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Cong welcome if it backs front PM: TRS

'Federal Front ready for Cong support to form Govt but won't give it driver's seat, no truck with BJP'

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In a dramatic political development, the Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) on Tuesday announced it is open to taking support from the Congress to form a Federal Front Government at the Centre if the latter don't ask for the driver's seat. However, the TRS made it clear that it is not going to align in any way with the BJP.

"We are open to talk to them (Congress), and see whether they support us to form a Government. If they do, regional parties are not averse as long as they (Congress) don't come into the driver's seat. KCR is very firm that a Federal Front constituent should be in the driver's seat and run the Government," TRS spokesman Abid Rasool Khan said on Tuesday.

The development comes a day after TRS chief and Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao met DMK



president MK Stalin in Chennai and sought his support in forging a non-Congress, non-BJP Federal Front. However, according to sources, Stalin rejected KCR's request to join Federal Front and instead

urged him to support the Congress in forming the Government at the Centre. The new stand of the TRS is seen as a big change in KCR's attempt to forge a Federal Front minus the

Congress and the BJP. KCR has been pursuing his idea of a federal front of non-Congress, non-BJP regional parties for a year.

In case, the front falls short of number to form the Government, the option of the Congress supporting it from outside would be explored, said the TRS spokesman.

"The Government would be of the federal front and the Congress will have to extend support from outside. We are very firm that regional parties should be in the driver's seat. The Prime Minister's post should go to one of the constituents of the Federal Front. The Prime Ministerial candidate will be a consensus candidate from among the constituents (of the Federal Front)," Khan said.

However, the proposed Federal Front is not going to align in any way with the BJP, Khan said. "We are averse to the BJP. We do not want to have anything with the BJP, neither

to support them or take their support. Most of the constituents speaking with KCR are also of the same opinion that they will not have any truck with the BJP," he said.

The TRS spokesperson said parties such as SP, BSP, YSRCP, DMK and TRS would do well in the elections, but the Congress would not cross the 100-seat mark. If the Congress does not win 180-200 seats on its own, its allies like the DMK with it and would come to the Federal Front, Khan said.

"JD(S) will have an upper hand in Karnataka. We have started speaking to Communist parties, expecting they will do well in Kerala and some other places," he said.

Meanwhile, TDP supremo and Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu on Monday termed Rahul Gandhi a "good leader who has concerns for the nation" and asserted that unlike 1996, non-BJP parties won't

commit the mistake of keeping the Congress out if such an alliance forms a Government at the Centre.

In an interview to PTI on the sidelines of a poll meeting in East Midnapore district's Haldia in support of TMC candidates, he claimed the BJP is on its way out.

On whether a coalition of regional parties will include the Congress in Government formation or keep it out if such an opportunity arises, he said, "You cannot have such restrictions. You need the magic figure (272 seats) to form the government. Restrictions will ultimately break the unity."

"All of us will sit together and reach a consensus to build the future of this country," Naidu said.

The TDP president, who was the convener of the United Front Government from 1996-1998, said that time the experiment failed because the Congress was kept out of the Government.

Aiyar stirs row by defending 'Neech' jibe

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Senior Congress leader Mani Shankar Aiyar kicked up another row by justifying his "Neech" jibe against Prime Minister Narendra Modi, inviting acrimonious war of words between the Congress and the BJP.

The Congress first defended Aiyar but later condemned his comments in an apparent damage control exercise. The party also accused the PM of lowering the political discourse by using "downright insulting" and "abusive language" against his political opponents.

"We completely reject and condemn the remarks of the likes of Mani Shankar Aiyar and every other person who is violating the time-tested principle of self-discipline in political discourse, of mutual respect and adherence to ideas and ideology, and not to verbally abuse while fighting an election, to give due regard even to your worst political enemy as was shown by Rahul Gandhi on the floor of Parliament," Congress' chief spokesperson Randeep Surjewala said.



He alleged that hatred, violence and abuse are the modus operandi of the BJP and not of the Congress. "We have seen how in the last five years, including in the current elec-

tion, rage and revenge has blinded Narendra Modi in using completely unacceptable, downright insulting, abusive language for his political opponents," Surjewala said. The "truth" is that Modi has seriously lowered the prestige of the office of the Prime Minister by his choice of words, anger, uncontrollable rage, and by his quest to seek revenge against every Opposition leader, particularly Congress president Rahul and his family, he claimed.

Surjewala's reaction came hours after Congress spokesperson Jaiveer Shergill said his party is not on the back foot regarding Aiyar's remarks. Instead, it should be Modi who should be ashamed of his remarks on former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi and UPA chairperson Sonia Gandhi, he said.

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Jet Airways CEO, CFO put in papers

PTI ■ MUMBAI

In top level exodus at ground-level Jet Airways, four senior executives, including chief executive Vinay Dube and his deputy (CFO) Amit Agarwal, have quit the ailing airline.

Amid lenders scrambling to find a savior, the cash-starved carrier on Tuesday announced the exit of three executives — Dube, Agarwal and Company Secretary Kuldeep Sharma — while a source said the carrier's Chief People Officer Rahul Taneja too has put in his papers.

Except for Agarwal, who quit on Monday, the rest resigned on Tuesday. Chief executive Dube's departure marked the end of his 21-month long tumultuous tenure during which the once-stellar carrier shuttered operations due to cash crunch after more than 25 years of "happy flying."

"We wish to inform that Vinay Dube, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), has resigned from services of the company with immediate effect due to personal reasons," Jet Airways said in a filing. Detailed report on P10

'Say sorry for Didi meme': SC grants bail to BJP cadre

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday directed immediate release of BJP's youth wing leader Priyanka Sharma on bail, days after she was arrested by the West Bengal Police for allegedly posting a morphed image of Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on social media.

The top court directed Sharma to tender a "written apology" at the time of her release from jail for sharing the meme on Mamata saying that freedom of speech of an individual ends when it infringes upon others' rights.

Sharma was arrested on May 10 by the police under section 500 (defamation) of the IPC and under other provisions of the Information Technology Act on a complaint of a local Trinamool Congress leader Vibhas Hazra.

She was sent to 14-day judicial custody by a trial court there. A vacation bench later clarified that it will not be a condition for bail but she should apologise for sharing the post at the time of her release. Detailed report on P5

Spyware bug fixed, but WhatsApp urges users to upgrade app



New Delhi: WhatsApp has urged its 1.5 billion users globally to update their app to protect against "potential targeted exploits" after it discovered a vulnerability that allows spyware to be installed on users' phone.

The Facebook-owned company said it had, earlier this month, identified and promptly fixed a vulnerability that could enable an attacker to insert and execute code on mobile devices. It has also made changes to its infrastructure to deny the ability for this attack to take place, it added.

Without naming the attacker, WhatsApp said the attack has all the hallmarks of a private company that reportedly works with Governments to deliver spyware, which takes over the functions of mobile phone operating systems.

In an emailed statement, a WhatsApp spokesperson said the company encourages people to upgrade to the latest version of its app, and to keep their mobile operating system up-to-date.

"(This will help) protect

against potential targeted exploits designed to compromise information stored on mobile devices. We are constantly working alongside industry partners to provide the latest security enhancements to help protect our users," the spokesperson added.

According to reports, the spyware was allegedly developed by Israeli cyber intelligence company NSO Group. The vulnerability allowed installation of spyware on the device through a WhatsApp voice call — irrespective of whether the call was answered or not.

WhatsApp — which is end-to-end encrypted — did not disclose the number of people that may have been affected by the vulnerability.

India has the largest base of WhatsApp users globally with well over 200 million users.

The company said it has launched an investigation into the matter, and has also provided information to US law enforcement agencies to help them conduct an investigation. PTI

Clash cuts short Shah show

BJP, TMC cadres exchange blows at Kolkata rally

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

BJP and TMC supporters on Tuesday fought pitched battles on the streets of Kolkata during a massive roadshow by Amit Shah, who was forced to cut short the jamboree and had to be escorted to safety by police.

Violence broke out after Shah's convoy approached the hostel of Vidyasagar College where he was greeted by stone pelters. Furious BJP supporters retaliated and were seen exchanging blows with their TMC rivals outside the college entrance.

Several motorcycles parked outside the college campus were vandalised and set ablaze. Shards of broken glass littered the lobby of the college where a bust of Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar, a noted philosopher and a key figure of Bengal Renaissance, was smashed to smithereens. Police were seen trying to douse the fire with buckets filled with water.

Contingents of the Kolkata Police deployed for the roadshow swung into action and were seen chasing away the warring groups. "There was an attempt by TMC hooligans to attack me. Mamata Banerjee tried to provoke violence. But I am safe," Shah told a Hindi TV news channel. Shah claimed police remained mute spectator as clash erupted.

Shah said he was told by police that the permission for the roadshow ended near the college and that he will be taken to the ancestral home of Swami Vivekananda on Bidhan Sarani.



Police personnel douse burning vehicles set on fire by a mob during BJP president Amit Shah's election roadshow for the last phase of Lok Sabha polls in Kolkata on Tuesday

"They (police) deviated from the planned route and took us away to where there were traffic jams. I was not allowed to reach Swami Vivekananda's house to pay tributes and I am saddened by it," Shah claimed.

Mamata hit right back, calling Shah a "goonda".

"If you lay your hands on Vidyasagar, what will I call you other than a goonda," she told a rally in Behala in the city. "I hate your ideology, I hate your ways," she said, and announced a protest rally on Thursday against the vandalism of the bust of Vidyasagar.

Earlier, there was a scuffle when a group shouted slogans against Shah outside the Calcutta University campus and showed him black flags. Police, however, swiftly brought the situation under control.

Before the clashing mobs took over the streets of central

Kolkata, Shah led a saffron surge in parts of the city as chants of "Jai Shri Ram" alternated with frenzied chorus of "Modi! Modi!".

More than 15,000 kg of flower worth ₹2 lakh, hundreds of vividly dressed artistes from outside Bengal and thousands of "visiting" saffron cadres from neighbouring districts and States joined the North Kolkata locals shouting, "Up! Up! Modi; Down! Down! Didi!" and "Jai Shri Ram!".

Shah clearly wanted to take the electoral battle against the TMC to the Bengal Chief Minister's own backyard riding a sea of humanity joining his mega six-km roadshow — from Esplanade to Swami Vivekananda's ancestral house at Simla Street. The final phase of elections to nine constituencies of Kolkata and neighbouring districts will take place on May 17.

Even as artistes — clad as Ram, Hanuman and other gods — and dancers, possibly from Rajasthan and Gujarat, hit the streets performing eye-catching north-Indian ballet, loads of flowers were showered on them from neighbouring houses.

"Look at the flowers falling from above. Do you think they are BJP workers? They are all common people fed up of Mamata Banerjee's violent raj. This rally heralds the beginning of TMC's end in Bengal," claimed Shah.

On whether the BJP too will do the same once it comes to power, he said, "They have killed our 60 supporters in the past several months. Will they kill me also? Let them do that. But we will not do the same. We will restore democracy in Bengal and bring it back to its former glory."

The BJP will win in upwards of 23 seats, he said.

Gujarat had declared drought in 2018.

Conditions will be more or less similar in rice growing South peninsula. "North interior Karnataka and Rayalaseema may see poor rainfall. Kerala and coastal Karnataka are likely to perform better," Skymet said.

The IMD will update its forecast in the first week of June. IMD defines average, or normal, rainfall as between 96 per cent and 104 per cent of a 50-year average of 89 centimetres for the entire four-month season beginning June.

"All the four regions are going to witness lesser than normal rainfall. Rainfall in east and northeast India and central parts will be poorer than north-west India and south peninsula," Singh said. According to Skymet, there

are 55 per cent chances of a below normal rainfall, which will have an influence of El Nino, a phenomenon linked to the heating of Pacific waters.

East and northeast India will get 92 per cent of the LPA which falls under the below normal category. Risk remains high for Bihar, Jharkhand and West Bengal, while it will be marginal for northeast India, Skymet said.

Northwest India that comprises all north Indian States will receive 96 per cent rainfall of the LPA, which falls on the border line of normal and below normal rainfall category. Hilly States of Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand are likely to perform better than the plains of Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan and Delhi-NCR, the Skymet said.

CAPSULE

CAPTAIN BLOCKED MY TICKET: SIDHU'S WIFE
Chandigarh: Congress leader Navjot Kaur Sidhu stoked a controversy on Tuesday, alleging that it was Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh who ensured that she was denied the Lok Sabha ticket from the Congress from Amritsar.

IN FIRST, INDIA TO HOLD GLOBAL ARMY SPORTS
New Delhi: In a first, India will host a part of an international military sports event in Rajasthan's Jaisalmer over nine days in August.

PM'S BROTHER SITS ON DHARMA OVER ESCORT
Jaipur: Prime Minister Narendra Modi's brother Prahlad Modi, who was travelling to Jaipur, on Tuesday sat on a dharna at a police station demanding separate vehicle for policemen escorting him, police said.

Belated & scanty monsoon to rain misery on farm

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

The monsoon is likely to arrive in Kerala on June 4, three days after its normal onset date, and deliver less rainfall than average under the shadow of El Nino. This could dampen the prospects of higher farm income and economic growth.

Monsoon rain usually lashes Kerala around June 1 and covers the whole country by mid-July and retreat from Rajasthan by September. Farmers take up sowing of kharif crops such as paddy, soybean, cotton and jowar keeping the monsoon schedule in mind.

According to Skymet, monsoon will be "below normal" in the country with a Long Period Average (LPA) of 93 per cent and an error mar-



gin of five per cent, while the India Meteorological Department (IMD) has predicted "normal" monsoon this year.

"Onset of monsoon will be

around June 4, with an error margin of plus/minus two days. It seems that initial advancement of monsoon over peninsular India is going to be slow," said Jatin Singh, managing

director of Skymet, a private weather forecaster.

The monsoon in Vidarbha, Marathwada, west Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat will be "poorer than normal". The

stakes are high as farmers are still recovering from the impact of below normal rain last year. Six States — Maharashtra, Jharkhand, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Gujarat and Rajasthan — were declared drought-hit.

Adequate rain in the monsoon season is critical for India's more than 100 million farmers, as the rainy season accounts for over 70 per cent of the country's annual showers.

Central India, which is key in the production of cotton, soybean and corn, is likely to receive rainfall of 91 per cent of the LPA.

This is likely to aggravate the situation as Marathwada and several parts of Gujarat have been facing farm distress and drought-like situation. The region like Vidarbha, Marathwada and some parts of

MOTI NAGAR TRADER'S BRUTAL MURDER

Bereaved family to leave 'cold' locality

Political forces giving religious colour to murder: AAP

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Two days after 51-year-old Dhruv Raj Tyagi, who was brutally stabbed to death by his neighbours after he objected to their lewd comments on his daughter, Tyagis has decided to shift to another locality following the "apathetic" behaviour of the locals, some of whom even made videos of the incident but didn't even come to help. The family also alleged that the wife and daughter of an accused were also involved in the brutal act.

Tyagi was allegedly stabbed to death in West Delhi's Moti Nagar area on April 12. The man's 19-year-old son was also injured in the incident and he is battling for life in hospital. According to a senior police official, the boys passed some lewd comments and made indecent gestures at the businessman's 24-year-old daughter, when they were returning home on a two-wheeler from a hospital.

The wife and the daughter Jahangir of neighbour were also involved in the act. "They have been detained and are being questioned," said police official privy to investigation.

"If their involvement is found, they will be arrested," he added. Two men —

Mohammad Alam a 20-year-old and his father Jahangir — have been arrested. Two other sons of Jahangir, who are juveniles, were also apprehended.

"The wife and daughter of the Jahangir, who has been arrested along with his son Mohammad Alam, were also involved in the quarrel, and one of them had handed the knife to the accused, with which they stabbed my uncle," the relative said. A nephew of the deceased, requesting anonymity, said we have been living in Basai Darapur for more than 100 years but the way neighbours reacted and even didn't dare to save my uncle.

"This is our home. Memories of our forefather are here who had settled in this locality 400 years ago while the house where we are staying in was bought 100 years ago. After what neighbours did, I do not wish to live here anymore," he said. The nephew said he is scared for the safety of his aunt and sister, who are in trauma after the incident and will shift them to another place.

Congress' candidate from West Delhi Mahabul Mishra met the family members of the victim and said, "It's a very unfortunate incident and the police should arrest the remaining accused persons."

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) on Tuesday alleged that some "political forces" are trying to give "religious colour" to the killing of a businessman.

The 51-year-old businessman, Tyagi was stabbed multiple times by the accused on Sunday in west Delhi's Moti Nagar. He succumbed to injuries the next day.

The victim's 19-year-old son, who tried to rescue his father, was also stabbed and is battling for life.

"It was an unfortunate incident and religion must not be brought into it. Some political forces are trying to give religious colour to the incident, but that is unacceptable," senior AAP leader Sanjay Singh said.

He said his party would give full support to the victim's family. If the Delhi Police do not probe the incident properly, then Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and other senior AAP leaders would hold a protest, he added.

Singh was accompanied by Madipur MLA Girish Soni,



in whose constituency the incident occurred.

Soni accused the "BJP-RSS" of trying to give religious colour to the incident. Singh said he and Soni would be meeting the victim's family. A 45-year-old man and his 20-year-old son has been arrested in connection with the killing.

Two other sons of the man, who are juveniles, have been apprehended.

Kejriwal, Tiwari seek strict action against murderers

GAYATHRI MANI ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and Delhi BJP president Manoj Tiwari on Tuesday demanded strict action in the brutal murder of a 51-year-old businessman by group of boys in West Delhi's Moti Nagar area.

"Delhi Police must take strongest action against the guilty," tweeted Arvind Kejriwal. The Delhi Commission for Women (DCW) has also issued a notice to Delhi Police to take immediate and strict action against the alleged accused persons.

The Delhi President of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Manoj Tiwari also expressed his condolence to the family and tweeted, "Sad, highly condemnable. Father protested, to uphold the dignity of his daughter, a brave son did his duty towards his family. Goondaism and urban naxalism have no place in our society. We should all come together and condemn it. Culprits should be punished through fast track court," he posted in his twitter handle.

The DCW chief said, "I am extremely shocked and per-

turbed by the gravity of offence committed against the businessman and his son." "In the notice issued to Deputy Commissioner of Police (West), the women's panel sought information whether any complaint of harassment, eve-teasing, molestation etc, was ever received against the accused in the past."

The commission has also demanded the details of the FIR and whether the accused who allegedly misbehaved with the victim's daughter were booked under appropriate sections of law.

DCW also sought the current status report on the investigation by May 17.

"A 52-year-old businessman was stabbed to death allegedly for objecting to lewd comments made by some boys on his daughter in West Delhi's Moti Nagar area," the police had said on Monday. The businessman's family members were inconsolable that some of locals standing on the spot did not come to their rescue and they also alleged that 'some people even filmed the incident but did not come forward to rescue him from being stabbed,' they said.

Crime rate down but for women

SHEKHAR SINGH ■ NEW DELHI

The incident has once again raised a question about the very safety and security of girls and women in the national Capital. A large segment of Delhi population feels the Capital is not safe for women and children while the city has witnessed a fall in crime against women.

According to Delhi Police data, till April 30, around 135 cases has been registered on insult to modesty of women as compared to last year 219 cases reported till April 30, 2018. However seeing a marginal downfall in the cases of "assault on women with intent to outrage her modesty", till April 30, around 957 such incidents were reported to Delhi Police in National Capital as compared to last year which has seen 1046 cases registered till April 30, 2018.

Despite Delhi Police taking several measures to curb crimes especially crime against women in Delhi but Delhiites think that Delhi Police need to reach out public and should spread more awareness.

"Police should maintain round the clock vigil on molesters and stalkers. The punishment for eve-teasing and molestation should be made so strong that offenders have to think before they commit such crime," said a citizen.

"Eve-teasing and outraging modesty of women are daily affair, if you live in Delhi. Though there is a steep fall in such incidents but recent cases reported with police have shown that most of the girls were molested by a person living in same locality," said Anamika, a social activist.

"Everyone knows about 100. How many know of 181? Not many, we are sure. Police have to make it known to the people. A women helpline number was of no use if it was not publicised properly," said Anuradha, a resident of Chattarpur.

"When you are travelling in auto-rickshaw, Metro, even local buses, women cannot be missed by these eve

'Eve-teasing and outraging modesty of women are a daily affair if you live in Delhi. Though there is a steep fall in such incidents recent cases reported with police have shown that most of the girls were molested by a person living in same locality'

teasers. They seem like they don't have any other work then to molest women. I am too victim of these molesters in Delhi Metro. I agree there are several initiatives but there have to be a step which would completely finish these molesters," said Isha Sharma, a resident of Malviya Nagar.

"Despite several initiatives by Delhi Police to help women, there is still a fear among girls and women while travelling in cab or metro," she added.

Delhi Police have launched several initiatives to curb crime against women in national Capital. Delhi Police claims that its initiative of women police personnel patrolling areas undercover has helped them nab the offenders and reduce instances of crime against women in the capital city.

"Women police from in every district patrols at bus stations and marketplaces in undercover to protect girls from eve-teasing. Women police patrol teams on scooters and bikes patrol around colleges and schools to make safe spaces around these institutions," said a senior police official.

Meritorious students felicitated

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Police Commissioner, Amulya Patnaik on Tuesday felicitated the meritorious students of Delhi Police Public Schools in Safdarjung Enclave and New Police Lines, who secured exceptionally good marks in Class X and XII.

As many as 23 students were awarded merit certificates for being School Toppers and for securing cent percent marks in various subjects at a function held at Police Head Quarters (PHQ) in Delhi. Out of these 23 students, 18 students were wards of Delhi



Delhi Police Commissioner Amulya Patnaik felicitates students of Delhi Police Public School on Tuesday. Pioneer photo

Police Personnel. CP also commended Heads and Principal of both the schools as well as school

faculty for putting sincere efforts with dedication, which resulted in getting excellent result.

These schools are being rich as welfare measures for police personnel by Police Foundation for Education.

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Meenu Bansal, W/o Satish Bansal

Instrumentation and Structural Health Monitoring System

Open tender through e-Tendering system is invited for the following works: Tender No.: CE/CON/J-IJSHMS/2019/02. Name of work: Instrumentation and Structural Health Monitoring System (SHMS) of Bridge No. 44 in connection with the construction of new BG Railway Line from Jiribam to Tupul (Imphal). Approx. Value: ₹2,33,92,500.00, Earnest money: ₹2,67,000.00, Completion period: 6 Months. Tender submission: from 26-05-2019 to upto 14-30 hrs. of 2019-2019. Opening date & Time: 11-06-2019, 15:30 Hrs. For Details Please visit www.ireps.gov.in. For Chief Engineer/Con-7, Maligaon NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY (Construction Organisation). "Serving Customers with a smile"

PWD to build flyover on G'gram-Faridabad stretch

STAFF REPORTER ■ GURUGRAM

To reduce traffic pressure on the Gurugram-Faridabad road and to reduce accidents, the first flyover on the stretch will be built in front of Bandhwadi village. The project plan is prepared by the Public Works Department (PWD).

A Detail Project Report (DPR) of the project has already been prepared. The estimated cost of the project is more than 11.50 crore.

The flyover will start after the 'Valley View' residential apartment located on the stretch and will finish one and a half kilometre before the toll plaza. Its length will be 800 meters. It will be four



lanes. Service lanes will be built on either side. To go towards Bandhwadi village, the commuters and villages will use the underpass.

The PWD will soon start work on the stretch. It is scheduled to be launched by July 2020. The project will provide great relief to the commuters of Delhi, Gurugram and Faridabad. The flyover will also help reductions in accidents on the corridor.

An official said, a reason behind to build a flyover a dangerous turning point on the stretch near Bandhwadi village, several fatal accidents have occurred on the road. Also, the traffic slopes coming from Faridabad, it comes down from a much faster speed on the road and usually hits villagers and commuters who approach the road.

"The turning point near the Bandhwadi village is one of the most dangerous spots on the Gurugram-Faridabad stretch. Due to the acute turn, here the graph of accidents is quite high. A flyover on the dangerous spot will surely help to reduce fatal accidents," PWD Executive Engineer, Sandeep Singh said.

"The flyover is being built in view of the frequent accidents happening on this stretch. During its construction, "its sharp turn will also be reduced. It will be completed by July next year. After its creation, traffic will be smooth too," he said.

"The flyover would bring relief to tens of lakhs of commuters who struggle currently through unending traffic jams on the stretch which traffic cops find difficult to manage," Singh said.

Inter-State gang of carjackers busted

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

With arrest of four criminals, the sleuths of Delhi Police have busted an inter-State gang of carjackers who to earn easy and quick money used to steal cars in national Capital and used to sell them at throw away price in Uttar Pradesh's (UP) Moradabad.

The accused have been identified as Gulzar (31) a resident of Ghonda, Delhi, Jareef (30) resident of Loni, UP, Aged 30 years, Gulzar (40) alias Bhura a resident of Sambhal, UP and Safiq (30) alias Musa who is a resident of district Muradabad in UP.

According to Atul Kumar Thakur, the Deputy

Commissioner of Police (DCP), North East district, a victim Sunil Verma a resident of Gamri, Delhi and a dairy owner by profession reported that on the intervening night of 27 April he was waiting for a milk van at Khajuri Chowk when four persons robbed his car on the point of knife and fled away.

"A case was registered at Shastri Park police station and investigation was taken up. During investigation, CCTV footages of various locations were scrutinized and technical surveillance was also mounted on the suspects to find the clue about the culprits," said the DCP.

"On May 11, specific inputs were received regarding one of

the accused following which police team conducted a raid which led to the arrest of Gulzar. On his instance others were also arrested," said the DCP.

"During interrogation, the accused revealed that the accused Gulzar and his associate Firoz used to sell robbed and stolen cars to Shafiq in Moradabad (UP). Accused Bhura and his other associates used to dispose-off the robbed and stolen cars. Bhura are his associates and are desperate receivers of robbed and stolen cars in Sambhal, Amroha and Moradabad (UP)," said the DCP adding that further investigation is going on.

2 more men who thrashed woman in Noida arrested

PTI ■ NOIDA

Two more men involved in the public thrashing of a makeup artist in Greater Noida over a salary dispute were arrested on Tuesday, police said.

Accused Sohail and Shera were held early in the morning near a private college under Knowledge Park police station limits, the police said.

Confirming the arrests, Superintendent of Police, Greater Noida, Vineet Jaiswal said, "The accused are being sent to jail, while the key accused in the case, Wasim, was arrested on Monday and is behind the bars." Wasim is the owner of the salon, Sohail is his brother and Shera works for Wasim, according to the police.

The 24-year-old woman

said she had joined the salon in March at a salary of ₹17,000 per month.

Earlier this month her salary got delayed and she asked Wasim for remuneration but he kept dilly-dallying, according to her complaint.

"After some days, he started seeking sexual favours. He and his friends pressured me into heading to their demands for sexual favours and Shera tried to rape me in the salon but somehow I escaped," she alleged. Recently, they called her for the payment at the salon but an argument broke out between them which resulted in the three beating the woman up. SHO of Knowledge Park Police Station Arvind Pathak said.

He said Wasim has claimed that the woman did not show

up for work for most of the time and worked only 13-14 days but was demanding a full-month salary, which was the cause of dispute.

A video of the incident also surfaced on social media purportedly showing the men beating the woman with sticks, kicking her and dragging her on the roadside after pulling her from her hair.

Some social media users condemned the "apathy" of the onlookers for not coming to the rescue of the woman but making a video of the assault. SHO Pathak said the accused have been booked under Indian Penal Code sections 323 (punishment for voluntarily causing hurt) and 354 (assault on woman with intent to outrage her modesty).



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For Supra Industrial Resources Limited
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Place: New Delhi (Rajat Agarwal)
Date: 14.05.2019 Director
DIN: 00262605

AAP's vigilance team to monitor strongrooms

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) has deployed a vigilance team of over 20 volunteers who will be holding a tight vigil in shifts to monitor the "strong rooms" where the "Electronic Voting Machines" (EVM) are kept post election.

The volunteers have been deployed in South Delhi's centers such as Jijabai Industrial Training Institute for Women, August Kranti Marg, Siri Fort. Votes will be counted at these centers for Mehrauli, Chattarpur, Devli, Ambedkar Nagar, Sangam Vihar, Kalkaji, Tuglakabad, Bijwasan, Palam and Badarpur assembly segments, said AAP South Delhi candidate Raghav Chadha.

"For any elections, the counting process is a very sensitive and important part of the electoral process. In our endeavour to act as custodians of democracy and to ensure free and fair elections, the AAP has deployed highly skilled volunteers and deployed them outside of Jijabai School," he said, adding that they will be closely watching the CCTV footage of the strong room to ensure no malpractices take place within the inner perimeter of the school.



He said that they will be making periodic inspections to verify the strong room security and will continue to stay on sight until counting is done.

"I congratulate the election commission on successful completion of polling in Delhi and look forward to a favourable result on May 23. In keeping with the spirit of democracy, a vigilance team of AAP volunteers has been deployed to ensure that other political parties are not able to engage in electoral malpractices. They have been especially trained to identify any signs of deviation from said process," He said.

He said, "We wish to ensure that integrity of the machines and the safety and security of the EVM machines is not compromised at any point in time."

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The Congress on Tuesday had expressed concern over the way EVMs were transported to strong room in Nand Nagari in the North East Delhi Lok Sabha constituency after voting on Sunday evening.

The party alleged that vehicles carrying EVMs were off-loaded on the road around 200 metres away from the strong room.

Voting for seven Lok Sabha seats in Delhi ended on 7 PM on Sunday. Delhi recorded a voting percentage of 60.34 per cent, five percentage points less than the 2014 Lok Sabha poll.

Rain in Capital improves air quality to moderate

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI



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Intermittent rain washed away pollutants and significantly improving the national Capital's air quality which was in the 'moderate' category on Tuesday, authorities said.

The air quality index (AQI) of the city was recorded at 138 on Tuesday according to the System of Air Quality and Weather Forecasting and Research Institute (SAFAR), while the Central Pollution Control Board recorded Delhi's AQI at 147.

An AQI between 0 and 50 is considered 'good', 51 and 100 'satisfactory', 101 and 200 'moderate', 201 and 300 'poor', 301 and 400 'very poor', and 401 and 500 'severe'.

The overall air quality in Delhi was in the "moderate" category due to rains. The level of PM2.5 (particles in the air

with a diameter of less than 2.5 micrometres) was recorded at 64 and PM10 at 156, the SAFAR said.

"Air quality will improve further and touch satisfactory by Wednesday due to cloudy sky and light rains/thunderstorm. However, SAFAR model predicts that AQI may deteriorate to 'poor' by May 17 as upper winds are likely to be favourable to bring some impact of stubble burning from north India which are at its peak as per the fire counts. However, unlike winter, winds are fast enough to disperse the pollutant quickly," the SAFAR said.

Delhi's air quality was oscillating between 'very poor' and 'severe' for the last few days due to a dust storm in northwest India which led to a sharp increase in the PM2.5 level.

Confident Tiwari asks BJP cadres to prepare for Assembly polls next year

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Hoping to win all the seven Lok Sabha seats in Delhi, Bharatiya Janta Party (BJP's) Delhi unit president Manoj Tiwari has asked party workers to be ready for preparations of Assembly polls by exposing the "failures" of Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Government.

The Delhi BJP president met party workers and leaders of North East Delhi constituency at district party office to appreciate their contribution in his campaign in the Lok Sabha elections. Tiwari also asked them to prepare for the forthcoming state elections in 2020.

Addressing BJP office bearers and workers in the meeting, Tiwari said "We have to start preparing for the 2020 Assembly elections in Delhi without taking rest."

Tiwari who was BJP candidate from Northeast Delhi seat, said that party workers need to contact people in their areas and tell them that it is "necessary" to have a BJP government in Delhi for development and resolving their problems. He appealed workers to leave no stone unturned in preparing for the Assembly Election scheduled next year in Delhi by highlighting the failure of the ruling AAP government.



Delhi BJP Manoj Tiwari with his party workers Ranajin Dimri | Pioneer

"The AAP government has already been exposed by obstructing the implementation of 'Aayushman Bharat' scheme and in the issue of reservation to the economically weaker forward sections," he said, adding that Delhi Government has become a great misfortune for the people.

Tiwari also briefed party workers to visit each and every voter and explained them that for overall development of the city, the BJP government is necessary in Delhi.

The elections for Delhi Assembly were held in February 2015. The AAP had recorded a massive mandate winning 67 of the 70 Assembly seats trouncing the BJP to a far distant third place with just three seats in its kitty. However,

the BJP which registered impressive victories in municipal corporations elections in 2017 and Rajouri Garden Assembly bypolls in the same year, is expecting a comeback in 2020.

The political activity for the Assembly polls in Delhi is expected to pick up pace after announcement of Lok Sabha elections results and formation of a new Government at the Centre. There is a triangular contest for seven Lok Sabha seats in Delhi between the BJP, the Congress and AAP with all three expecting victory. Delhi voted on May 12 and counting of votes will be held on May 23. The BJP won all the seven seats in Delhi in 2014 Lok Sabha polls. Tiwari won on North East Delhi seat.

