

Federal front gathers mass

Bid on to revive non-BJP, non-Cong entity in case of fractured verdict

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DEEPAK KUMAR JHA 🗖 NEW DELHI

With just two phases of Lok Sabha polls remaining, there is an attempt to revive the idea of a non-BJP and non-Congress "federal front" that could occupy centre stage in the Government formation in case of a fractured verdict by the voters

After holding talks with Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao (KCR) is trying to hold similar parleys with DMK chief Stalin in Chennai. There is no official confirmation about the meeting so far, but sources said it may take place on May 13 if Stalin agrees to hold talks with the TRS chief, who is seen close to the BJP camp. Meanwhile, Karnataka

Chief Minister HD Kumaraswamy has also con-Chief tacted KCR and expressed his willingness to hold talks with him on formulating Opposition's future course of action in case of a split verdict at the Centre.

Congress sources said the party will be ready to extend



Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao meets his Kerala counterpart Pinarayi Vijayan at latter's residence in Thiruvananthapuram

and initiated efforts to provide non-Congress Government. Congress Party to join the proposed front. "With the Lok Sabha elec-(NF) coalition led by Janata Dal

and the Congress and subsequently met leaders of tion results to be declared on Trinamool Congress, Biju Janta May 23, KCR is planning meet-Dal, Samajwadi Party, Janata ings with leaders of various Dal (S) and DMK. Sources said parties to prepare the ground for formation of a non-BJP, he also invited the YSR

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verdict Congress sources said the party will be ready to extend support to any formulation like a "federal front" if it could become platform to keep BJP out of power

between 1996-98 with HD Deve Gowda and IK Gujral as PMs. The parties in the Front were Janata Dal, Telugu Desam Party, DMK, Asom Gana Parishad and Indian Congress (Socialist). They were supported from outside by the Left



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or Arjun, says Shah

PNS CHANDIGARH

Launching a blistering attack the Narendra Modi Government, Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Tuesday invoked the fate of Mahabharata's main villain Duryodhana to warn that the country has never forgiven such arrogance.

Addressing a rally in Ambala (Haryana), Priyanka, used the Mahabharata analogy to hit back at Modi over his 'bhrashtachari (corrupt) No. 1' jibe at her father Rajiv Gandhi and said the Mahabharata character Durvodhana too had "such arrogance".

The Congress leader also dared Modi to fight the Lok Sabha elections on issues like



Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra addresses an election rally in Hisar on Tuesday

development rather than diverting the people's attention. Priyanka said the country

has never forgiven ego and arrogance. "History is witness to this, Mahabharata is witness to this...Duryodhana too had such arrogance. When Lord Krishna went to make him understand, he tried to take him captive," she said.

The Congress general sec-retary for UP also read out a couplet by Hindi poet Ramdhari Singh Dinkar, saying wisdom is the first casualty before someone's downfall, "Jab naash manush par chhata hai,

BJP president Amit Shah slammed Priyanka for comparing the PM with Duryodhana and said the election outcome on May 23 will determine whether Modi is Duryodhan or Arjun. ^{(Priyanka has compared} Modi ji with Duryodhana. People of the country will

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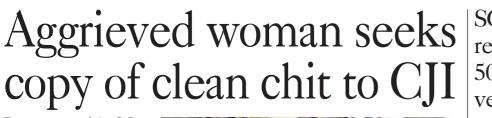
decide who is Duryadhana and who is Arjun on May 23? Priyanka ji, do not worry, peo ple will tell you whether Modi ji is Duryodan or Arjun," Shah said at an election rally in Bengal's Midnapore.

CAPSULE

KARTI TO DEPOSIT ₹10 CR SECURITY TO FLY ABROAD New Delhi: The SC on Tuesday permitted Karti Chidambaram, son of senior Congress leader P Chidambaram, to travel abroad in May and June after depositing ₹10 crore as security with it.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: FIR JUNKED AGAINST AAP MLA New Delhi: In a relief to AAP MLA Somnath Bharti, the Delhi High Court on Tuesday guashed an FIR which accused him of domestic violence, after his wife expressed no objection to it.

FLOATING RESTAURANT Sinks in tehri reservoir



opportunity to Kumaraswamy

ed the idea of a "federal front"

an alternative to both the BJP

In March, KCR had moot-

Protest outside SC against procedure adopted to reject sexual harassment charge by ex-staffer

PTI NEW DELHI

The former woman employwho levelled sexual harassment allegations against Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi on Tuesday sought a copy of the report of the In-House Enquiry Committee, which gave clean chit to the CJI. Meanwhile, 55 protesters, mostly women lawyers and activists, were detained outside the SC for protesting against the procedure adopted to deal with a sexual harassment case against the CJI. "If the Supreme



50% VVPAT verification

While a National Front

formed a Government between

1989 and 1990 with VP Singh

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PNS NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday refused to modify its April 8 order which direct-ed the Election Commission (EC) to increase random matching of Voter-Verified Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) slips with Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) to five polling booths per Assembly segment in the Lok Sabha elecplea of 21 Opposition leaders seeking that it be raised to 50 per cent. As soon as hearing started, Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi asked senior advocate AM Singhvi, who is representing the Opposition, during the hearing, "How much counting do you want now?' "We have asked for 50 per cent, but we can settle for 33 per cent or 25 per cent verification.

Digvijaya seeks refuge in sadhus to take on Sadhvi

STAFF REPORTER BHOPAL

Hundreds of sadhus on Tuesday landed in Bhopal to seek votes for the Congress Lok Sabha candidate Digvijaya Singh and campaign against BJP nominee Pragya Singh Thakur. Digvijay's excessive inclination to religious events is seen as a move to negate BJP's candidate Pragya's image as religious poster girl.



and Chandra Shekhar as Prime Ministers, a United Front Government was formed SC junks Opp review plea on

Women being detained for protest against Supreme Court In-house Committee's clean chit to the CJI in the sexual harassment case in New Delhi on Tuesday PTI

value in the system left," said a protester.

The woman complainant said, "The in-house proceeding rules are now being used to deny me and the public a right to the report... It appears from the press release that even I, the complainant, will not to be pro-

Court itself is violating the vided with a copy of the report. norms, then there will be no I have a right to the report, the reasons for the same as well as

copies of the depositions of any witnesses, any other persons or any other evidence considered by the Committee?

She added if the CJI is given a copy of the report, directly or indirectly, the complainant too is entitled to it.

religious rituals with his wife Amrita Singh and sought blessings of the sadhus who were led by Computer Baba, aka Namdev Das Tyagi, former close aide of Shivraj Singh Chouhan.

Led by Computer Baba, they will camp in Bhopal for three days. They undertook Hath Yoga on Tuesday, followed by a road show. Hath Yoga involves asanas (posi-tions) that help in relaxing and breathing control.

Bhopal Spiritual leader Namdev Das Tyagi, popularly known as Computer Baba, performs puja at the election campaign venue of Congress candidate for Bhopal Lok Sabha seat Digvijay Singh, in Bhopal on Tuesday

Andhra deputes 2000

workers for power

Computer Baba was bestowed Minister of State status by the then BJP-led Government in Madhya Pradesh and appointed on a panel to clean the Narmada. However, Computer Baba

later switched his loyalties and backed the Congress in Assembly polls.

Computer Baba told the media it was a fight of dharma and adharma. "Dharma was with Digvijay Singh," he said.

CS SAID STRESS

WAS GIVEN ON

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PURI DISTRICT

Talking to the mediaper-sons after a high-level review

meeting conducted by the

Union Cabinet Secretary, Padhi

informed that power restora-

tion will take time and speci-

fying the number of days for

"Two main points were emphasised in the meeting.

Mobile connectivity, which is hampering relief operations,

will be restored soon. And

two meetings are being held

with the service providers every

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tivity of Puri district, particu-

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restaurant of the Uttarkahand Tourism Department, sank partially in the Tehri reservoir on Tuesday, officials said.

JEE Adv registration extended till May 14

BHUBANESWAR: The Union Ministry of Human Resources Development on Tuesday announced the extension of last date of registration for JEE (Advanced) in Odisha by five days from May 9 to 14. Union Minister Prakash Javadekar said that IIT Bhuhanguar would halt tha

Bhubaneswar would help the JEE (Advanced) aspirants in Odisha for online registration as it has a fully functional internet connection.

The announcement came hours after Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik urged the HRD Minister to extend the last date of registration for JEE (Advanced) in Odisha by 10 days citing the damage caused by cyclonic storm FANI in the state.

"As you are aware, the extremely severe cyclone Fani had hit Odisha on May 3, which disrupted mobile and data connectivity in many districts. Due to unavailability of internet at many locations in the State after Fani, the brilliant Odia students have not been able to register their names online for the examination. In view of the disruption caused by Fani e, it is necessary to extend the registration date by at least 10 days," Patnaik had

stated in the letter. JEE

Notably, the JEE (Advanced) 2019 to get admission into IITs will be held on 27th May 2019. The period of registration in other States is PNS from May 3 to 9.



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Vinayak Sreedhar, who idolised Stephen Hawking, scored nearly 100 in all the three subjects he appeared for during the CBSE 10 examination, and passed away in March before he could write the

remaining two. Sreedhar suffered from duchenne muscular dystrophy which is a genetic disorder characterised by progressive

muscle degeneration and weak-

ness He scored 100 in English, 96 in Science and 97 in Sanskrit and could not appear for Computer Science and Social Studies

Topping the class 10 board exams, becoming an astronaut and a trip to Rameswaram are among some of the unfulfilled wishes of Sreedhar, who was diagnosed with muscular dystrophy when he was two-years-

Duchenne muscular dystrophy is caused due to the absence of dystrophin, a pro-tein that helps keep muscle cells

The results for the class 10 Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) examination were announced on Monday.

The Amity International School, Noida, student appeared for the exams under the general category and not the Children With Special Need (CWSN) category.

"His muscular movement was very limited. He could write slowly but since there is a time duration for exams he used a scribe to write English and Science exam. For Sanskrit, he insisted to write himself. His body movement was restricted and he was wheelchair-bound, but his mind was very sharp and aspirations very high," Mamta Sreedhar, his mother, told PTI.

"He would always say I want to become an astronaut despite all the challenges and would say if Stephen Hawkings could go to Oxford and make a name in Cosmology I can go

to space too. He was confident that he will be among top rankers. We were always amazed with his confidence and would encourage him further," she added.

The precocious boy who dreamt like **Stephen Hawking** died during Class X exam, but scored nearly 100 in 3 subjects

ical physicist Stephen Hawking also suffered from a motor neurone disease

Sreedhar had plans to visit Rameswaram temple near Kanyakumari after his exams were over. "We are today in Rameshwaram and are going for darshan in the evening. It was his unfulfilled wish so we decided to not postpone the plans and do it for him," his mother said. However, Vinavak Sreedhar is not the only one in his family to make his parents proud.

His sister is an Indian Institute of Science (IISc) alumnus and is currently pursuing her Phd at the University of British Columbia on a fellow-

ship. While Vinayak's father is vice president in GMR, his mother is a home maker by choice. "I made this choice. My entire day revolved around him. From brushing his teeth to feeding him, I did it all myself but it was his willpowr," she added. er which always gave us the Legendary British theoret- strength," his mother said.

Noida's budding Hawking cut off in prime 'Fani' toll increases to 37

BHUBANESWAR: The reported death toll due to Cyclone 'Fani' increased to 37 in the State on Tuesday, said an official release on Tuesday.

While 21 reportedly in Puri district, where the devastating cyclone made landfall on May 3 five people were killed in Cuttack and four in Mayurbhanj. Besides, four died in Jajpur and three in Kendrapada, said the Special Relief Commissioner's (SRC) office.

Meanwhile, relief and restoration work is going on in full swing in the affected areas. However, the Government is vet to restore electricity and telecommunication in Bhubaneswar and Puri even after four days of the cyclone hitting the coast.

As many as 1,40,60,602 people under 16,074 villages in 155 blocks and 51 urban local bodies spread over 14 districts have been affected in the cyclonic storm. The affected districts are Puri, Khordha, Cuttack, Jagatsinghpur, Kendrapada, Keonjhar, Jajpur, Nayagarh, Ganjam, Dehankanal, Mayurbhanj Baleswar, Bhadrak and Angul, the SRC report had informed on Monday.

Cabinet Secv reviews post-'Fani' measures

PNS BHUBANESWAR

On the request of the State Government, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu has deputed 2,055 workers to undertake power restoration works in the Cyclone Fani-ravaged areas in

"Fulfilling the role of a good neighbour, AP is provid-ing all possible help to bring back normalcy in Odisha. A team of 2,055 workers, shift operators and staff from the Energy Department is deputed for rectification work so that services can be restored at a

faster pace," tweeted Naidu. Chief Secretary Aditya Prasad Padhi on Tuesday told mediapersons that around 5,000 skilled labourforce from out of the State, especially from Telangana, Andhra Pradesh and West Bengal are needed to restore normalcy in the cyclone-affected areas of the **PNS** | State.

Odisha

restoration in Odisha



Film stars lose their sheen in elections

IANS LUCKNOW

Till the turn of the millen-I nium, film stars guaranteed crowds and votes in politics. Political parties wooed them ardently. As a result, top stars like Rajesh Khanna, Vinod Khanna, Shatrughan Sinha, Raj Babbar, Dharmendra, Hema Malini, Jaya Prada, Govinda and Jaya Bachchan braved the heat and dust of campaigning for their political parties.

Some like Dharmendra and Govinda could not understand the manipulations of politics and called it a day after one term. Others like Raj Babbar, Shatrughan Sinha, Hema Malini and Jaya Bachchan continue to stand their ground.

However, if various political parties are to be believed, the stardust is losing its glitter and film stars can no longer guarantee a win on the seats they campaign for.

A clear indication of this is the fact that the demand for film stars as campaigners is rapidly going down in these elections

A BJP candidate said: "There is no use getting film stars to campaign because they cannot give speeches and do not leave any impact on voters."

Explained senior journal-ist RK Singh: "The stars are losing their credibility because they lack conviction in what they say. People know that in most cases stars take money to campaign and this erodes their sincerity. Some stars like Ravi



Krishna and Manoj Tiwari have changed more parties than they have delivered hits.' Besides, he explained, the

glamour factor has also reduced because film stars were now seen 24x7 on the social media and television.

"Earlier, people would wait for hours to catch a glimpse of their favourite actor but not any



more. You just need to get on to the Internet and you can have your fill," he added. Bhojpuri stars Ravi Kishan more than just stardom to sur-

and Dinesh Yadav Nirahua, who are contesting the Gorakhpur and Azamgarh seats respectively, are already finding the going tough.

Raj Babbar, who is presently seeking election for his sixth



term to Parliament and holds activities. I later joined the Samajwadi Party and then the the position of Uttar Congress President, explains that it needs Congress.

I never confined myself to campaigning and that is one reason why the parties and the people started taking me seriously," he says.

When Raj Babbar was socialist youth politics. I joined the Janata Dal in 1989 and appointed president of the actively participated in party Uttar Pradesh Congress in July



Battle ground LOK SABHA 02

2016, few took him seriously in his own party. But two years later, they understood that he means business.

Hema Malini, Jaya Prada, Jaya Bachchan and most others have, on the other hand, confined themselves to campaigning in their own constituencies or in select constituencies. They have not

in party matters. One actress who spoke to

this correspondent on the condition of anonymity said: "I did try to get my word in a few times but was politely told to restrict myself to campaigning. I have understood that apart from my star value, I mean nothing to the party.

NYAY surgical strike on poverty: Rahul Gandhi



IANS JHALDA (WEST BENGAL)

Describing the ambitious Describing the ambitious Nyuntam Aay Yojana (NYAY) promised by his party as a "surgical strike on pover-ty", Congress President Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday said an amount of Rs 3.60 lakh would be given to each of the five crore poor families if his party was voted to power in the Lok Sabha elections.

"I give a guarantee that Hindustan's next Government will give the amount to each of the 5 crore families — that is 25 crore people in the next five

Congress president Rahul Gandhi addresses a

public meeting for the Lok Sabha polls, in Purulia district of West Bengal, on Tuesday PTI years," Rahul told an election rally here in support of Congress candidate from Purulia Nepal Mahato.

"Wah wah, this a surgical strike on poverty," Rahul exclaimed.

Turning to farmers' issues, Gandhi said the law will be changed to ensure that farmers were not jailed for failing to repay bank loans. "If India's farmer takes a loan of Rs 20,000 and fails to

return, then are they sent to jail or not?" he asked.

Rahul said he doesn't find it right when rich people are not jailed after taking big amounts while the farmers are caught if they take loans.

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will it be uttered in Pakistan.

He addressed rallies in

"Do you think there is

Nyay (justice)? No farmer belonging to Bengal or any state will be sent to jail if they fail to pay the bank loans.

vive in politics.

"Much before I started

working in theatre and then

films, I was associated with the

He promised that the new government to be formed after the Lok Sabha elections will have a separate budget for the farmers. "After 2019, there will be two budgets, first, the

farmer's budget will be made. "In the beginning of the year, the farmers will know that the amount of money allotted by the government, the number of food processing units, how many storage facilities will be there and what kind of

farmers. "In the very first year, they

and profits," he said. He slammed Prime

Minister Narendra Modi and West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee for failing to provide employment and ensuring fair price for farmers. Rahul said the BJP's only

aim was to ensure Modi becomes Prime Minister again.

citizens are going to hit a sixer this time," he added.

Mocking Modi, he said Modi earlier talked about his 56-inch chest, but now "two glasses are fixed that are known as teleprompters. He is warned that he should not speak about unemployment and farmers as the public can become angry".

CCTV shows J&K BJP leaders giving money to reporters

MOHIT KANDHARI C tate BJP leaders in Jammu & Skashmir have been caught 'red handed' distributing

envelopes, allegedly filled with currency notes, to

On May 3, Press Club Leh had accused the BJP of trying to bribe its members by offering "envelopes filled with money".

BJP leaders had denied these allegations claiming they were "politically motivated".

On Tuesday, a CCTV footage, surfaced in public domain which clearly exposes BJP MLC, Vikram Randhawa, handing over envelopes to journalists after the Press conference.

State BJP Chief Ravinder Raina is also seen standing in the hall

In the same CCTV footage, two other BJP leaders Vikram Randhawa and Narinder Singh, party general secretary, can be seen pacifying local reporters in Leh after they refused to accept

the currency notes. Some of the journalists can be clearly seen returning the packets and placing it on a table in the hall in the presence of every one present there.

When this correspondent tried to contact State BJP Chief ments he refused to take the calls. His alternate mobile telephone number was also Vikram Randhawa for allegedswitched off. ly trying to bribe journalists by



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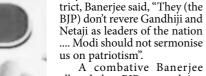
PTI RANIBANDH/ RAGHUNATHPUR

Narendra Modi should get a tight slap of democracy," a furious TMC supremo Mamata Banerjee said on Tuesday, hitting back at the prime minister for alleging repeatedly that her Government is run by

extortionist syndicates. She also questioned the BJP's nationalistic and patriotic claims, saying it was an "RSS man" who killed Mahatma Gandhi. "I do not n noli Modi alleges that Trinamool Congress is a party of syndicates...Its government is run by syndicates, I feel he should get a tight slap of democracy (be defeated in election)," she said at a public meeting at Raghunathpur in Purulia. Calling Modi a prime minister who is "known for telling lies", Banerjee said during his visits to West Bengal for election he says her Government does not allow Durga Puja and other Hindu rituals to be performed. "Do you believe those allegations?" she asked. Joining issue with the PM over his claim that she does not allow people to chant "Jai Sri Ram" and throw those who do behind bars, she said, "I will not







A combative Banerjee alleged that BJP starts doing politics over Lord Ram during elections. She said the saffron party could not build even a small Ram temple in the last

Barjora, also in Bankura dis-

five years. The TMC supremo asserted Modi will not get a second term in office as he failed to promised in 2014. Instead, more than 12,000 farmers committed suicide, taken in India, will it be chantfactories got closed and three ed in Pakistan?" he said. crore jobs were lost. However, she claimed, while there was distress everythat this is West Bengal and not where, income of those living Pakistan... I am going to in West Bengal went up three-Kolkata from here (Bishnupur), fold. She accused the BJP of put me in jail if you have the guts," the BJP chief said. orchestrating riots between Hindus and Muslims, Ghatal, Keshiari and Bishnupur Muslims and Christians and in West Bengal. Shah claimed Muslims and adivasis" during the last five years. that Banerjee had stopped her tells us who was he? "I don't tolerate rioters car a few days ago to tell peoboth Hindu and Muslim. We ple that they will be put want peace not unrest. We in jail if they chant the name of (TMC) do not want Modi to Lord Ram. A video had appeared in the social media that showed stay in power. We will help in Government formation in Speaking in the same vein at Delhi," she added. Banerjee stopping her car at a

arrest him for chanting 'Jai Shri Ram' at the multiple election rallies he addressed in the state on Tuesday. "Lord Ram is a part of the

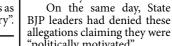
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"But I tell you no power can make him the PM, as the

reporters in Leh.



join them (the BJP) in shouting their slogan. I will rather say Jai Hind.

At another meeting at Ranibandh in Bankura district, she questioned BJP's claim

of patriotism. "I do not know who Gandhiji's killers were. But we know the name of Nathuram Godse, an RSS man. When you speak of patriotism and serving the nation can you

"Did you fight for the country's independence? You (the BJP) had supported the British. Don't you feel ashamed?" Banerjee said.

these constituencies.

herd) communities have voted.

stop people from taking his name? I want to ask Mamata BJP president Amit Shah with Mukul Roy and other leaders being garlanded during didi, if Shri Ram's name is not

an election campaign rally for the Lok Sabha polls, in Bankura district of West Bengal, on Tuesday

"I want to tell Mamata didi place in West Midnapore district on Saturday, and chasing some persons who chanted 'Jai Shri Ram' as her carcade was crossing the area.

