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## नज़र सत्ता पर नहीं सुरक्षा पर



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# Federal front gathers mass

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

DEEPAK KUMAR JHA ■  
NEW DELHI

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

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

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

Congress sources said the party will be ready to extend

support to any formulation like a "federal front" if it could become platform to keep BJP out of power. A senior Congress leader said none of the major political parties — the BJP and the Congress — are likely to get the numbers to form a Government. "That would make the so-called federal front a viable alternative," he said.

"In that case the grand old party will not hesitate to repeat Karnataka and we may extend support to the federal front," said the leader.

In Karnataka Assembly polls last year when the BJP, despite being the single largest party, could not form a Government, the Congress extended its support to the third largest party giving an opportunity to Kumaraswamy to be the CM.

In March, KCR had mooted the idea of a "federal front" and initiated efforts to provide an alternative to both the BJP and the Congress and subsequently met leaders of Trinamool Congress, Biju Janta Dal, Samajwadi Party, Janata Dal (S) and DMK. Sources said he also invited the YSR



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

Congress Party to join the proposed front.

"With the Lok Sabha election results to be declared on May 23, KCR is planning meetings with leaders of various parties to prepare the ground for formation of a non-BJP,

non-Congress Government.

While a National Front (NF) coalition led by Janata Dal formed a Government between 1989 and 1990 with VP Singh and Chandra Shekhar as Prime Ministers, a United Front Government was formed

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

# Priyanka likens Modi to rude Duryodhana

Election results will determine whether Modi is Duryodhana or Arjun, says Shah

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

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

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

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



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

diverting the people's attention.

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

The Congress general secretary for UP also read out a couplet by Hindi poet Ramdhari Singh Dinkar, saying wisdom is the first casualty before someone's downfall, "Jab naash manush par chhata hai, pehle vivek mar jata hai..."

BJP president Amit Shah slammed Priyanka for comparing the PM with Duryodhana and said the election outcome on May 23 will determine whether Modi is Duryodhan or Arjun.

"Priyanka has compared Modi ji with Duryodhana. People of the country will decide who is Duryadhana and who is Arjun on May 23? Priyanka ji, do not worry, people will tell you whether Modi ji is Duryodhan or Arjun," Shah said at an election rally in Bengal's Midnapore.

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# Aggrieved woman seeks copy of clean chit to CJI

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

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The former woman employee of the Supreme Court who levelled sexual harassment allegations against Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi, on Tuesday sought a copy of the report of the In-House Enquiry Committee, which gave clean chit to the CJI.

Meanwhile, 55 protesters, mostly women lawyers and activists, were detained outside the SC for protesting against the procedure adopted to deal with a sexual harassment case against the CJI. "If the Supreme Court itself is violating the



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

norms, then there will be no value in the system left," said a protester.

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

I have a right to the report, the reasons for the same as well as copies of the depositions of any witnesses, any other persons or any other evidence considered by the Committee."

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

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# SC junks Opp review plea on 50% VVPAT verification

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday refused to modify its April 8 order which directed the Election Commission (EC) to increase random matching of Voter-Verified Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) slips with Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) to five polling booths per Assembly segment in the Lok Sabha elections, and dismissed the review plea of 21 Opposition leaders seeking that it be raised to 50 per cent.

As soon as hearing started, Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi asked senior advocate AM Singhvi, who is representing the Opposition, during the hearing, "How much counting do you want now?"

"We have asked for 50 per cent, but we can settle for 33 per cent or 25 per cent verification.

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# Digvijaya seeks refuge in sadhus to take on Sadhvi

PNS ■ BHOPAL

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

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

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

Computer Baba was



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

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

However, Computer Baba later switched his loyalties and

backed the Congress in Assembly polls.

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

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## CAPSULE

### KARTI TO DEPOSIT ₹10 CR SECURITY TO FLY ABROAD

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

### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: FIR JUNKED AGAINST AAP MLA

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

### FLOATING RESTAURANT SINKS IN TEHRI RESERVOIR

Dehradun: Marina, a floating restaurant of the Uttarakhand Tourism Department, sank partially in the Tehri reservoir on Tuesday, officials said.

### GIRIRAJ SURRENDERS IN COURT, GETS BAIL

Begusarai: Union Minister Giriraj Singh on Tuesday surrendered before a local court in a model code of conduct violation case for making controversial remarks against Muslims at an election rally in Bihar.

# Noida's budding Hawking cut off in prime

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

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

Sreedhar suffered from duchenne muscular dystrophy which is a genetic disorder characterised by progressive muscle degeneration and weakness.

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

Topping the class 10 board exams, becoming an astronaut and a trip to Rameswaram are among some of the unfulfilled

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

wishes of Sreedhar, who was diagnosed with muscular dystrophy when he was two-years-old.

Duchenne muscular dystrophy is caused due to the absence of dystrophin, a protein that helps keep muscle cells intact.

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

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

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

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

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

Legendary British theoretical physicist Stephen Hawking also suffered from a motor neuron disease.

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

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# 2 workers die cleaning septic tank in Rohini

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Two labourers died while cleaning a septic tank of an under-renovated building in Prem Nagar of Rohini on Tuesday.

The men died of asphyxia, while three other men who had entered the septic tank to rescue the duo fell unconscious and are undergoing treatment in hospital.

According to SD Mishra, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), Rohini district, police got a police control room (PCR) call around 2 pm, and a team reached the spot and took the five labourers to Ambedkar Hospital, where two

of them Deepak (30) and Ganesh Saha (35) were declared brought dead. While Rambir (33), Sher Singh (40) and Bablu (40) are undergoing treatment at hospital. They are residents of Bhagya Vihar in Prem Nagar," said the DCP.

"The owner had called these labourers to clean the septic tank of the house. Two of them had entered the septic tank and they fell unconscious. Seeing the plight of the duo, three others who were there, entered into the tank in a bid to rescue them. The intensity of the poisonous gas was so high that they too fell unconscious," said the DCP.

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**GENERAL ELECTION TO THE LOK SABHA 2019**

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**ICSE CLASS XII RESULTS**

**2 students score 100%, girls outshine boys**

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

For the first time, two students of Class 12 (ISC) examination, conducted under the Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations (CISCE), have scored 100 per cent marks in the results declared on Tuesday. This year too, the girls have outshone the boys once again with the pass percentage of 99.05 per cent in ICSE class 10 examination as against 98.12 per cent of boys. The pass percentage, achieved by girls in class 12 examinations, is 97.84 per cent as against 95.40 per cent of boys.

According to a statement released by the ICSE, Dewang Kumar Agarwal from Kolkata and Vibha Swaminathan from Bengaluru have topped with 100 per cent marks. The second rank has been shared by 16 students with 99.75 per cent and the third rank has been shared by 36 students with 99.50 per cent marks.

Juhi Rupesh Kajaria and Muktsar's Manhar Bansal from Mumbai has topped the class X examination with 99.60 per cent. The second rank has



Representational image

been shared by ten students with 99.40 per cent marks and the third rank has been shared by 24 students with 99.20 per cent marks.

Among all the regions i.e., Western, Southern, Eastern, Northern and Abroad, the southern region have performed well in ISC class 12th exam with a pass percentage of 98.91 per cent. Region wise, the second position has been secured by the western with 98.13 per cent pass percentage. The eastern region scored 96.66 per cent pass percentage, while the pass percentage of Northern region is 96.66. Students from foreign schools have secured 99.69 per cent pass percentage this year.

In 10th pass percentage, the Western region has secured the first position with 99.76 per cent. The southern region recorded a pass percentage of 99.73 per cent while the north and eastern region have secured 98.06 and 97.87 pass percentage.

About 86,713 registered for the 12th examination 96.52 per cent have passed the ISC exams. Also, there is a slight rise in the pass percentage with 0.31% from last year.

The Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations (CISCE) chief executive and secretary Gerry Arathoon has announced the class 10th and 12th exams.

**Gangster with ₹1 L bounty held after encounter in Rohini**

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

A 31-year-old gangster, carrying a reward of ₹1 lakh, was arrested by the sleuths of Delhi Police Special Cell after an encounter in outer Delhi's Rohini area in the early hours Tuesday.

The man has been identified as Paramjeet Dalal (31), a resident of Bahadurgarh in Haryana. The encounter took place on the main heliport road opposite Rohini's Sector-37 at 5.15 am.

Police said the accused has been on crime spree since 2009. "He was earlier involved in 10 cases of murder, extortion, robbery, Arms Act etc. Paramjeet is notorious for making extortion calls in Rohini and Outer Delhi area. He used to extort money from property dealers, illegal satta operators and other businessmen," said a senior police official.

According to Sanjeev Kumar Yadav, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), Special Cell, specific inputs were received regarding Paramjeet that he would come to Pooth Kalan village to meet his associate and to collect money for shifting his hideout



to a new place, somewhere in Himachal Pradesh.

"Acting on the tip-off, a trap was laid and at around 5:15 am Dalal was spotted. On seeing the police the accused tried to flee away but was surrounded by the police team. The police team warned him to surrender but despite clear, unambiguous and warning, he whipped out a weapon and started firing indiscriminately towards police personnel," said the DCP.

"During the confrontation, Dalal received a bullet injury in his left leg. He was rushed to Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hospital where he is undergoing treatment," said the DCP adding that further investigation is going on.

**Raghav vows to regularise unauthorised colonies**

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

With focus on regularisation of unauthorised colonies, ensuring basic amenities and decongesting major stretches, Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) candidate from South Delhi and party's Delhi convener, Gopal Rai, on Monday launched specific manifesto for South Delhi constituency.

The 34-page manifesto for South Delhi entitled "It's Time For Change". It includes promises that the AAP MP from South Delhi will use the resources to combat pollution caused by crop-burning in other States and arrive at an inter-state solution. Besides, a push for an automated and systematic water wastage monitoring system and setting up Mahila Panchayats in the constituency's unauthorised colonies to train women about legal issues and laws related to crimes against women.

