

SHOW TIME

Will Smith is charming



ALADDIN
King 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 two seconds in *Student of The Year 2*. It was to prepare us for the dance sequence 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 director on a lot more, plentifully 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 Saxena

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 tax for two
The 30th, young and vibrant All-day Neighbourhood cafe 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 Mangomis and Mango cheesecake.



Noor-e-Punjab

Address: 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*, *patiala wale singhada tikke* and *barah kebab*. Moving on to the main course, guests can indulge in a delicious affair such as *keena matar mazaar*, *nutton kharoda curry*, and *tawa keema parantha*.

'I look for challenging roles'

MUSBA HASHMI speaks with DEEPIKA SINGH about her transition from playing a cop to a devoted wife and how doing supernatural shows affect actors

Tell us about your character in Kawach Mahashivratri.
I play Sandhya, a Bharatnatyam dancer. She is a simple, loving and caring girl. She believes in true love and supports her family. She believes in God but not in the supernatural. She is a dignified woman and knows how to carry herself. On Mahashivratri, during an inauspicious hour something happens to her which creates a havoc in her love life. She is torn between who to be with, Angad (who she loves) or Kapil (who will enter her life at a later stage).

How do you have to do a lot of preparations for the role?
Yes, I am learning Marathi and working on my accent. I have to get the language right. For dance, I didn't have to do much because I am an Odissi dancer. But still I make sure to take some time and practice my steps. I also do yoga because a lot of body work is involved in dance so we have to prepare our body for that.

What prompted you to play Sandhya?

This role is completely different from my previous work. I was patiently waiting for a long time for the right role to come and I was attracted to it and what I wanted. Also, it is a big show and a big production house — Balaji Telefilms. I am glad that I get to work with them.

Are you affected personally because you are part of a supernatural show?
No, not at all.

But yes, if you are playing a character and shooting for 12 hours then you need a couple of hours to calm yourself. We can't just finish shooting and go back to sleep. It is not that easy. We need some time to calm our mind. This is what I love about my work. I love taking challenges and whenever I find myself in my comfort zone, I get bored of it. These challenges wake me up for the next day and bring in that motivation to reach the sets even before the call time and go through the script and find out what new or different I can do today.

From Sandhya in Diya Aur Baati Hum to Sandhya in Kawach Mahashivratri, do you find any similarities in your roles except for the name?

It is a mere co-incidence that I have got the character with the same name again. Other than that there are no similarities in my roles. Sandhya (Rathi) in *Diya Aur Baati Hum* was an independent and a career-oriented girl but Sandhya in *Kawach... is* loving and caring. She is more inclined towards her family while the previous Sandhya was not. Sandhya is madly in love and will do anything to get the love of her life back while Sandhya (Rathi) was not fond of love. Both the roles are different from each other.

How did acting happen?
While I was in college, I saw a stage play and I got infatuated with acting. I just wanted to just go for it.

Do you have a checklist when it comes to signing projects?

Not at all. I see opportunities as God's blessings. I go with the first thought that I get after reading the scripts. If it appealed to me in the first go and I feel excited to do that work, I just go for it without giving it a second thought.

how people perform on stage and they get to perform different characters in one life. This idea always excited me. I wanted to experiment with different roles. I was doing B Com Honours at that time and my family was not in favour of me doing acting. But the idea of becoming an actor took root in me. I started doing events and got my portfolio. Then I won Miss Delhi title. This kept on adding to my career and I started getting calls for ads. I would say acting never left me. I was not interested in getting selected for any role but I just wanted to act. Then, I auditioned for *Diya Aur Baati Hum* and I was selected.

My family was in shock when they got to know that I have been selected. For them I was a shy person, who has not even held a mic in her hand, which definitely was the case. I used to get nervous on stage. When I used to get on stage to give speeches, my hands used to shake for the first five to 10 seconds while holding the mic. My family never saw me acting so they were worried that I was taking a risk in my career. They thought, *Isko kisi neev bol diya hai ki ye kisi ki taraf se hai, isko acting karni hai*. When I saw the first episode of my show, my father immediately called to tell me that this is the right profession for me and this is where I belong.

How has the journey been thus far? Were there any highs or more lows?

The journey has been amazing. I am a positive person. I don't know what are downs. I can find positivity in the worst of situations. I trust God and I believe even if I am going through a bad phase in life, it is just a ladder to success. I see difficulties as a way to get prepared for the next step.

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TELLYTALE

REKHA GOES DOWN MEMORY LANE



ony Entertainment Television's kid dance reality show *Super Dancer Chapter 3* has reached a milestone where top 10 contestants are striving hard for showing in next 'Dance Ka Kar'. 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 Jash-e-Rekha episode.

During the performance of a nine-year-old contestant, Tejas Verma and Tuskar Shetty from Maharashtra on Rekha's popular song *Rang Basu* all the judges and the audiences enjoyed celebrating Holon the sets. The colorful performance of Tejas made Rekha go down the memory lane who shared some stories. Tejas' out of the world expressions made Rekha relate his to Shikhar Khan. She mentioned, 'Tejas reminds me of Shah Rukh Khan. The way he smiles exactly resembles Shahrulk's smile. Tejas has the same eyes and lips which makes him look like Shahrulk'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 Tuskar 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 Baharana Pratap in his iconic fantasy show, *Aladdin*, Neam 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.

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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.'

HARSH TAKES AWAY BHARTI'S RING

Colors' *Khatra Khatra Khatra* has proved to be one of the most entertaining shows in. Its most renowned jodi — Jahnvi 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 her wear it. Harsh's spontaneous act left Bharti appalled. The duo's

rib-ticking comedy act made the audience laugh their guts out. How will Bharti react to this situation?

CELEBRATING DOUBLE CENTURY

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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 throw the ball in the others' cup. If they failed to do that, they'd have to do a dare that their BFF picks and the crazy fun

Salman's walk down memory lane

The upcoming weekend's episode of *Sa Re Ga Ma Pa Li Champs* are bound to be exciting with Bollywood superstar 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 superhit song *O 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

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

Katrina 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 Sharma'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 Saai — Shradha Aai Sahab* 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 Abeer Soofi the lead actor. 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 the 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 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 and 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 fans love is a bunch of blessing, they shower on me. My fans are *Sai baba's* blessings for me.'

Kumar Sanu & Sameer spill secrets

This weekend will one of the most melodious ones on Sony Entertainment Television's *The Kapil Sharma Show* where Guinness World Record holder 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.



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I being the Authorised Officer of the Secured Creditor Bank has reason to believe that the Borrower as well as the guarantors cannot be served through ordinary way as attempted earlier except through this substituted service. As such, you and the mentioned notifiers who are borrowers and guarantors in the mentioned Accounts are hereby informed and called upon through this public DEMAND NOTICE under Section 13(2) of the SARFAESI Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 to make payment of amounts due against you and borrowers / guarantors in the Account, as mentioned below, within 60 days from the date of this publication. Please also note that if you fail to make the payment of the demanded amounts within period of 60 days, the bank shall proceed U/S 13(4) of the said Act for taking possession of the secured Assets mentioned below against the Accounts and thereafter to sell the same to realize its dues with further interest till realization along with costs as contemplated under the said Act. Needless to mention here that this notice is addressed to you without prejudice to any other remedy available to the Bank for recovery of its dues, against you.