Sensitise students about thalassaemia: Govt to schools

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Government Tuesday directed all schools in the national Capital to sensitise students and staff members about thalassaemia and invite health experts to talk about it.

Thalassaemia is a major genetic disorder and is passed from parents to children. Every year around 10,000 to 12,000 children are born with thalassaemia major in India. There are around three lakh thalassaemia affected people in India currently.

Referring to a study, the Delhi government said one out of every 18 births is a thalassaemia carrier in Delhi. In Delhi around 200 births

of thalassaemia major take place every year, it said. "All Heads of government, government aided and private schools are directed to invite any officer or doctor from Health Department having expertise in thalassaemia to deliver a special talk and sensitize the students and staff members about the disease," the Directorate of Education (DoE) said in a letter to schools.

These patients require repeated and regular blood transfusion and iron chelation therapy for survival, it said.

The average cost per patient is ₹50,000 to ₹2,00,000 per year which is bound to increase further with inflation.

Day after dust storm, Metro services hit on Magenta Line

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Day after the strong dust and wind storm hit the national Capital, the metro train services were halted on the underground sections of Magenta Line between T-1 Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport to Shankar Vihar stations as some foreign material flew into the viaduct because of strong windstorm occurred on Monday evening.

The train services on the line are currently running on a restricted speed of 30 KMPH instead of 40 KMPH.

The 32.4 kilometre Magenta Line connects between Botanical Garden in Noida to Janakpuri West.

"The train services on DOWN line (towards Botanical Garden) section



between T-1 IGI Airport to Shankar Vihar stations of the Magenta Line are running with a restricted speed of 30 KMPH since Tuesday morning. This is being necessitated as a precautionary measure as one of the train's Obstruction detection

device noticed some foreign material flew into the viaduct because of the strong windstorm last night i.e. 13th May 2019," said the Delhi metro rail Corporation (DMRC) official.

The DMRC official further informed that the technical

glitch that occurred due to strong wind storm will be cleared by Wednesday. "The tracks will be cleared only after the end of revenue services in the night. However, services on the entire Magenta line are running normal except this small section which is facing slower movement due to this precautionary speed restriction," said the official.

Earlier an official had said that due to bunching of trains, from technical issues on the affected section, services in the rest of the corridor were also affected.

Areas falling under the Palam Observatory and parts of area falling under the Safdarjung Observatory witnessed dust storm with high-speed winds on Monday night, followed by rainfall.

No helmet, no petrol in Noida, Greater Noida from June 1

STAFF REPORTER ■ NOIDA

In its bid to instill discipline among two wheeler riders, the Gautam Budh Nagar district administration has decided not to sell petrol to such riders from June 1 next if they are not wearing helmets. This rule will apply on all the filling stations in Noida and Greater Noida.

An announcement was made by the district administration on Tuesday. All filling stations in Gautam Buddha Nagar have been instructed to carry out massive publicity on their premises about the upcoming regulation and consequences of rule violation.

"It is, therefore, instructed that all petrol pumps in Noida and Greater Noida will publicise this order on their premises during the next five days that fuel will not be given to vehicles whose rider and pillion are found without helmets," it said. District Magistrate (DM) Brajesh Narain Singh held a meeting with the petrol pump owners association and said that the order must be implemented in the two cities and later it would also be rolled out in rural areas of Gautam Buddha Nagar.

"Those who reach your fuel stations without helmet should be told that they will only get fuel if they wear a helmet. This practice will be implemented from June 1 in Noida and Greater Noida cities initially," he told them at the collectorate in Surajpur.

Singh, who was joined by district police chief Vaibhav Krishna, said the initiative, primarily aimed at improving road safety, would later be rolled out in rural areas of Gautam Buddha Nagar too with inputs and feedback from the stakeholders.

The district administration also warned legal action,



including suspension of driving license for not wearing helmet and arrest if riders without helmet misbehave with staff at filling stations.

"When those without helmet reach filling stations, their details and vehicle numbers would be traced through CCTV footage and legal action initiated against them. Their driving license can also be cancelled," it said in a statement. "In case anyone misbehaves with the staff at the filling stations, strict action would be taken against the errant person and they could even be jailed under section 151 of the Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC)," it added.

According to Section 129 of the Motor Vehicles Act (1988), "Not wearing helmet while riding a two wheeler is a violation of the law and can draw imprisonment up to six months under Indian Penal Code section 188".

The administration also called on the owners of the filling stations to ensure installation of good quality CCTV cameras on their premises so that in case of any dispute a footage of the incident could be readily available. "Installing CCTV on your premises is for your own benefit," Krishna, the senior superintendent of police, told the filling station owners.

"Two-wheelers are used in a lot of criminal activities and they get their vehicles refuelled. Here you can help the police with video footage. Filling stations are also targeted by criminals often and having footage can help in probe," he said.

JeM terrorist carrying bounty of ₹2L arrested

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Police has arrested an alleged terrorist of Jaish-e-Mohammad from Srinagar who was carrying a reward of ₹2 lakh. Identified as Abdul Majeed Baba, he was acting on the instructions of his handlers, sitting across the borders.

It has been revealed that the accused along with associates Fayyaz and Bashir came to Delhi in 2007 to deliver a consignment of arms, ammunition and explosives to Pakistani terrorist Shahid Gafour but all were arrested after shootout with team of Delhi Police Special Cell.

Abdul Majeed Baba is a resident of Magrepora district of Sopore in Jammu & Kashmir. The arrest was made on Saturday evening from Soura in downtown Srinagar. Baba will be produced before the Chief Judicial Magistrate of Srinagar and brought to Delhi on transit remand.

According to Sanjeev Kumar Yadav, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), Special Cell, on February 4,

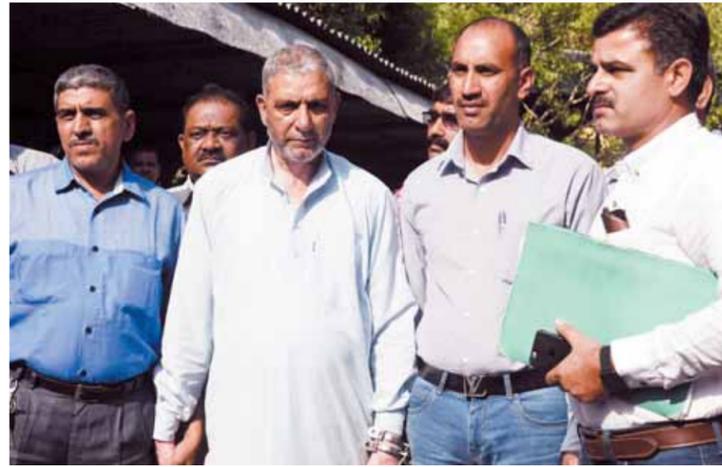
2007, on specific inputs the sleuths of Special Cell of Delhi Police apprehended four terrorists of JeM identified as Shahid Gafour a resident of Sialkot in Pakistan, Bashir Ahmed Ponnur a resident of Baramullah in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K), Fayaz Ahmed Lone a resident of Kupwara (J&K) and Abdul Majid Baba after a brief encounter at Deen Dayal Upadhyay Marg, Delhi.

"Police has also recovered three kilogram (kg) of highly explosive material, four detonators, one timer, six hand grenades, one pistol of .30 bore, one magazine with two live cartridges, Indian currency Rs 50 thousand and fake US currency \$-10 thousand from their possession. Subsequently a case under section 121/121A/122/123/186/353/307/489 B/489 C/120 B of Indian Penal Code (IPC), 4/5 Explosive Substances Act, 25/27 Arms Act, 14 Foreigners Act and 17/18/20/21/23 U n l a w f u l Activities (Prevention) Act was registered at special cell police station," said the DCP.

"On August 7, 2013, ASJ Court convicted accused Shahid Gafour and acquitted Bashir, Fayyaz and Abdul Majid Baba. On appeal against their acquittal the High Court of Delhi convicted all the three terrorists. After being convicted, accused Bashir, Fayaz and Baba did not surrender before the High Court of Delhi and deliberately avoided their arrest. Thereafter, High Court issued Non-Bailable Warrants against them several times since 2014 but none turned up," said the DCP.

"A reward of Rs. 2 Lakh was declared by Delhi Police upon the arrest of each of the absconding three accused person. On March 25, 2019, one of the three accused Fayaz was arrested by police team of Special Cell in Srinagar. After the arrest of accused Fayyaz, efforts were continued to arrest the remaining other two terrorists," said the DCP.

"With the arrest of Fayyaz, accused Baba had got extra conscious and started continuously changing his hideouts to dodge the police net. For the



Jaish operative Abdul Majeed Baba in police custody

Ranajin Dimri | Pioneer

last two months, Special Cell team had conducted several raids on accused's traced hideouts with the help of local police and army, but each time he managed to escape the police dragnet. It was learnt

that he was planning to escape to Pak-occupied-Kashmir (PoK) when on May 11, specific input was received that accused Baba will visit Shere-e-Kashmir Institute Medical Sciences Hospital in Shoura

area in Srinagar," said the DCP. "Acting on the tip-off a trap was laid and accused was arrested. He has been brought to Delhi on transit remand for further legal proceedings," said the DCP.

Santosh Kumar gets 3-week parole to write law exam

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi High Court Tuesday granted three-week parole to Santosh Kumar Singh, who is serving life term for the 1996 rape and murder of law student Priyadarshini Mattoo, to appear for LLM examination.

Justice Mukta Gupta granted the parole to Singh for appearing in the final year examination of LLM (Master of Laws). Singh had completed first branch of LLM in 2014 and thereafter took admission in the second branch.

The court said Singh's examinations are scheduled to commence from May 24 and he be released from jail from May 21 after the Delhi gov-

PRIYADARSHINI MATTOO CASE



The judge considered that he had not misused the liberty granted earlier and said the court deems it fit to grant parole to Singh for three weeks

ernment did not oppose his plea.

Mattoo, 25, was raped and murdered in January 1996. Singh, a law student of Delhi University, was acquitted by the trial court in the case on December 3, 1999, but the

Delhi High Court had on October 27, 2006 reversed the decision, holding him guilty of rape and murder and awarded him death penalty.

The son of a former IPS officer had challenged his conviction and death sentence

awarded by the high court. In October 2010, the Supreme Court had upheld Singh's conviction, but commuted the death sentence to life imprisonment.

During the day's hearing, Singh's counsel sought four weeks parole for appearing in LLM branch-II examination and for attending his daughter's birthday in June.

He said he had approached the jail authorities for the relief but they did not allow him due to the ongoing Lok Sabha elections. The counsel said Singh's conduct in the jail has been good and he was also doing legal aid there.

Delhi government standing counsel (criminal) Rahul Mehra along with advocate

Jamal Akhtar, filed a status report and nominal role of Singh and told the court that the convict has not misused the liberty granted to him earlier and was also studying in the jail.

They said Singh was in semi-open jail and the Delhi Government's sentence review board (SRB) has already recommended for his release.

After noting the submissions, the judge considered that he had not misused the liberty granted earlier and said the court deems it fit to grant parole to Singh for three weeks. The court asked him to furnish a personal bond of ₹25,000 and a surety of the like amount to the satisfaction of the superintendent of jail.

Court seeks AAP's stand over State human right commission

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi High Court has sought Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Government's stand on a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) seeking setting up of a State human rights commission in the national Capital.

A bench of Chief Justice Rajendra Menon and Justice A J Bhamhani issued notice to the Delhi Government on Tuesday and sought its reply to the plea by September 7, the next date of hearing.

The petition by Abhijit Mishra, a financial economist, has contended that the Delhi Government has neither issued



any notification nor made any efforts to set up a State Human Rights Commission (SHRC) here as prescribed under the Protection of Human Rights Act of 1993.

In his plea, filed through

advocate Payal Bahl, Mishra has alleged that by not setting up a SHRC, indicates the "failure" of the Government to "protect and upholding the human rights, respect, dignity" of the people. The petition has claimed that there is no system in place to address the complaints of human rights violation raised by citizens of the national Capital.

RaGa takes dig at Modi's 'radar and clouds' remark

PTI ■ NEEMUCH(MP)/ BATHINDA(PB)

Congress president Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday took a dig at Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 'radar and clouds' remark in relation to the Balakot airstrikes in Pakistan, asking him will all aircraft disappear from the radar whenever it rains in India.

Addressing election rallies in Neemuch, Ujjain and Khandwa in Madhya Pradesh, Rahul Gandhi said Modi insulted his family during the poll campaign but he will never ever speak ill of the Prime Minister's parents. "I will die, but will never insult Modi's mother and father."

He also made a veiled ref-

erence to the PM's interaction with actor Akshay Kumar during which Modi said he loved mangoes as a child and still loves them.

Noting that Modi in the recent days talked about cloud cover "helping" IAF planes evade Pakistani radars during the airstrikes and about climbing trees and eating mangoes, Rahul asked, "Modi ji, whenever it rains in India, do all aircraft disappear from the radar?"

"Clouds and mangoes are being talked about but nothing is being said on issues that matter," Rahul said. He sought to know what did Modi do for the jobless youth.

"Modi ji, you taught (us) how to eat mangoes; now tell the country what you did for

the jobless youth," he said.

In Ujjain, Rahul Gandhi said Modi insulted his father and grandmother during the election campaign but he will never speak ill of the latter's parents. He said the Congress would defeat Modi "with love".

"Modi ji talks with hatred. He insulted my father, grandmother, great grandfather. But I will never in my life speak about his family, his mother and father. I will die, but will never insult Modi's mother and father."

"This is because I am not a RSS or BJP man, but belong to the Congress. I will return him love if hatred is thrown at me... We will defeat Modi ji with love, hugging you," he said.

At the rally in Khandwa, Gandhi targeted Modi on the

Rafale deal, adding the "chowkidar" committed theft and is therefore unable to speak on corruption.

Gandhi said Modi has not responded to his challenge for an open debate on alleged corruption in the Rafale deal for fear of getting exposed.

"Modi will not be able to show his face to the countrymen even just after 15 minutes of debate with me," he said. "The chowkidar is a thief and is frightened since he will be exposed in the debate. He will not be able to show his face to the country," he added.

The Rafale deal will be probed and action taken against the guilty once the Congress comes to power, Rahul said.



Congress president Rahul Gandhi offers prayers at Shri Tilbandheshwar Mahadev Temple, in Tarana, on Tuesday

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RAHUL GANDHI

Priyanka blames SAD for desecration of Guru Granth Sahib

PNS ■ BATHINDA/PATHANKOT

Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi on Tuesday blamed BJP ally Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) for the desecration of Guru Granth Sahib, an emotive issue in Punjab.

In her first election rally in Punjab for the Lok Sabha polls, Priyanka also mocked Prime Minister Narendra Modi for suggesting that a cloud cover had helped IAF planes evade Pakistani radars during the Balakot air strikes.

"The soul of Punjab will be lost if anything happens to Guru Granth Sahib. Their (BJP's) own ally indulged in sacrilege of Guru Granth Sahib for political gains and votes," she said at the rally in Bathinda, an Akali Dal bastion where Union Minister Harsimrat Kaur Badal is contesting against the Congress' Amrinder Singh Raja Warring.

The Congress and the SAD have been trading barbs over the 2015 sacrilege of religious scriptures and police firing incidents. Priyanka invoked the teachings of Guru Nanak — 'tera, tera' (yours, yours) and 'sarbat da bhal' (welfare of



Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra addresses an election campaign rally for the Lok Sabha polls in Pathankot, on Tuesday

everybody).

"But their (BJP's) ally was only for 'mera mera' (mine, mine)," she said, without naming the SAD. The Congress leader also spoke in Punjabi to strike a chord with the crowd.

"I am happy to be here. My husband (Robert Vadra) is a Punjabi. He has always faced each challenge with a smile. 'I salute the land of Punjab and the Punjabi community. The

Punjabi community always faces challenges with a strong will and always remains happy and in a state of 'chardi kala' (optimism)," she said.

Priyanka pointed out that she had come to know about Modi holding a rally in Bathinda a day ago.

"I have also learnt that the clouds of Bathinda gave answers to his spate of lies," she said, referring to the strong winds

that had uprooted some tents in the Prime Minister's rally. "Whether it is strong winds or storm or cloudy weather, but the truth about him has now come on the people's radar," the Congress leader said.

Priyanka also accused Modi of spreading propaganda and lies. "When you hear his propaganda, then you will feel as if no development took place in the past 70 years. All

the development took place only in five years (of his tenure)," she said.

"Perhaps his radar should be on his promises," she said, while taking a jibe at Modi's "unkept" promises of depositing Rs 15 lakh in people's bank accounts, doubling farmers' income and creating 2 crore jobs.

She alleged that land, sand, liquor, transport mafias and 'chitta' (drugs) flourished under the erstwhile SAD-BJP rule.

Priyanka accused Modi of visiting a number of countries, but not having time to meet the poor and farmers in his constituency, Varanasi.

"The PM has visited America, hugged Obama ji (the then US president Barack Obama), went to Japan and played drums there. Africa, Europe, whichever name you take, China, Pakistan — where he had biryani," she said.

Later at a roadshow in Pathankot, Priyanka again hit out at Modi, accusing him of doing politics in the name of martyrs. She asked voters to choose between him and Congress president Rahul Gandhi, also her brother, who she dubbed "son of a martyr".

Nation choosing 'India first', than family first: Modi

PTI ■ CHANDIGARH

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday attacked the Congress after its leader Mani Shankar Aiyar reiterated his "neech" remark, saying the party has ruled the country for decades with this "mindset".

He also said the nation was electing a strong Government and was choosing from "India first", than family first.

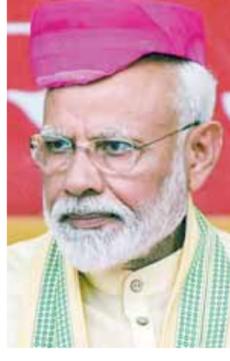
Addressing an election rally here Tuesday evening in favour of BJP candidate Kirron Kher, Modi slammed Aiyar, without naming him.

"During Gujarat elections, their confidante who had occupied an important position in their Government said Modi is 'neech'. There was an outrage in Gujarat and then, they (Congress) pretended to throw him out of the party. After some days, he was taken back," he said without naming Aiyar.

"What they did was wrong. He openly says there was nothing wrong in abusing me. Namdaar's family and his friends ruled the country for decades with this mindset," Modi said.

Aiyar, in an article on Tuesday, justified his "neech" jibe against Modi, and also called him the most "foul-mouthed" PM the country has seen.

Modi, at the rally, also slammed Congress leader Sam



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NARENDRA MODI

confidence that had the elections not been there in Punjab, then Namdaar would not have admonished him," he claimed.

Modi was referring to Congress president Rahul Gandhi rebuking Pitroda for his comments and saying that the party's overseas unit chief should be ashamed of himself for the "totally wrong" remarks.

"He (Gandhi) would not have pretended to utter even a single word to him," he said. "When the elections will be over in Punjab, he will again hug his guru' (Pitroda)," said Modi. He claimed that even when scams worth crore of rupees took place, the Congress was thinking 'hua to hua'.

"When a former railway minister's relative was indulging in corruption in recruitment, the Congress was thinking 'hua to hua,'" he said in a veiled attack.

He was referring to the corruption charges against a nephew of former Railway Minister and Congress candidate from Chandigarh, Pawan Kumar Bansal. Modi said the country was electing a determined and strong government and not one which is helpless.

"It is choosing 'India first', than 'family first', not dynasty but development," he said, adding the nation was choosing those who had hit terrorists in their den.

WESTERN RAILWAY
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Priyanka offers best wishes to MP crowd shouting 'Modi, Modi'

PTI ■ INDORE

Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra surprised BJP supporters, who were shouting "Modi, Modi", by wishing and shaking hands with them when she was coming out of the airport here on Monday for her roadshow.

She stopped her car, went up to the people chanting pro-Modi slogans and shook hands with them, and while walking back to her vehicle said "all the best, aap apni jagah hai, aur main meri jagah (you are at your place, I am at mine)"

raised Modi, Modi slogans when Priyanka Gandhi got down from the car and shook hands with them.

State Congress media cell chairperson Shobha Oza told PTI, "It was a BJP sponsored event, but Congress party always believe in respecting other ideologies also."

"Priyanka's impromptu gesture shows the Congress believes in compassion and love and will defeat such ideologies with these powerful tools," Oza said.

She stopped her car, went up to the people chanting pro-Modi slogans and shook hands with them, and while walking back to her vehicle said "all the best, aap apni jagah hai, aur main meri jagah (you are at your place, I am at mine)"

A video of the incident went viral on social media in which the group of Modi supporters is also heard saying "very good all the best aapko bhi, aapko bhi".

The Madhya Pradesh Congress later tweeted the video stating, "Some people in Indore in a sponsored manner



A BJP supporter gestures during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's election campaign rally, in Buxar, on Tuesday

EC orders fresh polling in 34 booths in 10 Odisha districts

Bhubaneswar: The ECI has ordered fresh polling in 34 booths in 10 districts including three in Puri district on May 19, an official said on Tuesday. Puri district has been worst hit by the cyclone Fani which made a landfall near Puri town on May 3.

"... The ECI has directed to hold fresh poll on 19.05.2019 (Sunday) in following polling stations for simultaneous General Election to Lok Sabha and Odisha Legislative Assembly..." Odisha Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) S Kumar said in a letter to the district election officers and collectors of 10 districts. The fresh polls will be held in different assembly segments in the districts of Cuttack, Deogarh, Puri, Angul, Keonjhar, Khurda, Jajpur, Balasore, Mayurbhanj and Jagatsinghpur, he said.

Is Bengal run by 'Govt of gangsters', asks Jaitley

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Union Finance Minister Arun Jaitley on Tuesday deplored the violence during BJP president Amit Shah's roadshow in Kolkata and wondered if West Bengal is being run by a "Government of gangsters".

All eyes will be now on the Election Commission of India to ensure free and fair Lok Sabha polls in the state in the last phase on May 19, he said in a series of tweets.

The BJP and TMC supporters fought pitched battles on the streets of Kolkata during a massive roadshow by Amit Shah, who escaped unhurt but was forced to cut short the jamboree and had to

be escorted to safety by police.

Parts of the city plunged into a welter of violence as the BJP president's convoy was attacked with stones by alleged TMC supporters from inside the hostel of Vidyasagar College, triggering a clash between supporters of the two parties, officials said.

"Has Bengal acquired a Government of Gangsters? The attack on Amit Shah's peaceful rally by the TMC is deplorable. "Is a free & fair Poll possible in Bengal? All eyes are now on the Election Commission," said Jaitley. "Keep it up Amit Bhai. Only Modi ji and you can do in Bengal what others failed to realise. Victory is now at an arms length distance," Jaitley added.

THE PIONEER CLASSIFIEDS

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Hitesh Kumar Makhijani, S/o Dileep Makhijani, Flat D2116 GAUR SPORTSWOOD, sector 79, Noida sworn in an affidavit at Noida District Court changed my name as Hitesh Makhijani PD(8493)A

I, Neelam Gupta D/o Sh. Jamuna Prasad Gupta R/o K-57-58, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi-92, have changed my name to Vijaya Gupta for all future purpose. PD(8494)A

I, Soni Afroz D/o Sayeed R/o D-211, Sector-55, Noida (U.P.) have changed my name to Afroz for all purposes. PD(8495)A

I, Satyawati W/o Sh. Virendra Singh R/o A-145, Sector-55, Noida (U.P.) have changed my name to Shakuntala Devi for all purposes. PD(8496)A

4 students from Andhra score perfect 100 in JEE Main exam for architecture courses

ELECTRICAL AND MODIFICATION WORK

Tender Notice No. DY.CEE/CON/ NJP/E/09/2018-19 Dated: 13-05-2019. Works tender through E-Tendering system are invited from valid electrical contractor licensed for the following works. SN. 1. Tender No. EL/CON/NJP/35/2018-19/NMX-JPZ (NL). Name of Work: Electrical works in connection with modification/up gradation of power supply arrangement within main power supply system and improvement of illumination by providing H M towers and replacement of old conventional fittings by energy efficient LED fittings at RPSF barrack complex at New Cooch Behar in connection with New Maynaguri-Jogighopa new line project. Tender Value: ₹2,69,92,357.99, Earnest Money: ₹2,65,000/-. Date & Closing of tender: 15.00 hrs. of 04-06-2019.

The complete information with the tender document of above e-tender will be available upto 15.00 hrs. of 04-06-2019 in the website www.ireps.gov.in

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PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Four students from Andhra Pradesh have scored perfect 100 in the Joint Entrance Exam (JEE)-Main for admission to architecture courses, the HRD Ministry's National Testing Agency (NTA) announced on Tuesday.

The four students are Gollapudi N Lakshmi Narayana, Korapati Nikhil Ratna, Sykam Ritesh Reddy and Gudla Raghunandan Reddy. For the first time, the JEE-Main examination of Paper-2 (B.Arch/B.Planning) was conducted two times through CBT-Online mode, in this year, the NTA said.

The first examination was conducted on January 8 in two shifts, and the second JEE(Main) exam for Paper-2 was conducted on April 7. It said a total of 2.27 lakh candidates had appeared for the examination.

For those candidates who appeared in both the January and April examination, better of the two scores have been taken into account, it said. Out of 61,510 candidates appearing in both the months, 27,624 have improved their performance.

Aiyar stirs row by defending...

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"Mani Shankar Aiyar's remarks are his own as stated by him in his article. The Congress is neither on the back foot nor ashamed of his remarks. It's the PM who should be ashamed of lowering the dignity of the office he occupies by making disparaging remarks against former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi and former Congress president Sonia Gandhi. The PM should apologise to the country for the abusive language that he has used," Shergill said, referring to Modi recently saying Rajiv Gandhi's life ended as 'Bhrashtachari No 1'.

Home Minister Rajnath Singh seized on Aiyar's justification and asked the Congress to respond on its leader's comments.

BJP's IT Cell head Amit Malviya also referred to Congress leader Sam Pitroda, in the spotlight for his "hua to hua" remark on the 1984 anti-Sikh riots.

BJP spokesperson GVL Narasimha Rao put out a tweet saying "Abuser-in-chief Aiyar" had

returned to justify his 2017 'Neech' jibe. "... Aiyar then apologised & hid behind poor Hindi excuse. Now he says he was prophetic. Congress revoked his suspension last year for filthy outburst. Double speak & arrogance of @INCIndia on display again!" he said.

"Pak-crony Aiyar has the audacity to call PM 'anti-national'. Nation knows that @narendramodi ji is the epitome of 'Rashtra Bhakti'. Aiyar is known for 'Parivar Bhakti' as a (political) slave of the dynasty. It isn't surprising at all that all abusers are close Gandhi confidants."

Congress president Rahul Gandhi said the fight on issues can be brutal but hatred and violence should not be used against each other.

Aiyar said in his article, "Modi will, in any case, be ousted by the people of India on May 23. That would be a fitting end to the most foul-mouthed Prime Minister this country has seen or is likely to see. Remember how I described him on

7 December 2017? Was I not prophetic?" Congress had suspended Aiyar after his personal attack on Modi, he noted, but the Opposition party revoked his suspension later.

Later, in Shimla, when reporters questioned him on the controversy, Aiyar said it was just one line in his article and he will not get involved in media's "games". "I am a fool, but not such a big fool," he said.

He also hit out at Modi for promoting leaders who abused Opposition leaders even describing them as 'Genghis Khan ki aulad'.

"The truth is that Prime Minister Narendra Modi will go down in history as the only PM who decimated, denigrated and annihilated the prestige of the office of the Prime Minister he holds, who violated every article of restraint and mutual respect written in the civilisation of the country, who chooses verbal abuse as a weapon to silence his critics when he has no answer on jobs on agrarian distress

and on a failed economy," he said.

In the article, Aiyar said he has found out why Modi "loathes" Jawaharlal Nehru so much -- because Nehru had a degree in Natural Sciences from the University of Cambridge, and was convinced that to pull Indians out of superstition, modern India must cultivate a "scientific temper".

This, Aiyar said, drives Hindutva supporters "nuts because they like to believe the 'udan khatolas' of mythology were the earliest F-16s to be invented by Hindus, and that Hindu plastic surgery, not a transplant operation, is what led to an elephant's head surmounting Lord Ganesh."

"Both these stunningly illiterate claims come from the mouth of none less than the Prime Minister of our country, whose acquaintance with higher education has gone no further than lying about degrees from Delhi and Gujarat universities that he never got and who can obviously not tell a scientific proposition from a 'dhokla'," Aiyar wrote.

WESTERN RAILWAY

VARIOUS TYPES OF WORK

(1) Tender. No.: BCT/19-20/115 dt. 13/05/19. Name of work: Vihar-Surat Section:- Repairs to P-way under SSE(Surat) Section for 24 month. Tender Cost: Rs. 3,98,71,444.08/- EMD: 3,49,400/- Date of Submission: 12/06/19 at 15.30 hrs. (2) T. No.: BCT/19-20/116 dt. 13/05/19. Name of work: Vihar-Surat Section:- Repairs to P-way under SSE(Navsar) Section for 24 month. Tender Cost: Rs. 3,67,85,387.51/- EMD: Rs. 3,33,900/- Date of Submission: 12/06/19 at 15.30 hrs. (3) T. No.: BCT/19-20/117 dt. 13/05/19. Name of work: Vihar-Surat Section:- Track work in connection with UDN Partial electrification in UDN Yard towards Tapli Section. Tender Cost: Rs. 14,16,948.76/- EMD: Rs. 28,300/- Date of Submission: 12/06/19 at 15.00. Date of opening: 12/06/19 at 15.30 hrs. For more details please visit www.ireps.gov.in

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Rajnath dares Opp to declare PM candidate

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Not ruling out a two-thirds majority for the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) in the Lok Sabha polls, senior BJP leader and Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh on Tuesday asserted that Narendra Modi had no competitor for the top post and dared the opposition parties to name their leader without keeping voters in the dark.

Just five days to go before the last phase of polling on Sunday, the senior most cabinet minister in Modi regime asked who is the opposition's leader vis-à-vis Modi? Rajnath said opposition's leader is "unknown" even as it claims to be winning the Lok Sabha poll.

"2014 was about Modi versus Manmohan Singh and Sonia Gandhi. In 2019, it is Modi versus who? That is unknown."

"If they are claiming, they should say who will lead them. People should not be kept in dark in a healthy democracy. The opposition should not play hide and seek," the BJP leader said at a press conference here at BJP headquarters.

The last seventh phase will have 59 Lok Sabha constituencies spread across eight states of Bihar (8 parliamen-

tary constituencies), Jharkhand (3), Madhya Pradesh (8), Punjab (13), West Bengal (9), Chandigarh (1), Uttar Pradesh (13) and Himachal Pradesh (4).

The BJP's re-assertion on 'Modi versus none' in the final round is clearly aimed to squeeze out the best results before the high-pitch campaigning concludes on May 19. UP, where SP-BSP-RLD alliance is giving a major challenge to the NDA for total 80 seats, would vote for 13 seats on Sunday.

Rajnath's statement marks the BJP's renewed bid to attract the apparent face-sitters in 59 Lok Sabha seats in eight states.

Asked about the likely meeting of opposition leaders, he took a swipe at them, saying they are unable to elect a leader as they know that they will not get a majority.

Rajnath asked the opposition to not play "hide and seek" with people by not announcing who is its leader. He said voters should not be kept in the dark in a healthy democracy.

BJP leader claimed that a two-thirds majority for the ruling NDA cannot be ruled out as the hope and expectation from Modi during the 2014 polls had turned into confidence and belief this time.

The BJP in 2014 had won its maiden majority by winning 282 of 543 Lok Sabha seats.

Questioned about the SP-BSP alliance, he said his party earlier believed that it will be an "effective" combine but it has fizzled out and that the BJP has set a target of winning 74 of the state's 80 seats. Rajnath said people are keen to give Modi another term as they have a sense of satisfaction with his tenure.

The three hallmarks of the Modi government's success were in 'antodaya' (uplift of the last person in queue), and ensuring the country's development and security, he said.

Accusing the Congress of "weakening" India's battle against terrorism, he slammed the party for coining terms like "Hindu terror and saffron terror" and said all parties should stand together on such an issue.

The BJP leader counted it as one of the big successes of the government that price rise was not an issue for the opposition, saying it showed how the government had tamed inflation.

He said in a lighter vein that inflation rate was over 12 per cent in Pakistan, and India did not allow it to cross the Wagah border.

Mamata's morphed picture: SC grants bail to BJP activist, asks her to apologise

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday directed immediate release of BJP's youth wing leader Priyanka Sharma on bail, days after she was arrested by the West Bengal police for allegedly posting a morphed image of Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on social media.

The top court directed Sharma to tender a "written apology" at the time of her release from jail for sharing the meme on Banerjee saying that freedom of speech of an individual ends when it infringes upon others' rights.

Sharma was arrested on May 10 by the police under section 500 (defamation) of the IPC and under other provisions of the Information Technology Act on a complaint of a local Trinamool Congress leader Vibhas Hazra.

