteve Smith plundered an unbeatn 91 and Glenn Maxwell hit on Friday before bad light stopped play, with Australia winning their final warm-up game before leaving for England to defend their World Cup title.

the difference this time for the big difference to the entire game.

They were handed victory by five wickets courtesy of the Duckworth/Lewis/Stern method after amassing 248 for five off 44 overs in reply to an under-strength New Zealand's 286 for nine from 50

It was another fine knock from former skipper Smith, batting at three, who made his return to Australian colours this week from a year-long ban for ball-tampering.

It followed his 89 not out in the second of the three-match series in Brisbane, which do not count as full internationals, on Wednesday.

But David Warner, who was in imperious touch during the Indian Premier League, flopped again in opening the innings, out for two to follow his duck and 39 in the series. Like Smith, Maxwell has been

PTI ■ MELBOURNE

balls to go with the quick-fire 52 he made on Wednesday.

For New Zealand, the unheralded Will Young smashed his sec-

ond century in a row, mastering a

in good touch, pounding 70 off 48 top-notch Australian attack led by Pat Cummins and Mitchell Starc.

The 26-year-old, who is uncapped and not part of New Zealand's World Cup squad, fol-lowed up a classy 130 on

ton with a pull for six over mid-He eventually fell to Marcus

Stoinis for 111.

Wednesday by reaching another

While this week's series was unofficial, his tally of 301 is just shy of the New Zealand record for a three-match one-day series, held by Martin Guptill who scored 330 against England in 2013.

Opener George Worker chipped in with 59, while Cummins was the best of the bowlers, taking

was the best of the bowlers, taking 4-32 off eight overs.
Cummins and Starc, who took

one wicket, were playing together for the first time in three months as the latter returns from injury.

Australia won the series 2-1, claiming a close opening game at Allan Border Field by one wicket while their trans-Tasman rivals bounced back to easily take the second by seven wickets.

Australia play two more warmup matches at Southampton, against England and Sri Lanka, later this month before opening their World Cup campaign against Afghanistan in Bristol on June 1.

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start. Six guys, who have been there

(2015) and done that will give a lot

of experience to the others of

what to expect, what to feel walk-

ing out there because it is different,"

Justin Langer has said that Steve

Smith is in the "best physical con-

dition of his life." Langer said one

of Smith's goals when he started

serving his one-year ban was to

Meanwhile, Australia coach

"You have to be at your best at

"I think it's a big advantage, just

to win one.

Finch said.

Broad excited by 'summer

of our generation'



first time in a calender year

AFP ■ LONDON

Stuart Broad believes the England team have a once in a lifetime opportunity as the country prepares to play host to both a men's World Cup and Ashes this year.

For the first time since the inaugural men's World Cup in 1975, England will be staging the two biggest events in its international calendar — the 50-over global showpiece and a Test series against Australia — in the same home season.

"It's awesome, the summer of our generation," England paceman Broad said on Thursday. "What an opportunity for the game to grow and

"I look back to when I was a kid, you get inspired by big series like World Cups and the Ashes," explained Broad.

"That's the added pressure on us as players," the four-time Ashes-winner said. "We can make this a summer to remember by winning tro-

No England men's team have yet won a one-day World Cup, with the 2010 World Twenty20 their lone International Cricket Council trophy.

But Eoin Morgan's side, currently involved in a series with Pakistan, are now top of the men's one-day international rankings.

Broad, now a Test special-

to feature Jason Roy, Jonny Bairstow, Joe Root, Morgan, Ben Stokes, Jos Buttler and Moeen Ali surpasses any England have had in limited overs cricket. "It's the men's best ever

ODIs, believes a top order set

chance to win a 50-over World Cup," he said.
"I've never seen a

(England) ODI team go in with the quality this one has got, particularly in the batting, the top seven.'

ALL THE TOOLS'

While the victorious 2005 Ashes skipper Michael Vaughan added: "This England side have got all the tools required to win.

"They are a lot better (at one-day cricket)," said former England captain. "We weren't good enough — that's a fact.'

"I just think this England group, for the past four years since the last World Cup have had a clear definition of the plan. In the past, we've kind of arrived at a World Cup just hoping 'Freddie' (Andrew Flintoff) might just produce a magic day, or KP (Kevin Pietersen) might do something, or back in the day Alec Stewart might get you off to a good start.

"This team have got a real clear plan for every person's role in the side. You go from 1-11 and you could argue that every single player could get in another team.'

PERTH: Young striker Sumit Kumar Jr struck a brace after comeback-man Rupinder Pal Singh opened the scoring as India's men's hockey thumped Australia 'A' 3-0, here on Friday. Drag-flicker Rupinder, competing after nearly eight-month injury layoff, scored in the the sixth minute to give the visitors the lead. Sumit found the back of the net in the 12th and 13th minutes, helping India win their second game in a row. "It was a very good first quarter with the basics right. After a 3-0 lead, it was important we stayed focused on the process. The second and third quarter was tight. I was happy with the things we have been working on, we created a lot of opportunities and I believe we can still do better in our finishing," Indian chief coach, Graham Reid said.

Steve Smith's "timing and class" back and it seems that he had never left the Australian set-up, skipper Aaron Finch said on Friday as the national team gears up for the World Cup on a war-footing. Back after a year's suspension

for his involvement in ball-tampering scandal, Smith was scratchy during IPL but found his mojo back with unbeaten 89 and 91 against New Zealand in two warm-

"His [Smith] timing and class was back again," Finch was quot-

ed as saying by ESPN Cricinfo.
"It was like he hadn't left. His drives down the ground on a really difficult wicket to time off the front foot was so impressive, just the amount of time he spent in the middle and how he went through the gears was very impressive," Australian skipper said.

