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Opp flies into EVM rage

As tampering charges zoom, demand for VVPAT checks peaks

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Two days before the counting of votes for the Lok Sabha polls, the Opposition revived the charges of EVM tampering and moved the Election Commission (EC) to press for their demand for tallying VVPATs with the electronic voting machine figures. They also said the counting be first concluded in the centres where doubts have emerged. The EC has rejected the charges.

Leaders of as many as 22 Opposition parties, including those from Congress, TMC, SP, BSP, TDP, RJD and Left, met the EC and demanded verification of VVPAT slips of randomly-selected polling stations before the counting of the votes polled in the just-concluded Lok Sabha elections. They also demanded that if any discrepancy is found during VVPAT verification, 100 per cent counting of the paper slips of VVPATs of all polling stations of that particular Assembly segment should be done and compared with the electronic voting machine (EVM) results.

"We told the EC that the VVPAT machines should be counted first and if there is any discrepancy, then all of them in that segment should be counted. During elections, there were many EVMs which malfunctioned and in many cases, when votes for one political party were cast, it showed votes



Andhra Pradesh CM N Chandrababu Naidu, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, senior Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Azad, TMC's Derek O'Brien, DMK's Kanimozhi, CPI's D Raja and other Opposition leaders come out after meeting the Election Commission over their concerns about EVMs, at Nirvachan Sadan, in New Delhi on Tuesday

for some other party, specially the BJP. These things we have told the EC. We, in the last three-four years have been complaining about the EVMs in Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha and even in States," Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Azad said after meeting EC officials.

Azad's party colleague Abhishek Singhvi said after several requests to the EC for months, the poll body has now agreed to meet us on Wednesday to discuss the issue.

"Even if the EC disagrees with us, it should consider that 75 per cent of the electorate represented by these 22 parties is before it. How does it matter if its changes the rules? It will be

only a change in guideline or procedure. The EC has not decided for six weeks and now they are saying they will decide tomorrow," Singhvi said. Earlier in the day, several

videos of the alleged movement of EVMs from one unauthorised storage house to another went viral. Videos showed some EVMs were reportedly stored at shops, others were seen stacked in the boot of private vehicles.

However, terming it as frivolous and unfounded, the EC rejected allegations of discrepancies in the handling of EVMs and VVPAT (Voter Verified Paper Trail Machines) in some districts of Uttar Pradesh and maintained that all machines are safe and secure.

"After the close of polls, all polled EVMs and VVPATs are brought under security cover to the designated strongrooms, which is sealed with double locks in the presence of the candidates and in the presence of observers of the EC. The entire process of storage and sealing of the strongrooms is covered under videography. Continuous CCTV coverage is done till completion of counting. Each strongroom is guarded with round-the-clock security by Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF). Further, the candidates or their designated agents remain present at the strongroom for 24x7 vigil at all times," the EC said in a statement.

"On the counting day, the strongrooms are opened in the presence of the candidates/agents and observers under videography," said the Election Commission.

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Arunachal MLA, his son dead in NSCN ambush

9 others killed as terrorists attack convoy

AGENCIES ■ ITANAGAR

Suspected NSCN terrorists on Tuesday gunned down sitting MLA and NPP Assembly poll candidate Tirong Aboh and ten others, including his son and security personnel, in Tirap district of Arunachal Pradesh, a top police officer said. Aboh (41), who represented the Khonsa West constituency, was seeking a re-election from the seat.

Initial reports suggested that seven people were killed in the attack, but Director General of Police SBK Singh put the death toll at 11 later in the day. Aboh was on his way to his constituency from Assam, along with family members, three police personnel and a poll agent, when the suspected NSCN rebels opened fire at their vehicles near 12 Mile area in the district at around 11.30 am, Singh told PTI.

One security officer, who sustained injuries in the incident, has been admitted to hospital in Dibrugarh, Assam, the DGP said, adding that the MLA and ten others were killed on the spot. Expressing his shock over the incident, Chief Minister Pema Khandu said the perpetrators will be hunted down.

"Action will be initiated to



hunt down the perpetrators. My heartfelt condolences. May the departed souls rest in peace," he said.

Condemning the attack, NPP president and Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma sought the intervention of the Prime Minister's Office and Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh.

"The NPP is extremely shocked and saddened by the news of the death of its MLA Shri Tirong Aboh (Arunachal Pradesh) and his family. We condemn the brutal attack and urge @rajnathsingh and @PMOIndia to take action against those responsible for such attack," Sangma tweeted.

Meanwhile, the Arunachal Pradesh Congress Committee

blamed the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party for the "prevailing lawlessness and chaos" in the State. "If elected representatives of the state are not safe under the present dispensations at the Centre and the state, how can common people feel secure," the party said in a statement.

Demanding a high-level judicial inquiry into the incident, it also said, "Chief Minister Pema Khandu and his BJP Government are solely responsible for lawlessness and all chaos in the State."

Aboh was elected from the Khonsa West seat in 2014 on a Peoples' Party of Arunachal (PPA) ticket.

Assembly polls were held concurrently with Lok Sabha elections in Arunachal Pradesh.

CO sacked, IAF officers face jail for copter crash



Role of ATC at Srinagar base also under lens

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Senior officers of IAF may face action for the helicopter crash near Srinagar on February 27 after it was shot by own ground air defence leading to the death of six IAF personnel on board and a civilian on ground. A Court of Inquiry is on to fix responsibility for deaths caused by friendly fire and the Commanding Officer of the Srinagar airbase has been sacked.

Though the IAF on Tuesday refrained from giving details of the incident or the findings of the probe, sources said the air defence fired an Israeli-made SPYDER surface-to-air missile on February 27 from the Srinagar airbase after it mistook the Mi-17 helicopter to be hostile. If found guilty, the officers may be booked for culpable homicide not amounting to murder under the IAF Act 1950 and be jailed.

This lapse could have taken place as the entire IAF was alert that day as in the morning an aerial battle had taken place in Rajouri sector when the Pakistani jets had tried to target Indian military installations in retaliation to IAF air strikes in Balakot day earlier.

Sources said the entire shoot-down sequence from the moment the missile was launched to the moment of impact lasted approximately

12 seconds. The Mi-17 helicopter had no means of knowing it was under attack.

While the air battle was on, air defence was in full state of alert with surface-to-air missile units ready to engage any intruding Pakistani aircraft.

It was at this time that air defence radars at Srinagar airport picked up a low-flying aircraft on their screens. The senior officer manning the post of Terminal Weapons Director (TWD) at the time was likely the Chief Operations Officer of the airbase.

This officer may have given the final order to fire after the helicopter, designated a slow flying target, could not be identified through a critical system called the Identification, Friend or Foe (IFF) transponder, sources said.

IFF systems onboard an aircraft listen for an "interrogation signal" from the ground and then respond with a unique signal which identifies it as a "friendly". The system is specifically designed to ensure that friendly-fire incidents are avoided during the heat of battle. It is unclear if the IAF helicopter's IFF was functioning at the time.

There was a likelihood of not adhering to a series of additional steps which have to be followed in the moments prior to the launch of the SPYDER surface-to-air missile. The role of the IAF's Air Traffic Control (ATC) at Srinagar airbase is being looked into.

It is unclear whether the Terminal Weapons Director enquired and was told by the ATC that no friendly aircraft were flying in the area.

Pranab: Onus on EC to put speculation to rest

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Former President Pranab Mukherjee on Tuesday expressed concern over the alleged tampering of voters' verdict saying the onus of ensuring institutional integrity lies with the Election Commission, which should put all speculation to rest. He also said there can be no room for speculation that challenges the very basis of Indian democracy.

"I am concerned at reports of alleged tampering of voters' verdict. The safety and security of EVMs which are in the custody of ECI is the responsibility of the Commission," Pranab said in a statement posted on his Twitter handle.

"People's mandate is sacrosanct and has to be above any iota of reasonable doubt. The onus of ensuring institutional integrity in this case lies with

the Election Commission of India. They must do so and put all speculation to rest," he said. Pranab said as a firm believer in the country's institutions, it is his considered

opinion that it is the "workmen" who decide how the institutional "tools" perform.

Protests broke out in some parts of Uttar Pradesh on Tuesday after videos of alleged movement and tampering of EVMs went viral on social media, a charge dismissed by the EC as "frivolous" and "unfounded".

The former President on Monday had lauded the role of the poll panel saying the 2019 Lok Sabha polls were conducted "perfectly". Speaking at a book launch event, Pranab said that right from first Election Commissioner Sukumar Sen to the present election commissioners, the institution is working very well.

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Yellow Line's Metro blues

Thousands stranded between Qutub Minar and Sultanpur metro section for 4 hours; chaos spills on to Delhi-Gurgaon road

GAYATHRI MANI ■ NEW DELHI

A 4-hour long technical snag on Delhi Metro's Yellow Line between Qutub Minar and Sultanpur section left thousands of commuters trapped in train coaches or stranded on the Delhi-Gurgaon road on Tuesday. As harrowed Metro passengers swarmed to the road for an alternative mode of transport, it had a spiral effect, ensnaring traffic snarls on the Delhi-Gurgaon road.

"The passengers from two trains, one in the section between Qutub Minar and Chhattarpur and the other in the section between Chhattarpur and Sultanpur (at Chhattarpur and Sultanpur), had to be deboarded," said DMRC in its report.

About 5,000 Metro passengers were evacuated to the nearest station through the train tracks, said a DMRC official.

To evacuate stranded commuters, DMRC frequented train services between Samaypur Badli and Qutub Minar at every 3 minutes, and between Sultanpur and HUDA City Centre at every 8 minutes. DMRC also deployed 29 feeder buses to cover the missing Metro link between Qutub Minar and Sultanpur via Chhattarpur till the Metro train services were restored, said DMRC sources.

Soon after they were evacuated, harrowed Metro passengers took to Twitter to vent out their ire at Delhi Metro.

"We were locked in a metro coach with no AC... We were evacuated after 30 minutes," tweeted Ish Chandra, who shared a picture of commuters walking on tracks towards another Metro station.

Questioning delay in repair and evacuation, Delhi Transport Minister Kailash Gahlot shot a show-cause notice to DMRC. He also asked why DMRC didn't immediately inform the transport depart-



Prime Minister Narendra Modi being felicitated during a dinner meeting with top National Democratic Alliance leaders in New Delhi on Tuesday

PTI

ment and the passengers about the technical problem.

Responding to the Minister, a DMRC official said,

"Two maintenance teams of DMRC, consisting of 16 technicians, were rushed to rectify the problem."

The 48.8 km-long Yellow Line has 37 stations and has an average daily ridership of about seven to eight lakh.



Passengers get off the stranded Yellow Line train near Qutub Minar station

CAPSULE

CBI CLEAN CHIT TO MSY, AKHILESH IN DA CASE

New Delhi: In a relief to former Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Mayawati Singh Yadav and his son Akhilesh, the CBI has told the Supreme Court that the allegations of disproportionate assets against them could not be substantiated and it had closed the preliminary enquiry on August 7, 2013.

COAST GUARD SEIZES PAK BOAT WITH NARCOTICS

New Delhi: The Indian Coast Guard on Tuesday apprehended a Pakistani boat off the Gujarat coast and seized narcotics, suspected to be heroin, worth ₹600 crore, officials said.

EC: DISSENT IN MCC CASES NOT TO BE MADE PUBLIC

New Delhi: Rejecting demand of Election Commissioner Ashok Lavasa, the 'full commission' on Tuesday ruled that dissents and minority views in EC orders in cases of model code violations would not be made public. P5

MODI PAYS TRIBUTE TO RAJIV ON DEATH ANNIV

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday took to Twitter to pay tribute to former PM Rajiv Gandhi on his 28th death anniversary.

Doctors of Hindu Rao Hospital call off strike

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Resident doctors at Hindu Rao hospital have called off their strike as an arrangement was reached between the striking doctors and the North Delhi Municipal Corporation (NMC) on the disbursement of their salary dues.

A senior NMC official said that the salaries for the month of March have been released and they are also being paid for April. "As per the charter of demands put up by resident doctors' association, the demand for arrears will be put up before the competent authority for the release, as soon as possible," he said.

The doctors had launched an indefinite strike over non-payment of their salaries for three months on a trot. The officials had said the salaries could not be paid due to delay in release of funds by the Delhi government. However, Delhi Government released ₹206 crore to the cash-strapped municipal corporation on Monday.

"The strike was called off as an arrangement was reached about their salaries and payment of arrears... It was done in the presence of Union Minister Vijay Goel and North Delhi Mayor Avtar Singh," the official said.

Union Minister Goel in his tweet in Hindi said the strike was called off Tuesday. "...The salaries of two months have been credited in their accounts, and the salary for the third month will be deposited sooner or later. And no action shall be taken against these doctors," he wrote on Twitter.

The doctors on Monday had said that



Union Minister Vijay Goel and North Corporation Mayor Avtar Singh with the striking doctors of Hindu Rao hospital. Pioneer Photo

the hospital should be handed over to the Central government as the corporation is unable to run it smoothly. The resident doctors had also written to the President of India seeking his permission for "suicide". In the letter, the doctors said, "Our situation has turned pathetic and we are unable to take care of our families. We do not even have money for food so we seek your permission for suicide."

However, the BJP-ruled NMC blamed the Delhi Government for its financial crisis. The corporation has been facing acute hardships in regular payment of salaries to

its employees as it has been denied funds by the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) led Government.

The doctors had also complained about poor facilities, like non-availability of potable water and residential facilities for them.

The facilities at outdoor patients' department (OPD) and wards of the 1,200-bed hospital were affected partially due to the strike, before it was called off about at 1pm. However, they had set up a temporary Out Patients Department (OPD) in the campus for patients but did not join their respective departments and other duties.

Security tightened for counting

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Security has been beefed up in and around the counting centres in the seven parliamentary constituencies of the national Capital as one day left for the declaration of results of the Lok Sabha polls.

The security at EVM strong rooms comprises three layers- the outer cordon, middle cordon and inner cordon, an official from Chief Electoral Office in Delhi said. The inner cordon is made up of personnel from Central Reserve Police Force, middle layer has personnel from the Delhi Armed Police and the outer layer has personnel from the district police.

The deployment for May 23 has been made in accordance with the guidelines of the Election Commission, an official said.

There are seven counting centres --SKV, Bharat Nagar for Chandni Chowk constituency, Jijabai Industrial Training Institute for Women, August Kranti Marg, Siri Fort for south Delhi, integrated Institute of Technology, Dwarka for west Delhi, DTU, Shahbad Daultpur for north-west, ITI Nand Nagari for north-east Delhi, NP Bengali Girls Senior Secondary School, Gole Market for New Delhi and Badminton Court in CWG Village for east Delhi, respectively.

There will be a three-tier security in place on the counting day, with the outer cordon beginning 100 metres away from the counting centre, middle layer at the entrance followed by the inner layer, said a senior police officer.

Every counting centre will have a deployment of 1,000 Delhi Police personnel, one company from Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) and one company from Delhi Armed Police.

One company comprises 100 personnel. While Northeast, Chandni Chowk, New Delhi, East and northwest parliamentary constituencies will see deployment of 800-1100 police personnel, there will be more personnel deployed at the counting centres in west Delhi and south Delhi constituencies, he added.

The counting centre for west Delhi is situated in Dwarka and has open roads which see a huge amount of traffic. Similarly, the counting centre for south Delhi is situated



Security personnel at a counting centre.

ated on the busy stretch of August Kranti Marg and more security personnel have been deployed there, he added.

Security was also augmented there following the Aam Aadmi Party's letter to the Election Commission urging them to provide additional security at the counting centre in South Delhi, alleging that political opponents plan to manipulate EVMs ahead of the announcement of poll results on May 23.

Around 1,450 Delhi Police personnel will be deployed at the centre apart from the additional forces, he said. Barricades will be put up 100 metres away from the counting centre in Dwarka and only vehicles of returning officers and SDMs will be allowed to go up to the counting centre. The police has arranged two parking spots where commuters will be able to park their vehicles, another officer said.

Since the Dwarka Court is also located close to the counting centre, two diversions have been made for the advocates and petitioners coming to the court that day, he said, adding they have also made arrangements for the victory procession that will start once the results are out.

On the day of the counting, police personnel will be deployed in three shifts - 6 am to 2 pm, 2pm to 10 pm and if the results are not out by that time, there will be a team coming in for security.

Shahdara: DCW issues notice to police over killing of sub-inspector



STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Following the killing of a sub-inspector in Shahdara, the Delhi Commission For Women (DCW) has issued a notice to Delhi Police and sought details from them about their investigation in the case.

Raj Kumar Rajput, who was posted in the communication unit of Delhi police, was killed allegedly during a scuffle with a suspected criminal on May 19 in Shahdara's Kasturba Nagar area. The accused was arrested.

The victim's family has alleged the area is "full of bootleggers" and extremely unsafe. In its notice, the Commission said police should take urgent steps to curb the menace of illicit liquor and gambling in the area, and sought details of FIR registered in the matter along with a copy of the FIR.

DCW has asked for details of the accused and previous cases registered against him along with status report of each case.

It has also asked for details of previous complaints made Rajput regarding similar activities in the past, whether external proceedings were initiated against the accused in the past and whether any compensation has been provided to the officer's family. The notice has sought a reply from police by May 24.

EC's app to keep you posted of results

STAFF REPORTER ■ GURUGRAM

The results of the General Election-2019 will be announced on May 23. For this, all necessary preparations are being done by the Gurugram administration.

This time, the Election Commission of India has created a new app called "Voter Helpline" to announce the results faster, through which the public will get the result of the election even before television.

District Election Officer and Deputy Commissioner Amit Khatri said that the details of counting will be uploaded by (DC) the administration on the convenience portal which will be displayed on the Voter Helpline app. Individuals who have installed the Voter Helpline app in their mobile will be able to see the details of the counting of votes immediately through this app. He said that in any Android phone, the Voter Helpline app can be installed from Google Play Store.

During this Lok Sabha election, information about the enrollment form and affidavits of the candidates was made available to the general public by the candidates.

"In this app, the users can accumulate complete information regarding EVM machine. Touching the results column in this app only displays the statistical report of the Lok Sabha elections of the entire country. The results of all the elections held so far in India through this app are readily available," Khatri said.

Apart from this, the DC said that on May 23, counting will commence from 8 am and ensure that the counting of votes is done in a transparent manner, the senior IAS officers have been appointed by the Election Commission of India for counting votes.

"Counting of votes in all the nine Assembly constituencies of Gurugram Lok Sabha constituency will be held at three places. In which Gurugram, Badshahpur, Patauda and Sohna assembly constituencies counting will be held at Girls College, Sector-14 of Gurugram.

Poll results likely to be delayed due to tallying of VVPAT slips

SP SINGH ■ GHAZIABAD

The counting of votes would start on May 23 at Govindpuram Mandi but result would be delayed for tallying the entire process said the returning officer (RO) and the district magistrate (DM) Ritu Maheswari on Tuesday.

Addressing media persons, the DM said that the outcome of the counting of every round would be uploaded on the election commission's Suvidha portal which could be viewed by the public within 10 minutes of its uploading.

The counting would start at 8:00 am on May 23, but the officers, candidates and their agents would have to reach at Govindpuram Mandi at 7 am as the strong room will be opened and EVMs would be inspected in their presence.

The counting of five assembly constituencies of Ghaziabad parliamentary constituency - Loni, Murad Nagar, Sahibabad, Ghaziabad and Modi Nagar, would be conducted in separate halls while the counting of Dhaulana assembly constituency would be conducted in Hapur district. Each assembly constituency would have round wise counting and each round counting would be uploaded



Counting process in progress.

per cent polling. The counting of 404 booths of Modi Nagar Assembly constituency would be in 29 rounds on 14 tables in a separate hall. The polled vote are 2,21,590 out of 3,42,002 vote. The polling percentage is 64.79 percent there said the officer in the press conference.

After counting of vote from EVMs in each assembly segment, the postal vote would be counted and would be added in the total of EVM vote, then the VVPAT slips will be tallied with the EVM vote. In all three components EVM, Postal and VVPAT are found in order the result of every round would be uploaded on Suvidha portal.

To tally the VVPAT, five VVPAT box would be picked up by lottery in each Assembly constituency and would be tallied with the EVM unit. We have received some complaints that mockpoll numbers were not neutralised by polling officers before starting polling so 2 booths in Loni 171 and 478 and 3 booths in Modi Nagar 4, 5 and 257 would be counted separately to correct the error added the officer. In this entire episode of matching EVM vote, postal ballots and 5 per cent random tallying of VVPAT, the result of counting will be delayed added the officer.

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Further, in accordance with the BVCL Code of Conduct to Regulate, Monitor and Report Trading by Designated Persons the "Trading Window" for dealing in the securities of the Company has been already closed for all Directors, Officers, Designated persons and their immediate relatives of the Company w.e.f. 03rd April, 2019 till the end of 48 hours after the Audited Financial Results for the fourth quarter and the year ended 31st March, 2019 are approved and filed with the Stock Exchanges.

For and on behalf of the Board
BARAK VALLEY CEMENTS LIMITED
Sd/-
(Kamakshya Chamaria)
Vice Chairman and
Managing Director
Place: New Delhi
Date: 21.05.2019

DHFL DEWAN HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION LIMITED

National Office: DHFL, HDIL Towers, B-Wing, 6th & 8th Floor, Anant Kanekar Marg, Bandra (East), Mumbai - 400 051.
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APPENDIX IV POSSESSION NOTICE (for immovable property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Limited (DHFL) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, Demand Notice(s) issued by the Authorised Officer of the company to the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) mentioned herein below to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) of the Section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement rules, 2002. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of DHFL for an amount as mentioned herein under with interest thereon.

S.N.	Name of the Borrower(s) / Guarantor (s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Description of secured asset (immovable property)	Date of Possession
1.	(LC No. 00002369 of our Noida 1 Rajendra Place Branch) Dinesh Kumar Saini (Borrower) Mr. Mahender Singh Saini (Co-Borrower) Mr. Raj Kumar (Co-Borrower) Mrs. Bhagwati Saini (Guarantor) Mrs. Sunita Saini (Guarantor)	25-01-2019 Rs. 1,02,07,791/-	All that part and parcel of the Property Bearing No Khasra No-96 Pvt No-1, 2, 3 & 4 Vill- Kureni Extended Lal Dora Narela Opposite Shiv Mandir New Delhi New Delhi Delhi 110040	15-05-2019
2.	(LC No. 00000499 of our Agra Branch) Gagan Sharma (Borrower) Arti Sharma (Co-Borrower)	23-08-2018 Rs. 9,50,037/-	All that part and parcel of the Property Bearing No Plot No- 34 Khasra No-91 Mauza Ukharra, Agra, Agra-282001, Uttar Pradesh.	18-05-2019
3.	(LC No. 00001809 of our Noida 1 Rajendra Place Branch) Manish Kumar (Borrower) Silky Shridhar (Co-Borrower) Veena Rani (Co-Borrower)	18-02-2019 Rs. 27,27,687/-	All that part and parcel of the Property Bearing No Flat No- 53-D, First Floor With Roof , Janta Flats Ashok Vihar Laxmi Bai Enclave Phase-III Delhi New Delhi Delhi - 110052	15-05-2019

If the said Borrowers shall fail to make payment to DHFL as aforesaid, DHFL shall proceed against the above secured assets under Section 13(4) of the Act and the applicable Rules, entirely at the risks of the said Borrowers as to the costs and consequences. The said Borrowers are prohibited under the Act from transferring the aforesaid assets, whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of DHFL. Any person who contravenes or abets contravention of the provisions of the said Act or Rules made there under, shall be liable for imprisonment and/or penalty as provided under the Act.

Sd/- Pulkit Baluja (Authorized Officer)
For Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Limited

Date : 22/05/2019
Place: Delhi / NCR

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform general public that Sale Deed executed by Mr. Ravi Grover in favour of Shri Surjit Singh Anand for top floor of the Property No. BE-164-B, area measuring 50 sq. yds., out of Khasra No. 1919 and 1920, situated at Village-Tihar, in the colony, known as Hari Nagar, New Delhi is duly registered with the SRO-Delhi as Doc. No. 10200, Book No. 1, Vol. No. 10371, Page No. 76-81, on 12/07/2002 had been misplaced & anyone who finds it, kindly handover the same to Manger, New Habitat Housing Finance & Development Ltd. at C-1, Ground Floor, Wave Infratech, Block-C, Sector-3, Noida-201301, Mr. Vijay Malik and Mrs. Sonu Malik are the owners of entire Third Floor, with roof rights built on property No. BE-164-B, area measuring 50 sq. yds., out of Khasra No. 1919 and 1920, situated at Village-Tihar, in the colony, known as Hari Nagar, New Delhi which they are mortgaging with New Habitat Housing Finance & Development Ltd. & in case anyone has any objection regarding mortgage of the said Property, the same may be raised within 7 day of this publication to Mr. Muneesh Dwivedi/Sudhir Jain (Advocates) Law Veritas, Unit No.405, 4th floor, GD-ITL North Towers (A-09), Netaji Subhash Place, Delhi-110034 or contact at 9066707172/9818226363(M).

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Regulation 47 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations And Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 (the "Listing Regulations"), a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company is scheduled to be held on Thursday, May 30, 2019, inter-alia, to consider and approve the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31.03.2019; To consider and approve the Audited Financial results of the Company for the quarter and year ended March 31, 2019 and Statement of Assets & Liabilities as on 31.03.2019, as per Regulations 29 & 33 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

A copy of the said Notice and the Financial Results shall also be available at the Company's website at www.cosco.in and the website of the Stock Exchange - BSE at : www.bseindia.com

For Cosco (India) Limited
Sd/-
(Pankaj Jain)
Whole Time Director and CFO
Place : Delhi
Date : May 21, 2019
DIR:00190414

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the Public that my client LIC Housing Finance Ltd had disbursed a Loan to Mr. Hans Raj Arora, against the mortgage of Property No. D-45, Ground Floor, Exclusive Floors, DLF Phase-V, Gurgaon, Haryana. It has come to the notice that the original Allotment Letter, Builder Buyer's Agreement and Possession Letter have been misplaced. It is hereby appealed to the general public that whosoever finds any of the documents mentioned hereinabove may kindly return the same to the LIC Housing Finance Ltd, Area Office, Gurgaon or shall also inform the undersigned on Telephone No. - 011-24324137, 995566633 & 9811163363.

Karnal Singh (Advocate) Ch. No. 153, Saket Court Complex, New Delhi-110014.
9811163363 & 9955663363

Thousands stranded as snag hits Delhi Metro's Yellow Line

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

It was a horrible experience for thousands of daily commuters of Delhi Metro, travelling especially on the Yellow Line, connecting Samaypur Badli to Huda City Centre in Gurugram, who were stuck in a terrible situation on Tuesday after an Overhead Electricity wire (OHE) broke down at Sultanpur station which left many of them stranded on the tracks, platforms and inside the train without AC for more than one hour.

The train services on the section were badly hit around 9.32 am due to breakdown of the overhead wire (OHE) at Sultanpur station, leading to tripping of power supply in the section, said the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) official. The services on the section were operated on short loop from Samaypur Badli to Qutub Minar and Sultanpur to Huda City Centre and the train services were stopped from Qutub Minar to Sultanpur.

The passengers locked inside the stalled metro train coaches were without AC and were suffocating in the rush office hours, showed their wrath and frustration against DMRC on Twitter. The commuters shared pictures and videos of people walking on the tracks, overcrowded platforms



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and packed escalators and lifts. A resident of North Delhi who daily travel from Yellow Line's Kashmere Gate to Patel Chowk Zakir Hussain, said, "First I had to wait for about 30 minutes to board the train after getting inside the train I got stuck in the train for nearly 40 minutes. The AC inside the train was turned off and the people especially the senior citizens started feeling

suffocation in the overcrowded train and had to eventually walk on the tracks to reach the platform." "Please do something about the train of full of passengers. There is no AC and we are standing here without an update since more than 25 minutes. This is really tedious and scary," tweeted Titu Raj. The technical glitch in the metro station has not only



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hacked the people inside the metro train and station, but also halted the road traffic especially from South Delhi to Gurugram via Lado Sarai, Qutub Minar, Chattarpur metro station, Sikanderpur and outside Ghitorni station. The roads were hugely affected after the services between Qutub Minar to Sultanpur were stopped for nearly four hours.

DMRC introduced about 29 buses to bridge this gap and provide connectivity to the commuters between the Qutab Minar - Sultanpur affected section.

However the commuters took the twitter and asked DMRC and Delhi Traffic Police to help them rescue from the packed roads. "Huge traffic jam between Ghitorni - Sultanpur your claimed bus



PTI photo

service is also non-existent. People are walking on road in search of transport in heat. Do the needful," tweeted Kabir Kadian who travelling towards Gurugram.

"I was stuck at INA for 20 minutes. Ultimately, I had to exit from the station and take an auto. There were no lights in the metro and people were suffocating. Delay due to technical issue is understood but basic requirements must be met," said Vipin Shukla.

Meanwhile, some passengers complained about the auto-rickshaws and cab services for "charging exorbitant-

ly" to travel between Qutab Minar and Sultanpur metro stations

"Stranded from past 3 hours due to #metro technical snag at yellow line. No cabs available, took e-rickshaw, shared auto and bus to reach Qutub Minar where people are stranded walking on the roads, autowalas asking for Rs 200 per person for three-four km ride," said Sangeeta Yadav, working with a private firm.