She was sent to 14-day judicial custody by a trial court there.

A vacation bench, comprising justices Indira Banerjee and Sanjiv Khanna, which initially said that Sharma's apology will be a bail condition, later clarified that it will not be a condition for bail but she should apologise for sharing the post at the time of her release.

"The detainee, Priyanka



Sharma, is directed to be immediately released on bail. The detainee shall, however, at the time of release, tender an apology in writing for putting up/sharing the pictures complained of on her Facebook account. It is made clear that this order is being made in the special facts and circumstances of this case and shall not operate as a precedent," the bench said.

The court also sought response from West Bengal government on whether a person can be arrested for sharing a post or meme on social media and posted the matter for further hearing after the summer vacation.

At the outset, senior advocate Neeraj Kishan Kaul, appearing for Priyanka's brother Rajib Sharma who has filed the plea in the apex court, said she was arrested and sent to 14-day judicial custody just for

sharing the post which was already widely viral.

"She is not the creator of the meme but only shared it on social media which was already shared by thousands of people," Kaul said.

To this, the bench said, "There cannot be any equality to the wrong. Your freedom of speech and expression is non-negotiable but your freedom ends when it infringes upon the rights of others."

The top court said it could direct her forthwith release but she has to tender an apology for sharing the post.

"We have seen the picture which has been shared. If someone is hurt then you can apologise for it," the bench said.

Kaul contended that apology will have a chilling effect on the fundamental right of freedom of speech and expression.

"We do not see that there should be any difficulty for you in apologising for your post on social media. We are not asking you to apologise for others.

"Let her tender an apology we will forthwith grant bail. You take instruction. Since you are member of BJP the insinuation is different. The other side may have taken it differently. Had you been a common person, then may be it could have been no problem," the bench said.

Didi meme 'sorry' order gives wrong message: BJP wing

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The BJP's youth wing will challenge the Supreme Court order asking its activist Priyanka Sharma to apologise for posting a meme of West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee on social media. The party's youth wing chief Poonam Mahajan on Tuesday asserted that the verdict has sent out a "wrong message".

The court earlier Tuesday granted bail to Sharma, against whom a complaint was filed in Bengal for sharing a photo in which Banerjee's face was photoshopped onto actor Priyanka Chopra's picture from a MET Gala event in New York.

The apex court also asked Sharma to apologise in writing on her release from jail. It observed freedom of speech ends when it infringes upon the rights of others.

Mahajan said she was "delighted" with the SC order and "grateful" to the court for releasing Sharma on bail. "But the direction of apology sends out a wrong message on the question of free speech," she said.

"In July, when the writ petition is coming up, we are going to contest it because this is a bigger issue," said Mahajan.

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West Bengal police arrested Sharma on May 10 under section 500 (defamation) of the IPC and under other provisions of the Information Technology Act on the complaint of local Trinamool Congress leader Vibhas Hazra. BJP leaders and social media users have protested Sharma's arrest.

"We have been battling the TMC in Bengal for two years and many of our activists have been arrested, beaten up and even killed by their goons. This has exposed how anarchy has spread in Bengal and how in Mamata didi's rule, freedom of expression has been strangled to death," Mahajan alleged.

INSHORT

NAVY INTRODUCES COMPUTER-BASED TEST

New Delhi: The Indian Navy is introducing computer-based examination for the selection of Direct Entry Officers after graduation. The first Indian Navy Entrance Test (INET) Officers is scheduled in September 2019 in various centers across the country. INET (Officers) will be used for screening for Permanent Commission and Short Service Commission Officer candidates for all graduate entries other than those that are screened by UPSC or University Entry Scheme.

EC ANNOUNCES RS POLL NOTIFICATION

New Delhi: The Election Commission (EC) on Tuesday announced elections to two Rajya Sabha seats in Assam including one occupied by former Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh and Santiusse Kujur. The poll for two seats will be held on June 7. The notification for polls will be issued on May 21.

BOOK 'SO WAS I?' LAUNCHED

New Delhi: Blue Rose Publisher launched a book 'So Who Was I?' written by Shriya Nanda at Lutyens Resort. During the launch, author Shriya Nanda presented her book to the viewers. Speaking on the occasion, Syed Arshad of Blue Rose Publisher said that book lover will like this book.

SC TO HEAR SP-BSP NETA'S PLEA FOR PROTECTION FROM ARREST IN RAPE CASE ON MAY 17

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday agreed to hear on May 17 a plea by a candidate of the SP-BSP alliance from Ghosi LS constituency in Uttar Pradesh seeking protection from arrest in a rape case lodged against him.

The matter was mentioned before a vacation bench of justices Indira Banerjee and Sanjiv Khanna by the counsel appearing for petitioner Atul Rai, who is accused of raping a college student from Varanasi.

Rai's counsel told the apex court that Rai was contesting the Lok Sabha elections from Ghosi constituency, where polling is scheduled to take place on May 19 in the last phase, and he should be granted protection from arrest till May 23 when the results of the general elections will be announced.

"Registration of an FIR does not bar you for contesting the elections," the bench told Rai's counsel.

To this, the lawyer said there was no provision of anticipatory bail in Uttar Pradesh and since the high court had on May 8 dismissed Rai's petition seeking protection, he may be arrested in the case.

Karti Chidambaram moves SC seeking return of ₹10 cr deposited in court registry

PC's son had earlier deposited ₹10 crore in the court registry for travelling abroad

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Karti Chidambaram, facing criminal cases being probed by the CBI and ED, Tuesday moved the Supreme Court seeking return of ₹10 crore which he had earlier deposited in the apex court registry for travelling abroad, saying he had taken the money on loan and was paying interest on it.

The matter was mentioned before a vacation bench comprising Justices Indira Banerjee and Sanjiv Khanna which asked Karti's counsel to mention the matter before the regular bench headed by Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi later.

Karti's counsel told the bench that he had earlier deposited ₹10 crore in the court registry for travelling abroad and since he has returned to India, the money should be returned by the registry.

"I (Karti) had taken a loan

of ₹10 crore. I am paying interest on it. I had returned to India," the counsel said, adding, "I (Karti) was allowed to travel abroad after depositing ₹10 crore. I have returned back. The registry is saying that you give us a formal order of the court then only we will return the money".

After hearing the brief submissions of Karti's counsel, the bench said, "You mention it before the regular bench".

On May 7, a bench headed by the CJI had allowed Karti, son of former Union minister and senior Congress leader P Chidambaram, to travel to the United Kingdom, US, France, Germany and Spain in May and June this year.

"The applicant (Karti) shall make a deposit of ₹10 crore only before the Secretary General of this Court, which will be returned to him after he comes back to the country," the bench had said in its May 7 order.

The apex court had in January also granted Karti permission to travel abroad after depositing ₹10 crore with the secretary general of the Supreme Court.

IRANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER'S VISIT AHEAD OF US SANCTIONS

Sushma holds talks with Zarif

DURING THE VISIT, INDIA AND IRAN SIGNED NEARLY A DOZEN AGREEMENTS

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj on Tuesday held "constructive" discussions with her Iranian counterpart Javad Zarif on all bilateral issues of mutual interests.

The talks by the two foreign ministers came 12 days after the US ended six-month-long exemptions from sanctions to India and seven other countries to buy oil from Iran.

It is learnt that the issue figured in the talks.

"EAM @SushmaSwaraj and Iranian Foreign Minister @JZarif held constructive discussions on all bilateral issues of mutual interest. Good exchange of views on the evolving regional situation, including Afghanistan," External Affairs Ministry Spokesperson Raveesh Kumar tweeted.

After the exemptions expired on May 2, India said it will deal with the issue based



Union External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj greets Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif as he arrives for a meeting in New Delhi on Tuesday PTI

on three factors — the country's energy security, commercial consideration and economic interests.

In May last year, the US had brought back sanctions on

Iran after withdrawing from the Iran nuclear deal which was struck in 2015.

The US had told India and other countries to cut oil imports from the Gulf nation to "zero" by November 4 or face sanctions.

However, Washington had granted a six-month waiver from sanctions to eight countries, including India.

India, the world's third biggest oil consumer, meets more than 80 per cent of its oil needs through imports. Iran is its third largest supplier after Iraq and Saudi Arabia and meets about 10 per cent of its total needs.

Indo-Iran ties have been on an upswing in the last few years. Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Tehran in May 2016 with an aim to craft a strategic relationship with Iran and expand India's ties with West Asia.

During the visit, India and Iran signed nearly a dozen agreements, centrepiece of which was a deal on development of Chabahar port.

Later, India, Iran and Afghanistan signed a trilateral agreement providing for transport of goods among the three countries through the port.

Will inspect religious places where faith healers are treating people: UP tells SC

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Uttar Pradesh Government has told the Supreme Court that it has directed chief medical officers to inspect all such religious places where "faith healers" are engaged in treatment of people to ensure that they do not indulge in any kind of human rights violation.

The State Government said this in its affidavit filed in the apex court which is hearing a petition that has raised the issue of 17 mentally ill people being chained in a faith-based mental asylum in Budaun district of Uttar Pradesh.

The State Government told the court that these 17 persons were chained in the 'dargah' on the pretext of treatment but released after a committee, constituted by the state, visited the place and directed their immediate release.

The affidavit also gave details of the steps taken by the State to ensure that such violation of human rights on the pretext of religion and exorcism may not be repeated in future.

It said all chief medical officers have been instructed by the state mental health authority to "inspect all such religious places where treatment is done by faith healers in coordination and help of district administration in order to ensure that faith healers may not indulge in

The affidavit also gave details of the steps that such violation of human rights on the pretext of religion and exorcism may not be repeated in future

practices which may amount to gross violation of human rights".

The affidavit further said all the chief medical officers in the state have been directed to identify all such religious places of their district and to recognise mental health camps running there.

It said that state government has directed all the chief medical officers and chief medical superintendents of Uttar Pradesh to implement the provisions of the Mental Health Care Act 2017.

Regarding the 'dargah' at Budaun, the affidavit said that after the issue came to light following the filing of the plea in the apex court, the state constituted a committee to look into it and the members of the panel visited there.

It said that "over a period of time, 'dargah' earned a reputation that whoever would visit this holy place, he or she would get exorcised of the evil spirits possessing him".

CPWD directs to make short videos of completed projects

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Central Public Works Department (CPWD) has directed its officials to make short videos of some of the infrastructure projects it has completed, with a voice-over explaining the significance of the "iconic buildings".

The agency has written to senior officials, asking them to provide videos of such projects across the country by May 25. According to a CPWD official, the department has listed some of the projects it completed in the recent past — such as Sadaiv Atal Samadhi in New Delhi; National Salt Satyagarha Memorial in Dandi; and Dr B R Memorial in Delhi.

Sadaiv Atal Samadhi, a memorial of former prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, was inaugurated on his 94th birth anniversary on December 25 last year.

CPWD also stated that the videos of these completed iconic projects should be of 3-5 minutes with voice-over providing information them.

CPWD, which comes under the Union Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry, is the largest construction agency of the central government.

Govt extends ban on LTTE for five more years

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Central Government on Tuesday extended for five more years the ban on Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), the terror group that was behind the assassination of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi.

The ban has been extended under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967, a notification issued by the Union Home ministry stated. India had banned the LTTE after the assassination of Gandhi in 1991. The ban on the group was last extended for five years in 2014.

The LTTE, a terror outfit based in Sri Lanka but having its supporters, sympathisers and agents in India, came up in 1976. Its objective for a separate homeland (Tamil Eelam) for all Tamils threatens the sovereignty and territorial integrity of India, and amounts to cession and secession of a part of the territory of India from the Union and thus falls within the ambit of unlawful activities, the notification said.

The LTTE's continued violent and disruptive activities are prejudicial to the integrity and sovereignty of India, it said.

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"The group continues to adopt a strong anti-India posture and also continues to pose a grave threat to the security of Indian nationals," the notification said.

Even after its military defeat in May, 2009 in Sri Lanka, LTTE has not abandoned the concept of 'Eelam' and has been clandestinely working towards this cause by undertaking fund raising and propaganda

activities, and the remnant LTTE leaders or cadres have also initiated efforts to regroup the scattered activists and resurrect the outfit locally and internationally, the Home Ministry said.

ICICI's Chanda Kochhar, husband appear before ED again

New Delhi: Former ICICI Bank CEO Chanda Kochhar and her husband Deepak Kochhar Tuesday again appeared before the Enforcement Directorate here in connection with an alleged bank loan fraud and money laundering case registered against them.

They were questioned by the agency on Monday for over eight hours. This was the first time they were grilled in Delhi.

They have been questioned by the agency in Mumbai in March. The couple arrived at the Enforcement Directorate's headquarters in Khan Market here around their scheduled appearance time of 11:30 am, official sources said.

While it was not immediately known as to what was the ED's line of questioning on Monday, sources said the two were questioned about their personal and official dealings with the Videocon group.

Their statement was recorded under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) by the investigating officer of the case, they said.

The Kochhars were supposed to depose before the agency early this month but they had then sought an extension of time and were allowed, they said. PTI

ED attaches KSL & Industries assets for money laundering

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Tuesday attached immovable properties consisting of land admeasuring 2,70,374 square feet along with a shopping mall in Nagpur worth ₹483 crore of KSL & Industries Ltd, Mumbai, under Prevention of Money Laundering Act in bank fraud case. KSL & Industries Ltd, Mumbai is one of the group companies of Tatal group of Companies.

ED initiated investigation under PMLA on the basis of three FIRs of CBI against three different companies of Tatal group of Companies like Actiff Corporation Ltd, Jaybharat Textiles & Real Estate Ltd, KKTL and Eskay Knit (India) Ltd for cheating and fraudulently availing loans to the tune of ₹524 crore from Bank of India and Andhra Bank during the year 2008.

Investigation under PMLA revealed that during the year 2008, these Mumbai-based companies diverted the loan amount through a maze of shell companies, the ED said.

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maze of shell companies which were used for routing of the diverted funds. Funds were routed through these shell companies to the companies of the said Tatal group and used up for creation of assets in the name of M/s KSL & Industries Ltd. These immovable properties in the form of a Mall situated at Nagpur worth ₹483 crore has been provisionally attached as "proceeds of crime" and for involvement in money laundering. Earlier in another similar case, involving UCO Bank properties worth ₹234 crore of Tatal group was also attached. Total attachment against the group is worth ₹717 crore.

IN BENGAL

No reprisal if we come to power: Amit Shah

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

Off! Not again! This is the third edition of 'foreign invasion' of Bengal! After Bakhtiyar Khalji and Robert Clive here comes the Sakas from the West," mumbled an old book-seller at the historical College Street insisting, "Bengal had never seen this bizarre trend. Not even during naxal period which was a war of ideology. This is dirty dog-fight between goons for control of power."

A bearded professor, a regular at Indian Coffee House concedes and added, "Mamata Banerjee is responsible for this all. She only through her semi-communal politics invited these scallawags." Now Bengal would suffer for eternity and

"all our revolutionary history will be torn into pieces," he rues wondering "what will our future generation imbibe." He trails off reminding "politics is the last resort of scoundrels."

As the professor scurries inside the historical Albert Hall a free-for-all ensues with hundreds of saffron workers trying to force their way into the Calcutta University pelting bottles and stones at a band of Trinamool Congress Chhatra Parishad workers raising "Amit Shah Go Back" slogan.

Half a dozen TMCP workers, including girls were injured in the skirmish.

More than 15,000 kg of flower worth Rs 2 lakh, hundreds of vividly dressed artists from outside Bengal and thousands of 'visiting' saffron cadres

from neighbouring districts and states joined the North Kolkata locals shouting, "Up! Up! Modi, Down! Down! Didi!" and "Jai Shri Ram!"

This even as BJP president Amit Shah on Tuesday took the electoral battle against TMC to the Bengal Chief Minister's own backyard riding a sea of humanity joining his mega six-km roadshow — from Esplanade to Swami Vivekananda's ancestral house at Simla Street. The final phase of elections to nine constituencies of Kolkata and neighbouring districts will take place on May 17.

Even as artists — clad as Ram, Hanuman and other Hindu icons — and dancers possibly from Rajasthan and Gujarat hit the streets per-

forming eye-catching north-Indian ballet loads of flowers were showered from neighbouring houses down the boulevard.

"Look at the flowers falling from above. Do you think they are BJP workers? They are all common people fed up of Mamata Banerjee's violent raj. This rally heralds the beginning of TMC's end in Bengal."

On whether the BJP too will do the same once it comes to power he said, "They have killed our 60 supporters in the past several months. Will they kill me also? Let them do that. But we will not do the same. We will restore democracy in Bengal and bring it back to its former glory."

BJP would win in upwards of 23 seats, he said.

Kolkata saffronised!

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Artists dressed as Lord Hanuman take part in Amit Shah's election roadshow in Kolkata, Tuesday

PIANS ■ KOLKATA

The heart of Kolkata was drowned in a deluge of saffron on Tuesday as thousands of BJP workers — many of them dancing, singing and chanting "Modi, Modi" — took part in party president Amit Shah's roadshow ahead

The colourful procession wound its way from the Shahid Minar in Central Kolkata to the Dharamtala Crossing, Lenin Sarani and Subodh Mallick Square amid constant shouts of "Jai Shree Ram"

Shah stood on a truck, accompanied by Kolkata North candidate Rahul Sinha, state party chief Dilip Ghosh and senior party leader Mukul Roy. BJP Rajya Sabha member Roopa Ganguly, once famous as the 'Draupadi' of tele-serial Mahabharat, egged on the crowd as the sound boxes blared "Modi sarkar, fir ek bar" slogan.

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Amid showering of petals, Shah's roadshow continued to

grow in size with more and more people joined in. Thousands more watched the spectacle from balconies, shops, roadside buildings and pavements, embellished with huge cut-outs of Shah and Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Half an hour into the programme, large stretches of the city hub came to a standstill, with a sea of humanity participating in the roadshow, the likes of which the city has rarely seen.

It was more than a mere political programme. The cultural side was hard to miss. Artists, brought from several states and districts, performed song and dance routines, to present the culture of their various areas.

Punjab's bhangra, tribal dance of Chhattisgarh's Bastar region, Rajasthan folk, and popular dance forms of eastern Indian States, like Odisha and Bengal, caught the attention of bystanders.

Over 100 pick-up trucks carried activists, and more than 500 male and female 'dhakis' (drummers), as also 'Bauls' (roving minstrels of Bengal) and classical dancers lent colour to the roadshow.

BJP banners removed ahead of Shah's Kolkata roadshow

Kolkata: A controversy erupted hours before BJP President Amit Shah's rally here on Tuesday after banners and flexes of the saffron party leaders including that of Prime Minister Narendra Modi were removed from the roadside.

Shah is scheduled to hold a roadshow from central Kolkata's Shahid Minar to Swami Vivekananda's residence in north Kolkata's Maniktala on Tuesday afternoon.

Just two hours before the roadshow, a large number of cut outs and flexes of Shah, Modi and north Kolkata's Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) candidate Rahul Sinha, were

removed from a long stretch of Lenin Sarani.

BJP leaders accused the state administration of "resorting to hooliganism" to impede Shah's rally and alleged that the state's ruling Trinamool Congress activists were deliberately damaging the posters and cut outs while removing them.

"The Election Commission has given us permission to hold the roadshow. How is it possible that party banners and flags are not allowed on the road? Bengal government's hooliganism is going on here. We will talk to the EC about this," BJP General Secretary Kailash Vijayvargiya said.

Police claimed the drive was taken up under the direct instruction of the Election Commission, as the flexes were put up on state government properties without permission.

The BJP leaders and activists on the spot, however, claimed that Trinamool Congress activists were removing flexes in presence of police.

"If EC has asked them to do so, the personnel of the electoral body should be present on the spot. But these people are Trinamool activists. They are deliberately damaging the cut outs and flexes and throwing them on the roadside to damage them," a BJP leader alleged.

Bar Didi from campaigning: BJP to EC

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The BJP on Tuesday urged the Election Commission to bar West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee from campaigning in the State and alleged that "constitutional machinery" has collapsed there.

After violence and arson marred BJP president Amit Shah's road show in Kolkata, a party delegation, including Union Ministers Nirmala Sitharaman and Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi, rushed to the EC, seeking its immediate intervention to ensure free and fair polls in the State.

Naqvi accused Banerjee of "complicity" in violence allegedly aimed at the BJP, claiming that she has been "provoking" her Trinamool Congress workers to attack the saffron party's functionaries.

"She holds a constitutional post but has been using unconstitutional comments, asking her party workers to take revenge and indulge in violence. She is complicit. She should be immediately barred from campaigning," he told reporters after the BJP delegation met the EC.

The "goons" of the TMC have hijacked the state admin-

istration and the violence in Shah's road show is an example of this, he claimed.

The credibility of the commission is at stake, he said, likening the situation in the State to Bihar in 2005 when the EC had sent a special representative to take control of the administration there to ensure free and fair polls.

The BJP also demanded that "mischreants" and "history-sheeters" present in the constituencies, which go to polls in the last phase of the Lok Sabha election on May 19, should be arrested and removed from these places.

Is Shah god that none can protest against him, asks Mamata

Kolkata: West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Tuesday launched a scathing attack on BJP president Amit Shah asking if he were a god that no one can protest against him. Banerjee said this after supporters of the BJP and the TMC fought pitched battles on the streets of Kolkata during a roadshow by Shah. A college named after Iswarchandra Vidyasagar, a key figure in the Bengal renaissance, was ransacked and a bust of the 19th century social reformer shattered allegedly by BJP workers during the clashes. "What does Amit Shah think of himself? Is he above everything? Is he God that no one can protest against him?" Banerjee told reporters after visiting the Vidyasagar College in north Kolkata.

"They are so uncultured that they have bro-

ken the bust of Vidyasagar. They are all outsiders. They BJP had brought them to be used on the day of polls," she said.

There was also a scuffle when a group of people shouted slogans against Shah outside the Calcutta University campus and showed him black flags during the roadshow.

Banerjee also visited the university campus. "Does he (Shah) know the heritage of the Calcutta University? Is he aware of the famous personalities who had studied here? He should be ashamed of this attack," she said adding that there will be a protest rally on Wednesday.

The TMC leader also criticised the Election Commission for allegedly not taking enough action against the BJP for spending huge amount of unaccounted money in the polls. PTI



BJP activists try to reinstall the party hoardings, poster and banners, which were vandalised, in Kolkata, on Tuesday

IN VARANASI

ALL EYES ON PRIME MINISTER'S CONSTITUENCY

PIANS ■ VARANASI

With the Lok Sabha elections entering the last phase, all eyes are now on Varanasi, the constituency of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who is seeking re-election from here.

BJP is set to use all its resources to ensure Modi's victory with a big margin in this constituency which he won last time by bagging 3.37 lakh votes more than his nearest rival, Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) chief Arvind Kejriwal.

Ajay Rai of the Congress, who forfeited his deposit in the 2014 elections, is the main rival against the Prime Minister this time.

Polling in this constituency will take place on May 19, marking the seventh and last phase of the mega electoral exercise.

BJP president Amit Shah has already reached Varanasi and will be in the constituency for the next four days. He will meet party workers and give necessary instructions for the polling day.

He will campaign in various constituencies during the day and return to Varanasi in the evening to take stock of the progress of campaigning here. Although there is no doubt about the result of the Varanasi Lok Sabha seat, the question is mainly about the margin of victory for the Prime Minister.

"This time Prime Minister Narendra Modi will double his margin and we are all working towards this. There should be no complacency in mobilising voters. He has changed the face of Varanasi and the development is there for all to see," said Vijay Bahadur Pathak, BJP General Secretary. The BJP has started a "Knock the door" campaign in Varanasi to seek votes for the Prime Minister. Over 10,000 BJP leaders and workers from

Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Delhi have arrived in Varanasi to help in the campaign.

The campaign has been started at the behest of Shah who will be monitoring its progress every day till the campaign ends.

"Our workers will visit every home in Varanasi with voters' slip and convince people to cast their votes. People usually become complacent when they know that their candidate — Prime Minister Narendra Modi in this case — is winning but we are working for a much bigger margin of victory for the Prime Minister," said a local BJP leader.

According to sources, every party worker has been entrusted the responsibility of visiting 10 homes. The workers will be required to furnish details of the homes they visit.

On the other hand, the Congress is also making a determined bid to defeat Modi.

Congress leaders are making hectic preparations for the road show of Congress General Secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Wednesday.

Rai is confident that Priyanka's road show will prove to be a game changer for him.

"There is so much enthusiasm in the people for the Congress. I can see that changing situation," he told IANS amidst campaigning.

Rai, who had polled 75,614 votes against 5,81,022 votes polled by Modi in the 2014 elections, claims that he is better positioned this time than he was last time.

"In 2014, there was a Modi wave in the country and no one spoke a word against him. Now, in Varanasi, people are disillusioned with his performance. There is unemployment, economy is in tatters, temples have been broken and the Ganga is as dirty as ever," the Congress candidate said.

MODI'S EMOTIONAL appeal to Kashi voters

PTI ■ LUCKNOW

Striking an emotional chord with voters of the temple town, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday described himself as a 'Kashi-vaasi' and sought their blessings to pave the way for his election to Lok Sabha for a second term from the seat.

Terming Kashi his guiding spirit, the prime minister said his bond with the holy city was very strong as he

had come here several times in the past five years, and added that it is believed that if a person comes here even once, he becomes an inseparable part of the city.

The PM had come here last time on April 26 to file his nomination papers. Modi held a massive roadshow during which he said that he will come to the people again to

thank them once the result of the elections was out, implying that he might not come here to campaign.

In a video-recorded appeal, Modi said that it was a matter of great satisfaction for him that he was in service of the city, whose presiding deity is Lord Vishwanath.

In his appeal the prime minister mentioned the developments that have transformed Varanasi and its neighbourhood, and cited the construction of highway, railway station and multi-modal terminal on river Ganga.

Modi, however, said that a lot still needs to be done, a task which, he said, he will complete together with the people so that the speed of development does not stop.

"I know that every resident of Kashi is fighting elections for and as Narendra Modi," he said ending his appeal by asking the voters to participate in the biggest celebration of democracy in a grand manner and create a record.

BJP launches 'knock the door' campaign



PIANS ■ VARANASI

'Knock the door' is the BJP campaign in Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh. The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) workers have been directed to knock on every door and seek votes for Prime Minister Narendra Modi and urge people to cast their votes on the polling day.

This campaign has been initiated to ensure a high percentage of polling in the Prime Minister's constituency on May 19.

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in the campaign.

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entrusted the responsibility of visiting ten homes. The workers will be required to furnish details of the homes they visit at the party office.

The campaign has been launched even as Congress leaders are making hectic preparations for the scheduled roadshow of Congress General Secretary Priyanka Gandhi on May 15. The BJP workers will follow a similar campaign in the neighbouring Chandauli constituency where state BJP President Mahendra Nath Pandey is contesting. He is facing a tough challenge from the SP-BSP alliance candidate Sanjay Chauhan.



PRIYANKA'S ROADSHOW TODAY

Varanasi: Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra will hold a roadshow on Wednesday in the constituency represented by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, her party said.

The Congress show of strength in the temple town comes nearly three weeks after Modi held his own roadshow here, a day before filing his nomination papers. Congress leaders here said the party's local unit has made elaborate plans to pull in the crowds for Priyanka Gandhi's roadshow. The roadshow will begin from Madan Mohan Malviya's statue at Banaras Hindu University gates, the spot from where Modi well-attended event began on April 25. Like Modi's roadshow, it will end at the Dashashwamedh ghat. She will then offer prayers first at the Kashi Vishwanath temple and then at the Kaal Bhairav temple in Kotwali area, Congress district unit president Prajanath Sharma said.

The Congress has fielded Ajay Rai against Modi, after much speculation that Priyanka Gandhi, who is in charge of eastern Uttar Pradesh for the party, may herself take on Modi.

The Samajwadi Party has nominated Shalini Yadav, as the Opposition alliance candidate. Ajay Rai and party spokesperson Pankhuri Pathak Tuesday released the party's manifesto for the Varanasi Lok Sabha constituency.

The manifesto, "Vachanpatra", promises that the party will work towards reinstating the temples which were "demolished" to build the Kashi Vishwanath corridor. It also lists creation of jobs, boosting farmers' income and women's empowerment among various issues.

Meanwhile, 'sadhus' associated with the Vrindavan-based Ram Sena, headed by Vishnu Vinodam, is holding a yagna here for the Congress nominee. PTI

2019 Elections **Battleground** IN BIHAR
LOK SABHA

Nation telling Cong ab bahut hua: PM

PTI ■ SASARAM/BUXAR

Lambasting the Congress over Sam Pitroda's hua to hua remark on the 1984 anti-Sikh riots, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday said the nation is fed up and is saying "ab bahut hua" (enough is enough).

Modi charged that Pitroda's comment was a reflection of the party's arrogance with which it has been shrugging off its misdeeds committed when it was in power.

The three words hua to hua (whatever happened, happened) uttered by the guru (Pitroda) of the Naamdaar (Rahul Gandhi) in front of TV cameras sum up their (Cong) attitude. This is the way they have brazened it out whenever their regimes have been discredited by corruption scandals, Modi told an election rally in Sasaram. The nation is

fed up and crying out ab bahut hua (now, enough is enough)," he said.

The people are fed up with their dynasty politics, their corruption and arrogance. "The message on May 23 when counting of votes is scheduled, will be loud and clear, Modi said evoking chants of phir ek baar Modi sarkaar from the crowds.

The arrogance of the Congress was on display when it had imposed Emergency, humiliated socialist leader Jayaprakash Narayan and in the way it sought to erase the contributions of Ambedkar from history. "But those swearing by the legacy of JP and Ambedkar are carrying the flags of the Congress in Bihar, he said in an obvious dig at Lalu Prasad's RJD.

Without naming former Lok Sabha Speaker Meira Kumar, who is the Congress

candidate from Sasaram, the prime minister also spoke of the unbearable insults that were allegedly "heaped" on Babu Jagjivan Ram which had forced him to quit the party.

Kumar is the daughter of the late deputy PM who parted ways with Indira Gandhi in the 1970s. She is a two-term MP from the Lok Sabha seat, which she lost to BJP's Chhedi Paswan five years ago and which was represented by her father several times during his long political career.

Modi also accused the Congress of genociding before Pakistan-based terror during the years it ruled the country, seeking the bodies of terrorists after surgical strikes and air strikes by our jawans and standing with the tukde-tukde gang and claimed these are other reasons why the nation is saying ab bahut hua.

When you go out to vote on May 19, just recall the huge wealth they (Congress) have amassed through their stunts in power. On the other hand, this chowkidar of yours has been the pradhan sevak (chief servant) for the past five years," he said.

Modi said though he had been the Gujarat CM for a long time yet his possessions are like an "open book. Please draw this comparison on the voting day. Take into account what the Mahamilavatis (opposition) did for themselves, how much ill-gotten wealth they amassed and compare that with what they did for the poor, he said.

Earlier, addressing a rally at Buxar from where Union Minister Ashwini Kumar Choubey is seeking to retain his seat, Modi came down heavily on the 'Mahagathbandhan' (Grand Alliance), which comprises the RJD, Congress and

several smaller outfits like the RLSP, VIP and HAM.

Without naming any party or leader, he said, these parties think that there are certain castes which will always remain beholden to them and with their support they (the parties) will be able to enjoy power forever.



PTI ■ SASARAM

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar alleged on Tuesday that opposition RJD was trying to foment social strife in the state with the claim that its jailed president Lalu Prasad had been "framed," though he was

servicing sentences in fodder scam cases as per court orders. Addressing a rally here in presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Kumar took potshots at his arch rival for having written an "open letter" addressed to him the previous day and warned the people of the State, referring to the opposition party's poll symbol, "If by any chance they get success in elections, Bihar will be back to the lantern age."

"On the one hand is our development plank, our commitment to serving the people. On the other hand are those who are after power for the sake of pelf. They speak of the Constitution and the perceived threats to it. The Constitution provides that a person is held

guilty for a charge by the court and awarded punishment," Kumar, who heads the JD(U), an NDA ally in Bihar, said without mentioning the opposition party or its leader by name. "But they have been alleging 'phansaya gaya hai' (he has been framed). We cannot say anybody has been framed when he is convicted by a court of law. But they keep levelling the same allegation to foment social strife hoping that it would bring them electoral gains," the CM said.

"I was amused to read in newspapers today that he has written an open letter to me. I wonder how he could do that while in jail. Moreover, the way he has spoken about the lantern makes me warn the people of the State. Beware, if by any chance they get success in elections, Bihar will be back to the lantern age."

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar waves at crowd in Buxar, on Tuesday PTI

Rafale papers leak: MoD orders internal probe, reveals RTI

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

The Ministry of Defence (MoD) has ordered an internal enquiry into the leak of "classified official information" relating to the Rafale scam and "violation of security instructions," according to an RTI reply.

Responding to a query posed by Mumbai-based activist Anil Galgali under the Right to Information Act (RTI), Sushil Kumar, the deputy secretary (Air Acquisition) and CPIO Air Acquisition (Capital) Wing, stated that Ministry of Defence (Security Office) had ordered an internal inquiry on disclosure of classified official information into public domain.