Shah said he has come to know that the CM has cancelled permission for two rallies of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the State — one at Purulia and the other at Bankura, scheduled for Thursday.

"Can you (Banerjee) prevent vour defeat in this manner?" he asked. On Modi invoking the Bofors scandal, the BIP president wondered if remind-

ing people what had happened was tantamount to insulting former PM Rajiv Gandhi. 'What wrong has PM

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Narendra Modi done by saying that the Bofors scam happened during Rajiv Gandhi's tenure... Rahul baba says his father has been insulted. Is it an insult to be reminded of what had happened?" Shah said.

The BJP chief was referring to Modi's recent remarks at a rally in Uttar Pradesh, where he said that Rajiv Gandhi's life ended as "bhrashtachari no. 1' (corrupt no. 1).

Earlier, State BJP Chief Ravinder Raina had also threatened to file a defamation suit if the Press Club Leh did not issue a public apology.

"The BJP will not tolerate such allegations. It will file a defamation suit in the high court against the press club if it fails to make a public apology," Raina had stated while responding to different queries. Several members of Press

Club Leh had also approached Deputy Commissioner, Leh with their complaint seeking registration of FIR against Ravinder Raina and MLC

envelops to influence the outcome of elections. Press Club, Leh, president Morup Stanzin said the letter was written but said they had not lodged the complaint with the police. "We have lodged our com-

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plaint with deputy commis-sioner, Leh, who is also the returning officer on Friday ... After a press conference, Randhawa handed over the envelops filled with money to some journalists who returned these to him immediately," Stanzin added.

between them?" he questioned.

former Union Ministers

Chikkaballapur and KH

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Yeddyurappa said, in Tumkur

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Prime Minister HD Deve

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'ill coalition Govt in K'taka survive after May 23?

KESTUR VASUKI 🔳 BENGALURU

he shadow boxing within the L collation partners, the JD(S) and Congress is an early indication of the instability of Chief Minister HD Kumaraswamy led JD(S)-Congress Government in Karnataka. Many Congress Ministers and legislators are also openly pitching for former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah as the Chief Minister again to lead the party and the Government.

Many observe in the political circles that the mandate in the Hassan, Mandya and Tumakuru (it's now popularly called HMT) where JDS is contesting with the help of Congress might hold the key to the survival of collation Government led by HD Kumaraswamy of the IDS.

In Hassan Prajwal Revanna grandson of HD Deve Gowda

and son of HD Revanna a PWD munity made them a dominant Minister, in Mandya con-stituency Nikhil Kumaraswamy community and made them politically strong. son of HD Kumaraswamy and In another significant

another grandson of Deve development Karnataka Home Gowda and at Tumakuru HD Minister MB Patil on Tuesday Deve Gowda are contesting. made a pitch for Siddaramaiah The well-known rivalry between "as Chief Minister again," but Siddaramaiah and Deve Gowda clarified the present coalition Government under HD has trickled down to the grass roots and party workers in both Kumaraswamy would comthe Congress and the JDS are plete its full term. worked against each other in

"What's wrong in that? Siddaramaiah is our leader in The results in the these the Congress. People want to constituencies are expected to see him as Chief Minister again.

"Even we too want to see provide some hints about how powerful dominant Vokkaliga him as Chief Minister again. He (Gowdas) and Kuruba (shepgave good governance for five years. He should have come back again," Patil told reporters Deve Gowda, the ID(S) supremo leads a family party in Bengaluru.

He was responding to a query on "growing demand" JDS and has the support of vokkaligas one of the dominant communities and Siddaramaiah among the Congress MLAs to who belongs to Kuruba comsee Siddaramaiah occupy the

top post again. His statement resonates with Chikkaballapura Congress MLA K Sudhakar's remarks on Monday that it would be good if Siddaramaiah becomes CM again.

"Siddaramaiah had done a lot of good work. He deserves one more term... But we have to accept people's mandate ... When we come to power on our own... but presently that question does not arise. This government has to complete

five years," he said. "Siddaramaiah has got the eligibility (for the second term as Chief Minister)," Patil added.

After the Congress and JDS formed the coalition Government following the May 2018 Assembly elections, Kumaraswamy took over as the

CM of the State. The coalition partners also fought the Lok Sabha elections together though there have been strains between the two ever since.

Many Congress MLAs were not content with the present arrangement and had stated that Siddaramaiah was their leader and they would like to see him as the chief minister again, an issue that has irked JDS leadership.

Meanwhile, BJP strongman Yeddyurappa predicts 'political ups and downs' after May 23. He strongly ruled out any truck with JDS to form the government in case the present

coalition Government falls with

the disgruntled Congress legislators. He said in Kalaburagi that BJP was not in a hurry to form the Government.

'I want to say one thing clearly: Kumaraswamy had betrayed me after deciding to share power 20 months each (in 2006). There is no question of coming to an understanding with JDS. There is no question of coalition Government (with that party)," Yeddyurappa said.

'It's too early to say anything... I have never said the Government will collapse and I shouldn't say it also. What I'm saying is there will be political ups and downs after May 23 results, anything may happen. I'm not saying we will form the government or we will come to power," he added.

In 2006, the BJP and a section of JDS MLAs forged an

alliance to form a say that their (Congress and Government on the basis JDS) Government should collapse. Let them concentrate powersharing deal, according on them being together. Am I to which Kumaraswamy responsible for Congress and and Yeddyurappa will be the JDS fighting each other; am I CM for 20 months each. responsible for differences

As JDS refused to transfer power to Yeddyurappa after 20 months, the BJP in October 2007 decided to withdraw support to the Kumaraswamy Government, ending an uneasy and often bitter relationship, accusing the regional party of "betrayal."

Pointing out that there is a 'lot of confusion" in the state politics, Yeddyurappa said it is certain that Narendra Modi will become the PM of the country once again, and the results of Lok Sabha polls will have an implication on the politics here.

grandson Prajwal Revanna is "I'm not day dreaming to the JDS nominee.

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Maya, Tipu target BJP's 'guru, chela'

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 $B^{\mbox{SP}\mbox{ supremo}\ Mayawati and \mbox{SP}\ chief}_{\mbox{Akhilesh}\ Yadav}$ on Tuesday said their alliance will "shake the very roots" of the BJP and dislodge the "chowkidar of capitalists" from the Prime Minister's chair.

Addressing election rallies in favour of Mahagathbandhan candidates in Machchlishahr and Jaunpur seats, they also targeted the Congress, alleging that it is "anti-dalit" like the BJP and wants the people to remain poor. "BJP's guru and chela are all set to

be out of power at the Centre," Mayawati said at a rally in Bhadohi, attacking Prime Minister Narendra Modi and BJP chief Amit Shah.

"This alliance is so strong that in the 2022 Assembly elections in UP, it will send Yogi baba back in his mutt," Mayawati said, referring to Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath. The BSP supremo alleged that the BJP tried to break their alliance, but she "exposed" it in the media and gave a

"befitting reply" to the saffron party. "The BJP is going out of power in these elections... It has failed to fulfil the promises made to the poor and the middle classes in 2014 elections ...Despite all this the Prime Minister is seeking votes again," she said in Jaunpur.

Mayawati said, "Terror attacks are taking place and the Government is busy in taking mileage of the Army's valour." Terming Prime Minister Narendra Modi as 'chowkidar of capitalists", she alleged that he helped the rich become richer. She also alleged that the GST and note ban were a "source of corruption".

Hitting out at the Congress, Mayawati alleged "both BJP and Congress are anti-dalits".

Referring to the Congress' Nyaya scheme, she said the party which is claiming to provide Rs 6,000 every



BSP supremo Mayawati and Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav wave at the supporters during an election campaign rally for the Lok Sabha elections, in Bhadohi, on Tuesday

month to poor families "only wants people to remain poor and helpless There is a need to remain vigilant from them?

On Uttar Pradesh, she said farmers in the state were facing immense hardships because of stray cattle and blamed the Aditynath Government for it.

She also promised permanent jobs if the SP-BSP alliance is voted to power at the Centre.

In his address, Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav echoed Mayawati's view that both "BJP and Congress are the same". "Had the Congress worked earnestly since

Independence, there would not have been the need for formation of SP and BSP ... No one thought SP and BSP would form an alliance. All efforts to somehow break the alliance have failed. After five phases of polling, the BJP's morale has also come down. Its leaders and workers are worried," he said.

"These BJP people talk about security of the country but could not reply to questions of 'roti and daal' raised by a BSF jawan," he said referring to dismissed BSF jawan Tej Bahadur Yadav whose nomination papers from Varanasi were rejected.

"BJP is standing on a foundation of

lies and our alliance will shake its very roots...Perhaps the BJP is not aware that this alliance is a storm.

This time round, people will snatch the chair of the chaiwala-turnedchowkidar ...

He said the alliance "will uproot the BJP which is standing on the founda-tion of lies and hatred. There is a wind of change which is blowing... How can the prime minister, who got scared of a jawan in Varanasi, face terrorism and naxalism.

"Not only the public but animals also are unhappy with this Government," he quipped.

Talk about Agusta before Rafale:

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Attacking the Congress for Rafale deal, Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday said the Opposition party must first give answers on the Rs 3,600-crore AgustaWestland VVIP chopper deal and Backops before talk-ing about the BJP and Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the fighter ist deal fighter jet deal.

The Supreme Court has given its verdict on the Rafale deal. Not just the Congress, somebody else had also gone for a review, the Supreme Court is seized of it. Also the CAG (Comptroller and Auditor General of India) has given its report on Rafale (deal).

'But again talking about it... I think it is on the Congress,



first of all, to have an enquiry and give answer on AgustaWestland (deal) and

also give answer on Backops about which the party has spo-ken. Before they talk about the BJP and Modi ji or the Defence Ministry, they themselves have more to answer," she said in response to a query.

Battle ground LOK SABHA 03

Attacking Congress chief Rahul Gandhi, Union Minister Arun Jaitley had recently said Gandhi's former business partner, Ulrik Mcknight, at Backops Ltd in the UK had got offset defence contracts from French defence supplier Naval Group for Scorpene submarines in 2011 during the UPA rule.

He also alleged Gandhi had a 65 per cent stake in Backops between 2003 and 2009, when it was wound up.



EVMs found in Bihar hotel, 4 cops suspended

Poll official issued showcause notice

Patna/Muzaffarpur: Four police personnel were sus-pended and a poll official was issued show cause notice in Bihars Muzaffarpur district on Tuesday for keeping six EVMs inside a hotel room while voting was on for the fifth phase, a top official said.

The district authorities were, however, quick to assert that none of the EVMs were used or their seals broken. The matter came to light when several local leaders of the Opposition Mahagathbandhan' noticed that poll-related paraphernalia were being taken inside a hotel by Sector Magistrate Awadhesh Kumar and raised an alarm.

Sector Magistrate Awadhesh Kumar has been served with a show cause notice and based on his reply, which has to come within 24 hours, further action will be taken," Bihar Joint Chief Electoral Officer Pravin Kumar Gupta told a press conference in Patna.

"The four police personnel a sub-inspector and three constables who accompanied him have been suspended, he added. Muzaffarpur district magistrate and district election officer, Alok Ranjan Ghosh dismissed allegations of suspected misuse of the EVMs. "None of the EVMs were used for voting and all were sealed. These were kept in reserve meant for replacement in case of a snag being reported from anywhere, he said. PTI

Central forces Cong insulted PM by A lot at stake for to be deployed calling GST as Gabbar for Tripura **BJP** in Gorakhpur West re-polls Singh Tax: BJP IANS AGARTALA

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ccusing the Congress of Abeing far from ground reality, the BJP on Tuesday said by calling the Goods and Services Tax (GST) as 'Gabbar Singh Tax', the party had insulted Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

"The Congress leadership does not know about the issues faced by traders and had unleashed inspector raj to harass them. On the contrary Modi ji thinks about the welfare of traders," Ravikant Garg, chairperson of UP Vyapari

Kalyan Board told PTI here. calling GST as Gabbar Singh Tax. Is it (tax money) going into Modi ji's pocket? You are insulting the Prime Minister by making such statement," he added The Opposition parties have spread fear and misguided the people by portraying GST as an evil whereas it has given relief to the traders and businessmen, Garg said. "In the past there were 9 Central taxes, and 12 taxes levied by the UP Government. Initially the traders may have faced teething trouble, as they were not used to it, but the

to the traders and Kalyan Board said

redressed them," he said.

Board functions as a link between the State Government and businessmen and solves roblems faced by and entrepreneurs within a fixed time, he said. Referring to the BJP's 2019 Sankalp Patra, he said that if the party is voted to power, small traders and marginal farmers will get pension benefits after 60 years of age. "Sankalp Patra talks about setting up a National Traders Welfare Board, new retail policy to boost retail trade, pension scheme for small traders above the age of 60 years, Rs 10 lakh accidental insurance to all GST registered traders and credit cards to traders on the lines of Kisan Credit Cards," he said.

Once considered to be the bastion of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and the safest Lok Sabha seat for the Bharatiya Janata Party in eastern Uttar Pradesh, Gorakhpur has taken a queer turn, forcing the ruling party to deploy all resources at its command to ensure the victory of its candidate, Bhojpuri star Ravi Kishan, from this prestigious constituency which goes to poll in the seventh and last phase of

ur seat from 1991 till





BJP MP Rupa Ganguly during an election campaign roadshow in favour of the party candidate from Jadavpur parliamentary constituency Anupam Hazra (unseen) for the Lok Sabha polls, at Sonarpur in South 24 Parganas district of West Bengal, on Tuesday PT

MODI IS WORKAHOLIC. RAHUL LOVES HOLIDAYS: SHAH decades without taking a leave, while Congress president Rahul Gandhi dashes off to undisclosed foreign destinations at the slightest discomfort. BJP president Amit Shah claimed here on Tuesday. Alleging that Gandhi is in love with the terrorists, he asserted that under Prime Minister Modi, their every 'goli' (bullet) will be retaliated with a 'gola' (mortar shell). "I have known Modi for a long time. For the past 20 years he has not taken a leave. He works 18 hours a day for the people," Shah said.

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The UP Vyapari Kalyan

nature. As soon as the problems were conveyed to the govern-ment, the GST council

The Union Home Ministry has deployed 15 companies PNS LUCKNOW

of paramilitary forces during re-polling to the Tripura West Lok Sabha seat where voting took place on April 11, a top police official said "On the advice of the Election Commission (EC), the Ministry has deployed 11 companies of the Border Security Force and four of the

Central Reserve Police Force," the official told IANS on the However, the state Chief Lok Sabha elections on May 19. Electoral Officer (CEO) Sriram

The BJP won the

Appeal for Identification



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aranikanti said receive an official confirmation from the EC on the re-polls.

on Tuesday.

"I do not know when or in how many polling stations repolling will be held. We have sent our reports and recommendations to the EC," the CEO told IANS.

condition of anonymity.

Besides the Tripura West seat, the State has a second constituency - Tripura East which went to the polls on April 23.

The Opposition Congress and CPM has been demanding the re-polls after they alleged large-scale rigging, booth capturing, intimidation and attacks by the ruling BJP.

Tripura Pradesh Congress Vice-President Pijush Kanti Biswas on Tuesday reiterated that if the EC did not hold the re-polls, the party would move the SC.

"We have learnt that BJP leaders in Delhi are influencing the EC to hold re-polls only in a few polling stations to ensure their victory," Biswas told the media.

The CPI-M leaders held several demonstrations in Agartala and also in New Delhi to highlight their demand.

the by-election to a joint opposition candidate. The bypoll was necessitated due to resignation of Yogi Adityanath from Lok Sabha after he was elected the UP Legislative Council after becoming the Chief

Minister of UP. "In this election, two constituencies, Gorakhpur and Amethi, have evoked maximum interest. The interest in Amethi was due to the contest between Union Minister and BJP candidate Smriti Irani and Congress president Rahul Gandhi, who is seeking re-election from his traditional seat. In Gorakhpur, the focus is on

Yogi Adityanath. "The question is whether the BJP will be able to wrest the Gorakhpur seat from Samajwadi Party this time," said Nomita P Kumar from the Giri Institute of Development Studies.

Gorakhpur was considered a BJP bastion because politics in this impoverished region revolved around Gorakhnath Mutt. Earlier, Mahant Avaidyanath represented the Gorakhpur seat in Lok Sabha but after his death, Yogi

ануапант ке the seat since 1998. 2018, when the party lost it in

But in 2018, Praveen Kumar Nishad of Nishad Party contested the bypoll to Gorakhpur on SP ticket and defeated BJP's Upendra Dutt Shukla by over 21,000 votes. This was the first experiment of opposition unity which was replicated in Kairana bypoll later.

Since then, Praveen Nishad has joined the BJP and has been fielded from Sant Kabir Nagar constituency.

"The opposition was able to win the Gorakhpur seat because of the combination of castes. Nishads, Dalits and Muslims united and voted against the BJP. Secondly, the voting percentage in bypoll

was just 43 per cent, indicating lack of interest among the voters," Kumar said, adding that the BJP leaders had become complacent

about the outcome in their 'impregnable' stronghold, an attitude which boomeranged. The caste equa-

tion in Gorakhpur is complex. There are around 4.5 lakh Nishad votes

wea b and around 1.5 lakh Dalits. The upper castes account for around 2 lakh votes.

To take advantage of this equation, the SP-BSP-RLD alliance has fielded former minister in Akhilesh government, Ram Bhuwal Nishad from Gorakhpur. He is pitted against BJP's Ravi Kishan, a Brahmin. The Congress has fielded Madhusudan Tiwari from the seat.

The trouble for the BJP does not end here as one time close confidant of Yogi Adityanath, Sunil Singh, too has jumped into the fray under the banner of Hindu Yuva Vahini Bharat.

At one time, Singh was considered the right hand man of Yogi Adityanath. Singh's former stature could prove detrimental for the BJP, as he would definitely eat into a chunk of BJP votes.

In this scenario, BJP's Ravi Kishan relies totally on Yogi Adityanath. Being a Bhojpuri actor, he may draw crowd but will his charisma translate into votes, only time will tell.

BOFORS PETITIONER CAMPAIGNS AGAINST MODI

Former BJP leader Ajay Agarwal, who contested against Sonia Gandhi from Rae Bareli Lok Sabha seat in 2014 polls on BJP ticket on Tuesday condemned Prime Minister Narendra Modi's remarks against Rajiv Gandhi. Agarwal, a senior lawyer, said that no charge was ever proven in any court of the country against former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi in the Bofors case and he was given a "clean chit".



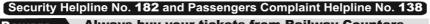
Union Minister and BJP leader Piyush Goyal with party candidate from Allahabad Parliamentary constituency Rita Bahuguna Joshi and other leaders during an election campaign rally, in Prayagraj, on Tuesday

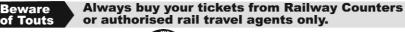
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PURPORTED VIDEO CLIP OF TEJ BAHADUR YADAV

BJP lashes out at Opp

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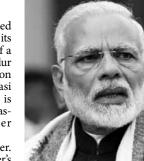
The BJP on Tuesday lashed out at the Opposition for its "silence" over the content of a video clip in which Tej Bahadur Yadav, whose candidature on an SP ticket from Varanasi Lok Saba seat was rejected, is reportedly talking about assas-sinating Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

"It's a very serious matter. It is about the Prime Minister's safety. It is about conspiracy to assassinate an elected prime minister. Why is the opposition silent?" BJP spokesperson Sambit Patra said here at a press conference.

He questioned if SP president Akĥilesh Yadav and BSP supremo Mayawati will apologise for projecting him as their alliance's candidate against Modi in Varanasi.

The "sponsored attack" on Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal echoes for days but the Opposition is silent at this threat to Modi, he said.

The Prime Minister is being attacked even though what he said about former prime minister Raiiv Gandhi was a "statement of fact", Patra



claimed On Supreme Court rejecting the opposition's review plea on VVPAT, he said their attack on electronic voting machines

is an attempt to get an "anticipatory bail" for their impending loss in the general election. The BJP is going to win

more than 300 seats in the 543member House, Patra claimed. On other hand, BJP Vice-

President Baijant Panda said West Bengal Chief Minister was disturbed as the ground has shifted in the state in favour of the BJP.

Accusing the opposition parties of targeting Prime Minister with a torrent of "abuses" in frustration over their "poor" show in the ongo-

"It's a very serious matter. It is about the Prime Minister's safety. It is about conspiracy to assassinate an

elected Prime Minister. Why is the opposition silent?"

ing Lok Sabha polls, the BJP leader said people will give them a befitting reply on May 23 when votes are counted.

Panda and BJP media head Anil Baluni claimed that the "Modi wave" will help the saffron party gain many seats from states like Odisha and West Bengal, leading it to better its tally of 282 seats in 2014.

Panda said the opposition, which is in "panic mode", has been "abusing" Modi, referring to Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra's comparison of the prime minister with Duryodhan, the antagonist to righteous Pandavas in epic Mahabharat. He also referred to West

Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's remarks that Modi should get a "tight slap of democracy" to attack the opposition.

Baluni said Congress leaders have "abused" Modi as he had spoken about their past misdeeds, a reference to his attack on former prime minister Rajiv Gandhi.