Name of the NPA Accounts / Guarantor	Description of the Movable / Immovable Property	Date of the Demand Notice	Amount Outstanding
(1) M/s Khushi General Store through its Prop. Sarmit Singh and Gurpreet (I) Vind Kumar S/o Sh. Ajit Kumar (II) Sh. Jasbir Kaur W/o Sh. Harbhajan Singh, VPO Chola Sahib, Tam Taran Branch - Chola Sahib, Tam Taran	Equitable Mortgage of Property measuring 12.27 Acres, situated at Pad Bada K/Rada, Inside Chola Sahib, owned by Mrs. Daljit Kaur W/o Sh. Harbhajan Singh vide Sale Deed No. 1519 dated 24-02-2012 Registered with Jodh Sub Registrar, Chola Sahib, Tam Taran	09-05-2019	Rs. 9,98,841/11 as on 31-03-2019 + interest, charges and less recovery effected till date
(2) Sh. Rajwinder Singh S/o S. Harbhajan Singh Also at T/S R. R. Exports and Guarantors Indraprasth Singh S/o Sh. Rajenderpal Singh Branch - Sulphur Road, Amritsar	Hypothecation of Motor Sundry, AL Diesel Car (16-05-2019) Registration No. PB-03X-5743, Engine No. E014994, Chassis No. MDHSDAN17C018806, Colour White Silver Gray	16-05-2019	Rs. 7,50,831/30 as on 14-05-2019 + interest, charges and less recovery effected till date

Capt thanks voters, partymen for Congress' good show in Punjab

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Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on Saturday expressed his gratitude to voters for the impressive victory of the Congress in the state in this Lok Sabha polls.

He also thanked Punjab ministers, party legislators and Congress workers for the good show they put up in the state. "I express my gratitude to all workers of Youth Congress and NSUI for their support and hard work which led to such a good showing in the Lok Sabha

polls," he tweeted.

"I also thank people of Punjab for placing trust in us by giving such a mandate," the chief minister tweeted, reiterating his commitment of making Punjab 'number one again'.

In the 2019 Lok Sabha polls, Congress won eight out of total 13 seats in Punjab, bucking the pro-Modi trend seen across north and central India in this general election.

The Congress romped home to impressive victory on eight seats, surprising both the



SAD-BJP combine and the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) and improving its tally from three in the 2014 Lok Sabha polls. It had won Gurdaspur in a bypoll in 2017.

The Akali Dal-BJP alliance won four seats. The lone seat was won by the AAP was of Sangrur, a constituency retained by Bhagwant Mann.

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Sabha polls in which it won eight out of total 13 parliamentary seats in the state.

The vote share of the Aam Aadmi Party which could manage to win just one seat, nosedived from 24 per cent in 2014 Lok Sabha polls to 7.38 per cent in the present elections.

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Hoshiarpur and Gurdaspur and also witnessed an increase in its vote share to 9.63 per cent, as per the Election Commission data.

In the 2014 Lok Sabha polls, the Congress party's vote share was 33.10 per cent and the SAD's 26.30 per cent. The vote share of AAP and the BJP stood at 24.40 and 8.70 per cent respectively.

Another surprise in the elections was the Bahujan Samaj Party getting 3.49 per cent of the polled votes. BSP candidates who contested from

Anandpur Sahib, Hoshiarpur and Jalandhar constituencies managed to get more than one lakh votes in each segment.

The Aam Aadmi Party was almost routed from Punjab, winning sole seat of Sangrur out of 13 it contested. The AAP had surprised many in 2014 Lok Sabha polls when it won four seats in Punjab.

In the 2014 Lok Sabha polls, while the SAD-BJP combine had won six seats, the AAP and Congress had bagged four and three seats respectively.

NOTA highest in Faridkot, Taksalis Bir Devinder lost to NOTA

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Even as various political outfits and individuals put their best foot forward to win the recently-concluded elections, there were as many as 1,54,423 voters in Punjab who rejected all the candidates at one go by pressing the NOTA (none of the above) button on the EVMs (electronic voting machines) in May 19 elections.

In fact, NOTA occupied the fifth spot on almost all the constituencies of the state.

The figure has increased from 0.4 per cent (58,754 votes) in 2014, when the NOTA was first introduced in the state, to 1.12 per cent in 2019.

Faridkot Lok Sabha witnessed the maximum electors choosing NOTA — 19,246 which is 1.97 per cent of the total votes polled — from where Congress' Mohad Sadique defeated SADS Gulzar

Singh Ranike, and Aam Aadmi Party's sitting MP Prof Sadhu Singh.

If that is not enough, SAD (Taksali), a splinter group of SAD led by the Badals which contested elections on just two seats, faced a major embarrassment in Sri Anandpur Sahib because of NOTA.

Its candidate Bir Devinder Singh, the former Deputy Speaker of Punjab Vidhan Sabha, was lagged behind NOTA which secured 1.58 per cent (17,135 votes) of the total votes polled. Bir Devinder, whose early declaration of candidature forced Taksalis to turn down the coalition offers by the JLP, Punjab Democratic Alliance (PDA) and the BSP, could managed just 10,424 (0.96 per cent) votes, not even one per cent.

Sehajdhari Sikh Federation president Dr Parmarjeet Singh Ramu, who contested as an independent — from Sri

Anandpur Sahib, could garner just 1,316 (0.12 per cent) votes.

In Ferozepur, from where SAD president Sukhbir Badal won the elections, 14,891 voted for NOTA, while 13,323 voters opted for NOTA in Bathinda, from where his Union Minister wife Harsimrat Badal secured a hat-trick.

As many as 13,045 voters voted for NOTA in Fatehgarh Sahib, followed by 12,868 in Hoshiarpur, 12,324 in Jalandhar, 11,110 in Patiala, 10,538 in Ludhiana, 9,560 in Gurdaspur, 8,763 in Amritsar, 6,490 in Sangrur and 5,130 in Khadoor Sahib.

Interestingly, the percentage of NOTA votes was more than the vote percentage of some political parties like CPI and CPM in the state. As against 1.12 per cent of votes in favour of NOTA, the vote percentage of CPI and CPM was just 0.31 and 0.08 respectively.



Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur with the newly elected MPs from the state—Kishan Kapoor from Kangra, Ram Swaroop Sharma from Mandi, Anurag Thakur from Hamirpur and Suresh Kashyap from Shimla at New Delhi on Saturday

248 lose deposit in Punjab, including 5 MLAs

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Two sitting MPs and three MLAs are among 248 candidates in Punjab who lost their security deposit in the Lok Sabha elections. The results of which were announced on May 23.

The five legislators were Aam Aadmi Party candidates or those who left the party and contested the elections under the banner of the Punjab Democratic Alliance (PDA), a grouping of several parties.

Among political parties, the worst hit were the SAD-BJP candidates. Twelve of their candidates failed to get the one-sixth vote share needed to save the deposit.

Among the MPs whose deposit was forfeited were Nawaz Punjab Party candidate from Patiala, Dharamvir Gandhi. He was polled around 1.61 lakh votes. He was elected to the Lok Sabha on the AAP ticket in 2014.

AAP's sitting Faridkot MP Sadhu Singh also lost his deposit. He lost the contest to Congress' Mohd Sadique.

AAP's Talwandi Sabo MLA Baljinder Kaur lost her security deposit from Bathinda.