Talking about challenges in South Delhi constituency, Raghav Chadha said the real challenge is to provide basic essential services to the people. For 70 years, Congress and BJP politicians did not provide these basic services like roads or sewerage facilities such as sewage, water and sanitation." He further said that he would also ensure that all unauthorised colonies would be regularised, including Asia's largest unauthorised colony of Sangam Vihar.



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"An issue in South Delhi that needs to be addressed is the gundaraj of BJP leaders. They attack our brothers from Purvanchal, misbehave with women and discriminate with Dalits. I will not be scared, nor will I let bullies scare others," he said.

"With the same determination and willpower, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has done revolutionary infrastructural changes of government school and revamped education in Delhi. I will end lawlessness in south Delhi and create such robust law and order situation that even if our sisters and mothers step out in the middle of the night, no one will dare so much as to call them," he said.

Lambasting Congress and BJP,

Chadha said the both the parties win elections in the name of providing water, but do nothing once elected. In total contrast, the AAP Government under Kejriwal in the last four years gave water through pipelines to 90 per cent of the areas of South Delhi and vowed the remaining 10 per cent areas would have piped water over the next one year.

The manifesto vowed to add new bus routes. Further, the 30-year-old AAP candidate said that as an MP he would ensure that metro work would start in South Delhi within 100 days and address the traffic problems of the major road arteries of South Delhi including the busy Mehrauli-Badarpur and Gurgaon-Badarpur roads.

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**Chief Secy removes 3 city Govt officers for 'serious misconduct'**

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

In a special drive against corrupt practices in the Government departments, the Delhi Chief Secretary Vijay Kumar Dev has, on Tuesday, removed three senior officers of Delhi Government from their services for committing serious misconduct.

According to the statement issued by the Delhi Government the officers who have been removed are Ved Prakash ex-sub-registrar-II Punjabi Bagh-Nangloi, Susheel Bharti, Ex- tehsildars Preet Vihar and Sameer Sharma Mehrauli.

"As a part of sustained drive against corrupt practices, Vijay Kumar Dev, Chief Secretary, has removed three senior officers of the Delhi government from government service for committing serious misconduct," read the statement.

These officers belonged to the revenue department and held positions of, and The statement stated that as part of a "sustained drive against corrupt practices, The then sub-registrar of Punjabi Bagh-Nangloi was removed on charges of registering sale deed of agricultural land of Tikri Kanan village in 2013 without obtaining the no-objection certificate from the additional district magistrate, according to the statement.

Further as per the statement, the officer registered the sale deed despite the land being under draft notification and proposed to be acquired for public purpose.

He (Ved prakash) violated provisions of the Delhi Land Revenue Act, 1954, and the Delhi Lands (Restriction on Transfer) Act, 1972, as well as the departmental instructions issued there under," read the statement.

The then Preet Vihar tehsildar (Susheel Bharti) was compulsorily retired on charges of furnishing false and incorrect status report during 2011-12 in respect to a government land and gram sabha land to the sub-registrar for sale and purchase, it stated. The statement said the third officer (Sameer Sharma) was also compulsorily retired on charges of not transferring an over 27 bigha acquired land in the name of the Government in 2013-14 despite the possession of the land being handed over to the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) on December 31, 2013. He continued to show the land in the name of private parties in records.

# नेतृत्व अवसरवादी नहीं निःस्वार्थ



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## AHEAD OF MODI RALLY

# AAP seeks PM's answer over sealing, statehood

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

A day before Prime Minister Narendra Modi's scheduled rally in support of party candidates, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader, Gopal Rai, has posed five questions to him, including why he "failed" to fulfil his promise of full statehood and did not bring in an ordinance to stop sealing in the city.

Rai said the Prime Minister should answer during his rally at Ramlila Maidan. "The first question is why the promise of full statehood made by Modi five years ago at the same location was not fulfilled till now. Why did you lie about it," he asked.

He said the Prime Minister should tell people of Delhi that why they get only ₹325 crore in return when they pay



₹1.5 lakh crore as tax.

"The third question is why the people of Delhi are treated as second class citizens even though they supported BJP in the last elections and gave all seven MPs to them," he asked.

"The fourth question is why an ordinance is not being brought to stop sealing which has badly affected the trader community," Rai asked.

The senior AAP leader asked why a special manifesto has not been released for Delhi and what BJP's plan for the city is.

Modi will address a big

rally at Ramlila Maidan on Wednesday. BJP's Delhi unit has planned to organise at least two public meetings to seek support for its all seven candidates in the national capital.

Rai claimed that the Congress is preparing for the 2024 polls and not this election, said the party has accepted its defeat and is telling its volunteers to lay the foundation for 2024.

He further said that the Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal will participate in a roadshow on Wednesday in support of party's North West candidate Gagan Singh, he said, adding that all the MLAs will hold roadshows in their constituencies on May 9 and 10. On May 12, Delhi will vote on seven constituencies in the sixth phase of general elections.

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

BJP's star campaigner and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister, Yogi Adityanath, who was in the national Capital on Tuesday, took potshots at Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, asking whether Delhi Chief Minister was the head of the city administration or leader of dharnas and demonstrations.

Addressing two rallies in support of BJP's East Delhi candidate, Gautam Gambhir, and West Delhi candidate, Parvesh Verma, Adityanath said he landed at the Hindon Air Base and after entering Delhi, he was appalled with the condition of roads here.

"The AAP Government has turned Delhi into a city of potholes and has hurt the sentiments of people of the city. Kejriwal has nothing to do with 'vikas' (development) and he does not have any interest in working in collaboration with the Central Government for the betterment of the national Capital," he said.

"Taking a jibe at Kejriwal, he asked whether the AAP supreme was a 'mukhiya of Delhi or dharna' (head of Delhi or leader of dharnas and demonstrations).

He said that Kejriwal attacked the same Congress over corruption and dishonesty before gaining power in Delhi and now it was desperate to "make alliance" with the party. "Their reality is before the public," he said.



UP CM Yogi Adityanath with party's East Delhi candidate Gautam Gambhir and others during an election rally in New Delhi on Tuesday

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"Democracy or politics done without values and ideals is dangerous for the country," he said.

During his speech, he also hit out at the Congress, saying it has "failed" as a party and starting at defeat even in its bastion Amethi in Uttar Pradesh, represented by Congress president Rahul Gandhi.

"Congress has failed because it does negative politics. And after the prince (Rahul Gandhi), it fielded its princess (Priyanka Gandhi Vadra). And what happened after that...They

are staring at a defeat in Amethi too," the BJP leader claimed.

Adityanath also accused Priyanka of teaching abusive language to children in Amethi, and "requested" her to do all that in Italy.

"She is teaching abuses to innocent children of Amethi, please go and teach these abuses in Italy," he said, in a swipe at the Italian origin of her mother Sonia Gandhi.

He said that the Kumbh Mela this time was appreciated globally because of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He

also counted several achievements of Modi, saying his schemes and programmes were "not aimed at benefitting the people of any particular caste, creed or religion".

On terrorist organisation JuD chief Masood Azhar being declared a global terrorist, he said, "Restrictions have been imposed on his travel to countries which are members of the UN and his properties will also be confiscated, which means he cannot escape anywhere.

He will meet the same fate as that of Osama Bin Laden and

one day he (Azhar) will die a dog's death like him (Laden). This is India's power and it is Prime Minister Modi who is making 130 crore Indians feel this power."

Adityanath also hit out at West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, saying attempts were made to create hurdles during his recent public meeting in Burdwan as the state administration there made parking arrangements almost 10 kilometers away from the venue and also did not allow to set up a "pandal".

# EC notice to Sisodia over Atishi 'Rajputani' tweet

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Chief Electoral Officer on Tuesday issued a show-cause notice to Delhi Deputy Chief Minister, Manish Sisodia, over an alleged violation of model code of conduct in connection with his recent tweet on Atishi's religious identity, and asked him to give a response by Wednesday evening.

However, replying to a notice, Sisodia said he had no hesitation in accepting that he was trying to convince people to vote for education and health instead of Mandir-Masjid (politics of religion).

The notice has been issued by East Delhi Returning Officer (RO) K Mahesh on the basis of a complaint lodged on April 28 by the Delhi Bharatiya Janta Party (BJP) unit.

Sisodia was issued a notice following a complaint lodged by the BJP which alleged that the AAP used public funds for issuing letters seeking votes by highlighting achievements of the Government.

In a tweet on April 27, Sisodia had tweeted in support of AAP East Delhi candidate Atishi and hit out at her detractors who had raised controversy over her last name and religion.

In a tweet in Hindi, the Deputy Chief Minister had alleged that both the BJP and the Congress were "spreading lies" about her religion. "... Her full name is Atishi Singh. She is a Rajputani. A full-fledged Chhatrani. A Jhansi ki Rani. Beware. She will win and script history," Sisodia had tweeted.

The tweet "appears to be in violation of Point (1) Annexure-I of the Manual on Model Code of Conduct...", the notice read. "Now, therefore, you are directed to furnish your comments on the above matter before the undersigned by 5 PM on May 8, 2019 otherwise it will be presumed that you have nothing to say," it stated.

Sisodia in his reply said "However, as far as the complaint of Bharatiya Janata Party

leader is concerned, I would like to say that this is nothing but expression of their frustration. The letters have been written by me to individuals in my personal capacity. No public fund has been used in sending the letters,".

He also urged the BJP not to indulge in "petty politics" and try to seek votes on the basis of work "if they have done any". "The Election Commission should also encourage political parties to seek votes on the issues like education, health, water, electricity, jobs, etc. And discourage parties who are seeking votes in the name of hate," he said.

Citing that the pass percentage of Delhi Government schools in class 12 has increased and crossed 94 per cent, which is a record in the history of national Capital, Sisodia said not only education but the other sectors including infrastructure of schools and several other things have undergone drastic change.