"Why are Congress leaders apprehensive of their past? Their language is reflective of their frustration at their impending defeat. We repeat our challenge to the Congress to debate with us on the performance of its governments," he told reporters. To a question about BJP

Madhav's reported remarks that the saffron party may not get a majority on its own, Panda said Madhav has also clarified that he was misquoted, and asserted that no one in the party has any doubt over crossing the half way mark in Lok Sabha. INSET

New Delhi, May 7 (PTI) Congress MP Sushmita Dev on Tuesday claimed before the Supreme Court that the Election Commission has failed to appreciate that the alleged "hate speeches" by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and BJP Chief Amit Shah are "corrupt practices" and promote the feeling of enmity on religious grounds. In an affidavit, Dev, who placed before the apex court various orders of the poll panel on complaints of model code violation against Modi and Shah, said that the Election Commission has passed orders in a "cryptic

manner without mentioning any reason whatsoever, in stark violation of the law laid down by this court" while disposing of some complaints.

Custodial death in Kotkhai rape case: SC transfers case from Shimla to Chandigarh General of Police (IGP).

CJI Gogoi transferred case after the CBI and the accused said they have no

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The Supreme Court on Tuesday transferred a case related to alleged custodial death of an accused in gangrape and murder of a minor school girl in Himachal Pradesh's Kotkhai in 2017, from Shimla to Chandigarh.

A bench headed by Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi transferred the case to Chandigarh after the CBI and the accused said they have no objection if the case was transferred from Shimla.

'We order transfer of the case to a competent CBI court in Chandigarh," the bench, which also comprised Justices Deepak Gupta and Sanjiv Khanna, said.

The counsel appearing for the CBI informed the bench that charge sheet has been filed in the case against several police officials ranging from constable to former Inspector

The apex court had last month granted bail to former Himachal Pradesh IGP Zahur Haider Zaidi, an accused in the case, and said that it would later deal with the aspect of trans-ferring the trial from a court in Himachal Pradesh.

The top court had in November last year sought responses from Zaidi, Deputy Superintendent of Police (Theog) Manoj Joshi and six other Himachal Pradesh policemen as to why the trial against them be not transferred from Shimla.

The CBI had earlier told the court that though the charge sheet has been filed, the trial in the case "has not seen the light of the day" and hence the matter be transferred to other court for expeditious disposal.

Zaidi and seven others were arrested in the custodial death case of Suraj, who was found dead at the Kotkhai police station on July 18, 2017.

A 16-year-old girl had gone missing in Kotkhai on July 4, 2017 and her body was found from the Halaila forests two days later on July 6.

INSHORT **APEX COURT QUASHES FIR AGAINST SASIKALA**

New Delhi: In a relief to expelled AIADMK Rajya Sabha member Sasikala Pushpa, the Supreme Court on Tuesday quashed an FIR and chargesheet against her for allegedly forging documents in her anticipatory bail petition. The top court also granted protection from any coercive action in two other criminal cases related to alleged sexual harassment of her family help and damage to property.

EX-CIC DEMANDS SC PROBE REPORT PUBLIC

New Delhi: Former Information Commissioner Sridhar Acharyulu has advocated making public the report of the Supreme Court's in-house inquiry committee which looked into the allegations of sexual harassment levelled against the Chief Justice of India by a former woman employee of the apex court, saying the decision to withhold the finding "appears to have no reason or legal base".

GOVT APPROVES LOWERING OF NEET-PG CUT-OFFS

New Delhi: The Health Ministry, in consultation with the Board of Governors in the Medical Council of India (MCI), has decided to reduce the qualifying marks for NEET-PG for 2019-20 by six percentile. "All states/UTs were requested to make necessary arrangements for allowing students as per revised qualifying marks in any further rounds of counselling this year," the statement stated

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Citing example, he said Judge Kavanaugh was exam-ined by the US Senate in the process of appointment and the

to understand...," he said.

inquiry," Dwivedi said.

An attempt has been made

'Lets recall the Saturday

NITISH KATARA MURDER CASE SC asks Centre to review security threat of key witness PTI NEW DELHI

 $T_{ ext{Tuesday}}^{ ext{he Supreme Court on}}$ Centre to review within a week the threat perception and consider granting adequate security to a person, whose unequivocal testimony in the sensational Nitish Katara murder case had led to the conviction of three accused.

Ajay Katara was the key witness in the murder case

A bench headed by Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi took note of the submission of one Ajay ed "round the clock" security or be relocated to a "safer place" by the security agencies considering the threat to his life. He was the key witness in the murder case of Nitish Katara who was kidnapped and killed by Vikas Yadav, son of controversial Uttar Pradesh politician D P Yadav, Vishal Yadav and Sukhdev Pehalwan in 2002.

Sources: Govt returns to collegium 2 names recommended for apex court

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The Government is learnt to have returned to the collegium names of two high court chief justices recommended for elevation as judges of the Supreme Court, sources aware of the development said

Tuesday. On April 12, the Supreme Court collegium had recommended the names of Jharkhand High Court Chief Justice Aniruddha Bose, and Gauhati HC Chief Justice A S Bopanna for elevation to the top court. Seniority and representa-

as reasons behind the government's decision, the sources said.

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Kailash Gahlot.

While Justice Bose whose parent high court is Calcutta, is at number 12 in all-India

Bopanna, the collegium has taken into consideration, apart from their merit and integrity combined seniority on all-India basis of chief justices and senior puisne judges of high courts.

"The collegium has also kept in mind the desirability of giving due representation on the bench of the Supreme Court, as far as possible, to all the high courts," the collegium resolution had read.

HC.

31 judges, including the chief justice

71

Jurist: Suppression of enquiry report on CJI dented credibility of judicial system "informal and in-house", the

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Suppression of the In-House Inquiry Committee report

giving clean chit to Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi on allegations of sexual harassment has dented the "prestige, cred-ibility and integrity" of the judicial system, noted jurist Rakesh Dwivedi said on Tuesday.

The senior lawyer, who as to avoid scrutiny," Dwivedi had earlier advocated "impartold PTI. tial enquiry" into the allegations, made scathing observations on the inquiry proceed-Scheme of dispensing justice by seeking refuge behind the smokescreen of informal in ings and non-disclosure of the report saying "scrutiny by peo-ple is the hall mark of Justice". The CJI Monday got a house enquiry at a time when the credibility of the Institution

clean chit from a three-member Inquiry Committee headed by Justice S A Bobde which found "no substance" in the

his contact, approached

Inderpal Wadhawan, a Delhi-

based hawala dealer for trans-

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Wadhawan kept ₹4 lakh with

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said.

allegations of a former woman employee of the apex court and further ruled that the report was not "liable to be made public"

Authoritarian Empires to shut

out information and knowl-

edge about what may suppos-

edly impact them adversely so

Judiciary relapsed into this

Monarchical and Dictatorial

is at stake," he said.

"Why has our Highest

The apex court should

undergo 'Ågni-Pariksha' and

Dictatorships

share the report with the public for larger interest of the judiciary, the noted jurist said.

The CJI, the person complained against, would get to "It has been the trait of see the report but not the Monarchy, Imperialism, complainant, nor the nation, he and

quipped. "Please do not shirk collective responsibility. Judicial power vests there (full court). We look up for a responsible and democratic Judiciary. Please for God sake remove the blindfold from our eyes. Trust the people. People need Judiciary. They want its independence. They trust their judges. Do not betray their trust. You stand at the brink.

Don't run away from the Agni-Pariksha. Disclose the report to the people," he said. He was critical of the argument that as the inquiry was

ED attaches cash worth ₹89L

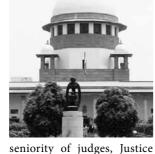
from Pawan Bansal's nephew

process "instilled confidence in the judicial System" and institutional integrity and credibility was preserved.

number 36

was recommended to head the Delhi high court.

ED seizes assets worth <



Bopanna, whose parent high court is Karnataka, stands at

Last year, the government tion of regions have been cited had returned Justice Bose's name to the collegium when he

"While recommending the names of Mr Justices Aniruddha Bose and A S

The Calcutta High Court is represented in the Supreme Court by Justice Indira Banerjee. Justices S M Mallikarjnagouda and S Abdul Nazeer represent the Karnataka

At present, the Supreme Court has a working strength of 27. Its sanctioned strength is

FROM DELHI MINISTER KIN

objection

It was Ajay who had testified that he had last seen the victim along with the accused before his murder and this had nailed the case leading to the conviction of the three accused. The convicts are serving vary ing jail terms in the case. abroad.

The witness, who has already been provided four Personal Security Officers (PSOs), has now moved the apex court for enhanced security. Income Tax Department

money to the tune of ₹1 crore The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has seized from India to Dubai through hawala channel by Harish a flat in posh Vasant Kunj area Gahlot through a Delhi-based hawala dealer for making of Delhi and a land in Haryana worth ₹1.48 crore in connecadvance payments toward purtion with a FEMA and hawala chase of two flats in Dubai in September, 2018," the ED said. case against Harish Gahlot, brother of Delhi minister

Premises linked to the family and associates of Kailash The agency said it issued a Gahlot, Aam Aadmi Party seizure order under section (AAP) MLA and Delhi 37A of Foreign Exchange Transport minister, were raid-Management Act (FEMA) ed by the I-T Department in freezing the flat and a land in October last year. The proper-Chauba village in Harvana in ties of his brother Harish lieu of alleged illegal assets held Gahlot were also searched during the action by IT

"Investigation was initiat-ed under FEMA based on the Department. The tax department information received from the searches were conducted as

against two firms - Brisk informing about transfer of Infrastructure and Developers Pvt Ltd and Corporate International Financial Services Ltd - that are reportedly operated and owned by the family members of Kailash Gahlot. Kailash Gahlot had denied

any wrongdoing and the AAP had termed the action "political vendetta."

The ED probe revealed that in September, 2018 Harish Gahlot had given ₹1 crore cash to his younger son Nitesh Gahlot, who is an NRI and studying in Dubai, for sending this money to Dubai allegedly through unauthorised hawala channel, that denotes skirting legal banking route to transfer money, the agency part of a tax evasion probe said

PNS NEW DELHI "Nitesh Gahlot, through

The Enforcement Directorate L has attached cash worth ₹89.68 lakh in a money laundering case involving Vijay Singla, nephew of Congress leader and former railway minister Pawan Kumar Bansal.

alent to ₹96 lakh in Dubai ED initiated investigation which was collected by the under the provisions of PMLA friend of Nitesh Gahlot and on the basis of FIR and chargesheet filed by CBI under deposited the said amount in the Dubai bank account of IPC section relating to criminal Nitesh Gahlot," the agency conspiracy and for provisions of the Prevention of Corruption Out of these funds, Nitesh Act. The CBI had chargesheet-Gahlot made payment to Dubai-based developers for ed Mahesh Kumar Member (Staff), Railway Board, Vijay booking of two flats in the Singla, Sandeep Goyal and seven other accused persons. name of himself, his father

Harish Gahlot, his mother and CBI investigation revealed that Mahesh Kumar, a 1975 his elder brother, the agency batch officer of Indian Railway

Service of Signal Engineers (IRSSE), was posted as General Manager, Western Railways. He wanted to get himself appointed as Member (Électrical), Railway Board instead of Member (Staff). For this he was in touch with N

Manjunath, who was further in

touch with Sandeep Goyal, a friend of Vijay Singla. Vijay Singla demanded ₹10 crore through Sandeep Goyal from N Manjunath to get Mahesh Kumar posted as Member (Electrical). While delivering a token amount to Vijay Singla and Sandeep Goyal, the CBI team raided the premises of office of Vijay Singla at Sector 28, Chandigarh and recovered ₹89,68,000. During the relevant period,

Pawan Kumar Bansal was the

Railway Minister and his nephew Vijay Singla was caught red handed while accepting a bribe of ₹89,68,000, the ED said in a statement.

ED probe revealed that N. Manjunath on behalf of Mahesh Kumar was persuading various Railway vendors/S&T manufactures/contractors for making arrangement of bribe amount for promotion of Mahesh Kumar as Member (Electrical) by alluring them that all the contributors would be taken care of/benefited from the desired posting of Mahesh Kumar, the agency said. Investigation further

revealed that first installment of bribe amount of ₹89,68,000 was contributed by N Manjunath, MV Murli Krishna, Sushil Daga and private firm Venketeshwara Rail Nirman Pvt. Ltd.

Over 1 million plant species at risk: Report EC should verify all VVPATs: Naidu

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELH

 $M^{\rm ore \ than \ one \ million \ of}_{\rm the \ estimated \ eight \ million}$ lion plant and animal species on earth are at a risk of vanishing- many of them within decades -because of lopsided human activities, a UN report has warned.

Painting a grim picture, the UN global assessment report prepared by over 100 scientists from the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) said that the biomass of wild mammals has fallen by 82 per cent, natural ecosystems have lost about half their area and a million species are at risk of extinction all largely as a result of human actions.

Compiled over three years by more than 450 scientists and diplomats, the report), the summary of which was approved at the 7th session of the IPBES Plenary, meeting last

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

*75% of land environment and some 66% of marine environment significantly altered by human actions

*Over a third of world's land surface and nearly 75% of freshwater resources are used for crops or livestock

*Up to \$577 billion in annual global crops are at risk from pollinator loss.

*Between 100 million and 300 million people now face increased risk of floods and hurricanes due

to loss of coastal habitats and protection.

*Since 1992, world's urban areas have more than doubled.

*Plastic pollution has increased tenfold since 1980 *300-400 million tons of heavy metals, solvents, toxic sludge dumped into the world's water systems.

week (29 April - 4 May) in Paris amphibian species, almost 33 said that the average abunper cent of reef-forming corals and more than a third of all dance of native species in most major land-based habitats has marine mammals are threatfallen by at least 20 per cent, ened. At least 680 vertebrate mostly since 1900. species had been driven to "More than 40 per cent of extinction since the 16th cen-

tury and more than 9 per cent of all domesticated breeds of mammals used for food and agriculture had become extinct by 2016, with at least 1,000 more breeds still threatened," it said. The overwhelming evi-dence of the IPBES Global

Assessment, from a wide range of different fields of knowledge, presents an ominous picture, noted IPBES Chair, Sir Robert Watson. "The health of ecosystems on which we and all other species depend is deteriorating more rapidly than ever. We are eroding the very foundations of our economies, livelihoods, food security, health and quality of life worldwide," he added.

Based on the systematic review of about 15,000 scientific and government sources, the Report also draws (for the first time ever at this scale) on indigenous and local knowledge, particularly addressing issues relevant to Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities.

New Delhi: A delegation of 22 opposition parties, led by Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu, on Tuesday approached the Election Commission requesting for verification of all Voter-Verified Paper Audit Trail (VVPATs) in an assembly segment if discrepancy is found in counting of VVPAT slips of five random machines.

The delegation met the EC immediately after the Supreme Court dismissed a plea by opposition parties to review its judgment rejecting 50 per cent ran-dom physical verification of EVMs using VVPATs.

The delegation also demanded that the EC "suo motu" increase the physical counting of VVPAT slips with Electronic Voting Machines (EVM) vote count in order to restore voters' confidence, credibility, transparency and robustness of institutional mechanism of counting process.

The Supreme Court has directed the EC to count VVPAT



Patel, Ashok Gehlot, Abhishek Manu Singhvi and others after meeting with Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) at Nirvachan Bhawan in New Delhi on Tuesday PTI

Ahmed Patel and Abhishek M Singhvi as well as National Conference leader Farooq Abdullah, CPI parliamentarian D Raja and AAP MP Sanjay Singh were among other lead-

After the SC dismissed our

told the EC that it is possible to count 50 per cent of VVPAT slips easily.

"There are 14 tables in every counting hall for an assembly constituency. Therefore the amount of time and energy in which slips from one VVPAT machine can be supervised by returning officer and observer is same for 14 VVPAT machines.

"Therefore slips from at least 70 VVPAT machines can be counted in the same time. If they are counting 5 VVPATs, then they can count 70 VVPATs at a time," he said. The Telugu Desam Party

(TDP) chief said that the EĆ has been requested to honour the demand of a candidate for

recounting. The delegation not only urged the EC to come out with revised guidelines in this regard at the earliest, but also asked it to investigate and publish on its website all cases of discrepancies found during the counting process. PTI

slips of five random EVMs in each assembly segment. Senior Congress leaders

ers present in the meeting.

after the meeting. Naidu said the delegation

petition, we came to the EC and

requested it clearly that if any

discrepancy is found in five

VVPATs then what action it

should take. Some of the booths

are manipulated. Our demand

is clear that all VVPATs in the

entire assembly segment should

be verified," Naidu told reporters



Lanka still faces threat of ISIS terror attacks: PM

PTI COLOMBO

Sri Lankan Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe on Tuesday said that authorities have arrested or killed all the militants responsible for the deadly Easter blasts, but warned that the country still faces the threat of ISIS terror attacks.

Speaking in Parliament during a debate on the current security situation in the country, Wickremesinghe said all those directly linked to the Easter Sunday attacks were either killed or are in custody.

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

people. Wickremesinghe said investigations had revealed the bombers had direct or indirect links with Islamic State and the

Indonesia thwarts

AFP JAKARTA



island nation needed sophisti-

cated technology to deal with the threat posed by such terror networks. "The danger is not over, we

are now a victim of global terism," he said. He said that Sri Lanka must work with the interna-

tional community to face the global threat from terrorism. "Some assume working

with the international community means bringing down foreign troops. That will not happen," he said. His comments came as Sri

Lankan police and military chiefs assured that the country is now safe and can get back to normalcy.



steps have been taken to implement a special security plan. Acting Inspector General of Police (IGP) Chandana Wickremaratne said that all

those directly linked to the attacks on three churches and three luxury hotels have been arrested or were killed.

Addressing a press confer

He also said that all the explosives believed to be linked to local Islamist outfit National Thowheeth Jama'ath (NTJ), blamed for the attacks, have been found.

"All explosives possessed by the terrorist group has been seized

Almost everyone identified with the group have been arrested. Two of their bomb experts have died in the clashes. The police can happily announce that everyone with direct links have been either arrested or killed by now," he said.

Afghanistan's 17-year war.

15 laborers.

bers of the Taliban.

Climate change missing as US defends Arctic policy

AP ■ ROVANIEMI

The Arctic is melting, but don't ask US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo to mention climate change. Nor to agree a text that mentions it.

For the Trump administration, disappearing sea ice in the world's "high north" is first and foremost an opportunity to exploit rather than a crisis to mitigate.

That position was made clear by Pompeo over two days as the foreign ministers of the eight members of the Arctic Council met in Finland, which is wrapping up its two-year chairmanship of the Arctic Council.

Finnish Foreign Ministry Timo Soini said Tuesday there will be no joint declaration at the after the summit couldn't get the United States to agree on a text that includes language about climate change. Instead, he said there would be statements from ministers and Finland which currently holds the chair of the Arctic Council.

May seeks Brexit deal amid mounting pressure to quit

AP LONDON

British Prime Minister Theresa May faced renewed pressure on Tuesday from lawmakers in her Conservative Party to abandon efforts to seek a Brexit compromise deal with

the opposition Labour Party. After several weeks of fruitless negotiations, senior Conservative and Labour lawmakers resumed discussions in what appears to be one final push to reach an agreement.

The talks have been given new urgency by last week's local elections, which saw the Conservatives hammered and Labour also lose ground as voters expressed anger at the

country's Brexit impasse. Almost three years after Britain voted to leave the EU, the date and terms of Brexit remain uncertain. The U.K.'s departure date has been postponed from March 29 until October 31 because lawmakers have repeatedly rejected May's

divorce deal with the bloc. That has led her to seek a orderly manner.

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deal with Labour. But the leftof-center opposition party insists it will only agree to a Brexit deal that includes a permanent customs union with the EU to avoid barriers to the trade of goods.

The government wants a looser relationship with the bloc that would let Britain strike new trade deals around the world.

Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt said "compromises on all sides" were needed "because the message of last week was that voters for both main parties are very, very angry about the fact that Brexit hasn't been delivered.

But suggestions the gov ernment might soften the terms of departure from the EU has infuriated pro-Brexit Conservatives, who are demanding May's resignation. "The time has come for her to resign," said lawmaker Bill Cash.

"She needs to be given a date. The sooner the better. But it needs to be done in an

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Istanbul vote re-run is 'best step': Erdogan AFP ANKARA

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan on Tuesday welcomed a controversial order to re-run the recent Istanbul election after complaints of corruption as the "best step" for the country.

"We see this decision as the best step that will strengthen our will to solve problems within the framework of democracy and law," Erdogan told a meeting of his party members in parliament.

Erdogan's comments come a day after the top election body cancelled the March 31 vote that handed opposition candidate Ekrem Imamoglu a narrow lead over Erdogan's ruling Justice and Development Party (AKP).

The AKP has refused to accept defeat, citing "irregularities and corruption" in the vote.

Erdogan on Tuesday talked of "organised crime" and "serious corruption" during the vote.

"The documents we have presented are quite solid and based on concrete evidence which cannot be disputed," he said.

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GLOBE **4 KILLED AS HOUSE**

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COLLAPSES IN PAKISTAN Peshawar: Four persons, including a woman and her two daughters, were killed when roof of their dilapidated house collapsed in the northwest Pakistan on Tuesday, police said.