"Nobody is allowing entry at qutub minar. Total chaos. Police is just a spectator. Nobody is taking ownership. Why give people wrong infor-

mation? Terrible management," tweeted Mayank Maheshwari, a twitter user.

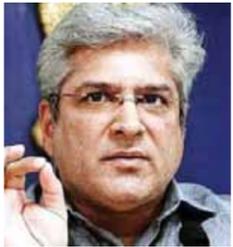
Students travelling towards North Campus rued on the DMRC of getting late for their examination due to the snag. "Students are having exams today who will be responsible if they won't be able to give exam and late for the exam," said a DU student.

Without taking a step back, the DMRC also co-operated with the passengers and updated information regarding the status of the disruption and rectification on its Twitter handle.

Details on Metro glitches sought

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Transport Minister Kailash Gahlot on Wednesday issued a notice to Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) for taking such a long time in evacuating the passenger from the stalled trains. He also claimed, DMRC informed the department and Minister about the incident after the transport office got in touch with DMRC. The Minister also sought details of all incidents of breakdown in services of the Delhi Metro since 2011, with reasons for such disruptions, from the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation's (DMRC) managing director.



that, while in one case, the evacuation was done in 1 hour and 25 minutes and in the other, it took 1.42 hours. The time, taken to evacuate the passengers from the train appears to be very high," said Gahlot in the statement issued to the DMRC.

A technical glitch hit the services on the Yellow Line for nearly four hours, leaving thousands of passengers stranded on the road, trapped in coaches and traffic snarls from South Delhi to Gurugram.

The Minister also issued directions, saying that the "DMRC must inform the commuters about such incidents immediately through its

Twitter handle so that the commuters do not panic and (they) are kept informed."

Gahlot further asked the DMRC's managing director that responsibility needs to be fixed for the breakdown of services on the Yellow Line. Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal earlier directed Gahlot to seek a detailed report and direct the Delhi Metro to fix responsibility for the disruption.

"The Transport Commission had to get in touch with the managing director for details of the breakdown. Such incidents must be reported to them immediately," said Gahlot in the statement.

However, the DMRC said, "Due to tripping of power supply, two trains which were in this section (Train-1 between Qutab Minar & Chattarpur and, Train-2 between Chattarpur & Sultanpur) went immobile and it was decided to disembark the passengers and take them smoothly towards the nearest Metro station. Special assistance was provided to 11 commuters (differently abled/not feeling well)."

DMRC official further said that the passengers (more than 4,000) stuck inside the train were safely taken from Train-1 were safely taken from the trains.

"It is noteworthy to mention that the disembarking process takes time as it requires use of emergency gate and also to ensure that no passenger's safety is at risk which included women, senior citizens and some Divyang passengers also, who were facilitated with wheel chairs. In the meantime, to ensure that services are available uninterrupted on rest of the sections on Yellow line, DMRC introduced short loop services," said DMRC.

The DMRC further said that the passengers were also provided drinking water at stations during this period. "Centralised announcements were regularly being done from the Centralised Operations Control Room (OCC) at the stations. CISF QRT (Quick Response Team) and Delhi Metro Rail Police (DMRP) were deployed at the stations to manage the passenger rush," said the DMRC official.

Breakdown of two trucks adds to traffic chaos

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Commuters of the Delhi Metro had a tough time on Tuesday after a technical glitch surfaced on Yellow Line which caused massive traffic snarls in South Delhi. There was a breakdown of two trucks during the peak morning hours and a technical glitch on Delhi Metro's Yellow Line, due to which, commuters were forced to take roads to reach their destinations. In the process, several stretches in South Delhi and the Gurgaon-Delhi highway were choked on Tuesday.

One 10-axle truck, carrying crushed stones, broke down near Rangpuri area at around 7 am, affecting traffic on one lane and another 14-axle truck overturned on Rao Tularam Marg near Subroto Park area at 6.20 am, said Taj Hassan, Special Police Commissioner (Traffic).

The first truck was removed from road around 10.00 am and the second was removed at 9.15 am. However, traffic had already been affected by then.

Meanwhile, train services on the 49-km Yellow Line, connecting Huda City Centre



Traffic jam at MG Road near the Chhattarpur Metro Station after the metro train operations on the Yellow Line got affected due to some technical glitches on Tuesday

in Gurgaon to Samaypur Badli in Delhi, stalled at 9.32 am and remained paralysed for more than four hours.

Several commuters were forced to take the road route to reach their destinations, triggering a cascading effect from the earlier traffic jam.

"The stretch between the Hauz Khas and MG Road was affected. Mehrauli Circle was the most effected area," a senior

traffic police officer said.

"Traffic is heavy at Qutub Minar, Sultanpur, Ghitorni, Chattarpur, 100 Feet Rd, CDR Chowk, Lado Sarai, Aurobindo Marg, MG road due to technical fault in Metro line," Delhi Traffic Police tweeted.

There was heavy traffic for two to three hours in South Delhi. People came out of metro stations and sought autos or taxis to reach their des-

tinations, the officer said, adding now the traffic is running normally. Police tried to help commuters using their duty trucks.

"Helped several commuters to reach their destinations who stuck due to snag in Metro service in between Sultanpur to Qutub stn. Traffic police and Local police now clearing huge traffic on MG road," DCP South Vijay Kumar tweeted.

Kejriwal dials Akhilesh to discuss post-poll strategy

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Chief Minister and Aam Aadmi Party national convener Arvind Kejriwal on Tuesday talked to Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav over the phone to discuss the strategy to be followed after the announcement of the general election results on May 23.

Senior AAP leader Sanjay Singh told reporters here that the two leaders decided that their priority is to stop the Bharatiya Janata Party from returning to power at the Centre.

Singh also met Yadav in Lucknow and they discussed the current political situation. Yadav posted a picture on Twitter of him and Singh together, saying "AAP ke saath".

Kejriwal responded to the tweet, saying, "We are also with

you Akhilesh ji". On Monday, Yadav met his alliance partner in Uttar Pradesh and BSP chief Mayawati in Lucknow for almost an hour. The meeting happened a day after most of the exit polls suggested that the BJP would win a clear majority for a second term at the Centre.

On Saturday, TDP chief N Chandrababu Naidu met Yadav and Mayawati separately in Lucknow to discuss the possibility of non-BJP parties coming together if election results on May 23 throw up a hung parliament.

On Friday, Naidu had paid a "courtesy visit" to Kejriwal. Several opposition parties have rejected the exit poll predictions and they have been making their moves to stitch a non-BJP coalition before the results are declared.

Local BJP leaders in touch with Opp: Sources

SAPNA SINGH ■ NEW DELHI

At a time when the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) was engrossed in winning each and every seat in the national Capital, certain leaders of the Delhi BJP were furtively helping the Opposition parties. Neutral observers, employed by the BJP high command to keep a tab on the activities of the local leaders, have reported how some leaders were in cahoots with the rival Congress and were also creating impediments for the BJP candidates.

Having taken cognisance of the adverse reports, submitted by the observers, the BJP central leadership is mulling disciplinary action against the delinquent leaders after the results are declared on Thursday (May 23).

If sources in Delhi BJP are to be believed, party high command will reshuffle leaders and may sack even few who were seen in the house of Former Delhi Chief Minister



Shiela Dikshit.

Sources told *The Pioneer*, that the party high command has hired a private agency to observe the activities, participation and campaigning of the local leaders. "We have received feedback from the party high command that few leaders holding rank of general secretaries, district presidents and few members in media team were missing in action during the campaigning".

The party is in the process of ascertaining their roles and may initiate actions against the leaders who were involved in anti-party activities. Since

BJP is eyeing a comeback in Delhi Assembly elections due in February 2020, these leaders will hear the music, sources maintained.

Alongwith the suspicious activities during campaigning, there was internal bickering among Delhi BJP office bearers.

"What was the contribution of secretaries and district presidents during campaigning?" BJP leader questioned without naming anyone.

Lauding the role of union leaders and poor response in the Union Minister Rajnath Singh's rally, BJP leader said

that workers, leaders play equal role in campaigning, however, Delhi BJP leaders were not seen actively despite the participation of Union Ministers in road show / rallies and campaigning.

The role of BJP's Municipal Councillors has been also taken up by the party leadership. "What action has been taken so far for illegal encroachments, who gave clearance to maps for illegal constructions? Who is responsible for the deaths of innocents in building collapse?" BJP leader questioned.

Meanwhile, reacting on AAP's claim on EVM hacking, Delhi BJP president Manoj Tiwari said, "AAP is defeating and finding reason to blame EVM."

Citing Delhi Assembly elections -2014, Tiwari said that AAP had no problem with EVM when they won 67 seats out of 70. "AAP is facing defeat and Kejriwal has started EVM blame game again," said Tiwari.

Vijender Gupta sends legal notice to CM, Sisodia over murder conspiracy charge

NEW DELHI: BJP leader Vijender Gupta on Tuesday sent legal notices to Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and his deputy, Manish Sisodia asking them to apologise for their tweets in which they had accused him of being part of a conspiracy to kill the AAP chief.

Gupta said if Kejriwal and Sisodia failed to apologise, he would initiate civil as well as criminal proceedings against them.

The Leader of Opposition in the Delhi Assembly has already filed a police complaint against the chief minister and his deputy, alleging that they were trying to "falsely implicate" him in a conspiracy to kill Arvind Kejriwal.

In the legal notice, Gupta

also demanded "immediate withdrawal" of their tweets and apologise for their statement imputing conspiracy being hatched by him to murder Kejriwal.

"If Sisodia and Kejriwal failed to apologise within seven days for their defamatory, false and baseless allegations, I would be forced to initiate civil as well as criminal proceedings against them in a competent court of Law," Gupta said in a statement.

The Delhi Chief Minister had recently alleged in an interview to a Punjabi channel that the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) wanted to get him killed by his own Personal Security Officer (PSO) in the manner in which Indira Gandhi had been killed. **PTI**

EVMs are absolutely foolproof: Delhi CEO

NEW DELHI: Amid a slew of allegations by the Opposition about the reliability of EVMs, Delhi's Chief Electoral Officer Ranbir Singh said that the machines are "absolutely foolproof" and fulfil all "transparency and administrative protocols".

Singh said the EVM is "robust by design" and there is no way the machine can be tampered with. "There is no way that the machine can be tampered with, manipulated or hacked into because it does not

have connectivity with the outside world.

"It does not have internet, wi-fi or bluetooth connectivity. This means you cannot access the mind of the machine. It has a onetime programmable chip," Singh told PTI.

The Aam Aadmi Party Monday asked the Election Commission to provide additional security at a counting centre in South Delhi, alleging that political opponents plan to manipulate EVMs ahead of the announcement of poll

results on May 23.

The letter by AAP's South Delhi candidate and spokesperson Raghav Chadha said that "he has strong reasons to believe that the political adversaries will attempt to open the strong rooms and manipulate or replace the machines as a handful of such incidents have been seen in the past".

Singh said the machines are manufactured by Electronics Corporation of India Limited (ECIL) and Bharat Electronics Limited

(BEL), which are the PSUs with highest security protocols and are programmed there.

"If somebody tries to alter the programme, the machine vibrates a lot and it switches off and becomes dead. From the time the machine is manufactured to the time it reaches a particular state, it has foolproof security with personnel from the states it passes through guarding it," he said.

Singh said the representatives from political parties are present right from the time the

warehousing is done for EVMs till the time they reach the polling stations.

"When the warehousing is done, it is done in the presence of representatives of the candidates. They are kept safely, sealed and the signatures of the representatives are taken on the seal."

"Whenever the First Level Check (FLC) of the machine happens in which they check whether the machine is working or not, that is also done in the presence of representatives of the political party," he added. **PTI**

Gang busted, drugs worth ₹1.3 cr seized

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Police on Tuesday claimed to have busted a three-member gang that was involved in selling proscribed psychotropic drugs to people in the national Capital and its adjoining areas. The arrests were made by the staff of Northeast district police from Khajuri Khas area. The gang members were allegedly supplying psychotropic drug 'Tramadol' and recovered capsules. Their arrest has led to the recovery of banned drugs

worth over ₹1.3 crore in the international market.

Tramadol, a painkiller pharma drug, has been declared a "psychotropic substance" by the Union Government. The Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) had last year said the drug was being internationally smuggled, and had possible supply links to the global terror group ISIS.

The accused have been identified as Sunil (21), Ankit (30) — both residents of Ghaziabad and Vikki Kumar

(21), a resident of Karawal Nagar in Delhi, they said.

"During a checking drive on the service road near Government Boys Senior Secondary School at Khajoori Khas on May 16, police nabbed two persons while they were trying to flee on their scooter," Atul Kumar Thakur, Deputy Commissioner of Police (Northeast), said.

Police recovered a total of nine cartons containing 39,000 capsules of 'Tramadol', also known as fighter drug, he said.

NDA decries Opp for questioning EC

DEEPAK K UPRETI ■ NEW DELHI

National Democratic Alliance (NDA) on Tuesday asserted that India was no longer a "soft state" after five years of the Modi Government and criticised Opposition's attempt to "question" integrity of the Election Commission (EC).

All the NDA allies, barring three, who attended a dinner here with Prime Minister in attendance passed a resolution which expressed concern over alleged "Opposition attack" on institutions including EC.

The resolution condemned poll Violence in West Bengal and Kerala. NDA allies expressed full faith in Modi who in turn said NDA today represents hopes and aspirations of India and has turned into an organic entity.

Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh who spoke to media along with RLSF leader and union minister Ram Vilas Paswan said Prime Minister said NDA played an important role in fulfilling regional aspi-

राष्ट्रीय जनतांत्रिक गठबंधन (NDA) केन्द्रीय मंत्रिपरिषद के सदस्यों का स्वागत एवं आभार मिलन



Prime Minister Narendra Modi being felicitated by Union Ministers Rajnath Singh and Nitin Gadkari during a thanksgiving meeting with the Council of Ministers at BJP headquarters in New Delhi on Tuesday

and it was a "strong pillar" of regional hopes. Modi expressed concern over "unnecessary questions" being raised over the "integrity" of EC.

"Our elections could be a global brand but opposition was creating hurdles...", he said.

Prime Minister said some narratives like those of caste

and casteism need to change and "we need to come out of it". While saying so, he said the main focus need to be eradication of poverty.

Rajnath said India has emerged strong globally and is no more a soft state.

Paswan said NDA will win more seats than projected by the

Exit polls on Sunday. He said people have voted for Modi. He said on certain occasion PM turned emotional. Paswan said EVM issue was a bogus one.

Among others SAD leader Prakash Singh Badal, JDU leader Nitish Kumar and SHiV Sena Chief Udhav Thackeray attended the meet.

Ambani to withdraw defamation suits against Congress, Herald

Ahmedabad: Anil Ambani's Reliance Group has decided to withdraw the ₹5,000-crore civil defamation suits filed in an Ahmedabad court against Congress leaders and National Herald newspaper over their statements and an article on the controversial Rafale fighter jet deal.

The suits were being heard in the court of city civil and sessions judge P J Tamakuwala.

"We have intimated the defendants that we are going to withdraw the suits against them," the complainant's lawyer, Rasesh Parikh, told PTI on Tuesday.

PS Champaneri, the lawyer representing the National Herald and some other defendants, said he was told by the Reliance Group's counsel that he received instructions from his client to withdraw the defamation suits against them.

The formal process to withdraw the suits will be taken up in the court when it resumes after the summer

vacation, Champaneri said.

Reliance Defence, Reliance Infrastructure and Reliance Aerostructure-- part of the Anil Ambani-owned Reliance Group-- had earlier filed civil defamation suits against Congress leaders including Sunil Jakhar, Randeep Singh Surjewala, Oommen Chandy, Ashok Chavan, Abhishek Manu Singhvi, Sanjay Nirupam and Shaktisinh Gohil, and some journalists and news organisations like the National Herald.

The defamation suits were also filed against the National Herald's editor Zafar Agha, and Vishwadeepak, the author of a news article published by it.

Before going for summer vacation, the court was hearing applications moved by the defendants questioning the territorial jurisdiction of the court in Ahmedabad to hear such suits.

The complainants said the defendants made libelous and derogatory statements against the Reliance Group and its

chairman Anil Ambani pertaining to the Rafale fighter jet deal and his firms.

They asked the defendants to "cease and desist" from levelling allegations against the company in connection with the Rafale deal.

The defamation suit filed against the National Herald pertained to an article published by it, titled Anil Ambani floated Reliance Defence 10 days before Modi announced Rafale deal.

The article "misleads the general public to believe that undue business favours are being extended to them by the government of the day," the petition said.

It conveys a "negative image" and "adversely affects the public perception" of Reliance Group and its chairman Ambani, it said.

It has caused "considerable damage" to the reputation and goodwill of plaintiff firms, it said, seeking damages of ₹5,000 crore. PTI

Bihar should be granted special status: CM Nitish

IANS ■ PATNA

Ahead of attending a dinner meeting being hosted by BJP president Amit Shah in the national Capital on Tuesday night, Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar said that the State should be granted special category status.

"We are still in favour of the special category status to Bihar. This issue is very important for us. We will continue to raise it," the Janata Dal-United (JD-U) chief told the media here on Tuesday.

Nitish Kumar also downplayed differences over his ally Bharatiya Janata Party's demand to abolish Article 370.

"There's no contradiction. We've always maintained Article 370 shouldn't be scrapped, Uniform Civil Code shouldn't be imposed, Ayodhya dispute should be resolved through mutual agreement/court's intervention. We've maintained this since we first forged an alliance with BJP".

He added that the BJP knows of his stand, but there was no dispute between the two parties.

Nitish also expressed confidence about the NDA's victory in the recently concluded Lok Sabha elections.

Union Minister Ram Vilas Paswan will also attend the dinner meeting.

Opp flies into EVM rage

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Before the counting of EVMs commences, the counting agents are shown the address tags, seals and serial number of the EVMs to satisfy themselves to the genuineness and authenticity of the machines used in the actual polls," the EC said. "The visuals seen viral on media do not pertain to any EVMs used during the polls," it added.

BJP leader and Law Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad took a swipe at the Opposition, saying EVMs were fine when its leaders like Mamata Banerjee, N Chandrababu Naidu, Amarinder Singh and Arvind Kejriwal win elections and come to power but they turn unreliable when "it appears that Modi will come back to power".

Earlier, in a meeting attended by Ahmed Patel, Ghulam Nabi Azad, Ashok Gehlot, Abhishek Singhvi of the Congress, TDP's Chandrababu Naidu, Satish Chandra Mishra of the BSP, Sitaram Yechury of the CPI(M), D Raja of the CPI, Delhi Chief Minister and AAP convener Arvind Kejriwal,

Derek O'Brien of the TMC, Ramgopal Yadav of the SP, Kanimozhi of the DMK, Manoj Jha (RJD), Majeed Memon (NCP) and Devinder Rana (NCP) among others discussed the VVPAT issue along with larger strategy of formation of a non-BJP Government at the Centre. The leaders then approached the EC to raise the issue of VVPAT.

"We are asking the EC to respect the mandate of the people. It cannot be manipulated. If there is a blood test and it shows some discrepancy, then the whole body should be scanned. Similarly, we demand that if discrepancy shows up in one VVPAT, then all of them in that Assembly segment should be counted," Naidu said addressing the media along with the other leaders.

BSP leader Satish Chandra Mishra alleged that "there is large-scale bungling relating to EVMs in Uttar Pradesh. We demand deployment of Central forces". The Opposition parties also raised concerns over the transportation of EVMs ahead of counting of votes and urged the EC to probe the issue.

New Govt to focus on land, labour reforms, export promotion: Report

Report sees three possible scenarios of reform -- acceleration, status quo, and regression

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Land and labour reforms, privatisation and export promotion would be at the top of agenda of the new government irrespective of which party or coalition takes charge after the poll results on May 23, a report has said.

Most exit polls have predicted a sweeping victory for the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA), which is expected to win over 300 seats in the election.

Irrespective of which party or combination of parties form the new government after the results of the Lok Sabha election announced on May 23, the priority is likely to be on reforms on land, labour, privatisation and export promotion, Goldman Sachs said in its report Tuesday.

"We see potential reforms (by the new government) to focus on land transparent auctions, and digitisation of records; labour creating an enabling regulatory environment and privatisation in areas such as agriculture and banking," it said.

The promotion of exports through targeting new markets such as Eastern Europe and Central Asia; and creating a credible system of grading and certification will also be a area of priority for the new government, it said.

The report sees three possible scenarios of reform -- acceleration, status quo, and regression, and has analysed the effect these might have on GDP growth.

It estimates a 2.5 percentage points boost or drag to its base case of 7.5 per cent for average real GDP growth during FY2020-2025.

"We see baseline growth rising up to 10 per cent in our acceleration scenario of effectively enforced major reforms; or narrowing to 5 per cent in our regression scenario of stalled reforms," the report said.

The accelerated reform scenario assumes the new government would have a sufficient majority to introduce important legislative reforms, and the will to implement reforms, it said.

If the official election outcome bear out the exit poll trends, dollar/rupee will continue to grind lower in coming days. The three-month forecast for USD/INR is 69, it said.

It remains neutral on the rupee on a medium term horizon, expecting USD/INR to edge higher to 71 on a 12-month horizon.

The report anticipates the banking system liquidity situation to normalise as currency in circulation reduces from its high post elections, and with potential liquidity operations by the RBI.

In the event of a decisive mandate which enables further progress on structural reforms, the report expects a faster recovery in the corporate earnings over the medium term.

All exit polls wrong, far from truth: Sharad

IANS ■ PATNA

Lokantrik Janata Dal (LJD) Chief Sharad Yadav on Tuesday said all exit polls are wrong and far from the truth and that the reality will be out on Thursday.

"All exit polls are wrong, real result of polls would be known to all on May 23," he told the media in reaction to the exit polls prediction that the NDA led by Narendra Modi

will return to power with a majority.

As for the Grand Alliance, Yadav said so far no consensus has been reached on who will be the prime ministerial candidate and the decision will be taken only after the Lok Sabha election results are declared.

Yadav contested from Bihar's Madhepura parliamentary constituency as a Rashtriya Janata Dal candidate.

Faith is over, filth remains in Prayagraj

Prayagraj: Faith is long over and all that remains now are mounds of filth.

The Maha Kumbh that was so prominently organized by the Yogi Adityanath Government from January to March this year at a cost of over ₹4,200 crore has generated more than 2,000 tonnes of unsegregated solid waste.

The event also championed the concept of 'Swachh Bharat' that prompted Prime Minister Narendra Modi to declare it the cleanest ever Kumbh held in Prayagraj.

According to reports coming in, the unsegregated solid waste was dumped into the city's solid waste treatment plant at Baswar village which has been closed since September 2018.

Retired judge Arun Tandon, chairman of the supervisory committee set up by the National Green Tribunal (NGT) to review how Kumbh had affected the Ganga, has said in its report that the waste lies in the open, untreated and uncovered. IANS

SC refuses urgent hearing of ex-Kolkata CP's plea for further protection from arrest

New Delhi: In a setback to former Kolkata police commissioner Rajeev Kumar, the Supreme Court Tuesday refused to accord urgent listing of his plea for extension of the 7-day protection from arrest granted to him in the Saradha chit fund scam case.

Kumar has rushed to the top court seeking indefinite extension of shield from arrest on the ground that work in trial courts in Kolkata and the Calcutta High Court has been paralysed due to the ongoing strike by lawyers.

A three-judge bench headed by Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi had on May 17 withdrawn the protection from arrest granted earlier to Kumar and said that it would continue for seven days to enable him to approach the competent court for relief. The protection ends on May 23.

Kumar's counsel approached the vacation bench of the apex court on Monday seeking urgent listing of his plea for extending the protection in view of lawyers' strike in Kolkata.

However, his counsel was told that since the May 17 order was passed by a three-judge bench, he can approach the apex court registry or the secretary general for listing of the matter before an appropriate bench.

The counsel then approached the registrar (judicial) of the apex court for urgent listing of the plea.

"The matter was placed before the Chief Justice of India today morning and counsel for West Bengal was informed that the request for urgent listing was rejected by the CJJI," said one of the lawyers who is appearing in the case. PTI

Pranab: Onus on EC...

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At a time when the Election Commission is under fire from Opposition parties for being biased, Pranab also said all the three commissioners are appointed by the executive and they are doing their job well. "You cannot criticise them, it was a perfect conduct of elections. If democracy has succeeded, it is largely due to perfect conduct of elections by election commissioners starting from Sukumar Sen to the present election commissioners," Pranab said.

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Be known to all that my clients L. Dashrath Singh, S/o Late Shri Banshi Lal, and 2. Mrs Sarla Devi W/o Mr. Dashrath Singh both R/o House No. 34, Gali No. 14, Phase-6, Shiv Vihar, Karawal Nagar, Delhi-110094, have Dabared/Disowned their son "Brij Mohan" possessing Aadhar No. 5757-8381-4411 and their Daughter-In-Law "Ms. Doli (8569-7827-6386), W/o Sh. Brij Mohan, D/o Mr. Ram Naresh", Presently Residing At 34, Gali No. 14, Phase-6, Shiv Vihar, Karawal Nagar, Delhi-110094 "Permanent resident of "Dakshini Mohan Ganj, Tuwelen no. 4, Sirsaganj, District Firozabad, Uttar Pradesh, 283204" and their both granddaughters namely, Ria and Sia both daughters of Brij Mohan and Doli; from their life and all their movable/immovable properties, as they (Brijmohan and Doli) have made their (My Client's) life like hell; the above mentioned persons, being hand in glove with each other, are trying to drag my clients in to fake litigations to create pressure on them to transfer the property where they live into their name; my clients have ceased all their relations with "Brij Mohan" possessing Aadhar No. 5757-8381-4411, their Daughter-In-Law "Ms. Doli (8569-7827-6386) and both the grand daughters and they are not willing to let them stay at their property anymore and these persons have no concern with my clients now on; Anyone, dealing with these "Brij Mohan", and their Daughter-In-Law "Ms. Doli" would do so at his/her own risk and consequences and my clients shall, in no case be responsible for any dealing if been made by anyone with these persons.

Shalendra Singh (Advocate) F-601-B, Karkardooma Courts Complex, Shahdara, Delhi-110032.

Public Notice

Indraprastha Gas Limited (IGL) has issued a Letter of intent for setting up of CNG Station at the site located at following locations and to be operated by following Operator having received such Application from the Operator, & conducting due diligence and following due process. 1. Name of applicant - Balwan Singh Sharma Address of proposed station - Khasra No. 54/16, Village - Dichaon Kalan, Najafgarh, South West Delhi, Delhi. However, if any person has any objection or claim regarding the setting up of CNG Station at the said site, kindly contact us within 07 days from the publication of this notice, with the relevant and appropriate proof to substantiate the objection/claim, failing which, it shall be deemed that there is no objection/claim for the setting of CNG Station at the said site. Contact Add.: IGL Bhawan, Plot No. 4, Community Center, R.K. Puram Sector-9, 4th Floor, ND-22 iglncp@gmail.com

Last rites for just ₹1 in Telangana's Karimnagar

THE SCHEME, TO BE ROLLED OUT FROM JUNE 15

IANS ■ HYDERABAD

Poor and lower middle class families often struggle to conduct the last rites of their near and dear ones and to lend a helping hand, authorities in Telangana's Karimnagar town has launched a novel scheme for just ₹1.

Karimnagar Municipal Corporation (KMC) announced on Tuesday that it will bear all the expenses of performing last rites as per religious traditions.

Under the scheme named, "Antim Yatra-Akhri Safar", the KMC will take care of transportation of bodies to the crematorium or burial grounds, 'pujas' or rituals, arrange firewood, kerosene and other material required. For Muslims and Christians, the authorities will arrange digging of graves.

Karimnagar Mayor S. Ravinder Singh said the idea was to ensure that the last rites

of the poor and the needy were performed with dignity. He noted that due to increasing costs, many families were struggling to make the arrangements.

The scheme, to be rolled out from June 15, is meant for all irrespective of their religion and caste. Those willing to avail the scheme have to pay one rupee and collect the receipt.

About 2,000 employees of KMC will also inform the authorities about deaths in their respective areas.

"If necessary we will supply free body freezers and meals for

50 members of the bereaved family," said Singh. The meals will be provided from ₹5 meal scheme of KMC.

As the bereaved families have to make rounds of offices to get death certificate, KMC will issue the certificates immediately after performing the last rites under this scheme.

KMC will also arrange two specially designed vehicles for transporting the bodies to crematorium or graveyard. It has set aside ₹1.5 crore for the scheme, said Singh, who also appealed to philanthropists to help.

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Offers are invited for CMPDI (HQ) complex, Kanke Road, Ranchi through **E-tendering (ON LINE BIDDING)** only : **Tender Notice No. & Date** : (02 of 2019-20 Dt. 14.05.2019).

Description : Repairing of Roads by bituminous concrete layer on the existing surface and laying of paver blocks at required locations at CMPDI (HQ), Ranchi. **Estimated cost** : ₹ 83,54,110.05 Excluding GST, **EMD** : ₹ 1,04,500/-.