# PM's Capital rally will be last nail in Opp's coffin: Goel



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Union Minister and BJP leader Vijay Goel on Tuesday said Prime Minister Narendra Modi's rally at the iconic Ramlila Maidan will be the last nail in the coffin of the AAP and the Congress in Delhi, and that the BJP is expecting Muslim women and first-time voters to participate in it in large numbers.

He said the party chose Ramila Maidan for the Prime Minister's rally on Wednesday considering its political significance and that the public meeting would be the largest-ever in Delhi.

Large digital screens will be put up on the roadside. Arrangements have been made to ferry people from Noida, Ghaziabad and Faridabad for the rally, the senior Delhi BJP leader said. The party has ensured enough number of ambulances, drinking water and route maps.

"I understand that after this rally, Congress and AAP candidates will find it difficult to save their deposits. This will be the last nail in the coffin of the Opposition in Delhi," he said.

"In the run-up to the rally, we have held meetings in all of our 272 divisions in the city over the last 10 days. We have reached out to students, especially the first-time voters, traders and Muslim women, urging them to participate in the rally in greater numbers," Goel said. The seven Lok Sabha seats in the national capital will go to polls in the sixth phase on May 12.

# Candidates may face voters' ire over water scarcity

SAPNA SINGH ■ NEW DELHI

Water scarcity in Delhi may take centre stage for Lok Sabha candidates contesting from here, as Capital is reeling under a severe shortage of water this summer. Delhi voters are unhappy and candidates may face voters' ire. From high profile constituencies — New Delhi, South Delhi to West Delhi, voters across Delhi are facing the perennial acute shortage of water supply.

The Delhi Government on Monday approached the Delhi High Court and requested it to withdraw the plea for the protection of water flow in Delhi. Blame game has begun as Leader of Opposition in Delhi Assembly, Vijender Gupta, blamed Delhi Jal Board (DJB) for corruption and misuse of DJB assets in election by ruling Aam Aadmi Party (AAP).

Delhi Government has promised Delhites hassle free water supply in slum and JJ cluster colonies, BJP candidate from New Delhi, Meenakshi Lekhi also promised to resolve water crisis in her area. "Being the area MP and member of council, I worked for water and sanitation issues, from MP LAD fund, I provide water supply in AIIMS staffer colony," said Lekhi.



these candidates are still unaware about the struggle of Delhites for water. Recently, Congress in Delhi also launched a protest — Jal Satyagrah to highlight water shortage.

Mentioning about water/tanker mafia, Congress leaders said that instead of putting an end to tanker mafia menace, the government has increased the number of tankers. Poor people are forced to buy water from these tankers. To ensure water supply for the whole day, in some part of Delhi, people have made underground water tanks to store water.

Priyanaka Sareen, a West Delhi resident said, "Duration of water supply by DJB has come down from what it was in a decade ago," "we have built underground tanks to store water and to ensure supply throughout the day," she added. Interestingly, Jal Board

under Delhi government has prepared a Summer Action Plan -2019, targeting production of 936 Million Gallons per Day (MGD) of portable water, however, despite the production, Delhi has to rely on Haryana to meet water demand.

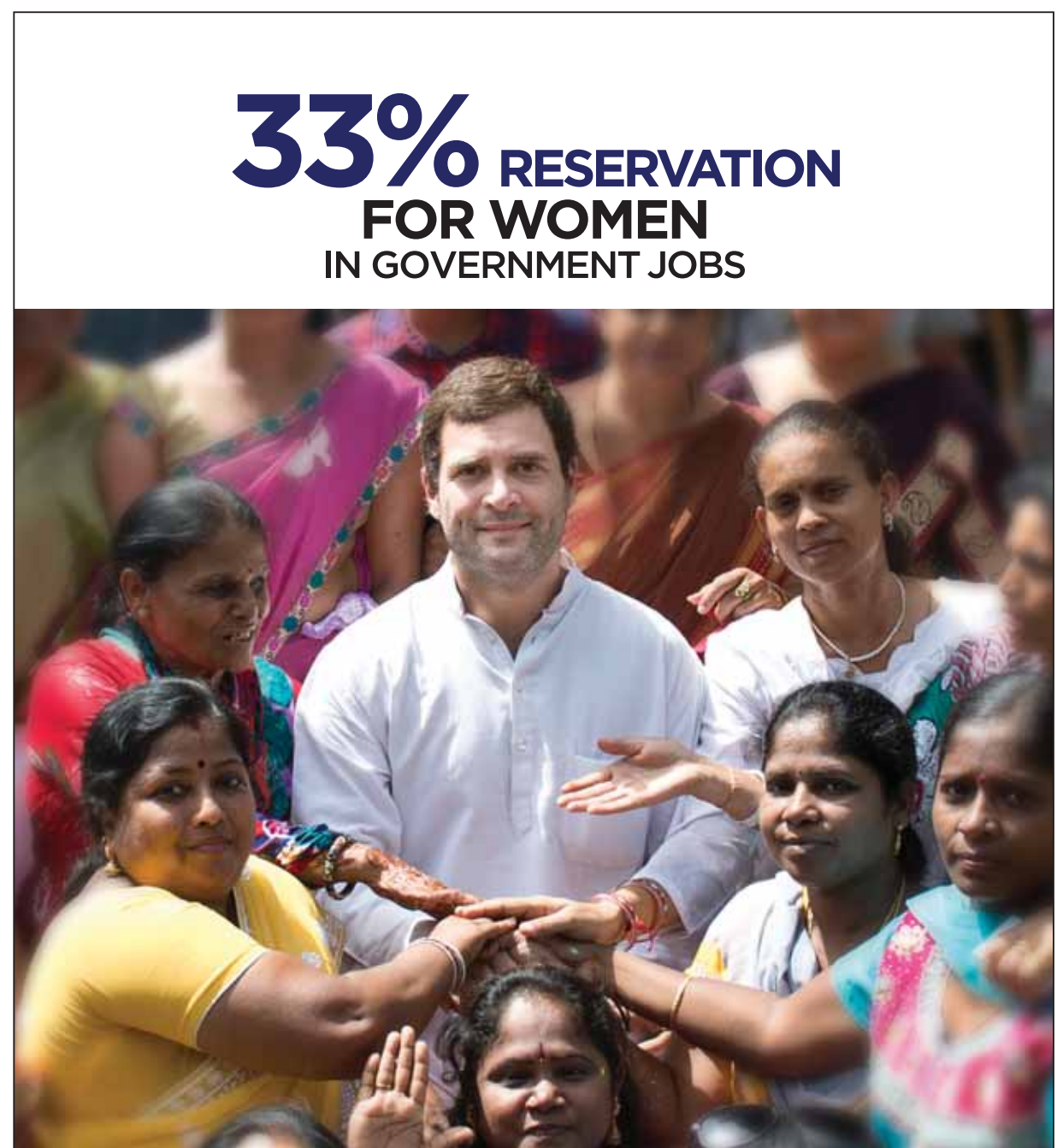
Situation in South Delhi colonies are pathetic. People reside in Vasnat Kunj, Vasant Vihar, Chattarpur are also facing water crisis. "Every month we pay water bills, however, supply is very shortage," said Sameeksha, a South Delhi resident who runs an NGO.

Situation on ground is entirely different if one believes on the water bills of officers residing in New Delhi constituency.

Here, short duration of water supply is not issue but higher bills are worrying government officers.

"We do not mind short span of water supply but our water bills are very high. Initially, we thought there must be printing mistake but when we contact, we were shocked....we pay Rs 4000 to 5000 water bills," said a government officer.

"Both MPs and ruling Government have to think collectively for a solution to water crisis problem in Delhi," the officer added.

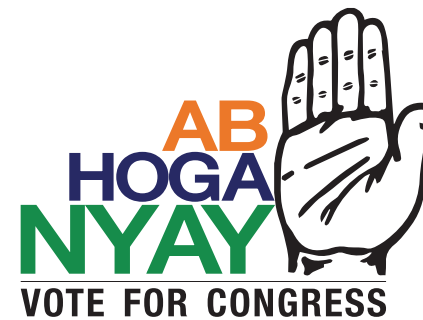


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## BJP lashes out at Opp

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

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



Congress MP Sushmita Dev on Tuesday claimed before the Supreme Court that the Election Commission has failed to appreciate that the alleged "hate speeches" by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and BJP Chief Amit Shah are "corrupt practices" and promote the feeling of enmity on religious grounds.

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

## Custodial death in Kotkhai rape case: SC transfers case from Shimla to Chandigarh

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

## INSHORT

**APEX COURT QUASHES FIR AGAINST SASIKALA**  
**New Delhi:** In a relief to expelled AIADMK Rajya Sabha member Sasikala Pushpa, the Supreme Court on Tuesday quashed an FIR and chargesheet against her for allegedly forging documents in her anticipatory bail petition.

## NITISH KATARIA MURDER CASE

### SC asks Centre to review security threat of key witness

**PTI ■ NEW DELHI**  
The Supreme Court on Tuesday directed the Centre to review within a week the threat perception and consider granting adequate security to a person, whose unequivocal testimony in the sensational Nitish Kataria murder case had led to the conviction of three accused.

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

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

While Justice Bose whose parent high court is Calcutta, is at number 12 in all-India seniority of judges, Justice Bopanna, whose parent high court is Karnataka, stands at number 36.

## Jurist: Suppression of enquiry report on CJI dented credibility of judicial system

**New Delhi:** Suppression of the In-House Inquiry Committee report giving clean chit to Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi on allegations of sexual harassment has dented the "prestige, credibility and integrity" of the judicial system, noted jurist Rakesh Dwivedi said on Tuesday.