SHARIF SET TO RETURN TO **JAIL AS BAIL EXPIRES** Lahore: Pakistan's ousted PM

Nawaz Sharif will return to Kot Lakhpat Jail here on Tuesday following the expiry of his sixweek bail in a corruption case in which he has been sentenced to seven years imprisonment

JAPAN FINDS PARTS OF CRASHED F35 FIGHTER JET

Tokyo: Japan said on Tuesday it had recovered some debris from a stealth fighter jet that crashed in April, but was still looking for the "all-important" memory that could offer clues into the crash

STRONG 7.2 QUAKE ROCKS PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Port Moresby: A powerful but deep 7.2-magnitude earthquake rocked Papua New Guinea on Tuesday, officials said, cutting power and knocking items off shelves though there were no immediate reports of serious damage.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Rampal Singh S/o Late Sh Liley Singh R/o 57, Village Kondli Delhi-110096 has debarred hisson Thath Singh alongwith his wife Rekha as well as his another son Ravi alongwith his wife Arti and their children from his all movableimmovable properties due to their misbehave and bad conduct and broken all his relations from them, if anybody deals with them shall be himsel responsible.

Bilal Ahmad (Advocate)

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FORM NO. URC52 Advertisement giving notice about registration under Part I of Chapter XXI[Pursuant to section 374(b) of the companies Act, 2013 and ule 4(1) of the companies (Authorised to Register) Rules, 2014]

Register Rules, 2014]
 Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of sub-section (2) of section 366 of the Companies Act, 2013, an application has been made to the Registrar at KANPUR that HURRYS FOOD AND BEVERGESLLP an LLP may be registered under Part I of Chapter XXI of the Companies Act2013, as a company limited by shares.
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A. Notice is hereby given that any person objecting to this application may communicate their objection in writing to the Registrar of companies at 37/17, Westcottt Building,The Mall, Kanpur-208001, within 21 days from the date of publication of this notice, with a copy to

Names of Applicant 1.HARI BABU 2.PANKAJ KUMAR

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ISIS-linked bomb plots: Police

Indonesia has thwarted a bid by Islamic State-linked militants to stage a series of bombings when it announces official election results this month, authorities said.

Police in the Southeast Asian nation said Monday that they had arrested eight suspects at several locations over the past week, including in Sumatra and near the capital Jakarta.

Afghan official: Taliban hit security checkpoints, 8 die night's attack in Khwaja

AP KABUL

Bahaudin district. n Afghan official says the A Taliban have targeted securesponsibility for the attack. The insurgents stage near-daily rity checkpoints in northeastern Takhar province, killing attacks on Afghan forces, even eight members of the security as peace efforts have accelerated to find an end to

forces Wafiullah Rahmani, head of the provincial council, says three soldiers and five policemen were killed in Monday

DEPARTMENT FOR SPECIAL OPERATIONS, 5th floor, HDFC BANK al Clasique Tower, Plot No - 1, J Block, Near Community Cer Opp Surya Continental Rajouri Garden, New Delhi 110027 NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT OF AUCTION

Please refer to the PUBLIC NOTICE FOR E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY published in this newspaper on 04-April-2019 with respect to the auction o freehold residential property situated at E-1/11, Model Town, New Delhi admeasuring 284 square yards on 09-May-2019.

Public at large is hereby informed that the said E-auction stands postponed from 09-May 2019 to 12-Jun-2019 till 04:00 P.M. Inspection date and the shall be 07-Jun-2019 for 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM

There is no change in other terms & conditions of e-auction as given in the end o ite www.hdfcbank.com and www.bankeauction Date : 07.05.2019 Place: New Delhi Authorised Officer, HDFC Bank Ltd

Form No .INC-26

[Pursuant to Rule 30 of the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014] Advertisement to be published in the newspaper for change of registered office of the Company from one state to another

AFP MOSCOW Russian investigators were on Tuesday considering pilot

error as the cause of a crash The Taliban claimed landing that saw a plane erupt in flames at Moscow's busiest airport and kill 41 people,

The Sukhoi Superjet-100 had just flown out of Sheremetyevo airport on Separately, Dadullah Sunday evening when it sent Qaneh, councilman in out an emergency signal and western Farah province, says circled back, bouncing on the runway and catching fire.

coalition forces on Sunday carried out airstrikes against Taliban-run heroin labs, killing the Aeroflot pilots made a But Mohibullah Mohib, the provincial police chief's flying into a thunderstorm spokesman, says those killed in rather than circling to use up Bakwa district were all memfuel.

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pilot error after deadly plane blaze

Bachhwara, Vidyapatidham and Mohiuddin Nagar Stations in Sonepur Division upto 14.05.2019. Consequently, the following trains will remain temporarily Cancelled/Diverted/Reschduled as per the details given below :-Train No. & Name media reported. 04023 Barauni Jn. - Delhi Jn. Exp.

Sources in the investigation told Kommersant newspaper number of errors including and landing with a full tank

Russia probes **Temporary Cancellation / Diversion/** Railways have planned pre-non-interlocking and non-interlocking works at

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In the matter of sub-section(4) of section 13 of the Companies Act,2013 and clause (a) of sub-rule(5) of rule 30 of the Companies (Incorporation **Rules**.2014 And

In the matter of M/s KINGDOM PROTECTION SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED having registered office at " 711, Jaina Tower II, District Centre, Janapuri NEW DELHI DL 110058 IN"

Notice is hereby given to the general public that the company proposes to make application to the central government under section 13 of the companies act. 2013 seeking confirmation of alteration of the Memorandum of Association of the company in terms of the Special Resolution passed at the Extra Ordinary General Meeting held on 05th March 2019, to enable the company to change its registered office from "State of DELHI" To "State of KERALA"

Any person whose interest is likely to be affected by the proposed change of the registered office of the company may deliver either on the MCA-21 Portal (www.mca.gov.in) by filling investor complaint form or cause to be delivered or send by registered post of his/ her objections supported by an affidavit stating the nature if his/ her Interest and grounds of opposition to the "B-2 Wing, 2nd Floor, Paryavaran Bhavan, CGO Complex, Newe Delhi-110003" within fourteen days from the date of publication of this notice with a copy of the applicant company at its registered office at the address mentioned below

"711, Jaina Tower II, District Centre, Janapuri NEW DELHI DL 110058 IN

For and on behalf of the applicant M/s KINGDOM PROTECTION SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED Mr.ACHUTHAN CHAKITAILNARAYANAN NAIR Director DIN: 07594288

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD (R&B) B.C. ROAD DIVISION BHADERWAH E-Mail :- xenbhaderwahrnb@gmail.com, Ph./ Fax No.:- 01997-244160

CORRIGENDUM

Ref.:- E-NIT No. 02 of 2019-20 Dated:- 04.05.2019 issued under No: 183-204/CS Dated:-04.05.2019.

Kindly read Additional Performance Security for Unbalanced bids as pe Circular No .:- CEJ/T/1474-75 Dated:- 04.05.2019

S.No.1 Percentage of Unbalanced bid viz advertised cost:- Upto and inculding 15%

S.No.1 Additional Performance Security:-Nil

Date: May 08,2019

Place: Delhi

S.No.2 Percentage of Unbalanced bid viz advertised cost:- 15% and more below

S.No.2 Additional Performance Security: - 5.00% of advertised cost **INSTEAD OF**

Additional Performance Security for Unbalanced bids as per Circular No.:- CEJ/G/22029-33 Dated:- 12.03.2019

S.No.1 Percentage of Unbalanced bid viz advertised coat as accoun of law rates:- Upto and including 15% below

S.No.1 Additional Performance Security:-Nil

S.No.2 Percentage of Unbalanced bid viz advertised coat as account of law rates:-15% upto and including 20%

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S.No.3 Additional Performance Security:-10.00% of advertised cost S.No.4 Percentage of Unbalanced bid viz advertised coat as account of law rates:- 25% upto and including 30%

S.No.4 Additional Performance Security:-15.00% of advertised cost S.No.5 Percentage of Unbalanced bid viz advertised coat as account of law rates:- 30% below

S.No.5 Additional Performance Security:- 20.00% of advertised cost All other terms and Conditions shall remain the same as already advertised vide above referred e-NIT.

Sd/- (Er Bashir Ahmad Khanday)

Executive Engineer

B.C. Road Division, Bhaderwah

No. DIP/J-460-P/2019 Dated:- 06.05.2019

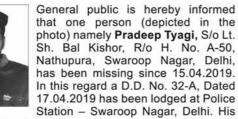
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03.05.2019 at P.S. Kamla Market, Delhi, The dead body has been preserved in the MAMC Mortuary for 72 hours for identification. The description of the dead person is as under:- Age: 55-60 years, Sex: Male, Height: 5'5' Face: Long, Built: Thin, Complexion: Shallow, Wearing Lining Shirt & Brown Colour Lining Pant and Black Sleepar in feet. If any one having any information about this dead person please inform undersigned. SHO

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this regard FIR No. 150/19 dated 22.04.2019 u/s 363 IPC has been lodged at P.S. Narela, Delhi.

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

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Appeal For Identification

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General public is hereby informed that this person Name : Unknown S/o : Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: 35 Years, Sex : Male, Height : 5 Ft. 5 Inch, Complexion : Shallow, ID Mark : A Snake Tattoo on Right Hand, Wearing : Violet Colour Sando Baniyan and Blue Colour Jeans, has been found dead on 29.04.2019 at 09:33 am at 50 Futa Road, Near Jai Veer Naan, Nihal Vihar, Delhi. In this

regard a DD No. 21-A Dated 29.04.2019 has been lodged at PS. Nihal Vihar, 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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Karan Sahani

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- PAPER WITH PASSION -**Justice or injustice?**

By hurriedly clearing the CJI of sexual harassment charges, the SC probe panel raises more questions than answers



hy is it that the terse dismissal of sexual harassment charges against the Chief Justice of India (CJI) Ranjan Gogoi by an in-house panel hasn't quite given us a sense of closure? Why is it making us all too uncomfortable? Wasn't it led by extremely learned justices, two among them women, who were expected to be armed with the best legal knowledge and stand as protector of human rights? Or was it the case of institutional integrity having a far higher cost than the dignity of an individual, a woman in

this case? She has a right to know as do we. Perhaps so many questions are the reason why women lawyers turned up outside the Supreme Court and shouted slogans of "supreme injustice." This reinforces what we have been saying from the the beginning of this delicate case, that procedural propriety be adhered to even if the nature of the proceedings was "informal, in-house" and not liable to public consumption. This became even more imperative in a scenario as the accused, in this case the CJI, can only be impeached by Parliament and cannot be subjected to any prevalent legal mechanism. Which is why his image needed to come clean in absolute terms with full transparency than the hushrush probe that has done more damage than repair. The opacity, the non-inclusion of neutral observers and the summary disposal have only lent credence to people's worst doubts, that the judges of the Supreme Court are untouchable, answerable to no one and can interpret the law to rise above it themselves. Considering the extreme polarities — the CJI claiming that the charges were trumped up to force his hand on key verdicts and the woman claiming there were reprisals against her and her family for bringing the issue up in the first place — it was important for the probe panel to not appear one-sided. For at one end was the suggestion of a mischievous conspiracy against the highest court by using something as coarse as a honey trap. On the other was the accuser, standing up for the rights of all working women, who become soft targets of vilification campaigns and are always assumed to have motives. For the sake of both, the court needed to walk the thin red line without wavering a hair's breadth. But the court-appointed panel swung appallingly to put it mildly. Not only did it appear to have pre-judged the case, it did not even go through the motions. Neither did it take umbrage at the CJI's special hearing without the complainant, nor did it check the backstory of the judges on the panel till the complainant pointed out one of them was a friend of the CJI. He recused himself thereafter.

Considering the case was based on highly unequal circumstances — a junior employee versus the CJI --- the investigation turned out to be more intimidating than trustworthy. All the complainant wanted was the presence of her lawyer or any support person for the sake of neutrality, an audio-video recording of the committee proceedings and a copy of her statements as recorded on two sessions for the sake of fair play and cross-questioning. By keeping an apolitical third party at the proceedings, the court could have prioritised fairplay and made the complainant feel secure enough and not walk away. The fact that the court disregarded public pressure to comply with democratic rules and principles and even ignored the counsel of senior judges Chandrachud and Nariman on the matter shows the impunity with which it pushed a closure rather than a satisfying resolution. The court's claims that informal proceedings need not be made public run counter to the transparency and right to information it espouses in its other rulings. And here the public needs to know the details about the actions taken or not taken against a Constitutional authority. If indeed Gogoi is innocent or the woman guilty, wouldn't it have been better to publicise the findings, both for himself, the institution that he represents and women's rights? Wouldn't it have been better to avoid a stigma and set a precedent for all time to come? A conspiracy of this scale against the judiciary, if it was indeed so, should have been exposed widely and made an example of. Clearly, after this shoddiness, the court and the CJI will forever be under doubt. As are the other judges against whom no sexual harassment charges were ever proven. As for the woman, the intimidating force of the country's topmost institution is too big to wage a crusade on her own. The legal route is out. As for us, there's always our conscience. And unending assumptions in the absence of waterproof evidence.

Nobody joined the dots

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The Easter Sunday self-inflicted tragedy was in military parlance a total command failure, which is likely to take Sri Lanka a decade back



ASHOK K MEHTA

either Sherlock Holmes nor Alfred Hitchcock would have been mystified by intelligence oversights that led to one of the world's most dastardly terrorist attacks in Sri Lanka last month. Simply because it was a case of just connecting the dots - so detailed and specific were the tip-offs. According to a top secret intelligence memo of April (there were two others before the fateful day dawned on Easter Sunday), the country's intelligence chief had warned the Inspector General of Police that 'Zahran Hashim of the National Tawheed Jamaat and his associates were planning to carry out suicide terrorist attacks in Sri Lanka shortly." How this classified warning was not shared with President Maithripala Sirisena and Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe is a riddle. Rarely has there been an intelligence goof-up of this magnitude in recent memory.

That such a catastrophic intelligence foul-up took place in Sri Lanka, which only a decade ago had destroyed the invincible Velupillai Prabhakaran-led Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), ending root and branch a 30-year-long deadly insurgency and becoming the first country to achieve such a feat in the 21st century, is intriguing. The Army, Navy and Air Force have held annual international seminars in Colombo to showcase their military successes, including the Army's prowess in deep penetration intelligence acquisition skills. According to the then Defence Secretary and brother of former President Mahinda Rajapaksa, Gotabaya Rajapaksa, now a presidential hopeful for the elections this year, the present Government dismantled the elaborate intelligence and surveillance network of 5,000 personnel he had set up in 2011 across the country, including the Muslim majority areas of the east.

Nine suicide bombers, including one woman, struck in coordinated attacks followed by two or three hara-kiri acts by family members and associates of the mastermind Hashim. It is now known that the suicide squad consisted of 15 members and the support group was 150 of whom 100 cadres have been arrested. Thirty-six Sri Lankans are reported to have gone to fight with the Islamic State in Syria and many had returned. The preparation for serial human bombing of this scale and sophistication would have taken months if not years. Sirisena has started in Syria in 2017. How this massive diabolical plot escaped detection is a mystery. The Sri Lankan Army Commander, Lt Gen Mahesh Senanayake, in an interview to BBC, has said that the suicide bombers "got some sort of training" in Kashmir and Kerala. This should worry India. Given the severe communal

polarisation exacerbated by the elections, major terrorist attacks are not unlikely in India in the near future.

In 2017, I retraced my times with the Indian Peace Keeping Force (IPKF) 30 years ago in the east, travelling through Muslim majority Ampara and Kalmunai areas near Batticaloa and saw an increased density of population, mosques and madrassas as also prosperity and development. The Muslims were targeted by the LTTE notably in their massacre in Sri Lanka's biggest mosque in Kattankudy near Batticaloa in the 1990s. (Kattankudy is the hometown of Hashim, the mastermind of the attacks and its training ground). Later, the Sinhala Buddhist extremists Bodu Bala Sena (BBS), ostensibly supported by the Government, targetted Muslims periodically from 2013, culminating in the big anti-Muslin riots in Kandy last overnment declaring Emergency. The trigger for Muslim alienation and radicalisation is the BBS attacks and objections to hijab and halal. How the Government did not pick up these straws in the wind is an enigma.

ascribed the horrific attacks to the Islamic State (IS)-inspired Sri Lankan Muslim National Thowheed Jamath (NTJ) as retaliation for Christchurch till IS supremo Abu Bakr Al-Baghdadi claimed responsibility as revenge for loss of Baghouz, the caliphate's last bastion in Syria. Sri Lanka's own counter-terrorism czar, the Singapore-based Rohan Gunaratna, confirmed that IS has created support groups around the world and NTJ has joined the IS.

The rift and infighting between Sirisena and Wickremesinghe is a folklore. The politics of the carnage is beguiling. Sirisena has squarely blamed the Prime Minister. the Defence Secretary and the Inspector General Police and said he was kept in the dark and that he would reconstitute security structures. On his part, Wickremesinghe said, "I did not know...still we have to take responsibility for that year, which led to the part of Government machinthat did not wor is not only the Defence Minister but has also kept the Law and Order Ministry with him, some say, unconstitution-This has kept ally. Wickremesinghe quarantined from defence and security, Initially, the Government including national security

council meetings. That the left hand did not know what the right hand was doing is the black hole in the security system

Former Army Commander General Sarath Fonseka was the key architect of victory of the LTTE but he fell out with the old regime's top leaders, the Rajapaksas. The Sirisena Government appointed Fonseka a Field Marshal and a Minister. Speaking in the Emergency debate in Parliament after the bombings, Fonseka lambasted his own Government, including Srisena, Wickremesinghe and other defence and intelligence officials. Demands for making Fonseka Minister for law and order are increasing.

Sri Lanka is under Emergency rule with the Prevention of Terrorism Act in place but is likely to be replaced with the new counter-terrorism Bill. It is the first country to ban the face veil in South Asia. Both the media were lifted after a week. The preliminary report on the bombings has been completed, which Sirisena is keeping close to his chest. A new military command territorially, including parts of west and northwest provinces,

including Colombo and Puttalam and strangely called Overall Operational Command, has been established and coastal security beefed up. India's offer of sending its elite National Security Guards has been politely rejected. The joke in Colombo is about how NSG messed up in Mumbai in 2008 taking four days to complete the operation. Tongue-incheek Sri Lankan military veterans say what the IPKF started and did not complete, we finished.

Over-indulgent in its con-quest of LTTE, Sri Lanka let its guard down. A dysfunctional cohabitation Government has been rent apart by catastrophic terrorist attacks, which are likely to take Sri Lanka a decade back. The Easter Sunday self-inflicted tragedy was in military parlance a total command failure. That neither the Prime Minister nor President has resigned is to borrow a famous war time Churchillian one liner: A rid dle wrapped in a mystery surrounded by an enigma. (The writer is a retired Major General of the Indian Army and founder member of the Defence Planning Staff, currently the revamped Integrated Defence Staff)



Silencing the doubters

The apex court has closed the debate around VVPATs but they have to be factored in next time



ver since the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) came to power in 2014, many political parties have been crying wolf about the Electronic Voting Machines (EVM) malfunctioning across the country and have been protesting to all and sundry, even though it appears that the public at large has not really been interested in the debate. Their latest approach to the Supreme Court demanding that the Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) system be used more intensively during the current general elections was a lost

cause any which way, with the poll process largely complete. The court dismissed the petition with just two phases remaining and it being impossible for the Election Commission (EC) to change machines now. Criticism has been a constant since these machines made their debut, the loudest cries before 2014 being ironically made by the BJP in the aftermath of the 2009 elections.

But can VVPAT machines be brought into more widespread use going forward so as to allay fears that the machines can be tampered with to benefit one party or another? Yes, it must be done. However, one has to remember that in India with 900 million potential voters and 600 million plus votes cast, the scale of WPAT issues can be mind-numbing and the extent of recounts has to be managed. Otherwise the political turmoil that will invariably follow contested elections could go on for weeks if not months, and India cannot afford that. So while more machines should have VVPAT printers and storage, if any political party or candidate demands a recount or an audit, they should be made to pay, just like those students who want their examination papers re-evaluated. The sum of money should be significant enough to pay for the hundreds of staff required to conduct such an exercise. Meanwhile, the EC must use more authentication units before the polls to weed out counterfeit/tampered EVMs, progress on which has been slow. It can fix a uniform sample size for hand-counting VVPAT slips for all constituencies. And it should fix a margin of error before ordering an automatic recount. The process may be time-taking but would ensure credibility of devices among voters. India must not return to the days of paper ballots, and as we have been noticing in these elections, the problem is more to do with booth security rather than the EVMs.



LETTERS 0 Т НE EDITOR

Face the harsh truth

Sir — This refers to the editorial, "A speech too far" (May 7). Dead leaders, who are widely known, like Hitler, Stalin, Mahatma Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru and Indira Gandhi among others, have been derided for some of their actions no doubt. Agreed late Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi also had his failings. History won't ignore the blunders made by leaders but there is a civil way of addressing them than brute name-calling.

M Ratan Via email

Take consistent stand

Sir — This refers to the editorial, "Poll panel under fire" (May 6). Undoubtedly, the 2019 Lok Sabha election is one of the dirtiest in a long time where belowthe-belt and insensitive remarks have become the norm for our politicians

Political leaders, both in the ruling and opposition parties, are to be blamed as much the Election Commission (EC) of

Political discourse has reached a new low

ndia has seen many erudite orators as Prime Ministers before. Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru was an orator par excellence and was a standout statesman. too. Atal Bihari Vajpayee, the first ever Prime Minister of a far-right party, used to mesmerise the masses with his poetic oratory. His words always had an impeccable decency. A stunned nation recently heard Prime Minister Modi describe the life and death of a predecessor, who was killed in a ghastly terrorist attack, in derogatory language and with denigrating gestures. Rajiv Gandhi assumed the mantle when his mother fell to the assassin's bullets and his politician-brother, the heir apparent, had died in a plane crash. True, the Bofors gun deal had brought much infamy, but the charges against him enthused none of the trial and appeal courts

A saying goes: "Great minds discuss ideas; average minds discuss events; small minds discuss people. Congress chief Rahul Gandhi's tweet, "Your karma awaits

India. It was former chief Election Commissioner TN Seshan, who had given the much-needed tooth to the EC and redefined the way elections were conducted in our country.