"Ministry of Defence (Security Office) has ordered an internal inquiry on disclosure of classified official information into public domain and violation of manual of security instructions," Kumar stated in his reply dated May 7.

Anil Galgali had filed an online RTI query with the Defense ministry seeking information about the "stolen" Rafales files and action taken by the ministry in this regard. Galgali had also sought to know whether PMO and defense minister were aware about the stolen files and if yes, then whether a police complaint was filed or not.

Alluding to inadequate reply provided by MoD on the queries posed by him under RTI Act, Galgali said: "It possible that matter is sub-judice and therefore government may not have provided full information.

But, it is high time that government must come forward to clean the air to rest assure the citizens of the country about the deal, otherwise people will read so much between the lines"

The MoD's clarification comes amid the Supreme Court reserving its verdict on petitions challenging its December 14 judgment against a probe into the controversial fighter jet deal.

In first week of March this year, Attorney General KK Venugopal had — during the hearing on a review petition in Rafale aircraft purchase case — told the SC about the theft of classified documents relating to Rafale aircraft purchase. Three days after making submission before the Supreme Court about theft of Rafale papers, Venugopal had reneged on his earlier claim and said that the petitioners had used "photocopies of the original" papers, deemed secret by the Government.

The MoD ordered an internal enquiry into the alleged leak of classified documents relating to the media, following investigative reports on Rafale scam published by The Hindu newspaper, based on the documents accessed from the defence ministry files.

During the course of hearing on petitions challenging the apex court's December 14 judgment against a probe into the controversial fighter jet deal, Attorney General KK Venugopal had claimed privilege over documents pertaining to the Rafale fighter jet deal.

Pune doc gets 3-yr RI for illegal sex tests

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

In a major success for ongoing campaign against prenatal gender determination tests in Maharashtra, a Pune court on Tuesday sentenced a leading doctor to three years' rigorous imprisonment and imposed a fine of Rs 10,000 for carrying out illegal fetal sex determination tests.

Pune's First Class Judicial Magistrate (Mrs.) Vishakha B. Patil found the accused (Dr.) Neena Anil Mathrani guilty under various sections of the Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (Prohibition of Sex Selection) Act, 1994, and its subsequent amendments.

"The accused shall undergo rigorous imprisonment for three years each for the offences punishable under section 23 of PCPNDT Act for the breach of all the relevant sections and rules," the judge ruled.

The Judge also said that the

convicted doctor would undergo simple imprisonment for three months in the event of her failure to pay the fine of Rs 10,000 imposed on her.

The Prosecution's case was the convicted doctor's crime came to light after a few NFOs, including Janwadi Mahila Sangathan, took up the issue with the Pune Municipal Corporation way back in 2011.

Giving the details of the case, (Dr) Vaishali Jadhav, PMC's Assistant Medical Officer of Health said: "Following the 2011 Census when a significant drop in the sex ratio was noticed, the Maharashtra Government decided to deal with the issue on a top priority. Our PMC and state government health officials, along with some NGOs, carried out a successful sting operation on two prominent doctors — gynaecologist (Dr.) Makarand Ranade of Sadashiv Peth, and radiologist-sonologist (Dr.) Neena A. Mathrani of the Laxmi Road in

Pune." Dr Neena Mathrani and Dr Ranade were arrested after they were caught red-handed while carrying out the gender determination tests banned under the stringent PCPNDT Act and were arrested. Their clinics and a sonography machine allegedly used in Mathrani's clinics, were sealed by the police.

Subsequently, two separate cases were filed against the two doctors and they were booked under several sections of the PCPNDT Act. During the trial that followed, one of the two accused Dr. Ranade died and his name was dropped from the case.

Welcoming the judgement, They were trapped red-handed carrying out the tests banned under the stringent PCPNDT laws and were arrested. Their clinics and a sonography machine allegedly used in Mathrani's clinics, were sealed by police.

BSY rubbishes Cong claims about switching over of BJP MLAs

PTI ■ BENGALURU

Ruling out any possibility of BJP MLAs switching over to Congress after the May 23 Lok Sabha poll results, as claimed by AICC General Secretary KC Venugopal, the saffron party's state chief B S Yeddyurappa on Tuesday dared him to spell out the number of seats the Congress party would win in Karnataka.

The former CM also stated that the rift between the ruling coalition partners in Karnataka would intensify after the Lok Sabha poll results are declared.

"What does Venugopal know about Karnataka? Which corner of Karnataka has he visited? I want to ask Venugopal how many seats you will win. Tell me if you have the guts. Your's is a coalition Government... Tell us you will win these many number of seats," Yeddyurappa said.

Five BRO personnel killed during construction of bridge in Arunachal

PTI ■ ITANAGAR

Five personnel of the Border Road Organisation (BRO) has been killed in Upper Subansiri district of Arunachal Pradesh while constructing a steel Bailey bridge, an official said on Tuesday.

The incident happened on May 11 when the personnel of Project Arunak were constructing the 180-foot-long bridge along the strategically important Nacho-Tama Chung Chung Road near the remote Limeking circle in the district that shares border with China, Project Arunak Chief Engineer Brigadier RS Rawal said. He said he received the information of the incident on Tuesday from officials at the accident site due to poor telephone connectivity.

Pioneers Baidur Rehman, Pramod Kumar, Mahabir Sah and Tapan Nath died instantly,

while hydraulic operator Anil Budhwari, who had suffered grievous injuries in his spine and pelvis, died during evacuation to district headquarters Daporijo, Brigadier Rawal said. "The body of the four pioneers got stuck at the bridge but three were recovered when the last report was received and being sent to their native places," he said.

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MISSING
General public is hereby informed that one lady, **Namely: Anuradha AKA Sajjo, W/o: Sh. Neeraj, R/o: H.No. C-278, JJ Colony, Wazirpur, Delhi** has been missing since 25.04.2019. In this regard, a Report DD No. 20-A, Dated 25.04.2019 has been lodged at P.S. Bharat Nagar, Delhi. Investigations has been carried out but despite best efforts, the lady could not be traced. The description of the missing lady as under:
Name: Anuradha AKA Sajjo, W/o: Sh. Neeraj, R/o: H.No. C-278, JJ Colony, Wazirpur, Delhi, Age: 22 years, Height: 5' Feet, Face: Long, Build: Thin, Complexion: Wheatish, Wearing: Orange Suit and Salwar and Hawai Chappal in Feet. If anyone has any information about the missing lady, then please inform P.S. Bharat Nagar, Delhi.
email: cic@cbi.gov.in S.H.O
Fax: No.011-24368639
Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641 P.S. Bharat Nagar, Delhi.
DP/8927/NW/19. Ph.: 011-27301800-1200

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON
See Section 82 Cr.P.C.
Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person **Deepak S/o Dilip, R/o E-521, Madi Pur, J.J. Colony, Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence **FIR No. 2508/15, u/s 356/379/411 IPC** has been registered at P.S. Mangol Puri, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Deepak** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Deepak** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).
Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Deepak** accused of **FIR No. 2508/15, u/s 356/379/411 IPC, P.S. Mangol Puri, Delhi** is required to appear before this court to answer said complaint on or before **03.08.2019**.
By Order
Sh. Rakesh Kumar-II, Metropolitan Magistrate (North-West Distt.), Room No. 105, DP/2227/OD/19-(Court Matter) 1st Floor, Rohini Courts, Delhi

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED
General public is hereby informed that a boy (depicted in the photo), **Namely : Ritik S/o Ram Nath R/o J-Block, Shakar Puri, Delhi** has been missing/kidnapped since 22.03.2019 from the area of P.S. Prashant Vihar, Delhi. In this regard a case vide FIR No. 93/19 dated 10.04.2019 has been registered at Police Station Prashant Vihar, Delhi. His physical description is as under :-
Age : 14 years, Height: 5', Complexion : Fair, Face : Oval, Wearing : Blue colour T-shirt & jeans.
Any person is having any information/Clue about this missing/ kidnapped boy, may inform SHO, Prashant Vihar, Delhi at E-mail Id — cic@cbi.gov.in or Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>
SHO
011-24368638, 24368641 P.S. Prashant Vihar, Delhi
011-24368639 Ph. No. 011-27557184, 27550522
DP/2837/RD/19

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED GIRL
General public is hereby informed that one girl namely **Babli @ Silpi D/o Ramaddin R/o A-180, Rishal Garden, Nangloi, Delhi.** Age: 21 yrs., Height: 5', Fair complexion & Oval face. ID Mark : Three earring in her both ear. Wearing Red Suit-Salwar & Black Sandal in feet has been missing/ kidnapped since 23.04.2019 from the area of PS Nihal Vihar, Delhi. In this regard a DD No. 58-A dated: 24.04.2019 has been registered at PS Nihal Vihar, Delhi. Any person having any information or clue about this missing/ kidnapped girl may kindly inform to the following.
E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in S.H.O.,
Fax: 011-24368639 Ph.: 011-24368638
011-24368641 P.S., Nihal Vihar, Delhi
DP/2220/OD/19 Ph.: 011-25946700, 25946710

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED WOMAN
General public is here by informed that this woman namely **Kanchan w/o Sachin R/o N-113/212, J-2nd, J.J. Colony, Wazirpur, Delhi** Age : 22 years, Height : 5', Face : Long, Complexion : Fair, Build : Medium, wearing blue colour kurta, black colour jeans and cream colour jutti in feet, has been missing/kidnapped since 12.04.2019. In this regard DD No. 57-A dated 13.04.2019 has been lodged at P.S. Bharat Nagar, Delhi. Any person having any information or clue about this missing/kidnapped woman may kindly inform to the following:-
E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in SHO :
Website: <http://cbi.nic.in> P.S. Bharat Nagar, Delhi
Tel. No. : 011-27301200,
27301800
DP/8818/NW/19

NORTHERN RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE
Dy. Chief Signal & Telecom. Engineer/Project, Northern Railway, Moradabad, for and on behalf of President of India invites e-Tender from established and reliable contractors on the prescribed form for the under noted work :-
1 Name of work with its location Provision of Indoor and Outdoor Signalling works with Electronic Interlocking System for operation of Points and Signals at 03 stations viz Umartali, Dilawarnagar & Daleinagar stations on Kakori-Balambau section of MORADABAD Division. (Tender No. SIG/P/3E/KK/MB/06-19)
(i) Approximate cost Of the work Rs. 11,35,01,268.22 (Rs. Eleven Crore Thirty Five Lakh One Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Eight & Paise Twenty Two only)
(ii) Earnest Money to be deposited Rs. 7,17,500/- (Rs. Seven Lakh Seventeen Thousand Five Hundred Only)
(iii) Cost of tender document Rs. 10000/-
5 Closing date & time of Tender 15:00 Hrs. on 18.06.2019
6 Tender document exhibited From date & Time 20.05.2019 : 11:00 Hrs.
7 Tender document exhibited upto date & Time 18.06.2019 : 15:00 Hrs.
8 Website particulars and notice board location where complete details of tender can be seen www.irps.gov.in Notice Board of Dy. Chief Signal & Telecommunication Engineer/Project Northern Railway, Moradabad.
* The tenderer/s must be registered on the Indian Railway E - Procurement system (IREPS) site i.e. www.irps.gov.in for participating in the e-tender system. * For all terms and conditions please refer tender document. * No manual offers are acceptable. * Cost of tender document and Earnest money will be acceptable through net banking or payment gateway only. TENDER NO. SIG/P/3E/KK/MB/06-19 Dated: 13.05.2019 1431/2019
SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

Metro Railway, Kolkata Kolkata's Pride ANNUAL MAINTENANCE
Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer/RS/NOA, Metro Railway, Dum Dum Car Depot Complex, Kolkata - 700090, for and on behalf of the President of India invites e-Tender for the following work: **Name of Work: Comprehensive Annual Maintenance contract for 100 KVA Inverter, 50 KVA Inverter and 5 KW DC-DC Converter of Medha make fitted in 08 nos. AC Rake (AC-12, AC-5/6, AC-7/8, AC-11/12, AC-13/14, AC-17/18, AC-21/22 & AC-25/26 Rakes) for two years. Tender Value: ₹5,47,25,218.56/- Earnest Money: ₹4,23,600/- Date and Time of Closing : Upto 15.00 hours (IST) of 18.06.2019. Notice Board Address: Office of the Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer/RS, at above address. Website particulars: <https://www.irps.gov.in> e-Tender No.: MR-EL-RS-NOA-OT-18-19-07
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APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION
General public is here by informed that this woman (depicted in the photo) namely: **Darshana W/o Hukam R/o Unknown** has been found from the area of P.S. Nihal Vihar on 24.04.2019. In this regard DD No. 49-Adated 24.04.2019 has been registered at P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the family/address but no clue has come to light so far.
The description of founded lady is as under:-
Sex: Female, Age: 50 years, Height: 5'3" ft., Complexion: Fair, Face: Long, Wearing: Orange Colour Kurta, Black Salwar and Sky blue color Chunnii.
Any person is having information or clue about family/address of this woman, may kindly inform to the following:-
SHO
Website: <http://cbi.nic.in> P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi
E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in Ph. No.: 011-27910070, 27910071
Tel. No.: 011-24368638/24368641 Mob. No.: 7065036122
Fax No.: 011-24368639 DP/2192/OD/19

DELHI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
E-TENDERING PRESS NOTICE NO. 02/FO to CE (DWK)/DDA/2019-20(Part II of Part-A)
On-line Percentage Rate Tenders are invited through E-tendering mode for the following works on behalf of DDA EE/SWD-6, SWD-9 & WD-10 Central Nursery, Sector-5 Dwarka, New Delhi-110075, ELD-10 B2B, Janakpuri, New Delhi-110058, WD-13 & WD-15 Lakkar Mandi, Kirti Nagar, New Delhi-110015, WD-6 Manglapuri, New Delhi-110045 & WD-7 Paschim Vihar, Double Tanki, New Delhi-110063 from registered, approved & eligible contractors of DDA, CPWD, MES, BSNL & Railway. For work costing up to ₹ 60.00 Lacs (except the work mentioned at Sl. No. 1 & 2 which are specialized works) registered & approved contractors of DDA will only be eligible. The condition of 60 lac is not applicable in case of electrical works. Last date and time of submission of Tenders in r/o works mentioned at Sl. No. 10 which is Short Tender Notice is 24.05.2019 & for Sl. No. 1 to 9 is 28.05.2019 upto 3.00 P.M.
1. NIT No. 55/EE/ELD-10/DDA/2018-19 (Specialized), Name of work: M/o work pertaining to completed/closed scheme of Dwarka Zone. SH: R/M/O of clear water booster pump sets & D.G. set at pump house sector-20, Marbal Market Stage-II, Dwarka. Estimated cost: ₹ 8,99,569/-, Earnest Money : ₹ 17,991/-, Time Allowed : 12 Month.
2. NIT No. 56/EE/ELD-10/DDA/2018-19 (Specialized), Name of work : -Do- SH: R/M/O of clear water booster pump sets & D.G. set at pump house Marbal Market, sector-20, Dwarka. Estimated cost : ₹ 8,99,569/-, Earnest Money : ₹ 17,991/-, Time Allowed: 12 Month.
3. NIT No. 02/EE/SWD-9/DDA/2019-20, Name of work : -Do-SH : Cleaning and scavenging of roads, footpath, central verge of roads i.e. 30m R/W, 20m R/W & 18m R/W between all pockets under the jurisdiction of SWD-9/DDA at Lok Nayak Puram (Bakkarwala). Estimated cost : ₹ 8,58,777/-, Earnest Money : ₹ 17,176/-, Period of Completion: 365 Days.
4. NIT No. 12/EE/WD-7/DDA/2018-19 (Re-invited), Name of work : M/o works pertaining to completed/closed scheme of MIG/LIG/Janta/EWS/SFS. SH: Premixing of roads and maintenance of GH-3, Milap Apartment, Paschim Vihar. Estimated cost : ₹ 6,74,807/-, Earnest Money: ₹ 13,496/-, Time Allowed : 60 Days.
5. NIT No. 01/EE/WD-15/DDA/2019-20, Name of work: M/o various colonies under Nazul A/c-II at Dwarka Zone. SH: De-silting of SW Drains along internal roads in Sector-18(a), Dwarka. Estimated cost : ₹ 5,23,114/-, Earnest Money : ₹ 10,462/-, Time Allowed : Three Months.
6. NIT No. 02/EE/WD-15/DDA/2019-20, Name of work : -Do-SH: De-silting of SW Drains along internal roads in Sector-19(B), Dwarka. Estimated cost : ₹ 9,56,397/-, Earnest Money : ₹ 11,128/-, Time Allowed : Three Months.
7. NIT No. 03/EE/WD-13/DDA/2019-20, Name of work: -Do-SH: Renovation of CSC at Pkt.1, Sector-17 and CSC at Sector-23, Dwarka. Estimated cost : ₹ 9,81,801/-, Earnest Money : ₹ 19,636/-, Time Allowed: Two Months.
8. NIT No. 03/EE/WD-10/DDA/2019-20, Name of work: -Do-SH: Cleaning and Desilting of SW Drains of Sector-19A, Dwarka. Estimated cost : ₹ 15,28,814/-, Earnest Money : ₹ 30,576/-, Period of Completion : 60 (Sixty) days.
9. NIT No. 01/EE/SWD-6/DDA/2019-20, Name of work : -Do-SH: Restoration of road cut by BSES for electrification of HAF Pocket-I, Sector-13, Dwarka on behalf of DDA and Improvement of road side berms in front of DJA and Gulistan Apartment in Sector-13, Ph-I, Dwarka. Estimated cost : ₹ 12,59,715/-, Earnest Money : ₹ 25,194/-, Period of Completion : 60 (Sixty) Days.
10. NIT No. 03/EE/SWD-6/DDA/2019-20 (Short Tender Notice), Name of work : -Do- SH: Cleaning & Desilting of S.W. Drain on 20.0 M and 30.0 M R/W Road in Sector-13, Dwarka. Estimated cost : ₹ 15,22,764/-, Earnest Money : ₹ 30,455/-, Period of Completion : 45 (Forty Five) Days.
For details please visit the website <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app>. For any assistance please contact M/S NIC over help line No. 0120-4001005 or send mail to cppp-nic@nic.in
Please give your feedback on DDA Apps at www.dda.gov.in or Dial Toll Free No.1800-110332

Modi, Patnaik warm up

The Odisha CM is keeping the door ajar for a post-poll pact by negotiating a Central largesse for the cyclone-hit State



If he wins another term in the Assembly, Biju Janata Dal (BJD) chief Naveen Patnaik would enter the club of the longest serving Chief Ministers of the country by dint of sheer pragmatism, resilience, realism and most importantly the cynicism of others. For somebody who was thought to be an entitled and anglicised legacy holder of the great Biju Patnaik and written off for his elitism, he has taken 20 years to prove that he could be no less a son of the soil with an embedded understanding of the kind that matters in politics. Projecting himself as a simple, single man, who had no diversionary liabilities and had made his people an extended family, he permeated the impervious layer of Odisha's largely rural and backward population. He had understood long enough that by being a rooted politician and staying true to his origins, he could develop a vision that would hold him in good stead than just being an insignificant local representative or ally of national parties. Hence he restricted himself to the State, though BJD has one of the better representations among regional parties in the Lok Sabha. In the process, he could keep a clean image, pursue progressive policies that industrialised the State and lifted it from its lower development indices, reset welfare templates and prioritise women as a productive workforce. Overall, he developed brand Odisha that even beat the historically adequate Bengal on growth patterns. It is this individualist approach that has helped him keep equidistance from both national parties and other federal peers. And has everybody keeping him in good humour. Which is why Prime Minister Narendra Modi's post-Fani diplomacy and his confabulations with Patnaik have set off speculation about a post-poll understanding although the BJP has posited itself as the main Opposition party and is looking to harvest some Lok Sabha seats to offset its expected losses in the Hindi heartland. Modi complimented Patnaik for his smart evacuation strategies during the cyclone and the latter returned the favour, thanking the Centre for the support in funds disbursal. In the absence of this grace and cooperative co-existence in federal polity, particularly with regard to Bengal which was Fani-hit too, pundits have naturally begun reading between the lines. Particularly when the niceties come at a time of scathing mutual attacks by both parties.

But anybody who has been following Patnaik would know that his open-door policy to a hostile party at the Centre is not new. This even when the BJD walked out of the NDA after the communal riots at Kandhamal. Or recently, when BJP poached BJD's national faces like Balabhadra Majhi and Baijayant Panda. The Chief Minister is astute enough to understand the value of Central grants and use them for his State-level goals rather than appear competitive about national ambitions. It is for the same reason that the BJD has consciously stayed away from lending support to the *mahagathbandhan* except for expressing ideological solidarity. So Patnaik supported Bengal counterpart Mamata Banerjee's right to defend herself against the bias of Central probe agencies as an assault on the federal structure but refused commitment to an anti-BJP front. This has suited the BJP well and Patnaik knows that it has never been hungrier for Lok Sabha seats. The BJP, though trying desperately to increase its tally, is well aware that as chief ministerial candidate, Patnaik is no pushover, having beaten anti-incumbency time and again. So a quid pro quo is implied. Perhaps, that's the reason why Patnaik, who is looking at thousands and thousands of crores of damage after Fani, has laid down the terms of endearment — he has asked the Centre to sanction five lakh Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) (Grameen) special houses for those affected in the cyclone-hit districts. Besides, the BJP knows that from just one Lok Sabha seat five years ago, any number is good. True the BJP has made inroads with Petroleum Minister Dharmendra Pradhan and Tribal Affairs Minister Jual Oram working the coastal and tribal belts. But they don't have a grassroots base strong enough to effect a tidal change. The BJP may have engineered defections among BJD leaders but most are rebels whom Patnaik has junked to boost his own image of zero-tolerance to corruption and malpractices. Still, his solo run is being threatened by some challengers for the first time and smart deal-making might give him what he wants, a legacy on his terms.

Whatsapp cracked

A fear of surveillance made users switch to this platform but now it has admitted it has been compromised. What next?



Security and the knowledge that communications are direct and private are the underpinnings of any major communications service. So the knowledge that Whatsapp, the world's most widely-used communication service with an estimated 1.5 billion users across the planet, was targeted by a private intelligence firm, where-in spyware could be installed on a target's phone, is deeply unsettling. It is unclear how much access the spyware gave governments. The Israeli firm behind it claimed it

only sold to governments it had 'vetted' but it is clear that the spyware defeated the purpose of the social platform encrypting its messages from end-to-end. It is also unclear how many people were impacted by the breach, how long it was active and who used the breach, which some suspect was the Saudi Arabian government. But it is clear that governments and intelligence agencies across the world are constantly searching for 'backdoor' entries to software systems, targeting everybody from political opponents and human rights activists to journalists or even spouses. In fact, in many countries, including Western democracies that take human rights seriously, laws allow spy and police agencies a huge amount of leeway to legally intercept calls and install spying software on devices.

Will this scare users away from WhatsApp onto other platforms that claim that they are even more secure? Unlikely as WhatsApp has a huge user base though smaller groups of users could use services such as Telegram to communicate, as several terrorist cells already do. Not that they are perfect. In fact, they are more than likely to have vulnerabilities that have been exposed by intelligence agencies and private firms and are being used by governments as we speak. In fact, larger services like WhatsApp can ironically be more secure because their large software development teams can patch up security holes quickly if they want to. And for most regular users of such applications and of software in general, there is usually nothing to fear, but when dictatorial governments use such intercepts without any judicial oversight, there is a problem. One thing is clear though. In the cat and mouse game of spying and information arbitrage, things are unlikely to change anytime soon. Software will always have holes that will be exploited. We can only hope that those doing the exploiting are not making fools of us all.

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We need disruptive action

Current trends are such that they threaten the very survival of this planet. All political parties, not just in India but across the globe, must come together to reverse this situation



RK PACHAURI

Several developments in various parts of the world today merit action which deviates from prevailing trends. Often, these are the result of some crisis — anticipated or sudden — and require substantial correction of trends, which may lead to unfavourable or disastrous results. A good example of this is the substantial shift in policies and institutions that were implemented in 1991 when PV Narasimha Rao was the Prime Minister and gave Manmohan Singh a free hand and brought him in as the Finance Minister to bring about major changes, just as India's economy was heading towards a catastrophe. That the unprecedented reform undertaken saved the situation and moved India to a growth path, which was healthy and robust, is now a matter of record. Fortunately, despite a few voices in the wilderness criticising these reforms, there was, in general, support from most political parties in the country.

Traditionally, when it comes to external relations, including global agreements, external trade relations and political relations between nations, the continuation of established policies generally gets bipartisan support. If we look back at the Marshall Plan implemented by the US, which provided \$12 billion in 1948 (which was the equivalent of \$100 billion in 2018), this measure was put in place by the then President Harry Truman, a Democrat, but with support from a Republican-controlled Congress. During the Cuban crisis at the peak of the Cold War, President John F Kennedy received unanimous support from the Republicans. Similarly, when President Ronald Reagan was in office, his "Star Wars" programme perhaps received greater questioning from within the administration than from Democrats in Congress.

In India, during the Bangladesh war, Indira Gandhi as the Prime Minister received a huge measure of support from almost every party. Atal Bihari Vajpayee, a statesman, the parallel of whom we have not seen in this country, as president of the Jana Sangh, magnanimously stated: "The Prime Minister must now lead the country to total victory over the enemy. If the Government wanted to secure any more powers to handle the situation, this party would not hesitate to accord its fullest cooperation."

A country like India and several others across the globe must now also consider and mobilise support across all political parties for unprecedented steps that are required to deal with trends, which threaten the very survival of this planet, the welfare of the least privileged and the destabilising disparities between a few rich people and a large ocean of impoverished masses. Clearly, the trends we see imperil our future and would, perhaps, need major shocks and disruptive actions because inherent in them is a future that goes against the stability of human society and the welfare of billions. Business as usual will, therefore, not work because the processes we



see around us are rapidly moving us towards disaster. Some disruptive actions should, therefore, involve major shifts in policies and, perhaps, radical restructuring and reform of institutions.

Mahatma Gandhi was always critical of retaining the structure of the Indian Civil Service, which after independence, transformed into the Indian Administrative Services. Perhaps at that stage of India's independence, there were few choices but to retain institutional arrangements that would ensure a certain amount of continuity and the maintenance of law and order. But the imperatives of balanced and rapid development require a major change in the structure, which has remained largely frozen since 1947. There are extremely bright and accomplished civil servants today, who are performing outstanding service for the country while dealing effectively with the baffling complexities facing Indian society. However, there is now a dire need for a system based on merit and some degree of specialisation with the induction of expertise that is in tune with the explosion of knowledge and technological choices evolving today. To this extent, the recent induction of nine people from outside the system as Joint Secretaries in the Government of India is a welcome development and if expanded appropriately, could

result in transforming the current system into a dynamic meritocracy. With a continuation of the existing system that favours seniority over performance, India would miss the bus in every aspect of development.

Our institutions and structures were far superior to those of China 70 years ago but if we look at the global standing of universities and research organisations as well as the widespread capacity for innovation, China has outstripped us significantly. This is certainly not the result of a unitary centralised system, but the application of specialised expertise in development decision-making at every level, whose relevance cannot be questioned. If we do not ensure a disruptive shift at the senior-most levels of Government service, individuals are likely to focus on seniority-based promotions, scarcely seizing exciting challenges, and performance will remain mediocre.

Today, civil service personnel have moved into major regulatory bodies, unaware of domain knowledge and are at the top in public sector units, universities, tourism departments and Ministries, which require an increasing level of specialised expertise. Some even chair religious bodies, unheard of anywhere else.

In this column earlier, reference was made to the hubris, which often overtakes people in positions of power. Some also

develop extreme avarice in a system where the loaves of office can be grabbed in any position occupied by those without a genuine stake in success.

Whether it is restructuring of Government service to suit the challenges of the future, the formulation of policies that require a radical shift or totally different priorities for resource allocation, which deviate substantially from past trends and practice, we require all political parties to come together and move forward boldly with disruptive actions, where justified.

The choice otherwise may be to continue with trends of the past and only compound the rot that we see around us. If we want a secure future for human society and all species on this planet and if we do not wish to see a continuation of the trends which are creating disparities between the rich and poor, then sharp changes in direction are now overdue. India cannot tolerate the continuation of poverty and deprivation, which differs little from conditions, perhaps, in the 19th century under colonial rule. Our colonisers were banished over seven decades ago but the structures and systems, which characterised colonial rule, find reflection even today in our institutions and some who are responsible for running them.

(The writer is former chairman, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, 2002-15)

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SOUNDBITE

The Modi Government's boat is sinking. Everyone knows this. The biggest example is that the RSS is also deserting it.

BSP chief
—Mayawati



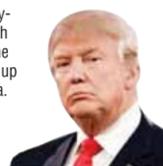
I think I have reached that position as an actor in my career where I don't need to do things or sign films just because I have to fill up time.

Actor
—Anushka Sharma



There has never been anybody that's been so tough on Russia but at the same time, we're going to end up getting along with Russia.

US President
—Donald Trump



During his five-year tenure Modi has only given *jumlas* to the people. He believed he won't come on people's radar due to the cloudy weather.

Congress leader
—Priyanka Gandhi



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Worthy winners

Sir — This refers to the report, "Mumbai pulls IPL off in cliffhanger" (May 13). Mumbai Indians became the most successful franchise in the history of the Indian Premier League (IPL) after their bowlers snatched a thrilling one-run victory over three-time champions Chennai Super Kings (CSK) in an edge-of-the-seat final. This was the fourth time that the Super Kings and MI clashed in an IPL final. The Mahendra Singh Dhoni-led side prevailed in the first instance in 2010. But in 2013 and 2015 at Eden Gardens, Rohit Sharma's MI larded over the Super Kings.

With both sides winning the title thrice each and doing the right things at the right time, Sunday's decider did appear to be having all ingredients of an intriguing final. MI have comparatively been a complete side, not relying on just one aspect of the game. In most of the victories they have registered so far, its batsmen and bowlers have performed in unison as they haven't really been over-reliant on any particular player. Besides, their performance against the

Killer road accidents need to be curbed

Despite the Government taking several measures to heighten safety, the number of road traffic deaths continues to rise alarmingly. Reasons for this are not hard to guess: Over speeding, indiscipline, unawareness, intoxication and lack of bypasses. Danger always lurks around while overtaking a vehicle from the left. In such cases, everything depends on the driver of the vehicle ahead. Whether he/she has sensed the incoming vehicle or not will determine the safety of both. However, these are mostly unwritten rules; the reverse occurs on many occasions.

Swerving without anticipation and alacrity can result in the speeding vehicle ramming the stationary one. Further, service roads have become problematic in many ways. Usually, vehicles, people and cattle from villages and towns move to the highway without enough care and control, much to the detriment of travellers. This is what happened in the Kurnool incident where a multi-utility vehicle rammed a private bus, killing 15 people.



The speeding van driver, in an attempt to avoid an unexpected intruder on a two-wheeler, changed lane, moved the other way and hit a Volvo bus coming from the opposite direction. Many such incidents can be cited but suffice to say that when a sober and cautious driver is at the wheels, gory tragedies can be averted.

Ganapathi Bhat
Akola

Super Kings in this edition has been fantastic to say the least.

Rohit and his men had defeated the Super Kings in all three meetings this year. Thirty-seven runs, 46 runs and six wickets — these have been their margin of victory against Dhoni and Co in 2019, which only reflects the one-sidedness of these matches. Yes, the Super Kings have certainly had their moments in the

previous three meetings, but the results do underline that MI could read their rivals' game well enough and know the script required to beat them. Needless to say, MI have by far been the Super Kings' toughest opponents, holding an upper hand on most occasions whenever the two sides went into a contest.

JS Acharya
Hyderabad

Remove caste barriers

Sir — In India, casteism is so intrinsically blended with politics that for the past several decades, policies have been framed around caste-related issues. Poverty is a phenomenon that has taken a toll on every nation and on every human being, irrespective of caste,

creed, religion. Therefore, the allocation of the nation's resources, including facilities like job opportunities and admission to premier education institutions, that uniquely consider caste of the aspirants while neglecting their educational qualifications and genuine merits, is unequivocally against democratic ethics.

The ruling Government is fully aware of this blatant incompatibility and yet feigns ignorance over such critical issues for reasons best known to it. Our political highbrows and technocrats are well enlightened that India is bound to strive hard against global behemoths in every sector, particularly in science and technology, and mediocre professionals would be thrown out at the preliminary stage itself. If the Modi Government is indeed with the poor, the benefits to citizens for caste-related reasons must be altered to suit poor people and implemented without any caste discrimination.

