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## Anti-Modi intellectual elite fights for survival

It is bad form to focus on the losers after an election that has produced a clear winner. Yet, this election was rather strange in many respects. And it is the oddities that need some casual attention.

At one level there was the BJP, blessed by a leader that had all-round acceptance and enormous popularity, whose strengths were complemented by a well-oiled machinery manned by motivated people. The BJP won the battle quite resoundingly and emphatically. Nor was it a narrow victory. The margins of victory in northern and western India, not to mention Bihar, Karnataka and Assam made two things clear.

First, and most important, that the verdict constituted a popular uprising in favour of Modi and involved far more people than the BJP was capable of mobilising. How else is it possible to explain victories in constituencies – Kolar in Karnataka, Nagaur in Rajasthan and Hooghly in West Bengal come to mind – where the BJP presence is at best nominal?

Secondly, the only real fightback to the BJP (except in Kerala and Punjab) was courtesy the regional parties. The Telangana Rashtriya Samiti, the YSR Congress Party, the Trinamool Congress, the Biju Janata Dal and, to a lesser extent, the Samajwadi Party-Bahujan Samaj Party alliance were the only forces that had the capacity to withstand the Tsunami. However, even the TMC and BJD were adversely affected.

The real irony of this election was that the real competition to Modi was relegated to the background – in terms of exposure at least – by the Congress and its ecosystem. Last week's election was different from the 2014 vote that gave the BJP a clear majority for the first time. In 2014, the intellectual opposition to Modi was formidable. However, it operated as an autonomous force, not linked to the hugely discredited UPA Government. This election, there was a marked convergence between the intellectual

opposition to Modi – the term 'liberal opposition' is an over-simplification since the group also consists of Marxists – and the Congress, led by Rahul Gandhi. The direct involvement of prominent non-resident intellectuals, Raghuram Rajan is just the most prominent, and a large section of the media in the Congress' attempted challenge to Modi, was one of the more interesting sidelights of the campaign. Then there were the retired bureaucrats who advised the Congress on facets of Government policy and dealings with the Election Commission. In hindsight, all these may appear irrelevant but it is important to remember that a sustained attempt was made in the months before the election and even during the campaign to paralyse the Government and make it look a lame-duck outfit. Politics always involves dealing with the Opposition but this was different. An attempt was made to fuel a

Constitutional crisis and undermine important institutions such as the Election Commission and judiciary. An attempt was made to make a mockery of the very office of the Chief Justice of India. These were not normal politics. An exceptional bid to paralyse governance was undertaken. It is a different matter that the conspiracy was thwarted by the resolve of the Prime Minister and his associates. It is also crucial to remember that a section of the media went beyond the call of professional duty or even normal partisanship and became central to this conspiracy. Since the election results were declared, there have been agonised outpourings in the social media and the newspapers about how Indians let India down and how the country is now on an irreversible road to disaster. There are people who genuinely feel that Modi is another Hitler and that it is only a matter of time before all democratic rights are terminated. There are also angry outbursts against the Congress and particularly the ineptitude of Rahul Gandhi. It is now said that Rahul lacks fire in his belly and that dynasty is helping Modi destroy the very idea of India.

Being wise after the event is also a democratic prerogative and one that the media habitually takes shelter behind. The weighty professors from distinguished US and European universities who confidently predicted the grand success of the mahagathbandhan on the basis of intricate calculations and alleged anecdotal evidence will possibly try and remove all traces of their blinkered partisanship from social media. But people will remember. The coming months and the next five years will be challenging to the Government. The challenge has to be confronted coolly and without losing sight of the main objective – the marginalisation of the unelected elite that doesn't respect democratic mandates

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## Modi aims to win minorities



Prime Minister Narendra Modi being greeted by Rajnath Singh upon his arrival at Parliament in New Delhi on Saturday PTI

DEEPAK K UPRETI ■ NEW DELHI

Making it clear that his second innings would break many new grounds in governance, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday vowed to demolish the web of deception, illusion and false fear created around minorities

by the 'traders of vote bank politics' and usher in an era of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas'.

Elected unanimously as the leader of BJP Parliamentary party and of National Democratic Alliance at the central hall of the Parliament, Modi came up with his set of commandments to drive home

his message to the MPs of the ruling coalition – the primary being that the Constitution of India, before which he bowed before beginning his address, is supreme and the only reference point of governance.

Maintaining that minorities were used in politics, Modi said "we need to win the confidence of the minorities" and sought to revive the spirit of 1857 when all communities together waged the war of Independence against the British. "We fought for 'Swaraj' then, today we can together fight for 'Suraaj'," he said.

He also pointed out how his previous tenure had been

Seeks to revive the spirit of 1857 when all people together waged war of Independence

able to penetrate through the deceptive poverty eradication slogans and illusion perpetuated by the previous regimes. In his second term, he said he would strive to shed the tag of "developing country" associated with India.

In a stern warning to motormouths, Modi advised MPs not to be tempted by cameras and media and derail the government's vision, plan and policies. "Rashtra ke naam sandesh dene ki jaroorat nahin hai," he quipped referring to those who love to see their face on TV screens. He also advised them to check the facts before opening their mouths, if it was utmost necessary.

"Do not give time to media, inko 70 saal se aur logon ne pala hai," he said apparently charging past regimes of giving patronage to a section of the Press. Ahead of the Cabinet formation of his Government, the Prime Minister also warned MPs against trusting media reports on the probable Ministers. "It will be done according to norms," he maintained adding there are many who claim that they have knowledge as to who is being included in the Cabinet.

Cautioning that arrogance should be resisted, he said the MPs should be treating all those who voted for them and those who voted equally.

"You are representatives of all," he said and reminded them of the ubiquitous BJP 'mantra' of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas'.

## Rahul adamant to quit but CWC asks him to reshape party



Congress president Rahul Gandhi and UPA chairperson Sonia Gandhi at the Congress Working Committee (CWC) meeting in New Delhi on Saturday PTI

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Rahul Gandhi is said to be insistent on resigning as the Congress president despite the Congress Working Committee (CWC) on Saturday unanimously rejecting his offer to put in his papers taking responsibility for the party's Lok Sabha poll debacle.

The CWC authorised him to carry out an overhauling and restructuring of the party at all levels but Rahul is learned to have asked the party to look for another chief.

This is the second time in five years that Rahul has offered to resign. Following the drubbing in 2014 Lok Sabha, Rahul, who was the Congress vice president then, along with party president Sonia Gandhi had offered to resign which too was rejected by the CWC.

AICC sources said Rahul was adamant on resigning and

also rejected the few suggestions that favoured his sibling, General Secretary Priyanka Gandhi, to take over as the chief of the grand old party.

When the name of his sister came up as an option, Rahul reportedly said, "Don't drag my sister into it. It is not necessary that the Congress president should be from the Gandhi family." Both Rahul and his sister Priyanka campaigned extensively across the country in this election.

If not Rahul, then who, this question riddled the minds of the Congressmen as Rahul remained unmoved with Priyanka and his mother Sonia's efforts to see him reason too failed.

Rahul informed the 52-member CWC that he would like to exit as its top boss. He had taken over from Sonia a year and a half ago.

### MODI SWEARING-IN ON MAY 30

- Narendra Modi elected BJP and 353-MP-strong NDA Parliamentary Party leader; NDA allies like SAD, LJP, Shiv Sena back him as the Prime Minister; Modi's swearing-in likely on May 30
- NDA delegation, led by BJP president Amit Shah, met President Ram Nath Kovind. Handed over letter stating Modi has been elected leader of the BJP Parliamentary Party. Letters of support from NDA constituent parties also handed over to Kovind
- Delegation comprised of Parkash Singh Badal, Rajnath Singh, Nitish Kumar, Ram Vilas Paswan, Sushma Swaraj, Uddhav Thackeray, Nitin Gadkari, K Palaniswami, Conrad Sangma and Neelgiri Riu
- Subsequently, Modi met the President and staked claim to form Government. The President appointed Modi to the office of Prime Minister of India
- President requested him to advise him about the names of others to be appointed members of the Union Council of Ministers and to indicate the date and time of the swearing-in-ceremony to be held at Rashtrapati Bhavan
- On Sunday, Modi will make his first visit to his home State Gujarat after the poll results to seek blessings of his mother Hiraba Modi at her residence
- Modi and BJP president Shah will be felicitated by the Gujarat unit of the party in Ahmedabad
- Prior to his swearing-in, Modi will also visit his constituency Varanasi to thank voters
- Earlier, President had dissolved the 16th Lok Sabha



## RS seats vacant as incumbents go to LS

Patsani, RC, Anup among many heavyweights in race

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While four incumbent BJD Rajya Sabha members of Odisha have won in the Lok Sabha elections, countdown has now begun as to who would be sent to these vacant posts of the Upper House of Parliament on behalf of the BJD.

Six BJD RS members, Anubhav Mohanty, Soumya Ranjan Patnaik, Prasanna Acharya, Achyuta Samanta, Sarojini Hembram and Pratap Deb, contested in the Lok

Sabha or Assembly elections. While Mohanty and Samanta have won the Kendrapada and Kandhamal Lok Sabha seats, respectively, Patnaik and Deb grabbed the Khandapada and Ali Assembly seats in that order. Acharya and Hembram were defeated.

During ticket distributions, BJD supreme Naveen Patnaik had reportedly assured three leaders, Prasanna Patsani, Ramesh Chandra Chhayaapatnaik and Anup Sai, of Rajya Sabha berths. Meanwhile, many heavyweight leaders, who failed to win the elections, have also joined the race and, thus, the number of RS aspirants has increased.

The leaders who are in the race include Sanjay Dasburma,

Arup Patnaik, Rabindra Jena, Maheshwar Mohanty, Debashish Samantray and Nalini Kanta Pradhan.

The name of BJD IT Cell chairman Amar Patnaik, who was not fielded in the general elections, is also doing rounds.

While the RS seats held by Soumya Ranjan Patnaik and Achyuta Samanta have a tenure of five years, the ones held by Anubhav Mohanty and Pratap Deb have less than one year and three years, respectively. If the number of BJD MLAs of the upcoming 16th State Assembly is taken into consideration, the BJD can send three candidates to the Rajya Sabha directly and the fourth seat might need election.

## Heat wave to continue for 48 hrs

Titilagarh sizzles at 46.5 degree



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The Regional Office of the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) here on Saturday forecasted that the heat wave conditions would continue in the State and particularly in the western region for next 48 hours.

Temperature is likely to remain 2 to 3 degree Celsius above normal in several parts of Sambalpur, Hirakud, Bargarh, Nuapada, Jharsuguda Deogarh and Balangir in the next two to three days, said the IMD.

The weather office further said mercury will be below the 40 degree Celsius mark in coastal districts in view of the sea breeze. However, western and interior parts in the State will continue to experience heat wave conditions.

Normal life across the State was thrown out of gear due to the heat wave which has been prevailing for the past couple of weeks.

On Saturday, Titilagarh recorded the day's highest temperature of 46.5 degree Celsius. It was followed by Balangir at 46.3 degree, Talcher 45.7 degree, Jharsuguda and Sambalpur 45.2 degree, Sonepur 44.8 degree, Hirakud 44.5 degree, Bhawanipatna 44.3 degree, Angul 44.1 degree, Sundargarh and Malkangiri 43 degree.

While Bhubaneswar recorded a temperature of 40 degree, in Cuttack it was 40.5 degree.

## 'Hurt' Didi offers to quit as Bengal CM, TMC says no

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

Wounded by the electoral reverses suffered by the Trinamool Congress, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Saturday offered to quit her office but "found myself helplessly alone in trying to do so as all the leaders of my party forced me to continue as the CM."

Lashing out at the BJP for "squandering cash and creating a totally communal atmosphere to purchase votes," an apparently emotional Chief Minister said: "I loathe being the Chief Minister of an electorate where votes can be purchased and elections can be won by communal polarisation."

The TMC, which she built up bit by bit after coming out of the Congress in 1998, suffered a colossal defeat, biggest since 2006 conceding 18 out of 42 Lok Sabha seats to a surging BJP which reportedly capitalised on a huge chunk of shifting Left votes.

"I don't want to continue as the Chief Minister of a State where the votes can be sold and purchased. I have information on how votes were purchased for 5,000 per head. Many families were approached with such offers," she said.

She, however, added she would "now concentrate more on party affairs and its organisational side," because "I have already done more than I promised as the Chief Minister. Now I will do some work for the party."

Apart from lambasting the saffron outfit for communalising the electoral atmosphere, manipulating the Central forces and other institutions to win the election, Mamata mounted a no-holds-barred attack on the Commission for playing a partisan game. "They listened only to the ruling party. They listened to no objections from the Opposition parties," she said adding "the EC was influenced in such a manner that its own officials' protests were not recorded."

## Naresh Goyal, wife denied permission to travel abroad

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

Grounded Jet Airways' founder and former chairman Naresh Goyal and his wife Anita were offloaded from an Emirates flight on Saturday, after the immigration officials barred them from leaving India.

The authorities have issued a lookout circular against the Jet Airways founders.

Informed official sources said Goyal and his wife had boarded an Emirates aircraft EK 507 at 3:30 pm. The aircraft was already on the taxiway and preparing for take-off from Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport.

## Record 51.44 L-MT Kharif paddy procured

CS wants farmers paid in two days

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The State Government has made an all-time record by procuring 51.44 lakh metric tonnes (MT) of paddy during the 2018-19 Kharif season against the last record of 43.86 lakh MT procured in 2016-17.

It was revealed at a review meeting of the Paddy Procurement Committee held under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary AP Padhi here on Saturday.

The committee apprised the Chief Secretary that a target has been set to procure 11 lakh MT of paddy during the current Rabi season and, by now, 1.48 lakh MT has already

been collected from farmers. Padhi directed the officers to make the entire paddy procurement process online and ensure payment in farmers' accounts within two days of procurement.

It was revealed that a total of ₹9,002.15 crore has been paid to farmers through their accounts as purchase price of 51.44 lakh MT.

The Chief Secretary directed officers to expedite the process of procurement of rice from the millers.

Among others, Agriculture and Farmers' Empowerment Secretary Sourabh Garg, Finance Secretary AK Meena, Panchayati Raj Secretary Deo Ranjan Kumar Singh, Cooperation Secretary Kissan Kumar and Information and Public Relations Secretary Sanjay Kumar Singh were present.

# Pak Hindu team to visit Shreemandir today

Religious bodies plan felicitation programme

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A Hindu representative team from Pakistan would visit the Jagannath Temple at Puri, Sun Temple at Konark and Lingaranj Temple in Bhubaneswar. The Odisha International Centre (OIC) and the Omkar Nath Mission (ONM) would facilitate their visits to the shrines and felicitate them.

The representatives would have darshan of Lord Jagannath in the Shreemandir on Sunday morning and visit the Sun Temple in the evening. They would have darshan of Lord Lingaraj on Monday morning and later attend a felicitation

Seven eminent persons would be honoured with "Jatiya Sahmati Puraskar" (National Integration Award) on the occasion

programme. Noted persons like ONM chief Guru Kinkar Bithal Maharaj, former MP Tathagata Satpathy, former AIIMS Bhubaneswar Director

Dr Ashok Kumar Mohapatra, Kriyayoga Foundation chief Swami Shankarananda Giri and Bharatiya Charitable Trust chairman Dr Kissanlal Bharatia would felicitate the Hindu representatives.

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Educationist Dr Badrinath Patnaik and Utkal Journalists' Association president Bibhuti Bhushan Kar informed this at a Press meet here. Among others, Indra Mishra, Jayaprakash Mishra and Prasant Kumar Sahu were present.

## IN PIPILI AFTER POLL RESULTS

Bombs hurled at BJP candidate house

PURI: An incident of post-election violence was reported from Puri district with bombs being hurled at the house of the BJP Pipili Assembly candidate Ashrit Pattnayak on Friday night.

However, Pattnayak and his family escaped unhurt.

According to reports, the miscreants hurled bombs at Pattnayak's house over political rivalry just hours after announcement of the election results. Receiving information, the Balanga police reached the spot and initiated a probe into the incident. Notably, Pattnayak was contesting the polls against BJD candidate and former Minister Pradeep Maharathy. He lost to his opponent by a margin of 15,787 votes. PNS

## SHOW TIME

# Will Smith is charming



**ALADDIN**  
\*ing: Will Smith, Mena Massoud, Naomi Scott, Marwan Kenzari, Navid Negahban, Nasim Pedrad, Billy Magnussen  
Rated: 5.5/10

Now we know why Will Smith decided to shake a leg for the second time in *Aladdin*. Not that he is bad. But then it is a Disney movie. They know how to charm even those who don't like movies based on folk tales. And this one is from the tales in *The Book of One Thousand and One Nights*.

Those who were looking for something different or new will be disappointed. Director Guy Ritchie has stuck to the original story as much as possible with just a twist or two. What he has counted on is for Will Smith to create his magic and he delivers this with aplomb.

While the big blue top-knotted genie may only grant three wishes, the film delivers on a lot more platforms especially for the kids. They will love the action, the drama, the song, the dancing and most importantly a funny genie.

It has been years since Will Smith did something that was fun. *His Men In Black* series showed us glimpse of how he can be entertaining. *Aladdin* proves that he still has charm in place and can make you laugh with his one-liners and sarcasm.

The good is that the film talks about woman empowerment through Jasmine. The sad part is that the director has not been able to improve on the original animation film. Given what one can do with technology, the CGI could have been better. But this doesn't mean that the movie is not visually impressive.

Overall, it is a fun film that your kids will thoroughly enjoy. — Shalini Saksena

## Plan Your Day

### Mango Festival

Venue: Multiple outlets of Cafe Delhi Heights  
Date: May 15 to June 15, 2019  
Timings: 10:30 pm to 12 am  
Cost: ₹2,000 plus taxes for two

The warm, young and vibrant All-day Neighbourhood café and diner Cafe Delhi Heights is celebrating a Mango month with its specially curated mango menu called Mangolicious 2019. From drinks like No hangover Mango Mojito to Homemade Avocado toasts with mango twist and Hummus with Mango Salsa and more. Enjoy Mango quesadillas, pizzas, and desserts like Mangomisu and Mango cheesecake.



### Noor-e-Punjab

Venue: Punjab Grill Janpath and Ambience Mall, Gurugram  
Date: Till June 15, 2019  
Cost: ₹2,000 for two (plus taxes)

It is time to delve deeper into the kitchens of Punjab homes as Punjab Grill has curated a special menu for its guests. Savour the depth and diversity of Punjabi cuisine as the specially curated menu features never-heard-before dishes for a unique and wholesome culinary experience.

The restaurant is all set to welcome its guests with the appetisers such as *kala chana shorba*, *patilawale singhada tikke* and *barah kebab*. Moving on to the main course, guests can indulge in a delicious affair such as *keema natar masala*, mutton *kharoda curry*, and *tawa keema parantha*.



## SPECTACULAR WIN IN KANDHAMAL LS SEAT

# Samanta to focus on edu, health, jobs

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

KAIT and KISS founder Kachyuta Samanta, who has won the Kandhamal Lok Sabha seat on the BJD ticket, said he would focus on development of the health, education and employment sectors in the region.

He credited BJD supremo and Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik for his landslide victory in the polls.

"The campaigns done by the Chief Minister in all the seven Assembly segments under Kandhamal Parliamentary constituency helped me to emerge victorious," Samanta told a



Press conference here on Friday.

He said he would try his best to fulfill the longstanding aspirations of people of Kandhamal.

"People of Kandhamal have been demanding a medical college and hospital in the district. I will make efforts to set up the facility at the earliest," he said, adding that his

other priorities would be on development education sector and creation of jobs for youths of his constituency.

Samanta, who won the seat by margin of about 1.5 lakh votes, further said his priority will be to strengthen railway connectivity in the district with help of the Centre and the State Government.

He will also take steps to address water scarcity in some pockets of the district and boost Kandhamal's tourism sector.

KISS students greeted Samanta for his victory. He also distributed sweets to children and spent some time with them.

## TELLYTALE



### REKHA GOES DOWN MEMORY LANE

Sony Entertainment Television's kid dance reality show *Super Dancer Chapter 3* has reached a milestone where top 10 contestants are striving hard day and night to win next 'Dance ka Kal'. While the show is judged by Shilpa Shetty Kundra, Geeta Kapoor, and Anurag Basu the upcoming weekend episode will see celebrity guest judge Rekha encouraging the contestants in a Jashn-e-Rekha episode.

During the performance of a nine-year-old contestant, Tejas Verma and Tushar Shetty from Maharashtra on Rekha's popular song *Rang Barse* all the judges and the audiences enjoyed celebrating Holion the sets. The colorful performance of Tejas made Rekha go down the memory lane who shared some stories. Tejas's out of the world expressions made Rekha relate him to Shahrukh Khan. She mentioned: "Tejas reminds me of Shah Rukh Khan. The way he smiles exactly resembles Shahrukh's smile. Tejas has the same eyes and lips which makes him look like Shahrukh's twin." She further added that the way he dances is beyond her imagination. It will take her almost two-three lives to do *riyaz* and then perform in front of such perfectionist kids.

Appreciating the Guru Tushar Shetty Rekha mentioned, "While training Tejas you have come a long way in the entire Super Dancer journey. Tejas is your key to your future who will take you to milestones ahead."

### FAISAL TRANSFORMS INTO WARRIOR

Sony Entertainment Television's historical show *Chandragupta Maurya* is all set to witness a five year leap where viewers will see Faisal Khan as the charismatic and charming, Chandragupta Maurya. After attaining love and fame from his fans and viewers in and as Maharana Pratap, the



young and talented actor is all set to take over the small screen with his strong and impactful performance as Chandragupta Maurya. To fit into the character, the actor is leaving no stone unturned to get the act right. He has been learning sword fighting under experienced trainers to refine his skill.

A source from the show revealed: "Faisal Khan has already started his prep for the role a month back and he was super excited to play another historical warrior character. Also, he has been asked to grow a stubble and shed some weight for the part and he is working hard to fit the role perfectly."