Keeping aside the malfunctioning of EVMs, which could be attributed to faults in the machine, the Model Code of Conduct is brazenly torn by our

leaders. The flow of money and liquor during election time has become way too common. This is especially true among rural voters, who become easy targets and can be manipulated by the leaders. But it is disheartening that the EC has been found wanting in all parameters.

It is not that the EC has not punished erring leaders, it has barred many from campaigning

you" — with an emphasis on the Bhagavad Gita — also remind one of a verse from the Bible (Mathew): "But I tell you that everyone will have to give account on the day of judgement for every empty word they have spoken." Be that as it may, one can only lament about the falling standards in Indian politics this time around. Haridasan Rajan

Kozhikode

for 24 to 72 hours but has not been consistent. In fact, it has displayed selective amnesia.

Bal Govind

Noida

Consistency is what is the need of the hour. Even now, two more rounds of polling are yet to take place — one on May 12 and the other on May 19. The EC can still pull up its socks and correct past wrong doings.

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Mayawati's dream

Sir — In an anti-climax of the feverish pitch of the poll campaign, Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) supremo Mayawati has hinted that she is a contender for the post of the Prime Minister. One must not be offended by her tall claims, for our polity is so free that anyone can aspire to be anyone and, hence, political leaders have enough room for manoeuvre.

There's no harm in Mayawati wanting to become the Prime Minister but she has to think whether she is acceptable to all across the country or has she ever grown to become a pan-India leader?

Our country is much more diverse and vibrant than Uttar Pradesh and Mayawati has to grow to such a national level to be received by millions of people. So, she is free to dream but its relevance and reality are as impractical as crying for the

TK Nandanan

Chennai

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FIRSTCOLUMN Key to success of small businesses

Cash-flow management is an important element to run a business. One must learn this skill to improve the prospects of the firm



HIMA BINDU KOTA

Intrepreneurs and small business owners are passionate about their products/services. However, at times, cash flow management can be quite tricky and not everyone is able to manage their finances properly. Lost between chasing invoices and making payments, cash management becomes a tightrope to walk. This article will provide a guide to cash flow management

Don't get slack on invoicing: This is the first step for cash inflows to come in. Send invoices as soon as possible after providing goods/services. Set terms to make sure that payments are not forgotten or lost in the process. Always follow up on sent invoices. You can make this easy by creating set templates for email or SMS and by following up on them. Always refer to invoice numbers and cross-refer them with payments.

Keep a tight grip on expenses: In the early stages of a business, it is smart to keep fixed expenses as low as possible. Expenses are everything that maintain gross revenue from going straight into the piggy bank. Although this is very obvious, when things get busy, it becomes easy to lose track. So make sure to keep track of all small expenses as they can add up quickly. A review allows one to keep track where the money goes. Planning a year in advance for large expenses such as rent, payrolls, taxes, interest, materials for goods and products, debts, utilities and other operating expenses can help reduce the financial burden. They will also aid in ensuring that the cash flow stays stronger even in the tightest months.

Make financial projections: Having a clear financial estimate is important. If one does not know where he/she wants to get to, how will one know how to get there? And more importantly, how much one needs to spend along the way? The main business plan can help anticipate and address possible future obstacles.

Maintain a borderline between personal and business finance: Once done with the selection of business name and registration, the need is to open a commercial bank account. Personal and business bank accounts should be kept separate. Holding a borderline between these two finances will provide a more straightforward accounting at the end of the financial year for tax ascertainment purposes. It will also eliminate situations of cash crunch in business caused due to withdrawals for personal expenditure. Keeping the business' money separate will make gauging of profitability easier and help keep proper track of expenses.

Considering insurance: For an entrepreneur, insurance is one of those things that one hates paying for the business. But in the end, one may actually need it. In order to build a profitable portfolio and managing small business finances, one must spend some time researching about what's right for the business and personal needs as well

Set up a retirement account: As a small business owner in the competitive business world, one is probably used to taking up a lot of responsibility such as drawing up a detailed business plan to creating a budget for the success of the company. So, it should come as no surprise that funding for retirement, too, shall fall on the shoulders

Invest in technology: The next thing to manage small business finance is to invest in technology and understand all terms related to the business. Sometimes, it is better to use online software to keep records for finances and accounts and establish an online presence in order to attract more customers

Keep track on money movements: No matter how small the company is, one is required to have outlined payment terms concisely and efficiently to manage small business finances. Even though this is challenging in today's business world, one needs to take into account both the financial and legal side of monetary transactions

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A common school system

The national priority for the investment of public funds must be teacher training and school education. This will ensure highest level of returns. Let the country realise this goal



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ducation systems across democracies promise Equality of opportunity, access and success to equality of opportunity, access and success to devery child. This raises high hopes and kin-dles bundles of aspirations, particularly among the weaker sections of society, who have waited for gen-erations for better and dignified human existence. Towards this, to begin with, the first requirement is to create a Common School System (CSS). It means no child can be denied admission by any school in the neighbourhood, irrespective of his/her social or economic background. The next step is to ensure individual attention to every child, ascertain his/her interests and ensure that his/her creativity and curiosity are not hindered. In simple terms, it requires an inviting learning environ-ment, competent, committed and performing

teachers, and a right teacher-taught ratio. India's public education system could not pre-vent the decline of credibility and acceptability of 'sarkari schools' as the essential spirit of CSS was just ignored. Prominently included in the National Policy on Education (NPE) 1968, CSS did find a place in the subsequent policies of 1986 and 1992, but the system continuously drifted away from honestly implementing it. Post-independence, the expe-rience in Indian educational initiatives and expansion has clearly established that the elite-dominated system of governance - even in the presence of political masters — invariably succeeds in pre-serving their interests. This unstated endeavour and attitude resulted in severe decline of public-funded schools, unprecedented mushrooming of private schools and rise in demand for "good quality schools", which became synonymous with high-fee charging schools. Government schools are now patronised only by those, who have no other alternative. This either because of their meagre economic resources or non-availability of a private nomic resources or non-availability of a private school nearby. A feeble attempt was made with the enactment of the Right to Education Act, 2009, to reserve 25 per cent seats in initial classes for chil-dren of weaker sections. But a majority of schools found "strategies" to hoodwink it. After the first batch of children admitted under this category in 2010 completed Class VIII, schools asked them to pay regular school fees or get lost Such an obvipay regular school fees or get lost. Such an obvious concern was ignored by our policy-makers. The psychological and emotional damage inflicted on the learner and his family would be anything but callous attitude and also prevalent ignorance within the education system on finer and subtle aspects of learning. Is it not amazing, if not agonising, that children of most functionaries responsible for school education policies and its implementation prefer to enroll in private schools only? Around 60-65 per cent of the school-going children still study in sarkari schools, which are invariably deficient on infrastructure, teachers, learning materials and even in basic professional requirements. Expectedly, most of the surveys and studies on learning outcomes indicate not only low learner attainments but also consistent annual decline. This is indeed worrisome. In spite of such a large chunk of school-going children completing their schooling under deficient conditions and sever impediments — and only a small proportion of them getting a place in higher education institutions — the educated youth of India are among the most sought-after in the developed countries.



They are offered really challenging assignments and invariably come out with flying colours, bringing prestige and praise to the motherland. However, there is a dimmer picture within the country. Graduates of highly coveted higher education courses of technical and management education are found deficient in their readiness to accept job responsibility in the job market and the propor-tion may indeed be alarming — up to 80. What a wastage of young manpower in an era where India is supposed to be in the "golden period of demois supposed to be in the "golden period of demo-graphic dividend", solely because of its young man-power. Around 50 per cent of India's population is below 25 years of age and 65 per cent below 35 years. What a great chance to make India's pres-ence felt globally through its young ones. The basic responsibility is to offer good quality school edu-cation and ensure dynamism and comparability in bigber education. Once access and participation in higher education. Once access and participation in education is ensured with basic professional and infrastructural inputs, the issue of nurturing individual talented deserves attention. One can recall deserve special mention: The introduction the Science Talent Search — NTS — scheme in the 1960s and the opening of Navodaya Vidyalayas in pursuance of the 1986 Education policy. The NTS was later transformed to include social sciences as well and Navodaya Vidyalayas have indeed provided great opportunity to the talented children from rural India. I have personally found lasting motivation among NTS scholars and the alumni of Navodaya Vidyalayas. This in itself is a great achievement. Numbers catered to by these initiatives need to increase and it is encouraging that the same is under consideration by the authorities. It will be relevant to recall a model of talent nurturing that was being successfully implemented on large-scale in the erstwhile USSR. The essence of it can still be suitably digested and gainfully utilised. A three-member delegation of the Government visited several schools over there in 1982. The objective was to study the school education system that

flourished under conditions vastly different from India. It was particularly indicated to the delegation that it would be interesting to find out how they are nurturing talent, dealing with gifted children and the issue of a common language. Those were the days of a bipolar world and terms like 'Iron' curtain were in considerable usage. In every meeting, the hosts spoke only Russian; translations were the only means of interacting during official meetings. However, during dinners and receptions, they spoke chaste English without any hesitation. When — and it happened on several occasions — the delegation tried to understand how Russian language was being accepted in federation units that had their own languages, the answer was short, crisp and precise: Everyone learns Russian voluntarily. The discussion on language never proceeded beyond this. However, there was much more to learn that could be examined gainfully in Indian conditions.

One morning, the schedule included visit to a music school and a physics school. The delegawas told that the teachers in every school is to observe the students, find out their inclinations and interests, keep a record and once they find consistency, encourage the child to go ahead and see the progress. There may be a change of interest area, something else may fascinate the child and that should be permissible. The idea behind the approach was that USSR needed not only scientists, engineers and technocrats but also painters, poets, scholars, musicians, folklore specialists and the like. Teachers must be trusted to ascertain the right path of passage to excellence in each individual case. Once this was done, the school would send a report to the regional level; the child in all probability would be picked up by the State and shifted to a residential school. Here, he would study all the curricula as in other schools but there would be big plus in his area of his identified interest - be it music, physics, history, literature or sports. These special schools were located after thoughtful consideration of locally

available expertise. A physics school would be locat-ed in a town that has university department, research laboratory and other establishment connected with research and innovations in physics and related area. Same would apply to other disciplines. In the music school, eminent masters were voluntarily helping children move ahead of the regular curricular prescriptions.

The most significant challenge before the Indian education policy-makers and imple-menters can be summarized crisply as providing menters can be summarized crisply as providing "equality of opportunity of access and success and nurturing the talented", as said by John W Gardner in his book, *Excellence: Can We be Equal and Excellent Too*? Though Gardner wrote these lines in the context of the US around 1984, the relevance of some of his observations remains uni-versally relevant even in current times: "Diagnosis of an individual's future capacity to perform remains a hazardous undertaking. There are mysremains a hazardous undertaking. There are mysteries in individual development that are far from understanding. No stone should be left unturned of evidence, carefully gathered and sifted." For sure, in India, marks obtained in the board examination are certainly no guarantee of total personality development and specialised talent. However, talent identification and fulsome personality development have to be a continuous process that must begin from the early stages. It should include traits of personality development, value internalisation and character formation as an integral part of the process. The topmost national priority for the investment of public funds must be teacher training and school education. This will ensure highest level of returns. Let the country realise it. Simultaneously, no let up in locating and nurturing talent is a must. In Indian psyche, commercialisation of education is unacceptable and must be discouraged effectively. Education is still the only ray of hope for the weaker sections.

and trace all movements of the capital regularly

Negotiate with vendors before confirming a contract: It is better to negotiate with the vendors before signing a contract and indulge in a good bargain. Successful negotiators know before they begin negotiating what they want to achieve during the negotiation. Examine purchase terms like late payment penalties and grace periods for negotiating for a great deal. Sometimes being given an extra 30 days to pay can save more than a five per cent discount.

Design an emergency fund: Once one understands the importance of negotiating the prices from vendors in order to manage small business finances, the next thing that needs to be done is to design an emergency fund for the success of the business entity. Companies don't give consistent sales month on month.

While running a start-up can be exciting, it can also create challenges, especially when it comes to managing finances. So, if one is facing the same issues of how to manage the finances and wants to stand outside the crowd, one must keep the above tips in mind and give one's venture a bright future.

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Scrub allegations and come clean





DONALD TRUMP is not ensuring the rules of the game in order to ensure parity. For instance, **REQUIRES AN** eyebrows were raised when it sus-ADULT RESPONSE pended an IAS officer for checking the chopper of the Prime Minister in the Unfortunately for China, Iran and the international community, we are dealing with a childish yob in the White House, but one in a train set in the nursery.

charge of a superpower, not The only possible approach, at least in the short term, is to attempt to deal with him, and to accommodate at least some of America's more reasonable wishes. (The Independent

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successful CECs like Sukumar Sen

The question, however is: Has the

and SY Quraishi.

course of his duty.



Also, income tax raids were being conducted only on Opposition lead ers. It is nobody's case that whatever the Opposition wants, the EC must comply, but it should appear to have done justice. There is still time to send a signal that the EC is impartial and it must earn the trust of the Opposition. The EC's performance has not always been uniform but it is a huge exercise to hold the elections peacefully and in a free and fair manner. No doubt poll reforms are required and the EC should be given more teeth but within the constraints,

the body can certainly perform. editorial)

The Election Commission has been at the receiving end of scathing attacks from the Opposition for being unjust in its decisions. The panel must quell all doubts over its ethics and uphold its reputation



KALYANI SHANKAR

Perhaps the Election Commission of India (EC) has never ever been under such scrutiny as it is today. The polarised campaign during the ongoing General Elections has put the spot-light firmly on the referee — the EC. As an impartial watchdog, it is the responsibility of the electoral body to provide for a level-playing filed to all political parties. The perception that the EC has not been addressing Opposition complaints, in this case against the ruling party, has been doing the rounds.

An exasperated Congress president Rahul Gandhi called the poll panel "completely biased" against the Opposition last week. He said that

when it comes to the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the commission toes the straight line and when it comes to the Opposition, it becomes biased. During a media interaction, Rahul Gandhi even threatened EC officials with "consequences" in the future for being biased.

But Rahul Gandhi is not the only leader who has grouse against the EC. There are other Opposition leaders like Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav, Bahujan Samaj Party supremo Mayawati, Aam Aadmi Party chief Arvind Kejriwal and many other leaders in the Opposition, who have complained against the EC's bias towards the leaders of the ruling party. The BJP, too, has been lodging

the EC. Recently, in an unprecedented manner, a group of 66 former bureaucrats wrote to President Ram Nath Kovind, expressing concern

complaints against other parties to

over what they called the questionable functioning of the Commission, requesting him to intervene to ensure free and fair polls. The leaders included former National Security Advisor Shivshankar Menon, supercop Julio Ribeiro and former Lt Governor Najeeb Jung. Why is the EC facing such

charges? Is the Commission so helpless that the Chief Election Commissioner recently pleaded helplessness in the Supreme Court, lamenting that he lacked the powers to crack the whip? The court not only blasted the Commission but also reminded it that it had adequate authority to enforce the Model Code of Conduct under Article 324 of the Constitution.

Even its decision to ban Union Minister Maneka Gandhi, Mayawati, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and Samajwadi Party leader Azam Khan from campaign for specific hours for violating Model Code of Conduct came only after the Supreme Court's nudging.

Alas, even after the apex court pulling it up, the EC has maintained silence on the complaints launched by parties against alleged hate speeches, which have piled up all the more. The Congress claims that it has given more than 37 representations – ten against the Prime Minister – to the EC on violations of Model Code of Conduct but the Commission did not act. It was only after Congress MP Sushmita Dev approached the apex court, which directed the Commission to dispose of all complaints registered by the party immediately, that the EC gave a clean chit to the Prime minister in six cases last week.

Interestingly, Ashok Lavasa, one of the Commissioners, dissented on the decision. The Congress has not given up and has gone to the top court on the orders once again, alleging that the EC has been partial to the ruling party.

Many political parties have raised doubts about the functioning of the Electronic Voting Machines, too. The petition filed by 21 Opposition parties in the Supreme Court, for counting of at least 25 per cent EVM paper trail machines — instead of

only five - in every Assembly segment has been rejected by the top court. On the other hand, the EC maintains that the EVMs are foolproof and cannot be manipulated.

The EC has not always been so timid. In 1989, the then Chief Election Commissioner RVS Peri Sastri had introduced wide-ranging electoral reforms, including reducing the voting age to 18 from 21. He also stood his ground on his principles, which prompted the then Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi to make a multi-member panel to clip the powers of the Chief Election Commissioner (CEC).

Similarly, in the early 1990s, former CEC TN Seshan had introduced a number of reforms, including the issuance of voter IDs. He deployed the security forces to keep a check on booth capturing and voter intimidation. He earned the nickname of "Al-Seshan" and punished those who flouted the Model Code and even recommended the sacking two Ministers to the then Prime Minister Narasimha Rao for violating the code. There have been other



US wants India to end trade |₹ slips 3 paise barriers for American firms to 69.43 against

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The US wants India to elim-inate trade barriers for American firms and remove data localisation restrictions. while expecting that the new Government here will address these issues, said visiting US Commerce Secretary Wilbur

Ross Tuesday. "Our goal is to eliminate barriers to the US companies operating here including data localisation restrictions that actually weaken data security and increase the cost of doing business," he said here.

Ross was speaking at the Trade Winds Forum and Trade Mission. He is leading a delegation of over 100 American businesses in India.

"We applaud India's commitment to addressing some of these barriers once the government is reformed probably in the month of June," he said in his speech.

Ross also alleged that India imposes very high import duties on goods like automobiles, motorcycles, agri-prod-ucts and alcoholic beverages. "As President Trump has

said, trade relationships should be based, and must be based, on fairness and reciprocity. But, currently, US businesses face significant market access barriers in India. These include both tariff and non-tariff bar-

riers, as well as multiple prac-India-CEO forum," Ross said. tices and regulations that disadvantage foreign companies," he said.

price controls on medical He said that India's average devices and restrictive tariff applied tariffs rate is 13.8 per cent and remains the "highest" and inspections on electronics and telecommunications of any major world economy, products. "the very highest". Citing examples, he said,

adding that "they are way

that India is not a 'tariff king'

too high".

like agriculture.

routers, switches and parts of there is a 60 per cent tariff on auto, while the US has 2.5 per cellular phones are as high as 20 per cent. In stark contrast, he said,

India has 50 per cent import duty on motorcycles the duty on these products imported by the US from India and 150 per cent on alcoholic is zero. beverages, "Just a few extreme examples", he added.

"Zero versus 20 per cent. That's not a justified imbalance. India imposes bound tar-These high tariffs undermine India's goal of improving digi-tal access and literacy," Ross rates — maximum import duty India can charge under global trade rules of WTO added. on agricultural products at

He expects that the new the average of an "incredible" government will look at these 113.5 per cent and some are as matters high as 300 per cent, he said,

Major obstacles being faced

He noted that duties on

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The rupee on Tuesday slipped further by 3 paise to

close at 69.43 against the US

currency due to fag-end dollar demand from banks and

importers amid sustained for-

equity market and a strength-

ening dollar against major cur-

rencies overseas amid trade

worries also weighed on the

local unit, forex traders said.

beating after IMF chief

Christine Lagarde said US-

China trade tensions were a

'threat' to the world economy.

dropped further on growth

concerns. Brent crude futures

declined 1.19 per cent to trade

69.40 and later rose to the day's

high of 69.29 at the interbank

forex market. However, it failed

to maintain gains and touched

intra-day low of 69.46 against the US dollar. It finally settled

at 69.43, down 3 paise from the

paise lower at 69.40 against the US dollar Monday.

The rupee had settled 18

"Rupee is consolidating in

at \$70.39 per barrel.

previous close.

Crude oil prices also

The rupee opened flat at

Investor sentiment took a

eign fund outflows.

by the US companies include

"In the World Bank's Ease of Doing Business report, India climbed an impressive 23 spots However, India's trade this year but it still ranks 77 out experts counter this by saying of 190 countries. So, there is lots of room for further improvement," he said.

and it has all the right to take He also mentioned that appropriate measures to protect the interest of specific sectors India is the US' 13th largest export market due to "overly We are working diligentrestrictive" market access barly with the Indian Government and our private sector partners riers

Referring to trade imbalance with India, the commerce to address market access issues secretary said the US accounts through the US-India comfor 20 per cent of India's total mercial dialogue and through the recently re-convened US exports

of 12 K tyre

US dollar

narrow range," V K Sharma, Head PCG & Capital Markets Strategy, HDFC Securities commented.

The rupee came under pressure following a massive selloff in the domestic equity markets. The BSE Sensex ended 323.71 points, or 0.84 per cent, lower at 38,276.63. The index Losses in the domestic hit an intra-day low of 38,236.18 and a high of 8,835.54.

Similarly, the NSE Nifty dropped 100.35 points to settle below the 11,500 level at 11,497.90. During the day, the bourse hit a low of 11,484.45 and a high of 11,657.05.

Foreign investors were net sellers in capital markets Monday pulling out assets worth

Rs 948 crore on a net basis, provisional exchange data showed. Meanwhile, the Dollar Index which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, rose 0.04 per

cent to 97.55. Meanwhile, Financial Benchmark India Private Ltd (FBIL) set the reference rate for the rupee/dollar at 69.3095 and for rupee/euro at 77.7010.

