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Pitroda eats crow for '84 riots brag

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After giving the BJP a handle to beat the Congress, Sam Pitroda, the close associate of party president Rahul Gandhi, on Friday apologised for his controversial "hua to hua" (so what) comment on 1984 anti-Sikh pogrom even as Prime Minister Narendra Modi latched on to the comments saying these words reflect the "character, mentality and intentions of the Congress".
"What I meant was move on. We have other issues to discuss as to what the BJP Government did and what it delivered. I feel sorry that my remark was misrepresented, I apologise. This has been blown out of proportion," said Pitroda after his remarks on Thursday prompted attacks on him by BJP leaders led by the Prime Minister himself.
While apologising for his remark, Pitroda accused the BJP of "distorting the truth" and said things of the past are not relevant in this election and the saffron party has nothing positive to offer and is attacking the Congress with lies.
Referring to Pitroda's remarks, Modi told a rally in Haryana, "Congress, which ruled for a maximum period, has been insensitive and that is reflected by the three words spoken yesterday.. These words

have not been spoken just like that, these words are character and mentality and intentions of the Congress. And which were these words, these were 'hua to hua'."
Pitroda, Modi said, was "very good friend" of Rajiv Gandhi, and is very close to Gandhi family and is "Guru of Congress 'naamdar' (dynast) president" Rahul Gandhi.
The BJP deployed its Union Ministers and spokespersons saying the party has no remorse on the genocide of patriotic community and sought to know whether Rahul would dismiss his "Guru" who is "rubbing salts on the wounds" of Sikhs.
The Congress on its part has distanced itself from Pitroda's "so what" remarks on the anti-sikh riots and asked the leaders of the party to be careful and sensitive in future.
Congress's chief spokesperson Randeep Surjewala said the party abhorred violence of any kind against any person or group of people on the basis of caste, creed, colour, region or religion, adding that riots and violence had no place in the Indian society.
"Violence and riots are unacceptable and unpardonable in our society... Any opinion or remark made by any individual to the contrary, including Sam Pitroda, is not the opinion of the Congress



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

party. We advise all leaders to be careful and sensitive," Surjewala said in a statement.
Stating that the Congress had strived to ensure justice for the 1984 riot victims, Surjewala said the party continued to support the quest for justice and stern punishment for those found guilty in the anti-Sikh riots, as also the subsequent acts of violence, including the 2002 riots in Gujarat.
The Congress spokesperson added that unlike the ruling BJP, which had fielded a candidate charged with terror crimes and who was being lauded as the saffron party's face by Modi himself, the Congress had shown the moral and political courage to punish

'Hua to hua' portrays the anti-Sikh mindset of Cong: Modi

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

Cricketer sues Atishi, Kejriwal and Sisodia, ex-teammates VVS Laxman, Harbhajan 'vouch for his character'

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

A day after controversy involving distribution of "obscene and derogatory" pamphlets against her, Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) East Delhi candidate Atishi on Friday approached chairperson of Delhi Commission for Women (DCW) Swati Maliwal and lodged a formal complaint against BJP candidate from the seat Gautam Gambhir.
Stepping up his counter-offensive, Gambhir on Friday said he will "hang" himself in public if the AAP can prove that he has any link to the derogatory pamphlets.
Gambhir tweeted, "Challenging Number 3 to @ArvindKejriwal and @aap. If he can prove that I have anything to do with this pamphlet filth, then I will hang myself in public. Otherwise @ArvindKejriwal should quit politics. Accepted?"
Gambhir had sent defamation notices to Kejriwal, his deputy Manish Sisodia and Atishi on Thursday night asking them to withdraw their charges against him and tender unconditional apology or face legal action. Meanwhile, Gambhir's former teammates VVS Laxman and Harbhajan

Singh defended Gambhir and said they can "vouch for his integrity, character and the respect he has for women".
The BJP also approached East Delhi parliamentary seat returning officer K Mahesh seeking a police probe into the accusations. The complaint was lodged by BJP's Krishna Nagar councillor Sandeep Kapoor, said Delhi BJP spokesperson Harish Khurana.
The returning officer has already asked the Delhi Police to register a complaint in this case.
"Shocked to hear about yesterday's developments. Having known @GautamGambhir for nearly 2 decades, I can vouch for his integrity, character and the respect he has for women," Laxman tweeted.

Harbhajan also tweeted, "I am shocked to note yesterday's events involving @GautamGambhir. I know him well and he can never talk ill of any woman. Whether he wins or loses is another matter but the man is above all this".
On Thursday, Atishi accompanied by Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia in a Press conference on Thursday had alleged Gambhir's role in circulation of pamphlets carrying "obscene and derogatory" remarks against her.
Gambhir had vehemently refuted the allegation saying he would quit the electoral contest if proved guilty. The issue refused to die down even as campaigning for May 12 polls ended Friday evening, with both sides attacking each other.



Atishi hands over her complaint to Delhi Commission for Women Chairperson Swati Maliwal in New Delhi on Friday

Indrani Mukerjea to turn approver against Karti in INX media case

PNS ■ NEW DELHI/MUMBAI
Indrani Mukerjea, an accused in the INX Media case, is all set to turn an approver against Karti Chidambaram, the son of former Union Finance Minister P Chidambaram, after the CBI on Friday said it has no objection to her plea. The agency told the Bombay High Court that it would produce Mukerjea at Patiala House Court in Delhi on May 23.
Indrani has already deposed before the CBI and the ED that she was forced to give ₹5-crore bribe to Karti on recommendation of P Chidambaram to tackle Income Tax probe in a ₹300-crore money laundering case.
Indrani and her husband Peter Mukerjea are currently lodged in Byculla jail and are facing charges in the murder of their daughter Sheena Bora. Both of them were accused in the INX Media bribery case also.
CBI filed FIR against them along with Karti for the irregularities in the FDI clearance for the INX TV channel.
In 2007, the Foreign Investment Promotion Board (FIPB) cleared only foreign investment in the TV channel for Rs 5 crore.
But they illegally routed Rs 305 crore and were caught by Income Tax in 2008, said CBI.

Expedite relief distribution: Azad urges Govt Thanks State for massive evacuation of people

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR
Senior Congress leader and Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Ghulam Nabi Azad on Friday requested the State Government to speed up the rehabilitation process and distribution of relief materials to the Fani-affected people.
Addressing a Press conference here, Azad said the initiatives taken by the State Government in the aftermath of the devastation have not been satisfactory.
Informing that he visited Puri, Azad said he saw a group of people blocked a road expressing unhappiness over tardy distribution of relief materials.
He assured them that he would request the State Government to expedite distribution of 50 kg of rice and ₹2,000 to the affected people and restoration of electricity and water supply.
Azad also assured that he would request the Union



Government to restore the Internet and telephone and mobile services to normal in Odisha.
He, however, thanked the State Government for evacuating a vast number of people, for which the causality could be minimised compared to that in the Super Cyclone of 1999.

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7 days on, roads yet to be cleared in BBSR, Puri

Electricity workers' daily wage hiked by 1.5 times
Relief, restoration works in full swing, says SRC
PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR
mobilised to the districts," he said.
Sethi said that as many as 14,70,197 persons were evacuated and sheltered while 24,889 tourists safely shifted from Puri, Ganjam, Cuttack and Baleswar districts.
While 7,500 polythene rolls have been sent to Puri, 800 and 1950 rolls were sent to Cuttack and Khordha, respectively.
Sethi further informed that train services are now normal from Bhubaneswar. Dairy plants are fully operational in Bhubaneswar with 25 mobile milk units and six e-carts of the Omfed supplying milk.
As many as 15,889 packets of relief materials (chuda, gur, biscuits, candles, matchboxes and salt) were supplied to Puri, 4,632 packets to Khordha and 800 packets to the East Coast Railway.
The SRC informed that 320 public health facilities have been restored to normal while 703 MRCs are reopened. While 184 mobile medical teams have been deployed, 54 doctors from outside are engaged in Jagatsinghpur, Kendrapada and Puri districts. A total of 1,945 pregnant women were shifted to Maa Gruhas/delivery booths; 36,309 water sources were disinfected in affected

areas.
Besides, 1,418 veterinary camps were organised where 82,405 animals were treated. As many as 34,24,062 cattle carcasses were disposed. A total of 315 veterinary doctors, 1126 Para-Vets and supportive staffs have been engaged for ensuring cattle healthcare measures in the affected areas.
Regarding drinking water supply, Sethi said required number of DG sets were hired and moved to the affected districts. Cent per cent water supply has been restored in Cuttack, Khordha and Janti urban areas. The Puri, Bhubaneswar, Konark and Nimapara urban areas have already achieved 100-per cent restoration of water supply.
Skilled, semiskilled and unskilled workers engaged in power restoration work are being given 1.5 times of normal wages. Besides, a food allowance of Rs 150 per day is being given to them. Out of 25,05,556 affected consumers in Angul, Dhenkanal, Cuttack, Puri, Nayagarh, Khordha, Kendrapada, Jagatsinghpur and Jajpur districts, electricity has been restored to 14,38,905 consumers.
Regarding clearance of roads, the SRC informed that 64 of 560 affected roads have been cleared in Puri district while most of the roads in Khordha and Cuttack districts have also been cleared. In Jagatsinghpur, all roads cleared except in three blocks.

After UN terror tag on Masood, JeM renamed as Jaish-e-Muttaqi

RAKESH K SINGH ■ NEW DELHI
With the United Nations (UN) declaring Jaish-e-Mohammad chief Maulana Masood Azhar a designated global terrorist, the outfit has changed its name to Jaish-e-Muttaqi (army of the pious) at the behest of Pakistan Army-ISI in order to hoodwink the international community into believing that Islamabad is acting against terror groups.
The tactical shift comes days after the UN designated Azhar as a global terrorist under the 1267 Sanctions List.
The UN had earlier banned the outfit. Post-UN listing, the Pakistani terrorist will face freezing of assets, a travel ban, and an arms embargo by all UN member States.
The change in nomenclature of the Pakistan-based terror groups is aimed at serving the twin purpose of projecting that the Pakistani State is acting against terror groups including the JeM and the banned terror

group will be able to regroup and radicalise youths.
Under the new garb, the JeM will be able to recruit more youths to its fold as the outfit's morale has faced drubbing post-Balakot strikes and the terror tanzim's radicalisation and recruitment drive has also been adversely affected in the wake of the fear psychosis generated after the attack at Balakot, sources in the security agencies said.
The Bahawalpur-headquartered outfit is also anticipated to creating infrastructure at other locations in order to check any repeat attack by Indian forces, sources said.
Pakistan has in the past facilitated the change in name of another UN-banned terror group Lashkar-e-Tayyaba which rechristened itself as Jamat-ud-Dawah and subsequently to Milli Muslim League, a political party launched during last elections to project LeT chief Hafiz Sayeed as a democrat.
The Pakistan Army-ISI combine

Criminal held in Brahmapur encounter

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PNS ■ BRAHMAPUR
Yet another dreaded criminal of Ganjam district was injured and nabbed in an encounter by police here on Friday morning.
The criminal, identified as Manoj Swain, received bullet injuries in his legs and was admitted to the MKCG Medical College Hospital, said police.
According to information, police had been searching for Manoj in connection with a case for a few days. A police patrolling team saw him in the city and asked him to surrender. However, he opened fire at the cops and tried to escape. But the police retaliated by firing at him.
Police said that Manoj has a number of cases registered against him in different police stations in Ganjam district.