On the context Faisal Khan shares: "I am super excited playing another strong character like Chandragupta Maurya after essaying an iconic warrior Maharana Pratap. I feel very privileged to receive opportunities where I get to portray such impactful characters at an early stage of my career. Currently, I am learning sword fighting and soon audience will see me entering into the battle field."

### HARSH TAKES AWAY BHARTI'S RING

Colors' *Khata Khata Khata* has proved to be one of the most entertaining shows. In an upcoming episode, a couple special, TV's most renowned jodi — Abhinav and Rubina joined the cast for



some fun. Amidst all the dares and games, Aditya was the only contestant who was single. Harsh later advised him not to get married and rather should stay single and be happy. The statement made Bharti angry and then she did something which shocked everyone.

Bringing her quirkiness to the screen and controlling her anger, Bharti in a fit of rage told Harsh to get engaged to Aditya as both seemed to have bonded over Harsh's statement. Harsh seized the opportunity and removed Bharti's engagement ring from her hand and made Aditya wear it. Harsh's spontaneous act left Bharti appalled. The duo's rib-tickling comedy act made the audience laugh their guts out. How will Bharti react to this situation?

### CELEBRATION OF FRIENDSHIP

B-town's newest BFFs and bonafide hotties Jacqueline Fernandez and Kartik Aaryan, appeared on the Colors Infinity chat — *BFFs with Vogue*. Indulging in a game segment on the show *Dunk and Dare* where the actors had to dunk the ball in the other's



cup. If they failed to do that, they'd have to do a dare that their BFF picks and the crazy fun that unfolded won our hearts.

Not only did Jacqueline teach the chocolate boy of B-town, a ballet routine and belly dancing, on a dare, Jacqueline she also revealed the celebs she'd like to date and block. She shared: "Ranveer Singh, I think he'd be really cool to date. And someone I'd like to block, KKK (Kamaal Rashid Khan)."

That's not it, Kartik was dared to play the game round with one hand on his head, and in another dare, he gave the gorgeous actress Jacqueline a piggyback ride with one hand on his head for full 30 seconds!

This is one BFFs Jodi we definitely are looking forward to watching in their most unfiltered and uncensored avatar.

### CELEBRATING DOUBLE CENTURY

Sony SAB's magical fantasy show, *Aladdin: Naam Toh Suna Hoga*, has successfully reached the 200-episode milestone as it takes its viewers on a fascinating journey through the magical world of fictional Baghdad.

As the show completes 200 episodes of programming, the cast of the show marked this joyous occasion with a celebratory event, thanking viewers for their endless support and love.

Siddharth Nigam, essaying the role of Aladdin said: "I cannot thank our audience enough for showering so much love upon our show and loving each and every character. I can never get tired of performing all stunts being in the character of Aladdin, have loved every bit of it from the beginning. It feels amazing to have come so far along on this journey. This love and support from our viewers will keep us going, motivating us to give our best and creating more magical memories for our lovely viewers."



# Salman's walk down memory lane

The upcoming weekend's episode of *Sa Re Ga Ma Pa Lil Champs* are bound to be exciting with Bollywood superstars Salman Khan and Katrina Kaif gracing the sets to promote their much-awaited film *Bharat*. While the duo enjoyed all the performances, Salman Khan was left smiling when a beautifully curated video of all his visits to the sets through all the seasons of *Sa Re Ga Ma Pa* was played for him. One of the most hilarious moments showcased in the montage was Salman compelling former contestant Aneek Dhar to take off his shirt before he performed his super-hit song *O Jaane Jana*.

With Aneek still around in the course of Salman's latest visit to the sets, this time having graduated to a jury member, the Bollywood



superstar took to the stage and recreated the iconic moment with him, where he compelled Aneek yet again to take off his

shirt and perform the same song shirtless the Salman way. While Salman and Aneek performed to the hit song,

Katrina performed the hook step and raised the entertainment quotient a notch higher.

Kudos to handsome superstar for being a sport and recreating a sweet moment that took us back in time.

The musical evening will see oodles of fun and entertainment. Contestant Anushka Patra's performance on *Yeh mera dil* entertained all thoroughly. Yodelling queen Pickosa Moharkar's performance to *Ek do teen* mesmerised all and the young dynamite taught her iconic moon-walk step to Salman and Katrina too. Moreover, the contestants came together to sing popular song *Jag Ghoomeya* and our favourite star Salman left everyone speechless when he did the hook-step.

## Surprises in store for Abeer

The popularity of Sony Entertainment Television's show *Mere Sai — Shradha Aur Saburi* is increasing every day. Many new viewers are joining the club to religiously tune in to watch the show. The audience loves the simplicity and the teachings of Sai Baba and watching it come alive on screen is a visual treat. Abeer Soofi the lead actor is making waves and becoming very popular as he is brilliantly portraying Sai Baba. The fan base of Abeer is widening every day and they keep surprising him with uniquely showing their love and affection every time.

Abeer celebrated his birthday on May 6 with his extended family — the cast and crew of the show this year. Abeer's birthday became special when his fan from Delhi surprised him. A lady named Punita Sahani Trikha travelled all the way from Delhi and visited the sets to meet Abeer and wish him. She not only surprised Abeer with her warm presence but also made Abeer's birthday special by pampering him with gifts like his mother. Punita gifted him a gold chain as the birthday gift and wished for his growth and success. Abeer took this warm gesture of her to his Instagram and thanked her by recognising her as *Maa* for the love she showered on him.

When contacted Abeer, he confirmed, "Punita is such a warm lady, she travelled all the way from Delhi to Mumbai specially for my birthday. She came directly from airport to the sets and brought so many gifts for me and one among



them was the gold chain. Though I didn't want to take such expensive gifts but she insisted and said that it is her motherly love for me on my birthday and this is not the first time Punita has visited the sets to meet me, we have met before too. I still remember when she first came to meet me on sets and told me that how watching *Mere Sai* has changed her way of thinking and perspective of life, how she adores me, my work and who doesn't like to be loved and my fan's love is a bunch of blessings they shower on me. My fans are *Sai baba's* blessings for me."

## Kumar Sanu & Sameer spill secrets

This weekend will be one of the most melodious ones on Sony Entertainment Television's *The Kapil Sharma Show* where Guinness World Record holders and the best singer and lyricist of Bollywood, Kumar Sanu will be seen with Sameer who has written around 3,500 songs. While talking about the famous 1990 cult movie, *Aashiqui*, Sameer made an interesting revelation about ace director Mahesh Bhatt and the Late Gulshan Kumar.

While conversing with Kapil, lyricist Sameer revealed that Gulshan Kumar didn't want to produce the movie *Aashiqui* but was more interested to produce the music album of the same movie. To which, Sameer requested Mahesh Bhatt to step in as he was finalised to direct the film. Sameer added, "When Bhatt *sahab* and I reached Gulshanji's office, we tried and convinced him to produce the film as the songs were very good, but he still didn't agree. So, Bhatt *sahab* went to the extent of saying that if the film becomes a hit and if the songs does wonders, it will be the best thing to happen in the history of his music label. But if it's the opposite, Mahesh ji vowed never to direct any film and that's what led to an agreement given by Gulshanji that he will be producing *Aashiqui* as a film and will do the best marketing."

Further revelations in the show were made — Kumar Sanu gets scared of sleeping alone in a bedroom as he thinks that there are super natural powers in the room.



# Aparajita may get berth in Modi Ministry

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

Bhubaneswar is agog with speculations that bureaucrat-turned-politician Aparajita Sarangi may get a berth in the new Ministry of Narendra Modi.

Besides, she is likely to include a few other new BJP faces elected from Odisha while retaining incumbents Dharmendra Pradhan and Jai Oram. In the 2014 elections, the BJP had got only one (Oram) Lok Sabha member from Odisha. Pradhan was sent to the Rajya Sabha first from Bihar and then from Madhya Pradesh to be accommodated in the Cabinet.

In the 2019 elections, the BJP Lok Sabha strength in



Odisha has increased to eight. Aparajita Sarangi, an IAS officer, was influenced by the BJP national leadership to leave her job to join the party. She was also given ticket to contest from the prestigious Bhubaneswar constituency. Other names doing the

rounds for the Central Cabinet are BJP national general secretary Suresh Pujari, party State president Basant Panda, Pratap Sarangi and Sangita Singh Deo who have been elected to the Parliament.

Notably, in the Cabinet of the then Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, four Lok Sabha members from Odisha had got important berths.

At least four representatives from Odisha may be taken in the Cabinet this time with a view to strengthening the party organisation further at a time when civic polls are looming in the State.

# Bishnu fights polls from hosp bed, wins decisively

Says it's all Naveen charisma

**BHUBANESWAR:** Former Minister, MP, State Planning Board Deputy Chairman and noted Dalit leader Bishnu Charan Das has come out victorious in the Assembly polls. This is the sixth time when Das came out triumphant with an exemplary victory.

In this connection, this may be stated here that barring the solitary exception of joining once and for all in a marathon meeting with Chief Minister, Naveen Patnaik at Tirtol, he fought the entire election in absentia being confined to a hospital bed at Bhubaneswar.

Das' victory shows his stronghold not only in Tirtol but also throughout the four Assembly segments of the entire Jagatsinghpur district.

The resurgence of Das' popularity is evident again from the



Naveen Patnaik Cabinet.

BJD Tirtol president Basanta Mohapatra and Biridi Block vice-president Rabinarayan Jena said, "As a veteran Dalit leader, a seasoned political leader and a loyalist to the Biju legacy, it would be no wonder that Bishnubabu will get a berth in the Cabinet for the development of Jagatsinghpur district."

Speaking to The Pioneer, Bishnu Das said, "I have had long been working in the entire Jagatsinghpur district. Besides, the Naveen brand and the Biju legacy played a pivotal role for my victory. My words slip, slide, perish and decay with imprecision to record my deep debt of gratitude to our popular Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik for my victory." PNS

results of Biridi block which gave a lead of 12,826 votes and Raghunathpur block giving a lead of 7,101 and Tirtol block that paved the way for a splendid finale giving a lead of 20,099 votes.

Thus, he humbled his nearest BJP rival by a gargantuan margin of 40,386.

An air of enthusiasm is noticeable among the rank and file of BJD workers of the entire district and the air is again agog with speculations that Das as a loyalist to the Biju legacy will be inducted into the

# Let's build new Odisha: Naveen

**BHUBANESWAR:** BJD supreme Naveen Patnaik on Saturday expressed his gratitude to the people of Odisha for voting his party to power once again.

Taking to Twitter, Patnaik wrote, "I humbly thank everyone for giving me yet another opportunity to serve the 4.5 crore people of the state."

Patnaik, who is all set to become the Chief Minister for a record fifth consecutive



term, also called upon everyone to come forward and build a new Odisha with concerted efforts. PNS

# CPM thanks voters, workers for support

**BHUBANESWAR:** The Communist Party of India (Marxist) has thanked people of Bonei for reelecting its candidate Laxman Munda and others who voted for its candidates in four other Assembly seats and the Bhubaneswar Lok Sabha candidate.

In a statement, CPI(M) State secretary Ali Kishore Patnaik thanked workers of alliance parties and secular and democratic forces who

worked in favour of the party's candidates.

"Many challenges pertaining to secularism, constitutional institutions and constitutional rights of the people have emerged after poll results, which have given mandates to the BJD in the State and the BJD at the Centre. The CPI(M) urges people to make preparations to uphold communal harmony and face such challenges," said Patnaik. PNS

# CBDT relief in TDS compliance Quarterly statement date extended to June 30

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

May 7 to May 20.

With a view to redressing genuine hardship faced by the deductors due to the severe disruption of normal life and breakdown of communication systems caused by Cyclone Fani, the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has provided relief in TDS compliance to them.

The CBDT had extended the date of depositing tax deducted at source (TDS) for the month of April, 2019 from

It has now extended the date of filing of the quarterly statement of TDS for the last quarter of financial year 2018-19 from May 31 to June 30.

The CBDT extended the due date for issue of TDS certificates in Form 16 and 16A from June 15 to July 15.

The order dated 24.05.2019 issued under Section 119 of the Income-tax Act, 1961 to this effect is available on [www.incometaxindia.gov.in](http://www.incometaxindia.gov.in).

# Flights from J'suguda to BBSR, Raipur from June 1

**JHARSUGUDA:** It's good news for western Odisha air passengers as the Alliance Air is all set to launch its domestic flight services from Jharsuguda to Bhubaneswar and Raipur from June 1.

The daily flights from the Veer Surendra Sai Airport (VSSA) to Bhubaneswar and Raipur would be operated under the Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik (UDAN) scheme, informed Jharsuguda Airport Director Sudesh Kumar Chouhan on Saturday.



The Jharsuguda-bound flight would depart Bhubaneswar at 9.05 am and arrive at the VSSA at 10.10 am. The flight would leave Jharsuguda at 10.35 am

towards Bhubaneswar and land at the Biju Patnaik International Airport (BPIA) at 11.40 am, airport official sources said.

The schedule for Raipur would be available soon.

Notably, the Alliance Air, which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Air India, is currently operating services to 53 destinations including Bengaluru, Bhopal, Kolkata, Bhubaneswar, Bikaner, Mumbai, Coimbatore, Chandigarh, Chennai and Visakhapatnam. PNS

# 2 students die in road mishap in city

ONE SERIOUSLY INJURED

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

In a road mishap, two students were run over by a speeding truck while another suffered grievous injuries on the Nayapalli flyover here on Saturday.

The identities of the deceased and the injured students were yet to be ascertained.

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The three youths who were travelling by a motorcycle were hit by the truck. While two students died on the spot, the other was seriously injured and was rushed to a private hospital here before being shifted to the SCB Medical College Hospital in Cuttack as his condition deteriorated.

The truck driver fled from the spot abandoning his vehicle. On receiving information, the Nayapalli police reached the spot and seized the truck.

# Deceased worker kin's stir on 8th day

TATA SPONGE CONTINUES TO IGNORE AGITATORS



PNS ■ CHAMPUA

At 43-degree Celsius heat when nobody is found in the street, the members of bereaved family of late Mohanty Karua, a former worker of Tata Sponge in Joda, is sitting on a dharna in front of the main gate of the factory for the last eight days. Yet, there seems to be no immediate solution to the issue.

Sources revealed that after the mysterious death of Mohanty Karua, a permanent employee of Tata Sponge company on August 6, 2004, the Tata management is alleged to have tried to suppress the matter in fear of public outcry by assuring Bilashi Karua, widow of Mohanty, to provide a per-

manent job to her son and give all the compensation. Deepak Karua, son of late Mohanty, was given a job in the Raw Materials Department of the company but after working of about three years, he was retrenched.

Though Bilashi had approached the then management many times but to no avail. However, thanks to trade union organisation like AITUC and BMS, HMS and other social organisations for giving support to the widow of the former worker and Radhakanta Tripathy, Supreme Court advocate, who has taken up her issue in the NHRC, she is continuing her stir till her grievances are addressed.

# Child 'sacrificed' in Balangir

While the exact motive behind the boy's death was yet to be ascertained, circumstantial evidence suggested that child was killed & then thrown into the pit

**BALANGIR:** A body of a five-year-old boy, who was missing since Friday, was recovered from a pit in Laxminagarpada in the district on Saturday.

The child was identified as the son of one Jagdu Bag of Laxminagarpada. Locals spotted the body in the pit and immediately informed the boy's family and police.

The Town police, who immediately rushed to the spot, seized the body and sent it to a local hospital for post-mortem.

While the exact motive behind the boy's death was yet to be ascertained, circumstantial evidence suggested that the child was killed and then thrown into the pit.

Family members lodged a complaint with police suspecting it as a case of child sacrifice. PNS

# SBI customers' meet on May 28

To be held in State's 22 centres

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

The State Bank of India (SBI) will organise a Mega Customer Meet nationally on May 28 to engage with customers to further enhance their experience and provide better service delivery. SBI customers can attend the programme in 22 locations of the State.

Under this initiative, cus-

tomers can interact with bank staffs to discuss their concerns and share feedbacks and suggestions on the banks' products and services.

During the session, the SBI officials and employees will educate customers about the use of alternative banking channels for secured and seamless banking experience.

Bank employees will also inform/educate customers about the features and convenience of using YONO SBI, an omni-channel digital banking and lifestyle platform.

# IN ANGUL Illicit affair ends in duo's suicide

PNS ■ ANGUL

An illicit relationship between a man and a woman, who happened to be distant relatives, came to a tragic end in Kumanda of Angul district as their bodies were found hanging from a tree near Chandi Bazaar on Saturday morning.

The duo was identified as Rajan Sahu of Kumanda and his wife's sister-in-law Sujata Sahu of Baluakata village.

Sources said that the two had been missing for the last four days. On Saturday, both were found hanging from a tree

ON SATURDAY, BOTH WERE FOUND HANGING FROM A TREE WITH A SAREE

with a saree.

The exact reason behind the deaths was yet to be ascertained. Police reached the spot and began an investigation into the incident.

# INBRIEF

## SCRIBE RAMAHARI MISHRA PASSES AWAY

**Bhubaneswar:** Veteran journalist Ramahari Mishra passed away at a private clinic here on Saturday. He was 85 and is survived by two sons and a daughter. His wife had predeceased him last year. Mishra had worked with some national newspapers and Odia daily 'Kalinga'. He was awarded on many occasions for his professional merit.



## U SAMMILANI REMEMBERS PARALA MAHARAJA

**Bhubaneswar:** The Utkal Sammilani paid floral tributes to first Odisha Prime Minister and former Sammilani president Parala Maharaja Krushna Chandra Gajapati Narayana Dev on his 45th death anniversary at his statue near AG Square here on Saturday. Sammilani Mancheswar branch president Dilip Dashsharma presided over the programme.

Sammilani joint secretary Ashok Kumar Pattasingh, Shiv Prasad Mishra, Basanti Tripathy, Nimai Charan Sahu, Rakesh Sahu, Maheswar Biswal, Nalini Mohanty, Akhaya Kanungo and Stalin Kanungo also garlanded the Maharaja's statue.



## KRUSHNA GAJAPATI DEATH ANNIV OBSERVED IN B'PUR

**Brahmapur:** The Odisha Raja Soundhik Samaj, Brahmapur observed the death anniversary of Maharaja Krushna Chandra Gajapati under the chairmanship of its president Prabhakar Sahu here on Saturday. Floral tributes were paid to his statue at Bijay Square. Among others, DIPRO Bhismacharya Choudhury, Samaj secretary Mamata Sahu, Pradip Sahu, Raja Choudhury, Dr Nakul Sahu, Dinabandhu Sriballav, Narsingha Panigrahi, Raja Kishore Sahu and Suresh Tripathy were present.



## DHENKANAL EX-COPO GETS 2-YR RI FOR GRAFT

**Cuttack:** The Dhenkanal Vigilance Court Special Judge on Friday convicted Kankadahad block's former Child Development Project Officer (GDPO) Chudamani Murmu for taking bribe of Rs 20,000. She is now working as Programming Officer at Nayagarh. The judge also sentenced her to undergo two years' rigorous imprisonment (RI) and pay a fine of Rs 10,000, in default, to undergo more six months RI. She allegedly took the bribe from one Netaji Abhinandan Behera of Godapalasuni to pass his bills for supply of Chhatua to the Anganwadi Centres of Kankadahad block.

## TEACHERS' TRAINING CAMP IN DAV KALINGA NAGAR

**Bhubaneswar:** A three-day training camp of Mathematics teachers is being held at the DAV Public School Kalinga Nagar here from Friday under the Regional Director Odisha Zone-I, Silicon Institute of Technology Prof Prayag Prasad Mishra, Vidwan director Jyoti Ranjan Tripathy and Regional Institute of Education, Bhubaneswar Prof Manoj Jacob are imparting training on the new education system. Among others, DAV Zone-I regional director Dr KC Satapathy and school Principal Bipin Kumar Sahu were present on the first day.

## STEEL PLANT WOMAN STAFF DIES IN ROAD MISHAP

**Jajpur:** A woman died in the premises of the Neelachal Ispat Nigam Limited after being hit by a train in Kalinga Nagar on Saturday morning. She was 43-year-old Ananga Manjari Rout, a resident of Paikapur under the Kabatabandha police limits. She was a senior operator in the SMS section of the steel plant. She was on her way to work by a two-wheeler when the train carrying hot iron hit her.

## MAN BEATS WIFE TO DEATH IN BARIPADA

**Baripada:** A man thrashed his wife to death in Madhavyur village under the Baripada Sadar police limits on Friday night. Khela Soren in an inebriated state beat Rani with a bamboo log over a domestic tiff. Being informed by the deceased's brother, police reached the spot and recovered the body. A case was registered against Soren. Police sources said Soren admitted to killing his wife.

# Naba Das takes out victory rally in Jharsuguda



**JHARSUGUDA:** After counting and declaration of results in Jharsuguda Assembly constituency, BJD nominee Naba Kishore Das secured 98, 256 votes compared to his nearest competitor Dinesh Kumar Jain of BJP who got 52, 687 votes and Congress nominee Mahendra Nayak 18, 695 votes. NOTA option was taken by 1,438 voters.

A grand victory procession for Das was taken out here by

the BJD. The procession was attended by Das' son Bishal Das and a large number of supporters. Lions Club members also greeted Das.

Das dedicated his win to the people of Jharsuguda district and said all ongoing development projects in the district for the last ten years would be continued without any break. He expressed his gratitude to CM Naveen Patnaik for his valuable guidance. PNS

# Int'l team to assess Health Dept damages

To submit report on June 3

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

A delegation comprising members of the World Health Organisation (WHO), World Bank and Unicef held a discussion with Health and Family Welfare Secretary Dr PK Meherda about Cyclone Fani-related losses suffered by the department and step taken in the aftermath of the cyclone.

The international team has been divided into six parts to

assess the damages in Fani-affected areas from May 26 to 28 and would make a presentation on the same to the Government on June 3, informed an official release.

Department officials appraised the team about the assessment, steps taken before and after the cyclone like shifting of pregnant women to the health centres, cancellation of leave of the doctors and others.