TKM Kumbalamchuvattil
Muvattupuzha

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FIRST COLUMN

The politics of digital branding

The internet has become a new avenue for campaigning by political parties but they must counter false narratives



KEWAL KAPOOR

Surfing a news website to read about the latest developments on the Indian election, a digital advertisement smoothly glided over the screen and displayed a beaming picture of Prime Minister Narendra Modi with a caption: "Making India a Global Super Power in Space: Modi Once More." The advertisement exhorted the readers to vote for the incumbent. Ten years back, for political parties, this virtual ad space was hardly an avenue to tap. However, ads have today become a small yet noticeable part of most parties' campaign expense. Google's report, aiming transparency in political advertising during general elections, released last month figured that Chandrababu Naidu's Telugu Desam Party and its affiliates spent a combined ₹1.49 crore across 89 Google ads between February and March 2019 while the BJP spent around ₹1.2 crore and the Congress ₹54,100.

It is a fact that the internet user base in India has been growing at an impressive rate and is expected to reach 627 million by 2019, according to estimates by market research agency, Kantar IMRB. In fact, internet usage had already exceeded half a billion people in 2018, with the latest surge driven by increasing rural internet usage. More and more people than ever before are reading news, shopping and playing games online. With a significant portion of an individual's waking time spent browsing, the online space has become a hotbed for political warfare.

Shaping opinions, the digital way: Twenty years ago, what was the main mode through which citizens could engage in active political debate and discussion? Village chaupals, community gatherings and drawing rooms, where people assembled to meet, acted as impromptu platforms for political debate. Today, a major chunk of this discussion has shifted to the virtual space with people engaging in heated political debates even with strangers. With a smartphone in everybody's hand, most people are gauging the nation's mood through opinions being peddled on social media.

Digital media is also the space where most new content is being created. Political parties today are actively using platforms like YouTube, Facebook, WhatsApp and Twitter to launch their campaign videos. An entire breed of youtubers and stand-up comedians are voicing their opinions and indulging in political sarcasm entirely through the digital medium. This trend has brought about a visible shift in the idea of political brands. It has forced political parties to change their traditional communication tactics and adopt an active digital presence as well. While the BJP has been initiating video, print and digital ads mainly themed around its campaign of 'Main Bhi Chowkidar', the Congress is using the medium to highlight the missed promises of 2014 and projecting Rahul Gandhi as a credible alternative.

As many as 8.4 crore first-time voters are expected to have cast their votes in this election, with 1.5 crore of them in the age group of 18 to 19 years. The possibility is that a majority of these social-media-savvy voters would have come across all political pitch points — be it from parties or supporters — on digital media rather than on TV or any other medium.

Counter fake news conundrum: Nobel laureate Amartya Sen, a vocal critic of the current regime, recently found himself at the receiving end of serious allegations of financial misconduct pertaining to his tenure as Chancellor of the Nalanda University. The allegations being vociferously circulated on social media turned out to be untrue when fact checks were conducted.

The emergence of 'digital' has added a new dimension to the way political campaigns are conducted. It has also created a dangerous trend — of fake news and forwards being circulated to gullible consumers. The creation of dedicated IT cells by political parties has been the driver of this trend. Most parties today have an active force of social media workers, who work morning until night to lend credence to the narrative being pushed by the concerned party. It all began with the BJP's dedicated IT cell, whose dedicated army has actively worked to sway public opinion since 2014. Most other parties have caught up today; they have social media workers of their own to shape and counter the narrative online. Hence, peddling of fake news and false narratives has become a major problem in this phenomenon of 'manufacturing consent.' While using the digital medium to connect to young citizens, political parties today also have to be extremely alert to counter false information.

As internet literacy grows and more people hop on to the digital bandwagon, its importance as a mode of mass communication is only expected to increase. Parties do not just need internet warriors but also coherent strategies to use this medium effectively to propagate their viewpoint while countering false narratives against them.

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THE THEN CHIEF MINISTER VILASRAO DESHMUKH WAS BUSY GETTING A FILM ROLE FOR HIS SON DURING THE 26/11 ATTACK.

—UNION MINISTER PIYUSH GOYAL

POINT COUNTERPOINT



YOU (GOYAL) HAVE EVERY RIGHT TO QUESTION A CM BUT IT IS WRONG TO ACCUSE SOMEONE WHO IS NOT HERE TO DEFEND HIMSELF.

—ACTOR RITEISH DESHMUKH

Forget noise, focus on basics

To understand the election effect on the stock market, the bottomline is that irrespective of which Government comes to power, it settles soon with the stability of the new regime



HIMA KOTA

Generally, the stock market is considered a leading indicator of future developments in the economy. Common understanding suggests that a rising stock market, more often than not, signals an expectation of an improved economy while a declining market hints at a weak economy. Over the years, many researchers, economists, academicians and investors have tried to predict the pattern of stock market movements to find anomalies in the returns that deviate from their fundamentals and provide arbitrage opportunities. In particular, the concept of 'election effect' is interesting as it examines stock returns around election date. Whether or not the effect is founded in rational or irrational choices made by market participants is still hotly contested but general consensus remains that the effect is very real; although it may differ between economies.

Volatility in stock market returns in the run-up to an election is warranted on at least three grounds. First, uncertainty about the electoral outcome has important implications for risk-averse investors. Since they hold predominantly domestic assets, country-specific political risk will not diffuse in their portfolios. Consequently, the sole event of elections in home country can have serious implications for the risk level of portfolios. Second, any market-wide fluctuation in response to election shocks will augment systematic volatility of all stocks listed. It is, therefore, conceivable that option prices can increase around the time when voters cast their ballots. Finally, the results reported can be of interest to pollsters as they provide indirect evidence on whether the accuracy of pre-election forecasts suffices for practical applications.

Developments in the political scene affect the financial markets on two counts. First, political parties in power can enact economic policies either by facilitating their re-election or by maximising the welfare of their own constituencies. One can take the example of the United States, where it has been documented that both large-cap and small-cap stock returns exhibit a presidential cycle pattern, ie, returns are significantly higher in the last two years than in the first two years of the presidential term, also known as the 'second-half effect.' Governments either increase or restrict monetary and fiscal policy in order to bolster prosperity and, thus, their re-election chances.

Second, electoral uncertainty increases in the pre-electoral period due to investors' anticipation of policy changes. In addition, during the pre-election period, the Government usually engages in an aggregate consumption increase, raising transfers, for instance, cutting various taxes and increasing Government spending in public projects with high immediate visibility. This action results not only in an inflation increase and/or a rise in employment level but also raises uncertainty in the stock market, which consequently changes investors' sentiment during the pre-election period.

So, it is an established fact that stock markets are volatile during elections. But what factors contribute to their volatility? Four of the variables prove to influence the magnitude of election surprise in a significant way. Stock markets tend to react in a more volatile manner during closely contested races, when the outcome of the election brings about a change in the political orientation of the Government and when Governments do not

“RETAIL INVESTORS WITH A LONG TERM INVESTMENT HORIZON SHOULD NOT WORRY ABOUT THE IMPACT OF ELECTION RESULTS ON THE STOCK MARKET. EVEN IF THERE IS A FRACTURED MANDATE, MARKETS WILL BE ABLE TO ABSORB THE LOSSES AND BE ON A GROWTH TRACK AGAIN. A PRUDENT INVESTOR SHOULD BELIEVE IN THE INDIAN GROWTH STORY”



secure parliamentary majorities. In all of these cases, investors perceive increased uncertainty.

Historically, it has been seen that the election effect on the stock market has been strong but short term and can be broadly divided into two different phases.

The run-up to the elections: The stock market works on concrete news or information. But till there is such news or information, stock markets will work on assumptions and speculations. If the general perception is good, the markets are positive and vice versa. As noted earlier, there is a general consensus among the financial community that Governments have the ability to affect stock returns through the use of both monetary and fiscal policy. However, any attempt on behalf of a Government to influence an economy through monetary or fiscal policy will be anticipated by companies and investors and their effects will, therefore, be negated. Debate still continues as to whether such moves produce more predictable markets or whether they lead to inefficiencies within the market.

When election results are out: Several studies indicate that despite many efforts to accurately predict election outcomes, investors are still surprised by the ultimate distribution of votes. This happens even when they were almost certain they knew who the winner would be. Stock prices react strongly in response to this surprise and temporarily elevated levels of volatility are observed thus, presenting some opportunities for arbitrage around election effects.

World over, there is a general consensus that an observable pattern exists throughout a number of economies around the world. It is common belief that markets should perform better under a

right-of-centre Government as they are more likely to legislate in favour of business and are less concerned with welfare issues with a preference towards a free market. Left-of-centre political parties tend to increase the level of inflation within economies through increased employment and this leads to a decrease in stock returns.

Over the last six months, it can be seen that there has been a steady increase in the BSE Sensex. From the levels of around 35,000 points in November last year, it has grown to a robust 39,275 in April this year. Considering an aberration last week, which showed a sharp decline, the direction has mostly been upwards. The current BJP Government is with right-of-centre ideology and if it is re-elected with a clear majority like in 2014, markets will definitely show a strong short-term uptick due to positive sentiments.

If the BJP falls short of a majority but still manages to stitch up alliances and form a Government, markets will be volatile for a while but will recover and stabilise once a stable Government is formed at the Centre. If there is no clear winner and there is clearly a fractured mandate, markets are likely to crash and may not recover until a stable Government is formed. In a scenario where the Congress gets a clear majority, the market may show some initial signs of being negative but once the Government is formed, it will bounce back.

In order to understand the election effect on the stock market, the bottom line is that irrespective of which Government comes to power, the stock markets like stability. When there is uncertainty, markets react in an adverse manner. Right now, a lot of investors are buying stocks with the hope that when a stable Government is formed at the Centre, the value of their

stocks will go up. If that is not the case, then the markets will see some correction.

Stock market movements cannot be predicted most of the times. There have been situations when election results were as per the market sentiments and Sensex rallied for some time to give you a promising return, but then by the next elections, the compound returns were disappointing. The absolute returns on Sensex during the 1999-2004 period were near 14 per cent. The compound returns in the same period were just three per cent. Though the elections affected markets and mutual funds, the impact was short-term and impactful. During the 2004-2009 period, the absolute returns on Sensex were near 150 per cent, despite the fact that this duration witnessed the worst global recession.

Also, the compound returns were over 20 per cent. These figures can attract an investor and will astound them, keeping in mind that this happened during a recession period and when the election result made the market crash drastically. Similar trends were noticed during the 2009 Lok Sabha elections when the results were as per the market sentiments and the Sensex crossed the 20,000 mark. The absolute returns observed during the term of the Government from 2009-2014 were around 67 per cent, but annualised returns were near 8.7 per cent.

However, retail investors with a long term investment horizon should not worry about the impact of election results on the stock market and try to time the markets. Even if there is a fractured mandate, markets will be able to absorb the losses and be on a growth track again. A prudent investor should believe in the India growth story and rely on the fundamental principles of investing.

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An election that lacked colour

The 2019 Lok Sabha polls were unusual as political parties and their leaders stooped to the lowest level with their below-the-belt remarks. The voter was lukewarm, the context was polarised and money power was in full play



KALYANI SHANKAR

The 2019 elections are coming to a close. On May 23, it will be known which party will form the Government at the Centre. The *satta bazaar* worth ₹1,000 crore is predicting that the BJP will emerge as the single largest party; that the Congress will improve its tally; and regional parties will continue to be powerful. In 2014, there was a call to 'vote out the corrupt Manmohan Singh Government.' In 2019, Prime Minister Modi is at his best in defending his throne. There was a 'Modi wave' back in 2014, which is absent today. But Modi has subsumed the party, which is asking for votes in his name. Modi was untested then and sold a 'big dream' to the people, promising

achhe din. This time around, it is not a cake-walk for him as the voters are disenchanted. The outcome of the 2019 election will depend on three things — the BJP's performance in the Hindi heartland, where it lost badly in Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh; effectiveness of the regional satraps to hold their fiefdoms; and the BJP's ability to make up the deficit in eastern parts of India.

Looking back, what will one remember about the 2019 poll? This is a lacklustre election and the poll atmosphere in many States has been lukewarm. Second, little voter enthusiasm has been seen. In 2014, there was a good voter turnout as two in every three Indians voted with gender gap almost negligible. The common man is indifferent to the current polls and NOTA (None Of The Above) option has gained popularity. Conscious voters, who do not want any candidate in the list but want to prevent bogus voting, have been using this option judiciously. "Koi bhe aane do, humein kya farak padha hai" is what most poor people say, who are wooed by political parties. Even the 8.4 crore new vot-



ers, who cast their vote for the first time, did not show much enthusiasm.

Third, 2019 saw the poll campaigns stoop to a new low with all sides using below-the-belt remarks. This was true of BJP leaders — even the Prime Minister and party chief Amit Shah — all of whom lowered the bar to attack their opponents. Modi referred to former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi as "accused number one" in the Bofors scam and even said that he and his family had used the Indian Navy's aircraft carrier *INS Viraat* to go for a vacation. Further, Modi fought the elections by invoking "nationalism"

and attacking the Gandhi family for their omissions and commissions over the past decades.

The Congress, too, did not lag behind and used the 'chowkidar chor hai' slogan extensively. Congress chief Rahul Gandhi stuck to his pet issue of the Rafale deal. The verbal battle between West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee and Modi was at its lowest. Meanwhile, the Opposition has been unable to stick to the poll narrative by raising bread and butter issues like jobs, farm crisis and rise in oil prices. However, at the State level, where the regional satraps rule, elec-

tions were fought on local issues. Modi had a tough time fighting these satraps at multiple levels.

Fourth, the money power was even more effective this election season than in 2014. Corporates were encouraged to buy anonymous elections bonds, which could be donated to political parties. According to official data, in 2018, election bonds worth 10.6 billion rupees were purchased. Election spending in 2019 may be at around \$7 to \$8 billion, up from an estimated \$5 billion in 2014 as per an estimate. The final price tag for the 2016 US election was \$6.5 billion for the presidential and congressional elections combined, according to campaign finance watchdog *OpenSecrets.org*. Allegations of bribing voters with cash and luxury goods, too, were doing the rounds. The Election Commission (EC) had seized over ₹3,999 crore, including cash, drugs, liquor and gold.

Fifth, the EC failed to play its role as a referee. Opposition parties have alleged that it has been partial to the ruling party. Despite the polarising speeches, the commission allowed

Prime Minister Modi and Shah to violate the Model Code of Conduct and rejected all complaints. The Opposition, led by the Congress, even went to the Supreme Court seeking justice. Added to all of this were glitches in EVMs about which many Opposition parties complained.

Sixth, this was one of the most polarising polls in recent times. People either loved Modi or hated him and the polls revolved around him. The BJP used the religion and Hindutva card to the hilt while the Congress played its soft Hindutva card. Caste also played a crucial role. Poll violence marred elections in some States like West Bengal.

Seventh, social media, too, played its role in facilitating the spread of fake news. However, with all its ups and downs, it is a wonder how democracy in India has been thriving and power has changed hands 16 times so far peacefully. With all the complaints, the EC must be complimented for conducting the polls by and large peacefully.

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FOREIGN EYE



A MESSY COMPROMISE

YouTube's governance and algorithms are well designed to deal with online spats. But they were not built to regulate political speech and hacking them to do so will be a messy and imperfect process. The pressures that democratic societies exert can also be used by tyrannies. But the alternatives look worse. (The Guardian editorial)

Jet CEO Vinay Dube, CFO Amit Agarwal quit

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Grounded carrier Jet Airways' deputy chief executive and chief financial officer (CFO) Amit Agarwal has resigned, the airline said on Tuesday. Agarwal's resignation is effective from May 13, it said. "We wish to inform that Amit Agarwal, the deputy chief executive officer and CFO of the company, has resigned from service due to personal reasons, with effect from May 13," Jet Airways said in a regulatory filing. Jet Airways' chief executive Vinay Dube also resigned on Tuesday, ending a 21-month long tumultuous tenure during which the once-storied carrier shuttered operations due to cash crunch. An Indian-American, Dube joins the growing list of exits at Jet Airways, which served the Indian skies for more than 25 years. His resignation comes a day after Deputy CEO and Chief Financial Officer Amit Agarwal quit. "We wish to inform that

Vinay Dube, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) has resigned from services of the company with immediate effect due to personal reasons," Jet Airways said in a regulatory filing Tuesday. Before joining Jet Airways as CEO in August 2017, Dube had served in various roles at Delta Airlines, Sabre Inc and American Airlines in the US, Europe and Asia. He took over the reins of Jet Airways almost 15 months after the exit of his predecessor Crammer Ball. During this period, Agarwal was the acting CEO. Earlier on Tuesday, Jet Airways informed stock exchanges that Agarwal has resigned from the company, with effect from May 13, due to personal reasons. The exit of the two top officials also comes at a time when the SBI-led lenders' consortium is trying hard to find a buyer for the ailing Jet Airways. The carrier stopped flying on April 17 after it ran out of cash. Last month, Independent Director Rajshree Pathy, Non-

Executive and Non-Independent Director Nasim Zaidi as well as Whole Time Director Guarang Shetty, had quit. In late March, Jet Airways Founder Naresh Goyal along with his wife Anita Goyal as well as Etihad Airways' nominee director Kevin Knight stepped down from their respective position following a debt-recast plan. Naresh Goyal also stepped down from the post of Chairman. Etihad is a strategic investor in Jet Airways. In November last year, Independent Directors Vikram Singh Mehta and Ranjan Mathai had resigned from Jet Airways' board. At present, Etihad nominee Robin Kamark, Ashok Chawla and Sharad Sharma, are the only directors on Jet Airways' board, as per the airline's website. On behalf of the lenders, SBI Caps had sought bids for sale of up to 75 per cent stake in Jet Airways.

India may again extend retaliatory tariff deadline on US products by 30 days

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India is expected to again extend the deadline by a month to impose retaliatory import duties on 29 US products, including almond, walnut and pulses, an official said. The previous extension will end on May 16. The commerce ministry has asked its finance counterpart to issue a notification with regard to further extension of the deadline, the official added. These deadlines were extended several times since June 2018, when India decided to impose these duties in retaliation to a move by the US to impose high customs duties on certain steel and aluminium products. This extension comes in the backdrop of the US decision to withdraw export incentives being provided to Indian exporters under Generalised System of Preferences (GSP) programme, which is expected to impact India's exports to the US worth \$5.6 billion under

this scheme. America had given 60 days notice, which ended on May 2 but has yet to withdraw those benefits. Meanwhile, US Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross and Commerce Minister Suresh Prabhu held bilateral meetings on May 6 here to discuss trade-related issues. Further extension of GSP benefits was part of a trade package being negotiated between the two countries. However, those negotiations hit a roadblock after the US announced its decision to roll back GSP benefits from Indian exporters. The US administration has alleged that India is imposing high import duties on products such as paper and Harley Davidson motorcycles from America. India wants US to exempt them from the high duty imposed on certain steel and aluminium products, provide greater market access for agriculture, automobile, automobile components and engineering sector products.

RBI needs to go for larger rate cut in June: SBI report

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Reserve Bank needs to go for a larger rate cut, of more than 25 basis points, in its June monetary policy review to reverse the current economic slowdown, said an SBI research report. The RBI had cut the key short-term lending rate (repo) by 25 basis points each in its last two policy reviews. The central bank is slated to announce its next bi-monthly policy decision on June 6. "Are we currently facing a quasi growth slowdown? The apparent nervousness is clearly reflected in the trends exhibited in key stock indices," said the SBI's research report 'Ecowrap'. As per a report published by ICICI Bank, there is room for the MPC to cut rates (underscored by the growing slack indicated in the diffusion index output gap), in the August policy.

Business Corner



Anil Swarup, IAS, Former Secretary, Department of School Education and Literacy, Former Secretary, Ministry of Coal, GOI addressed NTPC family as part of its 'Eminent Speaker Series' on 13th May 2019. Swarup gave an insightful talk on 'Making Things Happen in Government'. Prakash Tiwari, Director (Operations), senior officials and employees of NTPC in large number were part of the audience, 55 sites of NTPC also joined the talk through VC



India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO) the premier trade promotion agency of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India, has been contributing towards 'Swachh Bharat Kosh' each year under the Corporate Social Responsibilities (CSR) activities. For the year 2018-19, ITPO contributes an amount of ₹50 lakhs towards 'Swachh Bharat Kosh'. A cheque was handed over to Rajeev Ranjan, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Finance, North Block, New Delhi by Deepak Kumar, Executive Director, ITPO where in SR Sahoo, CS, DM Sharma, FA& CAO and other senior officers were present

NCLAT refuses to stay voting by Jaypee Infratech creditors' panel

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The NCLAT on Tuesday refused to stay voting by the creditors' panel of Jaypee Infratech on the revised offer of state-owned NBCC Ltd to acquire the debt-laden realty firm through insolvency proceedings. Soon after a Committee of Creditors (CoC) decided to put for vote NBCC's bid, banks sought a stay on the voting process.

Refusing to entertain the plea by banks, a two-member NCLAT bench headed by Chairman Justice S J Mukhopadhyaya also warned banks that they would get "zero rupees" if the process is stalled. Justice Mukhopadhyaya said the interest of thousands of home-buyers was of prime importance and the matter needed to be resolved even if there is just one bidder. The banks made the plea before the bench which was to

take up the matter of an appeal against an NCLT order that directed Jaiprakash Associates Ltd (JAL) to return nearly 760-acre land to its subsidiary Jaypee Infratech. Jaypee Infratech's interim resolution professional (IRP) Anuj Jain had filed a petition in the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) seeking direction over transactions entered by the company's promoters, creating the mortgage on its 858 acres to secure debt for JAL.

AI refutes reports of airline being on the verge of collapse

PTI ■ TEL AVIV

Allying fears among growing number of Israelis using Air India flights to Delhi, India's national carrier has rebuffed as "baseless" the claims in certain sections of the Israeli media that it is on the verge of bankruptcy. Some Israeli media outlets recently reported that Air India was trapped in huge debt running over a billion and may collapse soon. They also advised Israeli passengers, who

have booked their tickets of the Indian carrier, to take necessary steps to recover their money. "Air India (AI) strongly refutes the canards being spread by a section of the media in Israel and a few web/online portals about the airline being on the verge of collapse. This is totally baseless, false and hatched to malign the image of the organisation and thwart its rising graph by vested interest," according to a statement issued by AI's Tel Aviv office. "We would like to clear the air that, contrary to these speculation, Air India is growing from strength to strength and has, in fact, been standing by passengers in distress left stranded by airlines abruptly shutting down," it said. "It is requested that any such attempt to create confusion and tarnish the credibility of Air India be rejected outright," the statement said. AI country manager Pankaj Tiwari said that "it is a fake news alert, and in fact, Air India is considering further increasing the number of flights on the Tel Aviv-Delhi route". Air India's Tel Aviv-Delhi sector is considered as a major diplomatic breakthrough given that the flights use Saudi and Omani airspace, registering an impres-

sive growth with average seat occupancy around 80 per cent making it one of the most lucrative sector. The Indian carrier started its operation on the route on March 22 last year with three flights per week. The rising demand forced the airline to increase its flights from three to four per week. Recently, the airline celebrated its one year of successful operations on the route and threw a small get together with various stakeholders at the airport here. Speaking on the occasion, Indian Ambassador to Israel, Pavan Kapoor, said that the connectivity between India and Israel will influence the bilateral relationship and help in increasing the tourist flow on both the sides. "It was a long journey with lots of ups and downs. Lots of interesting history which shall be written at some point but it was a sort of fascinating effort when we had the first flight arrive here on March 22nd last year," Kapoor said. "It was really a special event and we were glad to be a part of civil aviation history for Israel, I think the first civilian aircraft to arrive at Tel Aviv airport flying over Saudi airspace," he said. Israel does not have diplomatic relations with Saudi Arabia and Oman.



BharatPe, a UPI payments app, has appointed Salman Khan as brand ambassador. The company is will be launching a brand advertising campaign with Salman Khan shortly.



India Yamaha Motor (IYM) Pvt Ltd., the Japanese two-wheeler manufacturer onb Tuesday announced the production achievement of 10 million units in India. IYM achieved this feat since it began its operations in India in 1985

JAPAN DRAGS INDIA TO WTO OVER IMPORT DUTIES ON CERTAIN ELECTRONIC GOODS

New Delhi: Japan has dragged India to the World Trade Organisation (WTO) over the import duties imposed on certain electronic goods, according to the global trade body. Japan has accused India of "continuously and systematically" raise import duties on these goods after announcement of 'Make in India' campaign in September 2014, according to a communication released by the WTO Tuesday. It has also alleged that these import duties are in excess of bound rates, which is a ceiling of import duty beyond which a WTO member country cannot go. PTI

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



General Public is hereby informed that a girl namely **Nisha D/o Sh. Pappu R/o Khasra No. 902/290, Gali No.3, Industrial Area, Shalimar Bagh, Delhi** has been missing/kidnapped since 23.04.2019. In this regard a FIR No. 200/19 u/s 363 IPC dated 23.04.2019 has been lodged at PS, Shalimar Bagh, Delhi. The description of missing/kidnapped girl is as under:
Name: Nisha, **Father's Name:** Sh. Pappu, **Age:** 16 year, **Height:** 5', **Face:** Round, **Complexion:** Shallow, **Built:** Thin, **Wearing:** White Suit and Black Pajami. If anyone having any clue/information, kindly inform the undersigned at following phone numbers.
Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>
e-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in
Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641
Extn.-210
Fax: 011-24368639
DP/8913/NW/19

SEARCH FOR MISSING



General public is hereby informed that one girl namely **Saina Bano, D/o Ramjan Khan, R/o: Jhuggi No.-93, Sector-20, Rohini Extn. North-West, Delhi, Age: 18 years, Height: 5', Complexion: Fair, Face: Round, wearing Pink colour Suit & Salwar and Hawaii Chappal in feet,** has been missing/kidnapped from the area of P.S. Aman Vihar, since 18.02.2019. In this regard a DD No. 45-A, dated 18.02.2019 has been registered at P.S. Aman Vihar, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the girl but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about her please inform undersigned.
Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>
e-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in
Ph.: 011-24368639
Ph. No.: 011-24368638, 24368641
DP/2833/RD/19

SHO P.S. Aman Vihar, Delhi Ph.: 011-23014046, 23015218

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED BOY



General public is hereby informed that this boy namely **Mukul S/o Raju R/o Gali No. 237, Shakar Pur, Delhi Age: 18 years, Height: 4'7", Face: Round, Complexion: Fair, wearing blue colour T-shirt and blue colour jeans,** has been missing/kidnapped since 22.03.2019 from the area of P.S. Prashant Vihar, Delhi. In this regard FIR No. 93/19 dated 10.04.2019 has been registered at P.S. Prashant Vihar, Delhi. Any person having any information or clue about this missing/kidnapped boy may kindly inform to the following.
E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in
Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>
Ph.: 011-24368639, 24368641
Tel.: 24368638/24368641

SEARCH FOR MISSING



General public is hereby informed that a boy namely **Surjeet, S/o Sh. Virender, R/O B-15, Block-D, Rajeev Nagar, Begumpur, Delhi.** The boy has been missing since 13.04.2019 from the Area of P.S. Begumpur Delhi. In this regard FIR No. 149/19, dated 20/04/2019 has been lodged at P.S. Begumpur, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing boy but no clue has come to light so far. The description of the missing boy is as under:
Name: Surjeet, **Age:** 11 Years, **Height:** 4', **Face:** Round, **Complexion:** Shallow, **Wearing:** White Colour T-Shirt and Blue Colour Jeans. If anyone has any information regarding these missing boy, kindly inform SHO/P.S. Begumpur, Delhi.
E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in, Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>
Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641
Ph.: 011-24368639
DP/2835/RD/19

SHO P.S. Begumpur, Delhi Ph. No. 011-27581118, 08750870323

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



General Public is hereby informed that one girl namely **Pooja D/o Veerpal R/o Bangali Basti, Gali No-04, Tiggi Pur Road, Bakhtawarpur, Delhi** has been missing/kidnapped since 17.04.2019 from the area of P.S. Alipur, Delhi. In this regard a case vide FIR No. 155/19 dated 18.04.2019 u/s 363 IPC has been registered at PS. Alipur, Delhi. The description of missing/kidnapped girl is as under:-
Name: Pooja, **Father's Name:** Veerpal, **Age:** 17 yrs., **Built:** Thin, **Height:** 5', **Face:** Round, **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Wearing:** Green Colour Suit & Salwar and Fancy Chappal in feet. If anyone having any clue/information, kindly inform the undersigned.
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Ph.: 011-24368639
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MODI RUBBER LIMITED

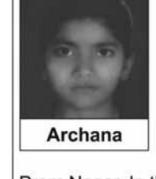
CIN: L25199UP1971PLC003392
Registered Office: Modinagar - 201204; Dist. Ghaziabad, (U.P.)
Corporate Office: 4-7C, DDA Shopping Centre, New Friends Colony, New Delhi-110025; Website: www.modirubberlimited.com
Email: investors@modigroup.net; Phone: +91-11-47107398

NOTICE
Pursuant to regulation 29 of SEBI (LODR) 2015, Notice is hereby given that a 285th Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company is scheduled to be held on 28th day of May 2019 at 3:30 PM. at Corporate Office: 4-7C, DDA Shopping Centre, 4th Floor, New Friends Colony, New Delhi - 110 025 to inter-alia approve the following:
1. Audited Standalone and Consolidated Financial Statements of the Company for the year ended on March 31, 2019.
2. Appointment of Shri Umesh Kumar Khaitan as independent Director of the company in place of Late Shri Arvind Nath Seth.
For Modi Rubber Limited
Sd/-
(S K Bajpai)
Place : New Delhi
Date : May 13, 2019
Head - Legal & Co. Secretary

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

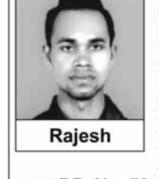
(See Section 82 Cr.PC)
Whereas complaint has been made before me that **Suman W/o Sh. Subhash Chand Marwah R/o H.No. 103, PKT-8, Sector-21, Rohini, Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 476/18 u/s 498A/304b/34 IPC, P.S. Begumpur, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused Suman cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Suman has absconded (or is concealing herself to avoid the service of the said warrant).
Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Suman of FIR No. 476/18 u/s 498A/304b/34 IPC, P.S. Begumpur, Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before 02.07.2019.
By Order,
Ms. Ekta Guaba
Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate (North West),
Room No. 101,
DP/2846/RD/19-(Court Matter) 1st Floor, Rohini Court, Delhi

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General public is hereby informed that a girl namely **Archana D/o Swaran Dev Yadav, R/o H.No. B-770, Mubarakpur, Prem Nagar, Rohini, Delhi, Age: 16 yrs., Height: 4'9", Complexion: Shallow, Face: Round, Wearing: Black Colour Skirt and Coffee Colour Pajami,** has been missing / kidnapped since 19.04.2019 from the area of P.S. Prem Nagar. In this regard a case FIR No. 211/19 dated 21.04.2019 u/s 363 IPC has been registered at PS. Prem Nagar, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local Police to trace out the missing / kidnapped girl but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone have any information about this missing / kidnapped girl please inform undersigned
Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>, Email: cic@cbi.gov.in, Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641, Fax: 011-24368639
DP/2852/RD/19. SHO P.S. Prem Nagar, Delhi Ph.: 011-25489080, 9868872688

SEARCH FOR MISSING



General public is hereby informed that a Male namely **Rajesh S/o Jiya Lal, R/o B-31, Deep Vihar, Pansali, Delhi, Age: 26 yrs., Height: 5'3", Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Round, Wearing: Sky Blue Colour Shirt and Blue Colour Jenas,** has been missing / kidnapped since 25.04.2019 from the area of P.S. Begumpur. In this regard a case DD. No. 50-A dated 27.04.2019 has been lodged at PS. Begumpur, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local Police to trace out the missing / kidnapped Male but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone have any information about this missing / kidnapped Male please inform undersigned.
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DP/2834/RD/19. SHO P.S. Begumpur, Delhi Ph.: 011-27581118, 27581128

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



General Public is hereby informed that two girls namely: **Shivani and Sapna D/o: Deshnath Gupta, R/o: B-171, Gali No. - 19, Bajjit Vihar, Nithari, Delhi** has been missing/kidnapped since 31.03.2019 from the area of P.S. Prem Nagar, Delhi. In this regard a case vide FIR No. 133/19 dated 01.04.2019 has been registered at P.S. Prem Nagar, Delhi. The description of the missing / kidnapped girls are as under:
Shivani: Age: 18 years, **Height:** 5'2", **Face:** Long, **Complexion:** Sallow, **Wearing:** Orange Colour Suit and Red Colour Chappal in feet. **Sapna: Age:** 17 years, **Height:** 5'2", **Face:** Round, **Complexion:** Fair, **Wearing:** Red Colour Suit and Pink Colour Chappal in feet. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the girls but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this girls kindly inform to the following.
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DP/2859/RD/19

SHO PS Prem Nager, Delhi Ph.: 011-25489080

Asian markets tumble after Wall St battering as China retaliates

APP ■ HONG KONG

Asian markets extended a global sell-off on Tuesday following hefty losses on Wall Street that came in response to China's hike in tariffs on \$60 billion of US imports, ramping up tensions in a trade war between the global economic titans.