Finch is happy that both Smith and David Warner have done incredible work during their time off the field which is showing off. Warner finished his IPL campaign with 692 runs.

"They are two of the best players in the world which is valuable to have at your disposal. The boys have been brilliant, all the work off

Smith has got his timing & class back: Finch



the field with the team has been great. It's an interesting time, no doubt, when they are coming back in but still a great opportunity for everyone to learn off them as well. They have so much experience and

what they bring to the group is really valuable. With the likes of Smith,

return to the squad in better phys-Warner and Mitchell Starc in the line-up, the skipper is confident that they will regain the trophy as

ical shape. The 48-year-old former opener said that Smith has certainly done that in his time out.

ist after appearing in 121



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EVERY CHILD IS IMPORTANT: KAREENA





ANYBODY CAN MAKE YOU CRY, BUT ONLY CERTAIN PEOPLE CAN MAKE YOU LAUGH

Humour can be better understood by knowing the differences in various cultures, ethnicities or the lifestyles of people who are different from others. In the day and age of multicultural workplaces, schools and colleges, it is vital to be fairly informed about the idiosyncrasies of different cultures and ethnic backgrounds, writes **TEAM VIVA**

nybody can make you cry, but only certain people can make you laugh. Laughter releases endorphins, which make us feel good about ourselves and others. This good feeling creates a bond between two people and imbues a sense of togetherness in groups. The Golden Rule of friendship states that if you make people feel good about themselves, they will like you—and laughter does just that. It makes you feel good about yourself and the person who triggered your laughter.

A good sense of humour and the ability to make others laugh go hand in hand and neither is possible without the other. Regularly practising the tips given below will arm you with the wit, sarcasm and everything that else that you need to learn how to develop a good sense of humour and use it to make someone laugh – Not at you, but with you

A relatively easy way to engage in humour is to keep up with the latest buzz and things that are trending. This includes catching up on the latest memes, satire and silly news stories.

Having a good sense of humour is not only about being able to make others laugh, but also being able to understand witty jokes yourself.

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Being too uptight in social scenarios, expecting others to behave in a particular way or taking offence easily can become roadblocks in understanding humour.

Laughing at yourself will arm you with the ability to decipher between things that are funny and the things that are dull and hearing the sile of the are dull and boring. It will also help you draw the line between being sarcastical-

ly funny and sounding rude.

Creating original humour is more about picking up incidents from everyday life and giving them a comic twist. In mundane everyday situations, humour may not lie explicitly on the surface. But its true value is showcased when someone has the sense and understanding to

Observing everyday situations can be as simple as watching how passengers behave while commuting on a train, the expressions they make and the kind of banter they engage in.

Soon enough, you will get into the habit of effortlessly plucking out the comical and funny side of situations that may seem mundane on the surface.

Sticky conversations and awkward situations are not the best place to be in, but they can be made easier with a dash of witty humor, which also serves as a good icebreaker. The trick is to think on

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your feet and say something funny with-

out being offensive.

Pull out a humorous trump card from the repertoire of witty anecdotes that you may have experienced yourself. Use them as a tool to steer and manipulate conversations your way. The art of getting out of awkward situations with

funny lines is a part and parcel of having a good sense of humor.

Increase your vocabulary and have a strong grip over your play of words when you are trying to make someone laugh. Using the right words will help you hit the tender funny bone, whether it is to create ambiguity in meaning, a pun on

words or a double entendre.

A good sense of humour and a strong command over language are of little value if the timing of a joke goes wrong. Knowing when to say something is as important as knowing what to say. It is highly situational so the best way to find out is to learn from experience.

Every time you say something funny in an attempt to make someone laugh, judge the reaction and think "Would it have been funnier if I'd said it earlier/later?" As you make attempts to equip yourself with the skills to be funnier, this deliberate introspection will help you time your humor to perfection.

The ability to make people laugh is something that is cultivated over time and eventually, should come naturally. It is not something that can be picked up overnight. Like a true learner, try to soak up the above tips. Develop a witty sense of humour before you deliberately attempt to crack one joke after another.

Allow observation and experience to take its course and play along with life's funny moments. The key is to develop a knack of being able to bring a smile on someone's face. Don't try too hard, else your attempts may go from dull and boring to just plain obnoxious.

Humor doesn't tickle everyone's funny bone. What is funny to one person may not be funny to another. Many times what you think is funny is not perceived as funny when you say it out loud, and misunderstood humour can quickly kill fledging relationships. The safest humour is self-deprecating humor, when you make fun of yourself, few, if any, people are offended. Self-deprecating humor should not impugn your character, but focus on your unique behaviors, experiences, or missteps. Disclosing missteps that don't demean your character can add to your likability because minor mistakes humanise a speaker.

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KANGANA RANAUT

After a debut with Grey Goose last year at Cannes Film Festival, I am looking forward to represent Indian cinema here. I made many memories. It was all about having fun and celebrating Indian cinema while living the Grey Goose lifestyle. You are worthy of only the best and this association is in perfect sync to my ideas.



KAREENA KAPOOR KHAN

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This Mother's Day, I want to pledge to keep all the children alive. Every child, wherever, and in whatever condition they are born, they should stay alive and that is where the UNICEF #EveryChildAlive campaign comes in. It is important to make people understand the importance of children's health and immunisation.