The reference rate for rupee/British pound was fixed at 90.9706 and for rupee/100 Japanese yen at 62.59.

IMF chief says US-China tensions 'threat' to world economy AFP 🔳 PARIS

 $T^{he\ head\ of\ the\ International}_{Monetary\ Fund\ said\ on}$ Tuesday that fresh trade tensions between the United States and China were the main threat to the world economy.

"Clearly the tensions between the United States and China are the threat for the world economy," Christine Lagarde told journalists at a conference in Paris, adding that recent "rumours and tweets" made an agreement between the countries less likely.

President Donald Trump iolted global markets on Monday by threatening on Twitter that tariffs already imposed on \$200 billion in Chinese exports to US would more than double to 25 per cent on Friday from their current level of 10 per cent.

Also speaking at the Paris Forum event, French Economy Minister Bruno Le Maire warned about the impact of a trade war between the world's two biggest economies.

"We are following the current negotiations very closely between China and the United Staters and we want them to respect the principals of transparency and multilateralism," he said. He called on the two sides

to "avoid taking decisions that would threaten and would undermine global growth in the months ahead.



For being a changemaker with a track record of innovation and achievement. Atul Sobti, CMD, Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) has been bestowed with the 'Manav Rachna Excellence Award 2019 for Nation Building'. The award was presented by Prof. DP Singh, Chairman, University Grants Commission at a alitterina ceremony



Petroleum Conservation Research Association (PCRA), Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas, Government of India and world's third largest tractor manufacturer by volumes. TAFE Tractors and Farm Equipment Limited, signed an MoU to aid conservation of resources across the country

3 NSE officials banned by Sebi rejoin office post-SAT relief PTI MUMBAI guilty of gaining an unfair

Three senior officials of the NSE resumed work at the same position Tuesday, after being getting an interim relief from the Securities Appellate Tribunal (SAT) after being barred by the regulator Sebi in the co-location case last week.

The Sebi had barred the three NSE officials from holding any office in any stock exchange for colluding with brokerages which were found

NBFC Sicom to raise ₹400 cr to exit RBI curbs

students pursuing careers in STEM get scholarships

advantage over others by plac-

ing their in close proximity the main servers of the exchange.

work in the same positions as

they were holding earlier," a

source in the know of the

head of business development;

Nagendra Kumar SRVS, head

of membership department; and Deviprasad Singh, head of

development said.

colocation support.

'The three have resumed

The three are Ravi Varansi,

Maharashtra Government-backed non-banking financial company Sicom is looking to raise around ₹400 crore to help it come out of the

12 women

State Govts significantly: Report PTI SINGAPORE System Overview: Indian States" noted that the passage

GST will not reduce deficits of

 $G^{\rm oods}_{\rm (GST)}$ regime in India is not likely to reduce the deficits of state governments significantly, amid large and growing expenditure mandates for the social sector as well as capital

spending, says a report. According to S&P Global Ratings the institutional framework for Indian states is evolving, but there is structural deficits due to persistent revenue expenditure mismatch.

it analyst YeeFarn Phua in the report titled "Public Finance

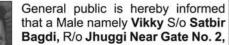
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of the GST bill in 2017 is a major overhaul of tax structure and will help to widen the tax base and improve revenues of state governments. 'However, states will continue to run large deficits

because a significant part of this imbalance is from the expenditure side. States are unable to cut expenditures because of large and growing expenditure mandates for the social sector as well as capital S&P Global Ratings credspending. Therefore, the rev-

enue-expenditure gap will remain large," said Phua.



mechanics PNS NEW DELHI

Under its Saamarth project, Rubber Skill D Rubber Skill Development Council (RSDC), the sector skill council for Rubber & Tyre sector in the country, has launched a major drive to skill up tyre mechanics dotting the length & breadth of India. As many as 12000 tyre mechanics are being upskilled across the State highways of Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Odisha under this project.

The skill training of tyre mechanics popularly known as tyre fitters has won RSDC the coveted ATMA Tyre safety partner award at the recently held ATMA Annual Convention 2019.

Skill training Prabhu for Govt-to-Govt pact between India, United States

PTI NEW DELHI

Commerce and Industry Minister Suresh Prabhu Tuesday made a case for a Government-to-Government agreement between India and the US to facilitate private companies in both the countries.

"Can we have Governmentto-Government agreement in which we will make sure that the policy support that is required for private sector emanates from this umbrella agreement," he said here a function, which was attended by the US business delegation, led by US Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross.

Prabhu said public policies may sometimes create challenges for corporates "but if we

benefits both the countries, Prabhu said one needs to look at big picture and make sure have friends like you (the US). that irritants are tackled in a With this growth, US compamanner that helps foster this nies will also benefit," he added.

"These numbers are possible to achieve only when we Furthe

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PNS MUMBAI Booking.com, a digital trav-el e-commerce company,

announced the extension of their scholarship initiative to two leading STEM (Science,



yrs., Height : 5'7", Complexion Wheatish, Face : Long, Wearing Unknown, has been missing kidnapped since 23.04.2019 from the area of PS. Narela. In this regard a

case DD. No. 150-A dated 23.04.2019 has been lodged at PS. Narela, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local Police to trace out the missing kidnapped Male but no clue has come to light so far. if anyone have any information about this missing kidnapped Male please inform undersigned. Website: http://cbi.nic.in, Email: cic@cbi.gov.in, Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641, Fax: 011-24368639 SHO

DP/247/ON/19.

PS. Narela, Delhi Ph.: 011-27282350, 27285839

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General public is hereby informed that a girl namely Banno D/o Mohd. Alam, R/O H.No. C-426, J.J. Colony, Bawana, Delhi. The girl has been missing from the area of P.S. Narela Industrial Area, Delhi since 29.03.2019.

In this regard DD No. 44A dated 03.04.2019 has been registered at P.S. Narela Industrial Area, Delhi, Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out

the missing girl but no clue has come to light so far.

The description of the missing girl is as under:

Name: Banno, Age: 18 Years 6 Month, Height: 5' Complexion: Fair, Face: Round, Wearing: White Colour Kurta, Black Colour Pajama and Jutti in Feet

If anyone has any information regarding this missing girl, kindly inform SHO/ P.S. Narela Industrial Area, Delhi.

Email: cic@cbi.gov.in, Website: http:/cbi.nic.in Ph. : 011-23015229, 23015218 Fax: 011-23011334

P.S. Narela Industrial Area, Delhi DP/245/ON/19 Ph. No. 011-27787592, 27787593, 07065036324



e-TENDER NOTICE

Area : Rajmahal; NIT No. ECL/HQ/CMC/Transport/NIT/2019/3485 Date: 06.05.2019, Name of Work : Loading & Transportation of Coal from Simlong Coal stockyard to Raimahal Wharf wall siding including loading of coal into Railway Wagons with allied work (Lead range of 63-64 KM) under Rajmahal Area. Estimated Cost : ₹1,61,01,402.74; Downloading of Tender Document Start Date & Time : 08.05.2019 from 17.00 Hrs.; Downloading of Tender Document Closing Date & Time : 24.05.2019 at 17.00 Hrs.; Tender Opening Date & Time : 27.05.2019 at 11.00 AM. Details of tender can be seen in ECL website or www.tenders.gov.in or http://coalindiatenders.nic.in

ECL's Website : www.easterncoal.nic.ir

PUBLIC NOTICE Anaj Mandi, Narela, Delhi, Age : 25 This is for notice of the general public that a political party is proposed to be registered by the name of MAHAN SAMTAWADI PARTY. The office of the party is located H.No. 571, Gali No. 10, Adarsh Colon Biharipura, Near Khilluram Academy, Vijay Nagar, Ghaziabad Pin Code 201009. Thi Party has submitted application to Election Commission of India, New Delhi for its

registration as Political Party under Sectio 29A of the Representation of People Ac 1951 - Names/Address of the office beare of the Party are as follows : Presiden Chairman : Itwari Lal Shakya, Genera Secretary/Secretary : Sushil Kuma Shakya, Secretary, Treasurer : Madhu. If any one has objection to the registration of Mahan Samtawadi Party they may sent their objection with reasons thereof, to the secretary (Political Party). Election commission of India, Nirvachan Sadan Ashoka Road, New Delhi - 110001 within 30 days of the publication of this notice

ave a government-to-govern ment agreement, we can clearly spell out the certainty, stability, forward-looking policies and this will facilitate companies to prepare their corporate plans'

He also expressed hope that issues being faced by businesses in India and the ÚS can be sorted out in a way that benefits both the countries.

"I can clearly see that issues can be sorted out in a way that

Porsche fined 535 mn euros over diesel CHITTARANJAN LOCOMOTIVE WORKS cheating **E-TENDER NOTICE**

Tender Notice No.: PCMM/CLW/KOL/E-AFP FRANKFURT AM MAIN Procurement/19-20/07

Dated:02-05-2019. The Principal erman sports car maker Chief Materials Manager, CLW **J**and Volkswagen subon behalf of the President of India sidiary Porsche will pay a 535invites electronic bids from million-euro (\$598 million) established reliable manufacturer fine over diesel vehicles that for supply of the followings. The emitted more harmful pollufollowing E-Tender/s is/are for tants than allowed, Stuttgart supply of materials for prosecutors said Tuesday.

manufacture of Electric "The Stuttgart prosecutor's Locomotive. The Prospective/ office has levied a 535-millionlikely suppliers are requested to euro fine against Porsche AG look up the website for negligence in quality conwww.ireps.gov.in. For detailed trol," the investigators said.

instructions please refer to Porsche "abstained from a website. Sl. No.; Tender No.; legal challenge" against the deci-Description of Stores; Quantity; sion, the prosecutors office added

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[11];34192515; Resistor Following fines against Harmonic Filter for WAP-5 to VW, high-end subsidiary Audi Specn. No. CLW/ES/3/0307/A: and now Porsche, no further As pertender doc.: 30/05/2019: 00.00. investigations over "adminis-Principal Chief Materials Manager trative offences" remain open CLW/Kolkata against the group, a spokesman Like us on: www.facebook.com/clwrailways told AFP

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The remarks assumes significance as Indian companies are raising issues like restrictive visa regime in the US, American firms are flagging concerns related to India's intellectual property policies and ecommerce norms.

Prabhu said India's econo my is expected to touch \$5 trillion in the next 7-8 years and \$10 trillion by 2035 and in this, US companies can help.

Ambani group company that owes close to ₹50,000 crore

RPT crore to 31 lenders led by

through the existing resolution

professional, sought 13 months

exclusion in the insolvency

process citing the stays it had

on the process by the appellate

tribunal and the Supreme

sion from April 30, 2018 to

May 30, 2019 as the initial

insolvency proceedings was stayed by the National

Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) and later by

RCom was in trouble for

years forcing it to discontinue

operations two years ago. Its

effort to stave off bankruptcy

by selling spectrum to Reliance

Jio got scuttled after the long

legal and Government delays

Also, the company has

the apex court.

for approvals.

The RP sought the exclu-

RCom

real

spectrum assets.

Earlier,

State Bank of India.

Court.

Meanwhile,

minister said that in the US, President Donald Trump's slogan that let's "Make America Great Again", "I would add and say let's Make America Great Again by making India-US relationship far better again".

Speaking on the occasion, Ross said, "I think we should rephrase that (slogan) to MAG-AWIC — Make America Great with Indian Again Cooperation."

NCLT begins bankruptcy

process for Anil's RCom

ng curbs the Reserve Bank, a top official said Tuesday.

The company, focused on financing infrastructure and industries in the State, is expected to seek cabinet approval for fund-raising as soon as the model code of conduct ends.

As per the FY18 annual report, its net NPA stood at 33.77 percent down from 35.79 percent March 2017.

Mathematics) studies universities in India. These scholarships build on an initiative launched by Booking.com in 2017 to encourage more women into the global tech industry by supporting their ongoing STEM education, with the goal to help close the gender gap in technology and open up more opportunities for women to pursue tech

18 girls under NTPC's 'Super 30 Girls' programme crack IITJEE mains PNS 🔳 NEW DELHI

careers.

E^{nrolled} under NTPC's Super 30 girls' programme, Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative introduced by India's largest power generating company, 18 girls, out of 25, have successfully qualified for the IIT JEE mains.

The year-long residential program, implemented with an objective to coach students belonging to economically weaker families, brought these aspirants a step closer to fulfilling their dream of studying in some of India's premier institutes.

As part of this noble initiative, rolled out in association with the Centre for Social Responsibility and Leadership (CSRL), NTPC bears the entire cost of boarding, lodging and coaching for the girl students belonging to underprivileged families.

After an MoU was signed between NTPC Northern Region Head Quarter in Lucknow and CSRL, New Delhi, NTPC & CSRL jointly initiated the 77.03 lakh-program for 30 girls selected from families living in the vicinity of NTPC plants in the northern region.

Anil D Amban billion, had dragged it to the not been successful to meet

any of the several publicly made promises to pay back the lenders by monetising Navi Mumbai. estate and

meeting to shortlist an RP after issuing a request for proposal in April for a new RP.

cy process.

The Mumbai bench com-prising of VP Singh and Ravikumar Duraisamy directed the existing RP to file a progress report by May 30 when it will hear the matter.

NCLT which was settled after giving a portion of its headquarters DAKC in the nearby On May 3, SBI held a Last month company chairman Anil Ambani managed to avoid a contempt of the

Supreme Court and a possible RCom's committee of credail term after a last-minute itors will have to approve a new bailout by elder brother RP with a 66 percent vote after Mukesh who extended him the NCLT starts the insolvenover ₹480 crore to pay back

vendor Ericsson, which was the first operational creditor to drag it to NCLT last year. China Development Bank from which RCom had borrowed over \$1

PTI MUMBAI The lenders to the crippled Reliance Communications (RCom) on Tuesday moved NCLT to appoint a new resolution professional and form a committee of creditors, the first step to begin the bankruptcy process of the Anil







ealthcare sector is one of the largest sectors when it comes to terms and job opportunities. If you are wishing to reach heights, then this is the perfect sector to work. The industry deals with various services like hospitals, diagnostics, medical tourism, and medical equipment. In recent years, the healthcare sector is showing an exponential growth but there is a scope of development which is yet to be achieved. The aspirants should know how

big and diverse this field would be by the end of 2020. With the introduction of more and more private players, this sector expected to see massive growth of 25 per cent in the next five -year tenure.

Most of the students often get confused after graduation, whether they should go for low salary jobs or pursue higher studies. To gain work experience, a majority of the students opt for the job. Diagnostics is one such part of the sector which has brilliant prospects in the job environment and a better career option for the future. Apart from the attractive remuneration, this sector will help you to achieve your individual goals.

Healthcare deals in various segments, currently, diagnostics is at a boom period. Pathology services, the type of diagnostic services which provides an option of being a teacher, diagnostician or an investigator. Pathologists in clinical laboratories analyse the reports for the diagnosis and better treatment of the disease. Another field of diagnosing a



With the introduction of more and more private hospitals, the healthcare industry is opening doors to many career opportunities. DR RUCHI GUPTA tells you how students can benefit from this

disease is radiology. In this, diseases are treated with the help of imaging medical techniques. With the increase in demand for radiologists, the segment ensures a better career path and expected to grow faster than any other. The radiology technician has many options like working as an ultrasound technician, X-Ray technician, MRI technician, CT technician, and medical professional. As the demand of the radiologist is growing, there is an immediate requirement of the radiologist in hospitals, clinics, and physician offices. The radiology sector has shown a higher number of jobs

than any other sector in the near future

For those planning to start their careers, job opportunities in radiology sector are likely to remain high, particularly those who want to work in general medical and surgical hospitals.

Radiology technicians can also work in private offices, clinics, urgent care facilities, and equipment sales. Radiology is one of the heart-warming jobs of the world being positioned at world's 15th rank. It is considered as the smartest carear considered as the smartest career option to opt for. Radiologic technology is a fascinating subject to study for the students, in addition to certificates will be provided to work in the state of residence and prepares to work in the healthcare sector.

According to the Indian brand equity foundation (IBEF), the overall health market is valued at \$100 billion and is expected to reach 280 billion by the end of 2020. Indian medical tourism with a two-fold increase in health care will reach \$10 billion IT market is expected by 2020. In the field of health care management, there is a huge boom in generating employment in the coming years.

In addition to the urgent need of trained doctors and nursing staff, skillful management is required in different areas of the field. With major investments in the healthcare industry, the industry functioning has become more professional, organised and efficient.

As far as employment opportuni-ties are concerned, clinical manage-

ment professionals are required to include software and imaging equip-ment in clinics, hospitals, NGO's, IT firms such as Dell, Accenture, and many others. In the case of a fresher who has no experience in the field would be hired as technicians and sooner with their performance and work experience they will reach heights.

Lack of talent is still a drawback for the industry. The healthcare industry is growing at a fast pace, although the talent is still lagging behind. With a focus on quality, to sustain today's talent for long-term, there is scope for many young minds. Being able to open a young industry in the market, the learning curve will definitely be fast and the future experts can be prepared with the passage of time. The indus-try is trying to find individuals who are eager to learn. This will create an effect by providing promising opportunities to move forward in a healthier world. With the advancement in science and technology, the use of medical applications is increasing and IT sector. In the last decade or so the role of technicians has been changed. Most of the modern hospitals and healthcare ventures require experienced technicians and radio-interventions equipped with multi-disciplinary skills.

Healthcare industry requires a skilled staff for research and professionals involved in the most important customer-focused roles. India has the potential to attract healthcare industry with skilled force.

The writer is CEO and Founder. 3hcare.in

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It is as impossible to withhold education from the receptive mind as it is impossible to force it upon the unreasoning

– Agnes Repplierg

PUBLIC HEALTH he IIHMR University,

Jaipur is inviting appli-cations for Master of Public Health Programme (MPH)

This programme is focused on public health capacity build-ing in India and surrounding low-and-middle-income countries, cultivate students' and healthcare professionals' public health management skills, so that they will be prepared to enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of public health pro-

grams and services. The programme will be able to prepare professionals for challenging careers in the public health in the public and private sectors, nongovernmental organisations (NGOs), and other national and multinational organisations.

Duration: Two years How to apply: Log on to www.mph.iihmr.edu.in.

Last date to apply: May 15, 2019

BEAUTY PROGRAMME

Beauness Beauty Academy invites applications for a 360degree smart salon grooming course named Boot camp to beauty. This intense beauty course will include all technical and grooming session that will train the students in every aspect

of salon management. The main objective of the Boot camp to beauty course isto provide extensive knowledgebase of salon management and help the freshers as well as professional candidates in delivery a 100 per cent satisfactory service to the end client.

Duration: One and a half to two months

Eligibility: Both freshers and professionals can apply.

BTECH PROGRAMME

The Manav Rachna International Institute of Research and Studies invitesd applications to admission to its B.Tech — Electrical & Electronic Engineering programme. Duration: Four years

Eligibility: Pass in Class XII with at least 50 per centmarks in aggregate in five subjects and eli-gibility shall be determined on



the basis of percentage of aggregate marks in: English, Physics, Mathematics; one sub-ject out of Chemistry, Computer Science, Biology or Biotechnology; one subject with the highest score out of the

remaining subjects. How to apply: Log on to www.manavrachna.edu.in.

PG DIPLOMA COURSE

The Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII) invites applications for the admission to its Post Graduate Diploma in Management — Business Entrepreneurship (PGDM-BE)

programme. Duration: Two years

Eligibility: Graduates with

2019

50 per cent marks How to apply: Log on to https://www.ediindia.org/acad-emics/application-form.php and download the application form. Last date to apply: May 15,

BA DESIGN

The JK Lakshmipat University invites applications for admissions to its Bachelors of Design programme with spe-cialisations in product design, interaction design and interdisciplinary design.

In addition to core and specialisation courses, students will get to choose from a vari-

ety of electives.

Duration: Four years Eligibility: Minimum 50

per cent aggregate marks (45 per cent for SC/ST candidates), with minimum 50 per cent marks from a recognised central/state Board/university examination in India or in any foreign country recognised as

equivalent to Class XII by the Association of Indian Universities (AIU).

How to apply: Log on to https://www.jklu.edu.in/.

THE DEMAND FOR RADIOLOGISTS IS GROWING. THE CAREER CARRIES A WORLD RANK OF 15 AND HENCE A SMART **OPTION TO PURSUE**



'Let's link our rivers' $T_{\text{Technology (KIIT)}}^{\text{he Kalinga Institute of Industrial}}$

Honours for KIIT

 Δ seminar organised was jointly b

The tourism sector is booming the world over. AMIT JAIN shares tips on how students can make a career in the field

Tndia, world's third-largest Leconomy in terms of purchasing power parity is witnessing a huge scarcity of travel professionals due to a big gap between the demand for qualified personnel and supply of qualified personnel to cater to the needs of the ever-growing tours and travel industry.

The industry is registering an annual growth rate of 7 to 9 per cent, and according to the World Travel and Tourism Council (WTTC), India is more likely to contribute ₹8, 50,000 crore to the world's GDP by 2020 through travel and tourism. The sector is not only doing well in India, but its global performance is even, more better. In the year 2017, the worldwide industry turned out to be 10.4 per cent of global GDP with 313 million employees, as per the report of WTTC. These growth trends clearly depict that tourism industry is opening new vistas for job seekers, equipped with professional degrees. **Career opportunities**: In

the wake of globalisation, it appears as if people have es. The reason is hands-on experiences, cultural enrich-

understood the fact that lim- ment, and attractive job ited study and knowledge gained from only a particular university or institution is not going to take them to newer heights of success. If they have to make success happen and improve their employability in the competitive market, they must enhance

their knowledge and learn new skills, tran-

scending the geographical boundaries if required. Popularising the trend of educational 🗸 tourism, various schools and universities in India have started joining hands with foreign institu-

tions. On the other hand, the

outflow of Indian students

taking courses abroad is also

increasing significantly. As

prospects that contribute to the personal development of an individual. The students get relevant insights into the diverse cultures and gain meaningful experiences from varied industries, eventually helping them to increase the credibility of their CVs.