WHO's Dr Ritu Singh Chauhan and Dr Abanindranath Sahu would visit Puri District Headquarters Hospital (DHH), Brahmagiri,

Krushnaprasad and Satyabadi blocks and would assess the damage. While WHO's Dr Gaurav Gupta and Dr Santoha Sahu would visit Khordha DHH, Capital Hospital and City Hospital, Cuttack.

Similarly, UNICEF's Dr Brajesh Raj Mitra, WHO's Dr Deepak Kumar Kar and Dr Gyana Chand would visit Jajpur and Bhadrak districts and World Bank's Dr Suresh Kumar Mohammad and UNICEF's Deepak Kumar Biswal would visit Jagatsinghpur and Kendrapada districts.

# TALE OF WINNING MARGINS LS: Rajashree highest, Saptagiri lowest Assembly: Soumya at top, Saluja at bottom

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

BJD Lok Sabha candidate Dr Rajashree Mallick made a record in the State in this year's general elections by winning the Jagatsinghpur Lok Sabha seat by the highest margin of 2,71,665 votes defeating Bibhu Prasad Tarai of the BJP.

Congress candidate Saptagiri Sankar Ulaka won the Koraput LS seat by the lowest margin of 3,613 votes defeating

the BJD's Kausalya Hikaka.

In the Assembly polls, Soumya Ranjan Patnaik of the BJD made a record winning. He defeated Independent candidate Dushmant Kumar Swain in Khandapara by the highest margin of 81,430 votes. Congress candidate Santosh Singh Saluja won the Kantabanji seat by the lowest margin of 128 votes defeating his BJP rival Laxman Bag. This is Saluja's fourth victory in the constituency.

# My victory historic: Mohan Majhi Of 7 Assembly seats under K'jhar LS seat, BJD wins 6, BJP 1

PNS ■ CHAMPUA

BJP candidate for Keonjhar Sadar Assembly constituency Mohan Majhi described his win as historic as the contest was keen with the ruling BJD having exerted money and muscle power to wrest the seat.

Majhi defeated his nearest BJD rival Madhab Sardar by a margin of 1,154 votes. He further told that earlier he had won the election by a margin of about 25,000 votes. But in view of the full support of Government machinery in favour of the ruling party candidate and distribution of large



amount of money to influence the voters by the party in power, his victory margin this time was less. He said he would remain obliged to the party workers in particular

and the voters in general. Out of total seven Assembly segments in Keonjhar while the BJP won one, the rest six went to the BJD kitty.

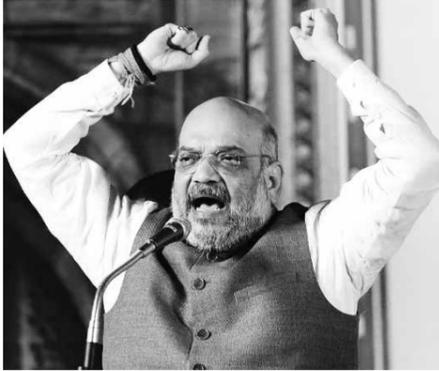
# Voter rejected dynastic politics: Shah EC submits newly-elected MPs' list to Prez Kovind

PNS/AGENCY ■ NEW DELHI

Listing out the biggest take-aways from the just-concluded Lok Sabha election, where the BJP and NDA inflicted a humiliating loss on the Opposition, BJP chief Amit Shah on Saturday said one of them was that the electorate voted out dynastic, casteist and appeasement politics.

Addressing the NDA MPs, who elected Narendra Modi as their leader, he also pointed out that it was after 1971 that for the first time a PM is returning to power again after serving a five-year term and that this time round, the voters elected a leader, who happens to have taken not single day's off in the last 20 years he has seen of him.

He further said that people's mandate in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections underlined that Governments will be elected on the basis of their performance, not dynasty, caste politics or appeasement politics.



He said when Modi became the Prime Minister for the first time in 2014, ordinary citizens were filled with hope that a person from a modest background could be elected to the highest office.

"With that hope, the people have trusted Modi. The success of the extension of Gujarat model to the whole country was an experiment and people have blessed Modi once again. What Modi promised, he has been able to deliver, and this trust has been shown by the people in him," he said.

Shah added that the 22 crore poor who have been the beneficiaries of the Prime Minister's welfare schemes have shown their faith in him.

Shah added that he has toured the country from Kashmir to Kanyaumari and Kamarkhya to Kutch, and people in all parts of the country have unanimously voted in favour of Modi. "There has been a Modi Tsunami in the country," he said.

"Without any taint, he (Modi) has been elected as the country's Prime Minister for the second term. This has been possible because he governed the country by rising above vote bank politics. In the last five years, he took many tough decisions, but none that did not benefit the country," the BJP President said.

"The citizens I have spoken to want the country to become a global super power and 'Bharat Mata' be accorded her proper place on an international scale. I wish that Modi is able to take forward the strong foundation of a 'New Bharat' that he has placed and is able to fulfil the dreams of a successful democracy that the whole world will admire," Shah concluded.

Shah also pointed to the air strike in Pakistan's Balakot in response to the Pulwama terror attack as a reply to those who had dismissed the cross-LoC surgical strike of September 2016 as fluke.

Shah said the surgical strike and the Balakot air strike proved that India had a leader who could target the terrorists in their den.

"During the 90s, when terrorism raised its head and shook the country, people felt that the then Governments were not serious about the safety and security of the country. For the first time under the Modi government, people have confidence that here is a leader who can hit the terrorists in their den," he said.

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

A couple of days after the Election Commission on Saturday submitted a list of newly-elected MPs to President Ram Nath Kovind, setting in motion the process for constituting the 17th Lok Sabha.

The full Election Commission — comprising Chief Election Commissioner Sunil Arora and Election Commissioners Ashok Lavasa and Sushil Chandra — called on the President and submitted a copy of the notification issued by the EC containing names of the members, a Rashtrapati Bhavan communication said.

While the EC notification sets in motion the constitution of a new Lok Sabha, the list given to the President enables

him to formally initiate the Government formation process.

Earlier in the day, the President dissolved the 16th Lok Sabha on the recommendation of the Union Cabinet. On Saturday evening, the newly-elected MPs of the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance are likely to elect Narendra Modi as the alliance's leader.

After this, a delegation of leaders of the BJP and its allies is expected to call on the President and convey to him their choice of Modi as Prime Minister, following which he will be invited to form the Government.

The counting of votes in elections to the 17th Lok Sabha was taken up on May 23 and the BJP scored a resounding victory, winning 303 seats in the 543-member House. Its

arch rival, Congress, managed on 52 seats.

Elections were held for 542 of the 543 seats. The election in Vellore Lok Sabha seat was cancelled by the EC citing abuse of money power. A fresh date is yet to be announced.

The President congratulated the Chief Election Commissioner and the other Election Commissioners on the successful completion of the electoral process in the largest democratic exercise in the human history.

On behalf of the entire country, the President lauded the efforts of the EC, public officials and security personnel in successfully completing a free and fair election, the statement said.

The President also commended hundreds of millions of voters who participated in the election process.

## IAS officer set to spread 'Swachh Ganga' message from Mount Everest

PNS ■ NEW DELHI/LUCKNOW

Having already conquered the Mt. Everest in 2013, Ravindra Kumar, an IAS officer of Uttar Pradesh cadre, will undertake yet another mission to scale the peak this summer with the aim to spread awareness amongst people towards the urgent need of controlling water pollution, saving rivers and Ground Water Acquirers besides ensuring availability of Clean Water to All.

Kumar told *The Pioneer* he has termed his expedition as "Swachh Ganga Swachh Bharat Everest Abhiyaan 2019" with Ganga symbolising all rivers of India as one of the main sources of water.

Kumar is the first and only IAS officer of India who has climbed Mt. Everest. Ravindra Kumar is presently on a Central deputation Minister of Drinking Water and Sanitation. Begusarai (Bihar) born Ravindra Kumar has also authored two motivational books on his previous journey. His first scaling of the



Everest was inspired by the Sikkim Earthquake of 2011, where mountaineers were called for search and rescue mission post earthquake in the State.

His second Everest Expedition in 2015 could not be completed due to the earthquake in Nepal. That mission to spread awareness about importance of Sanitation in India through 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan' was flagged off by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

"In the present scenario, focus on water sector, especially drinking water, is need of the hour. As per World Bank estimates 21 per cent of communicable diseases in India are linked to unsafe water. Rivers are nearly dying due to discharge of pollutants and lack of continuity due to insufficient water. Ground water table is declining and creating ground for future water crisis. Therefore, this sector needs immediate through people's involvement in addition to Government's effort," said Kumar.

## LS POLLS

# Majority of candidates lost deposit in J&K

**Jammu:** Barring the Ladakh parliamentary constituency, majority of the contesting candidates lost their security deposit in five other Lok Sabha constituencies in Jammu & Kashmir where 51 of them even failed to get one per cent of the valid votes.

The BJP retained three parliamentary seats of Jammu, Udhampur and Ladakh, while the National Conference swept the polls in the Kashmir valley, winning all the three seats of Srinagar, Anantnag and Baramulla.

A total of 79 candidates were in the fray for the six parliamentary seats, but 63 of them lost their security deposit of Rs 25,000 and Rs 12,500 for schedule tribe and scheduled caste candidates as they failed to get the minimum required one-sixth (16.67 per cent) of the total polled valid votes, according to official data by the Election Commission of India.

The Ladakh parliamentary seat which was won by 33-year-old BJP leader Janyang Tsering Namgyal -- the youngest among the six

winners from the state -- was the only constituency where rest of the three candidates managed to save their deposits.

Namgyal got 42,914 votes (33.94 per cent) and defeated his nearest rival and independent candidate Sajjad Hussain who secured 31,984 votes (25.3 per cent).

Congress rebel candidate Asgar Ali Karbalai came third with 29,365 votes (23.23 per cent) followed by Congress' official candidate Rigzin Spalbar who polled 21,241 votes (16.8 per cent).

The Ladakh Lok Sabha constituency is the largest in India in terms of area but has the lowest number of over 1.71 lakh voters in the state. A total of over 1.26 lakh voters had exercised their franchise with 922 of them preferring None Of The Above (NOTA), which was 0.73 per cent of the total voting.

The voting trend in the Jammu parliamentary constituency, where the highest 24 candidates were in the fray, revealed a direct contest between BJP's Jugal Kishore

and senior Congress leader and former minister Raman Bhalla.

While Kishore retained the seat for the party by getting 8,58,066 votes (58.02 per cent), Bhalla got 5,55,191 votes (37.54 per cent).

The rest of the 22 candidates, including patron of Jammu and Kashmir National Panthers Party Bhim Singh, Dogra Swabhim Sangathan (DSS) founder and former BJP minister Lal Singh and BSP leader Badri Nath got below one per cent votes.

The constituency had recorded the highest 72.16 per cent polling in the state and only 2,618 among 14,78,795 voters pushed the NOTA button.

Similarly, the Udhampur parliamentary constituency, which was retained by union minister Jitendra Singh by a huge margin of 3.57 lakh votes defeating Dogra scion and Congress leader Vikramaditya Singh, saw 10 candidates losing their security deposit.

The BJP's candidate got 7,24,311 votes (61.38 per cent)

against the Congress candidate who polled 3,67,659 votes (31.1 per cent).

Two other Rajputs in the fray -- JKNPP chairman and former minister Harsh Dev Singh and DSS founder (Lal Singh) -- got 2.06 and 1.61 per cent votes, respectively.

In Srinagar, where only 14.1 per cent of over 12.94 lakh electorate exercised their right, 10 of the 12 candidates lost their deposits with eight even failing to reach one per cent mark.

National Conference president Farooq Abdullah retained the seat by getting 1,06,750 votes (57.14 per cent), defeating Aga Syed Mohsin of the PDP, who got 36,700 votes (19.64 per cent).

People's Conference candidate Irfan Raza Ansari was the only other candidate who managed double figures with 15.4 per cent (28,773 votes).

The Anantnag parliamentary constituency, where the second highest 18 candidates, including former chief minister Mehbooba Mufti, were locked in a multi-cornered contest, saw 15 candi-

dates losing their security deposits.

The seat, where election was held in three phases due to security concerns, registered the lowest voter turnout of only 8.76 per cent in the state. It was won by National Conference candidate and former judge Hasnain Masoodi.

Mufti, who had won the seat in 2014 before resigning to become the first woman chief minister in 2016, polled only 30,524 votes (24.44 per cent).

The Baramulla parliamentary constituency was won by senior NC leader Mohammad Akbar Lone after securing 1,33,426 (29.29 per cent) votes, defeating Raja Aijaz Ali of the Peoples' Conference, who got 1,03,193 (22.65 per cent). Engineer Rashid managed 1,02,168 votes (22.43 per cent).

The constituency has recorded the highest 34.71 per cent voting in the Valley. Six of the candidates, including from the PDP, the Congress and the BJP, got only 11.75 (53,530), 7.58 (34,532) and 1.73 per cent (7,894 votes), respectively. **PTI**

## BJP mocks Mamata's offer to quit the CM post as 'drama'

**Kolkata:** The BJP on Saturday described TMC chief Mamata Banerjee's offer to quit as West Bengal Chief Minister as "drama" and claimed her Government will fall on its own and the saffron party will not need to topple it.

Banerjee offered to quit as chief minister following her party's drubbing in the Lok Sabha polls, but the TMC rejected it.

"It is good that at least she has accepted defeat. But her offer to quit is nothing but a drama to garner sympathy," BJP national general secretary Kailash Vijayvargiya told PTI.

Reacting to Banerjee's comment that BJP will commit a mistake if it tries to topple her

Government, Vijayvargiya said it will fall on its own.

He said, "We will not topple it. It will fall on its own. TMC leaders have lost confidence in her. They are fed up. If they come to us and crib about her misrule and authoritarian approach, what can we do?"

Bengal witnessed a saffron surge in the Lok Sabha polls as the BJP inflicted a blow to ruling TMC by winning 18 of total 42 Lok Sabha seats in the state.

The TMC won 22 seats, down from 34 in 2014. Addressing her first press conference after the election results were declared, she on Saturday accused the BJP of polarising people on religious lines to garner votes in West Bengal. **PTI**

## Jaganmohan Reddy invites KCR to attend swearing-in ceremony

**Hyderabad:** YSR Congress president Jaganmohan Reddy, who was invited to form the next Government in Andhra Pradesh by the Governor, on Saturday called on Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrababhan Rao here and invited him for the swearing-in ceremony at Vijayawada on May 30.

A release from the CM's office said Reddy extended his personal invitation to Rao to attend the ceremony.

There was no official word on Raos response, but TRS sources indicated that it was likely to be positive.

After he was elected leader of the YSRC legislature party, Reddy met the Governor of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, ESL Narasimhan at the Raj

Bhavan in Hyderabad and staked claim to form the government.

The swearing-in ceremony would be held at Indira Gandhi Municipal Corporation stadium, Vijayawada, on May 30 at 12.23 PM, a Raj Bhavan communication said.

Reddy called on Rao after meeting the governor.

During the meeting, Rao told Reddy that his government would like to have cordial relations with Andhra Pradesh, the release said.

"Chief Minister K Chandrababhan Rao made it clear that the policy of Telangana is to maintain cordial relations with neighbouring States in a give and take manner, and same would be followed in case of

Andhra Pradesh State also," the release said.

Rao said he visited Maharashtra to meet Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis to sort out water disputes between undivided Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra.

The disputes reportedly held up irrigation projects in Telangana.

Maharashtra cooperated after the initiative and this has led to Telangana being able to construct irrigation projects like Kaleshwaram, Rao told Reddy.

"Our policy would be to maintain similar relations with the present Andhra Pradesh state also. Let us act in such a manner so that both the states are benefitted," the release quoted Rao as saying. **PTI**



Prime Minister Narendra Modi addresses NDA parliamentary board meeting at the Central Hall in Parliament House, New Delhi on Saturday **PTI**

## Nothing worse than being alone: Polio victim

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Having missed her polio vaccine in her childhood, Nimmi is crippled for life. Her disability restricted her to the four walls of her home as well on the wheel-chair, gradually pushing her into depression. "After my mother died, I felt all alone. There is nothing worse in the world than being lonely," she says.

With the timely intervention of Delhi-based Yes, We Can' NGO, the 35-year-old today actively participates in range of social activities like watching movies to quizzes conducted by the organisation throughout the year, particularly during special occasions like festivals.

Meenu Arora Mani, a wheelchair-user herself and head of the 'Yes, We Can', notes: "Usually, specially-abled people don't interact with a lot of others. Neither do they have enough exposure to the outside world. So they barely meet new people. We want it to be changed and try to provide a platform to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities besides physical disabilities to let them enjoy the



sense of freedom and mingle with others.

"With the help of philanthropists and volunteers, we also organise workshops to focus on their financial empowerment so that they can lead a dignified life."

In fact, Meenu's is just one of the NGOs in the sector which are trying to give the 'wings' to the specially-abled

people. For instance, Bengaluru-based Anuprayaas is trying to making India a blind-friendly nation. Founded by Pancham Cajla, the NGO has installed Braille signage at Mysuru, Mumbai and Bengaluru railway stations.

Says Cajla, "In India, accessibility at public places is still a distant dream for people with disabilities. Hence, travelling becomes difficult. We are here

to change all this."

Similarly, Chennai based Vidya Sagar has started a project called 'Get Going' to enable people with disabilities to travel and feel empowered whenever they need to. Larsen & Toubro (L&T), has donated two wheelchair-friendly vehicles to help the NGO to reach out to people with disabilities.

The transport will make travel for disabled people easier and will be available to people with intellectual as well as physical disabilities, said S N Subrahmanyam, CEO - Managing Director, L&T.

Planet Aabled NGO is engaged in providing accessible travel solutions and leisure excursions for people with different disabilities. With a tagline — "Together let us make the planet accessible for everyone to travel, one trip at a time", the organisation run by Neha Arora — whose parents are differently-abled — has developed more than 35 destinations including Leh-Ladakh across the country around various themes. It is almost a hit among the people who love travelling despite their disabilities.

## Two Assam Rifles jawans killed in ambush by militants in Nagaland

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Two Assam Rifles personnel were killed and four others injured on Saturday in an ambush by insurgents in Mon area of Nagaland near the India-Myanmar border. The injured were given medical treatment immediately and their condition was stable. Efforts were on to identify the militant group responsible for the attack and combing operation was launched to track them down.

Giving details of the incident here, military sources said it took place at about 1.30 pm when a patrol of the Assam Rifles in two vehicles was subjected to an improvised explosive device (IED) blast. The militants then opened fire and in the ensuing gun fight a junior commissioned



officer (ICO) and a soldier were killed while four others were wounded. The attack took place near border pillars 147 and 148 in Mon area of Nagaland along the India-Myanmar border.

This attack comes days after Arunachal Pradesh MLA Tirong Aboh and his son besides eight others were killed in an ambush by suspected National Socialist Council of Nagaland (IM) insurgents on Tuesday last in Tirap district of the State. The Indian Army along with the State police has launched a massive operation to hunt down the perpetrators of this incident which saw a group of more than 15 to 20 insurgents waylaying the four-vehicle convoy of the MLA.

# US orders new troops to West Asia to counter Iran 'threat'

AFP ■ WASHINGTON

The United States said it was deploying 1,500 additional troops to the West Asia to counter "credible threats" from Iran in a move denounced by Tehran on Saturday as "a threat to international peace".

"Increased US presence in our region is very dangerous and a threat to international peace and security and must be confronted," Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif told the official IRNA news agency.

The escalation of the US military presence follows a decision in early May to send an aircraft carrier strike force and B-52 bombers in a show of force against what Washington's leaders believed was an im-

nent Iranian plan to attack US assets.

And it comes as the Trump administration is planning to bypass congressional restrictions to sell arms to Saudi Arabia, a close US ally and Iran's arch-enemy in the region.

"This is a prudent response to credible threats from Iran," acting Defense Secretary Patrick Shanahan said Friday.

President Donald Trump, who approved the deployment, called it "protective." "We want to have protection in the Middle East," Trump told reporters as he prepared to set off on a trip to Japan.

"We're going to be sending a relatively small number of troops, mostly protective," Trump added. "It'll be about 1,500 people."

The new deployment includes reconnaissance aircraft, fighter jets and engineers. Six hundred of the personnel belong to a Patriot missile defense battalion that had its deployment in the region extended.

Pentagon officials said the move was necessary after multiple threatening actions and several small in-scope attacks in May by Iranian forces, the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps, and "proxy" forces.

Those include a rocket launched into the Green Zone in Baghdad, explosive devices that damaged four tankers in Fujairah near the entrance to the Gulf, and a Houthi drone attack against a Saudi oil installation.

Iran has denied involvement in any of the attacks.

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"Americans make such claims to justify their hostile policies and to create tension in the Persian Gulf," Zarif said.

The initial threat came at the beginning of May, according to Rear Admiral Michael Gilday, director of the Pentagon's Joint Staff.

The US caught the IRGC attempting to covertly deploy "modified dhows capable of launching cruise missiles," he said, referring to small traditional boats. "We view this as a campaign," Gilday told reporters.

The moves "are all part of a dangerous and escalatory

strategy by Iran to threaten global trade and to destabilize the region."

"We believe with a high degree of confidence that this stems back to the leadership of Iran at the highest levels, and that all of the attacks... Have been attributed to Iran through their proxies or their forces," Gilday said, citing still-secret US intelligence.

US officials said the aim of the deployment was both to extend greater protection to the 70,000 US forces in the Middle East and Afghanistan, and to deliver a message to Iran to refrain from attacks.

"We think that through a combination of a very measured deployment of assets as well as public messaging, we are again trying to underscore that

we are not seeking hostilities with Iran," he said.

Gilday said the US moves have had some impact. When Washington first learned of Tehran's alleged intent to launch attacks, it delivered a stern warning to Tehran "within hours" through an unnamed third party.

Since then, the threat of the missile-bearing dhows appears to have subsided.

However, the Trump administration continues to draw criticism that it has not clearly shown the need for an escalation.