VAANI KAPOOR

Aerial pilates really helps in improving one's flexibility and postures to near perfection. I wanted to take this on to challenge my fitness level. It is an extremely fun way of working out and I'm thoroughly enjoying my sessions. It's pushing my body to places that I have never taken it before and I'm loving the adrenaline rush.



CIRCUITS -

KATRINA KAIF

I stuck to yoga and some stretching exercises to stay fit. She (her character in *Bharat*) works in a hot, sweaty employ ment exchange in Delhi. I had to display the mindset of a single woman battling it out in a man's world back then. For 20 days of the schedule, I behaved like Kumud. Even after pack-up, I lived in this bubble; sticking to the way Kumud talks and stays.

ANNE HATHAWAY

Improv is not my strong suit, especially when try ing to stay in an accent. I went from thinking my coming film would be a fun comedy job where I got to wear many outfits and say clever things about being mistreated by men to (doing) hard work in two areas that don't come easily.



VERVE 60 MINUTES

Italian Michelin chef BEPPE DE VITO whizzed in and out of India but left behind a trail of a smooth whisky finish with his six-course dinner. Yes, there was Italian food too. Rinku Ghosh was at the table to witness a cuisine innovation that's changing our familiar experiences for the future

this — a combination of lobster, pumpkin and fermented truffle had with a 15-year-old single malt. Clearly it defied all logic, grammar and imagination till a tentative nibble here and a shy sip there resulted in an unknown explosion of flavours. It all came together, the luscious prawns embedded in translucent tortelli, with a relish of Delica pumpkins, all caramelised and buttery, lifted like a magic carpet with the heather honey and vanilla fudge feel of the Glenfiddich 15 year-old. The lingering trail of sweetness left by each is the reason that the juicy lobster bursts forth in a gush of sealed-in flavours.

We never imagined the humble eggplant as an accompaniment of an 18-yearold single malt. Yet who would have thought that its warming and fruity aromatics and finish would invest the vegetable with such character and lend it

enough courage to wipe off the smoked yolk sitting coyly around it? Such is the artistry by chef restaurateur Beppe De Vito, the Michelin-starred chef of his signature kitchen Braci, which has become somewhat of a Singaporean benchmark.

Beppe De Vito's passion for food first began to take form while he was still a child, living in Italy and working at his neighbourhood cafe. All he remembers from those days is how we would source fresh, the fruit from a tree, the fish from a river, meat freshly cut by the butcher...something that

dominates his produce-based kitchen even now. From then it was an around the world trip where he imbibed the spirit of a global traveller, collecting rich experiences and distilling them into his food. And it is because he values every distinct encounter that his commitment to his craft shines through, be it in the menu, to the design, service, the plating and beyond. So it is that on his India trip, he got the yeast which had been cultured for over 2,000 years in Italy to make a crispy, crunchy bread. And he loves not only serving food but reading your reaction to it. Over the years, he has had the opportunity to personally cook for local distinguished guests, which includes the late founding Prime Minster Lee Kuan Yew, President Tony Tan, Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong, as well as foreign VIPs, such as former President Bush, Sting and many more. He has also collaborated on multiple four-hands dinners with respected Michelin star chefs from all over the world, from Chef Massimo Bottura (3 Michelin star), Chef Andrea Berton (2 Michelin star), Chef Tom Sellers (1 Michelin star), and world-renowned Chef Tetsuya Wakuda. But clearly he is not looking at VIPs. "They come to our restaurants always. Honestly, I am looking for someone who is just coming for fine dining for the first time ever and I can impress the person and that person will remember it forever," says the maestro, who has made science look artful as never before.

Normally Italian food and flavours are always complemented with wine. People have that expectation... how difficult was it to work on a combination with whisky? What was the logic in your pairing as it seemed to work on similarities rather than contrasts?

I am always looking for new ways to exper-

learly, we weren't prepared for iment with unconventional ingredients. I have experimented with whisky pairings in the past and I find the flavours very versatile, which is why I enjoy using it so much. People have set expectations when it comes to Italian food especially, and to me, this is where I like to have fun and challenge people's perceptions. When trying out new components, I always ask myself "how can this elevate my dishes" and "how does this take my cuisine to the next level?"

> You've always blended your home country traditions into your food with hints and accents. Do you think progressive cuisine can actually save cooking traditions more effectively?

> Traditions work well to set the foundations and essence of any strong cuisine but that does not mean they alone should define or limit a chef. Rather, they should be used as an inspirational tool for elevation. To

> > by exemplifying them through a conte lens in a way that brings out a dish's full potential. This has always been the approach I have taken with my cuisine and one of the driving forces that conceptualised Braci as our culinary playground — creating a space where we could really dive into our craft and push the boundaries of the perceptions of Italian gastronomy. I focus on the essence of our very own version of Italian cuisine,

which we are constantly dissect-

me, modern Italian cuisine is one that honours classic traditions

ing and reinventing, through a contemporary lens. This keeps the spark of curiosity alive with diners, without comromising our identity and to me, is key to successful progressive cuisine —keeping traditions alive but constantly evolving.

What shaped your food logic while growing up? What are your inspirations? Any anecdotes to share?

My experiences at home, learning and observing the way people react to each dish. I find myself inspired by the places I've lived, the places I've travelled to and the different cultures I had the opportunity to learn about.