Also, travel brands are turning up to technology for producing

authentic and betbooking ter experiences. An urgent need for digital marketing experts is realised by such travel brands who can effectively market

the brands online and win more customers online. SEO executives, content writers, and social media managers are massively hired to keep pace with the growing trend of travel and technology.

per the recent data, the year ■Qualifications and skills 2018 saw 81 per cent of the students visiting Australia for required : A programme in higher education enrolled in tourism management helps groom one's overall personalvarious post-graduate coursity and offers adequate knowledge and skills to make one

competent at the workplace. Usually, courses in tourism management offer students a flexible study format where working executives can also attend lectures on weekends or as per their convenience. Apart from having interaction with the industry-experienced faculty, students are exposed to practical learning through educational tours, seminars

and workshops. The Ministry of Tourism, approved the post-graduation degree in tourism which further makes the candidates eligible for a suitable job in the industry. With a Master of Tourism Administration degree (MTA) from Indian Institution of Tourism and Travel or any other recognised institute, candidates can apply for the best job positions in the industry. Also, ticketing skills, communication skills, management of foreign currencies, customer service, geography knowledge, and expertise in digital marketing directly correspond to well-paid jobs in travel and tourism.

The writer is Founder, Rising Star Tours and Travels 301-350 in The 2019 Times Higher Education (THE) Asia University Rankings. KIIT is among a handful of Indian universities to enter Asia University Rankings 2019 of THE. The ranking results were published on May 1.

KIIT is the only Deemed to be University from Odisha to make it to the list, which also has two Government universities from the State. The universities are judged across all their core missionsteaching, research, knowledge transfer and others.

KIIT deemed to be university is the only self-financing university from eastern India and Odisha to enter prestigious Asia university rankings. Earlier, it had achieved an impressive position in The Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2019 and World University Impact Rankings 2019.

According to the ranking report, KIIT has been rated high on number of FTE students (19,633); Number of students per staff (14.0); international students (2 per cent) and female-male ratio (37:63). KIIT is just twenty-two years old as an institution for professional education (1997) and 15 years old as a University (2004). But, despite being a very young institution, it has got a place in the coveted Asia University Rankings 2019, securing a position of 301-350.

Staff, students and well wishers of both KIIT & KISS profoundly thanked and expressed gratitude to Dr Achyuta Samanta, Founder of KIIT & KISS for his vision to get such prestigious rankings among top level Universities in the world.

Waterways Development Technology and All People Welfare Trust to create awareness about Ganga-Kanyakumari waterways project, here on May 4, 2019. Dr Viswanathan, VIT Chancellor said that States can take as much water as they want and provide the remaining water to their nieghbouring states by inter-linking their rivers. Everybody will accept interlinking of rivers as it will help all people and nobody will oppose it. "The MLAs and MPs need to accord highest priority to interlink rivers and save water and the new Government which will assume charge at the centre soon should accord highest priority to interlink rivers in the country so that the country's people and farmers will benefit by this," he said.

Water is important to all countries, especially to India. India has about 18 per cent of world's population but we have only 4 per cent of fresh water and 2.4 per cent of land area, so we need to preserve our water and land else we will face issues.

Recalling his interaction as Parliamentarian with then Minister for water resources



KL Rao during 1967, Dr Viswanathan said that Rao felt that even though all rivers

in the country could be interlinked with Ganges, it would be easy to link Godavari to Cauvery and South will not face any problem for water. The project can be done at an inexpensive cost and no State would oppose it.

"India's Budget is about ₹28 lakh crore and if we allocate ₹1 lakh crore to interlink rivers the scheme can be implemented in one year. The Centre has spent ₹5 lakh crore for Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme, if the centre had spent this amount

of farmers would benefit," he said. He said that water should

be stored in reservoirs, dams and water bodies when it rains, as people have been facing water shortage issue in the country. "We need to use drip irrigation for farming as we can save about 30 to 40 per cent of water and it is being followed in several places in the world," Viswanathan said.

Justice T Raja released a book Towards The Second Freedom written by Professor A C Kamaraj and Dr Viswanathan received the first copy of the book.

Industrial visit for students of SMVDU

The School of Electronics & Communication Engineering, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU), Katra, organised an industrial visit to Semi-Conductor Laboratory, Chandigarh, Department of Space, Government of India for its MTech students to focus on design, development, fabrication, assembly and packaging, testing and quality assurance of CMOS and MEMS devices for satellite and other various applications.

This industrial visit was coordinated by Dr Sachin Kumar Gupta, faculty, SoECE and Shaivya Manhas,fac-ulty, SoEM, along with BK Bhatia, T&P officer, SMVDU. The visit started with the brief profile of SCL by Sanjay Bhatnagar, Engineer SF'— PPMD at Semi-Conductor Laboratory

He presented a short video clip pertaining to major



Students of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University during the industrial visit to Semi-Conductor Laboratory, Chandigarh

contributions, achievements, and campus life of SCL. Later, he discussed the design process for fabrication of ICs, mixed signal and analog ASIC design, and wide spectrum indus-try standard EDA tools.

The students were taken to various labs which includes 8" wafer fabrication facility (clean rooms of class 1, 10, 100 and 1000 with controlled environmental conditions), assembly and packaging (fine pitch bonding capability for pad size of $57\mu mx57\mu m$ and $65\mu m$ pitch, low temperature process for packaging large dies, multi-chip packaging process for ASICs and sensor devices, MIC packaging), reliability & quality assurance (facility for environmental test, facility for failure analysis) and others. The industrial tour was very informative, enriching, and imparted a great learning experience to the students.

NATA result declared

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m conducting\ National\ Aptitude}$ Test in Architecture (NATA) for admission to first year of five-year BArch degree course. The test is conducted online twice a year. The first test was held on April 14, 2019 and second test will be conducted on July 7, 2019.

The first test was conducted on Sunday, April 14, 2019, at 191 centres all over India and one centre in Dubai. 35748 candidates have applied for the first test and 32856 candidates have appeared for the test.

The council is pleased to announce the results of the first test of NATA 2019 examination. Out of 32856 candidates 27232 candidates have passed in the examination. The candidates may download their core cards from NATA 2019 website www.nata.in

In case any student(s) could not appear in the first test or could not do well due to any reason, he/she may apply for the second test scheduled to be held on July 7, 2019. Last date for registration for the second test is June 12, 2019. For further details please visit the website ww.nata.in.



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A NEET analysis

The medical entrance exam concluded on May 5, 2019. ANURAG TIWARI breaks down this year's paper and tells you that a score of 130 will be a qualifier

The NEET 2019 analysis and cut-off after the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) concluded on May 5, 2019. This year, the overall NEET question paper was of moderate difficulty level. While Physics section was moderate, Chemistry was easy and Biology was difficult.

The overall Physics section of the paper was of moderate difficulty level. Up to 60 per cent questions were easy, 30 per cent were of medium difficulty level and only 10 per cent questions were relatively tough. This year 60 per cent of relatively tough. This year 60 per cent of questions were based on NCERT. While 70 per cent of questions were based on numerical, 30 per cent comprised of theoretical questions. Also, 45 per cent of questions were asked from Class XI syllabus and 55 per cent questions were asked from Class XII. As compared to last year, this year's paper was easy and required less calculations. In terms of subject-wise distribution, approximately 40 per cent questions were asked from Électricity and Magnetism, 40 per cent from Mechanics and the balance 20 per cent from Modern Physics.

The Chemistry section of the paper was easy. Large majority of questions were asked from NCERT. Almost all the chapters were covered. Mostly theory based questions were asked and only 20

per cent questions were based on numerical. While 55 per cent of questions were based on class XI syllabus, 45 per cent questions were based on class XII syllabus. Around 20 per cent questions were asked from Organic Chemistry. The questions were quite fundamental and basic and were based on NCERT. From Physical Chemistry, approximately 42 per cent questions were asked. These comprise both numerical and theoretical questions. The numerical questions were easy in nature and involved mostly a two-step solution and were direct and formulae based. It was surprising that no questions were asked from Aldehydes, Ketones and Carboxylic Acid which are considered to be important topics. As compared to last year, the Chemistry section was easy and almost all the chapters were touched upon.

Biology is the most important section of the paper as it carries maximum weightage. The Zoology part of the section was difficult. Around 40 questions were asked. Some of the questions were quite tricky and difficult.

Ápproximately 60-70 per cent questions were based on NCERT. Many questions were asked outside the realm of CBSE. Some of the questions also deviated from the syllabus. While 60% ques-

QUOTE UNQUOTE

The overall level of the NEET examination was between easy to moderate level. Most of the questions were based on NCERT textbooks. There were no surprises in the exam. The pattern was similar to that of last years. No section was particularly difficult. There were almost 7-8 questions directly taken from previous year's paper and NCERT textbook. The questions were direct. An aspirant who has studied from NCERT, will be able to score well in the exam. The expected general cut off for NEET qualified would vary between 125-135. But for admissions in colleges the cut off may vary 510-520

— Navin C Joshi, Academic head and VP (NEET and JEE) at Gradeup

Overall NEET 2019 was of moderate difficulty level with Physics being the most difficult of the three subjects while Biology was the easiest but lengthy The expected cut off for today's exam is 130- 140. Out of the total 45 questions in Physics, 9 were tricky, 25 of medium difficulty level and 7 were easy In Chemistry, the questions related to chemical reactions were tricky. Out of 45 questions in Chemistry, 7 were tricky, 20 of medium difficulty level and 18 easy. The Biology section was the easiest but the lengthiest with 45 questions each from Botany and Zoology. Out 90 questions, 35 were easy, 45 of medium difficulty and 10 difficult. Rajshekhar Ratrey, VP, Educational Content, Toppr.com tions were asked from class XI, 40 per cent were asked from class XII syllabus. More questions were from Human Physiology and Biotechnology.

From Botany, 50 questions were asked. Here more than 90 per cent ques-tions were based on NCERT. More questions were asked from Microbes and Ecology. Though questions were asked directly from NCERT, they were tricky and difficult. More statement based questions were asked. As a result, the Botany part was lengthy.

Overall the Biology section covered almost all the chapters. However, as compared to last year, the Biology section was difficult.

EXPECTED CUTOFF

To qualify in NEET 2019, candidates have to score equal to or more than the prescribed minimum percentile of marks in NEET 2019. This year, we expect a student from general category to score anywhere between 120-130 marks to qualify in NEET 2019. It is to be noted that NEET 2019 qualifying cut-off is determined category-wise, so when checking cut-off, candidates should to refer the cut-off percentile in their respective categories only.

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mistakes and solve it again.

How to choose a regional centre

Choosing the right regional centre is the first step to an effective US immigration process, says ROGELIO CACERES

The US has been a preferred destina-tion for education, work, business and ranks high on the personal choice for migration amongst Indian families. Though there are many visa options available, the EB-5 Immigrant Investor Visa Program has

taken the centrestage more recently. The regional centres (RC) are a USCIS approved private or public entity that facil-itates the process for the investor and ensures that the capital invested creates jobs and promotes economic growth. The best way to choose the right centre depends on:

Define Your Goal: The EB5 Investors mainly focus on three goals: Will I get my Green Card; Will my investment be safe and how will I get my money back. Occassionaly there will be an investment that will provide a safe and secure way of generating marginally higher returns on that investment along with delivering the 3 key goals.

The outcome of all of them depends o your choice of the regional centre and the project they are offering. It is highly recommended that an investor must carefully evaluate the project, closely monitor the EB-5 investments and cautiously select the appropriate regional centre to minimize risks and losses. One can browse through the USCIS website for designated regional centres.

Track Record of the Regional Centre: Before investing in a project and joining hands with a regional centre, an investor must conduct proper due diligence. The investor must evaluate all aspects of the RC's history. Consider their pedigree, investment philosophy, their history of approvals, feedback of existing clients among other key aspects of their functioning including key deliverables for the investor through out the process.

Project Due Diligence: The EB5 investments could be across sectors like real estate, hospitality, education, manufacturing, etc. It is essential to know where your money will be invested by the RC. If a project is not able to create enough jobs or complete construction or remain commercially sustainable, then one or more of your key goals (Green Card, Safety of Principal, Return of Capital) may be at risk.

Inspecting a business' history, understanding it's commercial viability, investment timeline and cycle, dependency on external funds, pedigree of the project developer, stage of construction, collaterals and guarantees negotiated by the regional center are

Stay focused on material: Trust the

Maximise your scoring potential: By now, every aspirant would have identified their weak and strong areas. Chalk out a strategic plan to strengthen the weak areas and revise

all the strong areas to maximize the scoring

scoring a qualifying total can also be difficult

if you have not practiced. Do not panic if you

are not able to perform as per your desires

Practice CSAT: Don't take csat too easy.

Alabama, encourages students to

Dr Deborah Barnhart, CEO and

pursue Science, Technology,

Engineering and Math careers

through real-world, hands-on

executive director, USSRC said:

engineering is now as

"Engaging students in science and

fundamentally important as learning

these young students, Honeywell is

helping to prepare them to become

students and

enhancing their

marketability. We are

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Rogelio Caceres CCO of LCR Capital Partners

some of the key aspects that should be taken into account.

Meet the Team: Humans do business based on trust. When you're making a sig-nificantly large investment decision it's important that you build trust, faith and lay out the rules of engagement with your part-

ner — regional centre. The team assisting management process of your investment plays a vital role and should comprise of individuals who specialise in employment-based and EB-5 investment immigration work. They should be well-versed with the rules and regulations of both the US and your home country.

Understand the Exit Strategy: As per USCIS data, between three-five applications are disapproved because of missing documents, issues with the source of funds, information on the petition, improper fee payments or something that has gone wrong with the project where you've invested.

If USCIS rejects your application, your money will be transferred from the escrow account back into your own, however one must understand the terms and conditional revolving such a return of capital. If an EB-5 application is approved, your transferred funds will be invested for the development of your chosen project. However, not all Regional Centres provide a clear path of return of the capital investment.

Ultimately, choosing the right region-al centre is a step towards the efficacious immigration process.

he UPSC has a predefined pattern to select the candidates for the civil service

posts, in which candidate has to be through with pre-exam, afterward to mains and then interview. Prelims is qualifying in nature which means that you need to score just more than the cut-off marks to clear it. Here we got multiple choice guestions with negative marking to avoid nonserious candidate and to make this cumbersome

questions and more probability to have reasonable questions which require a lot of understanding to differentiate from closed choices

Reasonable questions are cracked through understanding behavior which comes from practicing or revising the same thing again and again.

Few important tips for last month preparation

Short sticky notes: Need to make a short

should be able to chart an exam strategy that can help them to solve the paper without wasting a minute. Follow an order depending on your strengths and weaknesses. Attempt the paper in a way that makes you feel confident and comfortable.

Increase your speed and accuracy

of your answers how many questions you are attempting, among them how many are correct, and which one you guessed (level of guessing). Afterward, try to think about your choices which went wrong. Rectify those

Full-length comprehensive test: Now is

material you have got and try to read the same material an ample number of times. During your last leg of preparations, do not start reading new things. Ensure that you go through all the important points or summaries you have made for your exam revision

especially on those few questions which sounds impossible. Don't go for any advice to any particular score. Always push yourself to your best limit.

Avoid learning a new topic: This is the time for revision, not learning new things. This is not the right time to get engaged with new topics and if you do so, that would result in confusion, increase your stress levels and have an adverse effect on your exam and preparation. Therefore, make use of the

Even under the most fierce competition, the cut off marks for Paper 1 will not be so high and for Paper 2 you need to score just 66 marks.

A lot of revision needs to be done before the examination because there will be the least probability of factual

retained for long

affect of examination at home before strategy for CSE 2019? With two hours of

course starting October 2019. Sciences at the University of Strathclyde, Glasgow is offer-

ing Indian students the opportunity of a scholarship award up to £4,000 towards the cost of their tuition fees for each year of the undergraduate and postgraduate Psychological Sciences and Health courses. This is applicable to the full-time programmes beginning in

The Faculty of

Humanities and Social

Šeptember 2019. Eligibility: To be eligible, applicants must: Be a resident in India. Be available to commence their academic studies by the start of the academic year in September 2019. Be applying for a full-time undergraduate or postgraduate programme.

For further enquiries: hass-pg-enquiries@strath.ac.uk **Application deadline:**

August30, 2019

The University of Warwick is offering up to five School of Life Sciences (SLS) Excellence Scholarships for Home, EU, and international students. Financial aid positions will be awarded as a 50% reduction

of course fees. Eligibility: Before applying, applicants should have an offer to study on a School of Life Sciences full-time MSc

list of things to remember so that it can be

State affect practices: Practice state appearing to the final day. What's your exam two slots to complete the test, students

While answering the question, students need to keep a check on their accuracy levels. For this purpose, aspirants may attempt sample test papers or previous year questions papers by keeping a stopwatch with you. Assess how much time you take for each section and improve your speed accordingly. Make a tally

the time to take the full length and mixed comprehensive test apart for going to selective areas of polity, geography, history, etc separately

Stay motivated and try to reinforce yourself with a positive environment and thoughts

IN BRIEF -

17 INDIANS CHOSEN FOR US SPACE CAMP

Honeywell announced that 17 Indian students were among 292 students from 41 countries to attend a once-in-a-lifetime learning experience at the Honevwell Leadership Challenge Academy (HLCA)

potential.

This two-week long unique leadership

programme at the

US Space and

Rocket Center

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The NTPC School of Business (NSB) announced that it has achieved 100% summer placement for its first PGDM (Energy Management) batch. Dr. Gireesh C Tripathi, Deputy Director General (NSB) and Dr Sunil

students. Speaking on the occasion, Dr Tripathi said: "NSB is committed to developing the

he IMS Law College Noida, organised a rural development awareness campaign. under this campaign faculty and students of IMS law college aware villagers of Sultanpur about the RTI Act. The aim of campaign was to give detail information about the Right to Information Act with the villagers.

While addressing the villagers Govind Prasad Goyal said that Right to Information make people of the country aware citizens. It is a powerful weapon for common people. He emphasised on the need

to educate the Public Information Officers so as to ensure the effectiveness of the Act.

institute said: "Under this program, the problem of villages along with the city will be highlighted through RTI. Proper information of RTI was provided by the Institute to train the people of the village.

During the programme, online RTI files were filed to solve the problem of creek and dirty water in the village

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The writer is Dr AR Khan, Founding Director, Khan Study Group

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ubmission period for Green Talents award has started. The Smotto of the 2019 competition is - Smart Green Planet -

Solutions for a Sustainable Future. Deadline for submission: May 22, 2019, 2 pm.

For more information please refer to our website

www.greentalents.de where both the competition flyer as well as the award trailer are accessible

This year's special focus on the question of how digitalisation can promote more sustainability in science and our societies. The motto of the 2019 competition is - Smart Green Planet-Solutions for a Sustainable Future. Applications from all disciplines are welcome and the research does not need to have a direct link to digitalisation

COURSE FOR EMPLOYEES

ata Motors announced a partnership with Nirma University to provide B Tech degree to its employees working at the Sanand Plant in Gujarat. Aligned with the company's strategic objective, the programme aims at enhancing employees' technical skill at multiple levels in the organisation, thus bridging skill gaps that prevail in the automotive industry and creating

a future-ready organisation. The programme will impart knowledge and skill requisite for the automotive manufacturing industry. Employees, enrolled will undergo comprehensive training that is designed in two parts. The course comprises of 7 semesters, spread over 3.5 years, which will culminate in a 6-month comprehensive industrial project.

Applicants should have an excellent academic track record, typically the equivalent of a British first class honours degree. The programme Review Panel will assess both academic achievement and the supporting statement when awarding. For conditional offer

holders, Awards will also be conditional on achieving any language requirements and the awardee's final predicted grade.

The studentships are for self-funded students only. Students with other partial funding may be considered. Recipients should inform Dr Charlotte Moonan (Charlotte.Moonan@war*wick.ac.uk*) if they are in receipt of another scholarship or are later awarded other

funding. SLS Excellence financial aid positions will be awarded across all Life Sciences fulltime MSc Programmes to maximise nationality and gender diversity. Scholarship recipients will be asked to carry out some ambassadorial

duties for the School English Language Requirements: Applicants from outside the home country will often need to meet specific English language requirements in order to be able to study there.

How to apply: The mode application is online. Application deadline: May 30, 2019.

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Location: Delhi, Jaipur, Bengaluru Stipend: ₹3,000 per month Link: internshala.com/i/511111 Application deadline: May 17, 2019

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Health, Gandhinagar, Ahmedabad

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City in Good KOMPANY

Manchester City captain nets stunner to help Pep's men beat Leicester 1-0



AFP ■ MANCHESTER

anchester City manager Pep Guardiola led the tributes to Vincent Kompany after the Belgian's thunderous strike earned a nervy 1-0 win over Leicester City on Monday to move the English champions to within one win of retaining the Premier League.

City moved back one point clear of Liverpool despite not being at their fluent best as centre-back Kompany unleashed a longrange shot into the top corner 20 minutes from time.