Punjab Ekta Party (PEP) founder and Bholath MLA Sukhpal Singh Khaira, who fought from Bathinda under the banner of the PDA after quitting AAP, too lost his deposit.

PEP candidate and Jaitu MLA Baldev Singh, who contested as a PEP nominee after quitting AAP, was too among the legislators whose deposit was forfeited.

The BSP candidates from Hoshiarpur and Anandpur Sahib also failed to save their deposit, so did the CPI candidates from Amritsar and Ferozepur. CPM contestant from Anandpur Sahib and Lok Insaaf Party nominees from Bathinda and Fatehgarh Sahib. Bir Devinder Singh, the lone candidate fielded by the PDA in the constituency of the Shiromani Akali Dal, also lost his security deposit from Anandpur Sahib.

Shiromani Akali Dal (Mann) chief Simranjit Singh Mann faced a similar fate from Sangrur. Twenty-eight candidates lost their deposit from Amritsar, the largest number among the 13 constituencies in the state. Of the 10 sitting MPs who contested the Lok Sabha polls, five were re-elected. They were Harsimrat Kaur Badal (Bathinda), Santokh Chaudhary (Jalandhar), Bhagwant Mann (Sangrur), Gurjeet Aujla (Amritsar) and Ravneet Singh Bittu (Ludhiana).

One trekker dead, four missing in Himachal's Kinnaur

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Bengal.

Roopak was part of the seven-member team, which was going towards Barua Pass through the Janglik area.

Another trekker from the team sustained injuries during the expedition. He was airlifted to a Sangli hospital where he was given first aid. Later, he was shifted to Chandigarh.

As per information, four members of the Rohru team experienced breathing issues and decided to return, whereas three of them remained in the Barua Kande camp in Shogade area. Later, one of them (Roopak) died and the other sustained injuries. The third trekker is reported to be safe.

Those who returned due to breathing issues remained in the Rohru administration about the entire incident. The Rohru administration informed the Sangla tehsildar about it.

Subsequently, an IAF helicopter and a rescue team of the ITBP were sent to the Barua hills, where they located the three trekkers. The body of the deceased trekker is being brought back by the Sangla police.

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After worst ever drubbing, Cong leaders fight again in HP

PNS ■ SHIMLA

Failing to learn their lessons despite the worst ever defeat of the Congress in Himachal Pradesh, the state leaders are targeting each other for the poor performance.

Differences between former chief minister Virbhadra Singh and former state Congress president Sukhvinder Sukhu again resurfaced after the party's defeat in which it failed in all the assembly segments of the state for the first time.

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pointed with the election results. We should learn from the results. Time keeps on changing. One emerges victorious after defeat," he told the workers.

Virbhadra Singh had earlier said all was not well with the organisation for long.

Had the party president been changed earlier and others people included in the organisation, the Congress would have not been defeated like this (agar pradhan ko pehle badal diya jaata aur achhe logo ko sangathan me shamil kar liya jaata to is kadam party ki hira nahin hoti)," he had said.

Kuldeep Singh Rathore had replaced Sukhu as the state Congress president a month

As many as 33,008 voters chose the NOTA option. In this way, 0.87 per cent voters opted for NOTA out of the total 38,011, 793 votes polled in the state on May 19, an election official said. Besides, 8,208 (0.22 per cent) votes were rejected for the four Lok Sabha seats of the hill-state

about four lakh votes in each of the constituencies.

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The highest 11,327 voters chose NOTA in Kangra, followed by 8,357 in Shimla, 8,026 in Hamirpur and 5,298 in Mandi, the official said. He said a total of 29,032 voters (0.9 per cent) had opted for NOTA in the 2014 parliamentary elections.

The highest 3,322 votes

were rejected in Hamirpur, followed by 2,567 in Kangra, 1,777 in Mandi and 1,542 in Shimla.

He said as electronic voting machines (EVMs) were used for general voters, there was no need to get votes rejected. But, the votes of the soldiers, generally known as service voters, and those of the poll staff, who use ballot papers to exercise their franchise, may be rejected if not properly cast, the official added.

Of the total 53,30,154 registered voters in the four constituencies, 68,028 (1.27 per cent) are service voters.

The highest service voters 24,245 are in the Hamirpur Lok Sabha seat, followed by 21,836 in Kangra, 13,474 in Mandi and 8,473 in Shimla, a state electoral officer said.

The ballot papers had been electronically transmitted to record offices/units of service voters on May 3 itself with envelopes to ensure their voting. Subsequently, the service voters were required to reach the concerned Returning Officer before the start of the counting.

There were 46,000 employees deputed as polling staff and they were also eligible to use ballot papers in case they were on poll duty outside their respective parliamentary constituency.

INBRIEF

HARYANA TRANSFERS 2 IAS OFFICERS
Chandigarh: Haryana Government has issued transfer and posting orders of two IAS officers, with immediate effect. Ashok Kumar Meena, Chief Vigilance Officer, HSPV, Panchkula and Deputy Commissioner, Hisar has been given additional charge of Commissioner, Municipal Corporation Hisar. Mukesh Kumar Ahuja, Administrator, HSPV, Panchkula and Additional Director, Urban Estate, Panchkula, Director and Special Secretary, Urban Estates Department has been posted as Deputy Commissioner, Charhki Dadri vice Ajay Singh Tomer. The orders of posting of Ajay Singh Tomer will be issued later.

HRD BOARD GIVES OPPORTUNITY TO IMPROVE MARKS
Chandigarh: Haryana Board of School Education, Bhiwani, on the occasion of its Golden Jubilee, is providing another opportunity to students who had passed Secondary or Senior Secondary exams ten years ago, to apply for improvement in one subject. Such candidates could download the application form from Board's website www.bsh.org.in. A spokesman of Board said that those who have passed their Secondary or Senior Secondary examination between March-2009 to July-2018, they are being provided another opportunity to improve their marks in one subject.

NBA ACCREDITATION TO 3 MORE ENGINEERING PROGRAMS
Chandigarh: J.C. Bose University of Science and Technology, YMCA, Faridabad has added another feather to its cap as three more engineering programs of the University have been awarded accreditation from National Board of Accreditation (NBA). The accreditation granted by the NBA to University programs reflects the quality of Technical Education being imparted in the University and strengthens the University's vision to become globally acclaimed Institute in Technical Education. Vice-Chancellor, Dinesh Kumar has congratulated all the staff members for this great achievement and expressed gratitude towards the Governor, Sahyadeo Narain Arya, who is also Chancellor of the University for extending full support to the University to which University is supporting State Government's mission to set high standards in Technical Education.

Punjab DGP sets priorities for police officers to control crime

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Punjab Director General of Police, Dinkar Gupta on Saturday set the priorities for the Punjab police and stressed upon to put effective focus on terrorist crimes, gangster activities, drive against drugs and heinous crimes in the state. In addition to this, he also directed the field officers to prevent and control the crimes against women and redress the public grievances on priority.

Stipulating 'Mission CCTV cameras' to check criminal activities in the state, DGP asked all the range officers and SSPs to put all out efforts for installations of such cameras at each entry and exit points into all cities/towns besides covering all vulnerable locations.

For quick disposal of old vehicles belonging to case properties, Gupta asked the senior officers concerned to develop data based applications for priority areas to streamline disposal of old vehicles at range level and police districts offices at the earliest. In addition to this, he directed the officers to update all data pertaining to arms licenses, arms dealers, man-

power, vehicles and driving licenses on such online software applications by coordinating with district police chiefs.