Nobody would usually think of a lobster with pumpkin relish... how much time and research goes into working these

combinations in your menu? My eyes and mind are always open for new ways to be inspired. I get many customers coming to me and telling me how intrigued they are with some of the combinations of my dishes. Inspiration is not much of an issue for me, but the execution does take a little more thought and experimentation. With my cuisine at Braci, I really do look for ways to keep things as simple as possible when it comes to presentation and the number of components of my dishes, but it is important to me that each element of my dishes makes a powerful impact, which is why I like to experiment with unusual combinations. The process can be lengthy at times but it is always rewarding once you've created something that makes customers light up.

How do you adapt your dishes to local ingredients while travelling? Any Indian spices or dish that may have caught your fancy?

I am always inspired by my travels. New sights, smells, sounds, conversations and emotions. I am inspired by everything; tra-



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and, of course, how cultures respect their produce. Japan, in particular, is a place that I always find myself going back to — I love the respect the people have for seasonal and quality ingredients and is something I very much ascribe to in my own cuisine and Italian traditions. The Japanese minimalist philosophy is also something I find myself reinforcing. Sometimes a dish can appear simple, elegant and beautiful, but there is so much technique behind it, and it is definitely quality over quantity when it comes to this school of thought. Japan is one of my favourite locations to travel. I will go there six-seven times a year and always come back with new ideas and ingredients I want to implement in my dishes, which is why our menu is continually evolving.

I like to adapt elements from travels within my cuisine in a way that makes a dish their own as opposed to fusion cuisine. To me, inspiration is about taking in the best from all around you and making things your own. We didn't use any Indian spice in our menu but we had the opportunity to learn about some fantastic spices in India and will incorporate this knowledge for future recipes. Before returning to Singapore, we went to a spice bazaar and bought quite a bunch, including green and black cardamom. Green cardamom is very hard to find in Singapore. We also took back saffron and star anise, which is much sweeter and aromatic than ingredients used in Italian cuisine.

Which cuisine in the world would you say comes closest to the perfect sensory and finding ways to use sustainable cooking parts to make a tart pesto.

ditions, flavours, sourcing of ingredients nutritional balance?

Italian and Japanese. Especially the cuisine from southern Italy, which is always seasonal, uses only fresh ingredients, is light and well-balanced.

With a Lancet study predicting a shortage of livestock and animal protein by 2050 and advising rationing, how will the way we eat food change? As a chef, where do you see the global food movement

heading to? We are living in a fascinating time for food; faced with challenges and innovations that we've never seen before. People these days are now open to more options than ever when it comes to cuisines, diets and even sustainability, all of which have a role to play in the global food movement. Sustainability, in particular, is something I foresee becoming very popular in the culinary world and is something that we are already implementing at Braci

methods in ways that elevate our dishes. For example, our popular Roasted Pigeon with Green Asparagus and Sumac is made

by utilising the whole bird. With meatless movements becoming so prominent, I have also made it a point to provide vegetarian and vegan options across all of my menus, without compromising on quality and to me, that is an opportunity to get creative.

What is your guilty pleasure and what is your at-home meal?

Caviar. On very special occasions I feed it to my children as well. Otherwise, we eat quite simply, but always organic with a lot of different vegetables and good Japanese brown rice.

How do you make the most humble vegetable exotic?

You must know your produce inside out and never turn your nose up on ingredients. The simplest things in life turn out to be the most incredible, and the same goes with food. You have to find ways to make ingredients bring out the best out of each other, and even the most humble vegetable can have one element within it that can be transformed and reinvented. It can also do the same for the most prestigious of ingredients. It is important to keep your mind open to everything when it comes to produce and elevating cuisine — the most humble vegetable could be a hidden

A good trick is to create several textures from the same ingredient. For instance, we may cut the best part and blanch it or grill it while making a creamy sauce with the trimmings, and pickle other



ARTISTRY 45 MINUTES

NOT JUST A ROOM

Designers and architects tell us that garage, even if it has one or more cars in it, can pull double-duty as a gym, a crafting space and even a place to socialise

hat if your home had a spare room you'd never noticed before? Your garage, even if it has one or more cars in it, can pull double-duty as a gym, a crafting room and even a place to socialise. Designers and architects tell us

that gaining more living space with-out putting an addition on your house can make the effort worth-while, even if it means investing in things like upgraded lighting, floor-ing and heating. We shouldn't be "treating the garage as a big box," says Bethesda, Maryland-based architect Jim Rill. "Make it another room. It's a lost opportunity if you

Marina Case, founder of the Warwick, New York-based design firm The Red Shutters, agrees, "A garage," she says, "can be anything you need it to be." We've asked Rill, Case and interior designer Anna Maria Mannarino of New Jerseybased Mannarino Designs for advice on creating a well-organised garage that can also function as a flexible spare room.

FLOORS AND WALLS

Upgrading the look and feel of your garage can start at the bottom: Paint

the floor, says Case. Painting a cement floor a dark taupe or gray can have a big impact, she says, or choose an even bolder colour. "You'll feel like you're in this fresh,

fun space," she says.

But do test the colour by painting a piece of foam core that's at least a few square feet, she says, and leav-

a few square feet, she says, and feaving it on the garage floor for a few
days to make sure you like it.

Another option: Showroom
flooring is available for as little as \$5
per foot, says Rill. And if you won't be parking cars in the garage and are instead using it as a "man cave or a she-shed," Mannarino says, consider upgrading the flooring with something you'd normally use inside the house. Walls come next, "Why is the garage always just a drywall box?" Rill asks.