Heatwave conditions to continue till Sunday

Infants, elderly, chronic patients advised to avoid exposure
BHUBANESWAR: Heat wave conditions continued to add to woes of Fani-affected people of the State with the mercury hovering over 40 degree Celsius in 13 places on Friday. Officials of the Regional Meteorological Department predicted that the situation would persist for two more days till Sunday.
A Yellow Warning was issued in view of the severe heat wave conditions for 11 districts. Infants, elderly people with chronic diseases were advised to avoid heat exposure. While Titilagarh

DELHI BOUTS

CHANDAN PRAKASH/SHEKHAR SINGH ■ NEW DELHI

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



CANDIDATES IN FRAY

CHANDNI CHOWK	EAST DELHI	NORTH EAST	NORTH WEST	NEW DELHI	SOUTH DELHI	WEST DELHI
<p>JP Agarwal, Congress</p> <p>Pankaj Gupta, AAP</p> <p>Dr Harsh Vardhan, BJP</p>	<p>Arvinder Singh Lovely, Congress</p> <p>Atishi, AAP</p> <p>Gautam Gambhir, BJP</p>	<p>Sheila Dikshit, Congress</p> <p>Dilip K Pandey, AAP</p> <p>Manoj Tiwari, BJP</p>	<p>Rajesh Lillothia, Congress</p> <p>Gugan Singh, AAP</p> <p>Hans Raj Hans, BJP</p>	<p>Ajay Maken, Congress</p> <p>Brijesh Goyal, AAP</p> <p>Meenakshi Lekhi, BJP</p>	<p>Vijender Singh, Congress</p> <p>Raghav Chadha, AAP</p> <p>Ramesh Bidhuri, BJP</p>	<p>Mahabal Mishra, Congress</p> <p>Balbir Singh Jakhar, AAP</p> <p>Parvesh Singh Verma, BJP</p>

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CHANDNI CHOWK
In this constituency issues that dominating the poll discourse include the Goods and Services Tax (GST), demonetisation, bad infrastructure, irregular water supply and the sealing drive. A large section of people in this constituency are affected of these issues and claiming to elect the candidate who has potential to address these issue on priority basis. Law and order is also one of the issues in the constituency. Residents said that chain snatching and harassment of women are common and it must be addressed on priority basis. With 15,62,268 voters, Chandni Chowk is the smallest parliamentary constituency in Delhi in terms of electorate. The constituency comprising 10 Assembly segments — Adarsh Nagar, Shalimar Bagh, Shakur Basti, Tri Nagar, Wazirpur, Model Town, Sadar Bazar, Chandni Chowk, Matia Mahal and Ballimaran. Traders and Muslim voters will hold the key. In 2008, when a delimitation exercise was undertaken, several North Delhi neighbourhoods such as Model Town, Tri Nagar, Wazirpur, Shalimar Bagh and Shakur Basti were made part of this constituency, which accounted for about 15 per cent Muslim voters that was 30 per cent before delimitation. The percentage of voters of the SC and OBCs has gone up to about 25 and 20 respectively post delimitation while the Vaish community accounts for 10 per cent voters. The constituency is witnessing a three-corner fight between the BJP, the Congress and the Aam Aadmi Party. Incumbent BJP MP Harsh Vardhan is pitted against Congress' old-timer JP Agarwal, who represented the seat in 1984, 1989 and 1996.



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SOUTH DELHI
In South Delhi constituency, caste and community are playing an important role. Keeping the caste arithmetic, the Congress has fielded champion boxer Vijender Singh — who is a Jat and also won bronze medal at the 2008 Beijing Olympics. He will take on BJP's sitting MP Ramesh Bidhuri also a Gujjar and Aam Aadmi Party's (AAP) Raghav Chadha who belongs to a Punjabi community. The Gujjars and Jat voters dominate a number of Assembly segments in the seat. The seat is witnessing a triangular contest among AAP's Raghav Chadha, sitting BJP MP Ramesh Bidhuri and Congress' Vijender Singh. The AAP, which is seeking to wrest the seat from the BJP, has been raising local issues before the people. **The constituency has a total of 42 villages** out of which 18 are dominated by Jats and 12 by the Gujjar community. Gujjars are predominantly present in Chhatarpur, Badarpur and Tughlakabad areas while Jats also have a sizeable presence in the villages bordering West Delhi constituency. **Problems faced** Water supply remains one of the biggest concerns for the residents of South Delhi. Some places in Mehrauli, Chhatarpur and Sangam Vihar still experience water scarcity. While the people admit that the supply has improved a lot over the last two years, yet, they say, a lot remains to be done. While political parties are raising



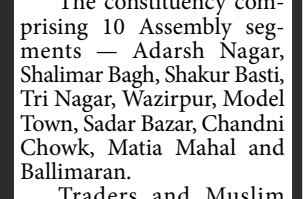
NORTH EAST
The issues of nationalism, unemployment and full statehood status for Delhi, the residents of the high-profile constituency insist that they need someone who takes care of their day-to-day problems first. While people admit that the supply has improved a lot over the last two years, yet, they say, a lot remains to be done. The civic issue of parking and traffic congestion in the heavily-populated constituency also weigh on people's mind. Many complain about the unending jams that they have to negotiate, especially during rush hour, and say these matters haven't been paid heed to. **It has 10 Assembly segments** — Chattarpur, Palam, Bijwasan, Kalkaji, Mehrauli, Deoli, Ambedkar Nagar, Sangam Vihar, Tughlaqabad and Badarpur. **The constituency currently has 20,65,755 voters.** A split in the vote bank between Congress and AAP and a new face of Congress Vijender Singh gives BJP an edge in the constituency. While AAP's vote share has registered a decline in elections held since 2015, Congress' has been growing slowly. AAP and Congress largely depend on similar vote bases — Muslims, Dalits and those living in unauthorised colonies and JJ clusters among others. It is the same vote bank which propelled AAP to power with an unprecedented mandate in the 2015 Delhi Assembly elections.



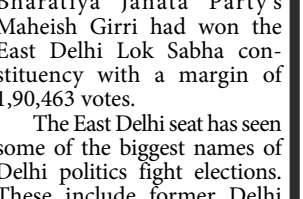
NORTH WEST
North-East constituency, a stronghold of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and erstwhile Jan Sangh since its formation in 1966, is headed for an interesting but tough battle among the sitting MP Manoj Tiwari of the BJP and former Chief Minister Sheila Dikshit. AAP's Dilip Pandey is also in the fray. The constituency boasts of a sizeable number of Hindu and Muslim voters. The Purvanchalis also have a formidable presence with 40 per cent voters. Tiwari, the Bhojpuri film star, commands a strong following among Purvanchali voters and had won comfortably in 2014. However, with the arrival of Sheila Dikshit, the contest has queued the pitch for the Delhi State BJP president. The constituency comprises 10 Assembly segments — Burari, Timarpur, Seemapuri, Rohtas Nagar, Seelampur, Ghonda, Babarpur, Gokalpur, Mustafabad and Karawal Nagar and has 19,57,707 number of voters in which 40 per cent voters are Poorvanchalis. Interestingly, out of the ten Assembly seats, nine has AAP MLAs. The Pioneer visited these areas to read the mood of the voters and found that Poorvanchalis are sure of to whom they want to win the seat but others were waiting till the last to clear the air over the selection of the candidate to cast their vote. In some of the Assembly constituencies such as Seelampur, Babarpur and Mustafabad, Hindu voters appear to be inclined towards the BJP but Muslim voters are divided as to whom they should support. However, these voters in Timarpur,



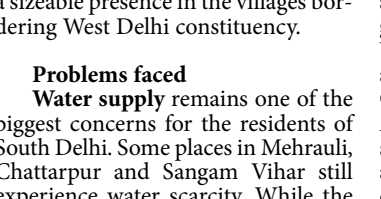
NEW DELHI
The main issue in this constituency is sealing drive which was conducted by the Municipal Corporations on the direction of Supreme Court Monitoring Committee. It largely affected traders and all the party's candidate have promised in its manifestoes to address sealing issue after voted as an MP. Besides, water supply and dysfunctional street lights and traffic chaos are other issues that the residents are suffering from. The constituency which houses the residences and workplaces of all the key departments of the country has a number of local issues to deal with prominently. New Delhi constituency was formed in 1951, is the oldest of the seven constituencies of Delhi with 16,17,470 voters. It comprises 10 assembly seats Karol Bagh (SC), Patel Nagar (SC), Moti Nagar, Delhi Cantt, Rajinder Nagar, New Delhi, Kasturba Nagar, Malviya Nagar, R.K. Puram, Greater Kailash. Congress Ajay Maken, BJP's Meenakshi Lekhi and AAP's Brijesh Goyal are in fray from the seat.



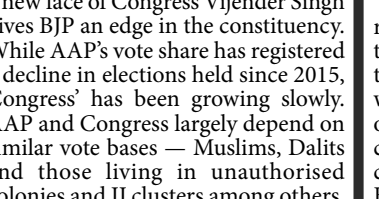
WEST DELHI
Pockets such as Rajouri Garden, Tilak Nagar, Janakpuri and Hari Nagar have a large Sikh population, while Jharoda, Dichaun Kalan, and Dhansa are Jat strongholds. Varma, the son of former Delhi CM Sahib Singh Varma, belongs to the Jat community and the party believes it would help him win a second term but Jakhar, who also belongs to Jat community, is a native of Mitraon village in Najafgarh area in the constituency. Though Both Varma and Jakhar does not give much weight to the caste but the reality is that the constituency which has also a strong hold of Jats in several areas may see vote division. Whereas, Congress candidate Mishra, a migrant is banking on Purvanchali voters to repeat his 2009 performance. According to political pundits, the Purvanchali votes also divided here between Congress and BJP. Though, the economic and cultural make of the area is varied but the demands of people are largely the same which we can see in other six Lok Sabha constituency in National Capital. The residents of Dwarka rued lack of water and connectivity in the area. **for the candidates belonging to the Scheduled castes.** NW Lok Sabha constituency comprises of ten Vidhan Sabha segments such as Narela, Badli, Rithala, Bawana, Mundka, Kirari, Sultan Pur Majra, Mangloi Jat, Mangol Puri and Rohini. Congress has fielded Rajesh Lalothia, Aam Aadmi Party has fielded Gugan Singh whereas Bharatiya Janta Party's (BJP) Hans Raj Hans is also in the fray. Other than Rohini and limited areas in North West where there is Delhi Metro connectivity, civic issues plague most portions of this constituency. Haphazard, unplanned development has created its own problems too, especially in rural and unauthorised areas. There is, therefore, a sense of unhappiness across the 10 assembly segments that make up the seat: Narela, Badli, Rithala, Bawana,



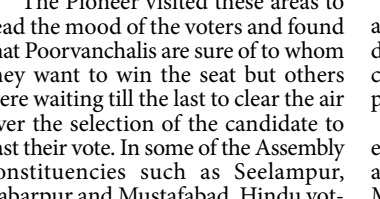
NORTH WEST
Mundka, Kirari, Sultan Pur Majra, Mangloi Jat, Mangol Puri and Rohini. In 2014, BJP's candidate Udit Raj bested AAP's Rakhi Birla by over one lakh votes. Former Union minister and Congress leader Krishna Tirath, ran in third, while BSP's Basant Panwar got 21,485 votes. The result this year could parallel the last election. While the candidates are promising to resolve all issues in the constituency but the residents says otherwise. The rural population rued about the lack of sanitation facilities which also mean that there is a threat to women when they step out to attend nature's call, which is either early in the morning or late in the evening. The constituency has a sizeable SC population, with the roughly 19.1 percent. According to CEO data, NW Delhi constituency has 23,77,604 electors in the constituency — 13,04,555 (men); 10,72,891 (women) and 158 (third gender). The number of electors in some of the other constituencies are — West Delhi (23,67,509); North East Delhi (22,89,493); South Delhi (20,65,755).



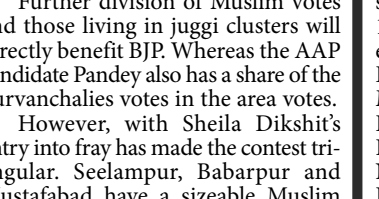
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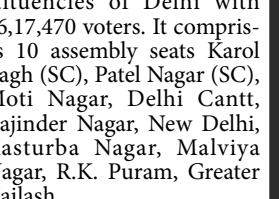
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NORTH WEST
North-East constituency, a stronghold of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and erstwhile Jan Sangh since its formation in 1966, is headed for an interesting but tough battle among the sitting MP Manoj Tiwari of the BJP and former Chief Minister Sheila Dikshit. AAP's Dilip Pandey is also in the fray. The constituency boasts of a sizeable number of Hindu and Muslim voters. The Purvanchalis also have a formidable presence with 40 per cent voters. Tiwari, the Bhojpuri film star, commands a strong following among Purvanchali voters and had won comfortably in 2014. However, with the arrival of Sheila Dikshit, the contest has queued the pitch for the Delhi State BJP president. The constituency comprises 10 Assembly segments — Burari, Timarpur, Seemapuri, Rohtas Nagar, Seelampur, Ghonda, Babarpur, Gokalpur, Mustafabad and Karawal Nagar and has 19,57,707 number of voters in which 40 per cent voters are Poorvanchalis. Interestingly, out of the ten Assembly seats, nine has AAP MLAs. The Pioneer visited these areas to read the mood of the voters and found that Poorvanchalis are sure of to whom they want to win the seat but others were waiting till the last to clear the air over the selection of the candidate to cast their vote. In some of the Assembly constituencies such as Seelampur, Babarpur and Mustafabad, Hindu voters appear to be inclined towards the BJP but Muslim voters are divided as to whom they should support. However, these voters in Timarpur,