Completion time : 120 days. The details of the tenders are available on following website : www.cmpdi.co.in, www.eprocure.gov.in & https://coalindiatenders.nic.in from 22.05.2019 to 04.06.2019. **Important Note to all prospective bidders** : For ON-LINE bidding, the bidders should possess Class II/III Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) and enroll themselves at https://coalindiatenders.nic.in For any query, contact Chief Manager(C) / TE & CM, Mobile No. 8987788838 & Tel. No. 0651-2792019, email : gmte.cmpdi@coalindia.in

GM (TE & CM)

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External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj shakes hands with Kyrgyz Foreign Minister Aidarbekov during a bilateral meeting in Bishkek on Tuesday

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Sd/ (Vaibhav Shukla)
Company Secretary

Place: Kanpur Date: 20.05.2019

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R.K. Jain (Advocate), Chamber No. 160, Western Wing, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-110054

Videos of alleged EVM tampering viral

■ EC rejects allegations of discrepancies
■ Parties allege EVMs were being changed in strongrooms in Ghazipur, Chandauli, Domariyaganj and Jhansi

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

A couple of days before the counting of votes, several videos of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) alleged movement from one unauthorised storage house to another besides tampering went viral on social media prompting the Election Commission (EC) to issue a statement clarifying that all machines are safe and secure.

Terming it as frivolous and unfounded, the EC on Tuesday rejected allegations of discrepancies in the handling of EVMs and VVPAT (Voter Verified Paper Trail Machines) in some districts of Uttar Pradesh, saying that each strong room is guarded with round-the-clock security by Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) and further, the candidates or their designated agents remain present at the strong room for 24x7 vigil at all times.

"After the close of polls, all



A security jawan guards at a counting centre, prepared for the 2019 Lok Sabha polls, in Mumbai on Tuesday

polled EVMs and VVPATs are brought under security cover to the designated strong rooms, which is sealed with double locks, in the presence of the candidates and in the presence of Observers of the EC. The entire process of storage and sealing of the strongroom is covered under videography. Continuous CCTV coverage is done till completion of counting", the EC said in a statement.

"On the counting day, the strongrooms are opened in the presence of the candidates/agents and Observer

under videography. Before the counting of EVMs commences, the counting agents are shown the address tags, seals and serial number of the EVMs to satisfy themselves to the genuineness and authenticity of the machines used in the actual polls", the EC said. "The visuals seen viral on media do not pertain to any EVMs used during the polls," it added.

The EC's response came after political parties alleged that EVMs were being changed in strongrooms in Ghazipur, Chandauli, Domariyaganj and

Jhansi in Uttar Pradesh at the instance of BJP. As the videos went viral, workers of various parties have started protests outside the strongrooms in these areas.

A video clip of EVMs being off-loaded and put in a room inside the counting centre complex in Chandauli was doing the rounds on social media. Referring to the incident in Chandauli, the EC said in its report that some people have made frivolous allegation and EVMs were kept safely in strongrooms. "Frivolous

allegation by some people, EVMs were in proper security and protocol," the EC said.

Another video is from Ghazipur where SP-BSP alliance candidate Afzal Ansari is seen staging protest alleging that the administration was trying to change EVMs. In the video, Ansari and his supporters were seen having a heated exchange with a police officer. The officer is urging them to clear the area, but the leader and his supporters refuse to budge, claiming there was an attempt to take out a vehicle loaded with EVMs.

On allegations of EVM rigging in Uttar Pradesh's Ghazipur, the EC said, "There was issue regarding 'Having watch on polled EVM strong room by the candidates' which was resolved by conveying the EC instructions (sic)."

In Domariyaganj too, some candidates had alleged that EVMs were not kept safely in strongrooms. The EC, however, rejected these claims too and said, "EVMs were in proper security and protocol. Agitation was unnecessary. They were convinced by DM and SP. The matter is resolved."

The poll panel said that in Jhansi too there is no issue with the storage and handling of EVMs as all machines are stored in proper security and protocol in the presence of political parties' candidates.

EC rejects by 2-1 vote Lavasa's plea to record dissent note in its orders

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Election Commission on Tuesday rejected with a majority 2:1 vote election commissioner Ashok Lavasa's demand that dissent notes should be recorded in its orders on model code violations. The EC said the dissent notes and minority views would remain part of records as it is the case now.

Lavasa has recused himself from MCC violation cases, saying his dissent was not being made part of the orders. He had dissented in at least six of the 11 decisions that the EC took on complaints against Prime Minister Narendra Modi and BJP president Amit Shah for alleged poll code violations. The two were given a clean chit in all the decisions.

The 'full commission' of the panel, comprising Chief Election Commissioner Sunil Arora and two other members - Lavasa and Sushil Chandra - deliberated on the contentious issue, after which the Commission said that dissent notes and minority views would remain part of records but would not be part of its order.

"In the meeting of the Election Commission held today regarding the issue of MCC (Model Code of Conduct), it was interalia



decided that proceedings of the commission's meetings would be drawn, including the views of all the commission members. "Thereafter, formal instructions to this effect would be issued in consonance with extant laws/rules, etc," the EC said in a statement.

The EC had maintained that since the poll code violation cases are not quasi judicial in nature, they are not signed by the chief election commissioner (CEC) and fellow commissioners, and thus, the dissent cannot be made part of the order.

"Status quo will be maintained. Dissent will not be made public but would form part of EC records," explained an official.

In a strongly-worded letter to Arora on May 4, Lavasa is learnt to have said that he is being forced to stay away from the meetings of the full commission since minority decisions are not being recorded. In Tuesday's meeting, Lavasa is

said to have stuck to his ground, pressing for his demand to include dissenting views in the orders.

Earlier, in a press statement issued on May 18, CEC Arora said, "The three members of the EC are not expected to be template or clones of each other. There have been so many times in the past when there has been a vast diversion of views as it can and should be".

Earlier, in a letter on May 4, Lavasa wrote: "The main objective of the MCC is to ensure free and fair elections by providing a level playing field to all political parties and candidates and also to maintain a certain degree of decorum in the political discourse during electioneering."

Lavasa did not attend any MCC meeting after May 4. In the letter, he enforced the importance of the MCC, saying it "draws its strength and sanctity from the strict, prompt and non-discriminatory enforcement therein."

As per the law governing the functioning of the EC, efforts should have an unanimity, but in the case of a dissent, a majority (2:1) view prevails. The poll panel's rules express preference for a unanimous view, but also allow a majority decision.

At 67.11%, it's highest ever LS poll turnout

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The voter turnout for the just-concluded Lok Sabha poll was the highest ever, since the first elections in 1951, at a tentative 67.11 per cent, a jump of 1.16 per cent across 542 constituencies, barring Vellore where polls were rescheduled.

But, the Election Commission (EC) figures are still provisional and are subject to change depending on the turnout in Vellore. The poll panel is yet to announce a fresh date for elections in Vellore. The EC had cancelled the polls there on the grounds of excessive use of money power.

The overall turnout in 2014 was 65.95 per cent. Lakshadweep recorded the highest turnout at 84.96 per

cent in 2019 LS poll, north-eastern states of Tripura (83.20 per cent), Nagaland (83.09 per cent) and Manipur (82.69 per cent) were not too far behind. The overall high turnout in West Bengal at 81.91 per cent was still short of the 2014 figure of 82.22 per cent.

The highest increase in the turnout between 2014 and 2019 was in Madhya Pradesh (71.2 per cent from 61.61 per cent, a jump of 9.59 per cent), followed by Himachal Pradesh (71.52 per cent from 64.45 per cent). The biggest dip in terms of turnout was in Jammu and Kashmir, with 29.39 per cent polling which is 20.33 per cent lower than 49.72 per cent recorded in 2014.

Two Hindi heartland recorded Bihar and UP recorded less than 60 per cent turnouts - 58.08 per cent and 59.6 per

cent respectively. Goa recorded 74.94 per cent, Gujarat 64.11 per cent, Haryana 70.30 per cent, Jharkhand 66.83 per cent, Karnataka 68.63 per cent and Delhi 60.63 per cent.

In 2019, the voter turnout saw a decreasing trend from the first to the seventh phase, which took place on Sunday. According to data provided by the EC, in phase one, the turnout was 69.61 per cent. It went down marginally to 69.44 per cent in phase two and further down to 68.40 per cent in the third phase. In the fourth phase, the turnout saw a dip of nearly three per cent and stood at 65.50 per cent. In the fifth phase, the turnout was 64.16 per cent, but went up marginally to 64.40 per cent in the sixth and penultimate phase. In the seventh and the last phase, it was 65.16 per

cent, according to the EC's Voter Turnout app.

The cumulative turnout figure of the first six phases stood at 67.34 per cent, which is 1.21 per cent more than the corresponding constituencies in 2014.

The lowest being in first election held in 1951 with 45.67 per cent voter participation. Thereafter turnouts were 47.74% in 1957, 55.42% in 1962, 61.33% in 1967, 55.29% in 1971, 60.49% in 1977, 56.92% in 1980, 64.01% in 1984-85, 61.95% in 1989 (when National Front won under V P Singh), 55.88% in 1991-92 (during which Congress president Rajiv Gandhi was assassinated), 57.94% in 1996, 61.97% in 1998, 59.99% in 1999, 57.98% in 2004, 58.19% in 2009 and 66.44% in 2014.



(L-R) Senior Congress leaders Sonia Gandhi, Manmohan Singh, former president Pranab Mukherjee, former vice-president Hamid Ansari, party's general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra and party president Rahul Gandhi after paying tribute to former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi on his 28th death anniversary, at his memorial 'Veer Bhumi' in New Delhi on Tuesday

CPM demands repolling in Bengal's Diamond Harbour

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The CPI (M) has written to the Election Commission (EC) alleging "large-scale irregularities" in the May 19 polling held in the Diamond Harbour Lok Sabha constituency of West Bengal, where Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's nephew Abhishek Banerjee is contesting.

In his letter, CPM general secretary Sitaram Yechury alleged that the scale of irregularities were such that the EC should invoke Article 324 of the Constitution. Article 324 deals with vesting of superintendence, direction and control of elections in an Election Commission.

"The EC must ensure 'free-and-fair' elections by ordering re-polling in the entire constituency," Yechury said, while listing out the alleged irregularities underlined by

the CPI(M) candidate from Diamond Harbour in the just-concluded Lok Sabha polls, Fuad Halim. BJP has also petitioned the poll panel demanding re-polling in the entire Diamond Harbour parliamentary constituency.

"It is clear that the state unit of the BJP has entered into an understanding with the TMC for the latter's support for its candidates in certain other constituencies like Mathurapur, Jadavpur etc., in return for the BJP's support to the TMC candidate for Diamond Harbour PC, who happens to be the nephew of the Chief Minister of West Bengal.

"I am besieging you to look into the large-scale, brazen irregularities which are clearly detailed in Dr Fuad Halim's letter, cancel the poll of May 19 and order a re-polling in the constituency," Yechury wrote in his letter to the EC.

SC rejects PIL for 100% matching of VVPAT slips with EVMs on May 23

New Delhi: The Supreme Court Tuesday dismissed a PIL seeking 100 per cent matching of Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) slips with Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) during the counting of votes on May 23 for Lok Sabha polls.

A larger bench headed by Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi has already dealt with the matter and passed an order, said a vacation bench comprising justices Arun Mishra and M R Shah and refused to entertain the plea filed by a Chennai-based organisation 'Tech 4 All'.

"The CJJ had dealt with this matter. Why are you taking chance before a two-judge vacation bench. We will not list any such case for urgent hearing," it said.

"We cannot override the CJJ's order... This is nonsense,"



the bench said. The apex court not only denied urgent hearing of the matter but took the PIL on "board" and dismissed it. A three-judge bench head-

ed by the CJJ on May 7 had dismissed a review plea filed by 21 opposition leaders, led by Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu, seeking that random matching of VVPAT slips with EVMs be increased to 50 per cent.

The opposition leaders had said that the present system of 2 per cent of random matching of VVPAT slips with EVMs was inadequate and did not inspire confidence among the electorates.

Prior to this, the top court had on April 8 directed the Election Commission to increase random matching of VVPAT slips with EVMs from one to five polling booths per assembly segment in Lok Sabha polls, saying it would provide greater satisfaction not just to political parties but also to the entire electorate. PTI

ED gags media talk

Probe agency Director Sanjay Kumar Mishra issues a memorandum

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate on Tuesday issued an order to gag its officials from interacting with journalists and said non-adherence to the new directive would invite "punitive action".

ED Director Sanjay Kumar Mishra issued a one-page memorandum asking all its officers to keep away from "unwarranted interaction with the media".

"It has been observed that certain information relating to

ongoing investigations have been published in the media. These information relating to impending action may jeopardise the interests of ongoing investigations," the latest order said.

Henceforth, it said, "any officer other than the authorised officer if found interacting with the media, the same should be brought to the knowledge of the principal special director or undersigned (Director) immediately." The order stated "any deviation will amount to dereliction of duty and liable for punitive action."

It added that an earlier circular issued in this regard in November, 2018 "has not been followed in right spirit".

The headquarters of the agency handles some of the most high-profile cases of money laundering and hawala

transactions apart from supervising investigation of all its zonal offices in the country. Cases relating to fugitive liquor baron Vijay Malya, Diamantaires Nirav Modi and Mehul Choksi and those involved in the IPL scam.

The fresh order has been issued after it was found that the line of investigation was taken by the agency was "leaked" to the press by certain officials and hence, it was required to check such instances, sources claimed.

The ED is a central probe agency that probes offences -- Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) and Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA) -- to check high-value economic crimes and black money involving money laundering and forex violations.

Centre, Rajasthan spat stalls recovery of 10th century antiquity from Switzerland

ARCHANA JYOTI ■ NEW DELHI

Caught in the procedural wrangling between the Centre and the Rajasthan Government, a precious antiquity - a 10th-century-old stone sculpture, Varah, which was stolen from an Indian temple two decades ago, is still stuck in Switzerland which had agreed to return it last year itself.

The treasured stone sculpture-- depicting Varah as a theriomorphic boar was stolen from the ruins of the Gargach temple in Atru town, a little-known site in Baran district, close to the Rajasthan-Madhya Pradesh border way back in 1987. Atru site alone has nine temples, including Gargach, Ganesh, Shitalamata and Nagdev Jain temple, all under the Archeological Survey of India (ASI).

An official from the Union Culture Ministry said that last

year the Swiss officials had contacted the Indian Embassy there regarding its possession with a private person who offered to donate after it became known that it was stolen and clandestinely smuggled out of the country.

"They (the Swiss Government officials) asked us to produce the documents so that procedure for formal retrieval of the antiquity can be initiated," said the official.

He explained that since the sculpture was stolen from the temple in Rajasthan, the ASI on behalf of the Ministry has been asking the State (Rajasthan) police to furnish the documents such as FIR and relevant papers to expedite its retrieval. An FIR with the district police was registered on July 31, 1987 regarding the theft of the heritage item.

"But despite several reminders to the Rajasthan

police, there has been no movement in the case. Sometimes they say that concerned officials have been transferred sometimes they make excuses that papers were being collected," rued the official.

The Gargach temple from where the idol which has images of lord Vishnu engraved all over is an ASI protected monument. In Rajasthan, 162 monuments are centrally protected under the ASI.

However, Varah is not the only antiquity that has been stolen from the country.

As per the ASI, at least 31 ancient items have been brought back from countries like America, Australia, Canada, Germany and Singapore among others between 2014 and 2017. India is a signatory to the 1970 UN Convention on Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the illicit Trafficking in cultural property.

Home Secy directs States to gear up ahead of monsoon

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Union Home Secretary Rajiv Gauba on Tuesday directed States to step up their preparedness by advance planning and deployment of human, physical and financial resources ahead of the monsoon season.

Addressing the annual conference of Relief Commissioners and Secretaries here, the Home Secretary also reviewed the preparedness for the South-West Monsoon expected to arrive by June 6 and disbursement of central assistance.

The Centre released over Rs 17,000 crore as assistance to states affected by natural calamities like floods, cyclone and drought last year, Gauba said adding the central government has sanctioned additional battalions of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) which are being raised in Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh,

Uttarakhand and Delhi-NCR.

The Home Secretary said the Centre would provide all possible assistance under the NDRF and the SDRF besides mobilisation of central forces to the states and the UTs in connection with preparedness during the South-West Monsoon. Gauba said during the recent cyclone 'Fani', loss of human lives was minimal due to accurate and early weather forecasting by the India Meteorological Department (IMD) and timely mobilisation of resources besides better coordination between the Centre, state governments and other relevant agencies.

Speaking on the occasion, Director General, IMD, K J Ramesh said India has set a new benchmark in disaster risk reduction as demonstrated during cyclone Fani. The IMD is in the process of building the most advanced early warning weather system in coordination with various stakeholders, he said.

Apex court rejects plea challenging appointment of observers in Bengal

New Delhi: The Supreme Court Tuesday refused to entertain a plea challenging the appointment of two retired bureaucrats as observers in West Bengal for the Lok Sabha polls, saying the voting is already over.

While Vivek Dubey was appointed as a central police observer for West Bengal and Jharkhand, Ajay Nayak was appointed a special observer for West Bengal.

The petition had alleged that they had been appointed in contravention of the law so as to ensure "certain favours" are granted at the time of election.

A vacation bench comprising Justices Arun Mishra and M R Shah said: "Since the election is over, we are not inclined to entertain this petition under Article 32," the bench said.

The bench however granted liberty to petitioner Ramu Mandi, who contested the polls as an independent candidate from Barrackpore constituency of West

Bengal, to approach the Calcutta High Court.

Barrackpore was one of the seven constituencies in West Bengal where polling was held in the fifth phase of the general elections.

During the hearing on Tuesday, the counsel appearing for the Election Commission (EC) said that polling for the Lok Sabha elections was already over.

The counsel for Mandi said that although the polling was over, results of the general elections have not been declared yet.

"The election process is still going on. Results are yet to come," the lawyer said. To this, the bench said, "You go to the high court. We are permitting you to go to the high court".

The petitioner's counsel then said that judicial work in the high court there was affected due to the lawyers' strike in Kolkata. PTI

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Extract of Audited Financial Results for the Quarter & Year Ended 31st March, 2019						
(Rs. in lacs, except per share data)						
Sl. No.	Particulars	Quarter Ended			Year Ended	
		31.03.2019	31.12.2018	31.03.2018	31.03.2019	31.03.2018
	(Refer Notes Below)	(Audited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)	(Audited)	(Audited)
1	Total Income from Operations	55.43	122.33	116.98	295.67	292.06
2	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before tax and exceptional items	1.13	10.27	14.36	3.00	53.01
3	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before tax after exceptional items	1.13	10.27	14.36	3.00	53.01
4	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax	1.13	10.27	14.36	3.00	53.01
5	Total Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-	-
6	Paid-up equity share capital	300.00	300	300.00	300.00	300.00
7	Earning Per Share of Rs.10/- each (not annualised)					
	a) Basic	0.04	0.34	0.48	0.10	1.77
	b) Diluted	0.04	0.34	0.48	0.10	1.77

Notes :-
1 The above is an extract of the detailed format of Audited Financial Results for the Quarter and Year ended March 31, 2019 filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Audited Financial Results for the Quarter and Year ended March 31, 2019 are available on the Bombay Stock Exchange website www.bseindia.com and on Company's website www.uliltd.com.
2 The figures for the quarter and year ended March 31, 2019 and March 31, 2018 are the balancing figures between audited figures in respect of the full financial year and the year to date figure up to nine months of the respective financial year.
3 Figures of the above Previous periods have been regrouped/reclassified/restated wherever necessary.

For United Leasing & Industries Ltd.
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Managing Director
DIN : 01860038

Date : May 21, 2019
Place : Gurugram, Haryana.

1 dead in post-poll violence in Bengal

Mamata may eliminate our candidate: BJP

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

Amid ongoing post poll violence in different parts of Bengal, including Bhatpara-Kakinara industrial belt of North 24 Parganas in the northern fringes of Kolkata where the TMC and BJP workers continued to fight with crude bombs and guns for the third day on Tuesday senior saffron leader Kailash Vijayargiya alleged that Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee could get his party's Barrackpore Lok Sabha candidate Arjun Singh eliminated in an encounter.

Arjun Singh a four-time TMC MLA and strongman from Bhatpara-Naihati region

joined the BJP just before the Lok Sabha elections after he was refused nomination for the parliamentary seat. He is contesting on a Lotus ticket against the TMC's outgoing MP Dinesh Trivedi.

Vijayargiya, also the party's observer for Bengal tweeted, the Mamata Banerjee had ordered the arrest of Singh who could even be bumped of in an encounter warning the Chief Minister would be held responsible if anything happened to his party candidate.

Violence continued to take its toll throughout Bengal while a youth was shot dead near Kharagpur IIT and another three persons getting grievously injured in a shootout at Sitai village in Coochbehar of North Bengal. In both the cases the BJP claimed the victims as their supporters accusing the TMC but the Bhatpara Assembly



segment under Barrackpore parliamentary constituency remained the epicenter of vio-

lence with the supporters of BJP and TMC continued to fight overnight defying prohibitory orders.

Things took turn for worse when BJP workers blockaded road and suburban trains for three hours on Tuesday morning demanding arrest of the alleged TMC goons who had reportedly been on the rampage for the past several days. Train passengers narrowly escaped injury as crude bombs were hurled and stones were pelted at the static trains, sources said, adding police and the Central forces had been deployed and were conducting route-marches through out Bhatpara region known otherwise for its notoriety.

A group of BJP leaders led by State party president Dilip Ghosh on Tuesday met State Governor KN Tripathi "drawing his attention towards the ongoing violence where the BJP

workers are being targeted."

Ghosh said, "never in the history of Bengal such things have been noticed," he said reminding "in 2009 Parivartan had ensued with the Left getting lesser seats than TMC in Lok Sabha elections. But there was no violence then. It was a smooth transition of power. The ongoing violence is only a prelude to what we are likely to see after the poll results are out." He warned "if the TMC goons resort to violence the BJP will give a befitting reply."

Meanwhile, the Election Commission on Tuesday ordered re-polling at one booth in North Kolkata where BJP's Rahul Sinha, TMC's Sudip Bandopadhyay and CPI(M)'s Koninika Ghosh were engaged in a multi-cornered fight.

The election would take place at booth number 200 on Wednesday a day ahead of the counting of votes.

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The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Loan Account No.	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	Akkarapattay Murgesh/ Sumuthi/ LBNOD00003744398	Plot No. 5/500, Ground Floor, Type E, Sector 5, Vaishali, Ghaziabad / May 15, 2019	Feb.12, 2019 Rs. 34,48,816/-	Del/ncr
2.	Komal Tyagi/ Ankur Tyagi/ LBNOD0001975762	Apartment No. 322, Block C, 3rd Floor, Gaur Cascades, Situated at Raj Nagar Ext., Nh- 58, Ghaziabad/ May 15, 2019	Feb.12, 2019 Rs. 10,64,390/-	Del/ncr
3.	Krishan Kanojia/ Gracious Hotels Pvt Ltd/ Pooja Kanojia/ Gracious Hotels Pvt Ltd LBGUR00002378117/ LBGUR00002317896	Flat No. H-11, Second Floor, Category C, Akash Bhatti Co Operative Group Housing Society Ltd, Plot No. 24, Also Known As Akash Bhatti Apartments, I/P Extension, Patparganj, Delhi 110092/ May 15, 2019	Feb.28, 2019 Rs. 87,16,212/-	Del/ncr
4.	Gaurav Kumar/ LBNOD0001540126	Flat No- Semial- 1101, (Srishti) 11th Floor, Ahinsa Khand, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad/ May 17, 2019	Feb.26, 2019 Rs. 45,31,312/-	Del/ncr
5.	Navneet Gupta/ Pallavi Agarwal/ LBNOD0002063333	Flat No. B- GF09, Ground Floor, Gardenia Gateways, Plot No. 10, Sector 75, Noida/ May 17, 2019	Feb.12, 2019 Rs. 35,02,463/-	Del/ncr
6.	Rajani Tippur Siddarahaiah/ Umesh Narayanappa Shamanna/ LBDLE0000262558	Flat No. B- GF06, Ground Floor, Gardenia Gateway, Plot No.10, Sector 75, Noida/ May 17, 2019	Feb.12, 2019 Rs. 55,15,377/-	Del/ncr
7.	Sachin Kulshreshtha/ Shikha Kulshreshtha/ LBNOD0002379019	A3-2006, Rudra Palace Heights, Gh-02B, Sector 1, Greater Noida West/ May 17, 2019	Feb.28, 2019 Rs. 62,67,809/-	Del/ncr
8.	Saurav Kumar/ Anjali Sehrawal/ LBGUR00003334697	K1706, 16th Floor, Tower K, Godrej Summit, Sector 104, Gurgaon/ May 17, 2019	Feb.28, 2019 Rs. 1,03,55,969/-	Del/ncr
9.	Simmy Shukla/ Mahesh Kumar Shukla/ LBGUR00002931316	Flat No 2711, 17th Floor Tower 1, Divyansu Pratham, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad 201001/ May 17, 2019	Feb.26, 2019 Rs. 70,53,058/-	Del/ncr
10.	Surender Kumar/ Rajiv Gupta/ Sarla Devi/ Abhishek Gupta/ LBDLE00001075412	Flat No 1203, 12th Floor, Block 1, Unitech Heights, Situated At Plot No. Gh 5, Sec Chi 03, Greater Noida / May 17, 2019	Feb.12, 2019 Rs. 12,00,093/-	Del/ncr
11.	Amit Sharma/ Neetu Sharma/ LBNOD0002014784	Flat No 1907 19th Floor, Plot No-08 Tower-A2, Supertech Eco Village-1, Sector-1 Greater Noida Uttar Pradesh 201303/ May 17, 2019	Dec. 04, 2018 Rs. 15,09,055/-	Del/ncr
12.	Anita Krishna Sharma/ Anant Kumar/ LBNOD0002421078	Flat No. T-4 / 306, Floor 3rd, Tower No. 4, Sunworld Arista , Gh-1C, Sector 168, Noida Expressway, Noida, Up / May 17, 2019	Feb. 06, 2019 Rs. 97,76,724/-	Del/ncr
13.	Archana Singh/ Satya Prakash Singh/ LBDLE00002872265 & LBDLE00002872267	Flat No. 1108 (Without Roof Right), Tower B, 11th Floor, Sg Homes, Situated At Plot No. Gh 04, Sector 3, Vasundhara, Ghaziabad / May 15, 2019	Feb. 08, 2019 Rs. 29,80,007/-	Del/ncr
14.	Bipin Joshi/ Pradeepti Mehta/ LBGUR00002889353	Appartment No. D- 504, 5th Floor Tower D, Godrej Summit, Sector 104, Gurgaon / May 17, 2019	Feb. 28, 2019 Rs. 90,83,426/-	Del/ncr
15.	Gautam Malik/ Puneet Malik/ LBDLE00001295071 & LBDLE00001295075	H 307, Third Floor, DDA Built Mig Flat, With Scooter Garage On Ground Floor And Roof Rights, Naraina Vihar, New Delhi 110028/ May 17, 2019	Oct. 31, 2018 Rs. 8,03,294/-	Del/ncr
16.	Heena Gohil/ Hemant Pathak/ LBDLE00001461840 & LBDLE00001979490	Flat No. 638, GF, Arun Vihar, Sector 37, Noida And/ Or Residential Type II, Dwelling Unit (Flat) Bearing No. 638, Ground Floor, Sector 37, Noida, May 17, 2019	Dec. 31, 2018 Rs. 19,66,495/-	Del/ncr
17.	Kuldeep Singh Khasa/ Priyanshu/ LBDLE00003911217	Flat No. 18 B, 1st Floor, Pocket 1, Sector 10 (Along with Scooter Garage), Dwarka, Delhi. / May 17, 2019	Dec. 04, 2018 Rs. 63,53,616/-	Del/ncr
18.	Manjula R Natrajan/ Rajesh Natrajan/ LBDLE00002031323	Spa Court Appatment No. Spa 0030402, Jaypee Greens, Greater Noida / May 17, 2019	Feb. 28, 2019 Rs. 98,22,366/-	Del/ncr
19.	Mukesh Sharma/ Manmohan Lal Sharma/ Kanika Sharma/ Mamta Sharma/ Mohini Sharma/ Tushar Sharma Rishi Sharma/ Mb Jewellers Pvt Ltd/ LBDLE00001919055	Property No 39, Road No 56, Class 'C', West Punjabi Bagh,, Delhi-110026. / May 17, 2019	Feb. 28, 2019 Rs. 4,26,612/-	Del/ncr
20.	Naresh Kakkar/ Indu Kakkar/ LBNOD00001966433	Flat No.205 2nd Floor Block No. Puri 1A Gulmohar Garden Phase- II N.H. 58 Raj Nagar Extension Ghaziabad Uttar Pradesh 201301 / May 17, 2019	Jan. 31, 2019 Rs. 11,20,175/-	Del/ncr
21.	Pradeep Sharma/ Indra Pal Sharma/ LBDLE00002676210	Flat No. 55A, Ground Floor, Pocket E, Dilshad Garden, Delhi. / May 15, 2019	Dec. 31, 2018 Rs. 19,27,049/-	Del/ncr
22.	Pradeep Kataria/ Sonal Kataria/ Bhim Sain Kataria/ Holiday Links Pvt Ltd/ LBDLE00002020613	Flat No. B-003, Ground Floor, Sharanam, Gh-02, Sector 107, Noida/ May 17, 2019	Dec. 31, 2018 Rs. 51,71,725/-	Del/ncr
23.	Rajiv Trehan/ Anjali Trehan/ LBDLE00002301533	Flat No. D1-001, On Ground Floor, Victory Ace, Plot No. Gh-02, Sector 143, Noida, Distt Gautam Budh Nagar. / May 17, 2019	Dec. 31, 2018 Rs. 81,85,765/-	Del/ncr
24.	Rohit Dhingra/ Gunjan Dhingra/ LBGUR00002930599	Flat No. A2-1001, 10th Floor, Victory Ace, Plot No. Gh- 02, Sector 143, Noida, Distt Gautam Budh Nagar, Up./ May 17, 2019	Feb. 28, 2019 Rs. 46,87,895/-	Del/ncr
25.	Satyendra Kumar/ Shikha Verma/ LBNOD00002027751	Flat No - E 1606 15th Floor, Tower E, JM Florence Plot No. - DV- GH- 09 C, Sector- Techzone- IV, Greater Noida, Noida./ May 17, 2019	Feb. 26, 2019 Rs. 30,91,777/-	Del/ncr
26.	Shishir Miglani/ Monika Miglani/ Excel Internet Private Limited/ LBDLE00002042228 & LBDLE00002047265	Flat No T4-1501, Park Generations, Sector 37D, Gurgaon./ May 17, 2019	Feb. 12, 2019 Rs. 41,91,772/-	Del/ncr
27.	Simrata Tulsii/ Gurpreet Singh Tulsii / LBDLE00002390469	Flat No. T10/308, 3rd Floor, Sunworld Arista, GH 01/C, Sector 168, Noida/ May 17, 2019	Dec. 31,2018 Rs. 39,14,940/-	Del/ncr
28.	Thomas Mathew/ Raimol Thomas/ LBDLE00001991117 & LBDLE00002405185	DDA MIG Ground Floor, Flat No. 46A, Pocket A-10, Kohinoor Apartments, DDA Flats, Kalkaji Extension, New Delhi 110019 / May 17, 2019	Dec. 31,2018 Rs. 26,23,223/-	Del/ncr
29.	Varun Arora / Shweta Arora / LBNOD00002184436	Flat No. C2-2001, On 19th Floor, Victory Ace, Plot No. GH-02, Sector 143, Noida, Distt. Gautam Budh Nagar. / May 17, 2019	Dec. 31, 2018 Rs. 52,57,934/-	Del/ncr
30.	Vinay Arora/ Kamal Kishore Arora/ LBDLE00001540140	Plot No. 6, Block-C, Raja Garden, Bassai Darapur, Delhi. / May 17, 2019	Jan. 21, 2019 Rs. 3,01,748/-	Del/ncr

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/ guarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 days Notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Sd/-
Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

Date : 22-05-2019
Place : Delhi/NCR

From guns to ghosts! Bengal polls replete with tales

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KALNA/BURDWAN

Though they have held their spirits high in an atmosphere of continuing bloodshed the election staff of Burdwan district find themselves snowed under by the fear of 'spirits'.