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## FROM AAP MINISTER'S KIN

## ED seizes assets worth ₹1.48cr

**PNS ■ NEW DELHI**  
The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has seized a flat in posh Vasant Kunj area of Delhi and a land in Haryana worth ₹1.48 crore in connection with a FEMA and hawala case against Harish Gahlot, brother of Delhi minister Kailash Gahlot.

informing about transfer of money to the tune of ₹1 crore from India to Dubai through hawala channel by Harish Gahlot through a Delhi-based hawala dealer for making advance payments toward purchase of two flats in Dubai in September, 2018, the ED said.

"Nitesh Gahlot, through his contact, approached Indermal Wadhawan, a Delhi-based hawala dealer for transferring the amount. Wadhawan kept ₹4 lakh with him as commission and illegally delivered Dirhams equivalent to ₹96 lakh in Dubai which was collected by the friend of Nitesh Gahlot and deposited the said amount in the Dubai bank account of Nitesh Gahlot," the agency charged.

## ED attaches cash worth ₹89L from Pawan Bansal's nephew

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

Service of Signal Engineers (IR SSE), was posted as General Manager, Western Railways. He wanted to get himself appointed as Member (Electrical), Railway Board instead of Member (Staff). For this he was in touch with N Manjunath, who was further in touch with Sandeep Goyal, a friend of Vijay Singla.

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

## Over 1 million plant faces extinction: Report

### KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- \*75% of land environment and some 66% of marine environment significantly altered by human actions.
- \*Over a third of world's land surface and nearly 75% of freshwater resources are used for crops or livestock.
- \*Up to \$577 billion in annual global crops are at risk from pollinator loss.
- \*Between 100 million and 300 million people now face increased risk of floods and hurricanes due to loss of coastal habitats and protection.
- \*Since 1992, world's urban areas have more than doubled.
- \*Plastic pollution has increased tenfold since 1980
- \*300-400 million tons of heavy metals, solvents, toxic sludge dumped into the world's water systems.

ture and more than 9 per cent of all domesticated breeds of mammals used for food and agriculture had become extinct by 2016, with at least 1,000 more breeds still threatened," it said.

## EC should verify all VVPATs: Naidu

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



Opposition leaders (L-R) Farooq Abdullah, D Raja, N Chandrababu Naidu, Ahmed Patel, Ashok Gehlot, Abhishek Manu Singhvi and others after meeting with Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) at Nirvachan Bhawan in New Delhi on Tuesday PTI

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

**PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI**  
More than one million of the estimated eight million plant and animal species on earth are at a risk of vanishing - many of them within decades - because of lopsided human activities, a UN report has warned.

week (29 April - 4 May) in Paris said that the average abundance of native species in most major land-based habitats has fallen by at least 20 per cent, mostly since 1900.

amphibian species, almost 33 per cent of reef-forming corals and more than a third of all marine mammals are threatened. At least 680 vertebrate species had been driven to extinction since the 16th cen-

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

petition, we came to the EC and requested it clearly that if any discrepancy is found in five VVPATs then what action it should take. Some of the booths are manipulated. Our demand is clear that all VVPATs in the entire assembly segment should be verified," Naidu told reporters after the meeting.

The Telugu Desam Party (TDP) chief said that the EC has been requested to honour the demand of a candidate for recounting.





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

PTI ■ JAUNPUR/BHADOHI

BSP supremo Mayawati and SP chief Akhilesh Yadav on Tuesday said their alliance will "shake the very roots" of the BJP and dislodge the "chowkidar of capitalists" from the Prime Minister's chair.

Addressing election rallies in favour of Mahagathbandhan candidates in Machchlisahr and Jaunpur seats, they also targeted the Congress, alleging that it is "anti-dalit" like the BJP and wants the people to remain poor.

"BJP's guru and chela are all set to be out of power at the Centre," Mayawati said at a rally in Bhadohi, attacking Prime Minister Narendra Modi and BJP chief Amit Shah.

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

"The BJP is going out of power in these elections... It has failed to fulfil the promises made to the poor and the middle classes in 2014 elections... Despite all this the Prime Minister is seeking



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

votes again," she said in Jaunpur.

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

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

Referring to the Congress' Nyaya scheme, she said the party which is

claiming to provide Rs 6,000 every month to poor families "only wants people to remain poor and helpless... There is a need to remain vigilant from them."

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

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

In his address, Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav echoed Mayawati's view that both "BJP and Congress are the same". "Had the Congress worked earnestly since Independence, there would not have been the need for formation of SP and BSP... No one thought SP and BSP would form an alliance. All efforts to somehow break the alliance have failed. After five phases of polling, the BJP's morale has also come down. Its leaders and workers are worried," he said.

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

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

This time round, people will snatch the chair of the chaiwala-turned-chowkidar... He said the alliance "will uproot the BJP which is standing on the foundation of lies and hatred. There is a wind of change which is blowing... How can the prime minister, who got scared of a jawan in Varanasi, face terrorism and naxalism."

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

# Talk about Agusta before Rafale: Sitharaman to Cong

IAN S ■ KOLKATA

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

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

"But again talking about it... I think it is on the Congress, first of all, to have an enquiry and give answer on AgustaWestland (deal) and



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

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

# EVMs found in Bihar hotel, 4 cops suspended

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

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

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

# Cong insulted PM by calling GST as Gabbar Singh Tax: BJP

PTI ■ LUCKNOW

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

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

"What is the relevance of calling GST as Gabbar Singh Tax. Is it (tax money) going into Modi ji's pocket? You are insulting the Prime Minister by making such statement," he added.

The Opposition parties have spread fear and misguided the people by portraying GST as an evil whereas it has given relief to the traders and businessmen, Garg said.

"In the past there were 9 Central taxes, and 12 taxes levied by the UP Government. Initially the traders may have faced teething trouble, as they were not used to it, but the

problems were technical in nature. As soon as the problems were conveyed to the government, the GST council redressed them," he said.

The UP Vyapari Kalyan Board functions as a link between the State Government and businessmen and solves the problems faced by traders and entrepreneurs within a fixed time, he said.

Referring to the BJP's 2019 Sankalp Patra, he said that if the party is voted to power, small traders and marginal farmers will get pension benefits after 60 years of age.

"Sankalp Patra talks about setting up a National Traders Welfare Board, new retail policy to boost retail trade, pension scheme for small traders above the age of 60 years, Rs 10 lakh accidental insurance to all GST-registered traders and credit cards to traders on the lines of Kisan Credit Cards," he said.

# Central forces to be deployed for Tripura West re-polls

IAN S ■ AGARTALA

The Union Home Ministry has deployed 15 companies of paramilitary forces during re-polling to the Tripura West Lok Sabha seat where voting took place on April 11, a top police official said on Tuesday.

"On the advice of the Election Commission (EC), the Ministry has deployed 11 companies of the Border Security Force and four of the Central Reserve Police Force," the official told IANS on the condition of anonymity.

However, the state Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Sriram Taranikanti said that he was yet to receive an official confirmation from the EC on the re-polls.

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

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

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

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

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

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

# A lot at stake for BJP in Gorakhpur

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

Once considered to be the bastion of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and the safest Lok Sabha seat for the Bharatiya Janata Party in eastern Uttar Pradesh, Gorakhpur has taken a queer turn, forcing the ruling party to deploy all resources at its command to ensure the victory of its candidate, Bhojpur star Ravi Kishan, from this prestigious constituency which goes to poll in the seventh and last phase of Lok Sabha elections on May 19.

The BJP won the Gorakhpur seat from 1991 till 2018, when the party lost it in the by-election to a joint opposition candidate. The bypoll was necessitated due to resignation of Yogi Adityanath from Lok Sabha after he was elected the UP Legislative Council after becoming the Chief Minister of UP.

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

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

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



Adityanath kept on winning the seat since 1998.

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

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

"The opposition was able to win the Gorakhpur seat because of the combination of castes. Nishads, Dalits and Muslims united and voted against the BJP. Secondly, the voting percentage in bypoll was just 43 per cent, indicating lack of interest among the voters," Kumar said, adding that the BJP leaders had become complacent about the outcome in their 'impregnable' stronghold, an attitude which boomeranged.

The caste equation in Gorakhpur is complex. There are around 4.5 lakh Nishad votes



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

**MODI IS WORKAHOLIC, RAHUL LOVES HOLIDAYS: SHAH**

Narendra Modi has been working 18 hours a day for around two decades without taking a leave, while Congress president Rahul Gandhi dashes off to undisclosed foreign destinations at the slightest discomfort, BJP president Amit Shah claimed here on Tuesday.

Alleging that Gandhi is in love with the terrorists, he asserted that under Prime Minister Modi, their every 'goli' (bullet) will be retaliated with a 'gola' (mortar shell). "I have known Modi for a long time. For the past 20 years he has not taken a leave. He works 18 hours a day for the people," Shah said.

**BOFORS PETITIONER CAMPAIGNS AGAINST MODI**

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



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

## Appeal for Identification



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PAPER WITH PASSION

## Justice or injustice?

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



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

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

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

## Silencing the doubters

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



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

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

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

# Nobody joined the dots

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



ASHOK K MEHTA

Neither Sherlock Holmes nor Alfred Hitchcock would have been mystified by intelligence oversights that led to one of the world's most dastardly terrorist attacks in Sri Lanka last month. Simply because it was a case of just connecting the dots — so detailed and specific were the tip-offs. According to a top secret intelligence memo of April 9 (there were two others before the fateful day dawned on Easter Sunday), the country's intelligence chief had warned the Inspector General of Police that "Zahran Hashim of the National Tawheed Jamaat and his associates were planning to carry out suicide terrorist attacks in Sri Lanka shortly." How this classified warning was not shared with President Maithripala Sirisena and Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe is a riddle. Rarely has there been an intelligence goof-up of this magnitude in recent memory.

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

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



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

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

Initially, the Government

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

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

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

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

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

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

Over-indulgent in its conquest of LTTE, Sri Lanka let its guard down. A dysfunctional cohabitation Government has been rent apart by catastrophic terrorist attacks, which are likely to take Sri Lanka a decade back. The Easter Sunday self-inflicted tragedy was in military parlance a total command failure. That neither the Prime Minister nor President has resigned is to borrow a famous war time Churchillian one-liner: A riddle wrapped in a mystery surrounded by an enigma.