SOUTH DELHI
In South Delhi constituency, caste and community are playing an important role. Keeping the caste arithmetic, the Congress has fielded champion boxer Vijender Singh — who is a Jat and also won bronze medal at the 2008 Beijing Olympics. He will take on BJP's sitting MP Ramesh Bidhuri also a Gujjar and Aam Aadmi Party's (AAP) Raghav Chadha who belongs to a Punjabi community. The Gujjars and Jat voters dominate a number of Assembly segments in the seat. The seat is witnessing a triangular contest among AAP's Raghav Chadha, sitting BJP MP Ramesh Bidhuri and Congress' Vijender Singh. The AAP, which is seeking to wrest the seat from the BJP, has been raising local issues before the people. **The constituency has a total of 42 villages** out of which 18 are dominated by Jats and 12 by the Gujjar community. Gujjars are predominantly present in Chhatarpur, Badarpur and Tughlakabad areas while Jats also have a sizeable presence in the villages bordering West Delhi constituency. **Problems faced** Water supply remains one of the biggest concerns for the residents of South Delhi. Some places in Mehrauli, Chhatarpur and Sangam Vihar still experience water scarcity. While the people admit that the supply has improved a lot over the last two years, yet, they say, a lot remains to be done. While political parties are raising

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

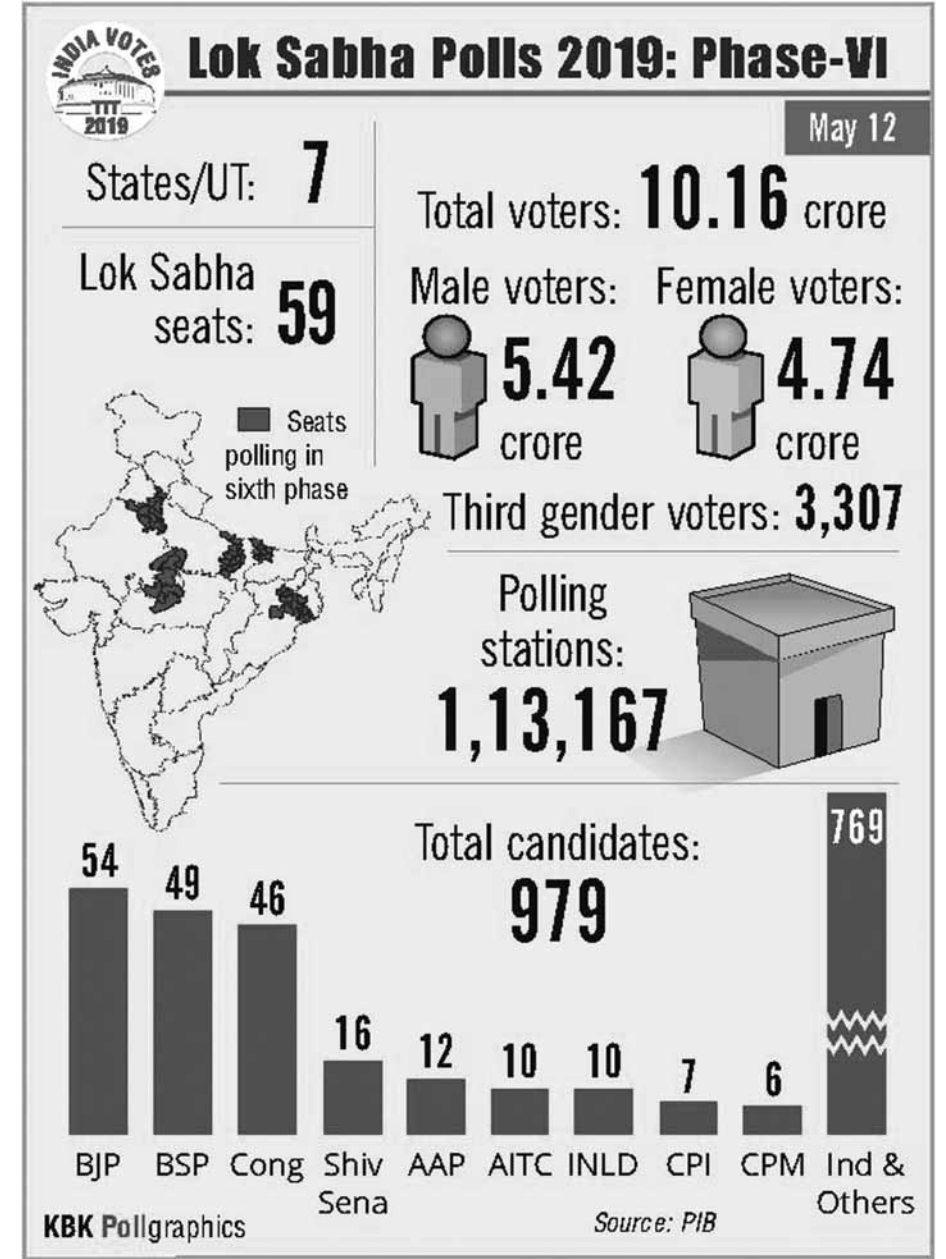
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He (Modi) says a lot of things about me, my father and my family in general. But I don't mind. In fact, I would say Narendra Modiji, the more you hate me, the more I will love you, because I belong to Mother India and it's only love that is in my heart...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



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



NANDIGRAM remains where it was years ago

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ NANDIGRAM

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

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

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

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

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



ence between the people in power then and those in power now, he says "this is done by 'order' from above." Asked to name on whose 'order' things are done he falls silent.

At Sonachura village Suina Banerjee a job aspirant says "I paid Rs 3 lakh for a school teacher's job but nothing has happened. A court case has done us in. The CPI(M) people were haughty, arrogant but not thieves."

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

His neighbour however

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

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

Campaign ends for penultimate phase

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

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

silence period kicked in from 6 pm ahead of the Lok Sabha elections.

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

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

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

Lovely targets BJP, AAP 'parachuted' candidates

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Terming his rivals from the AAP and the BJP as political tourists, Congress candidate from East Delhi Lok Sabha constituency Arvinder Singh Lovely said that these "parachuted" candidates visit the constituency only at the time of the election and never turned back among the public after winning election to listen and solve residents' plights.

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

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

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

about the issues of the constituency.

Lovely also accused the Delhi Government for failing to curb pollution. "Anand Vihar is the most polluted point in Delhi because of failure of public transport system in last five year. The government has reduced the buses and failed to implement Mono Rail project Shastri Park to Mayur Vihar that was sanctioned by the Congress in Delhi.

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

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

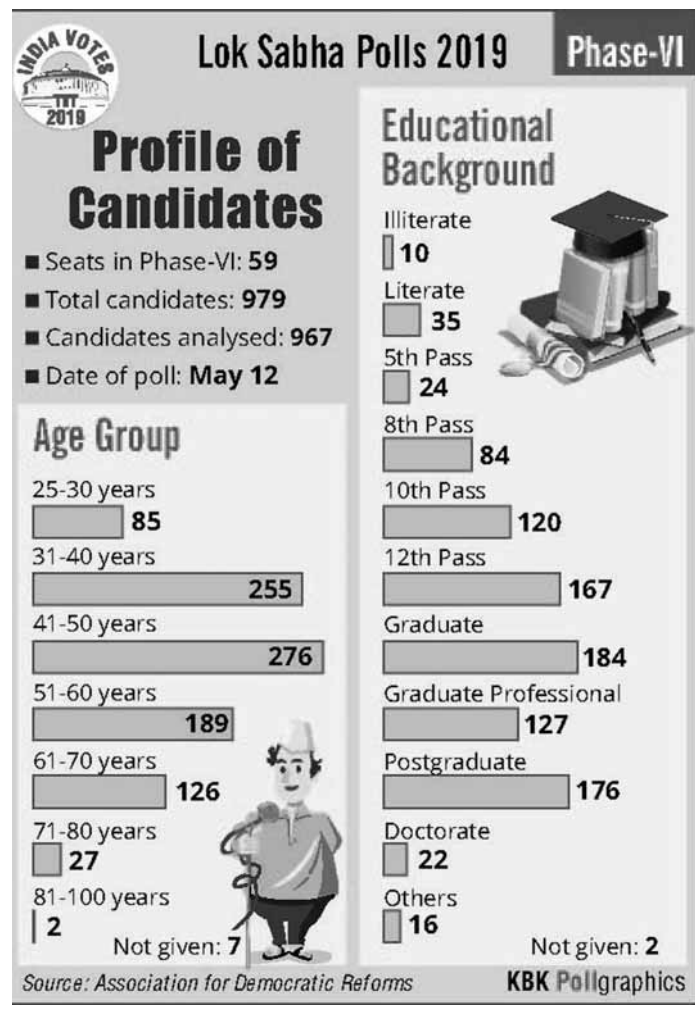


interest in the metro work," he said.

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

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

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



NORTHERN RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE

The Deputy Chief Engineer/Const/ Northern Railway Shivaji Bridge, New Delhi, for and on behalf of the President of India invites open e-tender under Single-Packet system for the following work:-

1. Name of work and location	"Construction of 02 Lane Road Over Bridge having span 1 X 58.040 M (Bow String steel Girder) c/c of pier, along with Limited Height Subway (Internal size 5.500 X 2.60 M) including design and Drawing of sub structure & foundation in lieu of L-xing No. 36 Spl at Km 58/15-17 near Ganaur Railway station on Delhi-Ambala section of Northern Railway.
2. Completion period of the work	12 (Twelve) months
3. Approx. Cost of work	Rs. 975.07 lakh
4. Earnest Money to be deposited	Rs. 6,37,600/-only
5. Date & Time for submission of E-tender and opening of tender	Tenders may be uploaded upto 11:30 hrs. on 04.06.2019 on IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in. The bidders can participate in the e-tender, the tender will be opened at 11:30 hrs on 04.06.2019.
6. Detailed Tender Notice & Tender Document	The detailed e-tender notice is available on Northern Railway website i.e. www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in and tender document is available on www.ireps.gov.in from 14.05.2019 to 04.06.2019. Above tenders document will be available for submission of offer on IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in from 21.05.2019 to 04.06.2019. All other terms and conditions in respect of above tenders are given in tender document. The detailed tender notice also can be seen on the Notice Board of the above office.

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

Name of Work	Supply and Installation of lab equipment/instrument under DST FIST programme for USEM at Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University, Sector 16C, Dwarka, New Delhi-110078
The EMD alongwith covering letter must be submitted as per the last date, time and venue for submission (No other documents need to be submitted in hard copy).	28.05.2019 Upto 01.00 p.m. in the office of DEAN, USEM, AFR 104, A Block, GGSIPU University, Sector 16 C, Dwarka, New Delhi - 110078
The last date and time of uploading technical and financial bid on e-procurement website.	
Date and time for opening of Technical bid	28.05.2019 at 02.30 p.m.
EMD	Item wise EMD mentioned in the Annexure-G of the e-tender document in favour of Registrar, GGSIPU University payable at Delhi in form of FDR only with validity of 135 days.
Cost of Works	Rs. 80 Lacs (approximate)

The bids shall be submitted in two stages viz. (i) Technical bid (ii) Financial bid. Detailed specification of the item(s) to be supplied is placed at Section-III Annexure-G. The Technical & Financial bid should be uploaded on e-procurement website i.e. www.govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in (No documents need to be submitted in hard copy other than EMD). Financial bid shall be opened after evaluation of technical bid and the date & time will be notified, thereafter on e-tender website www.govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in

Registrar



Mamata accuses BJP of purchasing votes

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ NANDIGRAM

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

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

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

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

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

Earlier the police said that Ghosh's vehicle was chased for several kilometers on Thursday night and she was intercepted. Ghosh a former

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

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

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

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

Researchers red-flag world's tallest Pancheshwar dam

ARCHANA JYOTI ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

the light of environmental impact observed for the Tehri dam in the region and the geological understanding developed over the years", a team of researchers has called for "re-assessment of its (project's) geo-environmental implications in the ecologically sensitive Kaliganga valley."

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

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

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



quakes (more than 7.5 on richter scale) as being part of the Central Himalayan seismic gap. "The probability of a high magnitude earthquake in the gap areas is more, yet the precise timing of the earthquake cannot be predicted accurately," said the researchers as they pointed out that in the Nepal Himalaya most of the hydropower projects are run-off-the-river type and lack any major reservoir and yet major-

ity of them were damaged during the 2015 Gorkha earthquake. Keeping this probable threat in mind, the researchers noted that as the project area lies in Zone IV of seismic zone map of India where various faults around the proposed site are suggested to be currently active, it therefore highlights the increased vulnerability of the site to seismic hazard. The dam will have a drainage area of 12,000 square

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

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

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

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

Besides locals in the affected region, various green

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

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

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

IAF forces plane from Karachi to land in Jaipur

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

Since CURS routes in the area were closed due to the current geopolitical situation, and the aircraft entered Indian Air Space from an unscheduled point, the Air Defence interceptor on operational readiness was scrambled and vectored towards the unknown aircraft for investigation. On visual contact, the aircraft was identified as Georgian An-12 flying at 27,000feet.