Cut to MBC Institute of Engineering in East Burdwan. The late evenings are quite uncanny for staff designated for counting duty. The employees fear to trade beyond the main gates of the dominating structure. The reason, "It is eerie beyond that iron gates. You feel the presence of some weird things upstairs," one of the staff say.

Biswajit Bagdi a local says, "I was going towards the wash-room when I felt someone was following me. It simply seemed so to me. I turned around to find none. It was just 8 in the evening."

Another person refusing to be identified said, "Often in the nights we hear mild jingles of ghungroo as though someone is dancing to the tunes of tabla and harmonium. We hear the sound of musical instruments very distinctly accompanied by faint wails of women though none of us have gathered the courage to go inside there."

Haripada Manna a local said "this was a place associated with the zamindars of the yore. The kings had built their elephant house somewhere here and there was a dance house too. It is said that the zamindars brought women from other places and enjoyed them here. Though I have not



heard it myself I have seen people scurrying past this place in the evenings. Normally we do not venture this side."

However Chandranath Chakrabarty a history teacher call it a gossip spread by the local goons "who find this place suitable for their anti-social activities during the evening." There could be a bit of psychological aspect too in the whole story of fear as "some people get so overwhelmed by the stories that they would listen to some sounds of music or find some people trailing them."

Anurag Srivastav the District Magistrate says he did not listen to such stories let alone the sounds himself. The phantoms are often apprehensive of the IAS cadre, some of his staff say lightly while the DM gives a bureaucratic assures saying, "I have everything under CCTV surveillance. My work is to ensure security to the poll staff and everyone else and I am doing so."

UNIDENTIFIED DEAD BODY



General Public is hereby informed that one female Namely: **Kiran, W/o: Shyam Lal, Address: Unknown** was found dead at BSA Hospital, Delhi on 12.05.2019 at 12:00 P.M. from the Jurisdiction of P.S. Alipur, Delhi. In this regard a case has been lodged vide **DD No. 13-B dated 12.05.2019** at P.S. Alipur, Delhi. The description of the dead person is as under:- **Age: Approx. 80 years, Sex: Female, Height: 4'5", Face: Long, Complexion: Wheatish, Wearing: Blue Shirt and Blue Pajama.** If any one having any information about this dead person please inform undersigned. **SHO P.S. Alipur, Delhi DP/298/ON/19 Ph: 011-27202265, 8750870325**

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Invitation of Tender through E-Tendering (E-Procurement Systems)	
N.I.T. No.	05/19-20 Dated: 20.05.2019
1.	Name of work with its location Balance work of Repair to leaky roofs of DRM office CPRO & NDCR etc. and Repair to overhead service tanks and pipe lines by providing MS frame and caging to service tanks on roof of service building and residential building in the section of SSE/WTC under ADEN/E-II.
2.	Approx. cost of work 7997390.49
3.	Earnest money 160000.00 (It should be in the form of net banking or payment gateway Only. Note:- FDR will not be accepted as EMD for tender invited on IREPS as per Railway Boards letter no 2015/CE-ICT/5/1 dated 31.08.2016)
4.	Completion Period 08 Months
5.	Cost of Tender on Cash/ by post 5900 (It should be in the form of net banking or payment gateway Only. Note:- FDR will not be accepted as EMD for tender invited on IREPS as per Railway Boards letter no 2015/CE-ICT/5/1 dated 31.08.2016)
6.	Date and time for submission of tender and opening of tender Upto 15:00 hrs on 14.06.2019. Opening of tender at 15:00 hrs. on 14.06.2019
7.	Website particulars notice board location complete details of tender can be seen and address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased etc. Above tender available on IREPS site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in

No.: 128-W/269/OET/19-20/WE/NIT 05 Dated: 20.05.2019 1536/19
SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

Blood may spill on streets if results are manipulated: Upendra Kushwaha

PTI ■ PATNA

The Opposition Mahagathbandhan in Bihar on Tuesday alleged that attempts were being made to manipulate Lok Sabha poll results in favour of the ruling NDA and warned blood may spill on the streets on account of tremendous public anger.

At a joint Press conference here, which was addressed by RLSF chief and former Union minister Upendra Kushwaha, RJD State president Ramchandra Purve, State Congress president Madan Mohan Jha and other leaders of the Grand Alliance, they alleged exit polls prediction of



NDA winning 30 or more seats in Bihar out of 40 was misleading and aimed at causing demoralisation among our cadres, with a mala die intent. Earlier, we used to hear about booth loot. This time, it is suspected that attempts may be made to loot the results.

These could be through manipulation of the EVMs or any other measures at the counting centres. The leaders of the NDA are hereby warned not to indulge in such a misadventure. There is tremendous public anger and blood may spill on the streets, for which we shall not be held responsible, Kushwaha told reporters.

The exit polls appear to have been a step in this direction. We have all toured the state during elections and can say, without any hesitation, that we are set to win most of the seats in the State. Such has been the public response in favour of the Mahagathbandhan, he said.

Deora apprehends 'possibility of tampering' with EVMs, asks authorities to increase vigil

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

Upping the ante on the "safety" and "security" of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) kept at various strong-rooms of six Lok Sabha seats in the metropolis, Mumbai Congress chief Murli Deora on Tuesday apprehended that there was a "possibility of tampering" with EVMs ahead of the counting scheduled for May 23.

"I have received shocking feedback about the feedback about the tampering with EVM machines... Our Congress workers who are constantly looking after these (counting) centres from outside have informed us of some suspicious movements of few persons and few vehicles around these centres," Deora said in a letter written to Maharashtra's Chief Electoral Officer.

Deora, who himself is the Congress candidate from Mumbai south constituency, urged the CEO to increase vigilance and security at all the counting centres to ensure that EVMs were not tampered with in any manner so that the exact results were reflected on counting day for free and fair outcome.

He exhorted the CEO to permit its volun-

teers to remain outside the counting centres and provide his party the password of the CCTV cameras installed which they party volunteers could monitor along with the security personnel round-the-clock.

Deora, who forwarded a copy of his letter to CEO to the Mumbai Police Commissioner, urged the police chief to take necessary steps for ensuring safety and security of EVMs in the larger interest of democracy.

Meanwhile, Congress' Mumbai North-West candidate Sanjay Nirupam visited the counting centre in Goregaon east and personally monitored the safety and security status there. "The next two nights before the counting day are critical... All party workers and the people must keep vigil to find out whether the BJP activists are indulging in any mischief," Nirupam said.

Demanding to know whether the ECI all votes would be recounted in case of a mismatch between the voting figures in the EVMs and the VVPATs, Nirupam said, "In such an eventuality, all the VVPATs must be counted and the ECI must issue written orders to all Returning Officers, or it will create suspicions."

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[See proviso to rule 8 (6)]

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Karnataka Congress lawmaker slams party

Roshan Baig calls State party chief 'flop show', Gen Secy Venugopal 'buffoon'; slapped with showcause notice

PTI ■ BENGALURU



In a no-holds barred attack, Senior Karnataka Congress leader Roshan Baig on Tuesday accused the State party chief of being a "flop show" and scoffed at AICC general secretary KC Venugopal as a "buffoon", prompting the party to issue a show-cause notice for his outburst.

Baig, a senior MLA, also slammed former chief minister Siddaramaiah for "dividing" the Hindu society by attempting to give separate religion tag to Lingayat community and "abusing" the Vokkaliga community during his tenure in the top post.

The attack by Baig who was miffed over being denied ticket to contest Lok Sabha polls came after the exit polls predicted a rout for the Congress-JD(S) alliance in Karnataka and NDA's return to power at the Centre. Baig also appealed to the Muslims to "compromise with the situation" (about BJP-led NDA being in power) and not to remain like "cattle" and be reduced to a vote bank.

"Venugopal (in-charge of party affairs in the State) should have resigned when the Congress got 79 seats in

Assembly polls (a year ago). I feel sorry for such general secretary coming to our State..." he said.

"KC Venugopal is a buffoon, I feel sorry for him, I feel sorry for my leader Sri Rahul Gandhi ji," Baig told reporters here. He added, "Buffoons like Venugopal and arrogant attitude of Siddaramaiah and the flop show president Dinesh Gundu Rao...The result is this (Lok Sabha exit polls forecast)." A red-faced Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee issued a "showcause" notice to

Baig for his outbursts. It said Baig's remarks were being considered seriously as an "anti party activity", and asked him as to why disciplinary action should not be taken against him.

Seeking Baig's explanation in a week, the notice signed by KPCC general secretary VY Ghorpade said, "On failing to reply further disciplinary action will be taken against you."

The notice has taken strong exception to Baig's comments against Venugopal, Rao and Siddaramaiah. "By making statements to the media and causing discomfort to the party and expressing your displeasure publicly through the media, you have conducted yourself by going against the party's principles. Your conduct has dented party's prestige," it said.

Baig said the "drastic decisions" led to the downfall of the party in the Assembly election and now the same was reflected in the Lok Sabha exit poll results too.

"Nobody should divide the religion. A chief minister should behave like a statesman. What it means if he (Siddaramaiah) thinks he will win the election by dividing the religion? Isn't it madness?," he said.

Pak boat carrying heroin worth ₹600 cr seized

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

After an interception and a hot pursuit that followed, the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) on Tuesday apprehended a Pakistani fishing vessel off the Gujarat coast, took into custody its six crew members from the boat and seized 200 kg heroin worth Rs 600 crore in the international market.

Acting on a tip off that a Pakistani fishing boat was set to deliver a narcotics consignment off the Jakhau coast in Gujarat, an ICG ship intercepted Pakistani fishing boat 'Al Madina' in the wee hours of Tuesday.

The intercepted Pakistani boat indulged in "evasive manoeuvres" to avert getting apprehended. However, the ICG ship — braving rough weather conditions — chased

the Pakistani boat and succeeded in apprehending the intruding boat within the limits of Indian waters.

"During the hot pursuit, crew of the Pakistani boat threw bags containing the suspicious material in the water. However, the ICG personnel boarded the Pakistani boat, took its six-member crew into custody and managed to retrieve the narcotics consignment from water," Additional Director General K Natarajan, Coast Guard Commander (Western Seaboard), said.

Having tested of a sample from the seized consignment using a drug detection kit, the authorities prima facie found it was Heroin.

The ICG personnel in all seized 195 packets weighing approximately 200 kg of Heroin which is worth Rs 600 crore in



international market "which will further verified by appropriate agencies". "The ICG personnel are interrogating the apprehended crew members of the Pakistani boat," Natarajan said. Earlier on May 19, the

ICG had received inputs from the National Technical Research Organisation (NTRO) about a Pakistani ship trying to enter Indian waters. Later on the night of May 20, Natarajan received intelli-

gence input from the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) and other agencies that a Pakistani fishing boat was to deliver narcotics off Gujarat and that it was to be received by an Indian boat.

The ICG swiftly responded to the intelligence inputs, by diverting ships on deployment and rushing it towards the Pakistani fishing boat in the Arabian Sea off Gujarat's Jakhau coast in Kutch region, bordering Pakistan. The Coast Guard deployed Aranjay, a fast patrol vessel, two interceptor boats and an aircraft for intercepting the Pakistani boats.

Official sources said that the ICG intercepted and apprehended the Pakistani fishing boat nearly 200 nautical miles along the International Maritime Boundary Line off the Gujarat coast.

Woman opts for 'Chicken Dinner' with PUBG mate over hubby, kid!

FIANS ■ AHMEDABAD

Online game PUBG (PlayerUnknown Battle-ground) has taken the world by storm and has spawned myriad situations and new highs in addiction.

Now take the recent case of this Ahmedabad woman, all of 19 and married with a year-old baby, who wants divorce from her husband, not because of any domestic feud or discord, but because of her immense indulgence in PUBG.

The case came to light when she called the 181 Abhayam women helpline seeking help to get divorce.

However, she did not mention this in the first place. She wanted to be lodged at a women's observation home, away from her family and her parents, so that she could play at leisure with her gaming partner.

"The girl called 181 and told us that she wants to be at a women's observation home as it is not working out with her husband nor she wanted to go to her parents' home as they

had taken away her cell phone," says Falguni Patel, Coordinator at Abhayam.

"When we told her that she won't be allowed to use her phone or to go out from observation home since it is supposed to be for the protection of women, she dropped the idea. Then she sought help to reach her friend, who she revealed much later during the counselling session, was her PUBG gaming partner whom she came into contact while playing the game," Falguni Patel told FIANS.

Her husband did not like her obsession with the game and refused to let her play, which caused tension between them and she decided to leave her husband and went to her parents.

Even they didn't like her addiction and took away her mobile phone.

Patel said the counsellors explained to her not to take such crucial decisions in a rush, just for the sake of a game as her marriage of two years, as well as the life of her child, was at stake.



SEARCH FOR KIDNAPPED GIRL



General public is hereby informed that one girl namely Coffee, D/o Late Shri Punjab Singh, R/o H.No. 399, Pocket-7, Sector-A/10, Narela, Delhi, Age 16 years, Height 5', Complexion Fair, Round Face, Medium Built, Identification Mark A mole on upper lip, Wearing White colour suit, blue colour jeans pant, green & white colour chunni and hawai chappal in feet has been missing / kidnapped from the area of PS Narela, Delhi since 06.05.19. In this regard a case FIR No. 179/19 dated 06.05.19 U/S 363 IPC has been registered at PS Narela, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about this missing/kidnapped girl may kindly inform to the following.

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Earnest Money	Rs. 43200.00
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Notice is hereby given that the meeting no. 02/2019-20 of the Board of Directors of the Company will be held on 29th May, 2019 (Wednesday) at the registered office of the Company at Omaxe Square, Plot No. 14, Jasola District Centre, Jasola, New Delhi-110025 at 3.30 P.M. to discuss the following agenda items:

- To take on record the Audited Financial Results of the Company for the Financial Year ended on 31st March, 2019 in terms of Regulation 33 of SEBI (Listing Obligation and Disclosure Requirement) Regulation, 2015.
- To discuss and approve the Director's Report for the Financial Year ended on 31.03.2019
- To consider reappointment of Statutory Auditor M/s R C Agarwal & Co. for another term of 5 years starting from 01.04.2019 to 31.03.2024.
- To discuss any other business with the permission of chair.

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 Place: New Delhi
 Dated: 21.05.2019

Even IPS officers in Kerala watch helplessly as CPI(M) cadre subvert poll process

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ CHENNAI

Even as the Opposition leaders complained to the Election Commission of India about the "frauds" which could be committed by the BJP on the Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) and the Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) machines, a former chief of the Kerala Police has come out with startling disclosures about how the CPI(M) subvert poll process in Kerala by casting fake and bogus votes with the connivance of friendly presiding officers.

TP Senkumar, who retired as chief of Kerala Police in June 2017, says in his service story that there is blatant violation of all democratic norms by the CPI(M) cadre in the State. "Elections are manipulated

using all kinds of methods which include threats, physical assaults and impersonation with the connivance of the presiding officers," Senkumar has written in Ente Police Jeevitham (My Life in Police), his memoirs which was released on Sunday. Interestingly, 18 booths in Kerala's Kannur and Kasargod districts had re-poll on Sunday as per the directives of the EC following reports of widespread impersonation and casting of fake votes.

As a young superintendent of police in Thalassery, Senkumar had to stand helplessly outside the booth as many persons (women and men) cast fake and bogus votes with the connivance of the presiding officers. "I saw a woman entering the polling booth and casting her vote with the claim that she was the wife of Hareendranath.

Strangely, Hareendranath, was the booth agent of the Opposition candidate and protested against the woman being allowed to vote because she was not his wife. But the presiding officer as well as the agents of the CPI(M) candidate shouted him down and warned him that they would chop his hand if he utter a word. Even as Hareendranath watched with shock, the lady who claimed that she was his wife, cast the vote and went out of the polling booth," reminisces Senkumar.

"Two young assistant superintendents of police who were on polling duty saw a woman casting votes 33 times in a booth in Kannur district. When one of the ASPs asked the presiding officer how a person was casting 33 votes in a single booth, the latter told him to mind his own work and not

Former police chief has called for the immediate introduction of biometric system as well as linking of Aadhaar Card for foolproof election process

to interfere in what was happening inside the booth. The police is not authorised to enter the booth without authorisation by the presiding officer. The presiding officer as well as the polling officer threatened the ASPs that if they complained to the authorities about casting of bogus votes, they would not be allowed to live peacefully in the State," Senkumar quotes the officers as telling him.

The former police chief has called for the immediate introduction of biometric system as well as linking of Aadhaar Card for foolproof election process. The CPI(M) cadre in the State identify those people whose names figure in the voters list but who are not present at the time of election and cast their votes through party workers.

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Due to Infrastructural and Maintenance Work the following Passenger Trains will remain cancelled upto 30.05.2019:-

Train No.	Train Name	Cancelled on Days
51915	Delhi Jn. - Farukhnagar Passenger	Daily
51916	Farukhnagar - Delhi Jn. Passenger	Daily
64034	Shakurbasti - Ghaziabad EMU	Daily
64087	H. Nizamuddin - New Delhi EMU	Daily
64092	H. Nizamuddin - H. Nizamuddin EMU	Daily
64093	H. Nizamuddin - Shakurbasti EMU	Daily
64096	Shakurbasti - H. Nizamuddin EMU	Daily
64097	New Delhi - Shakurbasti EMU	Daily
64555	Anand Vihar T. - Meerut City MEMU	Daily
64556	Meerut City - Anand Vihar T. MEMU	Daily
64553	Moradabad - Anand Vihar T. MEMU	Daily
64554	Anand Vihar T. - Moradabad MEMU	Daily
64913	Delhi Jn. - Rohtak MEMU	Daily
64916	Rohtak - Delhi Jn. MEMU	Daily
64036	Shakurbasti - Ghaziabad EMU	Daily
64090	H. Nizamuddin - H. Nizamuddin EMU	Monday to Friday
64091	H. Nizamuddin - H. Nizamuddin EMU	Daily
64098	Shakurbasti - H. Nizamuddin EMU	Daily
74201	Partapgarh - Lucknow DEMU	6 Days a Week
74202	Lucknow - Partapgarh DEMU	6 Days a Week
64207	Lucknow - Kanpur Central MEMU	Daily
64212	Kanpur Central - Lucknow Jn. MEMU	Daily
64205	Lucknow - Kanpur Central MEMU	Daily
64210	Kanpur Central - Lucknow Jn. MEMU	Daily
54281	Sultanpur - Lucknow Passenger	Daily
54284	Lucknow - Sultanpur Passenger	Daily
54261	P. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya - Jaunpur	Daily
54262	Jaunpur - P. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya	Daily
54293	Partapgarh - Lucknow Passenger	Daily
54294	Lucknow - Partapgarh Passenger	Daily
54110	Faizabad - P. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya	Daily
54109	P. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya - Faizabad	Daily
54201	Lucknow - Rahimabad Passenger	Daily
64274	Lucknow Jn. - Barabanki MEMU	Daily
64275	Barabanki - Lucknow Jn. MEMU	Daily
54255	Varanasi - Lucknow Passenger	Daily
54256	Lucknow - Varanasi Passenger	Daily
64213	Lucknow Jn. - Kanpur Central MEMU	Daily
64254	Kanpur Central - Lucknow Jn. MEMU	Daily
54251	Lucknow - Saharanpur Passenger	Daily

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64017	Palwal - Shakurbasti EMU (Daily)	At Nizamuddin	Nizamuddin - Shakurbasti

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Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone nos.

SHO P.S. Nangloi, Delhi Ph.: 011-25947225, 25959570 DP/2269/OD/19

C-23-24, Community Centre, Nr. Janak Cinema, Janakpuri Branch, New Delhi-58, Tel.: 011-25553254, 25553822 RTGS/IFSC: Sybn0009054 E-mail: Br.9054@syndicatebank.co.in

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The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the amount, notice is hereby given to the owner of the property and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers said rule on this 16 Day of May of 2019

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PAPER WITH PASSION

Choking the Opposition

Emboldened by the euphoria over exit polls, the BJP is trying to destabilise MP, Karnataka Governments



ASHOK K MEHTA

Certain things just don't change in Indian politics no matter how historic a verdict is or how tectonically an election shifts. And that is the transactional nature of power players, the smaller ones trading their stock with the big brother and getting happy returns on investment. And the more we pontificate on ideology and extol the power of the ballot, the hollower they ring as the recipient of the people's trust, in the end, will always go to the highest bidder, the voters' fate be damned. And as is tradition, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), which exit polls have shown as comfortably cruising into its second term, is engaging in horse-trading to extend its territorial expanse in Opposition States where it is expected to wrest a healthy pick of Lok Sabha seats. And even though the voter may choose different parties for his local and national needs, fact is, despite a possible victory, the BJP is keen to push its unitary zeal in contravention of the federal spirit. So it is keen on using the Lok Sabha surge to make desperate State-level inroads lest it doesn't find a favourable circumstance later. In short, strike the iron while it is still hot to simplify a national narrative across the dizzyingly complex layers of our polity. For a "party with a difference," it is hell-bent on reinforcing the coercive politics of the past and falling back on comparative referencing to justify its acts — if they did it, why can't we? So the BJP leadership is looking to topple Karnataka and Madhya Pradesh governments first where the Congress is hanging by a thread. Expectedly, resort politics and cash doles are expected to dominate post-poll talks.

Ever since the Congress and Janata Dal-Secular (JD-S) alliance assumed power in Karnataka despite inherent contradictions, the BJP has been relentlessly trying to destabilise it. Though the two allies jointly fought the Lok Sabha together, the Congress in 21 and the JD-S in seven, an adverse verdict may lead to an organic collapse. In the 225-member Assembly, the BJP has 104 seats, Congress 77, JD-S 37, others two. With a halfway mark at 113, an ambitious BJP can have a happy hunting ground among players who want to be relevant to a national party that has won convincingly. If the Congress loses two bypolls being held simultaneously, then the JD-S might get antsy and even look to the BJP for a lifeboat.

In Madhya Pradesh, the BJP has already moved ahead with its state unit asking Governor Anandiben Patel to convene a special House session to discuss key issues and test the Congress majority, which it feels has dipped since last December. Of course, the Congress is precariously perched here, with 114 out of 230 seats, two short of the majority mark of 116. The wafer-thin anxiety was the reason that the Congress went on the backfoot in effecting a generational change in State-level leadership. It brought in old warhorse Kamal Nath as the Chief Minister, who quickly got on board two MLAs of the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) and one of the Samajwadi Party (SP). The BJP is just a breath away at 109 seats. Though BSP chief Mayawati has been quiet to maintain some semblance of integrity, the fact is she is upset. First, the Congress poached on her Guna candidate. Second, her MLAs are yet to get berths. Third, while she had already threatened to pull out of the MP government over arrests of her supporters during Bharat Bandh, she has criticised the Ashok Gehlot government in Rajasthan recently over the gang-rape of a Dalit woman. While both Gehlot and Kamal Nath have resorted to old manipulations to keep her in abeyance, that agreement might not hold if the Congress' tally fares badly in these two States. And though nobody might state it explicitly, observers are wondering whether the CBI's clean chit to SP chief Akhilesh Yadav and father Mulayam is linked to withdrawing support to the Congress in Madhya Pradesh. It is a sad comment on our democracy that this wheeling-dealing is taking place despite a presumed single-party dominance and a decisive verdict. But with Prime Minister Narendra Modi himself declaring that some MLAs of Bengal Trinamool Congress would migrate to his side post-elections, everything seems justifiable. It seems the BJP doesn't believe such efforts are unethical in its larger pursuit. Elections, then, will soon become a tokenism.

Love has no boundaries

Dutee Chand has declared that she is in a same-sex relationship; she should be applauded for her bravery



Same-sex relationships in India have only recently become legal after the Supreme Court read down the infamous Section 377 of the Indian Penal Code last year. That was a long time coming and it finally allowed those with alternative sexual choices, rather non-heterosexual ones, to come out in the open without fear of harassment by the authorities. However, many people who have such sexual orientation still do not step out of the closet because of fear of ridicule, a loss of prestige and in many cases a genuine fear for their physical safety. For public personalities it is even tougher; coming out might mean abuse from co-workers (teammates in the case of athletes), fans, sponsors and being boxed in an image trap. And while we would like to believe that attitudes have moved on, the fact is that they have not. Not even in the developed world where same-sex marriage is a right enshrined by law. Therefore, ace sprinter Dutee Chand's decision to declare her sexuality and say that she has been in a long-term gay relationship should be welcomed. This will give hope and courage to others who are scared and not as privileged. Dutee herself risked ostracisation, coming as she does from the conservative interiors. While her family has threatened to disown her, fans and sponsors must stand by her and become her new family. That she chose to make the revelation during training for the World Athletics championship proves that sexuality is her private right and freedom and has nothing to do with her unwavering focus on sports. She was as committed to chasing excellence in a discipline that shaped her identity.

We have always believed what consenting adults do is their business and old social mores have to change in the modern world. India always seems like a country which has one foot stuck in the past and one in the future, but we cannot let our social values continue to be determined by laws from Victorian times. Therefore, not only should people like Dutee be allowed to love anyone they want to, going forward, India should look at modifying its marriage laws to allow for gay unions as well, just like Taiwan did recently. India can surprise people at times. It has, for example, accepted a one-time adult pornstar as a genuine Bollywood star today. So why can't we now move forward on this front as well? Sexuality has to be normalised in discourse. Social progress cannot be determined by those who claim to stick to "Indian cultural values" because these have mutated and Dutee is a shining example.

Engage with Taliban

While the US has made several U-turns in brokering peace in Afghanistan, India's biggest policy failure has been the inability to make its only military base in Tajikistan operational



The Afghanistan peace process has undergone nuanced changes and several U-turns under the Trump dispensation. These are worth reflecting upon.

It is no longer Afghan-owned, led and driven, but steered by an American Afghan Pashtun, Zalmay Khalilzad, who was appointed as Special Envoy in September 2018. Before that, it was Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Alice Wells, who ran the show and held at least three structured meetings with the Taliban at Doha and Islamabad, starting February 2018. She had ruled that the US could hold direct talks with the Taliban only after it had first engaged with the Kabul Government. That priority was overturned by the Khalilzad-led peace process, which has completed six rounds, the fifth being the longest, lasting for all of 15 days. The central issues of the framework accord: a) time-frame for withdrawal of US forces; b) no use of Afghan soil for terrorist attacks on the US and its allies; c) dialogue with elected Government in Kabul; and d) ceasefire. The Taliban wants foreign forces to withdraw in six months and not in one-and-a-half years as the US wants; dialogue with the Kabul Government; and ceasefire only after the withdrawal of foreign forces. According to the Taliban, only two issues — the first two — constitute the framework accord.