Chairing a state level meeting of all CPs and SSPs, he also suggested to simplify Crime and Criminal Tracking Network & Systems (CCTNS) forms, computerization of police station records and timely updating of all types of crime data on the platform. He also asked all the CPs and SSPs to hold weekly crime meetings on every Wednesday to take stock of progress reports of their subordinate officers.

Presenting his progress ADGP I/T&T, Kuldeep Singh informed in the meeting that Punjab is a leading state in the country for fully utilizing,

BSP improves performance in Punjab

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

The Bahujan Samaj Party may not have won any seat in the Lok Sabha elections in Punjab but it surprised many by finishing third on the three seats it contested, doing better than the AAP.

Facing the erosion of its vote bank over the past several years in Punjab, the BSP garnered vote share of 3.49 per cent as against 1.9 per cent in 2014. The party polled 4,79 lakh votes in the state this general election.

The BSP stitched an alliance and became a part of Punjab Democratic Alliance, a conglomerate of several political outfits for contesting the elections.

As part of the seat-sharing pact, the BSP fielded three candidates from Anandpur Sahib, Hoshiarpur (reserve) and Jalandhar (reserve) seats in Punjab.

In 2014, the BSP had contested all 13 seats and still got only 2.63 lakh votes. The party was on fourth spot on seven seats, sixth on two seats and ranked fifth on two seats.

On all the seats it contested this Lok Sabha polls, the BSP contestants finished third, as per the election results. The candidates of the AAP, which is the main opposition party in Punjab, finished fourth on these seats.

What surprised many was that its Jalandhar candidate Balwinder Kumar got more than two lakh votes or 20 per cent of total votes polled, though he could not win. In Hoshiarpur, BSP nominee Khushi Ram secured over 1.28 lakh votes, prompting Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh to blame the defeat of the Congress candidate to the shift of votes to the BSP. He said this has been a deciding factor for this constituency and has also affected the winning margins in some others.

From the Anandpur Sahib constituency, BSP nominee Vikram Singh Sodhi secured 1.46 lakh votes and finished third.

In Hoshiarpur, BSP nominee Datta, the vote share of the BSP was 3.49 per cent (4,79,788 votes), way ahead of several parties including the CPI and the CPM.

Himachal for expediting four laning road projects

PNS ■ SHIMLA

Himachal Additional Chief Secretary (PWD & Revenue) Manisha Nanda on Saturday held a meeting to review the progress of construction of four laning projects of National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) and National Highway in the State.

She discussed and addressed all the problems, difficulties and hindrances being faced in the construction of the Highway by the stake holder departments.

Nanda said for the acquisition of land for the construction of Kiratpur-Manali, Parwanoo-Shimla and Baddi Nalagarh Four Laning Projects an amount of about Rs. 4260.00 crore was received from the NHAI and out of which about 4004.00 crore have been disbursed to the land owners.

She said that it has been seen that umpteen complaints are being received in context

of the damages to the private properties on account of construction of Highways which are situated outside the R.O.W. (Right of Way) for which there has not been made any provision of paying compensation by the NHAI, in such cases the damage has to be assessed by the District Level Committee (D.L.C.) for the purpose and compensation worked out and paid to the affected persons.

Nanda emphasized that timely relief should be given

to the land owners to avoid any kind of inconvenience and redress the problem in a mission mode. In context of acquisition of houses where they have been acquired partly, the grievance should be redressed by taking the consent of the house owner to acquire it completely and the case for acquiring the land which is outside the R.O.W. should be referred to the competent authority for acquisition in a special circumstances as the land

remains of no use to the land owners. This kind of situation is prevailing in the vicinity of Solan town which would also be applicable elsewhere depending on the genuineness and merit of the case, she added.

Reviewing the construction of Takoli-Kullu stretch of Kiratpur-Manali Four Laning Project, where most of the work has been done, Nanda asked the Project Director NHAI Mandi to complete it before 15th July, 2019 in all

respects before the onset of rainy season. Similarly the work in Parwanoo-Solan stretch of Parwanoo-Solan Four Laning Projects should be geared up to complete it in mission mode.

She assured the NHAI authorities to provide all assistance in completing the projects in time bound manner and exhorted all the officers present in the meeting to work in coordination and work as a team to complete the task of construction of

Highways which will go long way to enhance the pace of development in the State.

The ACS will be on holding 'Camps' at appropriate places in coordination with District Administration, stake holders and local representatives concerned Panchayati Raj Institutes to complete the task of disbursement of compensation.

Engineer-in-Chief PWD R.K. Verma, Chief Engineer, National Highways Bhawan

Kumar Sharma, Project Director, Mandi, Shimla, SDMs of Solan and Shimla, Acquisition Officers and other senior officers of department were present among others in the meeting.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Before
Sh. Manoj Khatri, HCS,
Assistant Estate Officer,
Chandigarh Office of the
Estate Officer, UT, Chandigarh.

Subject: - Transfer of ownership to the extent of 25% share of Booth No. 39, Sector 20-D, Chandigarh, from the name of Sh. Ramesh Singh in the names of Smt. Harbans Kaur, Sh. Anandpreet Singh and Sh. Anandpreet Kaur on the basis of intestate Death.

It is notified for the information of general public and all concerned that as per record of office property known as 25% share in respect of Booth No. 39, Sector 20-D, Chandigarh, in the name of Sh. Ramesh Singh it has been reported by Smt. Harbans Kaur, Sh. Anandpreet Singh and Sh. Anandpreet Kaur to the Estate Officer, Chandigarh in their favour on the basis of intestate death. If anybody has any information regarding any other legal heirs of the deceased other than mentioned above, he should be informed to the Estate Officer, Chandigarh immediately. If anybody has any objection to the said notice, he should file his objection in writing in the office of the Estate Officer, Chandigarh, from the date of publication of this notice in the shape of an affidavit duly attested by the Executive Magistrate/Notary Public, undertaking to guarantee the genuineness of the objection being so raised to the Estate Officer, Chandigarh, failing which 25% share of Booth No. 39, Sector 20-D, Chandigarh will be sold as property sale mutated accordingly and no further claim whatsoever shall be entertained at any later stage.

Sh. Manoj Khatri, HCS,
Assistant Estate Officer,
Chandigarh Office of the
Estate Officer, UT, Chandigarh.

1.8 lakh NOTA votes cast in Jharkhand

SAURAV ROY ■ RANCHI

As many as 1,85,397 voters opted for NOTA in Jharkhand during the recently concluded General Elections and 159 candidates secured fewer votes than NOTA in their respective constituencies, data

available on the Election Commission's website (ECI) official website reveals.

The candidates who got fewer votes than NOTA in their constituency form nearly 70 per cent of the total 229 candidates who contested the polls in Jharkhand.

The number of NOTA votes cast in 145 constituencies and constituencies, where the BJP won by a thin margin, was higher than the victory margin in the respective constituencies. In Khunti, BJP's former chief minister Arjun Munda defeated Congress Party's Kalli

Charan Munda by a thin margin of 114 votes. In the NOTA booth was pressed by as many as 21,245 voters in the constituency reserved for tribal candidates. Lohardaga witnessed a similar trend, where BJP's Sudarshan Bhagat defeated Congress Party's Sukumar Bhagat by a margin of 10,363 votes, 120 less than the number of NOTA votes cast.