If your garage walls aren't sheetrocked, Mannarino says you can add that and give it a coat of paint. Or put up paneling, Rill says, making it easier to hang items like rakes or hoses. You can add a flat hanging system that includes space for hanging baskets and brackets for shelves. Many closet-design brands offer flat systems that will hold heavy outdoor items.

If you prefer freestanding storage along the walls, add several tall,



sturdy shelving units. You can line them with large, clear bins neatly labelled or fancier storage bins, Case says. Or go an extra step and have built-in cabinetry installed.

And if your garage ceiling is high and has ample space away from

where the garage door opens, consider adding storage on the ceiling, Mannarino says.

"It gives you that much more real estate," she says. But don't cut corners: Have ceiling shelving or storage racks mounted properly by

a professional.

HEATING AND LIGHTING

If your garage gets cold in the winter, you can add a separate heating system that's inexpensive to run. These "mini-split" heating systems

can be turned on only when you're that an open garage can be a great spending time in the garage. Adding insulation also helps control the climate, making the garage feel more like an indoor room. And don't settle for a bare bulb in the ceiling. Replacing it with a larger, more attractive fixture can dramatically change the way a garage feels.

ENTERTAINING OPTIONS

Although it's common to have a workshop in a garage, and many people use the space for messy crafting projects or as a home gym, a garage can also become an enter-tainment space. If you're a car enthusiast who works on a vintage car or hotrod, Rill says, why not use part of your garage as a place to hang out with friends talking about cars? Case suggests adding a bar area with comfortable seating, even if it's small, to make the garage an inviting place to hang out with guests. You can also hang up a flat-screen TV and add a refrigerator.

Rill has a vintage cooler, reclaimed from a supermarket, in his garage for soft drinks, water and beer. It's used all summer when the family is outdoors. Along with year-round entertaining inside a garage, these designers point out

place to set up a buffet table during

an outdoor summer party.

Case suggests adding ceilingmounted tracks for curtains in an indoor/outdoor material like Sunbrella, so you can draw them behind a serving table in your open garage. Barn doors or other types of upgraded garage door can make the space more attractive and accessible during parties. And upgrading your garage door does more than just add beauty to the exterior of your home, Mannarino says. It also gives you the option of adding more windows, bringing natural light into your garage.

IS THERE AN ATTIC?

Many detached garages have a tiny second-floor attic or loft space, Rill says. Even if its ceiling is low, that space can become a furnished clubhouse for younger kids, a place to practice musical instruments or even a cozy guest suite.

On one garage project, Rill replaced the solid wooden ceiling in a large detached garage with a perforated metal floor. That gave added natural light to the attic space above, which was then transformed into a kids' clubhouse.

– CELEB TALK 15 MINUTES —

'Won't play a role unless I'm convinced'

Actress PATRALEKHAA's role in Badnaam Gali was physically exhausting due to shooting in the city's scorching heat

A ctress Patralekhaa, who features in the forth-coming film Badnaam Gali alongside Divyendu Sharma, says the dull phase in her career has taught her not to live on someone's mercy and only sign up for films she is convinced with.

Patralekhaa of Citylights fame said, "One of the most important lessons that I have learnt from the tough phase of my career is that if I am not convinced, I won't play the character. I think for a performer, for an actor, co tion is one of the most important elements and if I am not fully convinced, it shows in my performance.

"So from now on, every-thing I will do, I will do it with conviction. Also I have stopped taking nonsense from people because we actors are here by choice and we cannot be on anybody's mercy... No one should make us feel insecure or vulnerable just because an artiste has a sensitive

Releasing on the OTT platform ZEE5 on Friday, the film Badnaam Gali tells the story of a young surrogate mother named Noyonika Ganguly, played by the actress.

The film was shot in Delhi. "We shot in summer. The temperature was around



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42 degrees and I was wearing know I have played a pregnant girl. It was physically exhausting under that heat. I was sweating all over and I was getting tired, but everything was worth it when we saw the end result," she said.
Asked about how the

story of a surrogate mother has become acceptable for the audience, she said: "The good thing is that time is changing. An unmarried preg-nant girl is always a taboo in the society and that is why earlier when actresses like Preity Zinta did that film Kya Kehna, it was an example.

"Now it is great to see that the audience is receptive towards these kind of stories. That is how actors like us are getting chances to work on good stories. I always choose

Who let the dogs out?

my films as an audience because I am the first audience of my film. Though it is a story told in a lighter manner, it raises some important questions. She is a surrogate mother, an independent girl with a very unapologetic attitude and how society treats her... Digital platforms really have given us the opportunity to some of these progressive stories."

After Badnaam Gali,

Patralekhaa has another film in her kitty. It is directed by Pradeep Sarkar, and the actress says it is quite dark and different. "We have room for versatility too," she said.

Starting her career in Bollywood with the film CityLights, Patralekhaa has also appeared in the web series Bose: Dead/Alive.

She has been through few

years of struggle to get good film offers, though critics always praised her performance. While she has an inclination towards playing a strong woman on-screen, she knows that as an actor, she shouldn't say that "I only want to play such character.'