In his latest State of the Union Address, US President Donald Trump said, "great nations do not fight endless wars." Last December, he did a U-turn on Afghanistan. Having been reluctantly persuaded by his Generals to stay the course, in a policy speech in August 2017, he lashed out at Pakistan, saying all it has given the US are lies and deceit after receiving \$31 billion and praised India for its constructive role in Afghanistan. The then Defence Secretary, James Mattis, issued a "last chance" ultimatum to Pakistan to act against the Taliban sanctuaries which did not work despite intensified drone strikes in Pakistan. Soon, Trump did multiple U-turns: Embraced Pakistan, criticised India for doing five minutes of work like building libraries in Afghanistan and replacing Wells with Khalilzad as an interlocutor to work out an exit deal with the Taliban.

Pakistan is now a key facilitator and de facto guarantor for the Taliban's attendance at the peace talks. In 2016, former US President Barack Obama ordered a drone strike against Taliban leader Emir Mullah Akhtar Mansour for playing truant on peace talks. Till 18 months ago, Islamabad used to say it has no control, only some influence on the Taliban, despite all its leaders residing in Karachi and Quetta. It says it has applied unprecedented pressure on the Taliban to open talks with Kabul. Now, Kabul has asked Washington to reveal the nature of the relationship between Pakistan and the Taliban. Mohammad Umer Daudzai, Afghanistan President Ashraf Ghani's special envoy and head of the High Peace Council, was in New Delhi last week for consultations. He said: "The Taliban team, which is led by Mullah Baradari, is facilitated by Pakistan." Rawalpindi will be the main beneficiary from any peace deal and after the US' withdrawal, the vacuum will be filled up by "Iron Brothers" China and Pakistan. The absence of threat from Afghanistan would secure the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), currently under terrorist attacks from the Pakistani Taliban in Afghanistan and the Balochistan Liberation Army. Daudzai told his Indian interlocutors that he did not think the Khalilzad peace process could be completed before the presidential elections in September 2019. He should not be surprised if the US postpones elections a third time and appoints an interim Government as suggested by Pakistan with the Taliban on board.

Surprisingly, nowhere in the discourse is there any mention of US retention of its

strategic assets in Afghanistan for which President Obama and former President Karzai signed the bilateral security agreement (BSA) in 2014, which provides US troops access to military bases like Bagram and Kandahar until 2024 and beyond. The agreement also states that the key American ally will not abandon Afghanistan militarily and financially for years after 2014, the then deadline for most foreign forces to withdraw. The treaty agreement was initiated by NSA Regin Daddfar Spanta and US Ambassador Ryan Crocker. Why is the BSA under wraps? And why has the Taliban not raised the issue of foreign bases unless that is part of an unlikely secret agreement between the two?

If the mercurial Trump were to suddenly order troops' pullout, it could prove catastrophic. James Dobbins, a former US Envoy to Afghanistan, fears it could lead to a civil war — back to 1996. Gen Kenneth McKenzie of CentCom has said Afghan national security forces will dissolve without US support. In 2014, a report published by Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction (SIGAR) had made the assessment that

ANSF would be capable of resisting the Taliban independently after December 2014 when International Security Assistance Force combat role ended but would require US air support and assistance in casualty evacuation. When Konduz became the first provincial capital to fall to the Taliban in 2014, all hell broke loose in Pentagon, sparking fear of a strategic collapse. China, Russia and the US this month issued a joint statement saying that "an inclusive Afghan-led peace process will ensure an orderly and responsible withdrawal." That is not the direction the Khalilzad peace process is headed towards.

India has refused to engage with the Taliban because it will not negotiate with Kabul. New Delhi may be a key strategic US partner but in Afghanistan, Pakistan holds the cards. India's hesitation to start a back channel with the Taliban is unwise at a time when the organisation is known to be praising its development works and economic assistance in Afghanistan. Gen Bipin Rawat has said he favours engagement with the Taliban. India has not succeeded in creating strategic pressure points like activating

its only foreign airbase in Ayni in Tajikistan even as Chinese troops are patrolling Wakhan corridor on Tajikistan's south-east border, 30 km from Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) to prevent Uighurs from returning to Xinjiang. India secured operational clearance from Russia to use Ayni in 2002. It has not deployed combat aircraft but utilises it for airlifting relief and construction material to Ayni and on to Farkhor from where it is trucked to Afghanistan. It has invested \$100 million for renovating Ayni and extending the runway to 3,200 m and built three hangars for MiG 29 bombers. Around 100 Indian Air Force personnel are deployed there for maintenance of the airfield. Still, India cannot use Ayni as an operational air base because of the Russia-China-Pakistan axis. It is one of New Delhi's foreign policy failures, which would otherwise have acted as a strategic fulcrum between Afghanistan and PoK. Modi 2.0 should work on Ayni.

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SOUNDBITE

I am concerned about reports of alleged tampering of voters' verdict. Safety and security of EVMs is the responsibility of the Election Commission.



Former President —Pranab Mukherjee

You have to be excited about your work. The day you carry the burden of 'veteran', 'legend', 'thespian' (it wouldn't work).



Actor —Anupam Kher

Even though the boundary between the two nations (India and China) has not been demarcated, there are several border trade points between them.



Chinese Envoy —Luo Zhaohui

Your (partymen) attention is required. Be strong and remain alert near the counting centre and the strong rooms. I am hopeful that your hard work will pay.



Congress leader —Priyanka Gandhi

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Devalued predictions

Sir — This refers to the editorial, "Vote for leadership" (May 21). Whether it's about television rating points (TRP) or the love for Prime Minister Narendra Modi is another matter for debate, but it was shocking that the news channels started declaring the exit poll results within seconds of the last votes polled (6.30pm). The six main pollsters showed that for the second time, Modi's National Democratic Alliance (NDA) will rule, winning anywhere between 287 and 336 seats.

What's even funny is that the final tally each survey predicted was varied but were uniformly well above the 272 seats needed to form a Government. As if to provide some relief to the Opposition, two surveys showed the NDA falling short — by between five and 30 seats. Surprisingly, Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu mocked the predictions, saying "exit polls do not mean exact polls. We have to understand this. Since 1999, most of the exit polls have gone wrong". I agree with the Vice President and want to mention here that exit polls after the 2004 Lok Sabha

Exit poll confusion

Exit polls have accorded the Modi Government moments to rejoice at least until the electronic voting machines reveal the final count on May 23. Almost all pollsters were unanimous about a saffron surge, with some projecting 300 plus seats for the NDA. One or two among them dared to stick their neck out at the risk of being dumped in the isolation ward. Yet, the exit poll predictions present a minefield of confusion to the curious observer. Pollsters reached the magical number of more or less 300 through various combinations and permutations, where the NDA tally in Uttar Pradesh ranged between 22 and 68, West Bengal four and 22 and Maharashtra 34 and 40.

As can be seen, pollsters converged on the same target through unmet different ways. Die-hard sceptics have shown the fault-lines vividly. Exit polls have bestowed a cover of credibility to the numbers that are to emerge from the electronic voting machines. In the dawn after, the share market indices rose sharply and the



bull run is likely to continue in the intervening period, which helps the hawkish investors book profits after a bear run. And exit poll results dampened the spirit of the Opposition even to the extent of suspending planned meetings. However, May 23 can spring some pithy surprises, even obstruct the anticipated upsurge of saffron.

Haridasan Rajan
Kozhikode

polls had given 68 more seats to the NDA than it got. But after the results, we had the Congress-led United Progressive Alliance (UPA) ruling India for the next 10 years. It has also been observed that when forecasters made mistakes in a few States but got the bigger picture right, the error in one State was cancelled out by the error in another; if the NDA or the UPA did not rise to the expectations in

one State, it excelled in another. Hence, there is nothing wrong with Naidu devaluing exit polls.

Bidyut Kumar Chatterjee
Faridabad

Much-needed break

Sir — It's good that this impatient nation gets a few days to ponder over the ethos, evolution and the

economy of the period that we are passing through now. Nationalism cannot be reduced to gross majoritarianism. Likewise, politics does have its genesis in confrontation but the reverse would be the very antithesis of socio-political evolution. The "us versus them" needs to yield to the notion of "we and the problem."

R Narayanan
Navi Mumbai

May 23 drama

Sir — This refers to the editorial, "Vote for leadership" (May 21). In a way, National Conference leader Omar Abdullah closed the lid by saying that all exit polls cannot be wrong. The 2014 exit polls were quite close to the actual result. If we go by the same analogy, Modi is back, albeit with a lesser majority, thus forcing him to change and mellow down for greater acceptance. However, if the actual result throws up a variation of 25 to 30 per cent, the whole thing will become topsy-turvy. Then, it will be like opening a Pandora's box or releasing a can of worms. Opposition parties will be quick to make their calculations and either the mahagathabandhan or the federal front will succeed. But there are many ifs and buts. Predicting an election in the world's largest democracy is really difficult as several factors like caste, religion, region, money power and voting percentage matter.

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FIRST COLUMN

Excelling in stock market moves

Having a good knowledge about continuation chart patterns allows investors to speculate positively about trends



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For a novice, stock price alterations are haphazard movements up and down without any rhyme or reason. However, a trained eye can see patterns in these random moves. Chart patterns are geometric shapes found in price data that can help a trader understand price action as well as make predictions about where the price is likely to go. Patterns can show both continuation as well as reversal trends. Continuation patterns, when they occur, indicate that a price trend is likely to continue and are a pause in the price action of varying durations as they generally occur mid-trend. A pattern is considered complete when it has formed and then 'breaks out', potentially continuing with the former trend. Continuation patterns can be seen both in bullish and bearish markets.

Continuation patterns like all price patterns are made of the following four pieces: **Old trend:** The trend that the stock price is in as it starts to form the price pattern. **Consolidation zone:** A constrained area defined by set support and resistance levels. **Breakout point:** The point at which the stock price breaks out of the consolidation zone. **New trend:** A resumption of the old trend that the stock price enters as it comes out of the consolidation zone.

Continuation patterns form in a few different shapes but for most part, they look quite similar. The only real difference one will see is in the shape of the consolidation zone. The consolidation zones of some continuation patterns have support and resistance levels that converge as the pattern forms while others have support and resistance levels that remain parallel. Every other aspect of the price pattern is identical. Common continuation patterns include triangles, flags, pennants and rectangles.

Flags and pennants are formed during a small period of consolidation or pause, after a defined uptrend or downtrend. After a sharp move, market takes a breather and moves sideways. A flag looks like a parallelogram, a bullish flag normally sloping downwards and bearish flag sloping upwards. These patterns are usually accompanied with heavy volume and mark a midpoint of a trend. A pennant is also formed during the period of consolidation (sideways movement) — the support and resistance lines converge each other (like a symmetrical triangle). Break of the flag and pennant indicate the continuation of the trend. Flags and pennants are short-term patterns that can last from one to 12 weeks. Ideally, these patterns will form between one and four weeks.

Triangles are of three types: Symmetrical, ascending and descending. Ascending triangle in a bullish trend indicates further bullishness and is considered continuation pattern. In an ascending triangle, the support line is sloping upward and resistance line remains a horizontal line. Descending triangle in a bearish trend can also be considered as a continuation pattern, indicating bearish trend to continue after a small pause. In this kind of triangle resistance, the line is sloping downwards while the support line remains as a horizontal line. A rectangle is a continuation pattern that forms as a trading range during a pause in the trend. The pattern is easily identifiable by two comparable highs and two lows. The highs and lows can be connected to form two parallel lines that make up the top and bottom of a rectangle. Rectangles are sometimes referred to as trading ranges, consolidation zones or congestion areas. Rectangles can extend for a few weeks or many months. If the pattern is less than three weeks, it is usually considered a flag and also a continuation pattern. Ideally, rectangles will develop over a three-month period. Generally, longer the pattern, more significant will be the breakout. A three-month pattern may be expected to fulfill its breakout projection. However, a six-month pattern might be expected to exceed its breakout target.

After a look at the types of continuation price patterns, let us understand what causes them. In an up trend, the momentum moves down due to periodic profit booking. A good lot of traders think that it is enough or that they have reached their target. So they want to sell their position. The supply increases reducing the momentum of price rise or the price might even drop. Buy smart money finds it an opportunity to add more to their position. So the price slows to drop or it may even rise. Similarly, in a down trend, a lot of traders, who are short, want to book some profit. Those, who think that the stock is available for a bargain, start buying. But smart money finds it easy to sell when there is increased demand. When supply becomes more than the demand, the price falls further. And the trend continues. This tug of war between buyers and sellers moves the prices up and down, causing continuation chart patterns in stock charts before they continue in the direction of the original trend. Having good knowledge about continuation chart patterns allows investors to speculate positively about the further course of the trend. It allows them to add more to their existing position and helps investors to hold on for a longer period without worrying about temporary setbacks in stock prices.

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BUFFOONS LIKE VENUGOPAL AND ARROGANT ATTITUDE OF SIDDARAMAIAH...THE RESULT IS THIS (LOK SABHA EXIT POLLS FORECAST).

—SENIOR KARNATAKA CONGRESS LEADER

ROSHAN BAIG

POINT COUNTERPOINT



YOU CANNOT HIDE TRUTH AND TRUE INCIDENTS. PROBABLY BAIG WAS KEEPING IT TO HIMSELF. HE WAS FORCED TO SPEAK OUT LOOKING AT THE SITUATION.

—UNION MINISTER
DV SADANANDA GOWDA

A revolution in rural job creation

China's 'Taobao' model is worth emulating by Indian policy-makers to revitalise the e-commerce industry and harness multiplying effects of digital technology in rural areas



BINDU DALMIA

Soon, the din of a bitterly fought, fractious election, where the discourse veered around some of the most irrelevant issues, will recede and the focus of the new Government will revert to policy interventions and formulating the forthcoming Budget. Economic policies of an elected Government have the single largest bearing upon the destiny of its polity. An increase in per-capita disposable income is one of the most vital indicators of successful governance and one that invariably favours the incumbent. Undoubtedly, the predominant electoral issue, which was relegated to the background, hinged on declining rural and urban income, decreased savings and slowing consumption. Conversely, closer to voting, poll dynamics showed that by March 2019, "net future expectations about the economy clocked a positive 48.6 per cent" as people were more optimistic about the larger economic course of the country in the likely event of Modi's second coming.

With the median age of India's population being 30 years, this aspirational demograph has gone past the *roti-kapda-makaan* basics of the last century to mobiles, internet and entrepreneurship. As forward planning yields results only after gestation periods of a three to five year lag, policy-makers will have to find ways to leapfrog job creation once the new regime is in place by June. India's consumption story has been losing momentum in major sectors like FMCG, cars and two-wheelers and services activity — slipping to multi-quarter lows as income stagnates — which is reflected in declining rural demand. The next Government will be confronted with the challenging task of lifting investment sentiments by remonetising the economy as consumption fuels jobs and income from job-earnings fuels consumption in turn.

Policy-makers have a key role to play in fostering an enabling environment that supports innovation for both agri-entrepreneurship and micro-entrepreneurship. Consider this: The combined market cap of the three largest IT companies of the US — Apple, Microsoft and Amazon — equals India's GDP and importantly, just the Chinese e-commerce major Alibaba's m-cap equals 20 per cent of our GDP. These growth models necessitate that policy-makers fire on all cylinders with newer paradigms to kick-start innovation and growth in the IT enabled sectors as also focus on the nascent digital platforms as job-creators.

The focus of this article is specifically on rural e-commerce as a propeller for job-creation. This will need public-private-partnerships with the likes of Amazon, Walmart, Reliance Retail and other e-commerce platforms on a national scale. The nascent e-tail market in India is projected to grow at 30 per cent annually, targeting \$73 billion by 2022. Herein lies the biggest untapped job-creation potential, a prerequisite for which is deepening electronic payments through smartphones in order to reduce cash payments and encourage digital mode of transactions for online commerce.

China embarked on creating rural jobs a decade ago by implementing the 'Taobao' model for expanding employment avenues, alleviating poverty and vitalising the rural economy by harnessing multiplying effects of digital technology in rural areas. Consequently, e-commerce grew rapidly in China as trade volumes increased from less than 1,000 billion yuan (\$120.8 billion) in 2004 to near-



ly 30,000 billion yuan (\$4.44 trillion) in 2017.

The prototype has thrown surprising results for India to emulate: Though e-commerce is always more developed in urban areas, surprisingly online retail sales in rural areas grew faster than the national average. From 2014 to 2017, online retail sales in rural China increased from RMB 180 billion to 1.24 trillion, a compound annual growth rate of 91 per cent, compared to 35 per cent nationally. So, replicating this model in India, we can just imagine how this surge can alter the rural job-scape, which is in need of policy interventions. The experience in Taobao villages has sparked strong interest among policy-makers to tap the potential of e-commerce as a tool for poverty alleviation, financial empowerment for stay-at-home employment and rural vitalisation. The breakthrough was seen most in the ratio increase of women-to-men entrepreneurs in e-commerce being at near parity, compared to a ratio of 1:3 in traditional businesses.

The Alibaba Group initiative of the Rural Taobao Programme, in collaboration with the Government, supported rural clusters with real-time access to a wide range of goods and services, replacing the expensive brick and mortar shop-floor business model. This helped farmers earn more for their produce as they could directly sell their produce to urban consumers in online platforms. The programme required job-stepping multiple initiatives to streamline cross-country linkages in infrastructure by laying the ground work for service networks in counties and villages; providing training in e-commerce and promoting entrepreneurship; and developing rural financial services through the Ant Financial subsidiary of Alibaba.

The Rural Taobao Programme has now expanded from 212 villages in 12 counties in 2014 to more than 30,000 villages in 1,000 counties in 2018, spreading from the coast to inland. It focussed on improving rural e-commerce supply chains, promoting connectivity between agriculture and commerce and enhancing e-commerce training. The scheme grew rapidly and by 2018, had supported 1,016 demonstration counties, covering 737 poverty-stricken counties (89 per cent of the total), including 137 counties with extreme poverty (41 per cent of the total). The experience in China offers

a compelling model to pursue as a 'Global Best Practice' prototype for India. The report demonstrated how digital technology has the potential to harness inclusive growth, unlike previous revolutions, especially when policies and public-private sector work in synergy. Experience in other developed countries has made for a compelling case to adapt and integrate digitally enabled ecosystems as an engine for transformational growth in providing jobs and enhancing livelihoods to the rural population at their doorstep, without the need to migrate to bigger cities.

Achieving inclusive growth is a vital pillar to achieve Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations. To achieve this, digitisation has been proven to have had a multiplier impact on inclusive growth in China as its e-commerce market has become the largest in the world within a span of just 10 years, moving millions out of poverty. To further this model, it needs collective collaboration with best research minds globally to work together and evolve paradigms that will optimise the power of digitisation in order to bridge income and opportunity inequalities.

The data coming out of the Chinese model offers great insights into how India can integrate open e-commerce platforms with mobile payments and digitally based financial services "in order to support SMEs access larger potential markets than the gravity model for trade in the physical world." Why this model is best adaptable in India is because the platform-centered ecosystem has low entry barriers for capital requirements and also because education and digital skill requirements are minimal, which is a perfect fit to India's rural demographics, where people with low literacy levels can be gainfully employed.

China, too, was earlier a high-cash economy until the mobile payment revolution happened. Before the advent of digitisation, in the pre-digital commerce era, only proximity to a well-developed commercial area afforded residents access to an array of physical marketplaces and consumer products. Now through Alibaba's Taobao and Tmall e-platforms, the average shopping distance on these platforms is close to 1,000 kilometres, compared with a few kilometers in traditional retail markets.

And in less developed regions, people are buying a wider variety of consumer goods online, offsetting the disadvantages of their local markets. This has enabled 10 million SMEs and start-ups in remotest of villages to start businesses from home and work on flexi-timings, shrinking urban-rural income disparities.

As China leads the world in mobile payments and online money transfers with 1.25 billion internet users, digital footprints, Artificial Intelligence (AI) and algorithms are helping in risk-assessment in real time. "So now, Chinese startups have access to credit without collateral via the innovative '310' credit model: 3 minutes to apply for a loan, 1 second to get it approved, with 0 manual interference," signifying speed, precision and efficiency.

Digital platforms have evolved into an institutional form where they act as the nodal institutions to create an enabling environment for SMEs with support in marketing, product management, online operations, customer service, cash management, logistics, business advisory and data analysis, covering essentially every aspect of running a business. The Tao Factory platform on Alibaba connects 40,000 factories from more than 30 industries with Taobao sellers to form an integrated supply chain market. This calls for well-tested pilot-modules if the Chinese experience has to be successfully Indianised. Once disadvantaged groups can participate in the modern digital economy, positive results could follow in a sustainable way.

I personally anticipate unprecedented rapid structural and growth oriented reforms to gather pace under Modi 2.0 because 'Team Modi' will be on performance overdrive in his follow-on term. Modi has the pulse of the nation right, knowing too well that emerging India strives to enter the middle-income category, with a per capita income of \$2,000, wherein the aspirational classes seek empowerment through an honourable livelihood instead of welfareist handouts by the State.

(Multiple references have been made from the Digital Technology and Inclusive Growth Report of the Louhan Report 2019. The writer is an author, columnist and chairperson for the National Committee for Financial Inclusion at NITI Aayog)

United colours of Opposition a pipedream?

Undaunted by exit polls, Opposition unity efforts have gained momentum this past week. Almost all players have at some point in time dreamt of the prime ministerial job but the road to it is strewn with many hurdles and their contradictions



KALYANI SHANKAR

Most exit polls have predicted a clear majority for the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) but this hasn't stopped the Opposition from going ahead with its plans of forming a non-BJP coalition to stake claim to power. Opposition leaders, including West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, have pooh-poohed the exit poll predictions, claiming they were all wrong. Congress leaders in private have rubbished them pointing out that the pollsters had gone wrong in 2004. It is this hope that is keeping the unity move going forward.

Opposition parties are preparing for a 1996 (United Front) or 2004 (UPA) post-poll scenario, expecting a hung Parliament. The Opposition

unity efforts gained momentum this past week and is continuing to gather strength even after the exit polls.

Can the anti-BJP front become a reality? Most major Opposition parties are coming together as they don't want to be caught napping if the BJP fails to get a majority. UPA chairperson Sonia Gandhi has convened a meeting of 21 Opposition parties on May 23, the day when the results will be announced. Sonia Gandhi, who took a back seat ever since she handed over the baton to her son Rahul Gandhi last March, has come to the forefront again because the Congress feels that senior Opposition leaders like former Prime Minister HD Deve Gowda, Nationalist Congress Party chief Sharad Pawar, Mamata Banerjee, Loktantrik Janata Dal (LJD) chief Sharad Yadav and others will have no hesitation to work under her. During the campaign, Sonia Gandhi had herself reminded people about the 2004 surprise victory of the UPA in spite of the "India shining campaign" of the BJP.

The main anchor for the unity move is Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu. Fearing a total



route in his State, Naidu has been busy looking for a national role. He has been visiting Rahul Gandhi, Mamata Banerjee, Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav, Sharad Yadav, Sharad Pawar, Bahujan Samaj Party supreme Mayawati and others, holding intensive talks with them about staking claim with the President in case the BJP did not get the majority. Insiders say that they want to try the Karnataka model where the Congress prevented the BJP from forming the Government by supporting a junior party Janata Dal (Secular) though the BJP had emerged the single largest party. It is this 'keep

many aspirants. In 2004, the UPA won the race.

Naidu wants to cobble together a coalition of regional parties and take help of the Congress to form a Government at the Centre. Though the Congress may be the single largest Opposition party, Naidu expects it to play second fiddle and reserve the Prime Minister's post for a regional leader. There are too many aspirants for the post among the regional satraps. The Congress is the only party other than the BJP that is likely to cross the 100 mark and it would surely demand the top post for Rahul Gandhi. Pre-poll allies like Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam chief MK Stalin, Deve Gowda and Rashtriya Janata Dal leader Tejashwi Prasad Yadav have supported Rahul Gandhi's claim. Mamata Banerjee, too, is a front-runner for the post. Mayawati has not hidden her ambitions of becoming the Prime Minister since many years. Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao believes that with his 16 seats, he can become the kingmaker. Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, too, is demanding the price of a special status for his State.

Let us once assume that there is a possibility of a situation as created in 1996 or 2004. In 1996, the Congress supported the United Front Government. The constituents chose Deve Gowda as Prime Minister though he was the fourth choice after VP Singh, Jyoti Basu and GK Moohanar. Even at that time, it was not easy for the rag-tag coalition to decide as there were

Sharad Pawar is the seniormost leader, who has good relations with all players and had been nursing prime ministerial ambition for decades. How do you reconcile these interests for a single position, which is not vacant yet?

It is not going to be easy for the non-BJP parties to stake claim. They have to cross many hurdles, including choosing their prime ministerial face, a Common Minimum Programme and dealing with inherent contradictions in such a coalition among other things. Past record shows that there have been five non-Congress, non-BJP Governments so far and none of them lasted a full term. Four of them had the support of the Congress while the BJP supported the fifth one.

After May 23, if the NDA forms the Government, the Opposition should play a constructive role as a collective entity if they don't achieve their dream. They must remember that by staying divided, they helped Prime Minister Modi get a second term. Had they been united before the elections, they might have defeated the BJP.

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FOREIGN EYE



THERE ARE NO WINNERS

The tangled global webs of interdependence between hardware and software, China and the West, show how vulnerable both sides are to the other and how impossible it is for either to achieve technological autarchy. But this struggle is not really about technology. It is about dominance: Who is to be the master. Whether it is China or the US, both sides will suffer and third parties will perhaps suffer most.

(The Guardian Editorial)

India projected to grow at 7.1% in FY '20: UN

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India's economy is projected to grow at 7.1 per cent in fiscal year 2020 on the back of strong domestic consumption and investment but the GDP growth is a downward revision from the 7.4 per cent estimated in January this year, according to a report by the United Nations.

The World Economic Situation and Prospects (WESP) 2019 Mid-year Update, released here Tuesday, said that the Indian economy, which generates two-thirds of the regional output in South Asia, expanded by 7.2 per cent in 2018.

"Strong domestic consumption and investment will continue to support growth, which is projected at 7.0 per cent in 2019 and 7.1 per cent in 2020," the report said.

The estimates for India, however, reflect a downward revision from the projections made in the World Economic Situation and Prospects 2019 report released in January this year. That report had estimated that India would grow at 7.6 per cent in fiscal year 2019 and 7.4 per cent in 2020. It must be noted that despite the downward revisions, India remains the fastest growing major economy in the world, ahead of China.

The WESP mid-year update noted that growth projections for 2019 have been

revised downward in all major developed economies. The growth outlook for many developing economies has also weakened, it said, adding that despite downward revisions, growth in India remains "strong" amid robust domestic demand.

"The global growth outlook has weakened amid unresolved trade tensions and elevated international policy uncertainty. Across both developed and developing countries, growth projections for 2019 have been downgraded. Alongside a slow-down in international trade, business sentiments have deteriorated, casting a cloud on investment prospects," the report said.

World gross product growth is now expected to moderate from 3.0 per cent in 2018 to 2.7 per cent in 2019 and 2.9 per cent in 2020, reflecting a downward revision from WESP 2019 forecast released in January. In tandem with slowing industrial production, international trade activity has visibly weakened, reflecting in part unresolved trade disputes between the United States of America and China.

In the US, the growth momentum is projected to moderate as headwinds from trade policy are compounded by the waning effects of fiscal stimulus. Growth in China is projected to moderate gradually from 6.6 per cent in 2018

to 6.3 per cent in 2019 and 6.2 per cent in 2020.

In China, recent monetary and fiscal stimulus measures are expected to bolster domestic demand, partially offsetting the adverse impact of trade tariffs on overall growth. Nevertheless, these measures could also exacerbate domestic financial imbalances, raising the risk of a disorderly deleveraging process in the future.

South Asia remains on a strong growth path, even as forecasts have been revised downward. Following an expansion of 5.7 per cent in 2018, GDP growth is estimated at 5.0 per cent in 2019 and 5.8 per cent in 2020. However, across the region, output continues to be constrained by infrastructure bottlenecks.

The report added that India's exports remain robust, as around half of exports are destined for faster-growing Asian markets, while geopolitical risks continue to confront Afghanistan and Iran.

The slowdown in global economic activity has triggered a shift towards easier monetary policy stances across many developed and developing economies, it said, adding that this shift is taking place in an environment of subdued global inflation, amid weakening demand and a moderate outlook for global commodity prices.