Members of Congress were also angered that Trump was overriding their block on delivery of lethal weapons to the Saudis.

"More tactics with

absolutely no strategy," tweeted Democratic Senator Chris Murphy.

"All that is happening now is escalatory move after escalatory move. Trump has ZERO plan for how this ends, and that should scare the hell out of everyone." But Pentagon officials stressed that the US does not seek war with Iran.

"We do not see these additional capabilities as encouraging hostilities. We see them as defensive in nature," said acting Assistant Secretary of Defense Katie Wheelbarger.

"Our policy remains an economic and diplomatic effort to bring Iran back to the negotiating table to encourage a comprehensive deal that addresses the range of their destabilizing behavior in the region."

## Zarif arrives in Baghdad to meet with Iraq officials

AP ■ TEHRAN

Iranian media are reporting that the country's Foreign Minister has arrived in Baghdad to meet his Iraqi counterpart and other officials.

The official IRNA news agency reported Saturday that Mohammad Javad Zarif will meet with Iraqi Foreign Minister Mohamed al-Hakim, Iraqi President Barham Salih, and Prime Minister Mohammed al-Halbousi during his two-day visit.

Iraq's Foreign Ministry spokesman says Zarif will discuss the situation and ways of finding common ground. On Friday, Zarif was in Pakistan and met officials there as tensions



Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad al-Hakim, right, shakes hands with his Iraqi counterpart Mohammad Javad Zarif at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Building in Baghdad, Iraq. AP | File

have ratcheted up in the region.

The White House earlier this month sent an aircraft

carrier and B-52 bombers to the region in response to a still-unexplained threat from Iran.

The US Plans to send 1,500 additional troops to the West Asia amid heightened tensions.

## US troop boost 'threat to international peace': Iran

AFP ■ TEHRAN

Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif said Saturday a US decision to deploy 1,500 additional troops to the Middle East is a "threat to international peace," state media reported.

"Increased US presence in our region is very dangerous and a threat to international peace and security and must be confronted," Zarif told the official IRNA news agency before heading home from a visit to Pakistan.

Washington says the reinforcements, which come after the deployment earlier this month of an aircraft carrier task force, B-52 bombers, an amphibious assault ship and a

missile defence system, are in response to "campaign" of recent attacks approved by Iran's top leadership.

"Americans make such claims to justify their hostile policies and to create tension in the Persian Gulf," Zarif said.

The United States this month ended the last exemptions it had granted from sweeping unilateral sanctions it reimposed after abandoning a landmark 2015 nuclear agreement between major powers and Iran in May last year.

The move dealt a heavy new blow to Iran's already reeling economy as even vocal critics of the renewed sanctions, like Turkey, announced they had stopped buying Iranian oil.

## UK leadership hopefuls vow to succeed where May failed on Brexit

AFP ■ LONDON

The race to become Britain's next premier opened Saturday with an array of hopefuls promising to succeed where Theresa May failed and finally pull the divided country out of the EU.

But European leaders insisted they had made their final offer during months of acrimonious negotiations that resulted in an unpopular compromise for which May ended up paying with her job.

The British prime minister's voice broke on the steps of her Downing Street office when she told Britons on Friday that she was quitting on June 7.

May is bowing out with her legacy in tatters and the coun-

try in agony over what to do about voters' decision in 2016 to abandon the European integration project after nearly 50 years.

The markets view the risk of Britain crashing out of the bloc when the twice-delayed departure date arrives on October 31 as uncomfortably high.

The pound has been steadily losing value since May 6 and British business lobbies are raising the alarm. Their main concern is that current frontrunners to head May's Conservative Party say they will get Brexit done at any cost.

"We will leave the EU on October 31, deal or no deal," said former foreign minister Boris Johnson in a speech delivered Friday in Switzerland.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Mrs. Mandep Kaur, age about 46, D/o late Davinder Pal Singh, W/o Mr. Kamaljit Singh, R/o: 63, Ashoka Crescent, DLF Phase I, Gurgaon, Haryana 122002, do hereby solemnly declare as under:

- I have lost the original Title deed documents of Ownership and Builder Agreement etc. of Plot no-127B/5, Area 171 Sq. Feet at Somdatt Chamber-1, Bhikaji Kama Place, New Delhi-110066 in the name of my father Late Davinder Pal Singh
- Those documents could not be traced out of the best of my knowledge.
- Those documents are not impounded by any authority/Department.

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From left, Betty Hilderbrand, and her daughters Sandy Cover, center, and Dixie Meredith, of Bremerton, Washington, visit the grave of Hilderbrand's late husband, Alfred Hilderbrand Jr., who served in World War II in the US Navy, at Tahona National Cemetery on Friday in Kent, Washington. Monday is Memorial Day, a US federal holiday to honor those who died while serving in the military. AP

### S. E. Railway Tender

Tender No.: (1) E-KGP-BRIDGE-07-2019; (2) E-KGP-BRIDGE-06-2019, dated 20.05.2019. e-Tender invited by the Divisional Railway Manager (Engg.), South Eastern Railway, Kharagpur-721301 for and on behalf of the President of India for the following works before 15.00 hrs. on the date mentioned against items and will be opened at 15.30 hrs. SI. No., Description of work, Tender Value, Earnest Money, Completion period of the work are as follows:

- (1) Strengthening/replacement of cracked worn out and corroded members of 300' span of Br No. 57 UP (2x100'+7x300') at KM 54/3-37 in between station DTE-KIG of HWH-KGP section (6th call), ₹ 1,20,65,458.31, ₹ 2,10,400/-, 12 (twelve) months. (2) Rehabilitation by providing new steel member with metalizing of FOB-MRGM, SRC-Station and SRC Yard, BSBP, Portal frame of EOT crane at ELS/SRGC and TPKR, metalizing of welded girder at ULB station yard under SSE/BR/KIG and strengthening of FOB/MCA SSE/BR/KGP-I under AXEN/BR/L of Kharagpur Division (4th Call), ₹ 57,58,401.84, ₹ 1,15,200/-, 08 (eight) months. Cost of Tender documents: ₹ 5,000/- for each work. Date of opening: 27.06.2019 for each work. Date of submission: from 13.06.2019 and up to 15.00 hrs. on 27.06.2019. Interested tenderers may visit website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) for full details description of the tenders and submit their bids online. In no case manual tenders for these works will be accepted. NB : Prospective Bidders may regularly visit [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) to participate in all other tenders. PR-199

### NORTH KOREA MISSILE TESTS VIOLATED UN RESOLUTIONS: BOLTON

Tokyo: US national security adviser John Bolton on Saturday called a series of short-range missile tests by North Korea earlier this month a violation of UN Security Council resolutions and said sanctions must be kept in place.

Washington's position on the North's denuclearisation is consistent and a repeated pattern of failures to rid North Korea of nuclear weapons should be stopped, Bolton said, defending the recent U.S. Seizure of a North Korean cargo ship. The US, however, is willing to resume talks with North Korea at any time, Bolton said.

Bolton was speaking to reporters in Tokyo ahead of President Donald Trump's arrival for a four-day visit to Japan.

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**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST Time Extension-03**  
(EIA/EMP Study)

Notice No.: 12/EE(Civil-I)/MPP/2018-19

UJVNL Limited invites "Expression of Interest" from firms accredited by NABET/QCI for River valley projects for collection of 3 season baseline data as per EIA notification 2006 to be used in "Carrying out Environmental Impact Assessment and Environmental Management Plan (EIA-EMP) Study of Lakhwar MPP" in the state of Uttarakhand. The Terms and Conditions of invited Notice modified 5(ii) as: "Bidder should have prepared EIA/EMP study report for at least one no. of project Hydro-electric Power Projects/Irrigation project in India, for which Environmental Clearance is received (copy of Environmental Clearance received and order of developer) during last 7 years ending last day of month previous to the one in which this bid is invited". All other Terms and Conditions shall remain same.

Last Date/Time for receipt of bid: 03.06.2019 upto 16:00 Hrs. in the Office of EE (C-I), Lakhwar Project, Dakpathar, Dehradun.

Date of opening of bid: 04.06.2019 at 15:30 Hrs. in the Office of EE (C-I), Lakhwar Project, Dakpathar, Dehradun.

Bidder are advised to regularly visit UJVNL website [www.uttarakhandjalvidyut.com](http://www.uttarakhandjalvidyut.com).

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### NORTHERN RAILWAY Tender Notice

No. CID/SLR/Tender/2017  
The Senior Divisional Commercial Manager/Freight, Northern Railway, New Delhi invites E-tender for the contract of leasing of SLR/SLRD space in the following trains originating from various stations over Delhi Division:-

Tender Opening Date : 26.06.2019

S. No.	Train	Station From	Station To	Compt (SLR/SLRD)	CC (Tonnes)	Days of operation	R.P. (Rs.)	EMD (In Rs.)	Tender Cost including GST @18% (In Rs.)	Tender No.
1	54413	Delhi	Rewari Jn.	4	F-I	Daily	528	100000/-	1180	SLR-FI-54413-May19
2	54413	Delhi	Rewari Jn.	4	F-II	Daily	528	100000/-	1180	SLR-FI-54413-May19
3	54413	Delhi	Rewari Jn.	4	R-I	Daily	528	100000/-	1180	SLR-RI-54413-May19
4	54309	Delhi	Rewari Jn.	4	F-I	Daily	528	100000/-	1180	SLR-FI-54309-May19
5	54309	Delhi	Rewari Jn.	4	F-II	Daily	528	100000/-	1180	SLR-FI-54309-May19
6	54309	Delhi	Rewari Jn.	4	R-I	Daily	528	100000/-	1180	SLR-RI-54309-May19
7	54085	Delhi	Rewari Jn.	4	F-I	Daily	528	100000/-	1180	SLR-FI-54085-May19
8	54085	Delhi	Rewari Jn.	4	F-II	Daily	528	100000/-	1180	SLR-FI-54085-May19
9	54085	Delhi	Rewari Jn.	4	R-I	Daily	528	100000/-	1180	SLR-RI-54085-May19
10	54035	Delhi	Jakhaj Jn.	4	F-I	Daily	840	100000/-	1180	SLR-FI-54035-May19
11	54035	Delhi	Jakhaj Jn.	4	F-II	Daily	840	100000/-	1180	SLR-FI-54035-May19
12	54035	Delhi	Jakhaj Jn.	4	R-I	Daily	840	100000/-	1180	SLR-RI-54035-May19
13	54033	Delhi	Narwana	4	F-I	Daily	756	100000/-	1180	SLR-FI-54033-May19
14	54033	Delhi	Narwana	4	F-II	Daily	756	100000/-	1180	SLR-FI-54033-May19
15	54033	Delhi	Narwana	4	R-I	Daily	756	100000/-	1180	SLR-RI-54033-May19
16	54005	Delhi	Bhiwani	4	F-I	Daily	1227	100000/-	1180	SLR-FI-54005-May19
17	54005	Delhi	Bhiwani	4	F-II	Daily	1227	100000/-	1180	SLR-FI-54005-May19
18	54005	Delhi	Bhiwani	4	R-I	Daily	1227	100000/-	1180	SLR-RI-54005-May19
19	14731	Delhi	Fazilka Jn.	4	F-I	Daily	5675	100000/-	1180	SLR-FI-14731-May19
20	14731	Delhi	Fazilka Jn.	4	F-2	Daily	5675	100000/-	1180	SLR-FI-14731-May19
21	14731	Delhi	Fazilka Jn.	4	R-I	Daily	5675	100000/-	1180	SLR-RI-14731-May19
22	14164	Meerut City	Allahabad Jn.	4	F-I	Daily	6632	100000/-	1180	SLR-FI-14164-May19
23	14164	Meerut City	Allahabad Jn.	4	F-II	Daily	6632	100000/-	1180	SLR-FI-14164-May19
24	14164	Meerut City	Allahabad Jn.	4	R-I	Daily	6632	100000/-	1180	SLR-RI-14164-May19
25	54303	Delhi	Kalka Jn.	4	F-I	Daily	5619	100000/-	1180	SLR-FI-54303-May19
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28	12013	New Delhi	Amritsar Jn.	3.9	F-I	Daily	6154	100000/-	1180	SLR-FI-12013-May19
29	51909	Delhi	Saharanpur	4	F-I	Daily	3856	100000/-	1180	SLR-FI-51909-May19
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34	51913	Delhi	Saharanpur	4	R-I	Daily	3856	100000/-	1180	SLR-RI-51913-May19
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38	54471	Delhi	Rishikesh	4	F-I	Daily	5390	100000/-	1180	SLR-FI-54471-May19
39	54471	Delhi	Rishikesh	4	F-II	Daily	5390	100000/-	1180	SLR-FI-54471-May19
40	54475	Delhi	Haridwar	4	F-I	Daily	4902	100000/-	1180	SLR-FI-54475-May19
41	54475	Delhi	Haridwar	4	F-II	Daily	4902	100000/-	1180	SLR-FI-54475-May19
42	22454	Meerut City	Lucknow NE	4	F-I	Daily	5133	100000/-	1180	SLR-FI-22454-May19
43	51911	Delhi	Saharanpur	4	F-I	Daily	2722	100000/-	1180	SLR-FI-51911-May19
44	51911	Delhi	Saharanpur	4	F-II	Daily	2722	100000/-	1180	SLR-FI-51911-May19
45	51911	Delhi	Saharanpur	4	R-I	Daily	2722	100000/-	1180	SLR-RI-51911-May19
46	22110	Hazrat Nizamuddin	Lokmanya Tilak T.	3.9	F-I	Wednesday	13767	100000/-	1180	SLR-FI-22110-May19
47	12457	Delhi Sarai Rohilla	Bikaner	4	F-I	Daily	7272	100000/-	1180	SLR-FI-12457-May19
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54	12981	Delhi Sarai Rohilla	Udaipur City	4	R-I	Daily	6990	100000/-	1180	SLR-RI-12981-May19
55	12459	New Delhi	Amritsar	4	F-I	Daily	5049	100000/-	1180	SLR-FI-12459-May19
56	12459	New Delhi	Amritsar	4	F-II	Daily	5049	100000/-	1180	SLR-FI-12459-May19
57	12459	New Delhi	Amritsar	4	R-I	Daily	5049	100000/-	1180	SLR-RI-12459-May19
58	12047	New Delhi	Firozpur Cantt	3.9	F-I	Monday, Friday	5588	100000/-	1180	SLR-FI-12047-May19
59	12011	New Delhi	Kalka	3.9	F-I	Daily	4834	100000/-	1180	SLR-FI-12011-May19
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63	54417	Delhi	Rewari Jn.	4	R-I	Daily	528	100000/-	1180	SLR-RI-54417-May19
64	54031	Delhi	JIND Jn.	4	F-I	Daily	645	100000/-	1180	SLR-FI-54031-May19
65	54031	Delhi	JIND Jn.	4	F-2	Daily	645	100000/-	1180	SLR-FI-54031-May19
66	54031	Delhi	JIND Jn.	4	R-I	Daily	645	100000/-	1180	SLR-RI-54031-May19
67	14095	Delhi Sarai Rohilla	Kalka Jn.	4	F-I	Daily	3966	100000/-	1180	SLR-FI-14095-May19
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# 3 firms to bid for building 6 submarines

PTI ■ VISAKHAPATNAM

Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL) and two other public sector undertakings have come together to float a consortium for building submarines.

The two other PSUs are Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) and Mishra Dhatu Nigam Ltd (Midhani).

Indigenous construction of six conventional submarines is envisaged by Ministry of Defence, a Press release from HSL said here on Saturday.



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Representatives of HSL, BHEL and Midhani signed an MoU on Friday in the presence of HSL chairman and managing director Rear Admiral LV Sarat Babu, the release said. The MoU is a step to keep in line with the Make In India initiative of the Defence

sector, it said.

The agreement aims to harness the complimentary expertise of the three companies and provide the country with a credible, domestic alternative for construction of the submarines. The consortium would jointly stake claim with the Ministry for being considered as a prospective bidder for the proposed project of the Navy in partnership with OEM (foreign technology provider) for building six submarines at the Hindustan Shipyard Ltd, the release added.

## Adani Solar aims at 50% marketshare

PTI ■ COIMBATORE

Adani Groups solar manufacturing arm Adani Solar is expecting to get 50 per cent marketshare in two years, a top company official said on Saturday.

As 80 per cent of solar panels available in the country were made in China, the company was manufacturing module and panels, which were cheaper and durable, for Indian markets, general manager (business development) of Adani Solar Cecil Augustine told reporters here.

With a marketshare of 10 per cent and expected growth, the company was sure to capture 50 per cent marketshare in

another two years, Augustine said.

The company official was here to announce the launch of its retail distribution business in Tamil Nadu with K Powers Solar, an exclusive channel partner for the region.

In a span of three months, Adani Solar has expanded the retail distribution of its solar panels in seven regions, helping over 500 cities across the country meet their renewable energy requirement, he said.

The partnership with K Powers is a stride towards facilitating the switch to sustainable solar power, across consumers, SMEs, MSMEs and institutions in the state at the lowest capex costs, he added.

## India should cut interest rates to help exporters take advantage of US-China trade war: Ficci chief

PTI ■ BEIJING

India should cut interest rates further and adopt consistent policies for the export of agricultural produce to enable Indian exporters to take advantage of the current US-China trade war, industry body Ficci's President Sandip Somany said Saturday.

Currently on a business trip to China, Somany also said the NDA government in its second term should focus on getting big ticket investments from China, specially in the capital goods sector, and motivate Chinese machinery manufacturers to set up plants in India.

The bruising US-China

trade war, under which both countries have slapped billions of dollars worth of tariffs on each other's exports, offers a big opportunity for some category of Indian exports to make a dent in both the US and Chinese markets, Somany told PTI here.

Somany, who is the vice chairman and managing director of HSIL Limited, the second largest glass manufacturer in India, also met the Indian Ambassador to China Vikram Misri and the Secretary of China's Boao Forum for Asia, Li Baodong.

If the US-China trade war continues, it offers good opportunities for Indian exports in certain areas, he said.

## Manpasand Beverages' top executives arrested for GST fraud

IANS n Vadodra (Gujarat): The entire top deck of Gujarat-based Manpasand Beverages including the company's Managing Director have been arrested on allegations of GST fraud.

According to a BSE filing by the company, the Commissioner of Central GST and Customs carried out search and seizure proceedings at various premises of the company on May 23 and further inquiry was conducted on May 24 at the GST Bhavan office here.

## WhatsApp confirms Status Ads coming in 2020

San Francisco: Ads are coming to WhatsApp, finally, and the intrusion into the popular ad-free mobile messaging platform would begin from Status page.

At a Facebook Marketing Summit in the Netherlands, Facebook revealed a 2020 launch date for WhatsApp Status ads. "WhatsApp will bring Stories Ads in its status product in 2020," tweeted Olivier Ponteville who attended the conference this week.

The news first came in October when media reported that the Facebook-owned messaging app is planning to allow advertisements to be displayed in the "Status" section of the app.

## Air Asia India drops plan to take Jet's grounded B737s

IANS ■ NEW DELHI

Low-cost carrier Air Asia India has dropped its plan to lease B737 aircraft of grounded Jet Airways as the Tata group venture carrier wants to continue with one type of aircraft.

"Air Asia India had informed the aviation regulator about their plan to lease some of the B737 airplanes that were operated by Jet Airways. But later it did not follow up. Now, the idea has finally been dropped," said an industry source.

## Business Corner

### NTPC Q4 PROFIT JUMPS

New Delhi: The Country's largest power generator — NTPC Ltd, which along with its group companies, has an installed capacity of 55,126 MW, declared its audited annual financial results for FY19 along with the unaudited financial results for Q4 FY19 on 25 May 2019. The Gross Generation of NTPC Group for FY19 was 305.90 billion units as against 294.27 billion units during the previous year. On consolidated basis, in FY19, the Total income was ₹97,537.34 crore as against the Total income of ₹89,641.59 crore during previous year, registering an increase of 8.81%. For NTPC Group, Profit After Tax for FY19 was ₹12,633.45 crore as compared to ₹10,501.50 crore in the previous year, registering an increase of 20.3%. On Standalone basis, The Gross Generation of NTPC for FY19 was 274.45 Billion units as against 265.80 Billion units in the previous year thereby registering an increase of 3.26%.

### NIIT LTD Q4 NET PROFIT UP 18 PC TO RS 23 CR

New Delhi: NIIT Ltd on Saturday said its consolidated net profit rose 18 per cent to ₹23.2 crore in the March quarter, helped by increased productivity and turnaround in its skills and careers (SNC) business. The skills and talent development firm had posted a net profit of ₹19.7 crore in the year-to-date period. Its revenue grew 8 per cent to ₹239.7 crore in the quarter under review from ₹222.8 crore in the year-to-date period. NIIT said in a statement. NIIT Ltd, which had announced selling its shares in NIIT Technologies in April this year, said the company received gross proceeds of ₹2,020.4 crore in cash from the transaction. "The Board constituted a committee to make recommendations for utilisation of proceeds for rewarding shareholders in the most efficient and judicious manner, subject to statutory limits and necessary approvals, and after providing for transaction related costs, taxes, retirement of debt, growth capital and a prudent Indemnity reserve. The committee shall provide its recommendations to the Board prior to the declaration of audited results for Q1," it added.

**Office of the Chief Engineer, Electric Maintenance & Rural Electrification Wing, Jammu Power Development Department**  
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e-NIT No: CEMREJMU/STREET LIGHT/04 of 2019 Dated: 23-05-2019

**1. INVITATION:-**  
For and on behalf of the Governor Jammu and Kashmir State, Chief Engineer EM&RE Wing, Jammu invites online e-bids from reputed companies or Class 'A' registered contractors for "SUPPLY, INSTALLATION, TESTING AND COMMISSIONING OF HIGH MAST LIGHTS AND ELECTRICAL INFRASTRUCTURE FOR STREET LIGHT IN JAMMU MUNICIPAL AREA" under the jurisdiction of Chief Engineer EM&RE Wing, Jammu.