'Ýes, my character should have a strong opinion, but she could be vulnerable too. I think that is the intriguing point for me that I look for in every good script," added Patralekhaa. —IANS

SPROUTS NOW IN DUBAL



Artist Vibhor Sogani has unveiled Joy, a 30-feet tall installation at Dubai Creek Harbour, UAE. Depicted as a bouquet of balloons, the installation is envisioned as an ode to celebrating everything in life that is beautiful, joy-giving and unadulterated. It reflects the ever-changing environment as the passers-by could catch a glimpse of themselves in it. The project is an initiative by Art EMAAR.



STUDIO CHAT 30 MINUTES

Where did the inspiration for the film begin from?

The very first inspiration was when we made Fantastic Mr Fox, another animated movie which we shot at Bromley-By-Bow in East London. On the way, there was a sign at the road for the turnoff to the Isle of dogs, which is kind of an industrial island on the Thames. It always seemed very mysterious to me. I love dogs and I looked it up and it was supposedly the place where the king kept his hunting dogs in the 16th century (or something related) and that was the beginning of this movie, so I just hoped there's something in that for us, which was this. Then I went to Jason and Roman, my two good old friends and said I have this idea of of five dogs — Chief, King, Duke, Boss and Rach on a garbage dump islands — and that was all I had. I had that information and we had also been hoping to make a film together in Japan. So, we sort of mixed them together and suddenly we started to get some ideas.

Can you talk about the voice casting of this film because the voices are just beautiful. How did you take the final call for the voice

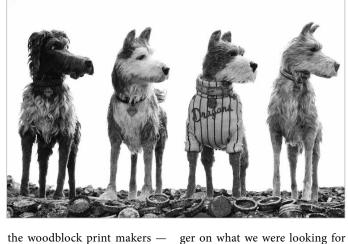
Filmmaker WES ANDERSON's first inspiration came from Japanese cinema for directing the Isle of Dogs. By Team VIVA bit different, for some parts are the people I have known or have been

following for years. We were auditioning people and seeing people like Akira. I didn't really know Akira has been in one other film and Koyu hasn't been in any other films and I just like their voices and performances; really casting them the way you cast an actor.

Could you talk about the researching put into the Japanese culture in this movie?

Well, I think our first inspiration was Japanese cinema, that's why we wanted to do a film and that was why we were thinking of Japan in the first place and for us it was Kurosawa and Miyazaki. Those were the two very different kind of filmmakers but those are the ones who were really inspiring t? us and making us want to make
Yes, well I think for some this story in the first place. The parts, the casting of every role is a other two masters I would say are





the woodblock print makers — Hiroshige and Hokusaiand those became our kind of guides as well. But all four of those artists, I can't really put my fin-

and what we were taking from them. It was more sort of steeping ourselves in their work, putting the pictures on the walls, sharing it and seeing how it came into our own

As a filmmaker, who makes animated films, why do you think we are so weary of animation as a medium that we can take seriously to tell adult stories?

Well, that's a very good question. My answer is just going to be exactly the same thing as yours. But here, I didn't put children into consideration, but only the families. Not the way we really steer a thing for an audience and for an age group. My earlier animated film was based on a book that was written with a particular age

group in mind, not ours. The film was not necessarily written that way but the book was. So we were working with something that I already had built. We didn't write this one with anybody in mind and as we went along every now and then, we asked ourselves, can we do this? Is it going to be alright and will people accept this? Since it's not really a children's film at all and for some children it might be disturbing. You know it has a PG-13 rating which animated films don't usually get and when it got that way it made sense to me because the dog hanged himself by his own

Correct me if I am wrong... were there three different sizes for every puppet?

You can't really break it down quite that way. What you have is based on what you need for some puppets. There is one scale and that's going to be sufficient for what this puppet needs to do but for other ones there are different sizes. If we are taking a very wide shot, we have some small puppets but I was always trying to push us in the direction of smaller scale. I liked the idea of using smaller puppets and having a larger scope to the set because that would include everything. Everybody said that we are going too small and I kept pushing it. However, I was wrong, we should have had bigger puppets because often it became very challenging to animate at that scale. We also reached a certain point where the puppet would not hold up at a long distance. In the frame, the puppet was not right and it turned out to be my fault. I had kept puppets smaller but then we had to at times produce larger scale puppets, change the schedule and so on... not that everybody is dying to hear the details of our scheduling process but it was quite complicated in the stop motion film.

(The show premieres on Star Movies Select HD on May 25.)

Football does not know about Brexit

Arsenal, Chelsea wins in Europa League semis to set all England final in both European elite competitions



Arsenal rise on Auba's hat-trick

AFP VALENCIA

rsenal will play Chelsea in the Europa League final after a Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang hat-trick ended Valencia's hopes of another dramatic European comeback on

Trailing 3-1 from the first leg, Valencia made the perfect start at Mestalla when Kevin Gameiro finished at the back post but goals from Aubameyang and Alexandre Lacazette left the home side needing four in 40

Gameiro scored again, sparking hopes of a revival to trump even the efforts of Liverpool and Tottenham this week, before Aubameyang hit his second and then completed a brilliant hat-

trick to seal a 4-2 win, 7-3 on aggregate. There will be a London derby for the final in Baku on May 29 and, for the first time in history, four English teams com-

"Our objective is clearly to go to the Champions League but also this is a trophy. It will not be

—Unai Emery

"I am only thinking to win something for this club. If it is my last game I will try to do everything. In my mind I don't know yet."

—Eden Hazard

"We played a very good first half. Then in the first part of the second half, we went in trouble. We were passive in the defensive phase, so we conceded the goal."