Hyundai launches new SUV 'Venue'

Prices between ₹6.5 lakh and ₹11.1 lakh

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Hyundai Motor India Limited (HMIL), India's second-largest carmaker today jumped into the compact Sports Utility Vehicle segment with the 'Venue', their latest global product. India is the launch market for this new product from the Korean brand and SS Kim, HMIL's new managing director believes that it will be huge hit particularly since the car-maker claims it is India's first 'fully connected' SUV. Higher specification levels of the Venue will have over thirty connected features including 10 features specifically for India. These will be powered by Hyundai's 'Blue Link' technology that will allow drivers to connect to streaming entertainment and live maps and the car will feature a virtual mobile SIM card to access the streaming information. The service will be complimentary for the first three years and HMIL has also trained 615 'Blue Link Wizards' all across India to help new Hyundai customers learn the connected features of the vehicle. The Venue, which will

take on the Maruti-Suzuki Brezza, Mahindra XUV300, Ford EcoSport and Tata Nexon will come with three engine options, two petrol and one diesel. This includes a all-new one-litre turbocharged petrol engine which also features a seven-speed dual-clutch gearbox as an automatic option. A 1.2-litre petrol with a five-speed manual transmission and 1.4 litre diesel with a six-speed manual transmission will also be available. There will be four

members of the media. HMIL has already seen over 50,000 enquiries and over 15,000 confirmed bookings for the Venue orders for which began earlier this month, two-thirds of the demand has been for petrol variants and there is also strong demand for the automatic according to HMIL officials. And Hyundai confirmed that they will continue to produce and sell diesel vehicles after the introduction of Bharat Stage 6 emission



trim levels, with entry-level prices starting at ₹6.5 lakh (ex-showroom all-India) for petrol and ₹7.75 lakh for diesel. The top-line turbo-petrol model will cost ₹11.1 lakh. While HMIL indicated that these are introductory prices they made it clear that there is no timeline for the prices to be adjusted upwards, given the current market slowdown. "We want to give the customer confidence in the product through the pricing", Kim told

norms, this after rival Maruti-Suzuki indicated they would withdraw from selling diesels, the Venue is not BS6 compliant for the moment. The company also indicated that they would be adding some 50,000 new units to their production capacity in Chennai but have no plans to add another production line just yet and Kim refused to confirm if Hyundai would produce vehicles at the upcoming Kia facility in Andhra Pradesh.

Business Corner



NLC India Limited celebrated its 63rd Raising Day as Gratitude Day on May 20, 2019 with enthusiasm by recollecting the historical occasion on May 20, 1957, the day NLC's mining operations were commenced and to show our gratitude and recognise the services of the former employees, who had toiled very hard for the growth of this organisation. B Surender Mohan, former CMD, NLCIL was the chief guest and Kick started the celebrations by hoisting the NLCIL flag in the presence of Rakesh Kumar, CMD, NLCIL, R Vikraman, NNM, Rao, Prabhakar Chowki, Shaji John, Functional Directors and T Venkatasubramanian, CVO at the Lignite Hall, Block-11, Neyveli



At about 2100 h on 19 May 19, intelligence was received about a suspicious vessel likely to be engaged in drug trafficking in area off Indo Pak IMBL off the Gujarat Coast. Similar inputs were also received from Directorate of Revenue Intelligence on May 20. Indian Coast Guard immediately swung into action and ICG Ship Arinjay on patrol off Indo-Pak IMBL was alerted about the suspect vessel. Two additional Interceptor Boats C-437 and C-408 were also tasked from Jakhau and Okha to augment the search for the suspect vessel. ICG Dornier aircraft was also launched from Porbandar on 20 and 21 May 19 for aerial recon in the area



NTPC team came second at the 20th anniversary Iquation quiz International Finals conducted by Event Management group at Mumbai on May 17, 2019. The NTPC team was represented by Anshuman Srivastava, DGM (Corp. Planning) and KM Prashanth, AGM (Corp. Communications). The team qualified for the finals after coming second in the Delhi Regional round. More than 50 teams Pan Asia consisting of leading corporates participated in this quiz. The quiz was held at two levels, the regional level at five locations namely Kolkata, Bangalore, Mumbai, Delhi and Bangkok followed by National finals

China rebuffs US President's 'rip-off' charge

PTI ■ BEIJING

China on Tuesday dismissed as unscientific and unprofessional US President Donald Trump's charge that Beijing has ripped off America with unfair business practices for decades.

The US and China are locked in a bruising trade war since Trump imposed heavy tariffs on imported steel and aluminium items from China

in March last year, a move that sparked fears of a global trade war. In response, China imposed tit-for-tat tariffs on billions of dollars worth of American imports.

Trump once again accused China of ripping off United States at a rally in Montoursville, Pennsylvania on Monday, attacking his potential re-election challenger Joe Biden for minimising the economic threat

posed by Beijing.

"They want Biden so that China can continue to make \$500 billion dollars a year and more ripping off the United States," he said.

"Past leaders let China freely plunder the US economy and take the crown jewels of American industry," Trump said.

Reacting to Trump's charge, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Lu Kang

told media here that any trade deal should be balanced and mutually beneficial.

"It is necessary to distinguish between reciprocity and which side gains advantage. In trade relations, they are not the same thing. It is unrealistic to ask for absolute equal openness and not to mention that economic globalisation is a process that countries complement each other's advantages," he said.

Jet Airways shares soar 15% on Hinduja stake buy buzz

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Shares of grounded Jet Airways surged nearly 15 per cent on Tuesday after diversified Hinduja Group said it is evaluating the opportunity to invest in the airline.

The airline's scrip jumped 14.73 per cent to close at ₹150.75 on the BSE.

On the NSE, the stock ended at ₹148.40, gaining 12.94 per cent, over the previous close. After opening at ₹135 a unit, its shares touched an intra-day high of ₹154.80.

Its shares have ended in the green for the second session in a row on the bourses. On the BSE, its intra-day high was marked at 153.85. "Hinduja Group is evaluating the Jet Airways opportunity," the group said in a statement on Tuesday. The grounded carrier shuttered its operations on April 17 and the lenders, led by SBI, are still scouting for investors to revive the airline, which has a debt burden of more than ₹8,000 crore.

BHEL commissions 2 more units of Kaleshwaram irrigation project

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) has successfully commissioned two more pumping units (Units 3&4) of 116 MW each, of the 7x116 MW Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Scheme (LIS) Package-6 in Telangana. BHEL had earlier commissioned Units 1&2 of the same project in April, 2019. Significantly, the pump for each unit is designed to lift 89.16 cumecs (cubic metres per second) of water by 105.5 metres.

Being developed by the Irrigation & CAD (I&CAD) department of the Government of Telangana, the greenfield lift irrigation project (formerly known as Pranhita Chevella) is located in Peddapalli district of Telangana. In the project, water shall be lifted from Sripada Yellampalli reservoir to Medaram reservoir and will be used for irrigation and water supply in nearby areas, thereby contributing to the overall development of the area and the state of Telangana.

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General public is hereby informed that a man namely Ganpat Singh, S/o Late Shadi Ram, R/o Gali No.10, Sanjay Colony, Narela, Delhi has been missing/ kidnapped since 06.05.2019 from the area of P.S Narela, Delhi. In this regard a case vide DD No. 38-A dated 07.05.2019, has been lodged at P.S Narela, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the missing/ kidnapped man but no clue has come to light so far. The description of the missing/kidnapped man is as under:



Ganpat Singh

Name: Ganpat Singh, Gender: Male, Age: 85 years, Height: 5'11", Complexion: Fair, Face: Round, Wearing: White colour Shirt, Grey colour Pant and Brown colour Shoes in Feet.

If anyone has any information regarding this missing/kidnapped man, kindly inform SHO/Narela, Delhi.

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SHO P.S. Narela, Delhi
DP/287/ON/19 Ph. No.: 011-27282350, 27285839

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is hereby informed that a female namely Sabana, D/o Musarfaeen, R/o H.No. D-107, Gali No.7, Old Mustafabad, Near Dilshad Masjid, Delhi has been missing since 04.04.2019 from her house. In this regard a case DD No. 22, dated 06.04.2019, has been registered at P.S Dayal Pur, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the missing female but no clue has come to light so far. The description of the missing female is as under:



Sabana

Name: Sabana, Gender: Female, Age: About 23 years, Height: 5'2", Complexion: Fair, Face: Round, Built: Strong, Wearing: Blue colour Kamij, Orange colour Salwar and Black colour Slippers in Feet.

If anyone has any information regarding this missing female, kindly inform SHO/Dayal Pur, Delhi.

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SHO P.S. Dayal Pur, Delhi
DP/7066/NE/19 Ph. No.: 011-22800216, 22800215

MISSING/KIDNAPED

General public is hereby informed that one girl, Namely: Khushboo, D/o: Dayashankar, R/o: Jhuggi No. 663, B Block, Khadda Badli, Suraj Park, Delhi, has been missing/kidnaped since 28.12.2018 from the area of P.S. Samaipur Badli, Delhi. In this regard, a Case Vides FIR No. 980/18, U/s. 363 IPC, Dated 29.12.2018, has been lodged at P.S. Samaipur Badli, Delhi. Investigations has been carried out but despite best efforts, the girl could not be traced. The description of the missing/kidnaped girl is as under:



Khushboo

Name: Khushboo, D/o: Dayashankar, R/o: Jhuggi No. 663, B Block, Khadda Badli, Suraj Park, Delhi, Age: 16 years, Height: 4'6" Feet, Face: Oval, Complexion: Shallow, Wearing: Pink Colour Sweater, Green Colour Pajami and Red Colour Plastic Chappal. If anyone has any information about the missing /kidnaped girl, then please inform P.S. Samaipur Badli, Delhi.

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SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED GIRL

General Public is hereby informed that one girl (depicted in the photo) namely Santosh @ Kajal D/o Sh. Rakesh Kumar R/o A-316, Pepal Wala Mohalla, Badli, Delhi, Aged - 13 Years 6 months has been reported missing/kidnaped since 06.06.2018 vide FIR No. 471/18 dated 06.06.2018 lodged at Police Station Samaipur Badli, Delhi. Her physical description is as under:-



Santosh @ Kajal

Complexion: Fair, Height: 4'9", Face: Round, Clothing: Blue coloured Shorts, yellow coloured shirt and hawai slipper in feet.

Any person having any information/Clue about this missing/kidnaped girl, may inform SHO, Samaipur Badli, Delhi at E-mail : cbc@cbi.gov.in or website : http://cbi.nic.in

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DP/2738/RD/19 Tel.: 011-27854757, 27854799

SEARCH FOR MISSING



Priyanka

General Public is hereby informed that one girl namely Priyanka D/o Radhey Shyam R/o K-111, Vijay Vihar, Ph-II, Delhi has been missing since 09.09.2018 from the area of P.S. Vijay Vihar. In this regard a case DD No. 03-A dated 10.09.2018 has been registered at PS Vijay Vihar, Delhi. The description of the missing girl is as under:

Age: 21 year 9 months, Height: 5'1", Face: Round, Complexion: Fair, Wearing: Orange & Black Suit and Red Pajama with Chappal in feet. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the girl but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this girl kindly inform to the following

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MISSING/KIDNAPED

General public is hereby informed that one boy, Namely: Neeraj, S/o Ramanand, R/o N-115 Surya Enclave DDA Janta Flat Sec-4, Rohini, Delhi has been missing/ kidnapped from the area of P.S. Vijay Vihar, Delhi since 23.01.2019. In this regard, a case vide DD No. 62-A, dated 23.01.2019, has been registered at P.S. Vijay Vihar, Delhi. Investigations has been carried out but despite best efforts, the boy could not be traced. The description of the missing/ kidnapped boy is as under:



Neeraj

Name: Neeraj, S/o Ramanand, R/o N-115 Surya Enclave DDA Janta Flat Sec-4, Rohini, Delhi, Age: 25 years, Height: 5'5" Feet, Face: Round, Complexion: Fair, Wearing: Black Sweater, Brawn Pajama, Chappal in feet. If anyone has any information about the missing/ kidnapped boy, then please inform P.S. Vijay Vihar, Delhi.

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SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General public is hereby informed that one girl namely Gudia D/o Asharfi Prasad R/o H.No. 8/10 Kasturba Nagar, Shahdara Delhi has been missing/ kidnapped from the area of P.S Vivek Vihar, Delhi since 16.04.2019. In this regard, a case FIR No.163/19 u/s 363 IPC dated 27.04.2019 has been registered at P.S. Vivek Vihar Delhi. The description of the missing/ kidnapped girl is as under:



GUDIA

Age: 17 Years, Complexion: Wheatish, Height: 5'1", Face: Round, Built: Thin, Wearing: Pink colour Suit Salwar. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out her but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone has any information about the missing girl then please inform P.S. Vivek Vihar, Delhi at following Tel No. / e-mail: cbc@cbi.gov.in and Website: http://cbi.nic.in

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DP/1028/SHD/19 Ph. 011-22146040

SEARCH FOR MISSING



General public is hereby informed that one girl (depicted in the photo) namely Jaspreet Kaur, D/o Gulab Singh, R/o H. No. 650, Gali No. 9, Sardar Colony, Sector-16, Delhi, has been missing since Dated 08.05.2019. In this regard a FIR No. 179/19, u/s 363 IPC, Dated 08.05.2019 has been registered at Police Station - KNK Marg, Delhi. Her physical description is as under:-

Age: 16 years, Complexion: Fair, Height: 5'0", Face: Oval, Build: Thin, Clothing: Wearing blue & black colour Kurti, black colour Legging, pink colour Dupatta and almond colour Belly in feet.

Any person is having any information/Clue about this missing girl, may inform undersigned.

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PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

(See Section 82 Cr. PC)
Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person namely Pankaj S/o Sh. Baig Nath R/o N-44/175, Sanjay Colony, Samaypur, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in a FIR No. 718/16 u/s 33/38 DE Act, Delhi, PS Samaipur Badli, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrants of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused Pankaj could not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Pankaj has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused person Pankaj of FIR No. 718/16 u/s 33/38 DE Act, Delhi, PS Samaipur Badli, Delhi are required to appear in the court to answer the said complaint on or before 28.06.2019.

By order
Ms. Neha Gupta Singh,
Metropolitan Magistrate North Distt.
Room No. 319, 3rd Floor,
Rohini Courts, Delhi
DP/288/ON/19

SEARCH FOR MISSING FEMALE



General public is hereby informed that this female namely Riya Kumari D/o Sh. Ramakant R/o H.No. F-69, Near Ambekdar Park, Village Gazipur, Delhi Age : 21 years, Height : 5', Complexion : Fair, Face : Round, Build : Medium, wearing Suit & Salwar, has been missing since 11.04.2019 from the area of PS Patparganj Industrial Area, Delhi. In this regard DD No. 23-A dated 19.04.2019 has been lodged at P.S. Patparganj Industrial Area, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about this missing female may kindly inform to the following:-

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Sensex slumps 383 pts on profit booking

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Benchmark indices took U-turn from record high levels touched during early trade on Tuesday, with the BSE Sensex tripping nearly 383 points and the NSE Nifty shedding over 119 points as investors hurried up to book profits.

An intense selling was seen, barring initial hours, across sectors after market participants sensed that exit polls euphoria over BJP's likely win

in the general election has already been factored in appropriately.

After hitting an intra-day record high of 39,571.73, the 30-share index ended 382.87 points, or 0.97 per cent, lower at 38,969.80. The gauge hit the day's low of 38,884.85.

In a similar movement, the broader NSE Nifty plunged 119.15 points, or 1.01 per cent, to 11,709.10.

Tata Motors was the biggest loser in the Sensex pack, dipping 7.05 per cent, a day after

the company posted a 49 per cent decline in March quarter profit. Maruti, IndusInd Bank, M&M, Bharti Airtel, SBI, PowerGrid, Hero MotoCorp, Tata Steel, ICICI Bank, Infosys, Yes Bank and TCS too fell up to 3.25 per cent.

On the other hand, RIL, HUL and Bajaj Finance ended in the green, rising up to 1.08 per cent.

The broader BSE midcap and smallcap indices ended in the red in line with benchmarks, falling up to 0.84 per

cent.

Traders believe that though a profit-booking emerged at higher levels but election rally may continue if the election results come as per exit polls prediction.

On Monday, the 30-share index skyrocketed 1,421.90 points, or 3.75 per cent, to 39,352.67, and the Nifty soared 421.10 points, or 3.69 per cent, to 11,828.25.

The rally came after a majority of exit polls forecast another term for Prime

Minister Narendra Modi. The results of the seven-phase polls will be announced on May 23.

Meanwhile, the Indian rupee was trading marginally lower at 69.76 against the US dollar.

Brent crude, the global benchmark, was trading at 72.01 per barrel, higher by 0.04 per cent.

Globally, bourses in Asia ended on a mixed note, while those in Europe were trading in the green in their respective early deals.

FinMin seeks AAI shares

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The finance ministry has asked Airports Authority of India to issue shares in lieu of the Rs 656 crore capital it has received from the government, sources said.

AAI, a 100 per cent government owned statutory corporation, was constituted by an Act of Parliament and came into being on April 1, 1995, by merging erstwhile National Airports Authority and International Airports Authority of India.

The AAI is yet to issue shares to the government in lieu of the equity infusion worth Rs 656.56 crore made over the years. The matter came to the notice of the ministry last year during discussions over share buy back by profit making public sector enterprises.

Subsequently, officials of the ministries of finance, corporate affairs and civil aviation held discussions on corporatisation of AAI and legal opinion was also obtained on share issuance corresponding to the

capital infusion.

"The finance ministry has written to AAI for issuing shares in lieu of the paid-up capital of Rs 656.56 crore infused by the Government," the sources told PTI.

Once the issuance of shares to the government is sorted out, steps would be initiated for converting the AAI into a company under the Companies Act. After conversion, the government can decide on divestment of equity, share buyback or listing of the AAI on the bourses.

NCLAT to hear plea against Flipkart

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The NCLAT has admitted a petition filed by an online vendors association challenging the orders of fair trade regulator CCI, which had absolved e-commerce major Flipkart of unfair practices using its dominant position.

The National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) has also approved the delay of 12 days in filing appeal (By the association) against the order of the Competition Commission of India (CCI).

"The appeal is admitted for hearing. As the respondents have appeared, no further notice need be issued," said the National Company Law

Tribunal in its order on May 15.

A three-member NCLAT bench headed by Chairman Justice S J Mukhopadhyaya has directed to list the matter for hearing on July 30.

The NCLAT is the appellate authority for the orders passed by the CCI since May 2017.

Passing an order on November 6, 2018, the CCI had held that the business practices of Flipkart and Amazon are not in violation of competition norms and rejected allegations of abuse of market dominance made by All India Online Vendors Association (AIOVA).

AIOVA has alleged abuse of market dominance against Flipkart India Pvt Ltd, which is into wholesale trading/ distrib-

ution of books, mobiles, computers and related accessories, and e-commerce marketplace Flipkart Internet Pvt Ltd.

The CCI had ruled that looking at the present market construct and structure of online marketplace platforms in India, "it does not appear that any one player in the market is commanding any dominant position at this stage of evolution of market".

While concluding that there is no violation of Section 4 of the Competition Act, which pertains to abuse of dominant market position, the CCI said that the Flipkart marketplace is required to comply with conditions applicable to entities involved in the business of e-commerce, as

set out in the Foreign Exchange Management (Transfer or Issue of Security by a Person Resident Outside India) Regulations, 2017.

"As such, Flipkart Internet is bound by these laws, the compliance of which is ensured by the relevant authorities," the order said.

Citing the market construct and the context of examining allegations against Flipkart, the CCI noted that there is also no case of contravention of Section 4 by Amazon as well.

AIOVA, as mentioned in CCI order, is a group of over 2,000 sellers selling on e-commerce marketplaces such as Flipkart, Amazon, Snapdeal

Singapore, Canada seek to join WTO consultations against India

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Singapore and Canada have expressed interest in joining consultations in a case filed by Japan in the WTO's dispute settlement body against India's import duties on certain information and communication technology products, including mobile phones.

According to a communication of the World Trade Organisation (WTO), both countries have stated that they have a substantial trade interest in information and communication technology (ICT) goods.

On May 14, Japan dragged India to the WTO over the import duties imposed on certain electronic goods including telephones for cellular net-

works; machines for reception, conversion and transmission or regeneration of voice, images or other data; and parts of telephone sets.

It alleged that imposition of import duties on these products by India infringes WTO norms as India has committed zero per cent bound tariffs on these products.

While bound tariffs or duties refer to the ceiling over which a WTO member country cannot impose import duty, the applied tariff is the duty which is currently in place.

In a separate communication, Singapore said it "desires to be joined in India's consultations with Japan".

"This is because Singapore, as one of the world's largest exporters of ICT products,

with export value of USD 120 billion annually, has substantial trade interest in this matter," it said.

Similarly, Canada has said that during 2016-2018, India's imports from Canada of ICT products have aggregated at USD 28.7 million.

"This reflected 31.2 per cent of India's total imports of ICT products from Canada. ICT is an important sector for Canada's economy which relies on access to global markets.

"Over 2016-2018, Canada's global exports of all ICT products averaged USD 11.3 billion and accounted for 2.8 per cent of all Canadian exports," the north American country said in its communication.

As per WTO rules, seeking consultation is the first step of

dispute settlement process.

If the bilateral consultations requested by the complainant with India do not result in a satisfactory solution, it can request the WTO to set up a dispute panel to pass a ruling on the matter.

Singapore and Canada require approval from India and Japan to join the consultation process.

A WTO member country can file a dispute if it perceives that another country's trade policies or actions are violating global trade norms.

India's bilateral trade with Canada and Singapore stood at USD 7.23 billion and USD 17.7 billion respectively, in 2017-18. Chinese Taipei has also expressed interest in joining these consultations.

NIFTY 50

SCRIP	OPEN	High	LOW	LTP	CHANGE
NIFTY 50	11863.65	11883.55	11682.80	11709.10	-119.15
DREDDY	2594.00	2699.95	2594.00	2665.00	75.60
INFRAE	270.10	281.45	270.10	275.20	5.65
TTAN	1239.00	1251.65	1233.35	1248.10	16.45
BRITANNIA	2800.00	2867.40	2794.10	2836.60	35.40
RELIANCE	1322.20	1367.00	1330.05	1339.90	14.00
BAFINANCE	3418.05	3488.80	3375.00	3439.00	31.45
HINDUNILVR	1772.90	1797.45	1772.90	1788.00	15.50
ITC	307.00	310.00	305.30	306.40	-0.60
COALINDIA	239.70	241.45	234.50	237.20	-0.50
HDPC	2141.20	2178.90	2104.10	2118.00	-4.50
LT	1455.00	1462.05	1437.85	1445.00	-4.45
NTPC	129.70	129.75	127.75	128.50	-0.75
BAJAJFINSV	8239.00	8335.00	8100.05	8170.00	-65.00
IBULHSGFN	800.00	836.60	794.15	808.00	-6.55
KOTAKBANK	1503.00	1514.80	1483.80	1490.00	-12.55
BAJAJ-AUTO	3014.00	3043.90	2969.05	2980.05	-26.25
HDFCBANK	2400.00	2449.40	2399.45	2408.95	-23.40
ONGC	175.10	176.50	173.80	174.25	-1.75
WIPRO	290.60	291.00	286.00	287.30	-2.95
VEDL	168.40	168.75	163.80	165.40	-1.70
TECHM	780.00	784.80	768.10	770.35	-9.00
SUNPHARMA	414.20	423.75	405.65	408.60	-4.90
AXISBANK	789.70	791.80	771.05	773.10	-9.30
CIPLA	565.45	580.00	525.75	538.65	-6.80
HCLTECH	1071.40	1074.00	1052.65	1059.85	-13.90
ASIANPAINT	1384.00	1384.00	1352.70	1354.05	-19.70
HINDALCO	199.75	200.00	193.20	195.75	-3.00
YESBANK	145.00	145.00	138.50	141.10	-2.45
TCS	2148.05	2148.70	2102.55	2106.20	-37.75
INFY	722.65	722.65	707.70	709.25	-13.15
ICICIBANK	408.60	410.80	397.60	400.30	-7.40
GAIL	350.70	350.80	335.35	339.00	-6.60
UPL	1018.00	1043.60	996.80	999.00	-19.85
ECHERGHT	2124.05	2137.50	2081.25	2088.00	-417.20
M&M	660.00	662.70	634.40	640.10	-13.15
HEROMOTOCO	2725.00	2726.95	2648.00	2657.25	-56.20
POWERGRID	185.20	188.60	183.75	184.00	-4.05
SBIN	345.90	347.55	336.25	336.95	-7.75
JSWSTEEL	284.85	286.50	277.50	279.00	-6.50
TATASTEEL	484.85	484.90	468.75	472.10	-11.70
IOC	158.00	159.25	152.40	153.55	-4.10
ULTRACEMCO	4789.00	4789.00	4618.05	4649.60	-124.60
BHARTIARTL	340.00	340.10	328.55	331.00	-9.10
MARUTI	7105.00	7137.75	6818.00	6871.80	-212.80
GRASIM	902.70	902.70	862.00	863.05	-27.25
INDUSINDBK	1499.90	1514.00	1443.00	1444.15	-50.50
ADANIPTL	409.00	411.40	385.30	386.55	-13.55
BPC	395.50	397.35	368.30	375.35	-16.45
ZEE	363.95	367.00	344.40	346.80	-15.70
TATAMOTORS	185.25	186.90	174.05	177.60	-12.55

NIFTY NEXT 50

SCRIP	OPEN	High	LOW	LTP	CHANGE
NIFTY NEXT 50	27180.40	27250.50	26786.10	26859.50	-222.35
URL	1348.00	1483.70	1347.95	1430.00	55.75
BANKBARODA	123.20	127.30	122.90	126.10	3.20
DIVISLAB	1658.00	1715.00	1658.00	1697.95	38.25
SBILIFE	650.00	664.00	640.00	659.35	13.65
INDIGO	1482.00	1511.00	1455.00	1482.00	27.05
PETRONET	237.00	241.45	235.60	240.25	4.25
HDPCIFE	400.00	404.00	396.05	402.65	5.60
SHREECEM	20344.75	20935.00	20345.05	20550.00	203.75
HDFCCEM	1652.00	1665.00	1643.70	1660.00	16.35
ASHOKLEY	86.40	89.80	87.20	88.30	0.75
HAVELLS	758.00	766.75	754.00	758.20	2.65
AUROPHARMA	665.00	680.00	658.00	665.10	1.25
DABUR	389.95	389.95	381.65	382.30	-0.10
MRF	55000.00	55150.00	54415.00	54700.00	-61.60
PGHH	10960.00	10960.00	10721.00	10895.70	-19.35
ICICI	1150.00	1158.15	1130.65	1140.00	-4.05
BAJAJHLING	330.00	336.00	325.00	330.95	-15.80
OFFS	3434.50	3434.50	3394.15	3410.00	-16.85
MARICO	365.00	365.50	356.25	361.65	-1.80
SIEMENS	1190.00	1241.70	1178.80	1186.00	-6.10
L&TFH	127.00	130.30	123.50	125.40	-0.65
COLPAL	1165.15	1178.80	1153.70	1161.75	-3.15
MCDOWELL-N	549.90	562.85	543.50	550.30	-6.50
NIALC	167.00	167.00	162.80	163.05	-1.10
BIOCON	529.00	531.85	517.65	519.05	-4.00
ABB	1440.00	1457.95	1414.00	1424.50	-24.80
PAGEIND	22598.80	22660.00	22050.00	22230.00	-136.00
AMBUJACEM	225.10	227.05	219.15	221.40	-2.80
BOSCHLTD	17622.00	17683.05	16950.00	17400.00	-221.75
SKRANSFIN	1105.80	1142.90	1081.20	1082.00	-15.45
GICRE	230.05	230.10	226.15	227.35	-3.25
DIF	174.50	176.45	169.50	171.25	-2.50
PIDILITIND	1218.00	1218.00	1186.10	1199.40	-17.60
NHPC	23.20	23.35	22.75	22.80	-0.35
LUPIN	756.00	776.50	745.00	746.45	-13.10
SAIL	51.75	52.00	50.00	50.50	-0.95
HINDZINC	262.00	262.50	254.20	255.60	-5.50
CADILAH	251.70	255.00	243.00	244.80	-5.75
ACC	1670.00	1681.00	1595.50	1620.60	-42.35
HINDPETRO	301.50	301.85	278.70	286.00	-7.50
GODREJCP	628.00	638.25	624.10	629.55	-18.40
PEL	279.00	283.25	275.10	272.90	-62.95
NMDC	97.20	97.20	92.80	93.35	-2.70
CONCOR	498.95	499.25	479.80	482.60	-14.25
BANDHANBNK	606.95	620.00	575.40	587.30	-17.80
ICICIPRULI	356.10	360.55	345.20	346.65	-10.65
DMART	1324.00	1331.70	1265.00	1274.95	-43.15
BHEL	65.95	66.15	62.85	63.35	-2.60
MOTHERSUMI	127.50	127.70	120.10	120.50	-6.50
IDEA	12.60	12.65	11.70	11.85	-0.70

BSE 500

Script	Open	High	Low	LTP	Change
SUZLON	5.99	6.22	5.40	5.51	74.25
RPOWER	7.40	7.40	6.57	6.92	70.75
RCOM	2.06	2.09	1.96	1.98	71.60
TATAMOTORS	186.60	186.90	174.10	176.60	74.25
JETAIRWAYS	135.00	153.85	130.65	150.75	70.75
RELIANCE	1329.30	1366.25	1329.30	1339.75	71.60
YESBANK	144.95	145.00	138.60	141.00	74.25
IBULHSGFN	806.00	836.60	794.10	808.25	70.75
SBIN	346.05	347.10	336.15	337.55	71.60
JPASSOCIAT	4.80	4.97	4.71	4.76	70.75
JUSTDIAL	663.80	725.55	656.05	711.15	71.60
DHFL	128.00	132.00	122.50	129.90	70.75
IBVENTURES	349.70	359.00	328.00	334.00	71.60
HDPCBANK	2433.00	2449.00	2399.95	2403.80	70.75
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US fingers Iran on Gulf attacks but eases tone

AFP ■ WASHINGTON

President Donald Trump's administration charged Tuesday it was "quite possible" Iran was responsible for sabotage of Gulf oil interests but said its robust response had stopped potential attacks on Americans.