(The writer is a retired Major General of the Indian Army and founder member of the Defence Planning Staff, currently the revamped Integrated Defence Staff)

## SOUNDBITE

Political parties are not evincing serious interest in taking up electoral reforms. They are happy with the status quo.

Former CEC  
—TS Krishnamurthy



Alia has always been my idol. When she came in with 'Student...' she was raw and fresh and people saw her grow.

Actor  
—Ananya Panday



Authorities have arrested/killed all the militants responsible for the deadly Easter blasts but the country still faces the threat of IS terror attacks.

Sri Lankan Prime Minister  
—Ranil Wickremesinghe



People keep asking me this question (on rivals dubbing him an outsider) and I say, I am not here to reply to what all is being said.

BJP candidate  
—Sunny Deol



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Face the harsh truth

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

M Ratan  
Via email

### Political discourse has reached a new low

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

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



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

Haridasan Rajan  
Kozhikode

### Take consistent stand

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Bal Govind  
Noida

### Mayawati's dream

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

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

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

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## FIRST COLUMN

## Key to success of small businesses

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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THIS COUNTRY HAS NEVER FORGIVEN EGO AND ARROGANCE. HISTORY IS WITNESS TO THIS, THE MAHABHARATA IS WITNESS TO THIS.

—CONGRESS LEADER  
PRIYANKA GANDHI

## POINT COUNTERPOINT



PRIYANKA// THIS IS DEMOCRACY, NOBODY BECOMES 'DURYODHANA' JUST BECAUSE YOU CALLED THEM SO. WE WILL FIND OUT ON MAY 23.

—BJP CHIEF  
AMIT SHAH

## A common school system

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



JS RAJPUT

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

India's public education system could not prevent the decline of credibility and acceptability of 'sarkari schools' as the essential spirit of CSS was just ignored. Prominently included in the National Policy on Education (NPE) 1968, CSS did find a place in the subsequent policies of 1986 and 1992, but the system continuously drifted away from honestly implementing it. Post-independence, the experience in Indian educational initiatives and expansion has clearly established that the elite-dominated system of governance — even in the presence of political masters — invariably succeeds in preserving their interests. This unstated endeavour and attitude resulted in severe decline of public-funded schools, unprecedented mushrooming of private schools and rise in demand for "good quality schools", which became synonymous with high-fee charging schools. Government schools are now patronised only by those, who have no other alternative. This either because of their meagre economic resources or non-availability of a private school nearby. A feeble attempt was made with the enactment of the Right to Education Act, 2009, to reserve 25 per cent seats in initial classes for children of weaker sections. But a majority of schools found "strategies" to hoodwink it. After the first batch of children admitted under this category in 2010 completed Class VIII, schools asked them to pay regular school fees or get lost. Such an obvious concern was ignored by our policy-makers. The psychological and emotional damage inflicted on the learner and his family would be anything but devastating in such cases. This clearly indicates the callous attitude and also prevalent ignorance within the education system on finer and subtle aspects of learning. Is it not amazing, if not agonising, that children of most functionaries responsible for school education policies and its implementation prefer to enroll in private schools only?

Around 60-65 per cent of the school-going children still study in sarkari schools, which are invariably deficient on infrastructure, teachers, learning materials and even in basic professional requirements. Expectedly, most of the surveys and studies on learning outcomes indicate not only low learner attainments but also consistent annual decline. This is indeed worrisome. In spite of such a large chunk of school-going children completing their schooling under deficient conditions and severe impediments — and only a small proportion of them getting a place in higher education institutions — the educated youth of India are among the most sought-after in the developed countries.



They are offered really challenging assignments and invariably come out with flying colours, bringing prestige and praise to the motherland. However, there is a dimmer picture within the country. Graduates of highly coveted higher education courses of technical and management education are found deficient in their readiness to accept job responsibility in the job market and the proportion may indeed be alarming — up to 80. What a wastage of young manpower in an era where India is supposed to be in the "golden period of demographic dividend", solely because of its young manpower. Around 50 per cent of India's population is below 25 years of age and 65 per cent below 35 years. What a great chance to make India's presence felt globally through its young ones. The basic responsibility is to offer good quality school education and ensure dynamism and comparability in higher education. Once access and participation in education is ensured with basic professional and infrastructural inputs, the issue of nurturing individual talented deserves attention. One can recall several Indian initiatives on this count, two of which deserve special mention: The introduction of the Science Talent Search — NTS — scheme in the 1960s and the opening of Navodaya Vidyalayas in pursuance of the 1986 Education policy. The NTS was later transformed to include social sciences as well and Navodaya Vidyalayas have indeed provided great opportunity to the talented children from rural India. I have personally found lasting motivation among NTS scholars and the alumni of Navodaya Vidyalayas. This in itself is a great achievement. Numbers catered to by these initiatives need to increase and it is encouraging that the same is under consideration by the authorities.

It will be relevant to recall a model of talent nurturing that was being successfully implemented on large-scale in the erstwhile USSR. The essence of it can still be suitably digested and gainfully utilised. A three-member delegation of the Government visited several schools over there in 1982. The objective was to study the school education system that

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

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

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

The most significant challenge before the Indian education policy-makers and implementers can be summarized crisply as providing "equality of opportunity of access and success and nurturing the talented", as said by John W Gardner in his book, *Excellence: Can We Be Equal and Excellent Too?* Though Gardner wrote these lines in the context of the US around 1984, the relevance of some of his observations remains universally relevant even in current times: "Diagnosis of an individual's future capacity to perform remains a hazardous undertaking. There are mysteries in individual development that are far from understanding. No stone should be left unturned to ensure that decisions are based on a wide range of evidence, carefully gathered and sifted."

For sure, in India, marks obtained in the board examination are certainly no guarantee of total personality development and specialised talent. However, talent identification and fulsome personality development have to be a continuous process that must begin from the early stages. It should include traits of personality development, value internalisation and character formation as an integral part of the process. The topmost national priority for the investment of public funds must be teacher training and school education. This will ensure highest level of returns. Let the country realise it. Simultaneously, no let up in locating and nurturing talent is a must. In Indian psyche, commercialisation of education is unacceptable and must be discouraged effectively. Education is still the only ray of hope for the weaker sections.

(The writer is the Indian Representative on the Executive Board of UNESCO)

## Scrub allegations and come clean

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



KALYANI SHANKAR

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Alas, even after the apex court pulling it up, the EC has maintained

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

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

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

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

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

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

successful CECs like Sukumar Sen and SY Quraishi.

The question, however is: Has the EC played an impartial role in the current Lok Sabha polls? The Opposition has complained that the electoral body is not ensuring the rules of the game in order to ensure parity. For instance, eyebrows were raised when it suspended an IAS officer for checking the chopper of the Prime Minister in the course of his duty.

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

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## FOREIGN EYE



## DONALD TRUMP REQUIRES AN ADULT RESPONSE

Unfortunately for China, Iran and the international community, we are dealing with a childish yob in the White House, but one in charge of a superpower, not a train set in the nursery. The only possible approach, at least in the short term, is to attempt to deal with him, and to accommodate at least some of America's more reasonable wishes.

(The Independent editorial)



Sensex plunges 324 pts

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty fell for the fifth session in a row on Tuesday, marking their longest losing streak in nearly three months...

Both equity gauges traded higher for better part of the session, only to give up gains towards the fag-end of trade...

The Sensex was mainly dragged by Tata Motors, ICICI Bank, Bharti Airtel and Reliance Industries...

The quarterly results of ICICI Bank and Bharti Airtel failed to attract investors and both the companies saw constant sell-offs during the session...

On the other hand, HUL, L&T, PowerGrid, Infosys, ONGC and Bajaj Auto ended higher...

Indian bourses, after starting the session on a high, came under heavy selling pressure as domestic investors' sentiment took a beating after IMF chief Christine Lagarde said US-China tensions were a 'threat' to the world economy...

Global markets have been rattled by the concerns over the health of the world economy ever since US President Donald Trump on Sunday threatened to hike tariffs on USD 200 billion worth of Chinese goods...

In line with global markets, the 30-share index ended 323.71 points, or 0.84%, lower at 38,276.63. The BSE index hit an intra-day low of 38,236.18 and a high of 38,835.54. Intraday, the index swung nearly 600 points.

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

Both Sensex and Nifty also marked its longest losing streak since February 19 this year. "Indian market has been on a shaky ground for the past couple of days driven by ambiguity associated with the US-China trade negotiations and less-than-inspiring ongoing corporate earnings season," said Jagannadham Thunuguntla, senior vice-president and head of research (wealth), Centrum Broking.

Sectorally, BSE telecom, energy, oil and gas, bankex, metal and realty indices took a beating, ending up to 2.44% lower. In the broader market, BSE midcap and smallcap indices too ended in the red, dropping up to 0.98%.

Shares of ICICI Bank fell by nearly 4% on Tuesday after the company's fourth quarter earnings failed to impress investors.

Private sector lender ICICI Bank on Monday posted a 2.45% rise in its consolidated net profit to ₹1,170 crore in the fourth quarter of 2018-19.

Bharti Airtel stock also declined over 3% post the announcement of March quarter results. The company, whose profitability has been battered by intense price competition posed by richest Indian Mukesh Ambani's Reliance Jio, earned a net profit of ₹107.2 crore in the January-March period as against ₹82.9 crore it earned in the corresponding period of the previous fiscal.

The Indian rupee on Tuesday slipped further by 3 paise to close at 69.43 against the US dollar amid foreign fund outflows.

In Asia, Chinese bourses, however, recovered with Shanghai Composite Index ending in the green. Equities in Japan and Korea closed in the red. European stocks were also trading lower in early trade.