-Maurizio Sarri

peting in both the Champions League

and Europa League finals, with

Liverpool and Spurs meeting in Madrid

three days later. It also keeps alive Arsenal's chance of securing a place in the Champions League next season and, realisticallv. their last chance, given they need to overturn three points and an eight-goal swing on Tottenham in the Premier League this weekend.

Valencia had been relying

on the Europa League for Champions League qualification too, given they sit three points behind Getafe, who face a demoralised Barcelona on Sunday, with two games left in La

But over the two legs, Marcelino's team in either European final for the first side could have few complaints. They time since 2013, and only the second were second best at Emirates Stadium

places in the Champions League/European Cup and Europa League/UEFA Cup finals will be filled by

Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang is the first player to score a hat-trick in Europe for Arsenal since Lucas Perez away to Basel in the Champions

Luka Jovic has scored 10 goals in the Europa League this season; no player has netted more (level with Olivier Giroud)

Since his Arsenal debut in August 2017, Alexandre Lacazette has been directly involved in 50 goals for the club in all competitions, more than any other player (35 goals, 15 assists).

Eden Hazard has had a hand in 24 goals in 26 Tappearances at Stamford Bridge in 2018-19 (13 goals, 11

Ruben Loftus-Cheek has been Ruben LOTTUS-CITECH THAS BOOK directly involved in nine goals in his last 14 appearances for Chelsea (4 goals, 5 assists); as many as in his previous 45 games for the

and defensively frantic here. Arsenal, usually so fragile away from home, picked them off with ease as Aubameyang and Lacazette, boasting 48 goals between them this season, proved themselves to be a firstclass attack in a second-tier competition.

Auba was unbelievable tonight," Lacazaette told

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"Congratulations to Arsenal," said Marcelino. 'They had a bigger punch.' There will also be no Spanish

Kepa shines in shoot-out drama

Kepa Arrizabalaga was Chelsea's hero as the Spanish goalkeeper sent his side to the Europa League final with two penalty saves in a dramatic 4-3 shoot-out win against Eintracht Frankfurt on

Thursday.

Chelsea took the lead in the semi-final second leg thanks to Ruben Loftus-Cheek's first half strike at Stamford Bridge.

But Luka Jovic equalised soon after the interval as a tense clash finished 1-1 after extra time and 2-2 on aggre-

Cesar Azpilicueta's penal-ty was saved by Kevin Trapp in the shoot-out, but Kepa kept out Martin Hinteregger's effort and then turned away Goncalo Paciencia before Eden Hazard slotted home the decisive kick to spark wild celebrations.

It was a sweet moment of redemption for Kepa after he was widely criticised for his astonishing mutiny in the League Cup final against Manchester City when he refused to be substituted before the Blues lost on penal-

Hazard also relished his crucial contribution in what could be his last kick at the Bridge amid rumours of a close-season move to Real Madrid.

"I am only thinking to win something for this club," said Hazard when asked if the final will be his last game for

"If it is my last game I will try to do everything. In my



Kept Arrizabalaga saves the penalty shot during shoot out

mind I don't know yet." Having already qualified for next season's Champions League when they guaranteed

Premier League last weekend, Chelsea can bring an uplifting end to Sarri's troubled first season in charge by lifting the a top-four finish in the Europa League.

Willian desperate for **Hazard to stay at Chelsea**

AFP ■ LONDON

Willian says Chelsea have refused to give up hope that talisman Eden Hazard will be at Stamford Bridge next season, with the Belgian apparently edging closer to a move to Real Madrid.

The Belgium forward is expected to join Real in a big-money move this summer, but his Brazilian teammate Willian continues to hope otherwise.

Asked if Hazard's decisive penalty could prove his last kick at Stamford Bridge, Willian replied: "I don't know, I don't think so.

"For me I hope he stays, but in football you never know. I think his head is here, to play for Chelsea. Then after he's finished the season maybe he can talk about his "I don't know anything about him leaving so for me

I hope he can stay. He's very important, a special player, he's very important for us, he helps us a lot.

"And he's one of the best players in the world." Hazard appears close to sealing his Madrid move, with his Chelsea contract expiring next summer and the Blues understood to be holding out for £100 million (\$130 mil-

Neymar banned for 3 matches

Paris Saint-Germain striker Neymar was banned for three matches on Friday with a further two-match ban suspended for lashing out at a fan following the club's shock defeat in the French Cup final.

Announcing the ban, the French football federation said the sanction would go into effect from May 13 allowing the Brazilian superstar to appear for the French champions against Angers in Ligue 1 on Saturday.

But he will miss the last two games of the domestic season and the French Champions Trophy pitting PSG against their cup final conquerors winners Rennes in Shenzhen, China in August.



sive opposing fan while climbing the steps to receive his French Cup final losers medal

Rennes on penalties last month. Meanwhile, Neymar has

ppealed against another ban, this time a three-match Champions League ban imposed by European football's governing body UEFA . He was punished for an

angry outburst at match officials of PSG's last-16 tie against Manchester United in March. PSG lost following a last-

minute penalty award to the Premier League side after a VAR review of a disputed handall appeal.

Neymar did not play in the match through injury but took to social media to call the penalty award a "scandal" and accuse the VAR referees of incompetence.

Klopp's men trail Manchester City by one point at the top of the table and need the champions' 13-game winning run to come to an end at Brighton if they are to win the league. Liverpool are in high spirits after a stunning 4-0 win

League final. Klopp confirmed Roberto Firmino remains out with a groin tear as Wolves visit Anfield. Klopp said he hopes the Brazilian will be ready for the Champions League final against Tottenham on June 1.

Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp hopes to have Mohamed Salah, Andy Robertson and Jordan

Henderson fit for Sunday's

Premier League finale against

Wolves as the Reds aim to end

a 29-year wait to win the title.

over Barcelona on Tuesday

booked their place in a second

consecutive Champions

Salah missed the



Barcelona game after suffering concussion in a 3-2 win at Newcastle last weekend.

"Mo looked good around the celebrations after the game, to be honest," said

and yesterday he was running outside and will be part of training today."

Robertson had to be

replaced at half-time against Barca and Henderson required a pain-killing injection at the break after taking a kick on the knee late in the first half.

"The famous three words of this week in the dressing room: 'It's only pain,'" added

Klopp.
"Very important for all the young lads to learn, I've said that already to the boys. Hendo said, 'It's only pain', Robbo said, 'It's only pain' but it was real pain, wow! "Unfortunately, Robbo

could deal with the pain but only the rest of his body couldn't because he couldn't really activate the muscle anymore, some nerve hit or what-

"They should be fine (for

Suarez to miss CDR final, doubt for Copa America

T uis Suarez will be out for four to six weeks after undergoing surgery on a knee injury, Barcelona announced on Friday. Suarez will miss the Copa

del Rey final against Valencia on May 25 and also faces a fight to be fit for the Copa America in Brazil next month. Uruguay's first game is

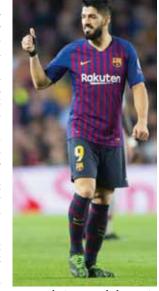
against Ecuador on June 16, just over five weeks after Suarez had the operation on Thursday.

"Suarez was subjected last night to an arthroscopy on the right knee due to an internal meniscal injury," read a club statement released on Friday.

"His approximate time out will be between four and six Suarez has a better chance

of playing in Uruguay's second and third group games, against Japan on June 20, and defending champions Chile on June But his absence from the

cup final in Seville is a major blow to Barcelona, who can



secure their second domestic double in as many years by beating Valencia. Suarez will also miss

Barca's final two La Liga games at home to Getafe on Sunday and away to Eibar the follow-

Yaya Toure calls time at 35

AGENCIES ■ LONDON

Manchester City legend Yaya Toure is heading into retirement at the age of 35, his agent Dimitri Seluk has revealed.

The former Ivory Coast international, who also represented the likes of Barcelona

and Monaco at the peak of his career, is set to explore a move into coaching and manage-The final outings of his distinguished

career came during a second spell at Greek giants Olympiakos. It is, however, for his time at Camp Nou and the Etihad Stadium that he is best

Toure spent three years with Barca, winning the Liga title and Champions League. He moved to City in 2010 and helped

them to three Premier League crowns, two League Cup successes and an FA Cup win with his goal in the 2011 final getting the club back on the trophy trail. Toure left England at the end of the 2017-18 campaign, but a man who earned 101 caps

for his country is now walking away from competitive football for good. Seluk told Sport24: "I say this for the first time: Yaya decided to end his career as a

'The farewell match, when he won the Premier League title with Manchester City was, in principle, the real end of his playing career. Not only in this team, but in gener-

Seluk added: "Yaya is one of the best players in Africa and he had one of the brightest



careers in the history of African football. "Therefore, he should also leave football beautifully, at the peak. We talked for a long time on this topic.

"Of course, every football player wants to lay for as long as possible. In terms of his physical condition, Yaya could do this at a sufficiently high level for another five years.

"But we came to the conclusion that he, the football player who played for Barcelona and Manchester City, could not lower the bar. 'We see many players who continue their careers at a mature age, and this is commendable. But Yaya and I chose a different

path - to leave as a champion and start a new

stage in life with a career as a coach. "In this, I am sure, Yaya will reach even greater heights that those he achieved as a football player. There are no African coaches in the English Premier League."



ber three in the world, will reclaim the number one ranking should she win her third title at the Caja Magica. Bencic had defeated Halep in their last two

matches, but the reigning French Open champion, who lifted the trophy in Madrid in 2016 and 2017, came through in just under two hours. World number one

and two-time Madrid champion Djokovic, meanwhile, walked into





seed Marin Cilic withdrew before their match with stomach problems.

"I am sorry to announce that I must withdraw from today's match. I have had a terrible night dealing with a case of food poisoning," wrote Cilic in a statement.

"I am extremely disappointed to have my time in Madrid end in this way. Thank you for the sup-

In the semi-final on Saturday, Djokovic will face either Roger Federer or 2018 finalist Dominic Thiem.

Halep awaits either Dutch seventh seed Kiki Bertens, a finalist in Madrid last year, or 2017 US Open champion Sloane Stephens.

"It's such a nice feeling to be back in the final here. I really enjoy playing in Madrid, it motivates me, Halep said.

ing set but let her game lapse slightly in the sec-Bencic, who opened the door for Halep to pos-

sibly return to the top of

The third seed comfortably claimed the open-

the world ranking with her quarter-final defeat of current number one Naomi Osaka, took a tight second set in a tiebreaker. But Halep pulled herself together to blitz Bencic in the third as she raced to

a victory that increases her

chances of returning to the

top of the pile. "I was rushing too much in the second-set tiebreaker," Halep said. I was missing too many easy balls — I lost control of that tiebreak.

"In the third I just started over again, I played smarter, opening up the court and being more aggressive."

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