At least 11 of 14 candidates in Lohardaga and Khunti constituencies got fewer votes than NOTA. At least 17 of 26 candidates there were defeated by NOTA, while seven of nine candidates lost to NOTA in Singhbhum. On an average, more than half of the candidates in each of the 14 constituencies lost to NOTA in Jharkhand this election.

According to ECI, the highest number of NOTA votes, 31,164, was cast in Koderma constituency, where Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) Annapurna Devi defeated Jharkhand Vikas Morcha Pratikandhik (VPM) chief Bahadur Marandi by nearly five lakh votes.

As many as 229 candidates contested the elections for the 14 parliamentary constituencies in the tribal State this year. The NDA came swept the state by winning 12 of 14 Lok Sabha seats.

NOTA, which stands for 'None Of The Above' is an option provided in the elections to voters who do not find any candidate representative of the people. Through NOTA, a voter gets to reject all the candidates in fray and yet exercise his franchise. Earlier, in order to cast a negative ballot, a voter had to inform the presiding officer at the polling booth. Now the voter has to just press the NOTA option on the EVM. The NOTA option was first used in

the 2013 assembly elections held in four states —

Chhattisgarh, Mizoram, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh—and one union territory, Delhi.

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APPENDIX A - ASSIGNMENT
(For immovable property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Limited (DHFL) under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 3(2) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, Dated 2002, (Notice) issued by the Authorised Officer of the company to the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) mentioned herein and to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower having failed to repay the amount mentioned in the notice is hereby given notice to the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-section (4) of the Section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 5 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002. 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 in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the said assets and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of DHFL for an amount as mentioned herein under with interest thereon.

S. No.	Name of the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s)	Description of Secured Asset (Immovable Property)	Demand Notice Date & Amount	Date of Possession
1.	(C.N. 00004472 of our Karnal Branch) Rajesh R (Borrower) Rahul R (Co-Borrower)	All that part and parcel of Property bearing Khewat No. 267, Kite, 12 Village Rajound, Near Bir Bangra Road, Distt - Kathiwal-136044	25-Jan-19, Rs. 18,55,762/-	25-05-2019
2.	(C.N. 00004168 of our Karnal Branch) Shamsher S (Borrower) Gunam S (Co-Borrower)	All that part and parcel of Property bearing: Village Bhana, Khewat No. 197, R.R., Khatori No.250, Near Bus Stand Bhana, Tehsil Pundri, Distt - Kathiwal, Haryana - 136044	18-Feb-19, Rs. 17,33,581/-	22-05-2019
3.	(C.N. 00002286 of our Karnal Branch) Satinder Kumar (Borrower) Reena Ran (Co-Borrower)	All that part and parcel of Property bearing: Khewat No.26, Khata No.54, Khatori No.36, Vill Jadhari Teh Pundri, Distt Kathiwal-136026	24-Oct-18, Rs. 12,67,861/-	22-05-2019
4.	(C.N. 00003589 of our Karnal Branch) Naseem H (Borrower) Surend S (Co-Borrower) Kusum Devi (Co-Borrower)	All that part and parcel of Property bearing: Khatori No.107, Khewat No.51, Near Shiv Mandir, Rajound, Kathiwal-136044	27-Dec-18, Rs. 18,78,963/-	22-05-2019
5.	(C.N. 00000225 of our Karnal Branch) Rajender R (Borrower) Kiran Devi (Co-Borrower)	All that part and parcel of Property bearing: Khatori No. 352, Khatori No. 595, Waka Mo Kalyat, Abadi Kulwant Nagar, Backside Govt. Hospital, Kathiwal, Kathiwal-136117	30-Apr-18, Rs. 17,84,144/-	23-05-2019
6.	(C.N. 00003522 of our Karnal Branch) Chhota C (Borrower) Santosh S (Co-Borrower) Maya H (Co-Borrower)	All that part and parcel of Property bearing: Khewat No. 21/2min, Khatori No. 27, Khatori No. 456, Kalyat, Kathiwal, Kathiwal-136117	27-Dec-18, Rs. 17,75,032/-	23-05-2019
7.	(C.N. 00003075 of our Karnal Branch) Gourav Kumar (Borrower) Ram Kumar (Co-Borrower)	All that part and parcel of Property bearing: Khewat No 96, Killa No 751, Khatori No. 111, V P O Batta, Kathiwal, Kathiwal-136117	20-Jul-18, Rs. 16,81,551/-	23-05-2019
8.	(C.N. 00003444 of our Karnal Branch) Baldev Singh (Co-Borrower) Shymu Devi (Co-Borrower)	All that part and parcel of Property bearing: Khewat/ Khatori No. 335/401, Khatori No.377/12/2, Hadbast No.138 Kala Yamnagar, Sub-tehsil Sadhaura, Yamnagar-135001	27-Dec-18, Rs. 8,99,140/-	24-05-2019
9.	(C.N. 00003045 of our Karnal Branch) Alakh Automobiles (Borrower) Baldev Singh (Co-Borrower) Shymu Devi (Co-Borrower)	All that part and parcel of Property bearing: Khewat/ Khatori No. 335/401, Khatori No.377/12/2, Hadbast No.138 Kala Yamnagar, Sub-tehsil Sadhaura, Yamnagar-135001	28-Aug-18, Rs. 60,93,900/-	24-05-2019

Place: Haryana Date: 12/05/2019

Sd/- Mr. Sarabjit Bahra (Authorized Officer) For Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Limited

Classifieds

LOST AND FOUND

It is notified for the information that my original examination certificate of Secondary and Senior Secondary examination of year 2014 and 2016 resp. Roll No. 5312614, 2592725 issued by CBSE has been lost. Name of candidate Ananya Mohan Sharma, Sector 7, Panchkula 1919680060

I, Ankit Singh Subhash Chand Gupta, R/o H.No. - 833, Sec-12 Panipat declared that missing my sale deed, his DOR No. 1932445/1902352, and Sale deed No. 503 dated 12-08-2018 and 525833 dated 12-08-14 at Panipat bus stand dated 2-05-2019. If someone found please contact my address.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Kum. Rajani W/o Suresh Kumar R/o 207, Tawari No 1, Spanje Colony, Gazipur, Dhaukuli Ziraikar, Haryana has changed my name to Rajani Kumar after marriage.

I, No. 16157818 H NK Baisalnappa Mokasi son of Satepda Mokalaji UOI 80 MED Regd Co 59 APO That in my Army Rank Ram, my wife name Rekha D and DOB 22/11/1983 wrongly mentioned content as Rekha B Mokashi and DOB as 18/05/1987

I, Nisha Garg D/o Ishwar Chander Garg, W/o Anurag Kumar R/o 957/1, Lower Kuria Kalaka Distt Panchkula have changed my name to Nisha Aggarwal

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Anjlia Garg W/o Smt. Kamal Gupta R/o H.No. 265, Sector 42A, Chandigarh declares that I have changed my name Anjlia Gupta to Anjlia Garg

I, Aditi Balu D/o Mukesh Kumar R/o Gurgaon, Mani, Tagi, Ram, Kalka, Distt. Panchkula (Haryana) have changed my name from Aditi Balu to Aditi

I, Vijay Garg S/O Dharamveer R/o Shivraj Park, Chandi, Mohali, Town, Yamunanagar, Haryana, changed my name to Vijay Kumar

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Ragbir Singh S/o S. Isher Singh, R/o VPO, Bhagwati Tehsil & Distt. Hoshiarpur, Punjab, have changed my name from Ragbir Singh to Ragbir Singh Janda Concerned Note.