The move by Beijing was followed by a warning of further action such as dumping US Treasuries and came days after Washington more than doubled levies on USD 200 billion of Chinese goods and Donald Trump said he was looking at more than USD 300 billion more.

The stand-off has sent shockwaves through trading floors, where most dealers had a little over a week ago been confident the two sides were close to a deal. World markets have rallied for most of the year on the back of optimism about an agreement.

Hong Kong led losses as the market reopened after a long weekend. The Hang Seng Index sank 1.5 percent while Shanghai shed 0.7 percent and Tokyo ended down 0.6 percent, marking its seventh straight loss. Sydney and Singapore each dropped 0.9 percent, with Manila and Jakarta both down 1.4 percent. There were also losses

Sensex spurts 227 pts

Mumbai (PTI): Indian equities on Tuesday reversed their nine-session losing streak, with the BSE Sensex recovering over 227 points and the NSE Nifty regaining nearly 74 points, helped by gains in pharma, banking and energy stocks. Sensex heavyweights Reliance Industries, ITC and SBI were mainly responsible for the recovery. In percentage terms, however, Sun Pharma topped the chart with 5.87 per cent. Other major gainers include Bharti Airtel, Vedanta, Indusind Bank, SBI and RIL — rising as much as 5.40 per cent. On the flip side, TCS, HCL Tech, Bija Finance, Bajaj Auto and Infosys were among the top losers on the 30-share index.

The gauge started off the session on a slightly positive note at 37,146.58 against the previous close of 37,090.82. Intra-day, the index touched a high of 37,572.70 and a low of 36,956.10. It finally settled the day at 37,318.53, gaining 227.71 points or 0.61 per cent. Similarly, the NSE gauge Nifty opened higher at 11,151.65 and touched a high of 11,294.75 and low of 11,108.30 during the session. It finally ended at 11,222.05, 73.85 points or 0.66 per cent higher.

es in Taipei and Wellington, though Seoul edged up slightly. In early trade London rose 0.5 percent, Paris added 0.8 percent and Frankfurt gained 0.4 percent.

“Uncertainty and short-term sentiment impact is likely to stay,” Medha Samant, director of investment at Fidelity International, told Bloomberg TV. “In the short term, it looks like volatility is here to stay and we could see this risk-off, risk-on going on for a long time.”

The retreat came after the Nasdaq on Wall Street suffered its worst day of 2019 and the

airtel tweaks post-paid offerings, to gradually phase out plans below ₹499

New Delhi (PTI): Telecom operator Bharti Airtel has tweaked its post-paid plans, a move that involves gradual phasing out of offerings that are less than ₹499 and retaining limited number of plans above it. The move is aimed at simplification of plans and would also help the company chase better realisation from mobile subscribers, improving the Average Revenue Per User (ARPU), according to a source.

The source said the company was in the process of phasing out post-paid plans of less than ₹499, as other plans pack in more value and digital content for subscribers willing to shell out a tad bit more.

Essentially, it has scrapped the ₹299 plan and is in the process of gradually phasing out ₹349 and ₹399 post-paid plans. Even the number of plans above ₹499 will be reduced to just three — ₹749, ₹999 and ₹1,599.

When contacted, a company spokesperson declined to comment on the matter.

As of December 31, 2018, Airtel's mobile services customer base in India was about 284 million.

The company, which is in the midst of raising ₹25,000 crore through a rights issue — while announcing its fourth quarter results recently steered clear of the customary investor call and management commentary nor it provided ARPU — a key metrics tracked by analysts.

A recent report by SBI Cap Securities, however, said Airtel had “done well” on ARPU as it seems to have improved about 20 per cent sequentially, while Jio's ARPU declined about 3 per cent.

On Monday, rival Vodafone Idea reported that its ARPU for the March quarter grew 16.3 per cent to ₹104, from ₹89 in the October-December 2018 period.

“Subscriber traction is something that Bharti needs to pick up, as ARPU gains incrementally may be much lesser but may still continue, driven by upselling for low-end subscribers and 2G-to-4G upgrade,” SBI Cap Securities said in a report.

However, while there is a lot of fear about an all-out trade war, which could batter the world economy, both said talks will continue, though no date has been set for the next round.

Also, Trump said he had a feeling talks with China will be “very successful” and that he intended to meet his Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping at next month's G20 summit.

“An eventual agreement still seems the most likely outcome, although political miscalculation is a rising risk,” said Paul Christopher, head of global market strategy at Wells Fargo Investment Institute.

“However, differences on key issues and in negotiating styles may spark more market volatility ahead.” On currency markets the yuan — which has fallen more than two percent since Trump last week threatened to hike tariffs — edged up slightly against the dollar, while the greenback was also slightly lower against the pound and euro.

And oil prices edged up after Monday's losses as concerns about the impact on demand from the trade war offset geopolitical tensions in the Middle East, the crisis in Venezuela and “sabotage attacks” on two Saudi Arabian oil tankers.

WPI inflation dips to 3.07% in April; food prices on the rise

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Wholesale inflation eased to 3.07% in April on cheaper fuel and manufactured items, even as prices of food articles remained high, official data released on Tuesday showed. The Wholesale Price Index-based inflation was at 3.18% in March and 2.93% in February. It was 3.62% in April 2018.

Inflation in the ‘food articles’ basket hardened to 7.37% during April 2019 as against 5.68% in March, as prices of vegetables skyrocketed. Food inflation has been on the rise for the last five months since December 2018 when it was -0.42%.

Vegetables inflation too has seen a steep rise since December 2018 when it was -19.29%. It stood at 40.65% in April, up from 28.13% in the previous month. Amongst food items, inflation in potato cooled to -17.15%. In case of onion and fruits, it stood at -3.43% and -6.88%, respectively, in April.

However, inflation in the ‘fuel and power’ category cooled to 3.84%, from 5.41% in March.

Inflation in diesel halved to 3.24% during the month from 7.33% in March. For petrol, inflation was 1.74% in April, as against 1.78% in the previous month.

However, inflation in LPG spiked to 11.48% in April, from 0.94% in the month before. The price of non-subsidised cooking gas (LPG) was increased by ₹5 per 14.2-kg cylinder to ₹706.50

on April 1. Non-subsidised LPG is the gas that consumer buys after exhausting their quota of 12 cylinders of 14.2-kg at sub-market or subsidised rates. Price of subsidised LPG was almost unchanged at ₹495.86 on April 1.

Manufactured items too saw easing of prices with inflation at 1.72% in April, against 2.16% in the previous month.

The Reserve Bank, which mainly factors in retail inflation for its monetary policy, had last month cut interest rate by 0.25 percentage points. The next policy review is scheduled for June 6.

Assocam Deputy Secretary General Saurabh Sanyal said, “Both WPI and retail inflation remain benign, well below the 4% target of the RBI, making out a strong case for a rate reduction by the central bank next month”.

Assocam further said the overall food inflation remains well within control and there is an abundant supply of food items. “Lower cost of borrowing is one of the major factors for reviving consumer interest”.

According to official data released on Monday, retail inflation inched up to a six-month high of 2.92% in April due to a spike in food prices, including vegetables and protein rich items.

The RBI has projected retail inflation to remain at 2.9-3% during April-September, mainly due to lower food and fuel prices as well as expectation of a normal monsoon.

SCRIP	OPEN	High	LOW	LTP	CHANGE
NIFTY 50	11151.65	11294.75	11088.30	11222.05	73.85
IRILHSFGFN	65695	70765	65200	70185	42.80
BHARTIARTL	316.00	339.70	315.20	338.00	19.35
SUNPHARMA	406.05	424.40	403.25	420.50	22.40
VEDANTA	153.30	161.85	153.30	161.35	7.15
GAIL	332.00	355.30	330.75	344.75	12.70
INDUSINDBK	1393.30	1442.00	1386.50	1436.00	42.70
SBN	307.85	316.75	305.10	316.00	9.10
RELIANCE	1236.50	1269.35	1231.50	1267.00	34.50
EICHERMOT	1831.00	1996.40	1820.00	1975.00	52.25
TATAMOTORS	178.25	186.05	177.80	185.20	4.45
NTPC	123.70	126.50	124.20	126.05	2.50
ITC	291.00	298.25	288.85	295.10	5.80
ADANI PORTS	362.90	373.80	362.00	371.65	6.90
ULTRACEMC	4326.00	4460.00	4289.05	4415.00	76.55
LT	1309.00	1377.65	1285.30	1340.00	22.35
JSWSTEEL	275.00	282.95	272.45	281.50	4.60
ZEE	344.95	352.95	332.05	347.50	5.65
CIPLA	546.00	560.75	541.20	555.60	8.90
INFRAEEL	265.00	274.00	262.35	269.35	3.90
YESBANK	155.10	158.90	151.40	156.95	2.25
ICICIBANK	378.10	386.75	376.50	381.50	5.20
TITAN	1140.00	1163.00	1122.95	1159.00	14.30
IOC	142.60	144.85	141.50	144.35	1.75
BPCL	354.10	360.80	348.00	358.65	3.55
BRITANNIA	2675.90	2723.00	2658.05	2700.00	23.45
GRASIM	840.15	851.25	817.70	845.00	7.05
HDFC	1961.00	1989.80	1924.25	1964.20	11.30
MARUTI	6511.00	6612.00	6450.00	6580.00	36.25
HINDALCO	191.00	193.95	188.00	193.20	1.00
DRREDDY	2785.80	2827.00	2760.05	2812.00	9.25
BAJAJFINSV	7320.15	7418.00	7226.05	7362.00	14.65
UPL	953.20	958.05	937.05	951.10	1.85
HDFCBANK	2296.70	2311.00	2275.55	2288.00	0.90
AXISBANK	729.40	738.00	722.70	732.20	0.10
COALINDIA	241.00	243.00	238.80	242.05	-0.05
ONGC	162.00	165.40	160.85	164.00	-0.10
HEROMOTOCO	2508.00	2534.80	2475.00	2505.00	-5.75
HINDUNILVR	1700.00	1710.00	1680.20	1697.70	-4.30
POWERGRID	181.00	184.20	181.05	182.15	-0.50
KOTAKBANK	1388.50	1397.00	1368.60	1384.95	-1.40
TATASTEEL	466.95	477.60	458.30	470.50	-1.80
M&M	616.90	620.55	610.55	614.60	-3.00
ASIANPAINT	1330.00	1334.75	1302.10	1325.00	-7.50
INFY	716.50	717.75	703.60	713.60	-6.10
BAJAJ-AUTO	290.00	296.90	290.10	294.50	-27.75
WIPRO	286.00	289.00	283.10	285.00	-4.10
HCLTECH	1083.65	1083.65	1057.00	1067.15	-16.50
TCS	2135.00	2159.80	2072.35	2095.80	-32.95
BAJFINANCE	2927.95	2941.95	2848.10	2885.75	-46.10
TECHM	818.80	818.80	786.60	792.10	-25.20

Script	Open	High	Low	LTP	CHANGE
RPOWER	5.73	6.13	5.57	6.03	0.25
SUZLON	5.56	5.93	5.33	5.71	0.15
SPICEJET	118.30	124.70	114.70	121.90	3.60
YESBANK	155.00	158.65	151.50	156.15	5.15
JETAIRWAYS	125.55	133.90	122.10	129.10	6.55
RELIANCE	1235.20	1269.50	1232.00	1259.50	50.00
DHFL	108.35	119.65	106.00	117.00	8.65
DELTA CORP	184.40	210.80	184.35	201.50	17.15
SUNPHARMA	404.95	430.00	403.20	420.15	15.20
TATASTEEL	467.70	478.40	456.60	469.75	13.05
INFY*	719.50	719.50	704.00	713.85	29.85
PJEWELLER	116.70	119.70	112.10	114.65	12.55
MARUTI	6520.00	6612.00	6451.00	6569.55	138.55
IDEA	14.45	14.50	13.05	14.00	0.55
ICICIBANK	377.60	387.55	376.55	380.80	3.20
RELCAPITAL	107.60	113.70	103.75	110.85	13.10
IRILHSFGFN	660.00	707.00	652.00	697.10	45.10
ZEE	343.10	352.20	332.15	345.95	12.80
LT	1313.80	1345.60	1284.90	1341.50	56.60
SBN	307.90	316.05	305.15	313.90	6.00
JPASSOCIAT	4.54	4.54	3.96	4.43	0.57
BHEL	60.05	64.00	59.85	63.45	3.60
TATAMOTORS	178.50	185.80	177.90	184.35	6.85
EDELWEISS	164.40	165.35	146.10	156.10	12.00
WIPRO	289.60	289.70	283.00	284.30	1.30
ITC	291.20	297.70	289.00	294.00	5.00
SRTECH	178.60	179.50	164.10	165.55	11.45
REL	2474.00	2625.00	2333.90	2602.00	328.10
RINFRA	101.75	109.90	99.20	107.70	8.00
SAIL	50.20	50.60	47.30	47.65	0.35
NCS	2137.50	2158.20	2074.50	2094.35	16.85
IDCFIRSTB	43.25	43.25	40.55	41.90	1.35
VEDL	152.50	161.45	152.50	160.55	8.05
PNB	79.00	83.50	78.30	82.75	3.75
KOTAKBANK	1389.95	1397.40	1370.00	1384.80	14.80
MANAPPURAM	113.90	122.00	112.65	120.80	6.90
JINDALSTEL	151.10	162.50	150.20	161.30	10.20
IBREALEST	93.30	98.00	90.80	96.45	6.65
KTKBANK	116.80	116.80	109.40	112.45	2.65
LUPIN	785.10	817.50	785.10	809.15	24.05
BANKBARODA	105.15	110.75	104.15	109.55	4.40
AXISBANK	731.80	738.10	724.25	731.50	9.70
PNBHOUSING	757.20	784.30	750.00	778.45	21.25
EICHERMOT	1835.00	1938.00	1822.00	1927.65	92.65
BAJFINANCE	2925.00	2941.95	2849.20	2884.05	36.95
HDFCLIFE	397.85	399.90	387.00	391.00	4.10
GRAPHITE	345.60	345.60	326.00	332.50	6.50
INDUSINDBK	1395.00	1441.00	1387.40	1430.45	43.05
HDFCBANK	2295.05	2311.00	2275.05	2290.20	15.15



TOP GAINERS	TOP LOSERS
Sun Pharma 5.87%	Bharti Airtel 5.87%
Vedanta 4.08%	Vedanta 4.08%
SBI 2.33%	Infosys -0.86%

SCRIP	OPEN	High	LOW	LTP	CHANGE
NIFTY NEXT 50	26026.75	26260.15	25815.70	26130.00	55.40
BANK	60.25	64.50	59.80	64.05	4.20
BANKBARODA	106.80	110.85	104.25	110.60	4.80
SIEMENS	1045.00	1103.00	1043.55	1098.00	47.10
SRTRANSFIN	1003.90	1038.75	991.80	1027.00	39.45
HINDPETRO	262.00	270.05	260.00	269.70	6.95
L&T	1152.00	1195.00	1138.85	1188.00	30.00
ASHOKLEY	83.00	85.60	82.05	85.05	2.05
ABB	1355.85	1380.00	1311.30	1380.00	32.55
AMBUJACEM	209.90	214.95	208.05	213.10	3.20
DABUR	363.65	374.05	360.55	368.35	5.10
DLF	163.05	167.80	160.75	166.60	2.25
PEL	2112.00	2179.90	2075.40	2143.95	25.35
LUPIN	796.50	817.75	794.50	807.50	7.25
BIOCON	52.25	53.95	51.80	53.00	4.80
OFSS	3409.00	3448.80	3372.80	3440.00	30.60
URJ	1348.25	1376.80	1348.25	1365.40	11.60
MCDOWELL-N	524.35	535.25	520.00	531.80	3.90
INDIGO	1554.95				

Sri Lanka imposes nationwide curfew for second night

Colombo: Sri Lanka on Tuesday imposed a nationwide curfew for a second straight night and arrested several people after Sinhalese mob attacks on Muslim-owned shops, vehicles and mosques left one person dead, as communal violence worsened following the deadly Easter terror attacks.

Sri Lanka Govt enforced island-wide curfew on Monday but on Tuesday the curfew was relaxed in all areas except the northwestern province where the Muslim man was killed by the rioters and Sinhalese mobs set fire to Muslim-owned shops and vehicles. **PTI**

Bomber radicalised by radical British-Pak preacher: Report

Colombo: One of the Easter on Sunday suicide bombers, who attempted to bomb the luxury Taj Samudra hotel here, was radicalised by British-Pakistani radical preacher Anjem Choudary while he was studying at a university in London, according to a media report.

Abdul Latheef Mohamed Jameel, 37, who hailed from a wealthy family involved in the tea trade, reportedly met the radical preacher while studying at Kingston University, the BBC reported. Choudary, 52, is considered one of the UK's most influential and dangerous radical preachers. He was convicted and jailed in 2016 for inviting support for the Islamic State group but was released in 2018. Counter-extremism experts early this year had warned that Choudary's extremist group al-Muhajiroun network was regenerating itself. **PTI**

Prez bans NTJ, two other Islamist extremist organisations

Colombo: Sri Lankan Government has banned three Islamist extremist groups, including the National Thowheeth Jamaath (NTJ) that carried out the country's worst terror attack on Easter Sunday in which over 250 people were killed. **PTI**

Could Gulf tensions lead to Iran-US war?

Paris: A surge of tensions in the Gulf has shown the risk of a military confrontation between arch-foes Iran and the United States, even if any conflict would likely be marked by guerrilla warfare rather than full-scale battles, analysts say.

A series of mysterious attacks on ships off the coast of the United Arab Emirates, the key ally of Tehran's Gulf rival Saudi Arabia, prompted President Donald Trump to warn Iran would "suffer greatly" if it harmed US interests.

The United States and Iran have had no diplomatic relations since the seizure by Iranian radicals of American embassy staff in the wake of the 1979 Islamic revolution.

The two sides have at times been close to conflict — in particular during a tense period under former US president George W. Bush — but analysts see a series of factors as making the current moment particularly combustible.

Trump dismayed European allies by pulling out of the 2015 deal on Iran's nuclear programme unilaterally and is now ratcheting up the rhetoric against Tehran. Iran and Saudi Arabia, a close ally of the United States for decades, are both enmeshed on opposing sides in the conflict in Yemen. And in US ally Israel, which Iran refuses to recognise, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is pushing for a hard line against Iran.

"The Trump administration has significantly increased tensions in the region and has therefore increased the odds of some sort of inadvertent or even deliberate military clash with Iran," said International Crisis Group (ICG) Iran project director Ali Vaez. "The odds of a clash occurring, even without provocation, are quite high," he told AFP. **AFP**

Iran too 'great' to be intimidated, says Rouhani

Tehran: Iran's President Hassan Rouhani has pledged the Islamic republic is "too great to be intimidated by anyone" in a late night meeting with clerics.

"God willing we will pass this difficult period with glory and our heads held high, and defeat the enemy," Rouhani said late Monday as he met Sunni clerics to mark the holy Muslim month of Ramadan, the official Government website dolat.ir said.

He was speaking after four ships, including two Saudi oil tankers, were reportedly attacked off the UAE coast on Sunday, in a sign of mounting regional tensions.

Iran has called for an investigation into what it called an "alarming" incident. **AFP**

Saudi shuts main oil pipeline after Houthi drone attacks

Riyadh: Drone attacks claimed by Iran-aligned Yemen rebels shut down one of Saudi Arabia's main oil pipelines Tuesday, further ratcheting up Gulf tensions after the mysterious sabotage of several tankers.

Days after the United States deployed bombers and an assault ship to bolster an aircraft carrier in the region, the world's largest crude exporter said two pumping stations had been targeted early Tuesday.

They lie on the East West Pipeline, able to pump five million barrels of oil a day from the oil-rich eastern province to a Red Sea export terminal.

The announcement came hours after Yemen's Houthi rebels said they had targeted vital installations in Saudi Arabia, which leads a military coalition against them. **AFP**

Russia probe: Barr assigns prosecutor to review enquiry

Washington: Attorney General William Barr has appointed a US attorney to examine the origins of the Russia investigation and determine if intelligence collection involving the Trump campaign was "lawful and appropriate," a person familiar with the matter told The Associated Press on Monday. Barr appointed John Durham, the US attorney in Connecticut, to conduct the inquiry, the person said. The person could not discuss the matter publicly and spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity.

Durham's appointment comes about a month after Barr told members of Congress he believed "spying did occur" on the Trump campaign in 2016. **AP**

GLOBE TROTTER

'GUNMEN KILL 4 AT CATHOLIC PARADE IN BURKINA FASO'
Ouagadougou (Burkina Faso): Gunmen killed four Catholics in a religious procession in north Burkina Faso a day after a priest and five parishioners were murdered at mass, church officials said on Tuesday.

MONTANA GOV JOINS 2020 RACE FOR PRESIDENT
Helena (US): Montana Gov. Steve Bullock announced Tuesday that he is seeking the Democratic presidential nomination, distinguishing himself among nearly two dozen candidates as the field's only statewide elected official to win a state that President Donald Trump carried in 2016.

UK UNEMPLOYMENT RATE HITS 45-YEAR LOW
London: British unemployment has fallen to a 45-year low, official data showed on Tuesday, with the economy holding up despite prolonged Brexit uncertainty. The unemployment rate eased to 3.8 per cent in the three months to March -- the lowest level since the final quarter of 1974, the Office for National Statistics (ONS) said in a statement.

BANGLADESH GOVT SETS UP NEW COURT TO TRY ZIA
Dhaka: The Bangladesh Government, citing security reasons has set up a new makeshift court adjacent to a prison outside Dhaka to try alleged former Prime Minister Khaleda Zia, serving 10-year jail term in two graft cases.

US TO DEPORT OVER 70 PAKISTANIS
Islamabad/Washington: The US will deport over 70 "illegal" Pakistani nationals and a special chartered plane will bring them back on Wednesday, Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi said on Tuesday.

NEPAL PROBES JOURNALISTS FOR DALAI LAMA NEWS
Kathmandu: Three Nepali journalists are being probed for circulating a news item on the Dalai Lama, officials said on Tuesday, in a sign of growing Chinese influence on its small Himalayan neighbour.

'VOICES CRITICAL OF CPEC BEING SUPPRESSED IN PAK'
Washington: People and the media in Pakistan are "scared" of speaking against the multi-billion-dollar China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) as those critical of it are being suppressed, treated as anti-national or branded as terrorists, a former official in the Obama administration has told US lawmakers.

SHRINKING MOON GENERATING LUNAR QUAKES: STUDY
Washington: The Moon is shrinking as its interior cools — getting over 50 metres skinnier through the last several hundred million years — and causing quakes on the lunar surface, a study has found. Just as a grape wrinkles as it shrinks down to a raisin, the Moon gets wrinkles as it shrinks, researchers said.

BRAIN SCANS MAY DETECT SUICIDAL THOUGHTS: STUDY
Washington: Brain scans may be able to identify people at risk of attempting suicide, say scientists who have discovered a chemical linked to suicidal thoughts in people with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER TRANSMISSION LINE MAINTENANCE DIVISION - III UDHAMPUR
Email:- tlmdudh@gmail.com Fax No. :- 01992-270287

e-NIT No. TLMD-III/UDH/07 of 2019-20 Dated: 13-05-2019

NOTICE INVITING TENDER (Re-Tender)

Executive Engineer TLMD-III, Udhampur, for and on behalf of Governor of Jammu & Kashmir State, invite online e-bids for "Survey, Soil Testing/Investigation, Engineering Design, Fabrication of Lattice Type Tower Structures, Galvanization, Supply of Structures, Laying of Foundations, Protection Works, Erection of Tower, Laying & Stringing of ACSR PANTHER Conductor, Inspection, Testing and Commissioning including transportation, insurance, handling, storage of material at site for **Realignment of 220 KV D/C KPTL Between location No. KP175-KP176 at village BagghuNallahBatoteRamban1.20 KM.** completed in all respects as specified in technical specification. Submission of e-bid against this standard Bidding Document (SBD) shall be deemed to have been done after careful study and examination of the procedure, terms and conditions of the standard bidding document with full understanding of its implications. The tender document is available at website <http://jktenders.gov.in> Interested bidders may view/download the e-bid document, submit their e-bid online up to the date and time mentioned in the table below:

Scope of Work:- Survey, Soil Testing/Investigation, Engineering Design, Fabrication of Lattice Type Tower Structures, Galvanisation, Supply of Structures, Laying of Foundations, Protection Works, Erection of Tower, Laying & Stringing of ACSR PANTHER Conductor, Inspection, Testing and Commissioning including transportation, insurance, handling, storage of material at site for Realignment of 220 KV D/C KPTL Between location No. KP175-KP176 at village Bagghu Nallah Batote Ramban 1.20 KM

Estimated Cost :- Rs195.00 One hundred Ninety five Lacs. only)

Earnest Money :- Rs 3.90lacs (Rupees Three lacs Ninety Thousands only)

Cost of Tender Documents :- Rs.5000 (Rupees Five Thousand Only)

Last Date of e-bids submission online :- 03-06-2019 upto 4:00 PM

Class of Contractor :- "A" Class Electrical contractor

Other Details:

1. Date & Time of downloading of Standard Bidding Document :- The Standard Bidding Document can be downloaded over <http://jktenders.gov.in> from date 14-05-2019 (2:00 PM onwards)
 2. Pre-bid meeting :- Shall be conducted on 21-05-2019 at 11.00 AM in the Office of the Superintending Engineer S&O Circle-I Jammu J&K.
 3. e-Bid submission (starts) date & time (submission of e-tender fee, EMD and other supporting documents in PDF/XLS format) :- 15-05-2019 from 10.00 AM onward
 4. e-Bid submission (end) date & time :- 03-06-2019 upto 4:00 PM
 5. Online Commercial & Technical e-Bid opening date & time :- 04-06-2019 at 11:00AM
 6. Online financial e-Bid opening date & time. (Only of the technically qualified bidders) :- Will be communicated to the Technically Qualified Bidders.
 7. Venue of the opening of technical & financial e-Bids :- The Office of the Superintending Engineer S&O Circle-I Jammu J&K..
 8. Estimated cost :- Rs.195Lacs. (One hundred Ninety five lacs only)
 9. Cost of e-bid Documents :- Rs. 5000.00 (Rupees Five Thousands only)
 10. Amount of Earnest Money Deposit :- Rs 3.90 lacs (Rupees Three lacs Ninety Thousands only)
- Period of Completion :- 03 months from the date of issue of LOA.
- Status of funds :- Scheme approved under languishing project category..

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
No. DIP/J-551-P/19
Dated : 13-05-2019
Trans. Line Maintt. Division-III

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr. P. C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person (1) Divya Mohan w/o Jitender Mohan (2) Jitender Mohan s/o Kamini Mohan R/o Block-I, Pocket -7, Sector-16, Rohini, Delhi & 10/20, First floor, Nehru nagar, near East of Kailash, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence under case Cr. No 11016/16 u/s 156(3) CRPC has been registered at P.S.Maurya Enclave, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said (1) Divya Mohan (2) Jitender Mohan cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said, (1) Divya Mohan (2) Jitender Mohan has absconded (or is concealing herself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused (1) Divya Mohan (2) Jitender Mohan accused of Cr. No. 11016/16 u/s 156(3) CRPC required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 18.07.2019.

By Order
Ms. Ekta Gauba,
Add, CMM (North- West)
Court No.101, 1st Floor, Rohini Courts, Delhi

NORTHERN RAILWAY NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Name of works and its location	30-Elect-11-T-2019-20-E3 Electrical work in connection with, (i) Provision of AT supply at L-Xing gate no B-2/9 between MUD-GUH over Delhi Division. (ii) Provision of opening halt station at Jandhera between Bhankla and Har Har Fatehpur halt station on DLI-SMQL section. (iii) Provision of Usmanpur halt station at km 100.50 between Hind and Har Har Fatehpur halt station on DLI-SMQL section.		
Approx. cost of the works in	Rs. 18.62 lacs		
Address of the office	Sr. Divl. Elect. Engineer/General, New Delhi.		
Earnest Money	Rs. 37300.00		
Date & time of submission of tender	10.06.2019, 15.00 Hrs.		
Opening of tender	10.06.2019, 15.15 Hrs.		
Website & notice board	www.ireps.gov.in & Sr. Divl. Elect. Engineer/General, New Delhi		
	1425/19		

EASTERN COALFIELDS LIMITED (A Subsidiary of Coal India Limited)

E-TENDER NOTICE FOR ON LINE BIDDING OPEN TENDER

1. Name of Area : MM Deptt, ECL (HQ); 2. Tender No. & Date : ECL/Hq/Pur/O/51913008-RC/HFB-68/012 Date : 13.05.2019; 3. Name of Work : Domestic open e-tender for conclusion of Rate Contract for supply of Fire Resistant Hydraulic Fluid HFB-68 for 2 years; 4. Estimated Cost : Rs. 4,04,65,258.00; 5. Tender document download start date : 24.05.2019 (From 11.00 hrs. IST); 6. Tender document download end date : 15.06.2019 (11.00 hrs. IST); 7. Tender opening Date & Time: 17.06.2019 (11.00 hrs. IST); NB: Details of tenders can be seen in ECL website www.easterncoal.gov.in or <http://leprocure.gov.in> or <http://coalindiatenders.gov.in>

GENERAL MANAGER, Pandaveswar Area
VISIT US AT www.easterncoal.nic.in

WESTERN RAILWAY STORE DEPARTMENT

e-AUCTION SALE DURING JUNE, 2019 FOR P-WAY & OTHER VARIOUS SCRAP SPECIAL ATTENTION: ALL STEEL PURCHASERS & RE-ROLLERS

Public e-auction for disposal of P. way scrap, rail scrap & other various scrap material will be held in JUNE, 2019 as per program given below:-

1 st Round	2 nd Round	3 rd Round	Depot	Depot Officer In charge	Contact No.
03.06.2019	14.06.2019	24.06.2019	Mumbai Central	Sr. Divl. Material Manager Mumbai Central	022-23094142 09004499003
04.06.2019	15.06.2019	25.06.2019	Maharajm	Deputy Chief Material Manager Maharajm	022-24925971 09004495750
06.06.2019	17.06.2019	26.06.2019	Ahmedabad	Sr. Divl. Material Manager Ahmedabad	07922205888 09724093770
07.06.2019	18.06.2019	27.06.2019	Sabarmati	Deputy Chief Material Manager Sabarmati	07927500080 09724093770
08.06.2019	19.06.2019	28.06.2019	Dahod	Deputy Chief Material Manager Dahod	02673241295 09724094555
11.06.2019	19.06.2019	28.06.2019	Baroda	Sr. Divl. Material Manager Baroda	022-22641592 09724091750
10.06.2019	18.06.2019	27.06.2019	Ratlam	Sr. Divl. Material Manager-Ratlam	022-22230080 09752492750
11.06.2019	19.06.2019	28.06.2019	Rajkot	Sr. Divl. Material Manager-Rajkot	022-22476943 09724094770
10.06.2019	20.06.2019	29.06.2019	Pratap Nagar	Deputy Chief Material Manager Dahod	02673241295 09724094555
10.06.2019	18.06.2019	27.06.2019	Bhavnagar	Sr. Divl. Material Manager Bhavnagar	022-22444360 09724097750

For detailed information please contact the concerned Depot Officers.
Note:- 1. Railway reserves the right to withdraw any lot for e-Auction. 2. e-Auction will start at as per scheduled time. 3. e-Auction catalogues will be available on site www.ireps.gov.in-e-Auction portal.

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EXTRACT OF AUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2019

(₹ In lakh) except EPS

Particulars	Quarter Ended			Year Ended	
	31.03.2019 Audited	31.12.2018 Unaudited	31.03.2018 Audited	31.03.2019 Audited	31.03.2018 Audited
Total Income from operations	1990.72	1594.56	1973.85	7761.31	8211.08
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax and Exceptional items)	95.67	27.21	84.71	390.73	386.33
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional items)	95.67	27.21	84.71	390.73	386.33
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional items)	69.61	18.12	57.85	290.08	256.93
Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit/(Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	64.98	18.12	58.18	285.45	257.26
Equity Share Capital	133.26	133.26	133.26	133.26	133.26
Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations) -	(Not Annualized)	(Not Annualized)	(Not Annualized)		
1. Basic (Rs.)	5.23	1.36	4.34	21.78	19.29
2. Diluted (Rs.)	5.23	1.36	4.34	21.78	19.29

NOTES:

1. The above audited Financial Results reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors at their Meeting held on May 14, 2019.
2. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarter/ year ended Financial Results Filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly and year ended financial results are available on the website of the stock exchanges i.e. www.bseindia.com and www.cse-india.com and of the Company i.e. www.perfectpac.com

For Perfectpac Limited

Sanjay Rajgarhia (Managing Director)
DIN: 00154167

Place: New
Date: 14.05.2019



Regd. Office: ICICI Bank Tower, Near Chakki Circle, Old Padra Road, Vadodara - 390 007.
Corporate Office: ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra- Kuria Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai- 400051.
Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd., Videocon Tower, Jhandewalan, New Delhi - 110055

PUBLIC NOTICE - TENDER CUM AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET

[See proviso to rule 8 (6)]
Notice for sale of immovable properties

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of ICICI Bank Ltd. will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis as per the brief particulars given hereunder:

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Loan Account No. (A)	Details of the Secured assets with known encumbrances, if any (C)	Amount Outstanding (In ₹) (D)	Reserve Price (In ₹) (E)	Earnest Money Deposit (In ₹) (F)	Date of Property Inspection and Time (G)	Date & Time of Auction (H)
1.	Bishamber Lal Lamba/ Rupali Lamba (Co-borrower) LBCBT00001490991	Flat No. A- 2, 306, Third Floor Of Silver State, Plot No. F. 29, Sector 50, Noida. Area Is 1735 Sq. Ft.	Rs. 46,23,496/- as on April 23, 2019	Rs. 1,05,00,000/-	Rs. 10,50,000/-	June 07, 2019, From 12:00 Noon to 2:00 PM	June 11, 2019, From 12:00 Noon

The online auction will take place on the website of auction agency [Shriram Automall India Ltd.](http://ShriramAutomallIndia.Ltd) (URL Link - <https://eauctions.samil.in>). The Mortgagee/ Noticee are given last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till **June 10, 2019, before 5:00 P.M.** failing which, this/these secured asset/s will be sold as per schedule.