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

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

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

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

Fani causes no severe damage to Sun Temple

ARCHANA JYOTI ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

The team has informed that there is some dislocation in the scaffolding provided for chemical cleaning at upper



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

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

The team is now in the process of visiting Sri Jagannath Puri Temple to assess the damage. The State Government

had sought help from the ASI to assess the damage caused to these world heritage monuments. The team will also suggest restoration exercise needed for the monuments and the surrounding areas.

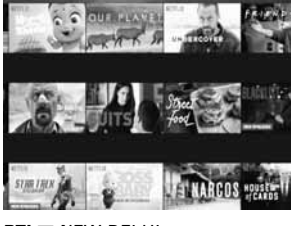
Earlier, the Superintending Archaeologist, Bhubaneswar Circle ASI had inspected Monuments including Shri Jagannath Temple at Puri. He found certain damages on the surface but no major damage to the structure of the temple, said the statement here.

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

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

FROM SUPREME COURT

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



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday asked for the Centre's response on a plea seeking guidelines to regulate the functioning of online media streaming platforms like Netflix and Amazon Prime Video which display "uncertified and sexually explicit" content.

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

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

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

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

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

BABRI DISPUTE

Ayodhya mediation date extended till Aug 15

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The panel of mediators is "optimistic" about an amicable solution to the politically sensitive Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid land dispute at Ayodhya, the Supreme Court said on Friday while extending till August 15 the time for completion of the process.

A five-judge Constitution bench, headed by Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi, said it received a report from former apex court judge Justice F M I Kalifulla, who is the chairman of the panel, in which the committee has sought extension till August 15 to complete the mediation proceedings.

"If the mediators are optimistic about the result and are seeking time till August 15, what is the harm in granting time? This issue has been pending for years and years. Why



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

Bhushan and S Abdul Nazeer, told the counsel appearing for the parties concerned. "They (panel) have submitted to the court to consider extension of time, which we are inclined," the bench said at the outset. The apex court had on March 8 referred the matter to the panel of mediators for exploring possibility of an amicable settlement and appointing Justice (ret'd) Kalifulla, spiritual guru and founder of Art of Living foundation Sri Sri

Ravishankar and senior advocate and renowned mediator Sriram Panchu as members of the mediation committee.

During the brief hearing on Friday, the counsel appearing for both the Hindu and Muslim parties expressed confidence over the ongoing mediation proceedings and said they are fully cooperating with the process.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

Senior advocate A M Singhvi, appearing for Gandhi, told the bench, also comprising Justices S K Kaul and K M Joseph, that the Congress President has already tendered unconditional apology and has expressed regret over the wrongful attribution to the apex court.

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

RAFALE

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

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

Lawyer Prashant Bhushan, during two-hour-long hearing, referred to various aspects including alleged suppression of material facts from the court and said that an FIR should have been lodged and a criminal investigation launched into the case. He also referred to the documents relating to alleged

parallel negotiations being undertaken by the PMO and said that three members of the Indian Negotiation Team had objected to the parallel negotiations.

He said that a prima facie cognisable offence has been committed and it warranted registration of the FIR. Attorney General K K Venugopal, appearing for the Centre objected to the review petition and said that the basic grounds for seeking review of the verdict are the same as they were in the main petition.

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

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

Venugopal sought dismissal of the review petitions.

law. Rohatgi also argued that the court should ask Gandhi to

make an apology to the public for his remarks.

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

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

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

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

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

disaster resilience, climate change and development in third countries, amongst other areas. The instrument of ratification of the UK joining the International Solar Alliance was formally handed over during the consultations.

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

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

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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

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



has achieved more than 99 per cent genome coverage. An NDDB statement quoted Dr. Michael Schatz, a renowned scientist in genomics

research as saying: "This will certainly be a valuable resource for the world." This Buffalo genome shall be India's contribution to genetic improvement

of buffalo in the world. World buffalo population is estimated to be 224.4 million, of which 219 million (97.58 per cent) are in Asia. And India has 113.3 million buffaloes, which comprise approximately 50.5 per cent of the total world. Of the 13 buffalo breeds in India, the Murrah, native to central Haryana, is the most sought after and acknowledged as the best 'breed-improver' with its gene pool now extending across the globe in South Asia, South America, Mexico and West Asian countries. The breed is particularly in demand for its milk yield, the highest recorded at 32 litres in a single day.

INSHORT

PC: WHY REPEAT LIES WITHOUT VERIFICATION
New Delhi: Senior Congress leader P Chidambaram on Friday asked Prime Minister Narendra Modi why he "repeats lies without verifying facts". He said top Navy officers had blown away his lie about former prime minister Rajiv Gandhi's visit to Naval warship INS Virat.

ACTION AGAINST PROF NEERAJ DEMANDED
New Delhi: Union Tourism Minister K J Alphons has written to HRD Minister Prakash Javadekar demanding action against Professor Neeraj Hatekar of the department of economics, Mumbai University over plagiarism charges against him. A probe committee of the University had last month found that Hatekar had copied substantial parts of his PhD thesis from his wife' Rajni Mathur's MPhil dissertation.

SC REFERS LARGER BENCH ON ADDITIONAL ACCUSED
New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Friday referred to a larger bench the issue of whether a lower court has the power to summon additional accused even after having decided a criminal case against the others involved.

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

TIEN SEEKS INDIA'S HELP FOR PARTICIPATION IN WHA
New Delhi: The Taipei Economic and Cultural Center in India (TECC) Representative Ambassador Chung-kwang Tien on Friday expressed deep disappointment about WHO's decision not to invite Taiwan to participate in the 72nd World Health Assembly at Geneva in May 2019 under the political blockage from the People's Republic of China. Tien called for Indian Government and concerned sectors to support Taiwan's participation in the coming World Health Assembly. **PTI**

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DEMAND NOTICES ISSUED TO THE FOLLOWING BORROWERS UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF THE SECURITISATION & RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002

SI. No.	Name of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/ Guarantor	ADDRESS	SECURED ASSET	Date of Demand Notice	Loan Amount	Amount Outstanding
1.	1. Jasvinder Singh 2. M/s. Angad Fashions 3. Srimpreet Singh 4. Saran Preet Kaur 5. Sandeep Singh	M-33, 3rd Floor, Rajouri Garden, New Delhi-110027. M/s. Angad Fashions, J-137, Rajouri Garden, New Delhi - 110027. Plot No.J-137, 1st Floor, Block-J, Main Market, Rajouri Garden, New Delhi - 110 027.	Entire First Floor Portion and portion Privately marked as Nos.B-1, C, H, I & 1st Ground Floor of property bearing No.137, measuring 350sq.yds, in Block-J, situated in the residential colony known as Rajouri Garden, area of Village-Basai Darapur, New Delhi-110027.	29-APRIL-19	Rs.1,69,00,000	Rs.1,43,45,922.89/- as on 22.04.19 with further interest there on

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

In pursuance to loan agreement on the dates mentioned in column (A) the above named borrowers in column (C) residing at the address in column (D) were sanctioned loans indicated in column (G) in loan account number indicated in column (B). Towards the due repayment of loan, equitable mortgage by deposit of title deeds of the assets in column (E) was created by the borrowers.

On persistent default in repayment of the loan amount the loan accounts of the borrowers have been classified by the secured creditor as Non Performing Asset in accordance with the directions and guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India. Consequently notice under Sec. 13(2) of the Act was also issued to each of the borrowers on the dates mentioned in column (F), which have been returned undelivered.

I state that under section 13 (8) of the Securitisation Act, you can redeem the secured asset by payment of the entire outstanding including all costs, charges and expenses before notification of sale.

In view of the above, the above named borrowers are called upon to discharge in full their liabilities towards the Secured Creditor by making the payment of the entire outstanding indicated in Column (H) above including up to date interest, costs, and charges within 60 days from the date of notice, failing which, the secured creditor shall be entitled to take possession of the Secured Asset and shall also take such other actions as is available to the Secured Creditor in law. In the absence of full discharge of dues even after the transfer of secured assets the secured creditor reserves its right to proceed against the borrowers before a Sole Arbitrator, in terms of the Loan Agreement.

In addition the above named borrowers shall not alienate by way of transfer, sale, lease or otherwise or create third party interest or dealing with the Secured Asset in column (E) mentioned against the name of the each borrowers in any manner except with specific prior written permission of the Secured creditor.

AUTHORISED OFFICER
Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited

Date: 10.05.2019, Place: New Delhi

MAGMA HOUSING FINANCE LTD.

REGD. OFFICE: DEVELOPMENT HOUSE, 24 PARK STREET, KOLKATA 700016

Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act")

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

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- Due Care has been taken to include adequate particulars of Secured Assets in the Schedule hereinabove. The Authorized Officer shall not be answerable/responsible for any error, misstatement or omission in this proclamation.
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- Only those bidders holding valid user ID and Password and confirmed payment of EMD through NEFT /RTGS shall be permitted to participate in the on line e-auction. The Authorized Officer reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids at any time without assigning any reason. Further, the Authorized Officer reserves the right to postpone or cancel or adjourn or discontinue the e-auction or vary the terms of the e-auction at any time before conclusion of the e-auction process, without assigning any reason whatsoever and his decision in this regard shall be final.
- The sale shall be conducted in favour of the purchaser/bidder who has offered the highest sale price in his bid/ tender / offer to the Authorized officer, however, the shall be subject to confirmation by the secured creditor only.
- The Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) of the successful bidder shall be retained/adjusted towards part sale consideration. The EMD shall not bear any interest. The successful bidder shall have to deposit 25% of sale price, adjusting the EMD already paid, on the same day or not later than next working day, upon the acceptance of bid price by the Authorized officer. In case of failure to deposit the said amount as stipulated, the amount so deposited so far (in form of EMD) shall be forfeited by the Company and the Authorized Officer shall be free to sell the properties once again.
- Mere deposit of 25 % of the Sale Price shall not entitle the successful bidder to get the sale confirmed in his favour. Sale shall be subject to confirmation by the Authorized Officer/ Secured Creditor.
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- If the dues of the Company together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by them or part thereof as may be acceptable to the MHFL are tendered by/ on behalf of the Borrowers and/or Guarantors, at any time before the date of confirmation of e-Auction, the sale of asset may be cancelled.
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- The EMD of the unsuccessful bidders shall be returned within the 15 working days on the closure of the auction/sale proceedings without any interest thereon. The said bidders shall not raise any claim whatsoever in nature in this regard.
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Authorized Officer
(Vinay Kumar Gautam)
Magma Housing Finance Limited

PLACE: DELHI
 DATE: 11.05.2019

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Authorized Officer
(Vinay Kumar Gautam)
Magma Housing Finance Limited

PLACE: DELHI
 DATE: 11.05.2019

MAGMA HOUSING FINANCE LTD.