I, Nirmaljit W/O Parkash Chand VPO Bhaironwada Distt Ludhiana have changed my name to Nirmaljeet

I, Maya W/o 44825532 NF Ashwin Singh, Village Falfalw Tehsil Mukerian, Distt Hoshiarpur have changed my name from Maya to Maya Devi

I, Rajpu Rani W/o Ramprakash D/o Satpalkash, R/o 241/15 Pranchi Road, Patwara (Kurukshetra) have changed my name to Rani Garg

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Bhupinder S/o Khasraj Singh R/o Village Satana, (115) Kamal have changed my name from Bhupinder.

I, Manjeet Kaur W/o Jaswinder Singh H No. 28, Jaggi Colony, Kaula Jandi Ambala City have changed my name from Manjeet Kaur to Manjeet Kaur

I, Jyoti Khurana W/o Surender R/o H.No- 5623/33, Setau Road Near State Bank of India, Ambala City, have changed my name to Jyoti Khurana

I, No. 14932229 X Rank NK Bhumireddy Raghunadh Posted at 18 MECH INF Co 56 APO have changed my daughter's name from Bhumireddy Yashashwini to Bhumireddy Yashashwini in my Army Record vide affidavit (470566) Dated 24-05-2019 before Session Court Hsr.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, No. 149205060 Rank HAV Maheshwari P Posted at 18 MECH INF Co 56 APO have changed my name from Themodara Kaur to Themodara Kaur

I, No. 14932229 X Rank NK Bhumireddy Raghunadh Posted at 18 MECH INF Co 56 APO have changed my daughter's name from Bhumireddy Yashashwini to Bhumireddy Yashashwini in my Army Record vide affidavit (470566) Dated 24-05-2019 before Session Court Hsr.

I, Jubeeta Bano Mother of No. 15489894 Rank DFR, Sajad Ali Posted at HQ SQN 35 ARMD BDE Co 56 APO R/o Vill. Daulat Khan Kas, Tehsil Malisair, Distt. Jhunjhunu (Rajasthan) have changed my name from Jubeeta Bano to Jubeeta Bano vide Affidavit Dated 25-05-2019 before Session Court Hsr.

Classifieds

AGADGNEP

I, Anuj Kumar, S/o Sh. Ram Kumar, R/o H.No. 204, Sector 37A, Chandigarh, have changed my name from Anuj Kumar to Anuj.

I, No. 16489894F Rank DFR Sajad Ali Posted at HQ SQN 35 ARMD BDE Co 56 APO Hsr Cantt Hsr Hsr have changed my name from Mohamad Tahir to Mohamad Tahir vide Affidavit Dated 25-05-2019 before Session Court Hsr.

AGADGNEP

I, Uned All Khan Father of No. 15489894F Rank DFR ALJAD Ali Posted at HQ SQN 35 ARMD BDE Co 56 APO R/o Vill. Daulat Khan Kas, Tehsil Malisair, Distt. Jhunjhunu (Rajasthan) have changed my name Uned All Khan to Uned Khan vide Affidavit Dated 25-05-2019 before Session Court Hsr.

I, Gobind Singh S/o Sh. Sardool Singh R/o H.No. 188, Plot No. 3, Village Bir, Babran, Post Office-Juglan, Teh. and Distt. Hsr declare that I have changed my name from Gobind Singh Chohan for all purposes.

AGADGNEP

I, Gurpreet Kaur W/o Gobind Singh Chohan R/o H.No. 188, Plot No. 3, Village Bir, Babran, Post Office-Juglan, Teh. and Distt. Hsr declare that I have changed my name from Gurpreet Kaur to Gurpreet Kaur Chohan for all purposes.

I, Gobind Singh Chohan S/o Sardool Singh R/o H.No. 188, Plot No. 3, Village Bir, Babran, Post Office-Juglan, Teh. and Distt. Hsr declare that I have changed my name from Gurpreet Kaur to Gurpreet Kaur Chohan for all purposes.

AGADGNEP

I, Shivduti Devi Mother of No. 15485965F Rank LD Satish Chander R/O Vill. & P.O. Mohan Singh Tehsil Uchana Distt. (Haryana) have changed my name from Shivduti Devi to Sevini

I, Sooran Singh Father of No. 15485965F Rank LD Satish Chander R/O Vill. & P.O. Mohan Singh Tehsil Uchana Distt. (Haryana) have changed my name from Sooran Singh to Sooran Singh

AGADGNEP

I, Gurjeeth Singh S/o Sarabjit Singh R/o VPO, Dhuan, Tehsil, Distt-Gurgaon (PB) have declare that my father's name in my school record wrongly written as Sarjit Singh. But his actual name is Sarabjit Singh.

I, Rajeev Kumar Parsad R/o Vill-Sankar P/O Dhameha Teh-Fatehgarh Dist Kangra/ HP, have changed my son's name from Atkhar Singh to Atkhar Singh and my grandson vide Affidavit ID No. ARVN2156904 dated 22/05/2019 before Executive Magistrate, Patilnork.

AGADGNEP

I, Jogenidra Singh W/o Anand Singh, R/o 133/104/40 VPO Village Sakhera (Kathia) informs that in my husband's army record my son name is Chantraj Singh, DOB 26-3-1974. His actual name is Chantraj Singh, DOB 26-3-1973. Concerned please note.

I, Navdeep Kaur D/o Jangir, R/o H.No.5502/1, Bakshi Mohalla, Jind (Haryana), have changed my name from Navdeep to Navdeep Kaur for all purposes.

I, Anirudh Goyal Alias Parth Goyal S/o Goyal R/o H.No. 183, Sector 35, Kurukshetra Tehsil, have changed my name to Anirudh Goyal, Concerned please note.

AGADGNEP

I, Gagandeep S/o Hardev Singh R/o Village Shikri No. 1, Bhuar, Tehsil Gulha, District Kailsh-Haryana INDIA, declare that I have changed my name from Gagandeep to Gagandeep Gagandeep. All concerned please note.

I, Tejinderjit Kaur W/o Harjit Singh R/o B-321 Ranjit Avenue Cantar Hsr, changed My Name To Tejinderjit Kaur

AGADGNEP

I, Balu W/o Om Parkash R/o 21/5538, Barafactory Ke Pass Kaur Vihar Saharanpur (UP) have notified that Balu and Balu Singh both names are mine one and same person.

I, Gudi W/o Keshav Dev R/o Village Nithavai P/O Pachavari Tehsil Uchana Distt. Haryana, UP have changed my name to Gudi Devi

AGADGNEP

I, Harvir Singh S/o Keshav Dev R/o Village Nithavai P/O Pachavari Tehsil Uchana Distt. Haryana, UP have changed my name to Harvir Singh Chohan for all purposes.

I, Amrit Sukhali Mali S/o Sh. Sukal Mal, R/o Palashi, Tal. Dabwali, Distt. Haryana, State, Mantrastra, have changed my wife's name from Parvati to My Sarda, Name From Parvati (V.M) Name: Asha Dault, Hosiarpur to Asha Amrit Mali (2) Son's Name: Abay Amrit To Abay Amrit (2) Daughter Name: Shwanya Amrit Mali To Shwanya Amrit Mali Kindly Note All.