The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit their offer along with aforesaid earnest money deposit (as referred in column No. (F) in a sealed envelope superscribed "offer for purchase of property" so as to reach at ICICI Bank Limited, 2nd Floor Videocon Tower, Block E-1, Jhandewalan Extension, Rani Jhansi Road, Delhi-110055 or our marketing agents [Shriram Automall India Ltd.](http://ShriramAutomallIndia.Ltd) having their office at 2nd Floor, Best Sky Tower, Netaji Subhash Place, Pitampura, New Delhi - 110034 or on or before June 10, 2019 before 5:00 P.M. The marketing agency has also been engaged as auctioneer for proper conduct of auction. EMD DD / PO should be from a Nationalised / Scheduled Bank favouring "ICICI Bank Limited" payable at Delhi.

For any further clarifications with regards to inspection, terms and conditions of the auction or submission of tenders, kindly contact on Mobile no. 9599281817/9650193259 of ICICI Bank Limited or 9910453434 of Shriram Automall India Ltd. The tenders which are acknowledged by me with complete details shall only be considered for auction.

The Authorized Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any reasons thereof. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please visit ICICI Bank Ltd website at <https://www.icicibank.com/notice-board/properties-for-sale/properties.page?>

Date : May 15, 2019
Place : Delhi/NCR

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
ICICI Bank Limited,

FORM NO. INC-26
[Pursuant to rule 30 the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014]
Advertisement to be published in the newspaper for change of registered office of the company from one state to another]
Before the Central Government
(Regional Director), Northern Region, Ministry of Corporate Affairs, New Delhi

In the matter of the Companies Act, 2013, Section 13(1) of the Companies Act, 2013 and Rule 30(6)(a) of the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014 as amended up to date
AND
In the matter of Daga Commodities Private Limited having its registered office at 756 Sector-23A Gurgaon Haryana-122017 (CIN: U65910HR1996PTC042295)
.....Petitioner

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the General Public that the Company proposes to make an application to the Central Government under Section 13 of the Companies Act, 2013 seeking confirmation of alteration of the Memorandum of Association of the Company in terms of the special resolution passed at the Extra ordinary general meeting held on Friday, 01st May, 2019 to enable the Company to change its Registered office from "State of Haryana" to "National Capital Territory of Delhi". Any person whose interest is likely to be affected by the proposed change of the registered office of the Company may deliver either on the MCA-21 portal (www.mca.gov.in) by filing investor complaint form or cause to be delivered or send by registered post of his/her objections supported by an affidavit stating the nature of his/her interest and grounds of opposition to the Regional Director, Northern Region, B-2 Wing, 2nd Floor, Panaryawan Bhawan, CGO Complex, New Delhi-110003 within Fourteen days from the date of publication of this notice with a copy to the applicant Company at its registered office as mentioned above.

On behalf of the Board
For Daga Commodities Private Limited
Sd/-
Prahlaad Daga
Director
Place: Gurgaon
Date: 15.05.2019
DIN: 05291299

Class XII Board results are out, leaving some students confused about what to pursue. **PRATEEK BHARGAVA** shares tips to help out



QUOTE OF THE DAY
They cannot stop me. I will get my education, if it is in the home, school, or anyplace
— **Malala Yousafzai**

Windows 2019



AISECT Joint Entrance Examination

The AISECT Group of Universities has announced the date for the AISECT Joint Entrance Examination (AJEE) 2019 for admissions into the group's five universities located in Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Bihar. The all-India exam will be held on May 26, 2019 for programmes under the Faculties of Engineering, Education, Law, Management, Agriculture, Nursing and Paramedical across all the universities of the Group.

AJEE 2019 will be conducted for securing a place out of approximately 7,000 seats that are available in these courses across the five universities. Online registrations for both the online and offline exams will start from April 25, 2019. Online exam will be conducted from May 26 to June 26 and the offline exam will be conducted on 26th May. The results will be declared on June 30, while the counselling sessions and final admissions will take place on July 5, 2019.

DIPLOMA IN PHOTOGRAPHY

Thadomal Shahani Centre for Media and Communication Invites Applications For Their Professional Diploma In Photography. This programme teaches the widest range of photographic situations and technologies compared to similar courses in the city. Aspiring photographers definitely need to acquire and hone these skills and techniques that will help bring the images they capture to life. **Duration:** Six months **How to apply:** Log on to <https://ask.careers/courses/professional-diploma-in-photography/>. **Last date to apply:** June 15, 2019.



<https://vedicascholars.com/register>.

BANKING & FINANCE

TKW's Institute of Banking & Finance, New Delhi invites applications for its Advanced diploma in Banking & Finance programme. This programme aims at providing students, a strong academic foundation in accounting together with advanced qualifications and industry relevant skills. **Duration:** Three years **Eligibility:** Minimum qualification for securing admission Class XII in commerce stream with minimum 55 per cent marks from a recognised board. **How to Apply:** Log on to www.tkwslbf.edu.in. **Last date to apply:** June 29, 2019. **Duration:** Eighteen months **How to apply:** Log on to

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MAKE A WISE DECISION

The decision about what to do after Class XII is a critical one. With a plethora of courses, entrance exams and career paths to choose from, it is natural for students to get confused about what lies ahead. While there is no denying that the decision to choose a career path after Class XII is a monumental one, it need not be as intimidating as it seems to most students. Here a few tips for students that could complicate their decision making: If you opted for the PCB stream because you liked studying biology, but medical and NEET are not something you want to go forward with, then there are multiple promising options for you! Here are a few career options for PCB students after Class XII (beyond medical): **Genetics:** Jobs related to genetics include becoming a geneticist, immunologist, cytogeneticist, forensic DNA analyst, medical technologist, geneticist, pharmacologist, clinical research associate, research scientist and others. **Bioinformatics:** You can work as a bioinformatics analyst or a developer with pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, healthcare organisations, pharmaceuticals and with research agencies after graduating from this field. You can also work as a clinical research associate, bio analyst, or as a medical coder. **Marine biology, microbiology, biotechnology, biochemistry, bio-**

physics, physiology, botany, zoology and biomedical science also have various career opportunities like wildlife rehabilitator, wildlife biologist, nuclear medical biophysicist, with the option to work in pharmaceuticals, healthcare, genetics, clinical research and others. While the long-standing norms for selecting streams in our country have dictated that toppers and academically-gifted students naturally drift towards science, it is a practice that is fast being overturned. Students, today, are proactively opting for the commerce stream, regardless of their academic standing. Listed below are the promising career options for commerce students: **Actuarial Science:** Actuaries work in life insurance, general insurance, health insurance, pension funds, enterprise risk, actuary consulting firms, investment, pension and retirement, risk management. **Management:** Management being a highly versatile degree, you can find various national and global opportunities in domains such as consulting, general management, human resources, marketing, sales, strategy, operations management, supply chain management, finance and others in various industries and sectors, such as FMCG, retail, education, telecom. **Finance, Bank PO, cost and management accounting, stockbroking, entrepreneurship, chartered accountancy (CA), company secretary (CS) and statistics** also have various career opportunities open for passionate com-

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merce students. Majority of students with a PCM combination in Class XII aspire to pursue engineering, and often struggle with the thought, "If not engineering, then what?" Here are some promising career options for PCM students after Class XII other than engineering: **Aviation:** As a commercial pilot, you can work with major international or regional airlines, fly cargo planes to transport goods/cargo, work as a corporate pilot to fly corporate jets, and also operate medical or air emergency planes. **Ethical Hacking:** As organisations are becoming increasingly concerned about their network security, they are hiring ethical hackers to protect themselves from cyber attacks. As an ethical hacker, you can work in various roles, such as network security engineer, network security administrator, penetration tester, security consultant and others. **Merchant Navy:** You can work across the various departments of a merchant ship, including the engine department, deck department, architecture department, and catering department. The job specifications and educational requirements for each department are different. **Computer applications & IT, fashion technology, forensic science, defense, industrial design, animation & graphics, architecture and the pure sciences** also have various career opportunities if you have the right apti-

tude and flair for science. There is indeed a world beyond civil services, law, and research after opting for humanities. More and more new-age career options are blooming in this field every year, each one as exciting as the other. Here are career options for Humanities students: **Archaeology:** After a degree in Archaeology you can work as a Numismatist (studying old currency), Epigraphist (studying inscriptions or manuscripts), Archivist (preserving information through proper documentation of evidence), Museologist (studying museums) or contribute to the preservation of heritage sites and monuments. You can also work towards Art Conservation and Restoration, which involves preserving hundreds of years old artwork, sculptures and manuscripts. **Political Science & International Relations:** You can choose from various options like becoming a Lobbyist, Research Assistant, Political Analyst, or even pursuing a degree in law after your graduation to become a lawyer. A degree in International Relations can open up the opportunity to represent your country as a Diplomat, Intelligence Specialist, or work with different world organisations like the World Bank, United Nations, World Health Organisation (WHO) and others. The writer is Founder & CEO, Mindler

The entrepreneur route

Youth have the zeal to learn and create things. This makes them perfect entities to follow the entrepreneurial drive. **DR NARENDRA SHYAMSUKHA** shares tips that will help them in the long run

Of late, we have been seen the rise in businesses being launched from the blood, sweat and toil of young energies, coming together to create a change. Gone are the days when well-defined career would be ideal among the young. The hunger to create a positive disruption, plus the onus to work on their own accord has led to new rise of smart entrepreneurs, breaking older rules, to inject fresh blood into the stream. The fact the youths have the zeal to learn, create newer things and grit to bounce back, makes them perfect entities to follow the entrepreneurial drive, especially for a nation like India, which is booming in youth population. Reports say more than 19,000 startups are currently operating in India, with cities like Bangalore, Delhi, Kolkata and Mumbai contributing greatly to this. Yet, the entrepreneurial dream is not simply restricted to the bigger cities, as contribution from the rural and semi-urban regions are significantly changing the way the business winds blow. The main factor to this can be the lack of positions available for these youth — urging them to depend upon their own faculties and start something unique. Also, the success story of homegrown bigwigs like Flipkart, Paytm, Ola have lured the youth into



help gain traction while creating value. **Keep on perfecting your ideas.** This is especially important when you go forth and pitch to an angel investor—your idea should be convincing enough to win their patronage. **Always overestimate your costs** — not on an exaggerated level, but significant enough to cover up for extra addition/changes you might want to make. **Be prepared for stiff competition and acknowledge their strengths.** **Build a great team and instill the zeal to grow, in them.** Success is a collective effort that comes through team effort towards a common goal. **Prime yourself for failure and learn from it.** Work upon your mistakes and rectify them to come back with a better plan. It is a universal fact that an organisation/venture cannot witness success, without emboldening the following foundational departments — accounting, IT and sales & marketing. Given the ubiquity of these functions, young entrepreneurs can directly garner expertise in these fields via specific certifications that cover essential skill sets required for working knowledge and fulfill the role requirements of full-fledged companies. The writer is Founder, Chairman, ICA Edu Skills

dreaming big for their own. Exposure towards digitisation and an increased mobile penetration have brought clarity into fuddled young minds. Finally, what can be said as a celebration towards this positive growth—the onset of angel investors and fund mediums have provided a much impetus for youths to leave their desk jobs and embark on their entrepreneurial journey. With the number of accelerators and incubators increasing by 40 per cent every year, startups are staring at a bright future. All these positives will, no doubt, urge you to actualise your journey at the soonest. However, before jumping into the vast world of entrepreneurship, always remember to **Simplify your concept.** It is the simple things that keeps you in relevance. **Find out a growing problem and provide a unique solution to it.** This will

Creativity on display

Displaying exceptional creative maturity and imagination power, approximately 850 graduating students of Pearl Academy's Delhi campus showcased their outstanding work during Portfolio 2019. The two-day event witnessed a diverse range of innovative projects being displayed before the industry guests, media personnel, design intenders and parents. This was in continuation to the spectacular showcase by fashion design students at India's most coveted platform India Fashion Week earlier this year in March. Personalities like Ashwini Deshpande, Co-founder, Director, Elephant Strategy & Design; Madhav Raman, Architect and Urbanist; Niladri Mukherjee, Co-founder, Glue Design and Heena Handa, Founding Partner & Creative Head, EDC Space and Design board and many others present on the occasion appreciated the students' work. Driven by the passion to create an impact on the society, students of Pearl Academy developed creative solutions to challenging problems to present their work using different modes of communication like animations, films, podcasts, Instagram, AR, VR, and Artificial Intelligence. With the aim to remove the stigma attached to Leprosy, communication design student Alisha Prabhakar's project Lepremation is a campaign to change the mindset of people that still linger around the stigma of leprosy. Another Communication Design student Vedika Khemka developed a podcast on parent-child communication. Commenting on the occasion, Professor Nandita Abraham, President, Pearl Academy said: "For the last 26 years we have provided our students with a culture of innovation, design and creative thinking along with the right mentors to make them successful in their chosen fields. I am amazed to see the creative potential of our students in finding solutions to real-world problems. I wish them the very best for their future endeavours. I would also like to congratulate the campus director, Alok Baraya, Deans of schools of Design, Fashion and Media and all the faculty members of Pearl Academy Delhi for bringing out the best in students."

Honours for India

India was designated as the Guest of Honour at the 29th edition of Abu Dhabi International Book Fair 2019 (April 24-30). The National Book Trust, India (under the Ministry of HRD) was the nodal agency coordinating the Country Presentation at the Book Fair. A strong delegation of nearly 100 delegates comprising of authors, children writers, science communicators, artists, CMDs, Directors, senior publishing professionals of 21 publishing houses led by Professor Govind Prasad Sharma, Chairman, National Book Trust, India returned to India last week after a very successful visit. The nearly 1100 sq. metres India Pavilion, got designed by National Book Trust, India through the National Institute of Design, Ahmedabad, its design partner for the Guest of Honour Presentations, was visited on the opening day by HH Saif bin Zayed Al Nhyan, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior, UAE; and later on by HH Sheikh Nahyan bin Mubarak Al Nahayan, Minister for Tolerance.



Earlier on the opening day, HE Saif Gobash, Undersecretary, DCT Abu Dhabi, along with Ambassador Navdeep Suri, and Chairman NBT, Professor Govind Prasad Sharma, and Dr Rita Chowdhury, Director, NBT, officially inaugurated the Indian with a lamp-lighting ceremony. The ceremony was followed with the release of ten children's titles translated into Arabic and published by the National Book Trust India. The titles launched in Arabic translation included: *Stories from Babu's Life* (Anecdotes about Mahatma Gandhi), Rabindranath Tagore's *Chhutti* (Holidays have come), *Goa — A Story of Wonderland*, *This is My Story*, *The Rainbow*, *Name That Animal*, *Sheela and Leela*, *The Whole Wide World*, *One Day*. and *My Umma's Sari*. The guest country presentation had various literary events, children's activities and other programmes being held throughout the duration of the book fair. The book fair saw huge sales of Indian books, and many translation agreements and copyright exchanges taking place between Indian publishers in the India Pavilion and the Arab publishers.

Annual festival at PDM University

The two day Techno Cultural, Annual Fest of PDM University, Bahadurgarh, Paradigm 2019 was celebrated in style. Punjabi singer and actor Harry Sandhu performed in the star night as a part of the event. He enthralled the audience with his famous foot tapping numbers like *Na Goriye*, *Horn Blow*, *Kya Baat Hai*, *Yaar Ni Miya*, *Kudi Tu Pataka*, *Munda Sohna*, and *Joker*. The excitement was writ large on the faces of thousands of PDM University students who danced on his songs and tunes till late evening. Harry also interacted with the students, sharing with them his expe-

riences of life. The university had made appropriate arrangements including adequate security for the event. The singer, who is playing the role of cricketer, Madan Lal in the movie 83, based on India's world cup win in 1983, praised the PDM students, cultural committee and the university management for state of the art arrangements, discipline and hospitality for the event. The CEO of PDM University, Chitresh Lather, said that the university has a tradition of calling top Bollywood and Punjabi singers to its annual function, Paradigm, for pro-

viding a fun-filled evening to thousands of students, who celebrate it with enthusiasm. Prior to the star night and live concert of Harry Sandhu, Paradigm 2019 started with a bang witnessing a series of world class dances, dramatics, fashion fiesta and band performances. Amidst the pomp and show of western and Bollywood numbers, the Ganesh and Saraswati Vandana, lighting of lamp and folk dances added the cherry on the cake. All the programmes had a professional touch, enlivening the proceedings and taking the event to dizzy heights, comparable with any international show. The VC of the University, Professor AK Bakshi, Pro Vice Chancellor, Professor RC Bhattacharjee and Director, Dr Rajesh Sood were present on the occasion.

Addressing the graduating students and Dipti said: "IILM gave us a learning ground and freedom to think. I would like to thank the Institute for giving us direction in our journey of life." The IILM annual convocation was held for the batch of 2019 and it was held at the Lodhi Road campus. The event saw the confluence of students passing out of all the three campuses of IILM — IILM Institute for Higher Education, Lodhi Road; IILM Institute for Business and Management, Gurgaon and IILM Graduate School of Management, Greater Noida.

Convocation ceremony at IILM

The IILM Institute for Higher Education held its Annual PGDM convocation 2019 on May 8, 2019. During the convocation ceremony the institute also felicitated its alumnus Dipti Das for her success at the professional front. She was felicitated by Malvika Rai, Chairperson, IILM in august presence of the Chief Guest, Dr Dinesh Singh, former VC of Delhi University. Dipti Das, who is an alumnus of IILM Lodhi Road, 1999 batch of PGDM, has worked at senior positions including Head of HR, South Asia, Aramex International.



Alumnus Dipti Das felicitated by Malvika Rai, Chairperson, IILM

JEE ADVANCED STUDY PLAN



With two weeks left for the exam, RAMESH BATLISH shares last-minute tips for aspirants

With JEE Advanced exam 2019, scheduled, just two weeks away, aspirants are already on their toes, preparing to clear the final hurdle in their path to secure the most prestigious seat in the IIT's. Even though it is one of the toughest entrance exams to clear, proper preparation strategies, rigorous practice will help students clear the exams with ease. As the stress levels and pressure will be on the higher side among the students, yet their focus should be to effectively utilise the remaining one-month time.

The students should begin their preparation with a full proof time table devoting equal time slots for each subject.

JEE Advanced paper has a mixture of various types of questions. There are questions of multichoice type with either single correct answer or multi correct answers. There could be comprehensions followed by two or more objective type questions with single or multi correct answers. The matrix match type questions may involve matching two columns or even three columns. The Integer type questions involve a subjective type question with the answer an integer or could be asked correct to two decimal places. Students are advised to be careful as the paper has negative marking. The preparation strategy should be built with effective time management and subject-wise planning. Here are some vital tips that will help you to prepare for JEE Advanced in one month.

Study Schedule: With just a month left, the students must follow the time

table strictly. Getting success in JEE Advanced is not that easy but do remember with hard work and commitment you can achieve anything in life.

Mock test: Play an important role in making you familiar with the pattern of paper as well as checks your strong and weaker areas. To analyze your preparation and build the right examination temperament, students are advised to take mock tests. It is advisable to do Test Analysis after every Mock Test for improvement.

Time Management: Always remembers all students have 24 hours in a day. Most of the students have queries about how many hours of studies can change the outcome? As per the experts, 5-6 hours of serious study in a day is vital to crack JEE Advanced.

Speed and Accuracy: There would be limited time given to the students to complete the exam. You have to maintain a constant speed but don't forget accuracy will help you gain more marks. There is negative marking in the exam. The accuracy will come with practicing the questions in limited time.

Health: Don't forget to take care of your physical and mental well being. In the end, good health is very important for any exam. Take a good sleep about 6 hours in a day. This should be done a month before the exam.

The pattern for the exam remains constant, however, no question has ever been repeated in JEE Advanced exam. As the question paper for the JEE Advanced exam will be divided into three sections Physics, Chemistry, and Mathematics.

The major focus should be given to the following topics:

Mathematics: Quadratic Equations & Expressions, Complex Numbers, Probability, Vectors & 3D Geometry, Matrices in Algebra; Circle, Parabola, Hyperbola in Coordinate Geometry; Functions, Limits, Continuity and Differentiability, Application of Derivatives, Definite Integral in Calculus.

Physics: Mechanics, Fluids, Heat & Thermodynamics, Waves and Sound, Capacitors & Electrostatics, Magnetics, Electromagnetic Induction, Optics and Modern Physics.

Chemistry: Qualitative Analysis, Coordination Chemistry & Chemical Bonding in Inorganic Chemistry, Electrochemistry, Thermodynamics, Chemical Equilibrium in Physical Chemistry and Organic Chemistry Complete as a topic.

STRATEGY

Single Choice Correct: The best way to attempt these questions is to run through the Question-Option - Question way. Scanning the question again after the options in mind helps strategising the approach to solve the question. Sometimes the options themselves guide the correct strategy or even the correct answer.

Multiple Choice Correct: Each question has to be solved and mapped with all options. It may also happen that the options are same values written in different form. Statistically these are the questions with least percentage of correct responses.

Comprehension Based: Even if you know the concept mentioned in Comprehension, you should still read it thoroughly, there are chances of redefining a concept or providing hypothetical assumptions. In that case your correct approach might lead to incorrect answer.

Matrix Match Type (One to One Matching): If the question is of One to One matching, then your approach should be finding the odd one out (if any). This will help you quickly reach the correct mapping.

Matrix Match Type (One to Many Matching): This type of Matrix Match would be the most challenging and time taking. The suggested way would be to attempt this problem if you are confident on the concepts of all 4 rows, or else keep this question at bay for last.

Integer Answer Type: Generally these questions are the subjective questions converted to objective, and hence would be time taking. The correct way would be to treat them as subjective and solve them only if you have a command on the topic or if you have attempted all other questions of the paper. These questions also have a low scoring statistical record.

Reason Assertion Type: These days these types of questions are not at all asked, but in case there are few questions of this category, be very careful if both the statements are correct. Because, then it's very tricky to decide between the options A and B. or else you can mark the correct response easily.

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'Give good vastu to your career'

Vastu and astrology are not only important in India but they impact the West as well. SAGAR CHUG tells you how one can make it a lucrative option

Vastu shastra is a very ancient and traditional method of architecture that is determined by astrological aspects. It is aimed to bring peace, harmony, prosperity, and happiness in a home. Astrology and Vastu are not just popular in India but are also steadily rising in importance in the countries like the US, UK, Canada and Europe. More and more people in the western countries today are getting inclined towards designing their homes according to the science of Vastu that consists of the five essential elements — Earth, Fire, Sky, Air, and Water.

If we talk about astrology, it's a group of systems, beliefs, and traditions, according to which, the positioning of celestial bodies including sun, moon, planets of the solar system, and stars have direct impact on the human behavior as well as on nature and other terrestrial matters.

The term astrology is derived from the Latin word astrologia. Chinese astrology, electional astrology, horary astrology, horoscopic astrology, Indian astrology, western astrology, medical astrology, and meteorological astrology are some popular forms of astrology that have gained popularity over the years. In the last few years, the field of astrology has become one of the best career options in India. Moreover, many institutes, colleges, and universities in India have started imparting courses in the field of astrology.

PROSPECTS

Astrology has emerged as one of the promising and lucrative career options in India. To become a successful astrologer, one has to pursue a course from any reputed institute or university. After completing the course, one can work with any organization as a, astrologer, vastu expert. With experience and capital, one can set up his/her own firm for consultation and giving guidance to the people.

SKILLS REQUIRED

Possessing good communication skills is a must. You have to be a Good Listener to be able to understand the root cause of problems told by your client. Clarity of mind is must because then only you can give clarity to your client on their problem. Must have power of discrimination to decide what is beneficial for client.

Strong foundation of vastu and astrology knowledge is must to authenticate your working and evaluation with logical



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reasoning. Regular documentation of case studies is must to evaluate effectiveness of your solutions and improve on practical aspects of application. Needs to update regularly with latest researches on planet congestions, transitions effects and technologies to be able to provide ideal solutions.

COURSE

Courses in astrology are offered by universities across the world. Some of the institutes to check out include Chaudhary Charan Singh University in Meerut and Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth in Tirupati. The courses are generally provided at the under graduate and post graduate levels. Research work in the concerned field is also done in some institutions. Some colleges offer courses at certificate and diploma levels as well. To be eligible for under graduate degree and certificate level programs, candidates should obtain a pass in Class XII examination, from a recognised board. For post graduate degree and diploma level courses, graduation in the relevant stream is necessary.

It cannot be disputed that Vastu shastra and astrology opens a lot of doors for people looking to find their true passions or career possibilities. Given the immense scope of being an expert and its growing recognition worldwide, it is now a global phenomenon that can help you pave a new professional path and find a career in making people happy.

If you find yourself procrastinating, if you find that you have fixed a schedule for yourself and you can't stick to it, then that is a clear indicator that you have filled up your life with things you don't love. One does not postpone joy. One only postpones suffering. And that is procrastination.

"We will do it tomorrow!" What does it tell us about the quality of our life? We are not in love with what we are doing. We don't find joy in it and hence there is a tendency to lose time.

A few words go along with intelligence: Joy, freedom, love. They happen only in intelligence. They are not carried forward from the past; neither love,

nor freedom, nor intelligence. They are always in this moment.

Misery is carried forward, boredom is carried forward, inattention is carried forward, repetition is carried forward, habits are carried forward. Whatsoever is unworthy is always carried forward, taken ahead, and whatsoever is really worthy lives and dies in this moment.

Relationships are carried forward; love cannot be carried forward. Pleasure can be carried forward; joy cannot be carried forward. It is right now, in this moment. And as the moment is gone, Joy will also go. You may have to rediscover your Joy again in the very next moment. There is no inertia in it.

MINDIT

Only matter has inertia to it. Freedom, love, joy, truth, they are right now without any inertia. You cannot have inventory of them.

Do not think that procrastination is about laziness. We often think that lazy people procrastinate. No, it's not about laziness. It's about the climate of the suffering mind. You want to escape the misery, so you are sending it away. You are saying it need not happen right now, it must happen at some other time.

So let's not ask — How to end

procrastination? Let's simply get in to the question of living in a way, in which there is no need to procrastinate, in which the very thought of procrastination does not arise. Can one live in that way? Is that kind of a mind possible?

Procrastination is always about the future. A mind that is immersed in the present will not procrastinate. And a mind that is continuously thinking of the future will do nothing but procrastinate.

Awareness is not some magical trick. Awareness is just about looking at your daily

actions and seeing, 'This is my life.' Life is not some imaginary quantity somewhere. What you do from morning till evening, is life. And if your life is full of delays, procrastinations, gossips, worries, tensions, then that is what you are living and nothing good can come out of this kind of climate.

Misery begets misery. Miserable decisions will lead to more miserable decisions. As is the seed, so is the fruit. You will have to look at the seed. That's extremely important. Find out what is it that you will not try to procrastinate and give more of that to yourself. Allow yourself to have more of that.

Procrastination is like saying: Don't get

hurt today, get hurt tomorrow. But ultimately you are admitting that hurt is inevitable. Today or tomorrow it will happen. Instead of this kind of a dejected surrender, ask: Is it really inevitable? Why don't I like something? Why don't I like anything? Why is it so that I feel bored always?

Find out that to which you can dance. Find out that which you can do even without being paid. I am not saying that don't get paid. But find out that which you can do even without being paid. Find out a loving way of life. And remember this - one never procrastinates Love.

The writer is AcharyaPrashant, Spiritual speaker and author



If you are interested in environmental studies, then, the Professor John Lovering Graduate Environmental programme is a great opportunity for you. This programme is organised by the University of Melbourne. The bursary aims to support financially for those applicants who are going to take part in a graduate or a master's coursework study programme.

Eligibility: International are available for this funded education. You are eligible to apply for a graduate diploma or a master's degree course in the field of Environment and natural resources. If you have academic performance, financial need, leadership accomplishments and potential then you can apply for this fund.

Students need to write and submit an essay on how they will use this opportunity to enhance their studies and how will they contribute to improving environmental outcomes.

Admission requirements: A complete 12 years of academic education is required for a graduate diploma and an UG degree is necessary for a master's course.

Language Requirement: If English is not aspirant's local language then they must have to show their English language proficiency by taking IELTS or TOEFL test.

How to apply:

For this award, the applicants must have to take part in a graduate or a master's degree course at the university and after that, submit the online application form for the grant.

Application deadline: July 31, 2019

The NIIT has announced the 20th National Scholarship, to reward and encourage meritorious students in Nigeria desirous of building successful careers in Industry 4.0. This year the annual scholarship test will be held on Saturday, July 13, 2019, across the country.

Industry 4.0 is the vision of transforming industrial production of the future, which makes it possible to automate, gather, analyse and exchange data across machines, enabling faster, flexible, and more efficient decision-making process by using IOT, R & ML, Python & ML, AI, BI and Block Chain and introduced scholarships for cutting-edge programmes in Industry 4.0 technologies. These programmes have been introduced by NIIT with a profound understanding of the changing job roles which are powering the digital economy.

These scholarships have become one of the most awaited events in the annual events calendar of the country. More than 100,000 students have benefitted from the scholarship so far.

For more information, students can visit www.niit.com/nigeria.

STUDY CENTRES

Telecom industry has become one of the fast growing sectors not just in India but the world over. Therefore, there is a demand for trained professionals and the importance of Telecommunication Engineering is growing. Telecommunications is concerned with all types of information and transmission networks. Students interested in micro-electronic devices, signal processing, data networking, coding and transmission can do well in this sector. One needs 10+2 with Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics. Entrance to the IIT's is through the JEE and for others it is AIEEE. Colleges to study are:

- **Chhattisgarh Institute Of Technology,** Rajnandgaon.
- **Course:** BE Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering
- **ITM College Of Engineering,** Nagpur. **Course:** BE Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering
- **Rajiv Gandhi College of Engineering and Research,** Nagpur. **Course:** BE Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering
- **Bharati Vidyapeeth College of Engineering,** Mumbai. **Course:** BE Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering



BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT (SALES) AT BINGE DIGITAL

Location: Delhi, Mumbai, Noida, Bengaluru
Stipend: ₹2,000-₹7000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/675011
Application deadline: May 24, 2019

MOBILE APP DEVELOPMENT AT CHAKRI TECHNOLOGIES

Location: Delhi, Pune, Kolkata, Bengaluru
Stipend: ₹2,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/675012
Application deadline: May 21, 2019

CONTENT WRITING AT RENTROOMI

Location: Delhi, Pune, Hyderabad, Bengaluru
Stipend: ₹1,000 per week
Link: internshala.com/i/675013
Application deadline: May 22, 2019

GRAPHIC DESIGN AT ITZEZY.COM

Location: Chennai, Delhi, Hyderabad, Bengaluru
Stipend: ₹5,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/675014
Application deadline: May 22, 2019

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT (SALES) AT AS-IT-IS NUTRITION

Location: Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru
Stipend: ₹10,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/675015
Application deadline: May 22, 2019

ELECTRONICS ENGINEERING AT WEBITOL SOLUTIONS

Location: Coimbatore, Delhi, Bengaluru
Stipend: ₹4,200 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/675016
Application deadline: May 23, 2019

DIGITAL MARKETING AT FINANCEKAR

Location: Work From Home
Stipend: ₹4,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/675017
Application deadline: May 24, 2019

IN BRIEF

APP TO HELP JEE ADVANCED ASPIRANTS

The JEE Advanced 2019 Exam, is scheduled to be conducted on May 27 2019. Aspirants who have cleared JEE Mains have already started the preparation for JEE Advanced. TruMath is one of the highest rated apps for complete JEE Math's prep. It provides the best of worlds, coaching and online learning for the students. The classes are interactive and

give the feel of learning with a teacher in a classroom. Students have to log in to online classes — either on the website or through the app — four to five days a week. Each class lasts around 50 minutes. It includes tutoring, tests, questions, and offers students the chance to have their doubts clarified, and get tutors' feedback. The app is available on Android as of now, and will soon be available on ios as well.