REGD. OFFICE: DEVELOPMENT HOUSE, 24 PARK STREET, KOLKATA 700016

Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act")

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

The property described below is being sold on "AS IS WHERE IS, WHATEVER THERE IS AND WITHOUT RECOURSE BASIS" under the Rule 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules (hereinafter referred to as the Rules):

1. Name of Borrowers/ Guarantors	Description of Property & Nature of Property	1. Date & Time of E Auction 2. Last Date of Submission of EMD (Earliest Money Deposit) 3. Date and time of Inspection of Property	1. Reserve Price (In lakhs) 2. EMD Amount (In lakhs)
1. POURNAVI EVENTS PVT LTD (BORROWER) THROUGH IT S PROPRIETOR VIKASH SHARDANA 2. VIKASH SHARDANA (BORROWER) 3. SHALINI SHARDANA (BORROWER) 4. DEMAND NOTICE DATE: 27.04.2019 UNDER LOAN PROPOSAL NUMBER: 00101H/13/100048 3. TOTAL DUES : RS. 98,45,291/- (RUPEES NINETY EIGHT LAKHS FORTY FIVE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED NINETY ONE ONLY) PARABLE AS ON 16.05.2019 WITH FUTURE INTEREST @ 12% PER ANNUM	ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL THAT MORTGAGED PROPERTY ENTIRE SECOND FLOOR WITHOUT ROOF TERRACE RIGHTS, OUT OF FREE HOLD PROPERTY (BUILDING) BUILT ON PLOT OF THE LAND BEARING NO N-48 BLOCK N, MEASURING 245.23 SQ METER, SITED IN THE RESIDENTIAL COLONY KNOWAS KIRTI NAGAR, NEW DELHI AREA OF VILLAGE BASAI DARAPUR DELHI WITHIN THE LIMIT OF DELHI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION AND ZONE/LOCAL BOUNDARIES OF THE SAID FLOOR OF THE SAID PROPERTY AS UNDER:- EAST, WEST, NORTH, WEST LANE, NORTH PARK, SOUTH ROAD	1. DATE & TIME OF E-AUCTION : 27.05.2019 (11.00 AM TO 2.00 PM) 2. LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION OF EMD : 22.05.2019 (11.00 AM TO 4.00 PM) 3. DEPOSIT OF EMD DOCUMENTS : 25.05.2019 BEFORE 5:00 PM 4. DATE AND TIME OF PROSPECTION OF PROPERTY : 25.05.2019 (11.00 AM TO 4.00 PM)	1. RESERVE PRICE (IN LAKHS): RS. 20000000 (RUPEES TWO CRORE ONLY) 2. EMD AMOUNT (IN LAKHS): RS. 20000000 (RUPEES TWENTY LAKHS ONLY)

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

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF E AUCTION SALE:

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

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1	THE KAPAL COOP SOCIETY LTD. BANGALORE	DESIGNING & RESHEDLING OF MILLS ROLLERS - 24 OTHER WORKS	05.05.2019 11.05.2019	NIL		

PAPER WITH PASSION

Delhi confidential

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



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

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

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

Return of the Mac

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



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

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

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

Same legacy, different face

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



BHOPINDER SINGH

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

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

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



Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Government of Imran Khan. Earlier, murmurs of Pakistani Army's handiwork in creating civic disturbances, then playing mediator and finally managing political perceptions were the hallmark of Bajwa's looming, though silent shadow from Rawalpindi. Yet he kept on reiterating that irrespective of the incumbent, the COAS — the institution of the Pakistani Army — remains independent, decisive and wholly non-interfering in non-military matters.

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

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

Task Force (FATF), which threatens to "blacklist" Pakistan.

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

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

Gen Bajwa has also managed to keep the Chinese in good humour with a dedicated division of 15,000 soldiers to secure the various infrastructural elements of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). Spin-doc-

toring the narrative to suit the Pakistani ears, the claimed "capture" of Indian commanding officer Kulbhushan Jadhav and Indian fighter pilot Abhinandan Varthaman has retained the halo for the "apolitical" and professional Pakistani Army.

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

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

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

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

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

SOUNDBITE

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



Punjab Chief Minister —Amarinder Singh

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



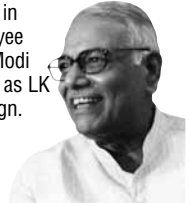
Actor —Tabu

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



Iranian Ambassador —Ali Chegeni

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



Former BJP leader —Yashwant Sinha

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Toothless body

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

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

Devendra Khurana
Bhopal

Unnecessary ruckus

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

We cannot survive all by ourselves

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

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



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

G David Milton
Maruthancode

also accuracy, the move was welcomed by almost all parties. It is unfortunate that the same parties are now crying foul over their functioning and have raised demands to revert to the ballot box system.

However, when doubts persisted, Opposition leaders approached the Supreme Court, urging it to direct the Election Commission for random verifi-

cation of at least 50 per cent of the EVMs using the voter verifiable paper audit trail (VVPAT) in every Assembly segment or Assembly constituency.

The three-judge Bench, headed by Chief Justice of India, took the right stand by sticking to its earlier order and rejected the Opposition plea outrightly.

The top court's ruling should be an eye-opener for all political

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

KR Srinivasan
Secunderabad

What's the truth?

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

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

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FIRST COLUMN

The hidden pain of giving birth

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



DIKSHA S CHADHA

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

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

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

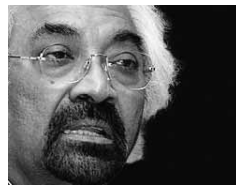
Another instance of a tradition going wrong is when the baby undergoes a massage therapy. Originally, these massages were meant to increase blood circulation and promote mother-baby bonding. This time-trusted tradition has now been taken over by the highly sought after *japas*, who are 'experienced'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

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

(The writer is a practising doctor)

POINT COUNTERPOINT

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



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

Swachh needs a mother's touch

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



PRIYANKA TANWAR

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

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

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

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

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

“ FURTHER, CAMPAIGNS MUST BE DESIGNED TO CHALLENGE SOCIETAL NORMS AND CULTURAL ATTITUDES BY BRINGING MEN AND WOMEN TOGETHER TO UNDERSTAND THE REQUIREMENT OF A TOILET. ONCE A CAUSE-AND-EFFECT RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ACCESS TO TOILETS AND BETTER HEALTH AND FINANCIAL OUTCOMES IS ESTABLISHED, PEOPLE WILL BECOME MORE ACCUSTOMED TO USING THEM ”



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

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

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

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

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

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

While behaviour change is the Achilles heel of a successful campaign,

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

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

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

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

(The writer is Asia Pacific head of public affairs of a Japanese firm)

Time to shed guilt and set boundaries

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



DIVYA JAIN

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

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

to fulfill the responsibility of being a full-time mother. After all, the struggle of striking a balance is real.

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

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

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

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

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

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

quality time and does no good on both ends — be it professionally or personally.

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

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

may sound glamorous but one has to build the resistance power of bearing the blows life throws.

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

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

So, instead of striving to make it happen, mompreneurs must embrace the integration of both to achieve tremendous success in the boardroom while being able to raise and enjoy a healthy generation.

(The writer is CEO and co-founder of a leading training, skilling and consulting organisation)



FOREIGN EYE



CONSTITUTIONAL COLLISION COURSE

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

(The New York Times)

Trump raises tariffs on \$200bn of Chinese goods

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

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

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

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

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

The US imposed a 10 per cent tariff on \$200 billion worth of Chinese products — including fish, handbags, clothing and footwear — last year. The US raised tariffs on \$200 billion worth of Chinese imports from 10 per cent to 25 per cent on Friday, China's Ministry of Commerce said in Beijing.

"China expresses deep regret over the development and will have to take necessary countermeasures," the ministry said in a statement. "We hope the United States

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

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

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

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

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

Reactions in Asia markets to the US move were mixed.

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

Even though President Trump has downplayed the impact of tariffs on the US economy, the rise is likely to affect some American companies and consumers as firms may pass on some of the cost, analysts said.

Beijing slams US for 'unreasonable suppression' of China mobile

AFP ■ BEIJING

Beijing on Friday slammed the US for the "unreasonable suppression" of China Mobile after US regulators denied the telecom giant's request to operate in the US market over national security concerns.

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

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

Jet Airways shares up 3% on revival hopes

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

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

The scrip went up by 2.85 per cent to close at ₹151.80 on the BSE. During the day, it gained 6.91 per cent to ₹157.80. In terms of traded volume, 21.26 lakh shares were traded on the exchange during the day.

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The BSE had sought clarification from Jet Airways Thursday with respect to news that regional director reports finds instances of siphoning of funds.

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

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

Jet Airways stopped operations on April 17 due to acute financial distress. Jet founder Naresh Goyal, who was forced to step down from the airline on March 25 as part of a deal with lenders, had earlier partnered with Future Trend Capital to submit a bid for investing in the airline. But later he reportedly withdrew the offer, as others threatened to walk away.



Jet Airways airplane on the tarmac.

Tata Power-DDL releases over 10K electricity connections

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

icantly improved the 'Getting Electricity' process reducing the number of steps involved and simplification of the document procedure through acceptance of self-certified declaration along with two documents namely ownership, rent proof and identity proof, he said, adding that applicants can get a new connection within seven working days tracking the status of their connection in real time.

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

SIDBI, Equifax launch Microfinance Pulse to track lending trends

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Snapping its four-session losing run, the rupee ticked higher by 2 paise to finish at 69.92 against the US dollar Friday.

Forex traders said the domestic unit recovered in the later part of the day amid reports that the US is expected to remove India from its currency manipulation watch list.

According to media reports, the US Treasury Department may name Vietnam as a currency manipulator and is expected to remove India and South Korea from its watch list.

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

US sanctions against Iran's steel, mining sectors may impact Indian players there: TPCI

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Fresh sanctions by the US against Iran's steel and mining sectors are expected to impact Indian manufacturers in the Persian Gulf nation, TPCI said Friday.

US President Donald Trump on Wednesday announced tougher-than-ever sanctions against Iran's steel and mining sectors, hours after Tehran said it would suspend some curbs under a denuclearisation deal rejected by Washington.

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Iran, Trade Promotion Council of India (TPCI) Chairman Mohit Singla said in a statement.

"This fresh restriction will not impact India immediately as the import of metals and other mining products from Iran are not much. However, it will surely deter India's potential investor sentiment in Chabahar port and also impact the Indian manufacturers in Iran who are into steel, billets and bars for export purposes," he added. India imports iron and steel, machinery, mechanical appliances, nuclear reactors, boilers, and electrical machinery from Iran.

Business Corner



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



Groww introduces payments through UPI (BHIM) with multiple options to pay like Google Pay, BHIM, Phone Pe, PayZapp and Whatsapp



Rapido — Bike Taxi is offering free rides to voters during the elections. Users will have to book a Rapido Bike through the Rapido app. Rapido has introduced this initiative to ensure that every voter can exercise their "Right to Vote"



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



Vellore: Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Katholieke Universiteit (KU) Leuven, Belgium



Toonz Retail launches store in GIP, Noida. Stores spread across 64 cities in 16 states, Toonz Retail offers products for kids from 0-12 years of age

NORTHERN RAILWAY E-TENDER NOTICE. Mode of Tender: E-Tender (Single Packet). Tender Notice No.: 287-Sig/C/TKJ/48/19. Full Name of work: Utility Shifting of Signal and Telecom Equipments for doubling line coming between Laksar - Haridwar section of Moradabad division on Northern Railway. Approx. Cost: Rs 43,82,574.15 (Rupees Forty Three Lakh Eighty Two Thousand Five Hundred Seventy Four and Paise Fifteen Only). Completion period: 03 (Three) Months. Earnest money amount: Rs. 87,700/-.

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General public is hereby informed that one person namely Chetram, S/o Shri Puran Chand, R/o H.No. 9323, Katra Sultan, Tokriwala, Azad Market, Delhi, Age 45 years, Height 5'9", Complexion Shallow, Oval Face, Thin Built, Wearing Red colour T-shirt and grey colour pant has been missing from the area of PS Bara Hindu Rao, Delhi. In this regard a vide DD No. 35-A dated 17.04.18 has been lodged at PS Bara Hindu Rao, Delhi. Any person having any information or clue about this missing person may kindly inform to the following. E-mail ID:cic@cbi.gov.in SHO PS: Bara Hindu Rao, Delhi Tel: 011-24368638, 24368641 Ph.: 23529707 Fax: 011-24368639 DP/8658/N/18

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APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION. General public is hereby informed that this person Named: Vinod, S/o: Amar Singh, R/o: Village Mohammad Pur, Dist. Firozabad (UP), Age: Approx. 52 years, Sex: Male, Height: 5'7", Complexion: Wheatish, Wearing: Hospital Clothes, He was admitted in Aruna Asif Ali Hospital as per MLC No. 630/19 on 02.03.2019 due to a road accident (before 15-20 days) in the area of RS Mundka. He was died during the treatment on 15.04.2019 at 05:00 am. In this regard a FIR No. 148/19 u/s 279/304-A, dated 16.04.2019 has been lodged at P.S. Mundka, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this person but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this person may kindly inform to the following. SHO P.S. Mundka, Delhi DP/2235/OD/19 Ph.: 8586932309,7065036126

Appeal for Identification. General Public is hereby informed that a male dead body Name: Unknown, S/o Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: 25 years approx, Height: 5'4", Complexion: Shallow, Sex: Male, Wearing : Grey Colour Pant and Blue T-shirt. He was found dead from the area of PS Sarojni Nagar, Delhi on 26.04.2019 at 16:41 pm. In this regard, a FIR/DD No. 17A dated 26.04.2019 has been lodged at PS Sarojni Nagar, 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. Any, person having any information or clue about this person may kindly inform to the following. SHO P.S., Sarojni Nagar, Delhi DP/6876/SW/19 Ph.: 011-26882346, 8750870835

SHORT CIRCUITS



KANGANA RANAUT

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



KAREENA KAPOOR KHAN

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



VAANI KAPOOR

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

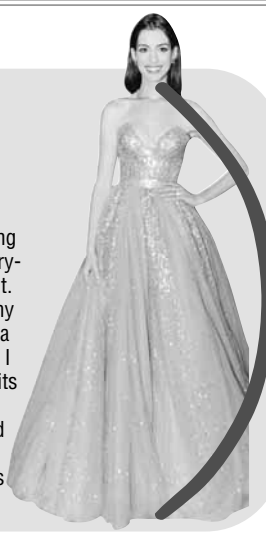


KATRINA KAIF

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

ANNE HATHAWAY

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



VERVE 60 MINUTES

Vito's kitchen

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

Clearly, we weren't prepared for this — a combination of lobster, pumpkin and fermented truffle had with a 15-year-old single malt. Clearly it defied all logic, grammar and imagination till a tentative nibble here and a shy sip there resulted in an unknown explosion of flavours. It all came together, the luscious prawns embedded in translucent tortelli, with a relish of Delica pumpkins, all caramelised and buttery, lifted like a magic carpet with the heather honey and vanilla fudge feel of the Glenfiddich 15 year-old. The lingering trail of sweetness left by each is the reason that the juicy lobster bursts forth in a gush of sealed-in flavours.