Global benchmark Brent crude was trading 0.74% lower at USD 70.71 per barrel. Meanwhile, foreign institutional investors (FIIs) sold equity worth ₹948.98 crore on Monday, while domestic institutional investors (DIIs) purchased shares to the tune of ₹89.89 crore, provisional data available with stock exchanges showed.

Hughes, Airtel to combine India VSAT biz

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Telecom operator Bharti Airtel and Hughes Communications India Ltd (HCIL) on Tuesday announced they would combine their VSAT (Very Small Aperture Terminal) satellite operations in the country.

The HCIL is a subsidiary of broadband satellite networks and services provider Hughes Network Systems.

Hughes will have majority ownership in the combined entity while Airtel will have a significant shareholding, according to a statement.

The statement did not spell out the financial details of the transaction, which is subject to requisite approvals.

"The combined entity will benefit from enhanced scale, improved operational efficiencies and wider market reach. The combined entity will be well positioned to leverage the demand for secure connectivity in a rapidly growing digital economy," it said.

The VSAT is used to provide satellite based telecom and internet access to individuals and enterprise users. The HCIL is a broadband

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satellite service operator in India, and offers a range of broadband networking technologies, solutions, and services for businesses and governments.

"The combined entity will continue to serve existing Hughes and Airtel customers," the statement added.

Commenting on the development, Partho Banerjee, president and managing director of Hughes Communications India Ltd, said these are exciting times for satellite broadband service providers as Very Small Aperture Terminal becomes mainstream, driven by growing demand from enterprise and government segments.

"We are very excited about the synergies that this partnership will bring to the Indian ecosystem," Banerjee said.

Ajay Chitkara, director and CEO, Airtel Business, said the partnership would bring synergies to the forefront and combine the capabilities of both the companies.

"Customers can look forward to highly secure and reliable connectivity solutions across the length and breadth of India," he said.

BUSINESS CORNER

MERCK LTD RENAMED AS PROCTER & GAMBLE HEALTH LTD

New Delhi: Drug firm Merck Ltd on Tuesday said it has been renamed as Procter & Gamble Health Ltd following P&G's global acquisition of the consumer health business of Merck KGaA, Germany. "The company has received approval from the Registrar of Companies, Mumbai, Maharashtra, for change of name from Merck Ltd to Procter & Gamble Health Ltd effective May 6, 2019," Merck said in a filing to the BSE. The company is taking necessary steps to comply with the formalities and documentation, as may be required by the stock exchanges to record the said change in its records, it added. Procter & Gamble Health Ltd managing director Milind Thatte said, "Our new name reflects our new identity as part of the P&G Group and signifies the coming together of strong consumer health capabilities and cultures". Procter & Gamble Health Ltd will be a part of P&G's Personal Health Care International Business Unit led by Uta Kemmerich-Keil (vice-president, Personal Health Care International), the company said.

neering solutions for mechanised and innovative agriculture solutions, well supported infrastructure and safe rail transport," Escorts chairman and managing director Nikhil Nanda said. The company will continue to bring in new technologies with a blend of frugal engineering and global technology collaborations for domestic and global markets, enabled by strong product mix and expanded distribution network, he added. The company's board on Tuesday recommended a dividend of ₹2.50 (25%) per share or ₹10 each for 2018-19. The board also appointed Sunil Kant Munjal as independent director for a period of five years.

ESCORTS Q4 NET PROFIT UP 8%

New Delhi: Engineering and farm equipment maker Escorts on Tuesday said its net profit rose 7.8% to ₹121.35 crore for March quarter 2019, aided by robust tractor sales. The company had reported a net profit of ₹112.54 crore for the same period of previous fiscal. Revenue from operations rose to ₹1,631.66 crore for the period under review as compared with ₹1,436.10 crore in the fourth quarter of 2017-18, Escorts said in a regulatory filing. The company's tractor sales for fourth quarter stood at 25,136 units, up 6.7% from the same period of 2017-18. For 2018-19, the company reported a net profit of ₹484.91 crore, up 40.7% as compared with ₹344.72 crore in 2017-18. Revenue from operations stood at ₹6,196.36 crore in 2018-19. It stood at ₹5,015.97 crore in 2017-18. "Escorts is committed to providing state of the art technology and unique engi-

JLR DRIVES IN RANGE ROVER VELAR TRIM IN INDIA

New Delhi: Jaguar Land Rover India on Tuesday said it had initiated sales of locally manufactured Range Rover Velar in the country with prices starting from ₹72.47 lakh (ex-showroom). The locally manufactured model is offered in a single trim, R Dynamic-S variant, and is available with both petrol and diesel powertrains. The cost of the trim has come down in the range of about 15-20 per cent as compared with the completely built units (CBU) variants of the model. The start of Velar's local manufacturing would enable the company gain a competitive edge within the Indian luxury SUV segment, JLR India said in a statement. The Land Rover range in India includes the Discovery Sport, Range Rover Evoque, all-new Discovery, Range Rover Sport and Range Rover.

ROYAL ENFIELD RECALLS AROUND 7K UNITS OF BULLET, BULLET ELECTRA

New Delhi: Niche bike maker Royal Enfield on Tuesday announced the recall of nearly 7,000 units of its Bullet and Bullet Electra models to rectify faulty brake caliper bolt. The company said it was undertaking a proactive field service action, concerning brake caliper bolt on motorcycles of the two models manufactured between March 20, 2019 and April 30, 2019. PTI

NIFTY 50 table with columns: SCRIP, OPEN, HIGH, LOW, LTP, CHANGE. Lists major stocks like HINDUNILVR, INFRAEL, ITC, etc.

BSE 500 table with columns: SCRIP, OPEN, HIGH, LOW, LTP, CHANGE. Lists 500 stocks including SCPIE, YESBANK, ICICIBANK, etc.

NIFTY NEXT 50 table with columns: SCRIP, OPEN, HIGH, LOW, LTP, CHANGE. Lists smaller cap stocks like MARICO, PETRONET, etc.

Market charts and news snippets. Includes BSE Sensex and NSE Nifty charts for May 7, 2019. Sensex closed at 38,276.63 (-323.71) and Nifty at 11,497.90 (-100.35). Includes a 'BULLION' section with Silver and Gold prices.





**QUOTE OF THE DAY**  
**It is as impossible to withhold education from the receptive mind as it is impossible to force it upon the unreasoning**  
— Agnes Repplier

**PUBLIC HEALTH**  
The IIHMR University, Jaipur is inviting applications for Master of Public Health Programme (MPH).



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

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

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

**How to apply:** Log on to [www.manavrachna.edu.in](http://www.manavrachna.edu.in).

**Duration:** Two years  
**How to apply:** Log on to [www.mph.iihmr.edu.in](http://www.mph.iihmr.edu.in).  
**Last date to apply:** May 15, 2019.

**PG DIPLOMA COURSE**  
The Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDI) invites applications for the admission to its Post Graduate Diploma in Management — Business Entrepreneurship (PGDM-BE) programme.

**BEAUTY PROGRAMME**

**Duration:** Two years  
**Eligibility:** Graduates with 50 per cent marks  
**How to apply:** Log on to <https://www.ediindia.org/academics/application-form.php> and download the application form.  
**Last date to apply:** May 15, 2019.

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

**BA DESIGN**  
The JK Lakshmi Pat University invites applications for admissions to its Bachelors of Design programme with specialisations in product design, interaction design and interdisciplinary design.

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

In addition to core and specialisation courses, students will get to choose from a variety of electives.

**Duration:** One and a half to two months  
**Eligibility:** Both freshers and professionals can apply.

**BTECH PROGRAMME**

**Duration:** Four years  
**Eligibility:** Minimum 50 per cent aggregate marks (45 per cent for SC/ST candidates), with minimum 50 per cent marks from a recognised central/state Board/university examination in India or in any foreign country recognised as equivalent to Class XII by the Association of Indian Universities (AIU).  
**How to apply:** Log on to <https://www.jklku.edu.in/>.

The Manav Rachna International Institute of Research and Studies invites applications to admission to its B.Tech — Electrical & Electronic Engineering programme.

**Duration:** Four years  
**Eligibility:** Pass in Class XII with at least 50 per cent marks in aggregate in five subjects and eligibility shall be determined on

## CREATE A HEALTHY FUTURE

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

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

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

than any other sector in the near future.

For those planning to start their careers, job opportunities in radiology sector are likely to remain high, particularly those who want to work in general medical and surgical hospitals. Radiology technicians can also work in private offices, clinics, urgent care facilities, and equipment sales.

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

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

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

As far as employment opportunities are concerned, clinical manage-

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Drive your way

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

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

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

**■ Career opportunities:** In the wake of globalisation, it appears as if people have

understood the fact that limited study and knowledge gained from only a particular university or institution is not going to take them to newer heights of success. If they have to make success happen and improve their employability in the competitive market, they must enhance their knowledge and learn new skills, transcending the geographical boundaries if required.

Popularising the trend of educational tourism, various schools and universities in India have started joining hands with foreign institutions. On the other hand, the outflow of Indian students taking courses abroad is also increasing significantly. As per the recent data, the year 2018 saw 81 per cent of the students visiting Australia for higher education enrolled in various post-graduate courses. The reason is hands-on experiences, cultural enrichment,

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

Also, travel brands are turning up to technology for producing authentic and better booking experiences. An urgent need for digital marketing experts is realised by such travel brands who can effectively market the brands online and win more customers online. SEO executives, content writers, and social media managers are massively hired to keep pace with the growing trend of travel and technology.

**■ Qualifications and skills required:** A programme in tourism management helps groom one's overall personality and offers adequate knowledge and skills to make one

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

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

The writer is Founder, Rising Star Tours and Travels



## Honours for KIIT

The Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT) deemed to be University, Bhubaneswar, has been ranked 301-350 in The 2019 Times Higher Education (THE) Asia University Rankings. KIIT is among a handful of Indian universities to enter Asia University Rankings 2019 of THE. The ranking results were published on May 1.