EDUCATION SCIENCE CAMP AT KIIT

The KIIT College of Education and KIIT World School celebrated National Technology Day. A science camp was organised where students displayed the models based on latest technology like IoT, Embedded System and Robotics.

The aim was to generate awareness among the students, academia and the public about technology. While speaking at the moment Dr SS Aggarwal, DG KIIT College of Education said: "The day is celebrated as a symbol

of quest for scientific inquiry, technological creativity and translation of that quest in the integration of science, society and industry." Smart Water ATM, Laser Based Security System and Fire Alarm System got first, second and third prize.

CUTTING-EDGE DESIGN PROGRAMMES

World University of Design (WUD) is offering over 24 cutting-edge programmes including transportation design, product design, game design, film and video, digital drawing and illustration, built environment and habitat studies, design management, art education and curatorial practice among others; going way beyond the traditional offerings.

environment and readily meet the requirements of the fast-growing global design economy. These courses also look to spread awareness of newer, emerging career streams and, perhaps, even lead to job creation. Dr Sanjay Gupta, VC, World University of Design on the occasion said: "Every individual is different and therefore, should choose a career path according to their passion. We aim at providing experiential learning to students through mix of in-studio learning."

These courses aim to produce skilful professionals who will shape up seamlessly with the work

PLUS SUBSCRIPTION

The Unacademy had announced the launch of the Plus Subscription after a beta of two months. The subscription gives learners preparing for various examinations unlimited access to live classes by the best teachers in the country. Learners get a personalised learning experience that is augmented by doubt-clearing sessions with the educators, interactive classes and a live test series. The educators are compensated well for conducting the live classes.

At present, four subscriptions are available for the 12 categories — UPSC CSE, SSC Exams, Bank Exams, Railway Exams, CAT, IIT-JEE, NTA-UGC NET, CSIR-UGC NET, Kerala PSC, Rajasthan PSC, Teacher Eligibility Test and CDS/AFCAT.

IIM CALCUTTA SIGNS MOU

The Indian Institute of Management Calcutta (IIM-C) has signed a MoU with The Jan Chetna Trust established by Late Prof Nirmal Chandra for organising the Nirmal Chandra Memorial Lecture series.

This initiative has been created to honor the outstanding contributions of the institute's former faculty member of the Economics, Late Prof Nirmal, a renowned economist and socialist thinker who encouraged many individuals to undertake the path of research in the field of economics.

He was one of the early recruit professors of the institute who played a pivotal role in shaping not just the Economics but also the perception of management education as a whole.

Can't compare Kohli's IPL captaincy record with that of India: Ganguly

Sourav backs Virat's leadership skills & insists presence of Dhoni & Rohit will help him during WC

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Former captain Sourav Ganguly on Tuesday insisted that Virat Kohli's IPL captaincy will not have an impact in the World Cup as he enjoys a good record as an ODI skipper.

The biggest advantage for Kohli will be the support of two very successful leaders — Mahendra Singh Dhoni and Rohit Sharma — on whom he can fall back on during testing situations.

Royal Challengers Bangalore's repeated failures in the Indian Premier League have put the spotlight on Kohli's leadership skills but Ganguly said Indian captaincy is a different ball game.

"Don't compare Virat Kohli's IPL captaincy record with that of India. His captaincy records for India is very good actually. He's got him (Rohit) in his team as the vice-captain. Dhoni is there. So he's well supported," Ganguly said.

The 46-year-old felt Hardik Pandya will play a key role in India's campaign at the mega event, starting May 30 in England.

"Hardik Pandya will play a key role. He is in tremendous form. He will be very, very important for India's chances."

The former left-handed batsman picked Pakistan alongside India, Australia and England as the four semifinalists in the upcoming World Cup, saying their records in world tournaments in England is remarkable.

England has been a 'lucky' venue for the Pakistan, who had won the 2017 Champions Trophy beating India and had also bagged their maiden World Twenty20 title in 2009.

"Pakistan's record in world tournaments in England is remarkable. They won the Champions Trophy



two years ago; they won the 2009 World T20 in England."

He also cited the recent example of Pakistan's second ODI against England, in which they almost chased down a mammoth 374 before going down by only 12 runs.

"Pakistan always play well in England. You see the last game in England. England got 374 and Pakistan just lost by 12 runs. They also beat England in England in Test

matches there because of their bowling lineup."

Ganguly, however, was quick to add that Virat Kohli's men should not be wary of Pakistan and they would prove to be strong contenders.

"I don't believe in records. Both of them will have to play well on that particular day. India will be a very good side. They will be very hard to beat. Team which has the likes of Kohli, Rohit, Shikhar Dhawan can't be weak."

Asked to compare this team with that of his team of 2003 that lost to Australia in the final, Ganguly said: "Both the teams are of different generations. We played the final in 2003. I hope they play the final and win it."

"Indian cricket is so strong. And we have been strong for the last 25-30 years. Every world competition that we play, we will have a chance. This team has as much chance as we had in 2003."

Starting as one of the favourites, India would be under tremendous pressure but Ganguly felt it would bring out the best from Kohli and Co.

"So it's good that India is under pressure, every other team in the World Cup will be under pressure. You don't want to turn up like a Nepal or an Ireland where the entire world thinks that you're not going to win."

"You rather turn up like an India or an Australia or an England where everybody says this team is going to win the World Cup. So Virat, probably being the best player of the world at the moment, is as much under pressure as anybody else and that will be good for him because he will turn up, work hard, he will be pumped and get India going."

Ganguly said it would be an

interesting World Cup as all 10 teams will play each other before the best four qualify for the knockouts.

"This team has as much as opportunity. It's a great World Cup because all 10 teams play against each other and the best four quali-

fy. There are strong teams and you realise England, Pakistan, West Indies all can win.

"So it's good that India is under pressure because it will help them perform and it's going to be exciting 55 days of cricket," Ganguly said.

India have enough ammunition going into World Cup: Shastri

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India are a flexible side with enough ammunition in their arsenal going into the World Cup, says head coach Ravi Shastri, making it clear that combinations would depend on conditions.

When Vijay Shankar was picked in the 15-man squad, it was largely perceived that the Tamil Nadu all-rounder could bat at crucial number four position but Shastri said there is not one player, who is certain to play in that position.

"We are a flexible team. It's horses for courses, we have got enough ammunition. We have got enough players who can bat at 4. So, I am not really worried about that," Shastri said.

"I think we have got all bases covered. If there is a major injury to a fast bowler, there will be a replacement almost straight away," he said in an interview with CricketNext.

All-rounder Kedar Jadhav suffered an injury during then IPL, where key wrist spinner Kuldeep Yadav's lack of form also came under the scanner but Shastri said, "it doesn't worry me at all."

"In-fact I am totally blanked out from that. When the flight takes off on the 22nd, (May) we will see

who are the 15 on that and just take it from there. Luckily in Kedar's case, there is no fracture so we will wait and watch. There is still time so it should be ok," he said.

The former captain hand-picked West Indies and Australia to watch out for in the showpiece event.

"When they (West Indies) were in India I said we might have beaten them but we had a tough series and they played some excellent cricket. And I said that at the given time, there was no (Chris) Gayle, there was no (Andre) Russell in that side," Shastri said.

"I said watch out for this side, they have serious talent and I was very happy about that. The power hitting there is something that no team comes close. When it comes to the sheer ability to hit sixes, they are way up the ladder there."

Talking about defending champions Australia he added: "You would expect that from Australia. They have won more World Cups than any other team in the last 25 years. There is never an Australian team which is not competitive."

"And now they have got all their players back and they seem to be in pretty good form but then again in the World Cup it is that given day," Shastri said.



Watson 'gave blood' for CSK

AFP ■ HYDERABAD

Bloodstains on the leg of Shane Watson's trousers during the IPL final as he scored a blistering 80 for Chennai Super Kings were revealed on Tuesday to be from a cut that needed six stitches when he finished.

The 37-year-old Australian batsman was on the losing side in the end, but teammate Harbhajan Singh hailed Watson's courage in continuing to play despite suffering a gashed knee while diving for a catch.

"Respect brother what a LEGEND @srwatson33 given sweat, blood and everything for the team.. INSPIRING," Singh wrote on Instagram.

The Indian off-spinner posted a picture of Watson with blood-stained yellow trousers while batting in the Twenty20 final against the Mumbai Indians, and said the opener needed six stitches after the valiant innings.

"Can you guys see the blood on his knee.. He got 6 stitches after the game," Harbhajan wrote.

"Got injured while diving but continue to bat without telling anyone," the bowler added.

Watson smashed 80 off 59 deliveries only to see his team lose by one run. Watson was run out going for an unlikely second in the final over, and Mumbai pacer Lasith Malinga denied CSK the two runs needed off the last ball to win the game and a record fourth title.

Watson's return to the IPL next season remains uncertain. He has already bid farewell to Australia's Big Bash, and Chennai captain MS Dhoni indicated he would make changes to the batting lineup for next year.

SINGLES

TIGERS DEFEAT KNIGHTS IN MUMBAI T20

MUMBAI: Arjun Tendulkar put up a decent all round show as Aakash Tigers Mumbai Western Suburb defeated Triumph Knight Mumbai North East by five wickets in the opening game of the T20 Mumbai League on Tuesday. Arjun snapped up a wicket and then chipped in with 23 runs for Aakash Tigers on his T20 Mumbai League debut. After restricting the Triumph Knights to 147 for 6, Aakash Tigers chased the target with three balls to spare. Then left handed Tendulkar (23 off 19 balls), who came one-down, looked good before throwing his wicket away. Earlier, Triumph Knight skipper Surya Kumar Yadav smashed an unbeaten 90 off 56 balls to take the side to a modest 147 for 6. He hit seven sixes and four boundaries and was particularly harsh on Minad Manjrekar (1-48), whom he hit for 28 runs in the last over with the help of four sixes and a four.

SQUAD ANNOUNCED FOR U-21 TOURNEY

NEW DELHI: Hockey India on Tuesday named the 18-member Indian junior men's team for the 8-Nation Under-21 Tournament in Spain, commencing on June 10. The teams which will vie for top honours include the Netherlands, Belgium, Great Britain, Austria, Australia, New Zealand, hosts Spain and India. The Indian junior men's team will be captained by Mandeep Mor, while Suman Beck will be his deputy. The goalkeepers named for this tournament are Prashant Kumar Chauhan and Pawan. Defenders will be skipper Mor, Pratap Lakra, Sanjay, Akashdeep Singh Junior, Beck and Parampreet Singh. Midfielders include Yashdeep Siwach, Vishnu Kant Singh, Rabichandra Singh Moirangthem, Maninder Singh, Vishal Antil while the forwardline will feature Amandeep Singh, Rahul Kumar Rajbhar, Shivam Anand, Sudeep Chirmako.

IPL FINAL BRINGS RECORD BREAKING VIEWERSHIP FOR HOTSTAR

MUMBAI: OTT platform Hotstar broke global records by registering 18.6 million concurrent viewers in the VIVO Indian Premier League (IPL) 2019 final. The final match between Mumbai Indians and Chennai Super Kings that took place on Sunday saw the streaming platform soar past its earlier record of 12.7 million concurrent users, achieved during an earlier game in the same tournament, according to a statement. With the 12th edition of the VIVO IPL, Hotstar aimed to reach 300 million unique visitors, and by the end of the tournament, Hotstar had not only recorded in excess of 300 million users but also witnessed a 74 per cent increase in watch-time as compared to last year.

IMAM CENTURY POWERS PAK TO 358-9

BRISTOL: Imam-ul-Haq came into form ahead of the World Cup with a career-best 151 as Pakistan made 358 for nine against tournament hosts England in the third one-day international at Bristol on Tuesday. The 23-year-old left-hander's innings was also the highest individual score by a Pakistan batsman against England at this level, surpassing the 138 made by his opening partner, Fakhar Zaman, in a 12-run defeat at Southampton on Saturday that left the home side 1-0 up in this five-match series. Meanwhile Chris Woakes did his chances of being included in tournament hosts England's final 15-man squad for the World Cup no harm with a return of four wickets for 67 runs in a maximum 10 overs. But team-mate Joe Denly's World Cup chances suffered a setback, with the leg-spinner bowling a couple of full tosses in a solitary over costing nine runs before he was taken out of the attack by England captain Eoin Morgan. Imam faced 131 balls including 16 fours and a six. Agencies

Saha gets India A call-up; Pant in One day squad



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Wicket-keeper Wriddhiman Saha is back in the scheme of things for India in the longer format after being named in the A squad for the West Indies tour comprising five one-dayers and three four-day games beginning July 11.

The 34-year-old was India's number one Test wicket-keeper until a career-threatening shoulder injury ruled him out of action for almost one year.

With Rishabh Pant establishing himself in the Test team in his absence, Saha will have to prove himself to the selectors again.

The four-day games against West Indies A will be played from July 24 and will be preceded by a five-match one-day series from July 11. The tour has been scheduled ahead of the Test series against the West Indies as part of the inaugural ICC Test Championship which begins right after the 50-over

'Retirement is an option' for Robben



AFP ■ MUNICH

Departing Dutch star Arjen Robben has said that he is still undecided about what to do when he leaves Bayern Munich, and admitted that he may still retire from football altogether.

The 35-year-old winger is set to leave Munich after 10 years at the end of the season, and has been linked with clubs as diverse as Inter Milan and his hometown club Groningen.

At a press conference in Munich on Tuesday, Robben said that he still didn't know what life after Bayern held for him.

"I am late making my decision because of my injury. I wanted to get back on the pitch first," said Robben, who had been sidelined since November before returning

to action against Hanover two weeks ago.

"It is not an easy decision to make. If you decide that you are going to keep playing, you have to find a place where everything is just right, not just in terms of football but also for my family."

Asked whether he might stop playing altogether, Robben said it was possible.

"It is an option, but I don't know whether it will happen," he said.

The Dutchman won the Champions League with Bayern in 2013, and now hopes to win an eighth Bundesliga title in his last home game for Bayern this weekend.

Bayern can wrap up a seventh successive league title if they beat Eintracht Frankfurt on Saturday,

and Robben said that he had "goosebumps" thinking about the game.

"To be crowned champions on Saturday, after 10 years, in front of 70,000 fans at a full Allianz Arena. There is nothing better."

"It will be a very special game, I have played it out three times in my head already."

"Maybe I can play for 90 minutes and score two goals," said the Dutchman, whose Bundesliga tally currently stands at 98.

Robben's Brazilian team-mate Rafinha also gave his farewell press conference on Tuesday, after the club confirmed on Saturday that he would leave after eight years in Munich.

The 33-year-old full-back broke down in tears as he said goodbye.

Roma pull plug on De Rossi

AFP ■ ROME

Captain Daniele De Rossi will bring the curtain down on his 18-year career with Roma at the end of the season after confirming on Tuesday that the Serie A side had decided not to renew his contract.

The 35-year-old former World Cup winning midfielder will play his final game at home against Parma on May 26, but will not be retiring from professional football.

"For 18 years, Daniele has been the beating heart of AS Roma's team," said club president Jim Pallotta said.

"We will all shed tears when he pulls on the Giallorossi shirt



for the last time against Parma but we respect his desire to prolong

his playing career — even if, at almost 36, it will be away from Rome.

"On behalf of everyone at Roma, I'd like to thank Daniele for his incredible dedication to this club and ensure him that our doors will remain open for him to return to the club in a new role whenever he wants."

De Rossi told a press conference he only learned on Monday his contract would not be renewed.

"If I had been a manager I would have renewed the contract of player like me," he said.

De Rossi has spent his entire senior career with his hometown team coming through the club's academy system.

He made 615 appearances and scored 63 goals for Roma in all competitions winning the Coppa Italia in 2007 and 2008, and the Supercoppa in 2007.

He took over the captain's armband from club legend Francesco Totti — the one player ahead of him for Roma appearances — in 2017.

De Rossi is also the fourth-most capped player for the Italian national team with 117 appearances.

He retired after Italy failed to qualify for last year's World Cup, missing the tournament for the first time in 60 years.

De Rossi, who has never lifted the Serie A title having finished runner-up eight times, said his biggest regret was last season's Champions League semi-final defeat to Liverpool.

Federer packing in Rome practice ahead of French Open

AFP ■ ROME

Roger Federer insisted on Monday his focus at this week's Italian Open was on getting more match practice on clay ahead of the French Open in two weeks time.

The 20-time Grand Slam winner has not played on the red clay in the Foro Italico since 2015 when he finished runner-up for the fourth time, losing to Novak Djokovic in the final.

"Regardless of what happens here, I just think it's good for me to play matches at this stage," said world number three Federer before his first match on Wednesday. He has a first-round bye as the

number three seed, and will begin his tournament against either American Frances Tiafoe or Portugal's Joao Sousa.

The 37-year-old's performance in the Madrid Open last week has boosted his hopes of winning the French Open, a decade after his only title there.

He fell in the quarter-finals on Friday to Dominic Thiem, but twice held match point and for a set and a half was dominant against a player considered among the favourites for Roland Garros after Rafael Nadal and Novak Djokovic.

"I think I was playing well in Madrid, so I just said, again, 'Let's come to Rome, a city I like so much



as well'.

Federer is in the same half of the draw as eight-time Rome winner Rafael Nadal, who is looking for his first clay title this season before his French Open title defence.

"I have other problems first getting there," said Federer, who could meet the Spaniard in the semi-final.

A potential quarter-final awaits against either Stefanos Tsitsipas, the eighth seed, who beat Nadal in the Madrid semi-finals, or Italian 10th seed Fabio Fognini, the Monte Carlo winner.

"I thought Stefanos was very impressive against him (Nadal) last

week," continued Federer.

"I think it's going to be a good season. It's going to be interesting to see who is going to make the World Tour Finals, especially if so many guys have won especially big titles, like Fabio in Monaco."

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

"But, again, this is maybe also just a moment in time. We'll see what happens for the rest of the year."

SERENA WITHDRAWS
Serena Williams withdrew from the Italian Open on Tuesday

with a recurring left knee injury handing sister Venus a walkover into the third round.

In Tuesday's statement the 23-time Grand Slam winner insisted she would still be competing in the French Open later this month.

"I must withdraw from the Italian Open due to pain in my left knee," Serena said in a statement.

"I will miss the fans and competition at one of my favourite tournaments. I'll be concentrating on rehab and look forward to seeing you all at the French Open and next year in Rome."



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FOCUS

Belt and Road development on high-quality path

Chinese President Xi Jinping announced that extensive consensus was reached on promoting "high-quality cooperation" under the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) at the closing of the Second Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation (BRF) in Beijing Saturday.

"We spoke positively of the progress and significance of the cooperation under the BRI. We shared the view that cooperation under the BRI has opened a gateway to opportunities for common prosperity," Xi said, when briefing the press about the outcomes of Apr. 27th roundtable meeting attended by leaders from 40 countries and international organizations.

Proposed by Xi in 2013, the BRI has extended from Asia and Europe to Africa, Americas and Oceania, opening up new space for world economy with better-than-expected results. More than 150 countries and international organizations have signed BRI cooperation documents with China.

At the roundtable meeting, the leaders enriched the concept of BRI cooperation and reaffirmed their commitment to a high-quality development path, while clarifying the priorities for the future cooperation and deciding to strengthen overall cooperation in all areas, according to Xi.

"We all supported the idea of developing a global partnership for connectivity and agreed to strength-

en cooperation mechanisms," he said. "We all supported more pragmatic cooperation to achieve more concrete outcomes."

A total of 283 items of practical outcomes were achieved in the preparatory process and during the forum, and cooperation agreements worth more than 64 billion U.S. dollars were signed at a CEO conference during the forum, according to Xi.

About 5,000 participants from more than 150 countries and 90 international organizations attended the forum.

In a keynote speech at the forum's opening ceremony Friday, President Xi announced a package of proposals to advance high-quality development of the BRI, calling on the international community to join hands to work out a "meticulous painting" of the BRI.

The principle of extensive consultation, joint contribution and shared benefits should be upheld, said Xi, stressing open, green and clean approaches, as well as goals of high-standard, livelihood-improving and sustainable development.

Strong support was expressed by leaders and business people from outside China.

Addressing the opening ceremony of the forum, Nursultan Nazarbayev, first president of Kazakhstan, said the BRI has "transcended the challenges of geography and

unequal development," and China "has proven itself as a reliable, responsible partner in the international arena."

Chairman of China-Italy Chamber of Commerce Davide Cucino said that nobody should doubt how positive the BRI idea is, and there is a heated discussion in Europe about how to join the BRI. "Sooner or later, all countries will embrace the initiative."

The BRI's five pillars -- policy coordination, facilities connectivity, unimpeded trade, financial integration, and people-to-people exchanges -- serve as "conceptual pillars that can be translated into real-life progress for all people," UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said at the opening ceremony.

From 2013 to 2018, the trade volume between China and other B&R countries surpassed 6 trillion U.S. dollars, and China's investment in B&R countries exceeds 90 billion dollars.

Klaus Schwab, founder and executive chairman of the World Economic Forum, attended the first BRF in 2017. Recalling the first forum, he described the BRI then as "still a child growing up."

"Now the BRI has become an adult, which means that it has become an important factor in the global economy. It has grown up," he told Xinhua at the second BRF.

(Xinhua News Agency)

Further reading: Kunming Airport launches Belt and Road Lane

The Belt and Road Lane officially opened to incoming and outgoing passengers at 10 o'clock, on April 28 in Kunming Changshui International Airport (*Kunming Airport for short*). It is expected that the lane will provide more conveniences for people from Belt and Road countries who entering and leaving China via Kunming Airport.

By the end of 2018, Kunming Airport operated air routes to 35 cities in five South Asian countries and ten Southeast Asian countries, making itself the airport in China with the most air routes to South and Southeast Asia.

On April 28, the day right after the conclusion of the Second Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation Chinese National Immigration Administration opens the Belt and Road Lane in 12 airports include Kunming and six land ports. The lane is launched for the convenience of people from Belt and Road countries to go through customs and immigration inspection process when they leave and enter China via these airports and land ports.

Since the "Belt and Road" Initiative was proposed in 2013, in Kunming Airport, the number of incoming and outgoing passengers increases year by year, with the highest increasing rate of 28.02%. In 2018, the airport served four million incoming and outgoing passengers.

(By Zuo Chao)

ECHO

China and India should enhance mutual political trust

On April 22, Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Geng Shuang responded to media in a regular press conference about international affairs.

Q: The Indian Foreign Secretary Vijay Keshav Gokhale was reportedly visiting China and held talks with State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi. Can you just update us on the details of the talks and the issues discussed?

A: Indian Foreign Secretary Vijay Keshav Gokhale is visiting China from April 21 to 22. State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi met with him and Vice Foreign Minister Kong Xuanyou held talks with him.

In the meeting and talks,

the Chinese side said that as neighboring major countries, representatives of emerging economies and strategic cooperative partners, China and India should step up strategic communication, enhance political mutual trust and maintain close coordination and cooperation in international and regional affairs. Our shared interests far outweigh differences. The two sides need to strengthen solidarity and coordination, keep the positive momentum of the sound and steady development of bilateral relations achieved since the Wuhan summit between our leaders, and uphold the common interests of

emerging markets and developing countries.

Foreign Secretary Vijay Keshav Gokhale said in the meeting and talks that since the Wuhan summit, the two sides have had active political interactions, advanced practical cooperation and successfully held the first meeting of the India-China high level people-to-people exchanges mechanism. India stands ready to maintain high-level exchange with China, enhance mutual understanding, accommodate each other's concerns and strive for greater progress in bilateral relations.

(News source: Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China)

REMARKABLE 70 YEARS

China shipped nearly 7 billion tonnes of cargo in 2018



Editor's note: The year 2019 marks the 70th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China. Over the past seven decades, China has developed from a poor, weak country to the second largest economy in the world. This issue, we continue the column called "Remarkable 70 Years" to help you understand the great changes that have taken place in New China.

In recent years, China has vigorously promoted the transformation and upgrading of water transport system, so as to give better play to the advantages of water transport in the transportation of bulk materials. According to statistics, China's waterways handled 6.991 billion tonnes of cargo last year, an increase of 4.7%. Picture shows on February 5, 2019, the rail cranes load containers at the container ship "COSCO Shipping Libra" in the port of Antwerp, Belgium.

Photo by Xinhua

COMMUNICATION

Vikram Misri: We will strengthen India-China dialogue and cultural exchanges

Indian Ambassador to China Vikram Misri said that India will send a delegation to the upcoming Conference on Dialogue of Asian Civilizations in Beijing. Recently, Vikram Misri said in an exclusive interview that he hoped to strengthen the dialogue and cultural exchanges between India and China through attending the Conference.

Vikram Misri said that both India and China are ancient civilizations in Asia. Since ancient times, India and China have maintained various exchanges and communications. India will send a delegation to the Conference. It is hoped that through the conference, India and China can strengthen dialogue and cultural

exchanges, enhance mutual understanding between the two peoples, reduce misunderstandings and enhance traditional friendship. At present, India and China have close exchanges in commerce, tourism, culture and education. The Conference is also a good opportunity to promote India-China relations.

Vikram Misri said that 2020 will mark the 70th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic ties between India and China, and the two countries will take various activities to celebrate the anniversary. One year ago, Prime Minister Modi and President Xi Jinping held an informal meeting in Wuhan. The leaders of the two countries

agreed that India and China need to strengthen cultural exchanges to deepen mutual friendship and mutual understanding. Last December, the two foreign ministers co-chaired the "First Meeting of China-India Senior People's Exchange Mechanism" in New Delhi and determined to strengthen humanities exchanges and cultural exchanges between the two countries. At present, India-China relations are constantly developing harmoniously. Vikram Misri hope that with the 70th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between India and China, and the development of bilateral relations will be able to take it to the next level. (By Tang Yuanguo)

Yunnan develops western Yunnan tourist loop

When presiding over a meeting on the building of the western Yunnan tourist loop on April 16, Yunnan provincial governor Ruan Chengfa vowed to strengthen and optimize planning of the undertaking, and to promote the construction of transportation infrastructure and create a more integrated tourism service system. These efforts aim to build the province into a unique tourist destination in the world.

The western Yunnan tourist loop to be built includes Deqin, Shangri-la, Lijiang, Dali, Baoshan, Ruili, Tengchong, Lushui and Gongshan. By building this tourist loop, the province aims to promote the overall upgrade and restructuring of tourism in its western part, while speeding up the poverty alleviation in Nujiang Lisu Autonomous Prefecture and Diqing Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture.

Deqin: Hometown of Yunnan snub-nosed monkeys



Deqin County is under the jurisdiction of Diqing Prefecture and is a home to most revered holy mountain in Tibetan areas—the Meili Snow Mountain. The towering mountain, deep valleys and running rivers constitute the most unique scenery. In the mountain, four seasons can be found on different altitudes and all eco landscapes of the northern hemisphere are condensed there. Of all these views, the most breathtaking is the sun shining on the snow-capped peaks of the Meili Snow Mountain. Hidden in the mountain, the Tibetan village Yubeng is dubbed as a fairyland for its idyllic beauty.

Another well-known mountain in Deqin is the Baima Snow Mountain where there is the most beautiful forest of azaleas in China. In spring and summer, the azaleas bloom and their fragrance refreshes minds of tourists. In autumn and winter, the forest on Baima Snow Mountain turns on different colors, presenting amazing views. The mountain is also home to 2,000-2,500 Yunnan snub-nosed monkeys, which accounts for 70% of the world's total.

Deqin is the first place the Jinsha River enters Yunnan. In Benzilun Town where the Ancient Tea and Horse Road passes through, tourists can overlook the spectacular turn of the Jinsha River.

Shangri-la: The center of the sun and the moon



Also located in Diqing Prefecture, Shangri-la City boasts the first national park of China—the Pudacuo National Park where there are mirror-like alpine lakes, grasslands with plenty of water and lush grass, flower-blooming wetlands, and primitive forest.

Here, the Dukezong ancient town is the largest well-preserved traditional Tibetan house cluster

in China. Walking in this 1,300-year-old town, visitors can find many traces left behind by the horse caravans in the old times.

Here, the Ganden Sumtseling Monastery is known as the "Little Potala Palace". Built on a mountain slope, the monastery is in a unique shape and is regarded as a "Tibetan Art Museum".

Here, the Balog Zon is a fairyland on earth and also the most mysterious among all mysterious lands.

Here, deep in the forest, the Napa Lake forms a beautiful painting together with the snow peaks, grasslands, yaks and sheep.

Lijiang: A place where you want to stay

As a prefecture-level city in northwest Yunnan, Lijiang has been put onto the list of Chinese Historical and Cultural Cities. The ancient town of Lijiang looks so amazing whether you are in it or see it from a bird's eye view.

Here, the Jade Dragon Snow Mountain is the southernmost of its kind covered with snow all year round in China. Seen from afar, the snow-capped peaks are like a magnificent flying dragon.

Here, hidden in the southern slope of the Jade Dragon Snow Mountain, Wenhai is a well-known Naxi ethnic village where there are still no concrete houses. People still lead life in traditional ways.

Here, the Shitou Village was built on a large protruding rock with cliffs on three sides and a rocky slope on the fourth. Located at the junction area between Sichuan and Yunnan provinces, the Shitou Village is like a castle with natural barriers.

Dali: The wind, flowers, snow and moon



Located in west Yunnan, Dali is known for the Four Famous Scenes. They are the wind in Xiaguan, flowers in Shangguan, snow on the Cang Mountain and the moon reflected in the Erhai Lake.

Here, you can wander in the lanes and streets of the ancient town, or you can also rent a car to drive around the Erhai Lake.

Here, you can experience the 3,000-year-old fishing culture in Xizhou Town where fishermen still follow the tradition of raising cormorants to help catch fish.

Here, you can learn how to make tie-dyeing. The hand-made tie-died cloth has beautiful patterns unmatched by those made by machines.

Baoshan: City with indelible memories



In west Yunnan's Baoshan City, the Qinghua Lake sits on the outskirts of Longyang District and boasts both cultural and natural landscapes.

Here, the super-large Longjiang Bridge connects the Gaoligong Mountain and the border city of Tengchong.

Here, the Songshan Mountain in Longling County was once a battle field in the Chinese People's War of Resistance against Japanese Aggression. Indelible memories are told for

generations.

Ruili: Experiencing exotic culture
Situating in west Yunnan's Dehong Dai and Jingpo Autonomous Prefecture, Ruili is a city on the Chinese side of China-Myanmar border line.

Here the scenes show different charms in line with the change of seasons, and even in a single day, they present different beautiful views as the sun rises and sets.

Here, the Jiele Golden Pagoda is the oldest of its kind in the region. Towering into the sky, the pagoda looks dazzlingly brilliant and splendid in green and gold.

Here, you can experience the exotic culture in the "One Village in Two Countries". Nearby the No. 71 China-Myanmar Boundary Marker, there is a village which is divided into two parts by the border line. On the Chinese side, it's called Yinjing and on the Myanmar side, its name is Mangxiu.

Here, you can pass through the Moli Tropical Rainforest scenic area. Leaving behind the hustles and bustles of city life, you can refresh yourself in the tranquil and amazing rainforest.

Tengchong: Destination of volcanoes and hot springs

Located in west Yunnan's Baoshan City, Tengchong is a county-level city known for volcanoes and hot springs. The dormant volcanoes present spectacular views and hot springs make Tengchong a popular destination in the country.

Here, in the Beihai Wetland, there are rare floating meadows which are like large colorful carpets.

Here, the fairyland-like Jiangdong Village is home to thousands of ginkgo trees. When autumn comes, the golden leaves and simple houses contrast finely with each other.

Here, in the city town, folk houses stand row upon row on a mountain slope. And the Confucius Temple was built in the Ming Dynasty (1368-1644).

Lushui: Seasonal changes bring different scenes



Under the jurisdiction of Nujiang Lisu Autonomous Prefecture, the county-level Lushui City is located in the Nu River Gorge, one of the most spectacular and precipitous canyons in the world. In the foggy and cloudy canyon, Nu River runs like a raging dragon.

Here, the majestic Gaoligong Mountain is home to many beautiful landscapes. From spring to winter, it presents different beautiful scenes.

Here, you can enjoy the unique Laowo ham. The fermented ham is in dark reddish color, and tastes tender, fat but not greasy.

Gongshan: Pearl of the Three Parallel River area
Gongshan is the northernmost county in Nujiang Prefecture. The Bingzhongluo Town is the most beautiful in the Nu River Gorge. Everyone who comes to visit the town is intoxicated by the tranquil and pastoral scenes.

Here, the idyllic Wuli Village is where the Ancient Tea and Horse Road passes through. Houses scatter in graceful disorders in the green fields. When cooking time comes, smoke curls upwards from kitchen chimneys of each house. What a tranquil and harmonious view it is!

The Qianatong Village, located at the northernmost of Nu River Gorge, is just like a scroll of painting. With dense, primitive forest, and multiple waterfalls, Qianatong is regarded as a paradise for hikers. (Yunnan Daily news app)