AGADGNEP

I, Bhupinder Singh S/o Gurdip Singh R/o Vill. Lohgarh, Distt. Panchkula, Haryana, my daughter Jaspreet Kaur out of my control, I disown her from all movable and immovable property, anybody deals with her with her own risk.

I, Rajesh Kumar S/o Bim Singh S/o 12 Near Jeet Punj Mandir Gharaunda Distt. Karnal declared that my son Raaj is my out of control so I disown to my all property and relationships.

AGADGNEP

I, Gulshan Kumar S/o Churni Lal Khatana, Distt. Karnal, State, Punjab declared that my son Deepak Kapoor and his wife Panya is my out of control so I disown to my all property and relationships.

I, Rita Devi W/o Masood Khan R/o House No. 409/1B, Sector 37 C, Chandigarh, have changed my name from Rita Devi to Rita Sharma (DOB 03.03.1972)

I, Pyara Lal S/o Sardari Lal R/o Village Anusa, Tehsil Pehowa, Distt. Kurukshetra declare that my son Bishan Lal is out of my control, I disown him from all movable/immovable properties. Anybody deals with him shall do their own risk.

AGADGNEP

I, Chain Singh S/o Harman Singh R/o Raykheha Tehsil Barara (Ambala) declare that my daughter in law Parmjeet Kaur W/o Late Gurabhan Singh and my grandson Pravyot Singh out of my control, I disown them from my movable and immovable properties. Anybody deals with them shall do their own risk.

We, Nareesh Batra S/o Jai Bhagwan Batra and Veena Rani W/o Nareesh Batra R/o 395/9, Near Krishna Mandir, Patna, declare that our son Aman Batra and his wife Reela alias Harsita are out of our control. So we disown them from our movable and immovable properties. Anybody dealing with them at their own risk.

I, Bhagwati Parsad S/o Rani Kishan R/o H.No. 431/12A, Bahin Distt. Kurukshetra, have declares that we have disown my son Vinay Kumar, his wife Alka, from all our properties. Anybody dealing with changed my name to Anirudh Goyal, Vinay Kumar, Alka at their own risk.

AGADGNEP

I, Gagandeep S/o Hardev Singh R/o Village Shikri No. 1, Bhuar, Tehsil Gulha, District Kailsh-Haryana INDIA, declare that I have changed my name from Gagandeep to Gagandeep Gagandeep. All concerned please note.

I, Tejinderjit Kaur W/o Harjit Singh R/o B-321 Ranjit Avenue Cantar Hsr, changed My Name To Tejinderjit Kaur

AGADGNEP

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I, Gudi W/o Keshav Dev R/o Village Nithavai P/O Pachavari Tehsil Uchana Distt. Haryana, UP have changed my name to Gudi Devi

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I, Amrit Sukhali Mali S/o Sh. Sukal Mal, R/o Palashi, Tal. Dabwali, Distt. Haryana, State, Mantrastra, have changed my wife's name from Parvati to My Sarda, Name From Parvati (V.M) Name: Asha Dault, Hosiarpur to Asha Amrit Mali (2) Son's Name: Abay Amrit To Abay Amrit (2) Daughter Name: Shwanya Amrit Mali To Shwanya Amrit Mali Kindly Note All.

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I, Rajesh Kumar S/o Bim Singh S/o 12 Near Jeet Punj Mandir Gharaunda Distt. Karnal declared that my son Raaj is my out of control so I disown to my all property and relationships.

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I, Pyara Lal S/o Sardari Lal R/o Village Anusa, Tehsil Pehowa, Distt. Kurukshetra declare that my son Bishan Lal is out of my control, I disown him from all movable/immovable properties. Anybody deals with him shall do their own risk.

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I, Chain Singh S/o Harman Singh R/o Raykheha Tehsil Barara (Ambala) declare that my daughter in law Parmjeet Kaur W/o Late Gurabhan Singh and my grandson Pravyot Singh out of my control, I disown them from my movable and immovable properties. Anybody deals with them shall do their own risk.

We, Nareesh Batra S/o Jai Bhagwan Batra and Veena Rani W/o Nareesh Batra R/o 395/9, Near Krishna Mandir, Patna, declare that our son Aman Batra and his wife Reela alias Harsita are out of our control. So we disown them from our movable and immovable properties. Anybody dealing with them at their own risk.

I, Bhagwati Parsad S/o Rani Kishan R/o H.No. 431/12A, Bahin Distt. Kurukshetra, have declares that we have disown my son Vinay Kumar, his wife Alka, from all our properties. Anybody dealing with changed my name to Anirudh Goyal, Vinay Kumar, Alka at their own risk.

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I, Gagandeep S/o Hardev Singh R/o Village Shikri No. 1, Bhuar, Tehsil Gulha, District Kailsh-Haryana INDIA, declare that I have changed my name from Gagandeep to Gagandeep Gagandeep. All concerned please note.

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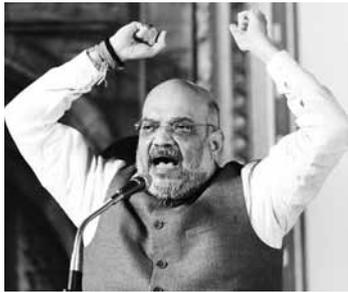
Voter rejected dynastic politics: Shah

PNS/AGENCY ■ NEW DELHI

Listing out the biggest take-aways from the 16th 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 against dynastic 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 been in him.

He further said that people's mandate in the 2014 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 suc-

cess 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 are able to fulfil their 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 sign 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 terrorism. 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.

EC submits newly-elected MPs' list to Prez Kovind

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

A couple of days after the election results, 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 Rashtriya 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 completion of the 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 an expedition 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 Abhiyan 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 duty assignment at the Central 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 the 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 the official tally sheet of the 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 Karbala came third with 20,955 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 12.65 lakh voters.

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 Bhalha.

While Kishore retained the seat for the party by getting 8,58,066 votes (58.02 per cent), Bhalha 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 Swabhiman 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 Haseen Masoodi.

Mufti, who had won the seat in 2014 before resigning to become the first women 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 the 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 Kaishav Vijaywargya told *PTI*.

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

Government, Vijaywargya 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 cry about her misuse and authoritarian approach, what can we do?"

Bengal witnessed a saffron surge in the Lok Sabha polls as the BJP inflicted a blow to 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 invited Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrababhan Naidu 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 Rao's 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 Memorial 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. Let us see in such a manner so that both the states are benefited," 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 as 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, 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 Anuprayas is trying to make 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 round 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 combat 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 (JCO) 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 Tirup 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 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-

minent 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 the Persian Gulf, Zarif said, 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.

"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.

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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 escalation to meet escalation 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.

"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

AFP ■ 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 that Mohammad Javad Zarif will meet with Iraqi Foreign Minister Mohamed al-Hakim, Iraqi President Barham Salih, and Prime Minister Mohammed al-Haboubi 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



Iraqi Foreign Minister Mohamed al-Hakim, right, shakes hands with his Iranian 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.

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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 exemption it had granted from sweeping unilateral sanctions it reimposed after abandoning a landmark 2015 nuclear deal with Iran.

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 or 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 tattered out with her legacy in bowing and the country 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.

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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.