1. Bidders are advised to study the Bidding Document carefully. Submission of e-Bid against this SBD shall be deemed to have been done after careful study and examination of the procedures, terms and conditions of the Standard Bidding Document with full understanding of its implications.

2. The tender document is available at website <http://ktenders.gov.in>. Interested Bidders may view, download the e-Bid document, seek clarification and submit their e-Bid online up to the date and time mentioned in the table below:

**A. Tender Document Sale/Download Start Date :- 23.05.2019; 04:00 PM**  
**B. Tender Document Sale/Download End Date :- 03.06.2019; 04:00 PM**  
**C. e-Bid submission (start) date & time :- 24.05.2019; 10:00 AM**  
**D. e-Bid submission (end) date & time :- 03.06.2019; 04:00 PM**

Sd/- (Er. Sudhir Kr. Gupta)  
Chief Engineer Electric M&RE Wing  
Jammu

No. DIP/J-700-P/2019  
Dated : 24-05-2019

**PASUPATI ACRYLON LIMITED**  
CIN : L51020UP1982PLC015532  
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Tel.No. 91-11-47627400. Fax No. 91-11-47627497; Email: delhi@pasupatiacrylon.com  
Website: www.pasupatiacrylon.com

**STATEMENT OF AUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2019 (Rs. in Crores)**

S. No.	Particulars	Quarter Ended (Audited)		Year Ended (Audited)	
		31.03.2019	31.03.2018	31.03.2019	31.03.2018
1.	Total Income from operations	215.54	177.45	834.66	578.84
2.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	10.03	16.36	43.12	50.19
3.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	10.03	9.85	43.12	43.68
4.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	5.98	6.34	27.38	28.01
5.	Total comprehensive income for the period (Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and other comprehensive income (after tax))	5.93	6.26	27.14	27.81
6.	Paid up Equity Share Capital (Face Value Rs. 10/-)	89.14	89.14	89.14	89.14
7.	Other Equity (excluding Revaluation Reserve)			87.56	60.42
8.	Earnings Per Share (Rs.10 each)				
	Basic:	0.67	0.71	3.07	3.14
	Diluted:	0.67	0.71	3.07	3.14

NOTE: The above is an extract of the detailed format of quarterly Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly Financial Results are available on the Company's Website ([www.pasupatiacrylon.com](http://www.pasupatiacrylon.com)) and BSE Limited ([www.bseindia.com](http://www.bseindia.com)).

For Pasupati Acrylon Limited  
Sd/-  
Vineet Jain  
Managing Director

Dated : 25 May, 2019  
Place : New Delhi

**ANSAL CONDOMINIUM LIMITED**  
CIN U45200DL2006PLC155235  
115, Ansal Bhawan, 16 Kasturba Gandhi Marg, New Delhi Delhi - 110001

**FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE YEAR/HALF YEAR ENDED ON THE 31ST MARCH 2019**  
[Regulation 52(8), read with Regulation 52(4), of the SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015]

(Rs. In Lakhs)

S. No.	Particulars	Standalone				Consolidated			
		6 months ended (31/03/2019) (Un Audited)	6 months ended in the previous year (31/03/2018) (Un Audited)	Previous Year ended (31/03/2019) (Audited)	Previous Year ended (31/03/2018) (Audited)	6 months ended (31/03/2019) (Un Audited)	6 months ended in the previous year (31/03/2018) (Un Audited)	Previous Year ended (31/03/2019) (Audited)	Previous Year ended (31/03/2018) (Audited)
1.	Total Income from Operations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(158.90)	(169.33)	(323.42)	(335.50)	(158.90)	(169.33)	(323.42)	(335.50)
3.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(158.90)	(169.33)	(323.42)	(335.50)	(158.90)	(169.33)	(323.42)	(335.50)
4.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(158.90)	(169.33)	(323.42)	(335.50)	(158.90)	(169.33)	(323.42)	(335.50)
5.	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax))	(105.37)	(1,350.07)	(105.37)	(1,352.05)	(105.37)	(1,350.07)	(105.37)	(1,352.05)
6.	Paid up Equity Share Capital	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
7.	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	(2,119.59)	(1,690.79)	(2,119.59)	(1,690.79)	(2,119.59)	(1,690.79)	(2,119.59)	(1,690.79)
8.	Net worth	(2,114.59)	(1,685.79)	(2,114.59)	(1,685.79)	(2,114.59)	(1,685.79)	(2,114.59)	(1,685.79)
9.	Paid up Debt Capital / Outstanding Debt	(90.33)	(28.39)	1,352.92	1,457.53	(90.33)	(28.39)	1,352.92	1,457.53
10.	Outstanding Redeemable Preference Shares	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
11.	Debt Equity Ratio	(0.23)	0.15	(0.43)	(0.72)	(0.65)	0.17	(0.43)	(0.72)
12.	Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations) -								
	1. Basic:	(317.80)	(338.67)	(646.85)	(670.99)	(317.80)	(338.67)	(646.85)	(670.99)
	2. Diluted:	(317.80)	(338.67)	(646.85)	(670.99)	(317.80)	(338.67)	(646.85)	(670.99)
13.	Capital Redemption Reserve	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
14.	Debt Redemption Reserve	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
15.	Debt Service Coverage Ratio	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.01)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.01)	(0.00)
16.	Interest Service Coverage Ratio	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.04)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.04)	(0.00)

**Note:**

(a) The above audited financial results (Standalone and Consolidated) were reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors at their respective meetings held on Saturday, the 25th May, 2019.

(b) The above is an extract of the detailed format of Yearly/half yearly financial results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 52 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 and in terms of SEBI Circular (CIR/MD/DF/169/2016) dated August 10, 2016. The full financial results are available on the websites of the Bombay Stock Exchange at [www.bseindia.com](http://www.bseindia.com) and also on Company's website at <http://www.ansalapi.com/>.

(c) For the items referred in sub-clauses (a), (b), (d) and (e) of the Regulation 52 (4) of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, the pertinent disclosures have been made to the Stock Exchange, BSE Limited and can be accessed on the URL <http://www.ansalapi.com/>.

(d) The Above results of the Company have been Audited by the Statutory Auditors and they have issued an unqualified audit opinion on the same.

For and on behalf of the Board of Directors  
Sd/-  
Sumit Bansal  
Director  
DIN:07415139

Date: 25th May, 2019  
Place: New Delhi

**OK PLAY INDIA LIMITED**  
CIN No. L28294IN1999PLC030347  
Regd. Office: Plot No. 17-18, Roz-Ka-Meo Industrial Estate, Tehsil Nuh, District Mewar, (Haryana)-122103

**NOTICE OF LOSS OF SHARE CERTIFICATE**

NOTICE is hereby given that the following Share Certificates issued by the Company are stated to have been lost or misplaced or stolen and registered shareholders (the legal heirs) thereof have applied to the Company for issuance of Duplicate Share Certificates:

Shareholder Name	Folio No.	Certificate No.	Distinctive No.
Nilin Nahar	9029	19874	3841901 - 42000

The public is hereby warned against purchase or dealing in any way, with the above mentioned Share Certificates. Any person (s) who has/have any claim in respect of the said Share Certificates should lodge such claim with the Company at its registered office within 15 days of the publication of this notice, after which no claim will be entertained and the Company will proceed to issue Duplicate Share Certificates.

Date : 25.05.2019  
Place : New Delhi

for OK PLAY INDIA LIMITED  
Sd/-  
Rajan Handa  
Managing Director

**M/S BHARAT BHUSHAN FINANCE & COMMODITY BROKERS LIMITED**  
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**AUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER / YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2019**  
(Rs. in Lakhs)

Particulars	For quarter ended 31.03.2019	For Year ended 31.03.2019	For Year ended 31.03.2018	For quarter ended 31.03.2018
	UNAUDITED	AUDITED	AUDITED	UNAUDITED
1. Total Income from operations	30.16	106.65	103.33	29.87
2. Net Profit for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	21.92	77.04	74.79	22.36
3. Net Profit for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	21.92	77.04	74.79	22.36
4. Net Profit for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	17.65	62.16	59.51	17.07
5. Equity Share Capital	338.04	338.04	338.04	338.04
6. Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) (as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of the previous year)	NA	575.72	558.38	N.A
7. Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations) -				
- Basic	0.52	1.84	1.76	0.50
- Diluted	0.52	1.84	1.76	0.50

**Note:**

1. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Audited Financial Results vide Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Audited Financial Results are available on the website of the stock exchange ([www.bseindia.com](http://www.bseindia.com)) and on Company's website ([www.bbinvestments.in](http://www.bbinvestments.in)).

2. The above Unaudited Financial Results for the quarter and Audited Financial Results for the year ended March 31st, 2019 have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors in its meeting held on May 24, 2019.

3. The Board of Directors have recommended a dividend @ 6% i.e. Rs. 0.60/- paise per equity share of Rs. 10 each for the Financial Year 2018-19.

4. The figures for the last quarter are the balancing figures between audited figures in respect of the full financial year and published year to date figures up to the third quarter of the respective year.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Sd/-  
Nisha Ahuja  
Director  
DIN : 00001875

Place : New Delhi  
Date : 24.05.2019

**R.K.S.D.(PG) COLLEGE, KATHAL**  
A Grade NAAC Accredited  
Affiliated to Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra

Applications are invited for the posts of Assistant Professor in Commerce-3, English-1, Economics-2, Computer Science-2, Music (Vocal)-1 and Mathematics-2 under Self-Finance Scheme. All the posts are in General Category. Apply within 21 days from the date of publication on prescribed application form available from the College Website i.e. [www.rkscollege.com](http://www.rkscollege.com) and attach a Bank DD of Rs. 500/- . Send a copy of the application to the Dean of Colleges, Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra. Enclose attested copies of all the Certificates.

Qualification/Pay Scale/Terms and Conditions of appointment/ Relaxation in Age (Criteria for Selection etc. as per latest DGHE/KUKUGC norms/rules (Under Self Finance Scheme).

Saket Mangal, Advocate  
President, Governing Body 01746-222368

Dr. S.K. Goyal  
Principal

**CENTRAL RAILWAY**  
MATERIALS MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT  
NOTICE FOR DISCONTINUATION OF NIT IN NEWSPAPER

"All the Stores Tenders issued from the office of the Principal Chief Materials Manager, Central Railway, CSMT, Mumbai and from all the offices of Depots/Divisional Stores officers under PCMM Central Railway are published on Indian Railway E-Procurement System (IREPS) website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in). Notice of tender invitation will not be published in Newspaper any more. The website address on which the tenders are published and documents are available for participating in E-tender is [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in)"

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**HDFC BANK** Department for Special Operations, 5th Floor,  
Ansal Classique Tower Rajouri Garden, New Delhi - 110027

**POSSESSION NOTICE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)**  
(As per Appendix IV read with rule 8(1) of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002)

Whereas, the Authorised Officer of HDFC Bank Ltd., under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a demand notice dated 1.12.2018 calling upon the borrower M/s Variations Designs P. Ltd. Pursuant through its Directors/Guarantors/Mortgagors Mr. Bharat Bhushan Bhardwaj, Ms. Rashna Sreen Bhardwaj, Mr. Santosh Kumar Sharma and Ms. Sheela Sharma to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs. 2,75,84,261.77 (Rupees Two Crores Seventy Five Lacs Eighty Four Thousand Two Hundred Sixty One & Paise Seventy Seven only) thereon w.e.f. 01.12.2018 together with future interest and charges thereon within 60 days of the receipt of the said notice.

The borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules, on the 24th day of May, 2019 at Vasant Kunj, Delhi.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The borrower(s)/Mortgagor, in particular, and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with this property and any dealings with this property will be subject to the charge of HDFC Bank Ltd. for an amount of Rs. 2,75,84,261.77 (Rupees Two Crores Seventy Five Lacs Eighty Four Thousand Two Hundred Sixty One & Paise Seventy Seven only) and interest thereon w.e.f. 01.12.2018 as aforesaid together with expenses and charges etc.

**DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY**

Description of property	Date & Time of Possession
Residential Flat No 1544, First Floor, Sector C, Pocket 1, Vasant Kunj, Delhi	24.05.2019 10.00 AM onwards

Note: The above notice is also considered as 30 days notice for sale under rule 6, 8 and 9 of the Act.

Date : 24/05/2019 Place: New Delhi  
Authorized Officer  
For HDFC Bank Ltd

# ROGER, RAFA THREATEN DJOKER'S HISTORIC BID

Eying 4th successive Slam, World No 1 Novak faces tough Federer, Nadal challenge at Roland Garros

AFP ■ PARIS

Novak Djokovic can become only the second man in history to have twice held all four Grand Slam titles at the same time with victory at the French Open.

However, a returning Roger Federer and rejuvenated Rafael Nadal will once again stand in his way.

World number one Djokovic completed his first private stranglehold of all four Slams with victory at Roland Garros in 2016.

Having clinched the 2018 Wimbledon and US Open titles and then a seventh Australian Open crown in January this year, the Serb is tantalisingly close to another 'Djoko Slam'.

Federer and Nadal, with 20 and 17 career Grand Slam titles each respectively, may be ahead of 15-time major winner Djokovic in total hauls.

However, they have never managed to hold all four of the sport's greatest prizes at the same time.

It is such a rare feat that only Don Budge (1938) and Rod Laver (1962 and 1969) — all calendar Grand Slams — have pulled off the sweep in the sport's history.

Djokovic, who turned 32 on Wednesday, is playing down his potential date with destiny.

After losing to Nadal in the Italian Open final last weekend, the Serb was in no doubt that it was the Spaniard who would likely be celebrating a 12th Roland Garros title in a little over two weeks' time.

"Nadal, number one favourite, without a doubt —



then everyone else," he said.

However, he admits his Paris triumph of 2016 which gave him his first sweep, is fuelling his bid for more history.

"There is an extra motivation and incentive to win Roland Garros because of the opportunity to hold all four Slams, something I did three years ago, and that gives me obviously enough reason to believe I can do it again."

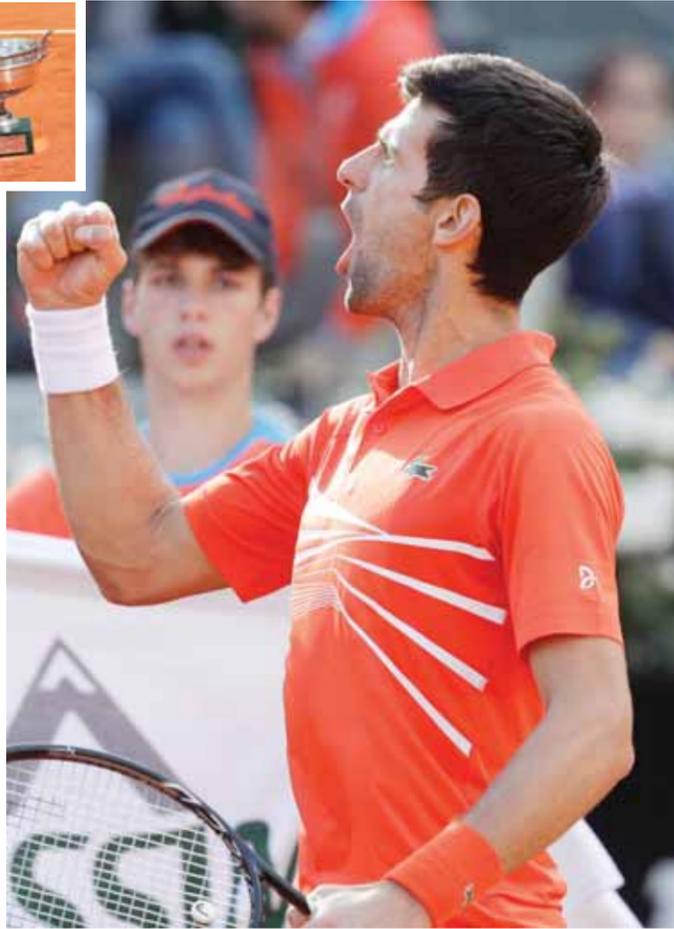
Twelve months ago, such confidence would have appeared reckless when he was shocked by Italian journeyman Marco Cecchinato in the quarter-finals, a defeat which sent him crashing out of the top 20 for the first time in over a decade.

This time around he starts his campaign against Poland's Hubert Hurkacz, the world number 43 with a potential quarter-final against Germany's Alexander Zverev who has still to get past the last eight at a Slam.

Federer is returning to Roland Garros for the first time since 2015 having turned his back on clay court tennis to focus on Wimbledon.

## 10TH ANNIVERSARY

This year marks the 10th anniversary of his one and only Paris triumph and should



the 37-year-old defy the odds and clinch the 2019 title he would become the oldest Grand Slam champion of all time.

However, Federer admits his hopes of seeing off Nadal and Djokovic are slim.

"I feel like I'm playing good tennis, but is it enough against the absolute top guys when it really comes to the crunch? I'm not sure if it's in my racquet," he said Friday.

The Swiss star faces Italy's Lorenzo Sonego, ranked at 73 in the first round on Sunday and could meet Nadal in the semi-finals.

Nadal, whose record at Roland Garros stands at a staggering 11 titles and a win-loss record of 86-2, claimed a ninth Italian Open title and a record 34th Masters last week.

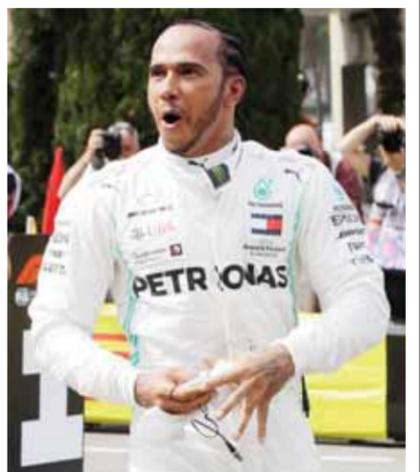
"I don't care if I'm the favourite," said Nadal who starts against German qualifier Yannick Hanfmann, the world 184 who has never won a Grand Slam match.

"I care about feeling well and playing well." Nadal's three-set win over Djokovic in Rome was timely as it was his first title of 2019 and had followed three successive semi-final losses at Monte Carlo, Barcelona and Madrid.

The last two of those were against Dominic Thiem and Stefanos Tsitsipas, both of whom play with a one-handed backhand, just like Federer.

Thiem, the 2018 runner-up to Nadal at Roland Garros, has defeated the Spaniard four times on clay.

"There is a new wave coming through with the one-handed backhand that can counter some of Rafa's spins and lefty play," said Federer.



## Hamilton snatches pole with record lap

MONACO: Lewis Hamilton snatched a dramatic pole position for Sunday's Monaco Grand Prix with an all-time circuit record lap in the final seconds to outpace Mercedes team-mate Valtteri Bottas by 0.086 seconds.

The defending five-time champion and series leader clocked an unprecedented lap in 1 min 10.166 sec to end Bottas' run of three successive poles as Mercedes, mourning the death this week of non-executive chairman Niki Lauda, produced a record-equaling 62nd front row lockout.

It was an emotional Hamilton's second pole in Monaco and the 84th of his career as he dug deep in the final seconds to find the speed required to grab the prime grid position from his team-mate.

"Whoohoo!" shouted Hamilton on team radio. "That's what I am talking about..."

Max Verstappen was third for Red Bull ahead of four-time champion Sebastian Vettel of Ferrari, Pierre Gasly in the second

Red Bull and Kevin Magnussen for Haas.

Last year's race winner Daniel Ricciardo was seventh for Renault ahead of Daniel Kvyat of Toro Rosso, Carlos Sainz of McLaren and Alex Albon in the second Toro Rosso.

"This is the race that every driver dreams of, even as a kid," said Hamilton.

"We've arrived with a great car, a great battle with Valtteri and I think the desire and the will to get this pole. I've had to dig deeper than ever before."

"We all take our cars, fast or slow, to the limit and here, at the limit, it's like wrestling a bull. I had an oversteer moment in the Rascasse and I just held on."

Bottas said: "I'm disappointed. I felt after the first lap there were plenty of places to improve, but I had traffic and couldn't get the tyres up to temperature."

Luckless local hero Charles Leclerc qualified 16th after a strategic muddle by Ferrari in the opening part of qualifying. AFP



## Japan face China in Sudirman Cup decider

AFP ■ NANNING

Japan will have to defy the home crowd and the weight of history if they are to win the Sudirman Cup against China on Sunday.

Japan have never lifted the mixed-team world championship since it began in 1989.

In contrast, the hosts have won it a record 10 times and go into the final as slight favourites despite Japan being top seeds in Nanning.

World number one Kento Momota, Japan's talisman, must beat second-ranked Shi Yuqi if they are to stand any chance.

Momota, 24, did just that in the final of the world championships, also in China, last year.

Japan on Saturday lost their opening match to Indonesia, in men's doubles, before winning 3-1 while China dismantled Thailand 3-0 to set up a meeting between badminton's two pre-eminent powers.

The usually cool Momota celebrated wildly, pumping his fists and bellowing after seeing off Anthony Ginting 21-17, 21-19 to put Japan up 2-1 in the semi-final tie.

The doubles pairing of Mayu Matsumoto and Wakana Nagahara, the top-ranked women's duo in the world, sealed Japan's place in the final.

China were even more clinical as they made the Sudirman Cup final for the 13th time in a row.

They were stunned by South Korea in the last edition, in Australia in 2017, but they look in ominous form on home turf.

The Chinese went 2-0 ahead against Thailand in just 94 minutes thanks to their world number one mixed doubles pair Zheng Siwei and Huang Yaolang, and Shi in the men's singles.

The tie was over when the men's doubles world champions Li Junhui and Liu Yuchen triumphed.

Shi did not have it all his own way against 18th-ranked Kantaphon Wangcharoen, who squandered three opportunities to clinch the second game and force a decider.

It was a turning point and Shi held his nerve before closing out victory 21-15, 26-24 to thrill the home crowd and snuff out the brief Thai resistance.

"It was a very tough second game," said Shi, who has inherited the mantle of China's top men's player with Lin Dan approaching retirement and Chen Long past his prime.

"The lead changed hands many times and neither of us could open up a big lead," added the 23-year-old Shi.