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

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

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

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

## 'Let's link our rivers'

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

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

Recalling his interaction as Parliamentarian with then Minister for water resources



KL Rao during 1967, Dr Viswanathan said that Rao felt that even though all rivers in the country could be interlinked with Ganges, it would be easy to link Godavari to Cauvery and South will not face any problem for water. The project can be done at an inexpensive cost and no State would oppose it.

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

for interlinking of rivers, a lot of farmers would benefit," he said.

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

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

## Industrial visit for students of SMVDU

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

This industrial visit was coordinated by Dr Sachin Kumar Gupta, faculty, SoECE and Shaivya Manhas, faculty, SoEM, along with BK Bhatia, T&P officer, SMVDU. The visit started with the brief profile of SCL by Sanjay Bhatnagar, Engineer SF—PPMD at Semi-Conductor Laboratory.

He presented a short video clip pertaining to major



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

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

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

## NATA result declared

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

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



# City in Good KOMPANY

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



AFP ■ MANCHESTER

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

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

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

Kompany, who has endured terrible luck with injuries over recent years, was in tears as he led

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

"There are players that help us to be where we are right now," said Guardiola. "Vincent is one of them."

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

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

Leicester's marked improvement since Rodgers took charge in February was on show in an

impressive display from the visitors as City were made to sweat but just got over the line for a vital three points.

And Guardiola admitted he had urged Kompany not to shoot as he lined up his first goal from outside the box since he was playing for Hamburg in 2007.

"It's not about the amount of goals you score it's about when you score them. Today it was necessary," said Kompany.

**'WE HAVE THE PRESSURE'**

"Every step in the last four months was significant. Liverpool keep making the steps and now we have a final to play in Brighton, Nothing is won yet."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Kompany looked short of options as he strode forward before unleashing a rocket of a shot that arrowed into the top corner.

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

## Pochettino 'living a dream' as Tottenham eye CL final

AFP ■ AMSTERDAM

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Mauricio Pochettino says he is "living a dream" at Tottenham Hotspur but admits beating Ajax in the Champions League semi-finals and then going on to win the trophy would be miraculous.

Spurs are in Amsterdam for their semi-final return on Wednesday looking to overturn a 1-0 deficit after last week's first leg in London, when a depleted side could not recover from Donny van de Beek's early opening goal.

However, after edging out Manchester City in the last round, and with Son Heung-min back from suspension for the match at the Johan Cruyff Arena, Tottenham are still within sight of reaching the final of Europe's leading club competition for the first time in their history.

"We are living a dream. Five years ago when we arrived it was to reduce the gap to the top four, and then to have the possibility to play in the Champions League," Pochettino said at a press conference on Tuesday.

"I think nobody would believe we would be playing in the Champions League three seasons in a row and competing at this stage."

The Argentine, who has been in charge of the north London club since 2014, even admitted, with a glint in his eye, that if Spurs were to go to the final in Madrid next month and win the trophy, he might "need to think a little bit about doing something different in the future, because to repeat this miracle..."

Just to get that far, though, they will have to find a way of beating a spellbinding Ajax side, although the good news is that, as well as Son, Erik Lamela is fit again and Jan Vertonghen should play too against his old side.

The Belgian defender came off

in the first leg feeling the effects of a nasty head knock and missed his team's Premier League defeat at Bournemouth at the weekend as a result. Despite concerns as he went off, Tottenham said he was not concussed.

"He didn't suffer anything more than the cut on his nose. A lot of players keep playing in the same situation. It wasn't a big issue," said Pochettino, who is still without Harry Kane.

Tottenham have lost five of their last six games, and nine of their last 10 away matches after losing 1-0 at Bournemouth.

However, they are almost certain to pip Arsenal to a top-four finish in the Premier League and secure a return to the Champions League next season, with one league game still to play against Everton.

"You wouldn't believe at the start of the season that Tottenham would be in the last week of the season with the possibility of being in the final of the Champions League and to be in the top four," admitted Pochettino.

Things might have been very different, however. A 2-2 draw away to PSV Eindhoven when they last came to the Netherlands in October left Tottenham with just one point from three group games and starting at an early exit from the competition.

"This season has been a success for the club but we don't want to stop at this level," said goalkeeper Hugo Lloris, who was sent off in that match against PSV.

"We need to give the maximum and have no regrets. It is important to keep the belief because everything is possible."



CHAMPIONS LEAGUE



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

## Djokovic destroys Fritz in solid start

AFP ■ MADRID

Novak Djokovic needed just 65 minutes to make a winning start at the Madrid Open on Tuesday, hammering Taylor Fritz 6-4, 6-2 to reach the third round.

The top seed and world number one broke three times as he schooled the American.

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

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

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

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

Wawrinka will next play Argentine Guido Pella, who

put out Barcelona finalist Daniil Medvedev 6-2, 1-6, 6-3.

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

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

"I feel good every time when I come to Madrid and I'm happy to be back and winning matches," Halep said.

"It was a good match. Both of us played very well and, in the end, I was a bit stronger mentally and I found a rhythm."

Fourth seed Angelique Kerber withdrew before her second-round match.

The defending Wimbledon champion is suffering from a right ankle injury.

Kerber was to have played in the evening session against Croatian Petra Martic.

# GODIN CONFIRMS ATLETICO EXIT

AFP ■ MADRID

Atletico Madrid captain Diego Godin announced on Tuesday that he will leave the club at the end of the season.

Godin has been one of the best central defenders in the world under Atletico coach Diego Simeone, who attended an emotional press conference at the Wanda Metropolitano, along with several players and president Enrique Cerezo.

The 33-year-old would not confirm his next club but indicated regret at not being able to agree a new contract.

"I'm nervous, even more

than for a match," said a tearful Godin. "These will be my final days at Atletico Madrid. I want to communicate all the love I have for this club, this shirt."

"I am Atletico, because this is not a club, it's a family and a way of life. It has been my home and it's very hard to say goodbye. I never imagined this moment would come and I am not prepared."

Godin has made 381 appearances for Atletico and remains a key figure in the team, but the Uruguayan has rejected offers to extend his contract, which expires on June 30.



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

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

"In short, I am captain of the team and have been here many years," said Godin. "We have not reached an agreement to continue so my time here is over. It has been the best of my

career and my life."

Godin added: "I would like to play here until I'm 40 but it's impossible. For me the priority has always been the club, the team, my teammates."

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

Since joining Atletico from Villarreal in 2010, Godin has won La Liga, the Copa del Rey and the Europa League twice. He also reached the Champions League final in 2014 and 2016. Atletico lost both to Real Madrid.



## Trump awards Presidential Medal to Woods

AFP ■ WASHINGTON DC

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

major title since the 2008 US Open.

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

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

accomplished so far in my life on the golf course."

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

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

## 32 Indian youth eligible for US Kids Golf Europe events

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

LEADERBOARD

<b>RUNS</b>	<b>692</b>	David Warner (SRH)
<b>WICKETS</b>	<b>25</b>	Kagiso Rabada (DC)
<b>6S</b>	<b>744</b>	SRH HAS A VERY GOOD PAST BUT WE ARE ALSO LOOKING FORWARD TO CREATE HISTORY
<b>4S</b>	<b>1578</b>	— SHREYAS IYER

# IPL 2019



# SKY HIGH

Suryakumar Yadav's 71\* guides Mumbai Indians to final after beating CSK by 6 wickets

PTI ■ CHENNAI

The enormously talented Suryakumar Yadav played one of his finest knocks on a challenging track as Mumbai Indians beat Chennai Super Kings by six wickets in the first Qualifier, entering IPL final for the fifth time on Tuesday.

On a sluggish pitch, which offered considerable turn and odd bounce, Suryakumar batted in a copybook fashion scoring an unbeaten 71 off 54 balls with MI reaching the target in 18.3 overs.

However CSK will get another chance to make it to their eighth summit clash as they will now play the second Qualifier against the winner of the 'Eliminator' between Delhi Capitals and Sunrisers Hyderabad.

The target of 132 wasn't a big one but once the below-par Chepauk pitch was factored in, the chasing team had its own set of challenges.

With senior players Rohit Sharma (4) and Quinton de Kock (8) returning quickly, Surya and Ishan Kishan (28, 31 balls) traded their natural flair for caution adding 80 runs that set the platform. While Surya hit 10 fours, the normally aggressive Kishan had three fours and a six in his innings.

While Imran Tahir (2/33 in 4 overs) dismissed Kishan and Krunal Pandya (0) off successive deliveries in the 14th over, it was more of a minor scare as Surya anchored the chase with ease in Hardik Pandya's company.

The best part about Surya's batting was how late he played both Tahir and Ravindra Jadeja (0/18 in 4 overs) whenever they got the ball to turn away from the right-hander, playing it past the short third-man fielder. The best part was not taking undue risks against Jadeja, who looked menacing on this track.

When Tahir fled, he would whip him through mid-wicket. Deepak Chahar after getting Rohit's wicket erred in line and proved to be costly. Harbhajan Singh (1/25 in 4 overs) finished his quota primarily when at least one left-hander was



Hardik Pandya celebrates with Mumbai Indians teammate Suryakumar Yadav after he completes single to help his side advance into the final

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at the crease.

In the end, the difference was created by the three Mumbai Indians spinners Rahul Chahar (2/14 in 4 overs), Krunal Pandya (1/21 in 4 overs) and Jayant Yadav (1/25 in 3 overs), who gave away only 60 runs in the 11 overs between them taking four wickets.

CSK were 10 runs short of the par-score even on a challenging track where Surya made batting look easy.