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S. E. Railway Tender

Tender No. (1) E-KGP-BRIDGE-07-2019; (2) E-KGP-BRIDGE-08-2019, dated 20.05.2019, is invited for the Divisional Railway Manager (Engg.), South Eastern Railway (Kharagpur-721301) for and on behalf of the President of India for the following works before the close of 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/repairing/cracked work out and corroded members of 300 span of Br No. 57 UP (2x100+7x300) at KM 542+37 in between station DTE KIC/ HWH-EGP section (6th call).
- (2) Rehabilitation by providing new steel member with metalizing of FOB-MRGM, SRC, Station and S/C Vardol, Kharagpur, and strengthening of FOB/MCA SSB/BRK/PA under AXEN/BR/01/Kharagpur Division (4th call).
- (3) SI No. 04. 4. 1. 15. 2020. (08) items. Cost of Tender documents: ₹ 5,000/- for each work. Date of opening: 27.05.2019 for each work. Date of submission: from 13.06.2019 and up to 15.00 hrs. on 27.06.2019. Interested tenders may visit website www.irps.gov.in for full details/condition of the tenders and submit their bids online. In no case manual tenders or bids may be accepted. NB : Prospective Bidders may regularly visit www.irps.gov.in to participate in other tenders.

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 limit North Korea of nuclear weapons should be stopped, Bolton said, defending the recent US. 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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No. CID/SRLR/Tender/2019 The Senior Divisional Commercial Manager/Freight, Northern Railway, New Delhi invites E-tender for the contract of leasing of SLR/SRLRD space in the following trains originating from various stations over Delhi Division - Date: 24.05.2019

Tender Opening Date: 26.06.2019										
S. No.	Train No.	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	1000000/-	1180	SLR-FI-54413-May19
2	54413	Delhi	Rewari Jn	4	F-I	Daily	528	1000000/-	1180	SLR-FI-54413-May19
3	54413	Delhi	Rewari Jn	4	R-I	Daily	528	1000000/-	1180	SLR-R-I-54413-May19
4	54309	Delhi	Rewari Jn	4	F-I	Daily	528	1000000/-	1180	SLR-FI-54309-May19
5	54309	Delhi	Rewari Jn	4	F-I	Daily	528	1000000/-	1180	SLR-FI-54309-May19
6	54309	Delhi	Rewari Jn	4	R-I	Daily	528	1000000/-	1180	SLR-R-I-54309-May19
7	54085	Delhi	Rewari Jn	4	F-I	Daily	528	1000000/-	1180	SLR-FI-54085-May19
8	54085	Delhi	Rewari Jn	4	F-I	Daily	528	1000000/-	1180	SLR-FI-54085-May19
9	54085	Delhi	Rewari Jn	4	R-I	Daily	528	1000000/-	1180	SLR-R-I-54085-May19
10	54025	Delhi	Jashajh Jn	4	F-I	Daily	840	1000000/-	1180	SLR-FI-54025-May19
11	54025	Delhi	Jashajh Jn	4	F-I	Daily	840	1000000/-	1180	SLR-FI-54025-May19
12	54025	Delhi	Jashajh Jn	4	R-I	Daily	840	1000000/-	1180	SLR-R-I-54025-May19
13	54033	Delhi	Narwana	4	F-I	Daily	756	1000000/-	1180	SLR-FI-54033-May19
14	54033	Delhi	Narwana	4	F-I	Daily	756	1000000/-	1180	SLR-FI-54033-May19
15	54033	Delhi	Narwana	4	R-I	Daily	756	1000000/-	1180	SLR-R-I-54033-May19
16	54005	Delhi	Bhiwani	4	F-I	Daily	1227	1000000/-	1180	SLR-FI-54005-May19
17	54005	Delhi	Bhiwani	4	F-I	Daily	1227	1000000/-	1180	SLR-FI-54005-May19
18	54005	Delhi	Bhiwani	4	R-I	Daily	1227	1000000/-	1180	SLR-R-I-54005-May19
19	14731	Delhi	Fazilka Jn.	4	F-I	Daily	5675	1000000/-	1180	SLR-FI-14731-May19
20	14731	Delhi	Fazilka Jn.	4	F-2	Daily	5675	1000000/-	1180	SLR-FI-14731-May19
21	14731	Delhi	Fazilka Jn.	4	R-I	Daily	5675	1000000/-	1180	SLR-R-I-14731-May19
22	14184	Meerut City	Allahabad Jn.	4	F-I	Daily	6532	1000000/-	1180	SLR-FI-14184-May19
23	14184	Meerut City	Allahabad Jn.	4	F-I	Daily	6532	1000000/-	1180	SLR-FI-14184-May19
24	14184	Meerut City	Allahabad Jn.	4	R-I	Daily	6532	1000000/-	1180	SLR-R-I-14184-May19
25	54303	Delhi	Kaika Jn	4	F-I	Daily	5619	1000000/-	1180	SLR-FI-54303-May19
26	54303	Delhi	Kaika Jn	4	F-I	Daily	5619	1000000/-	1180	SLR-FI-54303-May19
27	54303	Delhi	Kaika Jn	4	R-I	Daily	5619	1000000/-	1180	SLR-R-I-54303-May19
28	12013	New Delhi	Amritsar Jn	3.9	F-I	Daily	6154	1000000/-	1180	SLR-FI-12013-May19
29	51909	Delhi	Sahanpur	4	F-I	Daily	3856	1000000/-	1180	SLR-FI-51909-May19
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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.

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 change.

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

AFF ■ 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, everybody'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 batting '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 on Friday 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 recent concluded ODI series against England. World Cup 2015 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 came 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 against England in the World Cup 2015, are knocking the current hosts England out of the competition, will look to maintain their good form and try to get a settled combination before the start of the 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 Saturday.

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. Kemar 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.



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 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.



Steyn's fitness will decide SA composition

IANIS ■ 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 Phehlukwayo (65) and skipper Fa 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.cricketwork.com.

"Personally, I am not looking in terms of the all-rounder. I just want to contribute to 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."

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



FROM THE INSIDE

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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Organise the mind for success
It is a fact that a relaxed mind is more productive. This offers ground to remain focused, which in turn, leads to success

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.

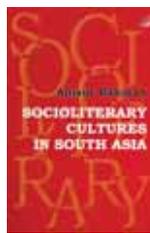
Rahman, a former professor at the department of English in Jamia Millia Islamia University, is an author, poet, and translator and has various publications as well as edited/co-edited works to his credit, including *Hazaron Khawaishein Aisi: The Wonderful World of Urdu Ghazals* (2018) and *In Translation: 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: Tahmina 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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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 receptive 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 civilizational 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



Committee at the United Nations. Thus, the long French leave of the terror mongers has been curtailed by the United Nations. Even peace-loving 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 machinery 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



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 put in adverse circumstances... Come, join the group and prepare for one last fight"

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 through-out 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 spreading 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 doughty 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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The manner in which the US, the UK and France convinced China to back 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



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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 did not manage 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 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 leader of the Catalan 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 Raül 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 his attempt to become a European lawmaker is blocked he will appeal it in court, Puigdemont faces even greater political 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.

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Courtesy: AP



YOUR WEEK AHEAD



MADHU KOTIYA



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 blossoming 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 21
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 overrelying 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-Sept 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 a 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 open 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 fair will help you distance yourself from negatives 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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