Top Trump officials appeared to be toning down weeks of fiery warnings to Iran before delivering a classified briefing to the full Congress, where rival Democrats have accused the administration of hyping intelligence and pushing the United States dangerously close to war.

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said the United States has not made "a definitive conclusion" that can be presented

Iraq to send delegations to US and Iran to calm tensions: PM

Baghdad: Iraq is planning to send urgent delegations to the United States and Iran, its prime minister said Tuesday, as Baghdad seeks to rein in soaring tensions between its top allies.

Baghdad "will very soon send delegations to Tehran and Washington to push for calm", Adel Abdel Mahdi told journalists in the Iraqi capital.

The United States and Iran have exchanged bellicose rhetoric in recent weeks, with the US deploying a naval strike group and B-52 bombers to the Gulf over unspecified Iranian "threats".

The bitter standoff has raised fears of the consequences for Iraq, which has sought to balance its ties between the rival enemies.

AFP

over the past decade and the shape of these attacks, it seems like it's quite possible that Iran was behind these," Pompeo told conservative radio host Hugh Hewitt before heading to Congress.

Indonesia's Joko Widodo wins second term as Prez

AFP ■ JAKARTA

Indonesia's Joko Widodo has been re-elected as president of the world's third-biggest democracy, the elections commission said early on Tuesday, beating rival Prabowo Subianto, a retired general who has vowed to challenge any victory for the incumbent leader.

The commission was expected to announce the official results of the April 17 poll on Wednesday in the Southeast Asian nation of 260 million.

But amid fears about unrest and street demonstrations in response to the final count, the final tally was released early with little advance notice.

Widodo and his vice-presidential running mate Ma'ruf Amin won the election by a 55.5 per cent to 44.5 per cent margin over Subianto and Sandiaga Uno, the elections commission said.



"This ruling was announced on May 21... and will be effectively immediately," the commission's chair Arief Budiman said in a live streamed announcement that was broadcast on major media.

Widodo, 57, had been widely predicted to win according to unofficial results.

His challenger Subianto, 67, has vowed to challenge any victory for Widodo, alleging widespread voter fraud, and warned that it could spark street protests across the world's biggest Muslim majority nation.

Theresa May sets out 'new' Brexit deal

London: British Prime Minister Theresa May on Tuesday set out what she called a "new" Brexit deal, with safeguards and legal assurances on aspects of her controversial withdrawal agreement in the hope of getting cross-party backing for the bill when it returns to the House of Commons next month.

In a major compromise to a demand from the Opposition benches, she promised to include the option of a parliamentary vote on holding a second referendum on her deal if it clears the Commons next

month.

"I recognise the genuine and sincere strength of feeling across the House on this important issue. The Government will therefore include in the Withdrawal Agreement Bill at introduction a requirement to vote on whether to hold a second referendum," she said in a speech in London on Tuesday.

"This must take place before the Withdrawal Agreement can be ratified," she noted, even as she reiterated her continued Opposition to holding another referendum.

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GLOBE TROTTER

UN WARNS OF 'LONG, BLOODY WAR' IN LIBYA

United Nations: The UN envoy for Libya warned on Tuesday the battle for Tripoli was "just the start of a long and bloody war" and called for immediate steps to cut off arms flows fuelling the fighting.

OZ GOVT: WON'T BREAK ELECTION TAX PLEDGE

Canberra: Australia's newly re-elected administration says its promise to slash income taxes might be delivered late but won't be broken as the Government hopes to stimulate consumer spending and revive a flagging economy.

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CIN : L74999HR1979PLC032747, Website: www.rflttd.com, Email id: investorrelations@rflttd.com, Phone: 011-49075251						
Statement of Audited Consolidated Financial Results for the Quarter and Year Ended March 31, 2019						
(Rs. In lacs, except per share data)						
Sl. No.	Particulars (Refer Notes below)	Quarter Ended			Financial Year Ended	
		31.03.2019 (Audited)	31.12.2018 (Unaudited)	31.03.2018 (Audited)	31.03.2019 (Audited)	31.03.2018 (Audited)
1	Total Income from Operations	61.84	28.88	18.68	100.90	133.58
2	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before tax and exceptional items	87.27	(36.73)	24.62	(8.18)	(68.16)
3	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before tax after exceptional items	87.27	(36.73)	24.62	(8.18)	(68.16)
4	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax	87.27	(36.73)	43.84	(8.18)	(48.94)
5	Total Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-	-
6	Net Profit/(Loss) after Minority Interest and Share of Profit/(Loss) of Associates	97.04	(15.47)	43.84	66.63	32.72
7	Paid-up equity share capital	980.08	980.08	980.08	980.08	980.08
8	Earning Per Share of Rs.10/- each (not annualised)	-	-	-	-	-
	a) Basic	0.99	(0.16)	0.45	0.68	0.33
	b) Diluted	0.99	(0.16)	0.45	0.68	0.33

Notes:

1 Summarised Standalone Audited Financial performance of the Company is as under:

Sl. No.	Particulars	Quarter Ended			Financial Year Ended	
		31.03.2019 (Audited)	31.12.2018 (Unaudited)	31.03.2018 (Audited)	31.03.2019 (Audited)	31.03.2018 (Audited)
1	Total Income from Operations	61.84	28.88	18.68	100.90	133.58
2	Profit/(Loss) before tax	99.92	(36.73)	24.62	4.47	(68.16)
3	Profit/(Loss) after tax	99.92	(36.73)	43.84	4.47	(48.94)
4	Total Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-	-

The above is an extract of the detailed format of Audited Financial Results for the Quarter and year ended March 31, 2019 filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Standalone and Consolidated Audited Financial Results for the Quarter and year ended March 31, 2019 are available on the Bombay Stock Exchange website www.bseindia.com and on Company's website www.rflttd.com.

For RLF Limited
Sd/-
Aditya Khanna
Managing Director
DIN : 01860038

Place : New Delhi
Dated : May 21, 2019

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

ICICI Bank
ICICI Bank Limited

Registered Office: ICICI Bank Tower, Near Chakki Circle, Old Padra Road, Vadodara - 390007, Gujarat.
Corporate Office: ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai - 400051
Branch Office: ICICI BANK LTD., Videocon Tower, Block E-1, Jhandewalan Extension, Rani Jhansi Road, New Delhi - 110055.

Whereas
A housing loan facility was granted pursuant to a loan agreement entered into between ICICI Bank Limited ("Secured Creditor, which term shall include its successors and assigns) and the borrower & co-borrower, mentioned below ("Borrower(s)", which term shall include his/ its/ their respective [successors, assigns, heirs]). The undersigned being the authorized officer of the Secured Creditor ("Authorized Officer") under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 ("Act") and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, ("Rules") has issued demand notices under Section 13(2) of the Act calling upon the borrowers / co-borrowers mentioned below to repay the amount payable pursuant to the loan agreement and as specifically mentioned in the said respective demand notices within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notices.

The borrowers / co-borrower, having failed and neglected to repay the amount as claimed in the said demand notices, notice is hereby given to the borrowers / co-borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13 (4) of the Act read with Rule 8 of the Rules. The details including date of symbolic possession of the properties are as mentioned below:-

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	Ashok Kumar / Suman Lata / LBDEL00001306381	A.K. 1/ 172, HIG, Indrapuram, Ghaziabad / May 17, 2019	November 30, 2018 / Rs. 4,95,379/-	Delhi/ NCR
2.	Ram Chandher Meena / Maya / LBDEL00001094280	Flat No. 533, Category-3, 9th Floor, Pocket - 8, Sector-12 Dwarka Delhi 110045 / May 17, 2019	December 31, 2018 / Rs. 10,83,082/-	Delhi/ NCR

The Borrower(s)/ Co-borrowers in particular and the public in general is/ are hereby cautioned not to deal with the Secured Property and any dealings with the Secured Property will be subject to the charge of the Secured Creditor for the amounts mentioned in the demand notices and further interest & cost thereon. Please note that no further notice will be issued.

Date: 22/05/2019
Place: Delhi/ NCR

Sd/-
Authorized Officer
Secured Creditor

Saudi media accuses Yemen rebels of missile fire at Mecca

Riyadh: Saudi-owned media accused Yemeni rebels Tuesday of targeting Islam's holiest city Mecca after Riyadh and its allies said they had intercepted two missiles over the kingdom.

The exiled Yemeni government, which is based in Saudi Arabia, echoed the claim but the Huthi rebels denied any such attack.

Coalition spokesman Colonel Turki al-Maliki said two missiles were shot down between Jeddah and Taiz districts of Mecca province on Monday but did not elaborate on the suspected target or who fired them.

AFP

McGahn to defy subpoena for testimony, face contempt vote

AP ■ WASHINGTON

House Democrats are facing yet another attempt by President Donald Trump to stonewall their investigations, this time with former White House counsel Donald McGahn defying a subpoena for his testimony on orders from the White House.

A lawyer for McGahn said he would follow the president's directive and skip Tuesday's House Judiciary hearing, leaving the Democrats without yet another witness — and a growing debate within the party about how to respond.

Serbian lawmakers OK's unconditional life sentences

AFP ■ BELGRADE (SERBIA)

Serbian lawmakers amended on Tuesday the penal code to introduce a life sentence without parole, despite concerns voiced by the Council of Europe. Until now, the maximum sentence in Serbia, which seeks to join the European Union, was 40 years in prison.

According to the new law, those sentenced to life imprisonment will be able to ask a tribunal to review their sentence once they have spent 27 years behind bars. But those convicted of rape followed by murder, or serious crimes against children or pregnant women, will not have that option.

NARELA BRANCH
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E-mail: br.9025@syndicatebank.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE
[APPENDIX-IV under the Act - Rule-8 (1)]

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the Syndicate Bank under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 28.11.2017 calling upon the Borrower/surety/owner of the property Sri. Smt. ANBA TRADERS, Prop. Vishal Katoch, Guarantor Anil Kumar & Durga Chand Katoch to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs.49,90,567.00 (in words Rs. Forty Nine Lakh Ninety Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Seven Only) within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

The borrower/surety/owner of property having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/surety/owner of property and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this 16th Day of May 2019

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

The borrower/surety/owner of property in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Syndicate Bank, NARELA, DELHI Branch for an amount of Rs. 49,90,567.00 and interest thereon, costs etc.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMovable PROPERTY

All that part and parcel of BUILD UP PROPERTY BEARING NO. 23 PUNJABI COLONY, NARELA 110040 owned by DURGA CHAND KATOCH Bounded

On the North by Plot No. 22
On the South by Plot No. 24
On the East by Gali
On the West by Gali and Park

Date : 16.05.2019
Place : New Delhi

Authorised Officer
Syndicate Bank

N K Textile Industries Limited
Registered office: Omaxe Square, Plot No. 14, 5th Floor, Jasola District Centre, Jasola, New Delhi-110025
CIN: L17299DL1983PLC163230, Tel: +91 11 61119313
Email id: n.ktextiles123@gmail.com, website: www.nktil.com

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the meeting on 02/2019-20 of the Board of Directors of the Company will be held on 29th May, 2019 (Wednesday) at the registered office of the Company at Omaxe Square, Plot No. 14, Jasola District Centre, Jasola, New Delhi-110025 at 4.30 P.M to discuss the following agenda items:

- To take on record the Audited Financial Results (Standalone and Consolidated) of the Company for the Financial Year ended on 31st March, 2019 in terms of Regulation 33 of SEBI (Listing Obligation and Disclosure Requirement) Regulation, 2015.
- To discuss and approve the Director's Report for the Financial Year ended on 31.03.2019
- To discuss any other business with the permission of chair.

By Order of the Board,
For N K Textile Industries Limited
Sd/-
(Balbir Singh)
Director
DIN:00027438

Place: New Delhi
Dated: 21.05.2019

BEFORE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, DELHI
4th Floor Jeevan Tara Building Parliament Street New Delhi-110001.
OA No. 1328/18 Date: 18.04.2019

Axis Bank Ltd. Versus **Applicant**

Hyderabad Ring Road Project Pvt. Ltd. & Ors. Respondent

Defendant

- Jamvant Estates Pvt. Ltd., B-292, Chandra Kanta Complex Shop No. 2 & 3, Near Metro Pillar No.161, New Ashok Nagar New Delhi-96.
- Also at: B-39, Ground Floor Friends Colony New Delhi-65.
- Sachet Traders Pvt. Ltd., B-292, Chandra Kanta Complex Shop No. 2 & 3, Near Metro Pillar No.161, New Ashok Nagar New Delhi-96.
- Also at: B-39, Ground Floor Friends Colony New Delhi-65.
- Magad Mercantile Pvt. Ltd., B-292, Chandra Kanta Complex Shop No. 2 & 3, Near Metro Pillar No.161, New Ashok Nagar New Delhi-96.
- Also at: B-39, Ground Floor Friends Colony New Delhi-65.
- Influx Realtors Pvt. Ltd., B-292, Chandra Kanta Complex Shop No. 2 & 3, Near Metro Pillar No.161, New Ashok Nagar New Delhi-96.
- Also at: B-39, Ground Floor Friends Colony New Delhi-65.
- Also at: Chandra Kanta Complex Shop No. 2 & 3, Near Metro Pillar No.161, New Ashok Nagar New Delhi-96.
- Arizona Developers Pvt. Ltd., B-292, Chandra Kanta Complex Shop No. 2 & 3, Near Metro Pillar No.161, New Ashok Nagar New Delhi-96.
- Also at: B-39, Ground Floor Friends Colony New Delhi-65.
- Big Ben Developers Pvt. Ltd., H. No. 684, A Sect-3F, Vaishali Ghaziabad UP-201010.
- Adel Landmarks Ltd., B-39, Ground Floor Friends Colony New Delhi-65.

Whereas the above named applicant(s) has/have instituted a case for recovery of Rs. 32,25,99,801/- (Rupees Thirty Two Crore Twenty Five Lakh Nine Thousand Eight Hundred One Only) against you and whereas it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in the ordinary way therefore, this notice is given by advertisement directing you to make appearance in the Tribunal on 04.07.2019 at 10.30 A.M. Take notice that in default of your appearance on the day before the mentioned, the case will be heard and determined in your absence.

By Order of the Tribunal
Section Officer DRT-II, Delhi

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given in terms of Regulation 47 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 that a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company will be held on Tuesday, 28th May, 2019 at 03:00 P.M at the Registered office of the company, inter-alia to consider, approve and take on record the standalone Audited Financial Results of the Company for the Fourth Quarter and year ended 31st March, 2019.

In this Connection, kindly note that Pursuant to the Code of Internal Procedures and Conduct for Prohibition of insider trading in dealing with the Securities of the Company and applicable SEBI Regulations, the Company has informed all the designated employees and Directors that window for dealing in securities of the company will be closed from 21st May, 2019 till 48 hours after the said results is made public.

The information is also available on website of the BSE Limited www.bseindia.com where the shares of the company are listed and is also available on the website of the company viz, www.rotaindia.co.in

By Order of the Board
For Rotographics (India) Limited
Naresh Kumar Bansal
Date: 21.05.2019
Place: New Delhi (Director)

Haffkine

HAFFKINE BIO PHARMACEUTICAL CORPORATION LIMITED
(Procurement Cell)
Tel No. 022-24100478
E-mail:- procurementcell@vaccinehaffkine.com
Acharya Donde Marg, Parel, Mumbai 400 012 (INDIA)

TENDER NOTICE

Date : 20/05/2019.

Managing Director, (Procurement Cell), Haffkine Bio Pharmaceutical Corporation Ltd., Mumbai invites tenders in two envelope systems from eligible bidders for following items for various Health Institutions in Maharashtra.

Sr. No.	Tender No.	Name of Description	Date of Pre Bid Meeting	Period of Sale and Preparation of bid & bid submission	Bid Opening
1	E-1463	Surgical Drug (Miscellaneous)	Pre Bid Minutes Uploaded	From 23.05.2019 10.00 am to 13.06.2019 up to 14:00 hrs.	15.06.2019 at 14:01 hrs.

For detailed information, the interested bidders may visit the website <https://mahatenders.gov.in> For e-tendering help/ information, please contact.
Website:- <https://mahatenders.gov.in>
Contact No. 1800-233-7315, 91-7878107985, +91-7878107986, +91-7878007972 and +91-7878007973
Email - eproc.support@maharashtra.gov.in

Sd/-
(Dr. R.M. Kumbhar)
General Manager-1,
Haffkine Bio Pharmaceutical Corporation Ltd,
(Procurement Cell), Mumbai,

DGIPR/2019-2020/196

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED GIRL

General public is hereby informed that this girl namely Dhiksha Sharma D/o Tarkeshwar Sharma R/o H.No. R-129, Top Floor, Chankya Place, Phase-II, Binda Pur, Delhi Age : 15 years, Complexion : Wheatish, Height : 4'8", Face : Round, wearing checkdar shirt, grey colour skirt and black colour shoes in feet (School Uniform), has been missing/kidnaped since 02.05.2019 from the area of P.S. Paschim Vihar West, Delhi. In this regard FIR No. 206/19 dated 02.05.2019 u/s 363 IPC has been registered at P.S. Paschim Vihar West, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about this missing/kidnaped girl may kindly inform to the following.

E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in SHO : P.S. Paschim Vihar West, Delhi, Ph. : 011-25268394, 25280980
Website: <http://cbi.nic.in> Fax: 24368639, 24368641
Tel.: 24368638/24368641

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SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED GIRL

General Public is hereby informed that one girl (depicted in the photo) namely Roshni D/o Shankar Parshad R/o H. No. 3/7 A, Veena Enclave Nangloi, Delhi Aged - 12 Years has been reported missing/kidnaped since 03.05.2019 vide FIR No. 220/19 u/s 363 IPC Dated 04.05.2019 registered at Police Station Nangloi, Delhi. Her physical description is as under:-

Complexion: Shallow, **Height:** 5', **Face:** Round, **Clothing:** White coloured suit salwar and black coloured cloth shoes in feet (School Dress).

Any person having any information/Clue about this missing/kidnaped girl, may inform SHO, Nangloi, Delhi at E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in or website : <http://cbi.nic.in>

Sd/-
SHO, Nangloi, Delhi,
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Fax No. : 011-24368639
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Mob.: 7065036127

DP/2240/OD/19

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON (SEE SECTION 82 Cr.P.C.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that Manoj Bhardwaj S/o Unknown R/o WZ-1573, 2nd Floor, Main Market, Near Punjabi Dhaba, Rani Bagh, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case CR. No. 15885/16 U/s 138 NI Act, P.S Keshav Puram, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused Manoj Bhardwaj can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Manoj Bhardwaj has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Manoj Bhardwaj of CR. No. 15885/16 U/s 138 NI Act, P.S Keshav Puram, Delhi are required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before dated 30.05.2019.

By Order
Ms. Pooja Aggarwal
Metropolitan Magistrate (Rohini Court)
Room No. 112, Rohini Court, Delhi

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-(Court Matter)

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is hereby informed that a girl namely Jainab @ Meenu, D/o: Manjoor Ahmad, R/o H. No. B-52/65, Gali No. 9, Old Mustafabad, Delhi has been missing from her home since 14.04.2019 from the area of PS Dayal Pur, Delhi. In this regard DD No. 19-A, dated 20.04.2019 has been registered at P.S. Dayal Pur. The description of the missing girl is as under:

Name: Jainab @ Meenu, **Age:** , **Height:** 5'3", **Face:** Long, **Complexion:** Fair, **Built:** Thin, **Wearing:** Cream color Suit, Navy-Blue Salwar, Black Burkha and Black Jutti in feet.

If anyone has any information about this missing girl please inform P.S. Dayal Pur, Delhi.

Web: <http://cbi.nic.in>, Email: cic@cbi.gov.in
Ph.: 011-24368638/24368641, Fax: 011-24368639 SHO
Police Station, Dayal Pur, Delhi
Ph: 011-22800215, 8750870735

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SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is hereby informed that a girl namely Manisha D/o Sher Singh, R/o H.No. 13, Gali No. 5, Swaran Park, Nangloi, Delhi, Age : 19 yrs., Height : 5'4", Complexion : Shallow, Face : Long, Wearing : Blue Colour Suit-Salwar and Red Colour Jutti in Feet, has been missing / kidnaped since 01.05.2019 from the area of P.S. Nangloi. In this regard a case DD No. 43-A dated 02.05.2019 has been lodged at PS. Nangloi, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local Police to trace out the missing / kidnaped girl but no clue has come to light so far.

If anyone has any information about this missing / kidnaped girl please inform undersigned
Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>, Email: cic@cbi.gov.in, Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641, Fax: 011-24368639

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PS. Nangloi, Delhi
Ph: 011-25947225, 25949470

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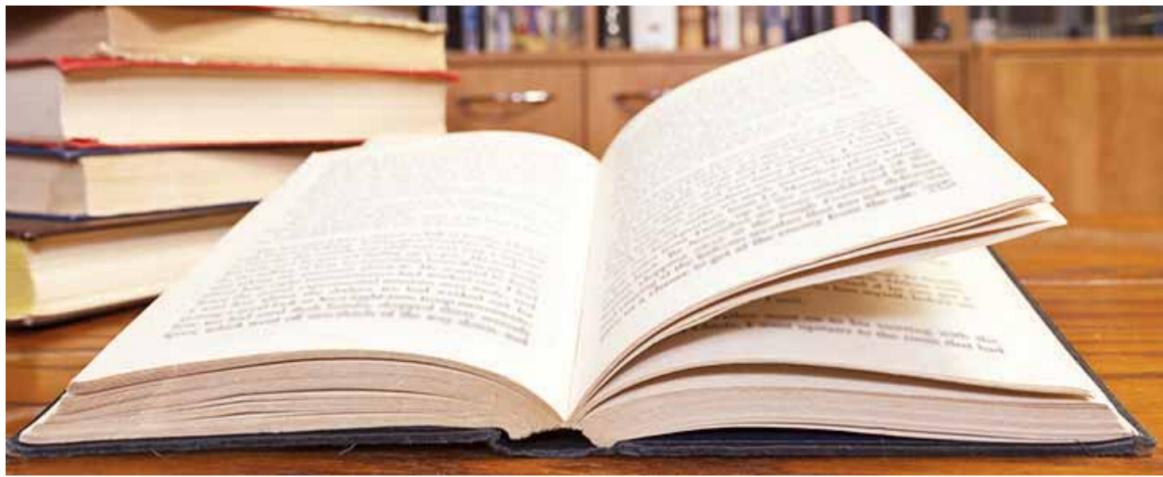
General public is hereby informed that one boy, **Namely:** Dewakar, **S/o:** Raj Kumar, **R/o:** D-12/32, Shahbad Dairy, Delhi, has been missing/kidnaped since 24.12.2018 from the area of P.S. Shahbad Dairy, Delhi. In this regard, a report Vides DD No. 36-A, Dated 26.12.2018, has been lodged at P.S. Shahbad Dairy, Delhi. Investigations has been carried out but despite best efforts, the boy could not be traced. The description of the missing/kidnaped boy is as under:

Namely: Dewakar, **S/o:** Raj Kumar, **R/o:** D-12/32, Shahbad Dairy, Delhi, **Age:** 22 years, **Height:** 5'2" Feet, **Face:** Round, **Complexion:** Shallow, **Wearing:** Blue Jeans and Check Colour Shirt and White Colour Sport Shoes in feet. If anyone has any information about the missing/kidnaped boy, then please inform P.S. Shahbad Dairy, Delhi.

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Interdisciplinary approach towards education can help embed necessary soft skills in students and make them job ready. PROFESSOR RANJAN BOSE tells you how



INTER-ACT WITH YOUR SKILLS

Today, we face a wide range of challenges, such as controlling pollution, understanding global warming, disaster mitigation, traffic-safety, low-cost healthcare, energy and food scarcity, to name a few. All these challenges cross the boundaries of any one discipline. Experts from different domains must work together to provide practical solutions to these problems. In a nutshell, all these problems are interdisciplinary.

Education in India is presently going through interesting times and also facing some hard questions regarding its relevance in the current scenario. It has emerged that, of the 15 million graduates entering the market each year, about 75 per cent lack the basic soft-skills and technical know-how to execute even the core tasks of their job profiles. A McKinsey report indicates that only 25 per cent of Indian engineers are actually employable and the numbers can further fall down to less than 20 percent if the condition doesn't improve on time. What should be done to address the problem? Can interdisciplinary education address part of the problem by equipping our students with skills to understand and solve real-world problems? Can an interdisciplinary research mindset nudge our students towards creative problem solving?

The words 'multidisciplinary', 'interdisciplinary' and 'trans-disciplinary' are used a lot. In a multidisciplinary approach, each discipline contributes a piece of the jigsaw and it is

actually an addition of parts. Interdisciplinary approach, on the other hand, integrates domain knowledge of different fields, different ways of working and different methods of problem solving. So, it has a multiplicative effect. Trans-disciplinary work permeates through several disciplines in a manner such that the whole is greater than the sum of the parts.

THINKING DIFFERENTLY

The foundation of interdisciplinary education is based on the core idea of the constructive paradigm. It suggests that students can create their own understanding and knowledge of the world by integrating new experiences with alternate ideas through theoretical exploration and practical exposure. However, interdisciplinary education is much more than that. It enables us to learn how to think in a way that is different from the way we are used to thinking in our own field. It empowers us to break silos.

Towards this goal of thinking differently, our educational institutes should provide an enabling platform where students can develop their interdisciplinary skills along with their regular study programmes. For this to happen, the educators first need to get out of their silos. Class projects should be floated with students and supervisors from different disciplines. Experts from different walks of life should regularly interact with students to broaden their thought processes and the ability to

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assimilate new ideas. The whole college campus should be transformed into a tinkering-lab of ideas from various domains. This enabling environment should also teach our students to work in teams in a coherent fashion and respect alternate view-points.

DEGREES

From the perspective of education, there can be many different degrees of inter-disciplinarity. We can have inter-disciplinarity associated with class-activities and projects, for example, a class-project that requires students to build a mobile-phone based app to monitor and control soil-moisture remotely. Students from different disciplines/departments can work on such projects. At the next level of granularity, the courses can be interdisciplinary, for example, a course on Algorithms in Computational Biology. And finally, we can have entire programmes that are interdisciplinary, for example, BTech in Computer Science and Social Sciences.

From the perspective of research, there can also be many different degrees of inter-disciplinarity. An expert in computer science may collaborate with an expert in social sciences to solve a problem related to social-media analytics. Collaborations can happen between two areas of specialisation, for example, an expert in liquid crystals can work with a material scientist within the domain of applied physics to develop new types of sensors. Different domains can fuse together to generate new research areas, for example computational biology (which is itself interdisciplinary) has merged with gastronomy to produce the interesting area of computational gastronomy. As we go ahead with the notion of interdisciplinary education and research, we should be conscious about these different degrees of inter-disciplinarity and use them appropriately.

OTHER BENEFITS

Building connections amongst disparate concepts are crucial learning elements provided in the framework of

interdisciplinary education. Here are some other benefits of interdisciplinary education:

- Students are more likely to pursue interdisciplinary topics that are interesting to them, especially if they are rooted in real-world problems. Consequently, the learning has more meaning, coupled with a real purpose, and is likely to stay with the student for a lifetime.
- Students learn to consolidate knowledge after synthesising ideas from different perspectives. This further develops critical thinking, unstructured problem solving and research abilities of the students and pushes them to think beyond boundaries. They appreciate the notion of similarity and differences by considering contrasting viewpoints from various subject areas.
- Even in the slowdown phase of a particular industry, future engineers with a degree in interdisciplinary studies will have an edge to nimbly switch to another sector.
- An interdisciplinary education can nudge students towards taking up entrepreneurial ventures.
- It will teach our students to remain relevant in this ever-morphing world, where the expectations from engineers will undoubtedly change completely in the next decade or so.

Interdisciplinary education strengthens the cognitive abilities of students. The students learn to cross mental borders, respect other people's points of view and communicate their own ideas to people from other domains. They further develop the capacity to question assumptions, think in creative and innovative ways, and solve unstructured problems. Development of these important soft-skills are a direct consequence of interdisciplinary education.

It is the joint responsibility of the educational system and the student-body to become aware of our rapidly changing world and to take appropriate action from the perspective of interdisciplinary education.

The writer is Director, IIT-Delhi

QUOTE OF THE DAY

Education is not just about going to school and getting a degree. It's about widening your knowledge and absorbing the truth about life

— Shakuntala Devi

PG DIPLOMA

Apeejay Institute of Mass Communication (AIMC) invites applications for its various post-graduate diploma programmes.

The programmes include Digital Media & Online Journalism, Corporate Communication & Event Management, Advertising & Marketing Communication, Television and Radio Journalism/Production, Business & Financial Journalism.

Duration: One year

Eligibility: Graduation from any recognised university. Those waiting for the final year result can also apply.

How to apply: Log on to www.apeejay.edu/aimc.