"In the end I managed to overcome the pressure."

## Tuchel extends PSG stay

AFP ■ PARIS

Paris Saint-Germain coach Thomas Tuchel has extended his deal with the French Ligue 1 champions through to June 2021, the club announced on Saturday.

The 45-year-old German took over in June 2018 and despite winning Ligue 1 has come under scrutiny after the Parisian club's defeat to Manchester United in the Champions League last 16.

The news cuts short speculation that PSG's Qatari owners would fire Tuchel and hire outgoing Juventus coach Massimiliano Allegri.

"I'm delighted to extend my contract and commitment to Paris Saint-Germain," Tuchel said.

"I'd like to thank the chairman and the whole club for their trust in me and my staff. This only reinforces my ambition to bring this team to the very top through hard work," he told the club website.

"I'm also very touched by the backing of our supporters, and I'm sure that the best is yet to come for our club."

Nasser al-Khelaifi, Paris Saint-Germain chairman and CEO, praised Tuchel's energy and modus operandi.

"For a year now, Thomas has been bringing fantastic energy to the daily life of the club, not only for the players, but for the whole of Paris Saint-Germain," the Qatari said.

"We are delighted to be able to rely on his qualities on a long-term basis."

Tuchel was appointed last year on



a two-year deal to succeed Unai Emery. He had been widely praised for his work at the Parc des Princes, but another elimination from the Champions League in the first knockout round had raised questions.

PSG had been desperate to make progress in Europe after being knocked out of the Champions League last 16 in back-to-back seasons under Emery.

They looked on course to reach the quarter-finals after a 2-0 win away to United in the first leg, but a 3-1 home loss at the Parc des Princes knocked them out on away goals.

The nature of their defeat, especially coming two years after their capitulation against Barcelona at the same stage, has seen PSG widely labelled as bottlers, incapable of dealing with the tension on the big stage.



## Indian shooters vie for top honours

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Indian shooters Apurvi Chandel, Anjum Moudgil and Elavelin Valarivan will be vying for top honours at the year's third International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup Rifle/Pistol in Munich, Germany, starting on Sunday.

The opening day of the competition will see women's 10m Air Rifle final.

A total of 919 athletes from 98 countries, some in the non-competition Minimum Qualifying Score (MQS) section, will be competing for the 17 Tokyo Olympics quota places available, besides a coveted ISSF World Cup medal.

India has entered a 35-member squad, 23 of them competing for

medals in the 10 events lined up over the next five days.

India already has five quota places in Rifle and Pistol competitions.

As a result they would be forfeiting their right to quotas in the women's air rifle and men's 10m air pistol competitions, given they have already secured the maximum possible two quotas in these events.

India's other quota is in the men's 10m air rifle and thus the shooters would be eligible for only one quota.

Apurvi, Anjum, Saurabh Chaudhary, Abhishek Verma and Divyansh Singh Panwar have secured quotas for the country so far.

India can therefore pick up a maximum of 12 further quota places from Munich.

## Kohli, Morgan, Finch are 3 skippers to watch out for: AB

PTI ■ MELBOURNE

Cricket legend Allan Border has handpicked Virat Kohli, Eoin Morgan and Aaron Finch as the three skippers to watch out for in the ICC ODI World Cup, starting May 30.

Border, who led Australia to World Cup triumph in 1987, said Kohli's aggressive and "in-your-face" style of captaincy makes him a different kind of a leader than Morgan and Finch.

"Virat Kohli, I think he's a different type of captain. He's a bit more of a boisterous-type player and wears his heart on his sleeve," Border told *cricket.Com.Au*.

"So the players know if they've stuffed up because he's one of those really in-your-face-type skippers."

Border, who captained Australia in 178 ODIs, however refused to rank the trio in any order but is mighty impressed with Morgan under whose leadership England have reached the pinnacle of ODI cricket.

"England, I think they're doing



exceptionally well. They've brought a different game plan to the table which is going to be interesting to see

how it pans out in the World Cup. They're a dangerous side because of it and you know as the bowling

group you're under pressure," he said.

"The way it looks to me, they might drop the odd game but they're going to win enough games to get through to the semi-finals and that's what it's all about."

"That game plan under Trevor Bayliss as coach and Eoin Morgan, I think he's a seriously good one-day cricketer, and he's as good a captain as there is going around. Tactically he's very good and their game plan at the moment is a dangerous game plan to play against."

The 63-year-old former left-handed batsman was also impressed with compatriot Finch's leadership qualities, especially under difficult circumstances.

"Aaron Finch is doing a great job. He's got a good feel around the group, I think that's what he brings to his captaincy," Border said.

"Everyone knows their responsibilities and it's a good environment to play in. So that's a good start as a captain. He's done a very good job."

"Tactically, I think they (Kohli, Morgan and Finch) all do very well."

## Monaco stay up despite Nice defeat



AFP ■ PARIS

Monaco retained its top-flight status despite losing 2-0 at Riviera rival Nice on the final day of the French league campaign.

Two years after making it to the Champions League semifinals, the Principality team slumped to an 18th defeat in 38 matches on Friday to end up fourth from bottom.

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Caen's slim hopes of staying up were dashed by a goal from Younousse Sankhane, who sealed a 1-0 win for visiting Bordeaux. Caen is relegated alongside bottom club Guingamp, which was already down and lost 2-1 at Amiens.

Runner-up to Paris Saint-Germain last term, Monaco suffered a woeful season highlighted by the firing and re-hiring of coach Leonardo Jardim, who returned after Thierry Henry failed in his first managerial post.

"The most important thing was to stay up," striker Radamel Falcao said. "Unfortunately we did not win, but we created many chances." PSG LOSES

Already crowned champion, Paris Saint-Germain finished with a 3-1 defeat at Reims despite a goal from Kylian Mbappe, the league's top scorer with 33.

PSG sealed a sixth league title in seven years but failed to retain its French Cup and League Cup crowns this season. The Qatari-backed club was also eliminated in the Champions League last-16 for the third straight year.

The capital club finished with five league defeats, its worst total since 2012-13. Runner-up Lille will join PSG in the Champions League group stages next season.

Third-place Lyon should start the competition in the qualifying round but will go directly into the groups if Chelsea, which has already qualified, wins the Europa League final against Arsenal on Wednesday.

Saint-Etienne finished fourth and will play in the Europa League.

# SWINGING SHAKE UP

Boult led Kiwi attack exploit friendly conditions to expose Indian batting woes as Men in Blue face humiliating 6-wicket defeat in first warm up game

PTI ■ LONDON

Indian batting line-up's soft underbelly lay exposed in slightly favourable bowling conditions as New Zealand gave a rude wake-up call, winning the first warm-up game ahead of the ICC World Cup by six wickets here on Saturday.

Under overcast conditions, Trent Boult's (4/33 in 6.2 overs) incisive swing bowling was a test of technique for the Indian top-order batsmen and the Men in Blue never recovered from an early collapse, being bowled out for 179 in 39.2 overs.

It was a walk in the park for the 'Black Caps' as they reached the target in only 37.1 overs with Kane Williamson (67) and Ross Taylor (71) helping themselves to half-centuries.

While it was a warm-up game and the outcome of the result isn't something that India would be bothered too much but what certainly would keep them worried is the failure to find a solution to their problems.

KL Rahul failed at No 4, Dinesh Karthik's poor IPL form continued while Vijay Shankar and Kedar Jadhav's respective injuries in all likelihood would prevent the team management from checking them out against Bangladesh in the second warm-up game at Cardiff.

The two wrist spinners — Kuldeep Yadav (0/44 in 8.1 overs) and Yuzvendra Chahal (1/37 in 6 overs), who have gone off the boil in the past few months — also didn't make much of an impact.

A sub-200 total meant that Williamson and Taylor, during their 114-run stand, hardly took risk against the duo, getting run-a-ball with minimum fuss.

For India, Ravindra Jadeja's decent show (54 off 50 balls and 1/27 in 7 overs) was the only silver lining.

There was a possibility that after IPL, played on pitches devoid of any lateral movement and conditions that didn't aid swing bowling, the footwork would remain a touch iffy for Indian batsmen.

It was Boult's first spell which saw openers Rohit Sharma (2) and Shikhar Dhawan (2) along with No. 4 KL Rahul (6) being dismissed that proved to be decisive in overcast conditions.

The lack of footwork was evident as Boult trapped Rohit with a delivery that darted in while Dhawan had an inside edge to a delivery that had a shade more bounce. Rahul was



played on when Boult got one to rear up. On all three occasions, there was distinct lack of footwork.

Skipper Virat Kohli (18 off 24 balls) found his defence breached by Colin de Grandhomme's off-cutter trying to play across the line.

Jadeja's half-century ensured a 175-plus score for the 'Men in Blue' after being reduced to 115 for 8 at one stage. His 62-run ninth-wicket stand with Kuldeep Yadav (19) was the only saving grace for India in an otherwise disappointing batting performance.

Before Jadeja, it was Hardik Pandya (30 off 37 balls), who added 38 runs with Mahendra Singh Dhoni (17 off 42 balls) for the fifth wicket.

Dhoni's painful stay at the crease was cut short by Tim Southee when he was caught at short mid-wicket while trying to give the bowler charge.

Dhoni, who takes time to settle down, not for once looked comfortable and failed to rotate the strike during the partnership, consuming a lot of deliveries.

It was Jimmy Neesham (3/26 in 3 overs), who dismissed Hardik with a cross-seam delivery that moved a shade, inducing an outside edge.

Hardik was promoted ahead of Dhoni in adverse conditions and he showed positive intent with six boundaries.

Dinesh Karthik was gone in the same over, flicking a half-volley straight to fine leg and it was Jadeja, who resurrected the innings with Kuldeep for company.

When New Zealand batted, Jasprit Bumrah (4-2-2-1) bowled a testing first spell and Mohammed Shami (4-0-16-0) also found the right length, which will be a positive that Kohli and Co. can take from this game.



## Boos no bother to ton-up Smith

AFP ■ SOUTHAMPTON

Steve Smith said he had no problems being jeered by spectators as he marked his first match against England following a year-long ban for ball-tampering with a hundred at Southampton on Saturday.

Smith's 116 was the centrepiece of Australia's 297 for nine against England in a World Cup warm-up fixture.

"I'm pretty chilled, everyone's entitled to their opinion," Smith told Sky Sports during the innings break when asked about the crowd's taunts.

"I'm just happy to be back playing. Fortunately, I was able to contribute today and hopefully I can take this form into the World Cup."

If the sound of Smith and team-mate David Warner being booed was a sign of things to come, England will hope the former Australia captain's innings is not an omen for a season that includes both the World Cup and a five-Test Ashes series.

Smith and Warner only returned to international duty earlier this month after they both completed 12-month suspensions.

Warner was booed first by spectators on Saturday when he walked out to open the innings with captain Aaron Finch after Australia lost the toss.

**'GET 'EM STEVIE!'**

And when the left-hander arrived at the crease, one fan shouted: "Get off Warner you cheat."

Warner's dismissal for 43,

caught in the deep by Jonny Bairstow off Liam Plunkett, was greeted by immediate cheers from England fans.

But there were more boos as he returned to the pavilion to be replaced by Smith, coming in with Australia 82 for two in the 17th over.

The BBC reported there were a few chants of "cheat, cheat, cheat", although a lone Australia fan shouted "Get 'em Stevie!"

There was, however, the customary round of applause from the crowd for a batsman reaching his fifty when Smith got to the landmark.

Long a thorn in England's side, Smith went to 99 with a superb carved six over third man off Ben Stokes.

The next ball delivery saw Smith complete a 94-ball hundred, including eight fours, prompting yet more boos as well as clapping to acknowledge his century.

Smith's innings ended in bizarre fashion when, off the penultimate ball of the innings, third umpire Joel Wilson ruled he'd been caught and bowled by Tom Curran off what looked to be a bump ball.

Earlier, injury-prone England fast bowler Mark Wood could only manage 3.1 overs before going off with what a team spokesman said was "left foot discomfort".

The Durham quick then went to hospital for a scan.

Meanwhile Liam Dawson split the skin on his right finger, with England saying the spinner would not bat on his Hampshire home ground.

## No fracture detected in Shankar's scan reports

PTI ■ LONDON

The Indian team heaved a sigh of relief after scan reports revealed that all-rounder Vijay Shankar hasn't sustained a fracture on his right forearm after being hit by net bowler Khaleel Ahmed during a training session on Friday.

Shankar had left the field and was taken for a

precautionary scan, the reports of which came on Saturday.

"Vijay Shankar was hit on his right forearm during practice on Friday. He underwent scans and no fracture has been detected. BCCI Medical Team is aiding him in his recovery," BCCI posted on their twitter handle.

However, the Tamil Nadu all-rounder didn't

take part in the first warm-up game and is also unlikely to play in the second practice match against Bangladesh at Cardiff on Tuesday as there is a bit of bruise, which will take time to heal.

Shankar on Saturday took some throwdowns during the net session but 'single-handed' during the net session prior to the New Zealand game.



## Pak seek recovery after Afghan defeat

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Pakistan, who suffered a three-wicket loss to Afghanistan in their first warm-up game on Friday, will look to find winning ways against Bangladesh, before the real action unfolds at the Men's World Cup.

Things aren't looking great for Pakistan ahead of the World Cup as they've remained winless in their last 11 ODIs. Their three-wicket loss to Afghanistan in their first warm-up match only deepened concerns. At 203/4 in the 38th over, they were on course for getting an above par first innings total. But the lower middle-order collapse restricted their innings to 262 all-out in the 48th over.

Their bowling unit seemed much the same like it was in the recently concluded ODI series against England, failing to produce wickets for most part of the innings. Mohammad Amir went wicket-less in his six overs, bowling at an average speed of 82.6 mph, markedly slower than his normal pace. Wahab Riaz's late burst was the only significant positive but the game was far

gone by then. The Sarfaraz Ahmed-led side will look to capitalise their final chance to make amends, before they take on West Indies on 31 May in Nottingham in the tournament proper.

Bangladesh come fresh from a tri-series win in Ireland, after they beat West Indies in a rain-affected final. After being clean-swept in New Zealand earlier in the year, the series saw great results for them with significant contributions from their senior players like Shakib Al Hasan, Soumya Sarkar, Tamim Iqbal and Mushfiqur Rahim. New comer Abu Jayed, whose spot was uncertain in the final World Cup squad earlier, too produced a match winning spell of 5/58 against Ireland.

Bangladesh, who had caused the biggest upset at the World Cup 2015, knocking the current hosts England out of the competition, will look to maintain their good form and try to get a settled combination before their campaign gets underway against South Africa on 2 June.

(Venue: Sophia Gardens, Cardiff)

## WI look to announce themselves in style

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

West Indies' recent one-day international form isn't anything to swoon over, but with a full strength team at their disposal, they will hope to send a message as they take on South Africa in their first World Cup warm-up game on Sunday.

Windies come into their first official warm-up on back of mixed fortunes. While they trounced hosts Ireland in each of their two games in the tri-series, they were outclassed on all three occasions by Bangladesh, including in the final.

However, they were not playing their full strength side in that series and stalwarts like Chris Gayle, Andre Russell and Nicholas Pooran among others, were absent. With them back in the fold, Windies look a lot more well-rounded outfit although they were beaten rather convincingly by Australia in an unofficial warm-up fixture two days ago.

The Windies batting has a pretty robust feel about it. The likes of Gayle, Russell, Pooran, Shimron Hetmyer and Evin Lewis are able



to play big shots for breakfast, while Darren Bravo and Shai Hope are capable of holding things down.

It is their bowling that looks a touch off-colour. Skipper Jason Holder's recent rise in Test cricket hasn't reflected in his ODI numbers. Kumar Roach picked a whole bunch of wickets in the tri-series and while Shannon Gabriel was also among the wickets, not

too many of those came against Bangladesh.

They will be up against a confident South Africa, who come into the game on back of a resounding 87-run win against Sri Lanka in their first warm-up. The Proteas seem to have covered all bases, but will want their batsmen to get some more runs.

(Venue: Bristol County Ground)

## Collingwood takes field during warm-up game

PTI ■ SOUTHAMPTON

Former skipper and current assistant coach Paul Collingwood on Saturday was forced to take the ground as a substitute fielder after England pacers Mark Wood and Jofra Archer suffered injury scares in a warm-up game against Australia.

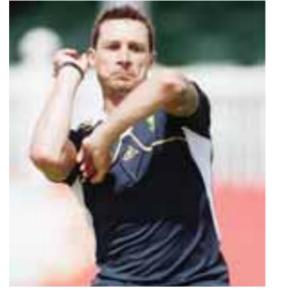
The 42-year-old, who had led England to 2010 T20 World Cup title, walked out to field after Mark Wood and his replacement Jofra Archer left the ground following injuries.

While Wood walked off the field after suffering a hamstring injury in his fourth over, Archer also left soon after injuring himself while fielding at the deep.

Collingwood, England's fielding coach, was then seen running around on the ground wearing Wood's World Cup jersey, giving ample display of his fitness.

Joe Root, who was rested for Saturday's warm-up match, was also asked to take the field.

England captain Eoin Morgan was missing in action Saturday due to a finger injury suffered during a training session, while spinner Adil Rashid skipped the warm-up game due to a shoulder injury, leaving the hosts with no option but to bring Collingwood onto the field.



## Steyn's fitness will decide SA composition

IAANS ■ CARDIFF

It was a cakewalk for South Africa as they registered a 87-run victory against Sri Lanka in a World Cup warm-up game on Friday, but more importantly it was their depth in squad that came to the fore.

Andile Phehlukwayo (35), Dwaine Pretorius (25 not out) and Chris Morris (26 not out) got important runs while Phehlukwayo (4/36) and Pretorius (1/34) bagged wickets too, strengthening their case for a spot in the starting XI.

Phehlukwayo was particularly impressive with the ball, as Hashim Amla (65) and skipper Faf Du Plessis (88) also got runs.

"I think there is quite good competition and good depth within the squad," Phehlukwayo was quoted as saying by www.crickworldcup.com.

"Personally, I am not looking in terms of those competitions. I just want to contribute for the team, whoever is playing in that all-rounder position is obviously the person in form and hopefully they can do the job for the team. Aside from that I don't think personally I have any agenda in terms of the all-rounder."

Skipper du Plessis said that at least one of those three players would have to sit out.

"There is definitely not space for three of them," he said. "Depending on fitness, Dale Steyn is progressing. So, if he doesn't progress the way that he wants to then two all-rounders come into the equation. If our fast bowlers are all fit, we love that diversity in our attack."

## Former players urge Sarfaraz to bat higher up the order

PTI ■ KARACHI

Former Pakistan cricketers have urged skipper Sarfaraz Ahmed to bat higher up the order so that the team could post big totals in the upcoming World Cup, starting May 30.

"Sarfaraz does not have the big shots to justify his batting at number 5, 6 or 7. He needs to bat higher up so that he can build his innings and help Pakistan get big totals," former captain Shahid Afridi said.

"He is wasting himself coming lower than four and this doesn't help the team. If Pakistan is to do well in the World Cup, Sarfaraz has a big role to play as captain and player. He has to be the leader on and off the field," he added.

Sarfaraz's batting position has become a matter of debate as he has batted mostly lower down the order but moved up a couple of times in the recent ODI series against England but on Friday in the warm-up game against Afghanistan, he again came late at number six.

"He has to realise that his worth for the team is at number four or five. He is the sort of player who can change the momentum of the game with his rotation of strike and ability to keep the scoreboard moving," Pakistan's most successful Test captain Misbah-ul-Haq said.

Misbah noted that Sarfaraz coming up the order will allow the team to utilise the two senior most

players — Muhammad Hafeez and Shoaib Malik — properly.

Former wicketkeeper-batsman Moin Khan said he had suggested Sarfaraz before the team left for England to open the innings if necessary.

"In the last World Cup I was the chief selector and I tried him out as an opener and he did well. He is someone who needs overs to pace his innings."

With openers Fakhar Zaman, Inam-ul-Haq and one down Babar Zaman having batting averages of 50 plus, number four is the best position for Sarfaraz followed by Hafeez, Malik, Asif, felt Moin.

Some of his critics have used Sarfaraz's reluctance to bat higher up in the order

as an excuse to blame him for letting the team down.

"A captain has to lead by example and if he comes at number four, the other batsmen will also respond and play sensibly," Test wicketkeeper-batsman Kamran Akmal said.

Enigmatic fast bowler Shoaib Akhtar also urged Sarfaraz to bat higher up the order and be more authoritative as captain on the field and in the dressing room.



# the pioneer agenda



**Krishna's imprints on Jainism**  
Despite their rich theological tradition, the Jains assigned Lord Krishna equal status next to that of the Tirthankara



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I went through this realisation that acting, at its heart, is the ability to manipulate your own emotions  
Scarlett Johansson



## A KALEIDOSCOPE OF HERITAGES



*Socioliterary Cultures in South Asia* studies five nations — Afghanistan, Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka — which share not just national boundaries but also a history of diverse literary and linguistic practices, many of which have at different points in history overlapped, interacted or informed each other, writes AVANTIKA POKHRIYAL

That India is a land of diverse literary and cultural traditions has been used so often as to have become a truism. However, similar attention to the variegated nature of the socio-cultural as well as the literary landscape of the larger region of South Asia is missing. In fact, in the popular narratives of the self-congratulatory brand of nationalism, one tends to juxtapose the fluidity and multiplicity of India with the apparently static literary and social life of the nations in its immediate vicinity. Additionally, the use of markers such as 'South Asia' denotes a sense of homogeneity and uniformity which leaves little room for conceptualisation of a unique national identity, let alone of innovations and differences of each nation within the said area. It is only through an analysis of the entire region with an acute awareness simultaneously of what unites and also what gives each constituent country its distinctive identity can one truly begin to challenge the imposition of labels of Western origin. In spite of what they might suggest, labels are never wholly organic and they always create as much as they name a reality.