We never imagined the humble eggplant as an accompaniment of an 18-year-old single malt. Yet who would have thought that its warming and fruity aromatics and finish would invest the vegetable with such character and lend it enough courage to wipe off the smoked yolk sitting coyly around it? Such is the artistry by chef restaurateur Beppe De Vito, the Michelin-starred chef of his signature kitchen Braci, which has become somewhat of a Singaporean benchmark.

Beppe De Vito's passion for food first began to take form while he was still a child, living in Italy and working at his neighbourhood cafe. All he remembers from those days is how we would source fresh, the fruit from a tree, the fish from a river, meat freshly cut by the butcher...something that dominates his produce-based kitchen even now. From then it was an around the world trip where he imbibed the spirit of a global traveller, collecting rich experiences and distilling them into his food. And it is because he values every distinct encounter that his commitment to his craft shines through, be it in the menu, to the design, service, the plating and beyond. So it is that on his India trip, he got the yeast which had been cultured for over 2,000 years in Italy to make a crispy, crunchy bread. And he loves not only serving food but reading your reaction to it. Over the years, he has had the opportunity to personally cook for local distinguished guests, which includes the late founding Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew, President Tony Tan, Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong, as well as foreign VIPs, such as former President Bush, Sting and many more. He has also collaborated on multiple four-hands dinners with respected Michelin star chefs from all over the world, from Chef Massimo Bottura (3 Michelin star), Chef Andrea Berton (2 Michelin star), Chef Tom Sellers (1 Michelin star), and world-renowned Chef Tetsuya Wakuda. But clearly he is not looking at VIPs. "They come to our restaurants always. Honestly, I am looking for someone who is just coming for fine dining for the first time ever and I can impress the person and that person will remember it forever," says the maestro, who has made science look artful as never before.

Normally Italian food and flavours are always complemented with wine. People have that expectation... how difficult was it to work on a combination with whisky? What was the logic in your pairing as it seemed to work on similarities rather than contrasts? I am always looking for new ways to exper-

iment with unconventional ingredients. I have experimented with whisky pairings in the past and I find the flavours very versatile, which is why I enjoy using it so much. People have set expectations when it comes to Italian food especially, and to me, this is where I like to have fun and challenge people's perceptions. When trying out new components, I always ask myself "how can this elevate my dishes" and "how does this take my cuisine to the next level?"

You've always blended your home country traditions into your food with hints and accents. Do you think progressive cuisine can actually save cooking traditions more effectively?

Traditions work well to set the foundations and essence of any strong cuisine but that does not mean they alone should define or limit a chef. Rather, they should be used as an inspirational tool for elevation. To me, modern Italian cuisine is one that honours classic traditions by exemplifying them through a contemporary lens in a way that brings out a dish's full potential. This has always been the approach I have taken with my cuisine and one of the driving forces that conceptualised Braci as our culinary playground — creating a space where we could really dive into our craft and push the boundaries of the perceptions of Italian gastronomy. I focus on the essence of our very own version of Italian cuisine, which we are constantly dissecting and reinventing, through a contemporary lens. This keeps the spark of curiosity alive with diners, without compromising our identity and to me, is key to successful progressive cuisine — keeping traditions alive but constantly evolving.

What shaped your food logic while growing up? What are your inspirations? Any anecdotes to share?

My experiences at home, learning and observing the way people react to each dish. I find myself inspired by the places I've lived, the places I've travelled to and the different cultures I had the opportunity to learn about.

Nobody would usually think of a lobster with pumpkin relish... how much time and research goes into working these combinations in your menu?

My eyes and mind are always open for new ways to be inspired. I get many customers coming to me and telling me how intrigued they are with some of the combinations of my dishes. Inspiration is not much of an issue for me, but the execution does take a little more thought and experimentation. With my cuisine at Braci, I really do look for ways to keep things as simple as possible when it comes to presentation and the number of components of my dishes, but it is important to me that each element of my dishes makes a powerful impact, which is why I like to experiment with unusual combinations. The process can be lengthy at times but it is always rewarding once you've created something that makes customers light up.

How do you adapt your dishes to local ingredients while travelling? Any Indian spices or dish that may have caught your fancy?

I am always inspired by my travels. New sights, smells, sounds, conversations and emotions. I am inspired by everything; tra-

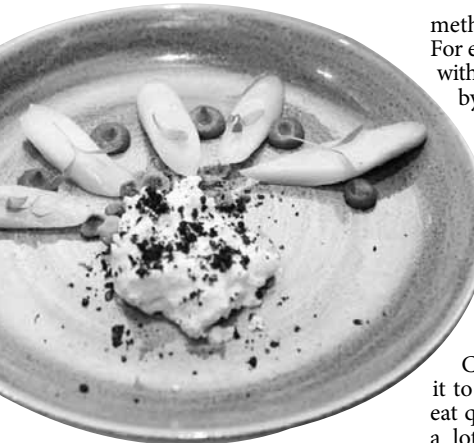


'WE DIDN'T USE ANY INDIAN SPICE IN OUR MENU BUT LEARNT ABOUT SOME FANTASTIC ONES IN THE COUNTRY. BEFORE RETURNING TO SINGAPORE, WE WENT TO A SPICE BAZAAR AND BOUGHT QUITE A BUNCH, INCLUDING BLACK AND GREEN CARDAMOM, WHICH IS HARD TO FIND THERE. WE ALSO TOOK SAFFRON AND STAR ANISE'

ditions, flavours, sourcing of ingredients and, of course, how cultures respect their produce. Japan, in particular, is a place that I always find myself going back to — I love the respect the people have for seasonal and quality ingredients and is something I very much ascribe to in my own cuisine and Italian traditions. The Japanese minimalist philosophy is also something I find myself reinforcing. Sometimes a dish can appear simple, elegant and beautiful, but there is so much technique behind it, and it is definitely quality over quantity when it comes to this school of thought. Japan is one of my favourite locations to travel. I will go there six-seven times a year and always come back with new ideas and ingredients I want to implement in my dishes, which is why our menu is continually evolving.

I like to adapt elements from travels within my cuisine in a way that makes a dish their own as opposed to fusion cuisine. To me, inspiration is about taking in the best from all around you and making things your own. We didn't use any Indian spice in our menu but we had the opportunity to learn about some fantastic spices in India and will incorporate this knowledge for future recipes. Before returning to Singapore, we went to a *spice bazaar* and bought quite a bunch, including green and black cardamom. Green cardamom is very hard to find in Singapore. We also took back saffron and star anise, which is much sweeter and aromatic than ingredients used in Italian cuisine.

Which cuisine in the world would you say comes closest to the perfect sensory and



nutritional balance?

Italian and Japanese. Especially the cuisine from southern Italy, which is always seasonal, uses only fresh ingredients, is light and well-balanced.

With a Lancet study predicting a shortage of livestock and animal protein by 2050 and advising rationing, how will the way we eat food change? As a chef, where do you see the global food movement heading to?

We are living in a fascinating time for food; faced with challenges and innovations that we've never seen before. People these days are now open to more options than ever when it comes to cuisines, diets and even sustainability, all of which have a role to play in the global food movement. Sustainability, in particular, is something I foresee becoming very popular in the culinary world and is something that we are already implementing at Braci — finding ways to use sustainable cooking

methods in ways that elevate our dishes. For example, our popular Roasted Pigeon with Green Asparagus and Sumac is made by utilising the whole bird. With meatless movements becoming so prominent, I have also made it a point to provide vegetarian and vegan options across all of my menus, without compromising on quality and to me, that is an opportunity to get creative.

What is your guilty pleasure and what is your at-home meal?

Caviar. On very special occasions I feed it to my children as well. Otherwise, we eat quite simply, but always organic with a lot of different vegetables and good Japanese brown rice.

How do you make the most humble vegetable exotic?

You must know your produce inside out and never turn your nose up on ingredients. The simplest things in life turn out to be the most incredible, and the same goes with food. You have to find ways to make ingredients bring out the best out of each other, and even the most humble vegetable can have one element within it that can be transformed and reinvented. It can also do the same for the most prestigious of ingredients. It is important to keep your mind open to everything when it comes to produce and elevating cuisine — the most humble vegetable could be a hidden gem.

A good trick is to create several textures from the same ingredient. For instance, we may cut the best part and blanch it or grill it while making a creamy sauce with the trimmings, and pickle other parts to make a tart pesto.

ARTISTRY 45 MINUTES

NOT JUST A ROOM

Designers and architects tell us that garage, even if it has one or more cars in it, can pull double-duty as a gym, a crafting space and even a place to socialise

What if your home had a spare room you'd never noticed before? Your garage, even if it has one or more cars in it, can pull double-duty as a gym, a crafting room and even a place to socialise. Designers and architects tell us that gaining more living space without putting an addition on your house can make the effort worthwhile, even if it means investing in things like upgraded lighting, flooring and heating. We shouldn't be "treating the garage as a big box," says Bethesda, Maryland-based architect Jim Rill. "Make it another room. It's a lost opportunity if you don't."

Marina Case, founder of the Warwick, New York-based design firm The Red Shutters, agrees. "A garage," she says, "can be anything you need it to be." We've asked Rill, Case and interior designer Anna Maria Mannarino of New Jersey-based Mannarino Designs for advice on creating a well-organised garage that can also function as a flexible spare room.

FLOORS AND WALLS
Upgrading the look and feel of your garage can start at the bottom: Paint

the floor, says Case. Painting a cement floor a dark taupe or gray can have a big impact, she says, or choose an even bolder colour. "You'll feel like you're in this fresh, fun space," she says.

But do test the colour by painting a piece of foam core that's at least a few square feet, she says, and leaving it on the garage floor for a few days to make sure you like it.

Another option: Showroom flooring is available for as little as \$5 per foot, says Rill. And if you won't be parking cars in the garage and are instead using it as a "man cave or a she-shed," Mannarino says, consider upgrading the flooring with something you'd normally use inside the house. Walls come next. "Why is the garage always just a drywall box?" Rill asks.

If your garage walls aren't sheet-rocked, Mannarino says you can add that and give it a coat of paint. Or put up paneling, Rill says, making it easier to hang items like rakes or hoses. You can add a flat hanging system that includes space for hanging baskets and brackets for shelves. Many closet-design brands offer flat systems that will hold heavy outdoor items.

If you prefer freestanding storage along the walls, add several tall,



sturdy shelving units. You can line them with large, clear bins neatly labelled or fancier storage bins, Case says. Or go an extra step and have built-in cabinetry installed. And if your garage ceiling is high and has ample space away from

where the garage door opens, consider adding storage on the ceiling, Mannarino says.

"It gives you that much more real estate," she says. But don't cut corners: Have ceiling shelving or storage racks mounted properly by

a professional.

HEATING AND LIGHTING
If your garage gets cold in the winter, you can add a separate heating system that's inexpensive to run. These "mini-split" heating systems

can be turned on only when you're spending time in the garage. Adding insulation also helps control the climate, making the garage feel more like an indoor room. And don't settle for a bare bulb in the ceiling. Replacing it with a larger, more attractive fixture can dramatically change the way a garage feels.

ENTERTAINING OPTIONS
Although it's common to have a workshop in a garage, and many people use the space for messy crafting projects or as a home gym, a garage can also become an entertainment space. If you're a car enthusiast who works on a vintage car or hotrod, Rill says, why not use part of your garage as a place to hang out with friends talking about cars? Case suggests adding a bar area with comfortable seating, even if it's small, to make the garage an inviting place to hang out with guests. You can also hang up a flat-screen TV and add a refrigerator.