Earlier, Dhoni failed to launch a brutal assault on a sluggish pitch but did enough in company of

**CSK WILL GET ANOTHER CHANCE TO MAKE IT TO THEIR EIGHTH SUMMIT CLASH AS THEY WILL NOW PLAY THE SECOND QUALIFIER AGAINST THE WINNER OF THE 'ELIMINATOR' BETWEEN DELHI CAPITALS AND SUNRISERS HYDERABAD**

Ambati Rayudu to propel Chennai Super Kings to 131 for 4, which was more than a fighting total in testing conditions.

The CSK total was built largely on a fifth wicket stand of 66 off 48 balls between Dhoni (37 no off 29 balls) and Rayudu (42 no off 37 balls) when other batsmen found going tough.

Dhoni smashed Lasith Malinga for two huge sixes in the penultimate over to provide impetus to the CSK innings, which was stymied by the MI bowlers, especially the spinners.

MI leg-spinner Rahul continued his impressive season, with a superb spell, keeping the batsmen on a leash with turn and bounce.

CSK didn't get off to a good start, losing three wickets in the Powerplay, as MI skipper Rohit Sharma used five different bowlers in the first five overs.

The visiting team kept things under control in the Powerplay, restricting CSK to 32 runs while picking up three wickets.

At the halfway stage, CSK barely managed to reach 50, which was a sign of their struggles.



## DC face SRH in eliminator

PTI ■ VISAKHAPATNAM

The road to the final has become difficult but Delhi Capitals have the means to drive their way through the obstacles, starting with the eliminator against Sunrisers Hyderabad here on Wednesday.

Re-branded before the start of the 12th season, Delhi Capitals have been one of the top sides in this edition, playing cricket never seen before from them.

It is a bit harsh on Delhi Capitals that they are playing the do-or-die game despite securing 18 points after nine wins and five losses from 14 matches.

Despite winning three matches more than Hyderabad, severely weakened by the departure of David Warner and Jonny Bairstow for their World Cup national camps, DC find themselves in the same boat as SRH and a defeat will knock them out of the league.

Delhi Capitals have never reached the IPL final, never made the top-two, and ventured into the top-four for the first time since 2012.

Considering the results and consistency, it seemed DC's search for that elusive winning combination has finally ended, which brought the smiles back on the faces of fans after years of disappointment.

Picked in the trading window, India opener Shikhar Dhawan lived up to the expectations of the team management and franchise, scoring over 450 runs.

Along with the young Prithvi Shaw, the experienced Dhawan formed a fine opening combination, and scored briskly in the

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powerplay overs. Skipper Shreyas Iyer (over 400 runs) showed immense maturity while leading the side and also played some substantial knocks.

Ignored from the World Cup squad, Rishabh Pant has proved his worth in the side with his handy cameos at crucial junctures.

They will miss the services of pace spearhead Kagiso Rabada but DC have enough firepower in bowling to surprise SRH, who became the first team in IPL history to qualify for the playoffs with 12 points.

While the duo of Warner and Bairstow played a pivotal role in SRH's performances and dominated the powerplay better than other teams, the likes of Manish Pandey stepped in after they left to be with their respective national teams.

In bowling, Rashid Khan, Bhuvneshwar Kumar and Khaleel Ahmed have done just enough to help Sunrisers Hyderabad keep things.

In Kane Williamson, SRH have a dependable captain and he will expect a little more from his New Zealand team-mate Martin Guptill.

It will be another opportunity for Vijay Shankar to make a mark before flying to the United Kingdom for the World Cup.



## Drop 'anyone' to get Archer into WC squad: Flintoff

AFP ■ LONDON

Andrew Flintoff has urged England to drop "anyone" in order to make sure Jofra Archer has a place in their World Cup squad.

The past week has seen Barbados-born pacesman Archer show glimpses of his talent while making one-day international and Twenty20 debuts for England after completing a three-year residency period.

His ability to bowl 90-mile-per-hour (145 kmh) yorkers, as well as deceptive slower balls, has caught the eye. Archer is set to have further chances to make a case for a World Cup spot during England's upcoming one-day international series against Pakistan starting at the Oval on Wednesday.

Former England fast bowling all-rounder Flintoff is a fan of the "unbelievable" Archer. "I was watching him bowl the other day and I found it so

frustrating that a bloke can bowl so fast with what looks like so little effort," Flintoff told reporters in London on Tuesday.

Following a miserable first-round exit at the 2015 edition in Australia and New Zealand, World Cup hosts England have risen to number one in the ODI rankings, without Archer.

But Flintoff said loyalty to existing players was no reason to ignore the 24-year-old's claims for a place in England's final 15 for the World Cup.

"You ask who I would get rid off? Anyone," he said. "I think he's brilliant. I know there's a thing about him qualifying but we've done that for a number of years."

"When I was a kid we were watching Robin Smith (born in South Africa) and were waiting on Graeme Hick (born in Rhodesia, now Zimbabwe) to play (for England)."

"We've had KP (Kevin Pietersen, born in South

Africa) so it's not a new thing," said the 41-year-old Flintoff.

"But watching the lad bowl," he said of Archer "For someone to bowl that quick so easily, with so much control, all the tricks — slower balls, bouncers, yorkers — he's got to be in hasn't he?"

Meanwhile head coach said the England selectors would have to make a "very difficult decision" following the impressive form of newcomer Archer, who made his debut against Ireland last week.

Speaking about the Barbados-born all-rounder, Bayliss said: "He's fitted into the group extremely well. I thought he bowled some good spells, or one or two much luck and I thought he bowled pretty well in the T20 match a couple of days ago."

"It's all looking good. It's going to be a very difficult decision for the selectors, whichever way we go."

## Warner should open with Finch: Mark Waugh

PTI ■ MELBOURNE

Considering that David Warner can be much more destructive than any other batsman during the field restrictions, he must open for Australia alongside Aaron Finch at the World Cup, suggests former selector Mark Waugh.

Usman Khawaja has scored more ODI runs (769) for Australia this year than anyone else and formed a formidable opening combination with along Finch during Australia's two most recent ODI series against India and Pakistan but Waugh thinks Warner is still the best option.

"I would definitely have him (Warner) opening. He is the number



one opener in my opinion, so he has got to open with Finch," Waugh told the Big Sports Breakfast radio program.

"He is the most dangerous when the field is up and the field restrictions are in place and he can get the team off to

a flyer."

The left-handed Warner has been in excellent touch as he scored lot of runs at the top of the order in the IPL. In fact, all his 104 ODI innings for Australia has come as an opener.

Waugh feels Khawaja and Shaun Marsh are the best options to bat at number three, while the remainder of Australia's batting order looks pretty clear cut.

"I think either Khawaja or Shaun Marsh bat at three and they should be fighting for that spot," he said.

"The rest probably picks itself...With (Steve) Smith at four, (Glenn) Maxwell (at) five, (Marcus) Stoinis (at) six and (Alex) Carey (at) seven."



## Morris replaces Nortje in SA squad

PTI ■ JOHANNESBURG

South Africa suffered a blow ahead of the World Cup with fast bowler Anrich Nortje being ruled out of the tournament due to a fractured thumb.

Chris Morris has been called up as his replacement for the mega-event, commencing on May 30. Nortje overcame ankle and shoulder injuries over the course of the summer before he could make his international debut in March this year. On the basis of his performances, the 25-year-old was selected in South Africa's World Cup squad.

Unfortunately, Nortje fractured his right thumb while practising in the nets, and it has now been confirmed that he would need six to eight weeks rest to recover fully.

The 32-year-old all-rounder Morris, who has not played an ODI in more than a year, has replaced Nortje in the 15-member squad.

## WI name Gayle as Holder's deputy

PTI ■ JAMAICA

Explosive opener Chris Gayle has been named vice-captain of the West Indies team for the World Cup.

Gayle, who is set to retire from ODIs after his fifth World Cup appearance, is in top form going into the tournament, having scored close to 500 runs in the IPL. He was also in devastating form in the home series against England, hitting two hundreds and as many half-centuries in the five-match series.

"It is always an honour to represent the West Indies in any format and this World Cup for me is special," Gayle said after being named Jason Holder's deputy on Monday.

Gayle is a former West Indies captain who last led the regional side in June 2010. "As a senior player, it is my responsibility to support the captain and everyone else in the team. This will probably be



the biggest World Cup, so there will be great expectations and I know we will do very well for the people of the West Indies," said the 39-year-old, who has amassed 10151 runs in 289 ODIs at 38.16. It was also announced that Shai Hope will be the vice-captain in the on-going tri-series in Ireland involving the hosts and Bangladesh.



## Will use Ashwin's tips in the WC: Mujeeb

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Injury and poor form made it a forgettable IPL for Afghanistan spinner Mujeeb ur Rahman but the time away from the field was well spent as he picked on Kings XI Punjab skipper Ravichandran Ashwin's brain ahead of the World Cup in England. A shoulder injury meant that the 18-year-old wasn't at his best during the league, getting only three wickets in five games with an expensive economy rate of 10.05.

"I have learnt a lot having spent quality time with Ashwin in the KXIP set-up. He has given me a lot of useful tips and I am sure that I will execute those plans in the World Cup. During this edition, my shoulder injury was an issue. But now I am fully fit for the World Cup," Mujeeb said at a promotional event to announce Amul's association with Afghanistan team.

While he hasn't played many matches this year, the best part about IPL according to Mujeeb is the opportunity to bowl at some of the World Cup opponents.

"The IPL schedule is so hectic and you are travelling a lot. It's not that you get a lot of chance to talk about the game. But since you get a chance to bowl in matches where there are batsmen who will be there in the World Cup, it helps a lot," said the Afghan teenager.

The youngster is hopeful that along with senior spinners Rashid Khan and Mohammed Nabi, it will be a better World Cup for Afghanistan compared to the 2015 edition when they were making debut.

"Our aim is to at least qualify for the semi-finals. All three of us have different strengths and the main thing that we discuss on-field is to stick to our respective plans. The basic plan is to consistently bowl good areas and hopefully we will be able to do that," he said.