*Socioliterary Cultures in South Asia* by Anisur Rahman is an attempt towards understanding the "...self-evolved centrality of each location [in South Asia]" so that when "all of them [are] taken together", they "impart uniqueness to a broader South Asian identity". The book has a twofold aim, which is to celebrate the individual socioliterary identity of the nations comprising South Asia and to also understand that this microcosmic focus does not necessarily unravel the collective political identity. In other words, the book manages to maintain a fine balance between the local and the global.

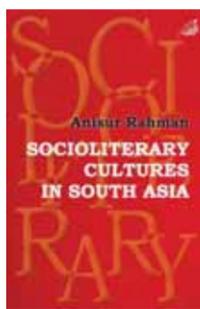
Rahman, a former professor at the department of English in Jamia Millia Islamia University, is an author, poet, and translator and has various publications as well as edited/co-edited works to his credit, including *Hazaron Khawaishein Aisi: The Wonderful World of Urdu Ghazals* (2018) and *In Translation: Positions and Paradigms* (2019). His latest book, *Socioliterary Cultures in South Asia*, is an ambitious literary enterprise which, as the name suggests, covers the rather expansive geo-literary territory of South Asia. The aim of undertaking this challenge is prompted by, as the author writes in the preface of the

book, the desire to resist the homogeneity imposed on the region through the use of the term 'South Asia'. *Socioliterary Cultures* studies five nations — Afghanistan, Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka — which share not just national boundaries but also a history of diverse literary and linguistic practices many of which have at different points in history overlapped, interacted or informed each other. Through its nuanced analysis, the book stresses on the distinctive character of each of these countries without contesting or undermining the sense of a collective South Asian identity. There is a clear sense of co-sharing and co-development, which does not take away from an appreciation of the distinctiveness of each literary culture. In the author's own words, "In addition to their social, cultural, economic, and political variables, South Asian nations have had a shared history of underdevelopment... they have always impacted each other either directly and indirectly, but even while they have done so, they have maintained their intrinsic differences."

The book covers a wide expanse of time from the medieval period of the Sufi poet Rumi (1207-1273) and the Bhakti poet, Sant Kabir (c 1338-1448) to the contemporary era. It has a clear postcolonial emphasis in the ways it identifies the writers and texts as well as in its acknowledgement of the distinctive literary history of each region.

*Socioliterary Cultures* is divided into three thematically arranged sections: 'Secular Traditions', 'Imaginary Landscapes', and 'Realistic Configurations', each of which moves across spatial/national boundaries. The book will certainly be an asset for anyone interested in literature, particularly because of the lucid writing style. The ideas have been explained well and the arguments are clear and devoid of any pedantic jargon which make it an engaging read for people across a wide spectrum. The thematic variety that the book explores — from Premchand to the cinematic representation of Muslims in India, and from the Sufi poet Rumi to contemporary women poets of Pakistan — ensures that there is something for all kinds of readers.

Through its 17 chapters, the book fulfills its promise of offering a broad and expansive layout of the literary landscape of the five nations under consideration. Chapters such as 'An Evolving Text: Tahmima Anam's A



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*Golden Age*' focus on the literary scenario of Bangladesh — an otherwise severely neglected area in South Asian studies — through the analysis of Anam's debut novel released in 2007. The novel depicts the struggles of a widowed woman, Rehana Haque, trying to raise her family in a country struggling to create its national identity. Anam's work is noteworthy for the way it weaves together the personal and the public, but also how it underlines a shared history of the subcontinent all the while maintaining its commitment to delineating the war for the liberation of Bangladesh.

As the author notes: "It has been generally argued that *A Golden Age* is a novel that draws essentially upon the experiences of war and liberation. To develop a larger and more Catholic view, I should like to posit that apart from drawing upon the idea and experience of war and liberation, this novel operates at two particular levels of time and space as it moves through the meandering motions of a historical period and the shifting locations in a given space. Even while it engages directly with Bangladesh, it also refers back and forth to two neighbours — India and Pakistan — that act as causes to many effects at the personal level of the characters involved and the political levels of the countries in question... This saga, which projects Bangladesh in a direct-indirect relationship with India and Pakistan, with all their parities and disparities, represents a major aspect of contemporary history of the Indian subcontinent."

Keeping in tune with its broad thematic focus, the book covers a wide variety of genres from poetry to films. This, in turn, attests to the rich diversity of socioliterary output of the region under consideration. The author draws upon the printed text as well as the tradition of oral recitation, as in the case of Kajri. It is "a verbal and performance text", which was sung primarily when rain-bearing clouds were heavy in the sky. Traditionally, a harbinger of the rains, the singing of Kajri is not limited to the monsoon season. It is a highly flexible form of poetry, which can incorporate issues that are political/public in nature. For instance, Kajri has been employed by some poets, like Ustad Bismillah Khan, to suggest an environment of political turmoil and pressure. The Ustad, once invited to a musical gathering in Jammu, sang the Kajri in

spite of there being no indication of rains. For him, at that point in time, the clouds evoked in Kajri represented the atmosphere of political intrigue in contemporary Jammu. According to Prof Rahman, "The Ustad's offering may be taken as a folklorist interlude of hope, faith, and redemption that his music might bring to listeners."

Since this poetic form of expression is rare, it is pertinent to note what the author has to say about it, in greater detail: "Kajri may be read as eminent examples of secular poetry rooted in history, culture, region, spirituality, and patriotism. Apart from other constituents, nature and women remain at the centre of this composition. Kajri is an emotional and dramatic representation of village life... It represents individual history as forcefully as it does the history and geography of a people, its sociology, and its philosophy of existence... Kajri has had various forms since its origin at some point of time in the past and has passed through several variations in techniques of composition and styles of rendition... There are regional variations in the style of singing that may clearly be noticed in the way Kajris are sung in Ramnagar (Kashi) and Mirzapur. In this respect, Kajris may also be read as manifestation of the tones and tunes characteristic of a community of people living in two areas of the same region."

The book is a treasure trove of information for people who are interested in South Asian studies and who want a book that is simultaneously engaging and informative without being reductive. The writer's expertise in translation also comes to bear upon the chapters where he uses his own translation of Urdu verse as well as vernacular poetry. Other texts and writers discussed in the book include Sarojini Naidu, Faiz Ahmed Faiz, and Agha Ali Shah. It is clear that a great amount of research has gone on the part of the writer in the making of this book, which is never belied by the tone of effortless ease maintained by the writer. The book is a must-read for anyone interested in the social and literary traditions of South Asia, whether for academic purposes or otherwise.

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# KRISHNA'S IMPRINTS ON JAINISM

Despite their rich theological tradition, Jains could not overlook Krishna's grand persona and assigned him equal status next to that of the Tirthankara, writes Dr ASHA GOSWAMI

Shri Krishna cast a magic spell over the minds of innumerable people from all parts of the world, belonging to many creeds and castes, who find themselves impressed with one or the other feature of his magnificent persona and character. In the same strain, the Jains in India were fascinated with Krishna's grand persona, so much so that they recast the Pauranic account of Krishna saga in their own way, as befitting their ideologies. In this context, it seems pertinent to note that in India, religious tradition flows through three major streams of thought — the Vedic or Pauranic, Buddhist, and Jainism.

The latter two streams of thought, however, originated and developed in India outside the pale of Pauranic tradition, but their main aim was confined to delineating and elaborating the theology and mythology surrounding popular Indian deities, such as Shri Krishna or Shri Ram, with the help of assigning different features in their personae character as suitable to their ideals. While pointing out three points of views on Krishna and His interaction with the Jains, let's not lose sight of the fact that from the very beginning, in India they emerged as an important section of Indian society and 8th century BC onwards have contributed a good deal of thought material of Indian civilisation, which is considered a substantial and genuine tradition of the Indian nation.

Similarly, the Jain tradition on Krishna holds great importance for understanding the arch-type of Krishna concept. It is found that the Jains not only included the Krishna concept within their religious fold, but also some other cults and beliefs in their own sect. According to some, the Jains were averse to the encounters of pastoral Krishna, for they hardly talk about it, rather, they relish talking about the oldest tradition on Krishna, which hails him as the Lord of Dwarka and not Gopala Krishna. Further for knowing the Jain tradition on Krishna, the Jain work such as *Jaina Harivansha* and other Pauranic works have to be traversed. These Jain works describe in detail the achievements of Krishna and name him not Krishna but Vasudeva, as is common practice with the Bhagavatas.

Similarly, the Jains' other descriptions of Krishna's forefathers, Yadavas, and his last days on Earth are in agreement with those of the Puranas, likewise, most of the childhood encounters of Krishna almost find similar versions in the Jain sources. For instance, the Jains also treat Baladeva or Balaram as Krishna's brother and helpmate. The Jains,



however, preserve different lists of Krishna's ancestors and descendants. Besides this, even distorted version of Krishna's exploits as given in the *Mahabharata* and the *Puranas* is traceable in the Jain sources. According to the Jains, Jarasandha's killer is Krishna and not the Pandava brother Bhima; Krishna used to remain disgusted with the Pandavas and for that reason they were forced by him to leave Hastinapore and made to settle far off in south. The Jain sources similarly speak differently about Krishna's killer, who was an anonymous fowler according to the *Puranas*, but according to the Jains, he was Jarakumar or Jarakumar and happened to be Krishna's half brother and a Yadava prince like him. Here it seems that the idea of an anonymous hunter killing a God could not be acceptable to the Jains, so they invented an idea of the killer of Krishna of equal royal rank and status as that of Krishna. Besides Balarama, Krishna's other nine brother are referred to by the Jains along with their father, who is named as Andhaka-Vrishni.

With this general note on the transference and innovations in Krishna's personae by the Jains, it may be added that the Jains have provided us a peculiar type of informa-

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tion on Krishna tradition with which they became conversant and fascinated. So much so that they could not desist themselves from including Krishna and his brother among their 63 great personages of the era whom they cherish with great respect and honour. Shri Krishna finds the last position in their list of great personages, whom they call "*Shalaka Purushas*". They know him as Vasudeva Keshava, the son of Vasudeva. Besides, in Jain tradition, Krishna's 10 forms or incarnations are also popular along with the notions of cowherd Krishna in passing. Moreover, it is interesting to note that the Jains not only agree upon treating their first Tirthankara as Lord Vishnu's great *avatara*, but even recast the biography of the 22nd Tirthankara Arishtanemi on the pattern of Krishna Saga and declared him as the famous prince of Krishna's Yadava clan and as being related to him as his cousin. The Jains also treat Krishna's Preceptor Ghorangirasa as in the Bhagvata tradition on Krishna.

As a preacher of *Gita*, Krishna finds a cherished position in the Jain tradition. Among other features of the Jain tradition on Krishna, His role as the Lord of Dwarka or Raivataka is most endearing to the Jains. They abstain from associating Krishna

with Mathura and Vrindavan and neither cherish him as Bala Krishna or Gopala Krishna, rather are fond of calling him by the title "destroyer of the vanity of many powerful and proud ones like the wrestlers Charura and Kamsa". The Jains also admire Krishna as the destroyer of Putana, Shakuni bird, vicious bull, and Kaliya.

With regard to the other features of Jain ideology and notion on Krishna, it may be also stated that as they have included Shri Krishna among their 63 personages of high honour, it proves that they look upon him as the great and noble Kshatriya prince, who according to them, was a representative of the ninth black Vasudeva and always accompanied with white Vasudeva who was Baladeva. The Vasudevas, in alliance with the Baladevas, who are also held by the Jains to succeed over-powering the Vishnuvishvas who in Krishna's case is Jarasandha and not Kamsa. The Jains also know Krishna as having multitude wives numbering 16,000. The Jains also know Krishna as the son of Vasudeva, who had two wives Devaki and Rohini. Besides Baladeva or Balarama Krishna is said to have another younger brother, Gajasukumar.

Summing up the Jain tradition on Krishna, it can be ascertained that assigning him the role of the ninth Vasudeva and one of the 63 Shalka Purushas, the Jains — although having their rich theological tradition — could not overlook Shri Krishna's manifold personae-features so much so that they included him among their great persons who were worthy of their worship and honour, and also assigned him equal status next to that of the Tirthankara. This Jain contribution towards Krishna concept goes to prove that Krishna's appeal was not only confined to the followers of the Vedic-Brahmanic tradition, but spread beyond among the non-Brahmanic believers and devotees belonging to other schools of thought and discipline like the Jains or others.

Besides accepting Krishna as one of the nine Vasudevas, the Jains liberally extend their support to the view which accepts Krishna as belonging to the status of the great chieftains of the age, and one who had obtained supreme glory and was very kind-hearted. Concluding the discussion on Krishna's interaction with the Jains, let us repeat verbatim their belief that "Shri Krishna would appear in the form of future 12th Tirthankara of the next world-period along with other members of his family like his parents, brothers who will also achieve similar position".

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## When the dust settles



The long-drawn seven-phase elections are over and the results have come. Needless to say that the elections this time were fought on emotive rather than rational plank. For some observers, though, elections are always based on emotional rather than real issues. But the Indian experience may prove otherwise on many occasions. Nevertheless, there is a need to focus on the core issues which were largely glossed over in the cacophony of noise largely created by motivated media campaigns that were premised on the "heavens will fall doctrine". So the two sides of the divide were both trumpeting the same sound — if not we, the heavens will fall. But the fact remains that heavens will not fall, because heavens cannot fall. Anyway, it is time to get on to the brass tacks right away. Interestingly, everyone is aware of what needs to be done. But immediate gains become important. So, there is a supplementary question that comes in the way: What is there for me? It is this question that makes all and sundry deviate from the issues as people are driven by the logic that in the long run, everyone is dead. Well, that does make sense for the present generation, but there is a need to think of the generations to come. History is replete with examples that suggest that even monarchs thought of the future and made plans that were strategic and long term in nature. Sher Shah Suri planted trees on both sides of the Grand Trunk Road, though he knew it would take years before they grow full length. The unfortunate part is that people, in their craving for power, occupy themselves with next elections rather than the next generation. There is an urgent need for statesmanship in the political dispensation that can address issues of realpolitik rather than abstractions that charge people for a short while, but do precious little to address the ground realities. As the new Government takes over, there is a need to broach over the basics, the real agenda. As many politics-watchers rightly pointed out, the most serious issue of our times — climate change — hardly found a mention in the electoral debate. The problem is serious and concerns all of us. It is the environment, the ecosystem, which sustains life. In the primary class geography books, we used to read about its critical nature. Unfortunately, no one is bothered about ecology these days. But the rate at which the mean temperatures are rising and pollutants choking the atmosphere, all those investments in technology may be rendered ineffective. Nature's disapproval of human ways are already loud and clear, only we need to read the writing on the wall. Addressing the sustainability of the ecosystem must then be the topmost item on the agenda of the Government. But it must also be understood that the physical ecosystem is too intricately connected with the social ecosystem. The trees, rivers, land all provide lifeline to the poor also. The plight of the underprivileged class which, despite the statistical jugglery, comprises a large section of the populace and is no less responsible for the damage to the environment than the big industries. It is equally important to think of income generation schemes for the poor and deprived. The rich man's greed and the poor man's need are both equally responsible. The physical environment and the socio-economic environment are parts of the same whole.

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## Hurdles in democracy and how spirituality can help us

Spiritual people won't seek temporary populist measures, but ensure long-term good for all, writes RADHANATH SWAMI

India recently witnessed the quinquennial festival of democracy — the General Elections. Democracy has empowered people with choice. It is the right and responsibility of each citizen to vote. Almost all systems come with inherent faults, and it is our duty to reduce the faults and increase the efficiency of the system.

**So-called equality:** The common people vote to elect the next Government. Every vote counts and adds or subtracts chances of winning or losing the election. Candidates who receive maximum votes come to power. The votes of learned and ignorant are given equal preference. In a society where along with the innocent population, there are people like criminals, hate-mongers, addicts, abusers, debauchees, how can we expect them to cast their vote for the Government which will act in a direction they may not like? It is like an insincere student wishing to have a strict class teacher. Generally, this category of people will try to find a leader who matches their narrative of life. Spirituality teaches people to sober up in life and helps them overcome their negative habits. Such trained populace can definitely give better candidates, who can represent them and do better for society.

**Populist measures:** People go by what is good for their immediate future than long-term benefits. The populist measures corrode the economy in terms of investment in wrong things, burden on financial institutions like banks, degrades the attitude of people who always want to take from the state than



making contributions, make them lazy and always waiting for such kind of largesse. Spirituality teaches us to look beyond the immediate good. Austerity, which is an integral part of spirituality, is about voluntarily giving up certain pleasurable things for better spiritual prospects. Spirituality teaches that we are eternal beings, *atman*, and spiritual happiness comes when we disengage our senses from flickering pleasures of this world to the service of God. In this way, people experience higher inner bliss and they are able to develop distaste for immediate pleasures, which often rob people of their valuable health, wealth, and character. Such people won't go for temporary populist measures, but will see the greater, long-term good for all.

**Casteism:** Parties place their candidates based on the caste arithmetic,

considering where they can have winning candidates based on the caste of the mass population in that region. In such attempts and in the heat of elections, unnecessary communal tensions are aroused by provocative speeches of the leaders, which contribute to building fault lines between various castes and communities. *Atman* is beyond any physical conceptions of body like caste, religion, or nationality. Spiritual people identity unity among this external diversity on the spiritual platform. This unity helps them give up external differences.

**Winning chances than performance:** While selecting candidates, many times, the winning ability is prioritised over performance capability and character assessments. Even criminals get tickets to fight elections if they have a higher chance of winning. Scriptures are torchlights which highlight what the desirable traits are and what aren't. The torchbearer of truth can't be deceived by criminals hiding within the system.

**Shifts in ideologies:** Opportunism trumps ideological integrity. People shift their ideologies for desirable perks. Voters get deceived if after the elections, elected candidates switch to or align with the parties with opposite ideology. Spiritual people don't have egoistic hollow attachments to their ideologies, but they have reasons for things they value as sacred. In this way, spirituality can definitely help strengthen the democratic system for the benefit of the people in general.

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## The many benefits of *sadhana*

As we begin to experience the benefits of *sadhana*, done by meditation or chanting, we will fall in love with God but that will only happen gradually, says AJIT KUMAR BISHNOI

I am using the word *sadhana* because I did not find a suitable word for it in English. This Sanskrit word means worshipping an idol or an image of God like a photo. It also means wanting to please God by our sincere efforts. *Sadhana* can be done in many ways, like meditation, chanting, just feeling the presence of God, looking at a *murti* of God or even a photo. There are no restrictions placed on how you do it as long as it helps in becoming God-conscious. Some people regularly read spiritual texts.

Such *sadhana* has enormous benefits. I am detailing many of them herein, some of them I have experienced; these benefits accrue only gradually. What is our experience? That superior benefit takes time in coming. Once we get started, momentum will build slowly. As we begin to experience the benefits of doing *sadhana*, we will fall in love with God but that will take time. Life will become smoother. Not that one will be freed from all troubles, because that never happens in this impermanent place of miseries. (*Gita* 8.15) Most importantly, one will begin to enjoy life in various ways. God helps us realise that ultimately life is meant to be enjoyed only.

Initially, *sadhana* may appear difficult to do but it doesn't have to be. One should customise for self because doing *sadhana* is important, not how it is done. God has given us multiple options. We can choose our posture, sitting down or even lying down. The idea is to be able to



do *sadhana* not how, because being able to do regular *sadhana* qualifies us for God's grace.

I begin with the great benefit of being freed from negative emotions. Of course, this happens gradually only but one can never underestimate this boon. One is freed from debilitating fears related to one's body, near and dear ones, material possessions, etc. Even a habitual worrier can hope to be rid of this painful habit. One can sleep better as anxiety will not affect that much. Living in the material world in material bodies, it is impossible to be completely rid of anxiety, but it becomes manageable. And the mental faculty of such practitioners remains sound till the end of life. What a boon this is when mental health is becoming a very seri-

ous problem worldwide.

One realises spiritual truths. Personally, I have been very fortunate in this regard. The cosmic design begins to be revealed to us. This is a great boon; we know how we are placed vis-à-vis the creation. We learn about what we need to do to get all that God has to offer like guidance, help, *shakti/bala*, security, peace, happiness, support, etc. All we need to do is take God's shelter in all respects. Not only is the next birth guaranteed to be superior but the possibility of the present life ending badly is also eliminated. (6.40)

Connected with God, physical health becomes a beneficiary, because one comes under Lord's care. Even family members, ie the near and dear ones, get the ripple effect. One toler-

ates better. Remember no one is exempt from suffering. One must tolerate what cannot be avoided. (2.14) If someone comes to God consciousness, somehow, anyhow, God will give the strength to be able to continue to do so. Steady *sadhana* will ensure it. I can vouch for it. Faith will become stronger steadily.

In conclusion, I will state that we, small souls, are programmed to be highly self-centered, but most people don't realise where their self-interest lies. It is in Vasudeva, who is everything. (7.19) We must realise that we are small and, in the ultimate sense, quite helpless, and it is in our best interest to surrender to God. Regular *sadhana* will take us there.

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# America's Indian perspective on terror

The United States of America is a liberal nation par excellence and with the Trump regime, there has been an awesome impetus given to the Global War on Terror (GWOT). It was then President George Bush, who initiated the now extant terminology with the flock of the neo-conservatives, and the PNAC (Project on New America) GWOT group.

In academia, there are twin terminologies which hold much water in the context of both the global terror and the South Asian and West Asian visage of cross-border terrorism. The formulation comprises the idea of the suppressor state which aids, abet and imposes terror modules on a recipient suppressed state. Another facet includes the canny nomenclature of super terrorism which includes a deft utilisation of the nodes and internodes of the suppressed state. This terror methodology refers to the idiom that nodes can be construed as the urban centres, shopping malls along with the energy depots in any receptacle nation. On the other hand, the internodes are the vast swathes of highways, railways and air routes which connect these sequestered nodes of population and attendant infrastructure.

Thus, terrorists world over now utilise the state infrastructure to randomise the life and support systems of civilisational hubs and Defense facilities in India and South Asia, both being the staple targets of jihadi terrorism.