Rill has a vintage cooler, reclaimed from a supermarket, in his garage for soft drinks, water and beer. It's used all summer when the family is outdoors. Along with year-round entertaining inside a garage, these designers point out

that an open garage can be a great place to set up a buffet table during an outdoor summer party.

Case suggests adding ceiling-mounted tracks for curtains in an indoor/outdoor material like Sunbrella, so you can draw them behind a serving table in your open garage. Barn doors or other types of upgraded garage door can make the space more attractive and accessible during parties. And upgrading your garage door does more than just add beauty to the exterior of your home, Mannarino says. It also gives you the option of adding more windows, bringing natural light into your garage.

IS THERE AN ATTIC?
Many detached garages have a tiny second-floor attic or loft space, Rill says. Even if its ceiling is low, that space can become a furnished clubhouse for younger kids, a place to practice musical instruments or even a cozy guest suite.

On one garage project, Rill replaced the solid wooden ceiling in a large detached garage with a perforated metal floor. That gave added natural light to the attic space above, which was then transformed into a kids' clubhouse.

—AP

CELEB TALK 15 MINUTES

'Won't play a role unless I'm convinced'

Actress PATRALEKHA's role in *Badnaam Gali* was physically exhausting due to shooting in the city's scorching heat

Actress Patralekha, who features in the forthcoming film *Badnaam Gali* alongside Divyendu Sharma, says the dull phase in her career has taught her not to live on someone's mercy and only sign up for films she is convinced with.

Patralekha of *Citylights* fame said, "One of the most important lessons that I have learnt from the tough phase of my career is that if I am not convinced, I won't play the character. I think for a performer, for an actor, conviction is one of the most important elements and if I am not fully convinced, it shows in my performance."

"So from now on, everything I will do, I will do it with conviction. Also I have stopped taking nonsense from people because we actors are here by choice and we cannot be on anybody's mercy... No one should make us feel insecure or vulnerable just because an artiste has a sensitive mind."

Releasing on the OTT platform ZEE5 on Friday, the film *Badnaam Gali* tells the story of a young surrogate mother named Noyonika Ganguly, played by the actress. The film was shot in Delhi. "We shot in summer. The temperature was around



'MY CHARACTER SHOULD HAVE A STRONG OPINION, BUT SHE COULD BE VULNERABLE TOO. I THINK THAT IS THE INTRIGUING POINT FOR ME THAT I LOOK FOR IN EVERY GOOD SCRIPT'

42 degrees and I was wearing that prosthetic belly as you know I have played a pregnant girl. It was physically exhausting under that heat. I was sweating all over and I was getting tired, but everything was worth it when we saw the end result," she said.

Asked about how the story of a surrogate mother has become acceptable for the audience, she said: "The good thing is that time is changing. An unmarried pregnant girl is always a taboo in the society and that is why earlier when actresses like Preity Zinta did that film *Kya Kehna*, it was an example."

"Now it is great to see that the audience is receptive towards these kind of stories. That is how actors like us are getting chances to work on good stories. I always choose

my films as an audience because I am the first audience of my film. Though it is a story told in a lighter manner, it raises some important questions. She is a surrogate mother, an independent girl with a very unapologetic attitude and how society treats her... Digital platforms really have given us the opportunity to some of these progressive stories."

After *Badnaam Gali*, Patralekha has another film in her kitty. It is directed by Pradeep Sarkar, and the actress says it is quite dark and different. "We have room for versatility too," she said. Starting her career in Bollywood with the film *Citylights*, Patralekha has also appeared in the web series *Bose: Dead/Alive*.

She has been through five years of struggle to get good film offers, though critics always praised her performance. While she has an inclination towards playing a strong woman on-screen, she knows that as an actor, she shouldn't say that "I only want to play such character."

"Yes, my character should have a strong opinion, but she could be vulnerable too. I think that is the intriguing point for me that I look for in every good script," added Patralekha. —IANS

SPROUTS NOW IN DUBAI



Artist Vibhor Sogani has unveiled *Joy*, a 30-foot tall installation at Dubai Creek Harbour, UAE. Depicted as a bouquet of balloons, the installation is envisioned as an ode to celebrating everything in life that is beautiful, joy-giving and unadulterated. It reflects the ever-changing environment as the passers-by could catch a glimpse of themselves in it. The project is an initiative by Art EMAAR.



STUDIO CHAT 30 MINUTES

Where did the inspiration for the film begin from?

The very first inspiration was when we made *Fantastic Mr Fox*, another animated movie which we shot at Bromley-By-Bow in East London. On the way, there was a sign at the road for the turnoff to the Isle of Dogs, which is kind of an industrial island on the Thames. It always seemed very mysterious to me. I love dogs and I looked it up and it was supposedly the place where the king kept his hunting dogs in the 16th century (or something related) and that was the beginning of this movie, so I just hoped there's something in that for us, which was this. Then I went to Jason and Roman, my two good old friends and said I have this idea of five dogs — Chief, King, Duke, Boss and Rach on a garbage dump islands — and that was all I had. I had that information and we had also been hoping to make a film together in Japan. So, we sort of mixed them together and suddenly we started to get some ideas.

Can you talk about the voice casting of this film because the voices are just beautiful. How did you take the final call for the voice cast?

Yes, well I think for some parts, the casting of every role is a

Who let the dogs out?

Filmmaker WES ANDERSON's first inspiration came from Japanese cinema for directing the *Isle of Dogs*. By TEAM VIVA

bit different, for some parts are the people I have known or have been following for years. We were auditioning people and seeing people like Akira. I didn't really know Akira has been in one other film and Koyu hasn't been in any other films and I just like their voices and performances; really casting them the way you cast an actor.

Could you talk about the research put into the Japanese culture in this movie?

Well, I think our first inspiration was Japanese cinema, that's why we wanted to do a film and that was why we were thinking of Japan in the first place and for us it was Kurosawa and Miyazaki. Those were the two very different kind of filmmakers but those are the ones who were really inspiring us and making us want to make this story in the first place. The other two masters I would say are



the woodblock print makers — Hiroshige and Hokusai — those became our kind of guides as well. But all four of those artists, I can't really put my finger

on what we were looking for and what we were taking from them. It was more sort of steeping ourselves in their work, putting the pictures on the walls, sharing it and

seeing how it came into our own story.

As a filmmaker, who makes animated films, why do you think we are so weary of animation as a medium that we can take seriously to tell adult stories?

Well, that's a very good question. My answer is just going to be exactly the same thing as yours. But here, I didn't put children into consideration, but only the families. Not the way we really steer a thing for an audience and for an age group. My earlier animated film was based on a book that was written with a particular age group in mind, not ours.

The film was not necessarily written that way but the book was. So we were working with something that I already had built. We didn't write this one with anybody in mind and as we went along every now and then, we asked ourselves, can we do this? Is it going to be alright and will people accept this? Since it's not really a children's film at all and for some children it might be disturbing. You know it has a PG-13 rating which animated films don't usually get and when it got that way it made sense to me because the dog hanged himself by his own leash.

Correct me if I am wrong... were there three different sizes for every puppet?

You can't really break it down quite that way. What you have is based on what you need for some puppets. There is one scale and that's going to be sufficient for what this puppet needs to do but for other ones there are different sizes. If we are taking a very wide shot, we have some small puppets but I was always trying to push us in the direction of smaller scale. I liked the idea of using smaller puppets and having a larger scope to the set because that would include everything. Everybody said that we are going too small and I kept pushing it. However, I was wrong, we should have had bigger puppets because often it became very challenging to animate at that scale. We also reached a certain point where the puppet would not hold up at a long distance. In the frame, the puppet was not right and it turned out to be my fault. I had kept puppets smaller but then we had to at times produce larger scale puppets, change the schedule and so on... not that everybody is dying to hear the details of our scheduling process but it was quite complicated in the stop motion film.

(The show premieres on Star Movies Select HD on May 25.)

Football does not know about Brexit

Arsenal, Chelsea wins in Europa League semis to set all England final in both European elite competitions



FIGURATIVELY

- 4** This is the first time that all four places in the Champions League/Europa Cup and Europa League/UEFA Cup finals will be filled by one country.
- 3** Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang is the first player to score a hat-trick in Europe for Arsenal since Lucas Perez away to Basel in the Champions League in December 2016.
- 10** Luka Jovic has scored 10 goals in the Europa League this season; no player has netted more (level with Olivier Giroud).
- 50** Since his Arsenal debut in August 2017, Alexandre Lacazette has been directly involved in 50 goals for the club in all competitions, more than any other player (35 goals, 15 assists).
- 24** Eden Hazard has had a hand in 24 goals in 26 appearances at Stamford Bridge in 2018-19 (13 goals, 11 assists).
- 9** Ruben Loftus-Cheek has been directly involved in nine goals in his last 14 appearances for Chelsea (4 goals, 5 assists); as many as in his previous 45 games for the Blues.

Kepa shines in shoot-out drama

AFP ■ LONDON

Kepa Arrizabalaga was Chelsea's hero as the Spanish goalkeeper sent his side to the Europa League final with two penalty saves in a dramatic 4-3 shoot-out win against Eintracht Frankfurt on Thursday.

Chelsea took the lead in the semi-final second leg thanks to Ruben Loftus-Cheek's first half strike at Stamford Bridge.

But Luka Jovic equalised soon after the interval as a tense clash finished 1-1 after extra time and 2-2 on aggregate.

Cesar Azpilicueta's penalty was saved by Kevin Trapp in the shoot-out, but Kepa kept out Martin Hinteregger's effort and then turned away Goncalo Paciencia before Eden Hazard slotted home the decisive kick to spark wild celebrations.



Kept Arrizabalaga saves the penalty shot during shoot out

mind I don't know yet." Premier League last weekend, Chelsea can bring an uplifting end to Sarri's troubled first season in charge by lifting the Europa League.

Having already qualified for next season's Champions League when they guaranteed a top-four finish in the

Arsenal rise on Auba's hat-trick

AFP ■ VALENCIA

Arsenal will play Chelsea in the Europa League final after a Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang hat-trick ended Valencia's hopes of another dramatic European comeback on Thursday.

Trailing 3-1 from the first leg, Valencia made the perfect start at Mestalla when Kevin Gameiro finished at the back post but goals from Aubameyang and Alexandre Lacazette left the home side needing four in 40 minutes.

Gameiro scored again, sparking hopes of a revival to trump even the efforts of Liverpool and Tottenham this week, before Aubameyang hit his second and then completed a brilliant hat-trick to seal a 4-2 win, 7-3 on aggregate.

There will be a London derby for the final in Baku on May 29 and, for the first time in history, four English teams com-

"Our objective is clearly to go to the Champions League but also this is a trophy. It will not be easy."

—Unai Emery

"I am only thinking to win something for this club. If it is my last game I will try to do everything. In my mind I don't know yet."

—Eden Hazard

"We played a very good first half. Then in the first part of the second half, we went in trouble. We were passive in the defensive phase, so we conceded the goal."

—Maurizio Sarri

peting in both the Champions League and Europa League finals, with Liverpool and Spurs meeting in Madrid three days later.

It also keeps alive Arsenal's chance of securing a place in the Champions League next season and, realistically, their last chance, given they need to overturn three points and an eight-goal swing on Tottenham in the Premier League this weekend.

Valencia had been relying on the Europa League for Champions League qualification too, given they sit three points behind Getafe, who face a demoralised Barcelona on Sunday, with two games left in La Liga.

But over the two legs, Marcelino's side could have few complaints. They were second best at Emirates Stadium

and defensively frantic here.

Arsenal, usually so fragile away from home, picked them off with ease as Aubameyang and Lacazette, boasting 48 goals between them this season, proved themselves to be a first-class attack in a second-tier competition.

"Auba was unbelievable tonight," Lacazette told BT Sport.

"Congratulations to Arsenal," said Marcelino. "They had a bigger punch."

There will also be no Spanish team in either European final for the first time since 2013, and only the second time in 10 years.



UEFA EUROPA LEAGUE

Neymar banned for 3 matches

AFP ■ PARIS

Paris Saint-Germain striker Neymar was banned for three matches on Friday with a further two-match ban suspended for lashing out at a fan following the club's shock defeat in the French Cup final.

Announcing the ban, the French football federation said the sanction would go into effect from May 13 allowing the Brazilian superstar to appear for the French champions against Angers in Ligue 1 on Saturday.

But he will miss the last two games of the domestic season and the French Champions Trophy pitting PSG against their cup final conquerors winners Rennes in Shenzhen, China in August.