Guardiola's men will become the first side in a **Premier** decade to retain the title at League Brighton on Sunday as long as they match or better the Reds' result at home to

Wolves. Kompany, who has endured

terrible luck with injuries over recent years, was in tears as he led

a lap of honour with his children to mark City's final home game of the season and may have played for the last time at the Etihad with three points.

his contract expiring at the end of the campaign. There are players that help us to be where we are right now," said Guardiola. "Vincent is one of

them. "When is fit he is an incredible central defender. He is beloved, he is a leader. I'm happy for him, for the club, for everybody."

After edging past Newcastle 3-2 on night, Saturday Liverpool, who have not won the league since 1990, were left praying that former manager Brendan Rodgers could

them a favour at the Etihad Leicester's marked improvement since Rodgers took charge in February was on show in an title.

impressive display from the visitors as City were made to sweat but just got over the line for a vital And Guardiola admitted he

had urged Kompany not to shoot as he lined up his first goal from outside the box since he was playing for Hamburg in 2007. It's not about the amount of

goals you score it's about when you score them. Today it was necessary," said Kompany.

'WE HAVE THE PRESSURE' "Every step in the last four months was significant. Liverpool

keep making the steps and now we have a final to play in Brighton, Nothing is won yet."

City have now won 13 consec-utive league games to overhaul a seven-point deficit at the top of the table in January and Guardiola claimed it is his side that have had to play under pressure despite Liverpool's 29-year wait to win the

"It was outstanding the way we played in the second-half. The character, the personality, knowing how difficult it is," added Guardiola.

"Right now Liverpool play without pressure. We have the pressure, we know we can lose it because it is in our hands.

Sergio Aguero came closest to opening the scoring before the break with a header that clipped the inside of the post and was palmed clear by Kasper Schmeichel.

Yet, it was not until after the break that City upped the tempo to lay siege on the Leicester goal.

City thought their moment had come when the ball fell kindly for Aguero inside the area, only for Schmeichel to make a miraculous stop.

Guardiola's men have now scored 157 goals this season but there will not be a more spectacular or unexpected one than that which may deliver the title.

Kompany looked short of options as he strode forward efore unleashing a rocket of a shot that arrowed into the top cor-

"At the end of the season we are going to talk to him," said Guardiola on whether Kompany will be handed a new deal.

"He is an incredible human being. He helped me a lot since I've been here. Always we can count on him for his personality."

Leicester still had a huge chance to answer Liverpool's prayers three minutes from time.

But against his former club Kelechi Iheanacho shot wide with just Ederson to beat and a titanic tussle for the title remains in City's hands heading into the

final day. "He should score, I've said that to him afterwards," said Rodgers.

We didn't have many chances, but the one that came he's got to score that.'

VCONFIRMS ATLETIC



Danny Rose battles for ball possession with Ajax players during first leg clash UEFA/Twitter

Pochettino urges Spurs to make history

AFP AMSTERDAM

Mauricio Pochettino has chal-lenged Tottenham to seize their unexpected chance to make history as they try to overturn a 1-0 deficit against Ajax in the Champions League semi-final sec-ond leg on Wednesday.

Pochettino is convinced Tottenham can still reach the club's maiden Champions League final despite losing the first leg in north London last week.

Many pundits and fans claim Tottenham have blown their opportunity after Donny van de Beek's strike gave Ajax a priceless lead to defend in Amsterdam.

Tottenham go into their biggest game for decades on a low note after losing 1-0 at Bournemouth on Saturday, a defeat that stopped them wrapping up a place in next season's Champions League via a top-four finish in the Premier League.

It was a third successive loss in all competitions for JEFA Tottenham, who finished with nine men **CHAMPIONS** in a good position at after red cards for Son **CHAMPIONS** the end of the season," Heung-min and Juan

Foyth. Fortunately for Tottenham, they are still all but certain to finish at least fourth after Arsenal and Manchester United were both held

to draws on Sunday. Tottenham are three points clear of fifth-placed Arsenal head-ing into their last league game of the season against Everton on Sunday and a draw will be enough to ensure their return to Europe's elite club competition.

But before that Tottenham, trying to reach their first European final since the 1984 UEFA Cup, have to focus on the challenge pre-sented by Ajax's vibrant young side.

Having already eliminated Real Madrid and Juventus this season, Ajax showed their vast potential I am going to feel proud."

'MASSIVE WEEK' Pochettino remained upbeat despite the frustration of losing to Nathan Ake's last-minute goal at Bournemouth, and the Tottenham manager hopes his confident attitude transfers

w to his players against Ajax. "We have ahead two 'finals' against Ajax and Everton and it's in our hands to be LEAGUE Pochettino said.

Ajax vs Tottenham Live from 12:30am IST

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against Tottenham in the first leg and should have been further

ahead after Van de Beek's opener. Tottenham improved slightly

in the second half, but largely

looked toothless without the sus-

pended Son and injured top scor-

Crucially, Pochettino will have Son back from his ban for the sec-

ond leg and the South Korea for-ward should give his team a far

er Harry Kane.

more dynamic look.

Although Tottenham will know they have missed a golden opportunity to reach the final if they don't succeed in the second leg, Pochettino is adamant his players have done more than enough already to make him proud of their efforts this term.

"No-one believed we'd be in this position in the last week of the competition," Pochettino said.

"We are in a position where it depends on us to be in the (Champions League) final or not and then it depends on us to fin-ich in the top four ish in the top four.

"It's a massive week and that's why we need to move on, try to recover as soon as possible and be ready again but whatever happens



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Novak Djokovic returns the ball to Taylor Fritz during the Madrid Open match AF

Djokovic destroys Fritz in solid start

AFP MADRID

 $\mathbf{N}_{65}^{\mathrm{ovak}\,\mathrm{Djokovic}\,\mathrm{needed}\,\mathrm{just}}$ winning start at the Madrid Open on Tuesday, hammering Taylor Fritz 6-4, 6-2 to reach the third round. The top seed and world

number one broke three times as he schooled the American.

Djokovic won the Madrid title in 2011 and 2016. He will be chasing a fourth straight Grand Slam trophy at Roland Garros next month.

Third seed Roger Federer was making his clay return after two full seasons off the surface when he faced Frenchman Richard Gasquet later in the second round after

a bye. Unseeded treble Grand Slam champion Stan Wawrinka started his Madrid campaign with a 6-2, 6-3 win over Pierre-Hugues Herbert to move into the second round.

"It was a great first match. I've been good on the practice court, feeling really good, so it was important to start well today," Wawrinka said.

Wawrinka will next play Argentine Guido Pella, who

put out Barcelona finalist Daniil Medvedev 6-2, 1-6, 6-

second round.

The Briton had made a dash to Madrid on Sunday evening after playing the Rabat clay final. Konta won her opening match against Alison Riske but could not match Halep, the defending French

Open champion. "I feel good every time

I'm happy to be back and winning matches," Halep said. "It was a good match. Both

mentally and I found a rhythm.

second-round match.

Wimbledon champion is suf-fering from a right ankle injury

in the evening session against Croatian Petra Martic.

In the women's WTA draw, third seed and two-time champion Simona Halep of Romania ended the hopes of Johanna Konta 7-5, 6-1 in the

when I come to Madrid and

of us played very well and, in the end, I was a bit stronger

Fourth seed Angelique Kerber withdrew before her

defending The

Kerber was to have played

than for a match," said a tear-

ful Godin. "These will be my Atletico Madrid captain Diego Godin announced final days at Atletico Madrid. I want to communicate all the on Tuesday that he will leave love I have for this club, this the club at the end of the seashirt.

"I am Atletico, because this Godin has been one of the is not a club, it's a family and a way of life. It has been my best central defenders in the home and it's very hard to say world under Atletico coach goodbye. I never imagined this Diego Simeone, who attended an emotional press conference moment would come and I am at the Wanda Metropolitano, not prepared.'

Godin has made 381 along with several players and appearances for Atletico and remains a key figure in the team, but the Uruguayan has The 33-year-old would not confirm his next club but indicated regret at not being able to rejected offers to extend his contract, which expires on "I'm nervous, even more June 30.



He is unlikely to be the last high-profile player to leave Atletico this summer.

After a disappointing sea son, Lucas Hernandez

has already agreed to join Bayern Munich, while uncertainty hangs over the futures of Filipe Luis, Juanfran, Thomas Partey, Saul Niguez and even Antoine Griezmann.

"In short, I am captain of the team and have been here

career and my life. Godin added: "I would like

> "But we could not reach an agreement so I have decided to leave. There's nothing more

Since joining Atletico from Villarreal in 2010, Godin has won La Liga, the Copa del Rey and the

Trump awards Presidential Medal to Woods **32 Indian youth eligible for US Kids Golf Europe events**

AFP WASHINGTON DC

agree a new contract.

president Enrique Cerezo.

Tiger Woods, fresh off his epic comeback victory in the Masters, was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Donald Trump at the White House on Monday.

Presenting the golfing great with the nation's highest honor, Trump praised Woods' "relentless will to win, win, win."

"These qualities embody the American spirit of pushing boundaries, defying limits and always striving for greatness," the president said.

Trump congratulated Woods on "your amazing comeback and your amazing life and for giving sports fans a lifetime of memories.

"We can't wait to see what's next, Tiger," said Trump, an avid golfer and owner of several golf courses around the world.

Woods, 43, choked up as he thanked his mother, his two children, his girlfriend and his caddy during the ceremony in the White House Rose Garden.

You have seen the good and the bad, the highs and the lows," said Woods, who battled back from injury to win the Masters last month, his first



US President Donald Trump presents the Presidential Medal of Freedom to Tiger Woods during a ceremony in the Rose Garden of the White House on Monday AP

major title since the 2008 US Open.

"I have tried to hang in there and I have tried to come back and play the great game of golf again," Woods said. "I have been lucky enough to have had the opportunity to do it again."

He said his Masters victory was "probably the highlight of what I have

accomplished so far in my life on the golf course.

"To have had that type of experience and to be able to come out on top and win," he said.

Woods' Masters was his 15th major title, leaving him just three short of the record held by Nicklaus.

PNS NEW DELHI

India's growing strength in junior golf has been amplified with the qualification of as many as 32 players in various age-group com-petitions under the global banner of the US Kids Golf. The 32 kids are from as many as 13 age groups — eight among boys and five among girls. The 32 comprise 20 boys and 12 girls, who are now eligible with Priority Status for US Kids global events in Europe and some of them will also be eligible for World Championships, depending on their status.

Of the five categories of Priority Status, Burgundy status holders will be eligible for US Kids World Championships and 13 of the 32 Indian players have earned the Burgundy status on the basis of their scoring. Of the remaining, 14 have Orange Status and five have Blue Status.

The opportunity to play on international courses also readies the youngsters to play on

Championship courses where the world's best compete annually. This year the European segment of US Kids will see the players practice and play at courses like the Renaissance, Gullane, Craigelaw, Archerfield Links and others.

Each age-group's competition is held at a different venue and all the events are scheduled for the last week of May.

Gullane is where the prestigious Scottish Open was held last year with India's Shubhankar Sharma playing it for the first time, while this year's Scottish Open is scheduled to be held at the Renaissance, so the UK Kids Golf events will give the teen and preteens a chance to see and play course they will hope to play on as adults later on.

A lot of the youngsters who have achieved Priority Status this season will be playing in Europe for the first time, adding to their experience of playing in quality courses in India and Asia and now Europe.

many years," said Godin. "We have not reached an agreement reached the Champions League final in 2014 and 2016. Atletico to continue so my time here is lost both to Real Madrid. over. It has been the best of my

to play here until I'm 40 but it's impossible. For me the priority has always been the club, the team, my teammates.

to it than that.

Europa League twice. He also



DHONI, RAYUDU HELP CSK TO 131

PTI CHENNAI

ahendra Singh Dhoni failed to launch a brutal assault on a slug-gish pitch but did enough in company of Ambati Rayudu to propel Chennai Super Kings to 131 for 4 against Mumbai Indians in the first IPL Qualifier on Tuesday.

The CSK total was built largely on a fifth wicket stand of 66 off 48 balls between Dhoni (37 no off 29 balls) and Rayudu (42 no off 37 balls) when other batsmen found going tough. Dhoni smashed Lasith Malinga for

two huge sixes in the penultimate over to provide impetus to the CSK innings, which was stymied by the MI bowlers, especially the spinners.

MI leg-spinner Rahul Chahar continued his impressive season, with a superb spell of 2 for 14 in his quota of 4 overs. He kept the batsmen on a leash with turn and bounce.

CSK didn't get off to a good start, losing three wickets in the Powerplay, as MI skipper Rohit Sharma used five different bowlers in the first five overs.

The visiting team kept things under control in the Powerplay, restricting CSK to 32 runs while picking up three wickets.

At the halfway stage, CSK barely managed to reach 50, which was a sign of their struggles.

Faf du Plessis (6) got one from Rahul that bounced a bit more as his cut went straight to substitute fielder Anmolpreet Singh at backward point.

Suresh Raina's (5) attempt to slog Jayant Yadav resulted in a skier which the bowler took with ease.

Shane Watson, who struggled for form, played a trademark pull off Jasprit Bumrah, but fell going for a big hit off Krunal Pandya, taken brilliantly by Jayant Yadav running backwards from his mid-on position.

Murali Vijay attempted to consolidate in Watson's company and succeeded to an extent, before being stumped by Quinton de Kock off Rahul Chahar for 26 (26 balls, 3X4).

Dhoni hit the first six of the match in the 14th over, lofting Jayant (1/25 in 3 overs) over long-on. Rayudu on the other hand hit three fours and a six and concentrating taking the singles and doubles with boundaries hard to come by.





DC face SRH in eliminator

PTI VISAKHAPATNAM

The road to the final has L become difficult but Delhi Capitals have the means to drive their way through the obstacles, starting with the eliminator against Sunrisers Hyderabad here on Wednesday. Re-branded before the start of

the 12th season, Delhi Capitals have been one of the top sides in this edition, playing cricket never seen before from them.

It is a bit harsh on Delhi Capitals that they are playing the do-or-die game despite securing 18 points after nine wins and five losses from 14 matches.

Despite winning three matches more than Hyderabad, severely weakened by the departure of David Warner and Jonny Bairstow for their World Cup national camps, DC find themselves in the same boat as SRH and a defeat will knock them out of the league.

Delhi Capitals have never reached the IPL final, never made the top-two, and ventured into the top-four for the first time since 2012.

Considering the results and consistency, it seemed DC's search for that elusive winning combination has finally ended, which brought the smiles back on the faces of fans after years of disappointment.

Picked in the trading window, India opener Shikhar Dhawan lived up to the expectations of the team management and franchise, scoring over 450 runs.

Along with the young Prithvi Shaw, the experienced Dhawan formed a fine opening combination, and scored briskly in the



powerplay overs.

Skipper Shreyas Iyer (over 400 runs) showed immense maturity while leading the side and also played some substantial knocks.

Ignored from the World Cup squad, Rishabh Pant has proved his worth in the side with his handy cameos at crucial junctures.

They will miss the services of pace spearhead Kagiso Rabada but DC have enough firepower in bowling to surprise SRH, who became the first team in IPL history to qualify for the playoffs with 12 points.

While the duo of Warner and Bairstow played a pivotal role in SRH's performances and dominated the powerplay better than other teams, the likes of Manish Pandey stepped in after they left to be with their respective national teams.

In bowling, Rashid Khan, Bhuvneswar Kumar and Khaleel Ahmed have done just enough to help Sunrisers Hyderabad keep things

In Kane Williamson, SRH have a dependable captain and he will expect a little more from his New Zealand team-mate Martin Guptill.

It will be another opportunity for Vijay Shankar to make a mark before flying to the United Kingdom for the World Cup.



Will use Ashwin's tips in the World Cup: Mujeeb

PNS NEW DELHI

Injury and poor form made it a forgettable IPL season for Afghanistan spinner Mujeeb ur Rahman but the time away from the field was well spent as he picked on Kings XI Punjab skipper Ravichandran Ashwin's brain ahead of the World Cup in England.

A shoulder injury meant that the 18-year-old wasn't at his best during the cash-rich league, getting only three wickets in five games with an expensive economy rate of

10.05 runs per over. "I have learnt a lot having spend quality time with Ravichandran Ashwin in the KXIP set-up. He has given me a lot of useful tips and I am sure that I will execute those plans in the World Cup. During this edition of IPL, my shoulder injury was an issue. But now I am fully fit for the World Cup," Mujeeb told reporters at a promotional event to announce Amul's association with Afghanistan national

While he hasn't played many matches this year, the best part about IPL according to Mujeeb is the opportunity to bowl at some of the prospective World Cup opponents. "The IPL schedule is so

hectic and you are travelling a lot. It's not that you get a lot of chance to talk about the game. But since you get a chance to bowl in matches where there are batsmen who will be there in the World Cup, it helps a lot,"

said the Afghan teenager. Asked if he faced the second season blues, something which was evident when he

went for 66 runs in his four overs against Sunrisers Hyderabad, Mujeeb said it was part and parcel of cricket.

"You will have a few bad days and it's just that you have to be consistent with your line and length," Mujeeb said.

The youngster is hopeful that along with senior spinners Rashid Khan and Mohammed

Nabi, it will be a better World Cup for Afghanistan compared to the 2015 edition when they

were making debut. "Our aim is to at least

qualify for the semi-finals. All three of us have different strengths and the main thing that we discuss on-field is to stick to our respective plans. The basic plan is to consistently bowl good areas and hopefully we will be able to do that," he said.

Meanwhile, Afghanistan chief selector Dawlat Khan Ahmadzai justified the unexpected sacking of ODI skipper Asghar Afghan ahead of the World Cup, saying the decision was taken looking at the longterm future of the team.

"We realised that we can't win the World Cup at this moment under Asghar's captaincy or anyone else who would have been in charge. We made the decision not just thinking about this World Cup, we are thinking about the 2023

edition

Warner should open with Finch: Mark Waugh

PTI MELBOURNE

onsidering that David Warner can be much more destructive than any other batsman during the field restrictions, he must open for Australia alongside Aaron Finch at the World Cup, suggests former selector Mark Waugh.

Usman Khawaja has scored more ODI runs (769) for Australia this year than anyone else and formed a formidable opening combination with along Finch during Australia's two most recent ODI series against India and Pakistan but Waugh thinks Warner is

(Warner) opening. He is the number

Morris replaces

PTI JOHANNESBURG

to recover fully.

Nortje in SA squad

South Africa suffered a blow ahead of the World Cup with fast bowler Anrich Nortje being ruled

out of the tournament due to a fractured thumb.

ment for the mega-event, commencing on May 30.

over the course of the summer before he could make

his international debut in March this year. On the basis of his performances, the 25-year-old was select-

while practising in the nets, and it has now been con-

firmed that he would need six to eight weeks rest

played an ODI in more than a year, has replaced

ed in South Africa's World Cup squad.

Nortje in the 15-member squad.

Chris Morris has been called up as his replace-

Nortje overcame ankle and shoulder injuries

Unfortunately, Nortje fractured his right thumb

The 32-year-old all-rounder Morris, who has not



one opener in my opinion, so he has got to open with Finch," Waugh told the *Big Sports Breakfast* radio program.

still the best option. "I would definitely have him field is up and the field restrictions are in place and he can get the team off to (Alex) Carey (at) seven.

WI name Gayle as Holder's deputy

PTI JAMAICA

Egayle has been named vice-captain of the West Indies team for the World Cup.

Gayle, who is set to retire from ODIs after his fifth World Cup appearance, is in top form going into the tournament, having scored close to 500 runs in the IPL. He was also in devastating form in the home series against England, hitting two hundreds and as many half-centuries in the five-match series.

"It is always an honour to represent the West Indies in any format and this World Cup for me is special," Gayle said after being named Jason Holder's deputy on Monday.

Gayle is a former West Indies captain who last led the regional side in June 2010.

"As a senior player, it is my responsibility to support the captain and everyone else in the team. This will probably be



The left-handed Warner has been in excellent touch as he scored lot of runs at the top of the order in the IPL. In fact, all his 104 ODI innings for Australia has come as an opener. Waugh feels Khawaja and Shaun

Marsh are the best options to bat at number three, while the remainder of Australia's batting order looks pretty clear cut.

"I think either Khawaja or Shaun Marsh bat at three and they should be fighting for that spot," he said. "The rest probably picks itself...With

(Steve) Smith at four, (Glenn) Maxwell (at) five, (Marcus) Stoinis (at) six and



spoken to him and given him that mes-"It's certainly not the end of him. He's a very important player and there

is no reason why he can't come back." He added: "I think we've come to the right decision. Being respected off the field as well as on it is very important.'

The English head coach also said that the selectors would have to make a "very difficult decision" following the impressive form of newcomer Jofra Archer, who made his debut against Ireland last week.

Speaking about the Barbados-born all-rounder, Bayliss said: "He's fitted into the group extremely well. I thought he bowled some good spells in Ireland without too much luck and I thought he bowled pretty well in the T20 match a couple of days ago.

"It's all looking good. It's going to be a very difficult decision for the selectors, whichever way we go."



the biggest World Cup, so there will be great expectations and I know we will do very well for the people of the West Indies," said the 39-yearold, who has amassed 10151 runs in 289 ODIs at 38.16.

It was also announced that Shai Hope will be the vicecaptain in the on-going triseries in Ireland involving the hosts and Bangladesh.



Hales still has future with England: Bayliss

England head coach Trevor Bayliss Says Alex Hales still has an international future despite being axed from the World Cup squad after he reportedly failed a second positive test for

named in England's preliminary 15man squad for the tournament only to

Bayliss said the door is open for the hard-hitting 30-year-old batsman, who has played 70 one-day internationals and 60 Twenty20 internationals.