The manner in which the United States, the United Kingdom and France have ably sustained India's impetus to enlist Jaish-e-Mohammad chief Maulana Masood Azhar as a global terrorist speaks volumes about the success of New Delhi's counter-terror diplomacy with the recently constituted United Nations Security Council Resolution No. 1267



**PULWAMA FIDAYEEN'S LAST MESSAGE BEFORE HE BLEW UP CRPF CONVOY:** "By the time this video reaches you, I will be enjoying in heaven... This is my last message for the people of Kashmir. ...Jaish has kept the flame alive and stayed up in adverse circumstances... Come, join the group and prepare for one last fight"

Committee at the United Nations. Thus, the long French leave of the terror mongers has been curtailed by the United Nations. Even peacenik nations have to absolve themselves of the globally infused guilt of being hard nosed with the terror mongers in their infested terrains and populations. The United States issued a much needed warning to Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan during the Pulwama incident which enervated Rawalpindi and Islamabad and secured blink quick release of Wing Commander Abhinandan in the throes of a dogfight.

There was a time in the early nineties that then US Assistant Secretary of State for South Asia Robin Raphael would ask India while visiting New Delhi about the imagined theme of human rights abuses by the Indian security forces in South Asia. Since the advent of the present world politics, the tide has turned the other way. Now, President Trump calls the Indo-US relationship as the

most prized and special relationship and both the nations are moving towards full-fledged alliance. Specially in the context of counter-terror cooperation, both the nations have attempted a clearly delineated definition of terrorism and sought recourse to the United Nations mechanism.

The UN mechanism comprises aiding the less resourced and developing nations in technology and training in the war against terror. As an attendant fact, in the aftermath of the September 11 attacks, nations are required to submit an annual report to the UN Security Council in order to monitor the still evolving global mechanism of countering terror and its global machination. The recent decision in the heady portals of the UN Security Council to list Masood Azhar as a global terrorist is one of the initial mechanisms of the UN body aided by American support to ameliorate the concerns of New Delhi, especially in the aftermath of

the Mumbai terror attacks and the recent outrage on Uri and Pulwama, and the Indian response in Balakot in Pakistan. The impunity with which terror leaders such as Hafiz Sayeed and Masood Azhar roam around Pakistan mobilising jihad against the imagined Indian excesses has already been commented upon by scholars and media alike. Pakistan's deep state has always contested that its territory and resources are the hotbeds of terror training. But facts speak otherwise. The US has been pro-active with US Marines attacking terrorist hotbeds in the Af-Pak region with heavy bombs termed as MOAB, the mother of all bombs. The US has delayed the selling of weaponry to Pakistan on the charges of sponsoring terror and has always been following the diplomatic line of seeking and demanding qualified evidence from Islamabad that it has not aided the terror drag-net in the region and in India. The American legislation

COMCAST is another instance of placing unprecedented pressure on Islamabad to dismantle its terror infrastructure, primarily directed at India. Also, the US has initiated a move to invite India to play a more active role in the insurgency ridden Afghanistan and what is required is a heady response by the Indian interlocutors. Thus, countering terror in a manner reflects the American gumption and the Indian capacity to spread its arms to the region with New Delhi playing a global role in taking to task the terror machination directed against India, in the name of jihad for the State of Jammu & Kashmir.

Thus, the US also through its new immigration policy has outlawed illegal entry from nations such as Pakistan to its homeland, that is, American territory; it is more than a symbolic impetus and a fillip to the Indian stance on countering and targeting cross-border and other phoenix like ideas of terrorism. There is a whole body

of counter-terrorism jurisprudence which has been created by the UNSC.

The entire counter-terror jurisprudence involves the ambit of the following few United Nations Security Council Resolutions comprising the following UNSC Resolutions: 1267(1999), 1989(2011) and 2253(2015).

The United Nations Sanctions Committee has declared, "The entry specified below includes ISIL(Daesh) and Al Qaida Sanctions among the list of individuals and entities subject to the assets freeze, travel ban and arms embargo set out in paragraph 1 of Security Council resolution 2368 (2017), and adopted under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations." This is what the United Nations official web release declares in its May 1, 2019 release.

The United Nations Security Council Resolution no. 1267 passed in 2019 explains its concerns as, "Recalling the relevant international counter-terrorism conventions and in particular the obligations of parties to those conventions to extradite or prosecute terrorists, strongly condemning the continuing use of Afghan territory, especially areas controlled by the Taliban, for the sheltering and training of terrorists and plan-

ning of terrorist acts, and reaffirming its conviction that the suppression of international terrorism is essential for the maintenance of international peace and security."

Thus, the feel of the UN charter reverberates throughout the nomenclature and the language of the UNSC Resolution No. 1267. Afghanistan might be the centre of the sanctions regime but the extended overreach of counter-terror mechanisms comprise the terror spectacle spreadeagling across the Indian and South Asian region. Early on, the United States sought irreversible action on the scourge of terror in South Asia and India. The US office of Foreign Assets control has included the name of a few terror financial facilitators which reflects the political will on the part of the US to initiate a doctored mode of combat against the global terror infrastructure. The argument that India is provoking a war by isolating Pakistan is a dysfunctional approach, which only reflects the sympathy and empathy for the ministrations of global terror and nothing more.

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## PERSPECTIVE

# Catalan separatist vows EU Parliament fight

When not attending trial as a defendant, Junqueras, a historian, says he spends his time at the Soto del Real prison writing a collection of stories for his son and daughter, who he estimates he has seen 'a total of 50 hours' since he was put behind bars in November 2017. "I tell (my children) that unfortunately we live in a country where I can be put in jail... My job consists precisely in ensuring that this doesn't happen again and that my children don't have to go through what their father has," says Junqueras

Blocked from pursuing his political crusade in Spain's parliament, the most prominent jailed leader of Catalonia's separatist movement is vowing to take his fight to the European Parliament.

The lower chamber of Spain's Parliament on Friday suspended Oriol Junqueras and three colleagues from their recently gained seats as national lawmakers because they are currently in jail during an ongoing trial at Spain's Supreme Court. They face up to 25 years in prison for rebellion charges that stem from a banned referendum and an independence declaration made by the separatist-controlled Catalan government in late 2017.

But Junqueras is also running for the European Parliament in elections that take place on Sunday, and polls say that he and his former boss, Carles Puigdemont, who unlike Junqueras fled the country to avoid arrest, have a high chance of being elected.

Even so, the Catalan separatists face several legal hurdles to be sworn in as European lawmakers.

"The sole fact that a European lawmaker and a candidate to the presidency of the European Commission is a political prisoner of one of the European Union's member states is a very powerful message in favour of democracy, fundamental rights and freedoms not only in Catalonia but in all Europe," Junqueras told The Associated Press on Friday.

The Spanish Government has



The leader of the Catalanian ERC party Oriol Junqueras, centre, leaves after collecting his credentials at the Spanish parliament in Madrid on May 20, 2019. Junqueras and three other high-profile separatists won seats in the Lower Chamber, while Raul Romeva won a seat in the Senate. The five, along with other defendants, are being held in pre-trial jail. They face several years in prison if found guilty of rebellion

repeatedly rejected the term "political prisoner" to refer to the prosecuted Catalan separatists, pointing out that they were jailed by independent courts according to legal

provisions in the country. The Government also often reiterates that political parties openly advocating for secession are legal in the country, but the only way to

achieve independence for a region like northeastern Catalonia is by reforming the country's 1978 constitution, which currently prohibits the secession of a region unless all

Spaniards vote on it.

Junqueras spoke via video conference from a jail on the outskirts of Madrid shortly before the widely expected announcement that he would be suspended as a Spanish lawmaker.

Speaker Meritxell Batet announced that the governing body of the Congress of Deputies had ruled for the suspension in line with the country's criminal code, which bans those indicted for rebellion or terrorism-related charges and in preventive custody from holding public office.

But the 50-year-old former number 2 of the Catalan regional Government, who was previously a European lawmaker between 2009 and 2012, told AP that the suspension in Spain doesn't affect him because he was planning to give up his seat anyway: Members of the European Parliament can't hold certain public offices in their home countries.

Junqueras is the lead candidate in the European elections of Ahora Republicans, a coalition of a Catalan and other small regionalist parties in Spain. Polls give it enough votes for him to claim one of the 751 seats in the chamber, but his possibilities to be sworn in are unclear given his legal situation.

Junqueras said he hopes Spain's Supreme Court will allow him to travel to the European Parliament in Strasbourg, France, for the opening session in July. "For me, it will be a pleasure to return to the European

Parliament," he said, because that would allow him to rejoin former colleagues in the bloc's assembly and "explain to them firsthand the deep injustice that innocent people are in prison."

If he succeeds in becoming a parliament member, Junqueras plans to launch a largely symbolic candidacy to become European Commission president as the contender for the European Free Alliance, a grouping of small regional and separatist parties from across Europe, including Scottish, Flemish and Corsican nationalists.

While Junqueras said that if his attempt to become a European lawmaker is blocked he will appeal it in court, Puigdemont faces even greater potential challenges to join him in the continental legislature. According to an internal report by the European Parliament's legal services that the AP has had access to, Puigdemont would have to return to Spain to be officially included in the list of its elected European lawmakers and thereby face arrest.

Despite the chaos caused by the Brexit referendum in the UK, Junqueras is not wavering in his belief that the solution to the Catalan question is a regional vote on independence.

Election results and polls indicate that the 7.5 million residents of the Catalonia region are roughly split down the middle by the secession question. Junqueras and three fellow separatists from Puigdemont's

conservative JxCat party were elected last month to a new, fragmented Spanish lower house, along with another colleague who won a seat in the Spanish Senate.

Spain's Supreme Court granted them permission earlier this week to attend — escorted by police — the opening parliamentary sessions of the new legislative term. While Junqueras has made clear that he wants to give up his seat to another member of his left-wing separatist ERC party, all eyes in Spain are on what the three JxCat politicians will do.

Deciding to accept the suspension but not giving up their seats and leaving them empty would alter the number of deputies needed to form the next Spanish government. Caretaker Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez's Socialist party won April 28 national elections but fell short of a majority and will need support to form a government.

When not attending trial as a defendant, Junqueras, a historian, says he spends his time at the Soto del Real prison writing a collection of stories for his son and daughter, who he estimates he has seen "a total of 50 hours" since he was put behind bars in November 2017.

"I tell (my children) that unfortunately we live in a country where I can be put in jail," Junqueras said. "My job consists precisely in ensuring that this doesn't happen again and that my children don't have to go through what their father has."

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**YOUR WEEK AHEAD**



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**ARIES** March 21-April 19

This week health looks good. Those of you who are dealing with any health problems are likely to recover soon. This week brings quick thinking and a persuasive communication style. Hence, it is an apt time for debating and public speaking. You can expect approving reactions and valuable assistance. The nature of your communication makes it a perfect time to defend yourself. Those in academics, this is a good time for studying and appearing for exams. Good concentration and attention to detail mean fewer chances of making mistakes. This is also a good time for taking important decisions and business dealings. Your relationship will be a little disturbed this week. You should maintain two-way communication with your partner to avoid any misunderstandings.  
**Lucky number** 21  
**Lucky colour** Pink  
**Lucky day** Wednesday



**LEO** July 23-Aug 22

This week your health looks good. You are in a psychic and intuitive phase more than usual, so it's important for you to trust your instincts. On the career front, your mind will be very active, so express what is on your mind to your peers and colleagues. Fine-tune your goals and make clear plans and strategy to attain your goals. This is a good time to discuss your plans with others because you will get good feedback and support. You are likely to become a victim of confusion that will lead to insecurity, but the bad time shall pass. Romance is blooming this week. This is right time to take your relationship to the next level. Singles may have to wait for some more time, though.  
**Lucky number** 25  
**Lucky colour** Brown  
**Lucky day** Sunday



**SAGITTARIUS** Nov 22-Dec 19

This week your health will be at its best. Despite your hectic schedule, you will take out time to relax and enjoy. Those suffering from health issues are likely to find a way to recovery. People will notice your quality work and appreciate your efforts at your workplace. Continue with your work as you are on the right track. For investments, luck will be in your favour. Property dealings are likely to be resolved. On the personal front, this is a great time to relax with loved ones or party with friends. Your loving mood will make you more sexually attractive than usual. Studies and exams should go well, especially in technical areas like the sciences, computers, and mathematics. Some of you may take your partner to an exotic location.  
**Lucky number** 18  
**Lucky colour** Black  
**Lucky day** Saturday



**TAURUS** April 20-May 20

You are likely to have good health, but be careful while exercising as some injuries are indicated. On the career front, you'll be very professional and will follow the company policy. Travel due to business commitments is on the cards. On this trip, you are likely to make new friends and admirers. Dedication towards the task is important, but oversteering yourself may prove counterproductive. Do not hesitate to reach out to someone and ask for help. In your love life, the week indicates love, harmony, and friendship. This is a good time to relax and have fun with loved ones. Your loving and receptive mood will make you popular. This is a good time for dating because your charm and beauty will attract genuine and honest love.  
**Lucky number** 19  
**Lucky colour** Purple  
**Lucky day** Tuesday



**VIRGO** Aug 23-Sep 22

Your emotional well-being will decide your health condition this week. Therefore, it is important to assess how you are feeling about things/others. It is important to channelise your energy in the right direction and you will find yourself in the pink of health. In your professional life, you are fairly clear of what your goals are and what you have to do to achieve them. A stimulating time with heaps of opportunities puts your determination and ambition at a higher level. Business dealings and negotiations are favoured, especially for long-term investments and real estate. Relationship wise, a sharp focus in your intimate relationship is indicated. It is highly advisable to be sensitive and passionate towards your partner. Singles may enjoy this time with a ray of hope.  
**Lucky number** 10  
**Lucky colour** Mustard  
**Lucky day** Tuesday



**CAPRICORN** Dec 22-Jan 19

This week your health will be satisfactory. It's highly advisable to follow your daily exercise or yoga routine; if you have not yet started, then start now. You will feel driven to succeed at something with your strong sense of purpose. With the immense amount of courage, you will face all the challenges. Career-wise, this week you are able to finish a lot of work in short time. Financial situations are not good, so you should avoid overspending. Personally, you will be more emotional and sensitive than normal. This is the time to talk about relationship issues because you will be in touch with your true feelings. You will generally know how people are feeling and will be more sympathetic and nurturing than usual. Listen to your inner voice.  
**Lucky number** 12  
**Lucky colour** Maroon  
**Lucky day** Wednesday



**GEMINI** May 21-June 20

Your health is likely to remain good this week. You will be able to revive the inner childlike energy and will be active throughout. Things are looking good on your professional front as well. Luck will be in your favour and you will be able to fulfill your long-term ambition. Whatever you put your mind to should lead to lasting results and achievements. Therefore, people around are looking up to you for sound advice. With all these, you need to have a profound vision and a careful analysis of all the plans and strategies which will help you move towards success. Your love life will benefit from extra charisma and intellectual attractiveness. You may find yourself taking care of family matters, such as insurances and wills.  
**Lucky number** 30  
**Lucky colour** Peach  
**Lucky day** Saturday



**LIBRA** Sep 23-Oct 22

Your health will be good this week. It is good if you continue your meditation and yoga routine as it will keep your mind fresh and connected to your inner soul. People who are dealing with health problems are advised to take things seriously and take proper medication. Your ability of quick thinking will make this week an apt time to prepare a long-term plan on the career front. Networking with some promising contacts will allow you to grow professionally. You will have increased mental energy and concentration, which will help you succeed in studies or researches. This week, luck is in your favour, so don't worry about taking risks. Your relationship life will be satisfactory and you may expect some exciting news. Try spending some quality time with your family.  
**Lucky number** 13  
**Lucky colour** Yellow  
**Lucky day** Thursday



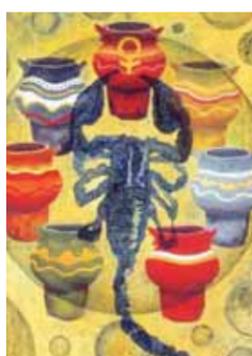
**AQUARIUS** Jan 20-Feb 18

Your health looks good, but still you need to be careful. If you are facing some health issues, don't worry as things will get a lot better. On the career front, your innovative spirit will help you widen your horizons and reach new goals. You can expect exciting news and stimulating conversations with senior authorities, which will lead to a wise business deal. Some of you are expected to face competition at work. Maintain a healthy work environment. Try to keep a close eye as someone will try to frame you at work. This is a good time for relationships. You may have an enjoyable time going to parties, places of relaxation and entertainment. New friends can be made or a significant new romance may begin.  
**Lucky number** 11  
**Lucky colour** Silver  
**Lucky day** Monday



**CANCER** June 21-July 22

This week your health is expected to be good. It is advisable to avoid ego conflicts and retreat to a safe place where you can develop your creative and spiritual nature. You will be smart and optimistic at work and will be able to complete all your pending tasks. Some interesting opportunities are on the cards. The task of waiting for some news on the domestic front will make you feel frustrated. The week, relationship life looks satisfying. You will maintain harmony in your relationships and will have a greater ability to express your love and affection towards your partner. Travelling to far off destination to meet someone is on the cards. Those thinking for investments, think and discuss with experts before taking any decision.  
**Lucky number** 28  
**Lucky colour** Sky blue  
**Lucky day** Saturday



**SCORPIO** Oct 23-Nov 21

This week your health is satisfactory. Those dealing with some health problems have to check the root cause as it needs to be treated. Ignoring your health can lead to some serious issues. Talk about your health conditions with others; you may find some solution to it. It is a very positive new beginning in your career. Those who had a difficult time lately know that things will get better very soon. The new possibilities will increase your chance of making new discoveries and making new admirers. In a relationship, you will probably want to nurture and protect your partner. Most of all, you will want to express your love and affection towards your partner. Stay positive and maintain an open communication with your partner. Bonding with family is on the cards.  
**Lucky number** 15  
**Lucky colour** Grey  
**Lucky day** Tuesday



**PISCES** Feb 19-March 20

This week your health will be good, but still, be careful with physical activities. Those suffering from health problems will recover soon. Keep a positive mindset and things will surely come easily to you. In professional life, your flair will help you distance yourself from negativities and you'll feel more optimistic than usual. You will obtain the confidence you've always dreamt of. New opportunities are on the cards. A few of you will choose to leave a job that is no longer productive for you. Those looking for promotion may get good news. It is a great time for socialising because of increased popularity and charisma. You are likely to have open and honest communication with your partner. The discussions you have now will be beneficial for the future.  
**Lucky number** 20  
**Lucky colour** White  
**Lucky day** Friday

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# Organised mind ensures success

A young man, not being able to get through the qualifying examination for admission into a business school, grudgingly came asking me: "Why did you raise my hope when I was not destined to make it?" "My friend, when I talked about your potential, I also suggested a lesson in how to organise your mind. It would have helped improve your focus, which you lacked badly. Also, I aided you in bringing down your mental aberration that often disoriented your mind. Did you follow it in the right earnest," I countered. "Your process could have cost me at least half an hour every day. My focus was on covering the subject matter as much as I could. I put in eight to nine hours a day. Yet, if I could not score, would it not mean that I was not destined for it," he responded.

Remember, destiny plays a definite role in one's life, but it doesn't necessarily define in finite terms how it may exactly play out, as it can't involuntarily bear fruits. Bear in mind: Destiny indicators are there as an indwelling potential, just like a small seed carries within the essence of a fully grown tree. Keep the seed on your table, it will remain there in a still form. If, however, you

sow it in earth mass in a season favourable to its fruition, and nurse it, the seed will first sprout and then grow into a full-fledged tree. As per the established norms of Astrology, three factors need to be accounted for while looking at destiny pointers — *kala*, *patra*, and *samaya*. *Kala* is the overall environmental condition, which is available in equal proportion to all those competing with you. *Samaya* offers the timeline when your individualistic destiny pointers could bear fruits. *Patra* is about your individual worthiness and vulnerabilities, which matter the most in realising your potential. That defines how qualitative or otherwise would be your efforts. Invariably, unlike the negatives that play out involuntarily from the front, the positives need to be identified, acknowledged, honed and then backed by quality effort. Just physical effort would not suffice, which you did put in.

Here, a brief run into the chemistry of mind becomes imperative. More the physical labour you put in tilling the land, larger area you may cover. On the contrary, a relaxed mind becomes more productive. That may, in the first place, offer ground to remain focused. You may



then be able to have a clear understanding of the subject matter. Second, it provides space necessary to absorb educative inputs. Third, it ensures proper coordination between conscious and sub-conscious levels of mind. Remember, all that you learn, their impressions get parked at the sub-conscious level. If conscious and sub-conscious coordinate well, you may be able to recall all the memory inputs in store of the latter in quick flashes, enabling you to correctly answer questions at hand.

In the above context, let me put forth the mirror image of your potentials and vulnerabilities in the astrological frame. The Sun conjunct Mercury speaks of your high intelligence and very good memory power. Higher education (beyond graduation) is identified with the 9th house. The 9th sign and cusp sub-lord Saturn occupies the 8th house, in the *nakshatra* owned by Mars, the 4th sub-lord posited in the 10th house, meaning professional education. Linkage of the 4th and 9th house promises higher education. Incidentally, Mars happens to be the lord of the 6th house identified with success in competition and 11th house signifying fulfillment of desires. So, in astrological terms, you carry the potential of pursuing professional course. More so,

because Karmic Saturn has a harmonious relation with Mars identified with efforts. Saturn being in the 8th house, your efforts may begin on a low note, but as you gain momentum, you may finally succeed in your endeavour. Now, towards negatives, the first marker is the Gemini *lagna* with Moon therein, conjunct Ketu and opposite mischievous Neptune as well as erratic Uranus. That speaks of a fertile but vacillating mind, continuously breeding imaginary thoughts, more often distanced from ground realities, and also an erratic behaviour.

Mars crossing path with Uranus makes you temperamental. Venus conjunct the Sun makes you emotionally touchy whereby you get over-exercised even on trivial matters. The energies lost thus, and with your cluttered mind space, you are not left with enough to put in your best towards the desired destination. And the result is there to see. Organise your mind, and I am sure you will make it.

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