Neymar swung at an abusive opposing fan while climbing the steps to receive his French Cup final losers medal

following the shock defeat to Rennes on penalties last month.

Meanwhile, Neymar has appealed against another ban, this time a three-match Champions League ban imposed by European football's governing body UEFA.

He was punished for an angry outburst at match officials of PSG's last-16 tie against Manchester United in March.

PSG lost following a last-minute penalty award to the Premier League side after a VAR review of a disputed handball appeal.

Neymar did not play in the match through injury but took to social media to call the penalty award a "scandal" and accuse the VAR referees of incompetence.

AFP ■ LIVERPOOL

Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp hopes to have Mohamed Salah, Andy Robertson and Jordan Henderson fit for Sunday's Premier League finale against Wolves as the Reds aim to end a 29-year wait to win the title.

Klopp's men trail Manchester City by one point at the top of the table and need the champions' 13-game winning run to come to an end at Brighton if they are to win the league.

Liverpool are in high spirits after a stunning 4-0 win over Barcelona on Tuesday booked their place in a second consecutive Champions League final.

Klopp confirmed Roberto Firmino remains out with a groin tear as Wolves visit Anfield. Klopp said he hopes the Brazilian will be ready for the Champions League final against Tottenham on June 1.

Salah missed the



Barcelona game after suffering concussion in a 3-2 win at Newcastle last weekend. "Mo looked good around the celebrations after the game, to be honest," said

Klopp.

"The day before yesterday and yesterday he was running outside and will be part of training today."

Robertson had to be replaced at half-time against Barca and Henderson required a pain-killing injection at the break after taking a kick on the knee late in the first half.

"The famous three words of this week in the dressing room: 'It's only pain,'" added Klopp.

"Very important for all the young lads to learn, I've said that already to the boys. Hendo said, 'It's only pain', Robbo said, 'It's only pain' - but it was real pain, wow!"

"Unfortunately, Robbo could deal with the pain but only the rest of his body couldn't because he couldn't really activate the muscle anymore, some nerve hit or whatever."

"They should be fine (for Sunday)."

Suarez to miss CDR final, doubt for Copa America

AFP ■ MADRID

Luis Suarez will be out for four to six weeks after undergoing surgery on a knee injury, Barcelona announced on Friday.

Suarez will miss the Copa del Rey final against Valencia on May 25 and also faces a fight to be fit for the Copa America in Brazil next month.

Uruguay's first game is against Ecuador on June 16, just over five weeks after Suarez had the operation on Thursday.

"Suarez was subjected last night to an arthroscopy on the right knee due to an internal meniscal injury," read a club statement released on Friday.

"His approximate time out will be between four and six weeks."

Suarez has a better chance of playing in Uruguay's second and third group games, against Japan on June 20, and defending champions Chile on June 24.

But his absence from the cup final in Seville is a major blow to Barcelona, who can



secure their second domestic double in as many years by beating Valencia. Suarez will also miss Barca's final two La Liga games at home to Getafe on Sunday and away to Elche the following weekend.

Yaya Toure calls time at 35

AGENCIES ■ LONDON

Manchester City legend Yaya Toure is heading into retirement at the age of 35, his agent Dimitri Seluk has revealed.

The former Ivory Coast international, who also represented the likes of Barcelona and Monaco at the peak of his career, is set to explore a move into coaching and management.

The final outings of his distinguished career came during a second spell at Greek giants Olympiakos.

It is, however, for his time at Camp Nou and the Etihad Stadium that he is best known.

Toure spent three years with Barca, winning the Liga title and Champions League.

He moved to City in 2010 and helped them to three Premier League crowns, two League Cup successes and an FA Cup win - with his goal in the 2011 final getting the club back on the trophy trail.

Toure left England at the end of the 2017-18 campaign, but a man who earned 101 caps for his country is now walking away from competitive football for good.

Seluk told Sport24: "I say this for the first time: Yaya decided to end his career as a champion."

"The farewell match, when he won the Premier League title with Manchester City was, in principle, the real end of his playing career. Not only in this team, but in general."

Seluk added: "Yaya is one of the best players in Africa and he had one of the brightest



careers in the history of African football.

"Therefore, he should also leave football beautifully, at the peak. We talked for a long time on this topic."

"Of course, every football player wants to play for as long as possible. In terms of his physical condition, Yaya could do this at a sufficiently high level for another five years."

"But we came to the conclusion that he, the football player who played for Barcelona and Manchester City, could not lower the bar."

"We see many players who continue their careers at a mature age, and this is commendable. But Yaya and I chose a different path - to leave as a champion and start a new stage in life with a career as a coach."

"In this, I am sure, Yaya will reach even greater heights than those he achieved as a football player. There are no African coaches in the English Premier League."

Halep beats Bencic to reach final, Djoker gets free pass

AFP ■ MADRID

Simona Halep closed in on a return to the top of the world rankings after beating Belinda Bencic 6-2, 6-7 (2/7), 6-0 on Friday to advance to the Madrid Open final while men's top seed Novak Djokovic made the semi-finals without hitting a ball.

Halep, currently number three in the world, will reclaim the number one ranking should she win her third title at the Caja Magica.

Bencic had defeated Halep in their last two matches, but the reigning French Open champion, who lifted the trophy in Madrid in 2016 and 2017, came through in just under two hours.

World number one and two-time Madrid champion Djokovic, meanwhile, walked into



the semi-finals when ninth seed Marin Cilic withdrew before their match with stomach problems.

"I am sorry to announce that I must withdraw from today's match. I have had a terrible night dealing with a case of food poisoning," wrote Cilic in a statement.

"I am extremely disappointed to have my time in Madrid end in this way. Thank you for the support."

In the semi-final on Saturday, Djokovic will face either Roger Federer or 2018 finalist Dominic Thiem.

Halep awaits either Dutch seventh seed Kiki Bertens, a finalist in Madrid last year, or 2017 US Open champion Sloane Stephens.

"It's such a nice feeling to be back in the final here. I really enjoy playing in Madrid, it motivates me," Halep said.

The third seed comfortably claimed the opening set but let her game lapse slightly in the second.

Bencic, who opened the door for Halep to possibly return to the top of the world ranking with her quarter-final defeat of current number one Naomi Osaka, took a tight second set in a tiebreaker.

But Halep pulled herself together to blitz Bencic in the third as she raced to a victory that increases her chances of returning to the top of the pile.

"I was rushing too much in the second-set tiebreaker," Halep said. "I was missing too many easy balls - I lost control of that tiebreak."

"In the third I just started over again, I played smarter, opening up the court and being more aggressive."

LEADERBOARD

RUNS	692	David Warner (SRH)
WICKETS	25	Kagiso Rabada (DC)
6S	769	I'M BATTING PRETTY WELL. I LOOK FORWARD TO THE FINALS & WOULD WANT TO KEEP THINGS SIMPLE
4S	1627	— JEMIMAH RODRIGUES

IPL 2019



CSK RESTRICT DC TO 147/9

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

PNS ■ VISAKHAPATNAM

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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



Veda demands more D/N games for women

PTI ■ JAIPUR

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

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

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

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

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playing conditions. Most of the women's matches are scheduled during the day.

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

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

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

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

YOUTH & EXPERIENCE MADE BIG DIFFERENCE: GANGULY

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Former Indian skipper and Delhi Capitals advisor in this year's IPL, Saurov Ganguly is thoroughly impressed by Delhi Capitals performance in this year's IPL, where the side made it to the play-offs for the first time since 2012.

Speaking about what makes

the difference this time for the Capitals, in his discussion with long-time former India teammate VVS Laxman on *Maruti Suzuki Cricket LIVE* show on *Star Sports Network*, 'Dada' shared his take.

The former Kolkata Knight Riders and Pune Warriors India players said, "Our team has the perfect mixture of experience and youth which quite often makes a

big difference to the entire game. I was the captain of the team at a very young age and so was VVS Laxman, in the years from 1999 to 2012, and it all made us good players. This is an excellent situation for Delhi Capitals to grow and become immensely good at their game as a unit."

"The team already has Shikhar Dhawan, Kagiso Rabada and Sandeep Lamichhane who play tremendously well."

"When Rashid joined Sunrisers Hyderabad, he was a very young player too, VIVO IPL is an extremely high-pressure tournament. How many times have we seen an Afghan player who has not played Test Cricket or an ODI, play beautifully to win a match when given the responsibility? Look how Jonny Bairstow and Prithvi Shaw have played, Shaw who won us the match against Kolkata Knight Riders."

"Talent is very important in a player and to channelize that talent - the most important thing in this VIVO IPL format is that you need to play freely."

SINGLES

RANI TO LEAD IN KOREA TOUR

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

ANKITA MOVES TO SEMIFINALS IN LUAN

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

INDIA WIN 3-0 AGAINST AUS A

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

SHEIKH RECORDS PERFECT OPENING DAY

CHANGWON: India's Sheeraz Sheikh recorded a perfect 50 out of 50 in the men's skeet competition to jointly lead a strong field of 84 shotgun shooters in the ongoing World Cup here on Friday and inch closer to an Olympic quota. The other three shooters at the top of the field are from Kuwait, Argentina and Norway. Mairaj Ahmad Khan, the only other Indian in the competition after Angad Bajwa pulled out due to health issues, shot 49 to also be favourably placed in seventh position with three more rounds of qualification to go on Saturday, before the top six finalists are identified. Sheeraz and Mairaj are aiming for the two Tokyo 2020 Olympic quota places on offer in the event, besides medals of course. Earlier, in the women's skeet, youngster Ganemat Shekhon shot a score of 115 out of a maximum 125 to end her qualification campaign in 21st spot.

Smith 91 scripts Aussie win

AFP ■ BRISBANE

Steve Smith plundered an unbeaten 91 and Glenn Maxwell hit 70 on Friday before bad light stopped play, with Australia winning their final warm-up game before leaving for England to defend their World Cup title.

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

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

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

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



in good touch, pounding 70 off 48 balls to go with the quick-fire 52 he made on Wednesday.

For New Zealand, the unheralded Will Young smashed his second century in a row, mastering a

top-notch Australian attack led by Pat Cummins and Mitchell Starc.

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

Wednesday by reaching another ton with a pull for six over mid-wicket.

He eventually fell to Marcus Stoinis for 111.

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

Opener George Worker chipped in with 59, while Cummins was the best of the bowlers, taking 4-32 off eight overs.

Cummins and Starc, who took one wicket, were playing together for the first time in three months as the latter returns from injury.

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

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

Broad excited by 'summer of our generation'



England host World Cup and Ashes for the first time in a calendar year

AFP ■ LONDON

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

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

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

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

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

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

Broad, now a Test specialist after appearing in 121

ODIs, believes a top order set to feature Jason Roy, Jonny Bairstow, Joe Root, Morgan, Ben Stokes, Jos Buttler and Moeen Ali surpasses any England have had in limited overs cricket.

"It's the men's best ever chance to win a 50-over World Cup," he said.

"I've never seen a (England) ODI team go in with the quality this one has got, particularly in the batting, the top seven."

'ALL THE TOOLS'

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

"They are a lot better (at one-day cricket)," said former England captain. "We weren't good enough — that's a fact." "I just think this England group, for the past four years since the last World Cup have had a clear definition of the plan. In the past, we've kind of arrived at a World Cup just hoping 'Freddie' (Andrew Flintoff) might just produce a magic day, or KP (Kevin Pietersen) might do something, or back in the day Alec Stewart might get you off to a good start."

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

Smith has got his timing & class back: Finch

PTI ■ MELBOURNE

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

Back after a year's suspension for his involvement in ball-tampering scandal, Smith was scratchy during IPL but found his mojo back with unbeaten 89 and 91 against New Zealand in two warm-up games.

"His [Smith] timing and class was back again," Finch was quoted as saying by *ESPN Cricinfo*.

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

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

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



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

what they bring to the group is really valuable.

With the likes of Smith, Warner and Mitchell Starc in the line-up, the skipper is confident that they will regain the trophy as

most of them know what it takes to win one.

"I think it's a big advantage, just to know what it takes to win a World Cup and what it takes to manage your way through a campaign which can be difficult," Finch said.

"You have to be at your best at the business end but you can't afford to let anything slip at the start. Six guys, who have been there (2015) and done that will give a lot of experience to the others of what to expect, what to feel walking out there because it is different," he said.

Meanwhile, Australia coach Justin Langer has said that Steve Smith is in the "best physical condition of his life." Langer said one of Smith's goals when he started serving his one-year ban was to return to the squad in better physical shape. The 48-year-old former opener said that Smith has certainly done that in his time out.