How to apply: The application forms may be obtained from admission office of Delhi Paramedical and Management Institute, New Ashok Nagar, Delhi.

Last date to apply: May 28, 2019.

DIPLOMA PROGRAMMES

International Institute of Health Management Research Delhi invites applications for admission to its PGDHM programme.

Eligibility: Bachelor's degree in any discipline with a minimum of 50 per cent marks in the aggregate. Should have taken any one of the management aptitude test like CAT/MAT/XAT/ATMA/GMAT/CMAT. Candidates appearing at the final year examination of the bachelor's degree or waiting for the results of their final year degree examinations in 2019 may also apply.

Last date to apply: June 30, 2019.

UG-PG PROGRAMMES

The Indian Institute of Art and Design (IIAD) in collaboration with Kingston School of Art, London invites applications for admission to its undergraduate programmes in Fashion Design, Fashion Business Management, Communication Design and Interior Architecture & Design and for postgraduate programmes in Fashion Design and Fashion Business Management.

Eligibility: For UG programmes is Class XII in any stream. For PG programmes graduation is mandatory from any recognised university or institute.

Last date to apply: May 31, 2019.

MEDICAL LAB TECH

Cradle Institute of Paramedical Sciences invites applications for full time certificate course in Medical Lab Technology.

The programme aims to provide efficient and balanced training in laboratory medicine. This course offers challenging career in a hospital, minor emergency centers, private laboratory, blood donor centers, doctor's office or clinics.

Eligibility: Minimum qualification for securing admission to certificate programme is Class XII passed from any recognised Board.

Duration: One year

How to apply: Log on to www.manavrachna.edu.in.

Last date to apply: June 12, 2019.

DIPLOMA PROGRAMMES

Delhi Paramedical and management Institute (DPMI) invites applications for its full time programme in Diploma in Front Office Operations (DFO), Food & Beverage (DFB), and House Keeping (DHK).

This course provides syllabus that combines theory and practice of Hotel Industry.

Duration: One year

Eligibility: Candidates who have recently passed Class XII from any recognised board can enrol in this course.

Last minute prep tips

R L TRIKHA, FIITJEE expert, shares do's and don'ts for JEE Advanced exam scheduled to be held on May 27

After the successful completion of the second session of JEE Main 2019 conducted by NTA in the month of April, many aspirants are eyeing to clear the JEE Advanced 2019 scheduled to be conducted on May 27, 2019. With NTA's decision to conduct the Main exam twice a year has provided many students with a second opportunity to enhance their performance. The best of the two scores will be considered to mark the rankings for getting shortlisted for the JEE Advanced. Around 2,24,000 students will be declared eligible to appear in JEE Advanced examination.

Students eagerly awaiting good score and ranking in the JEE Main exam are simultaneously getting ready to face the final JEE Advanced test. Organised by IIT Roorkee, both the papers — Paper I and Paper II will be conducted in computer-based mode and it is mandatory to appear in both. There are no changes in the pattern of the exam, the time duration allotted to each paper remains three hours with objective type questions from Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics with equal weightage. As in past, various types of questions are possible to be asked such as single/multi correct out of four given choices, Numerical



Type with single digit/Decimal Type Answers, passage based questions having four choices with one or more correct, Matrix-Match/Matrix-List Type. It is thus advised to practise as many online mock tests/past papers as possible. In the era of cut-throat competition to get through the IIT's, preparation strategies play a major role in the road to success. The following tips will help students prepare well for the JEE Advanced 2019:

- Keep your Focus right:** As just a week is left for the exam, you have to keep your focus intact. Stick to your plan and strategy because a new strategy may give worst results.
- Concept wise study:** Go for concepts wise studies. This will

help in fast learning.

- Don't start a fresh topic:** Don't start a fresh topic. Try to strong the topics and sections which are already been studied by you.
- Create a bunch of flash cards:** For all the important formulas and topics, try to make flash card as it will help in memorizing it quickly and easily.
- Solve mock tests:** Attempting the mock test will help to know your preparation level. Not only this, the students will get familiar with the computer-based test. Mock test is the replica of the actual exam; it will also help them to learn time management.
- Stay positive:** Take right amount of pressure. Don't let nega-

tive vibes affect your preparation level.

- Do's:**
 - Arrive early at the examination centre
 - Keep your admit card with you
 - Listen to the instructions given in the examination hall carefully
 - Do check for your name, photograph and your roll number in front of the computer system assigned to you.
 - Read all the questions carefully
 - Clear your doubts if any
 - Do remember to collect your admit card once the exam is over.
- Don'ts:**
 - Do not indulge in any unfair practice in the exam hall
 - Do not hurry while answering the questions
 - Do not disturb other candidates
 - Don't answer in a hurry. On the other hand, don't waste time also
 - Don't spare more than the required amount of time on an answer
 - Don't answer questions simply as you could lose marks if you answer negatively marked questions.

The writer is Director, FIITJEE

Technical education takes centrestage

Armoured with world class infrastructure and reinforced with eminent faculty, the Jaypee Universities have created a niche for themselves in revolutionising the field of technical education.

Located in Himachal Pradesh (Jaypee University of Information Technology, JUIT), Madhya Pradesh (Jaypee University of Engineering and Technology, JUET) and Uttar Pradesh (Jaypee University, Anoopshahr, JUA), the universities offer undergraduate, postgraduate and doctoral programs in major branches of engineering, creating technocrats who are excelling in different spheres of life.

Talking about increased the Universities' reach to a larger number of students, VC of Jaypee University Prof SC Saxena said: "In addition to increased professional counseling of outgoing class XII students in schools, in the first phase of five years starting June 2019, special incentives for wards of Defence/Paramilitary forces are being offered. There will be a reservation of 10 per cent seats for admission in all BTech programmes offered in JUIT, JUET and JUA and special academic fee concession will also be offered." He further added that education is the most important tool for transformation and empowerment as identified by the founder of Jaiprakash Sewa Sansthan (JSS), Jaiprakash Gaur, who always emphasised that imparting quality education is the best service to the society. The special discount offer is dedicated to further the above cause.



Professor SC Saxena
Vice-chancellor, Jaypee University

Academic fee discount for wards of Defence/Paramilitary forces

- JUIT-Waknaghat: 30 per cent in tuition fee
- JUET-Guna & JU-Anoopshahr: 30 per cent in tuition and development fee
- Additional 5 per cent concession to wards of war widows and PWD (Persons With Disability)

The VC attributes the high ranking of the Jaypee Institutions to the Universities' key infrastructure and resources including well qualified and experienced faculty, fully equipped labs, well stocked library, separate hostels for boys and girls, good quality food, fully networked campus, facilities for games and associated utilities for student's comfort and providing excellent environment for teaching learning process. "Balanced faculty focus between cutting edge results and class room teaching has paved the way for imparting high quality education. Our faculty is encouraged to undertake research and have their papers published in highly indexed and cited international journals. It is important to note that to offer quality education, all

located at the Jaypee Institute of Information Technology (JIIT) Noida, centrally handles campus placement of the graduating students of all the campuses. "Some of the prominent companies visiting Jaypee Universities are Adobe, Microsoft, Amazon Web Service, SAP Labs, Deloitte, Morgan Stanley, Ola Cab, Gemalto, FICO, XL Caltin, Samsung R&D, ST Microelectronics, Grofers, The Smart Cube, Ericsson, Cognizant, Infosys, Wipro, HCL Technologies, among many others." He claimed that the placement percentage of eligible students touches up to 100 per cent. "In 2018, the maximum package received by students was ₹39.12 lakh and the average and the highest packages have seen an upward trend in the last three years," he said.

ICSI signs MoU for Int'l commerce olympiad

The Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) signed an MoU with Science Olympiad Foundation (SOF) at the ICSI Head Office, New Delhi for holding the International Commerce Olympiad (ICO) for the students of Class XI and Class XII, in schools across India, Dubai, Nepal, Singapore and Qatar.

The ICO, which was earlier known as the CS Olympiad (CSO), was first conducted by ICSI on September 15, 2016 & October 4, 2016, in the academic year 2016-2017 in association with the SOF. Thousands of schools since then have been actively par-



ticipating in this single level examination that aims at promoting reasoning skills and creating awareness about the CS course and profession among the student community across the globe.

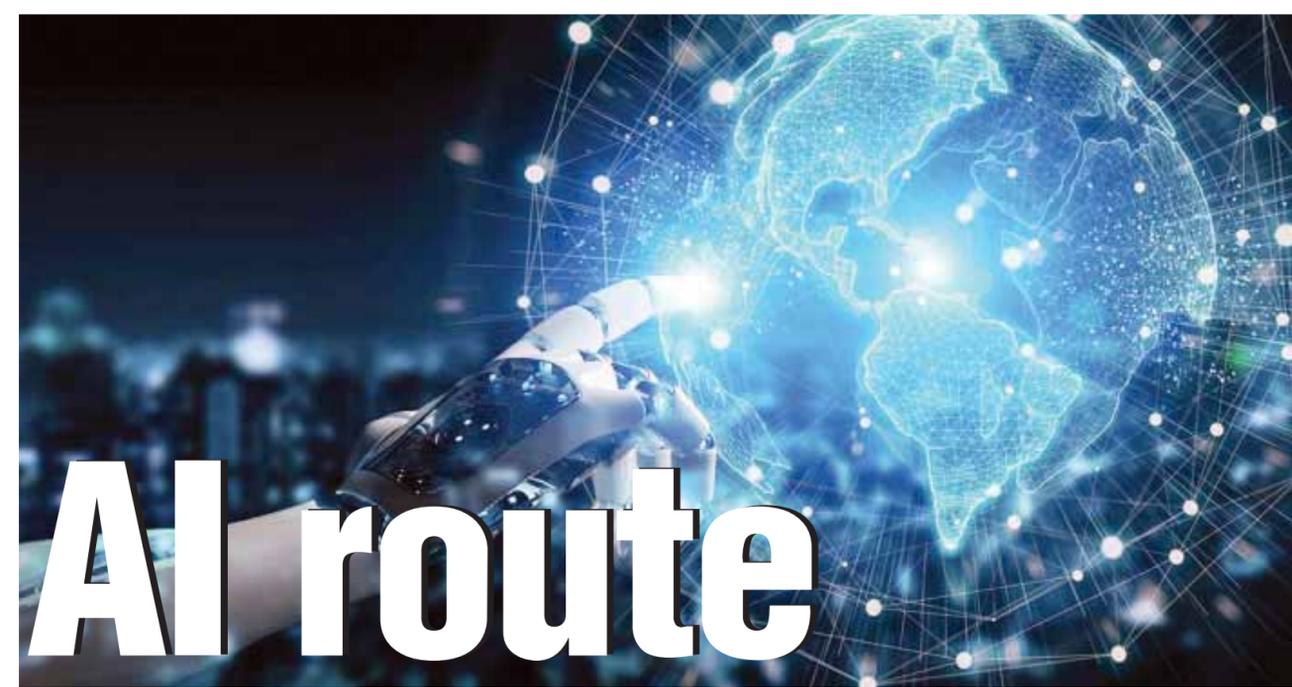
President ICSI, CS Ranjeet Pandey and Officiating Secretary ICSI, CS Ashok Kumar Dixit signed the MoU on behalf of ICSI, whereas SOF Founder Director, Mahabir Singh and Rajan Marwah were signatories from the SOF.

ICSI Central Council Members CS Nagendra D Rao and CS B Narasimhan were also present during the MoU signing ceremony.

Victorious end of C'ship

The seven-day District Basketball Championship held at DPS Rajnagar Extension ended on a victorious note. Girls from SG Public School brought accolades for the school by winning the girls championship whereas in the boys competition New Era School won.

A team of 14 best players was selected for the State Level Basketball Championship. Asha Sharma, the Mayor of Ghaziabad also graced the event to encourage and uplift the determination of the participants. The Mayor was also felicitated as an emblem of gratitude by the Principal of DPS Rajnagar Extension, Pallavi Upadhyay on behalf of the populace of the school and the District Basketball Association.



AI route

Developments taking place in artificial intelligence are spreading across the globe on an unprecedented and unforeseen scale, says SACHIN DEV DUGGAL

Artificial Intelligence (AI) has touched every industry including education where it is changing the way students, teachers and administrators are moving forward. The developments taking place in the technology called artificial intelligence are spreading across the globe on an unprecedented and unforeseen scale. As per the AI Market in the US Education Sector report, the AI market in the US education sector is expected to grow at a CAGR of 47% from 2018 until 2022. Of the numerous ways artificial intelligence will change the education sector, we've outlined 10 ways below.

Enhanced teacher-AI collaboration: Physical, human teachers see certain limitations like there is no scalable way for students to participate with teachers. This leads to gaps between the lessons teachers submit to their administrators and the principles students understand. With better use of AI (as well as VR and other technologies), participation can become more scalable to allow engagement between classes of all sizes and teachers who

have more time to focus on making their subjects as fun and interesting as they are engaging for their pupils.

Individualised learning: Since learning styles differ from child to child, personalised learning can assist those children who face challenges learning (children with ADHD, autism or dyslexia). While it's not manually possible for a teacher to cater to every child's ability in a class of 30 students, AI can. It can help kids experiment to find which is the best way they can learn new skills.

Making education accessible to all: AI-enabled tools make classrooms available to all despite language, location or physical impairment. This helps such students in pursuing education who might not be able to undertake education otherwise for variety of reasons. How? Think about a student who can take classes virtually because they've been in the hospital for eight weeks.

Automating admin job: A teacher spends hours weekly — even daily — in assigning and assessing homework and tests. With the help of AI, this task could be done faster and easier for

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teachers, who often take their students assignments home to grade them. This allows more time to teachers to invest in each student or other activities that engage the classroom.

Automated grading: Grading can be a difficult, and sometimes burdening, process for teachers. Instead, AI-based computer programs can replicate a teacher's behaviour to assign grades to students' tests. This standardizes assessing every

child's knowledge and keeps the teacher available to do other more pressing work. Thereafter, feedback on performance and the plan.

Virtual teachers: Although it's happening slowly, some universities are introducing virtual teachers and faculty who are useful in helping students who may not be available in classrooms all the time.

Chat campus: International universities are using AI to design systems that could help students on the campus in various ways. The AI-enabled program or a chatbot called chat campus would be answering questions about the campus. For example, where will the next class take place or what are the details on the next assignment? These free up time from both teachers as well as administrators to do more pressing tasks.

Adaptive learning: This is assumed to be one of the most crucial areas where AI could be beneficial. Schools could be enabled to keep track of the progress of each student and make alterations in the course and update the teacher about the

challenges that every student faces.

Better institutional management: With a growing number of schools across the globe, there is an increasing interest in school management platforms for educational administrators. AI helps create such platforms with recruitment, student information and fee collection.

Safety and security: With the help of AI, spotting patterns in a student's behaviour or conduct to gauge violence in the school is made easy. Students who are consistently violent towards others can be handled with more humanity, but can also be better tracked to ensure their pattern of violence is stopped.

AI can overall improve the system for students, teachers and administrators. Though certainly, there should be consideration into the execution of these systems of AI, their development and utilisation can add value to institutions of education worldwide.

The writer is Founder-CEO, Engineer.ai

'Hospitality degree takes you high'

The hospitality industry is booming and offering plenty of lucrative options to those who have just graduated, says DR KULNEET SURI

While most graduates are concerned that almost all industries are drying up when it comes to jobs, there's one sector that is still booming and will continue to do so in the years to come. As our country's economy improves, people are starting to invest more in tourism which in turn is boosting the hospitality industry. There are more hotels than ever, flights are over-booked and the current technology is helping the cause. The demand for professionals is at an all-time high and you can easily secure your dream job right after you pass out.

Here is a list of the jobs you can bag as a fresher right after completing your hospitality degree.

Event Manager: This is probably the most widely available post now. You can be a part of small startups, grab a job in a top firm or start your own independent venture. Be it a corporate event like launching a product or announcing an idea, or any personal event like marriages or birthday parties, the demand for event managers are shooting up. A hospitality degree from the right institute will give you the best possible start and you can earn without limits in the right job.

You will be responsible for planning and managing an entire event. With frequent promotions, the role will increasingly become managerial and you will have to handle a team. This profile is not restricted to any particular sector as almost all industries have the requirement for an event planner now.

Flight attendant or cabin crew: The aviation industry is the most common choice right after you complete your air hostess training. Not that you can't land any other job in the hospitality sector with your degree but being a cabin crew is probably one of the most satisfying. Your pay scale is much higher as compared to any other profiles, it involves extensive travelling and no desks, and your hospitality skills are the only ones you will ever need to rise up the corporate hierarchy.

The salary of an airhostess is higher than a cabin crew. The main responsibility of both is to attend to the need of passengers during the flight and guide them through emergencies if the need arises. You can work with both domestic and international airlines and the only thing that changes are the type of passengers you



Dr Kulneet Suri
Senior Director at IMS, Noida

have to deal with.

Travel Assistant or Manager: While travel assistant will be the most available post on offer, but you can also land managerial posts if you can show a top institute like Doyens Fly. The latter will come with a better package, more responsibilities and less to frequent travelling.

Your task will involve direct interaction with the customers. You will have to prepare itineraries, take care of travel and staying bookings, notify customers about the date and time and so on. There will be times when people will contact you just to inquire about travel arrangements about the place they want to visit. So, part of your job profile will also include gaining knowledge about various places.

Hotel Frontend Staff: You can either apply for a hotel clerk or something like a bellhop. You can also secure trainee or assistant positions if your degree is from an accredited institute. Salaries start at a decent amount of mid-six-figures and shoot up to almost 3 times when you become a manager.

Responsibilities will include attending to the hotel's guests, taking care of the reservations, informing customers about the hotel's facilities and much more. You may sit at the reception, take care of the restaurant section or any other special facility the hotel may have. One degree is the ticket for any job profile and the hotel industry is the perfect one for fast growth.

Imagine you have to write down as many uses for a brick as possible. In general, people would just start listing all their ideas. However, what if you started from a broader perspective, such as thinking about the properties of a brick. It is heavy, so you could use it: as a paperweight, to hold down a garbage bag while raking, as an exercise weight, to grill juicer chicken, etc. It is also thick, so you could use it to prop up a planter or as a doorstop. It is red, it is hard, it's rectangular and others.

Brain is highly responsive to visuals and graphics; it processes images faster than words. Nevertheless, what if I tell you that you could use a technique

to advance your creativity, memory and problem-solving abilities. It will be great if you could expand your range of tools to get a competitive edge and leverage full potential of your brain. Would you still be limiting yourself to conventional ways? A powerful graphic process provides the absolute tools to unlock the dynamic potential of the brain.

To put it simply, this technique extracts ideas from your head to visually represent or outline information. It translates what is in your mind into a highly organised visual picture.

That is mind mapping: Once you start, the possibilities seem almost endless. By starting out with the basic questions-who,

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what, why and then following each thread. Mind map unleashes the power of the human brain it helps to keep your thoughts focused and organised. The concept that whether you are more of right brain person or a left-brain person has become quite popular in the recent times. If you put more use to your right brain, you think more logically and if you put more use to your left-brain, you think more creatively.

While scientifically speaking, a person always uses his whole brain, what mind mapping does is that it creates

synchronization between both sides of your brain without any conscious effort. This helps the mind in building richer connections, which proves to be more effective in easily retaining longer and complex information in the end.

Mind mapping provides practical solutions and save so much time by focusing on the important aspects of your problem. With mind maps, you branch out all the aspects of your problem and are able to investigate each branch thoroughly. To find the 'solution' to your problem becomes your

central idea. It also helps you to discover new relationships among unrelated ideas and lets you hold every little information, in order to help solve problems and make better decisions.

"Too much of anything is good for nothing." The statement holds true for the conventional methods of learning. However, with the help of mind mapping, you learn to focus on what is relevant and or valuable, and void out the rest, which makes complete learning process easier and less overwhelming.

Remembering even complex information is easy if you use the right approach. The shortcuts used in mind mapping help you

make connections that you can easily remember and think with clarity. One of the major advantages of mind mapping is that it favors information retention and usage. It is more than visually processing/representing information, it is about finding ways to understand, store and use new information in an efficient, instant and productive manner.

Another advantage of it is that it is an integrated approach to information processing. It forces you to connect new to existing information, draw complex conclusions, see the bigger picture in order to transform it into knowledge.

The writer is Sunanda Rao, Founder-director of Concept



Lakshaya Bharti Institute of International Hotel Management, Delhi, has introduced a unique scholarship scheme Atithya Shree for students taking admissions in the institute. The scholarship scheme is divided into three categories under which a student can get concession in annual fee between 10 per cent and 30 per cent.

Those students got 60 to 70 per cent mark in Class XII, will get 10 per cent concession in annual fees. Those students who qualify Class XII with marks between 71 to 80 per cent, will get 20 per cent concession in annual fees. Similarly, those who have scored more than 80 per cent in their intermediate, get 30 per cent concession in annual fees.

Sheffield, UK is pleased to offer the India Postgraduate Taught Scholarship 2019 to Indian students joining the university to study a taught masters programme in September 2019. This scholarship 2019 is worth 10% of their tuition fee.

No additional scholarship application is required, if you meet the eligibility and award criteria below the scholarship will be applied as a tuition fee discount. Students must accept their offer from the University of Sheffield before 16:00 (UK time) on June 14, 2019 to receive this award.

Eligibility: To be eligible for the scholarship, applicants must be a national of or permanently domiciled in India. Students' taught master's programme must be scheduled to commence at the university in September 2019. Subject to meeting the eligibility and award criteria the scholarship 2019 will be awarded automatically. Students must be self-funded and classified as overseas for tuition fee purposes.

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IN BRIEF

TEZPUR UNIVERSITY SIGNS MOU

Queen's University Belfast in UK and Ireland as well as a member of the prestigious Russell Group of UK research intensive universities, has signed a MoU with Tezpur University in Assam.

Through the MoU, the universities will explore mutually beneficial opportunities over the next five-year years.

HIMALAYAN SUMMIT AT IIT ROORKEE

The Design Innovation Center (DIC), IIT Roorkee organised a Himalayan Summit on the Design Innovation Challenges in the Himalayan region. Various NGOs, scientists, academicians working in the Himalayan region shared their

work. They highlighted various challenges being faced by them. This summit provided opportunities to different DICs to select their problems and identify potential field collaborators.

The center under the 'National Initiative for Design Innovation

scheme was set up in multi-dimensional space with the long sighted vision, primarily to address the problems of the Himalayan region which makes most of the northern part of our country and offers a vast potential for various activities.

NEW OFFICE FOR IIT-M

The new premises of Center for Computational Brain Research (CCBR), Indian Institute of Technology-Madras (IIT-M), was inaugurated at Bhupat and Jyothi Mehta School of Biosciences on campus. This dedicated workspace will house researchers and staff of the CCBR.

Kris Gopalakrishnan, Co-founder of Infosys and a distinguished alumnus of IIT-M, inaugurated the new premises in the presence of Professor K Vijay Raghavan, Principal Scientific Advisor, Professor Bhaskar Ramamurthy, Director, IIT-M, Professor Partha Mitra, visiting faculty member, IIT-M and Professor Mahabala distinguished chair, CCBR, IIT-M along with researchers and faculty of IIT-M.

CONVOCATION AT SNU

The Shiv Nadar University (SNU) celebrated its fifth convocation ceremony at its Greater Noida campus. The university chancellor, Shiv Nadar conferred honorary doctorates on four distinguished individuals — Dr Ashok Seth, Padma Shri, Padma Bhushan, world-renowned cardiologist and the chairman of Fortis Escorts Heart Institute; Lord Charles Powell, an eminent British diplomat, politician and businessman; Dr Krishnaswamy Kasturirangan, Padma Shri, Padma Bhushan, Padma Vibhushan, distinguished Indian space scientist and former head of ISRO; and Mike Lawrie, Global Technology Leader & President, CEO and Chairman, DXC Technology, in recognition of their outstanding achievements.

HANDLING PRESSURE MOST IMP AT WC: KOHLI

Expecting tough competition Indian skipper stresses on the need to maintain intensity from first ball



Indian skipper Virat Kohli and head coach Ravi Shastri speaks during press conference ahead of India's departure for the ICC World Cup starting in England from May 30

"Any team can upset anyone. That is one thing we have in mind. Focus will be on to play the best cricket that we can. You have to play to the best of your potential in every game because it is not a group stage situation."

"Playing everyone once is great for all the teams in my view. It is going to be a different challenge and every team will have to adapt quickly to," added Kohli.

Talking about his side's first four games, Kohli said, "That sets the tone nicely for us. Everyone will have to be at their best and maintain intensity from the first match onwards. You don't have any room for complacency and that is why it is the World Cup and the most important tournament."

"We expect that kind of pressure from the first second we step on the field. We are not going to let ourselves think that 'first week onwards we will get into it'. You have to arrive on the day match ready with hundred percent match intensity and start building from there. This is the challenge."

The recent series between Pakistan and England saw 300-plus scores being the norm but Kohli said things could change in the quadrennial tournament.

"As I said the pitches are going to be very good. It is summer and the conditions are going to be nice. We expect high scoring games but a bilateral series can't be compared to a World Cup, it is very different."

"So we might also see 260-270 kind of games and teams defending it because of the pressure factor. We expect all kinds of scenarios in the World Cup."

More than the conditions, his team will have to come out on top in high-pressure situations, said the skipper.

"It is always good to go to any place in advance. It does (help) getting rid of the nerves you might have as a side going into the World Cup. White ball cricket in England, playing an ICC event, the conditions are not that difficult compared to Tests. Handling the most pressure is the most important thing in World Cup and not necessarily the conditions."

Kohli said his highly-rated bowling line-up is ready for the challenge.



Mahi's role massive in India's campaign: Shastri

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Mahendra Singh Dhoni will have a massive role in India's bid to regain the World Cup, coach Ravi Shastri said on Tuesday, harping on the veteran's ability to influence the game's little moments.

"Massive as it has always been," Shastri told reporters when asked what he thinks would be Dhoni's role in the ICC's upcoming showpiece.

"He is right there, his communication has been fantastic. As a keeper, he has shown over the years that no one is better than him in this format, not just in taking catches, inflicting those run-outs or stumping, these are little moments in the game which can change it on the head and there was no one better than him," he said.

Dhoni, who will be playing in his fourth World Cup, amassed 416 runs at an average of 83.2 in the last IPL and led Chennai Super Kings to the final, and Shastri said he was impressed with his footwork during the league.

"It is great to see the way he was moving in the IPL especially when he was batting, the footwork, the power with which he was hitting the shots, he will be a big player in this World Cup," Shastri said at the team's pre-departure press conference.

Shastri said it would be the most challenging World Cup considering the quality of the opposition teams and the change in format.

"It will be very challenging. If you look at 2015 and 2019 now, the gap has become closer between the teams. You see what Afghanistan, Bangladesh were in 2015 and what they are now, so it is a strong competition. West Indies, on paper, is as strong as any other team," he said.

The pitches in England have become flatter over the years with the recent ODI series, involving the hosts and Pakistan, witnessing scores over 350 runs almost regularly.

The former skipper said India will have to be flexible since overcast conditions can change things at the Old Blighty.

"I think our mantra will be to be flexible according to the conditions because this is one country in the world where the pitches may be flat but if there is overcast condition then you have to be up for it," he said.

"In no other country, overcast conditions matter so much but in England they do, London might not make that difference but if you go up north and it does get overcast then you will see things happen, so we have to be ready for that and prepare to be flexible."

Talking about the bowling attack, the coach said: "This is an experienced unit. They have been together for the last 4-5 years, they have bowled as a unit together, they accomplished what they set out to do in Tests and the endeavour will be the same here as well, to complement each other and keep the pressure right through the 50 overs."

PTI ■ MUMBAI

High quality rivals competing in a Round Robin format has made the upcoming World Cup the "most challenging" for India skipper Virat Kohli, who says maintaining intensity from the first ball will be key to his side's fortunes in the showpiece event, starting May 30.

Kohli, who has competed in two World Cups before, said they do not have much breathing space because they have four tough games upfront and in a way it should help them.

For the first time since the 1992 edition, all teams will play each other once to decide the semifinals. After opening their campaign South Africa on June 5, India will take on Australia (June 9), New Zealand (June 13) and Pakistan (June 16).

"Personally, it will probably be the most challenging World Cup I have been part of because of the format and also the strength of all the teams. If you look at Afghanistan from 2015 to now, they are a completely different side," said Kohli at the pre-departure press conference in Mumbai on Tuesday.

Kuldeep and Chahal are pillars of our attack: Virat

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Not overtly worried about Kuldeep Yadav's lack of form during the IPL, skipper Virat Kohli on Tuesday said the Chinaman bowler and Yuzvendra Chahal are "pillars" of India's bowling attack, going into the World Cup.

Kuldeep was dropped from the Kolkata Knight Riders team during last month's Indian Premier League (IPL) because of poor form but Kohli felt it was a good reality check for the 24-year-old.

"In hindsight, if you look at it, someone like Kuldeep who has had so much success, it is important to see a period where things don't go your way. We are glad

Kuldeep was dropped from the Kolkata Knight Riders team during last month's Indian Premier League (IPL) because of poor form but Kohli felt it was a good reality check for the 24-year-old.

that it happened in the IPL rather than during the World Cup," Kohli said, firmly backing the spinner.

"So he had time to reflect and correct things and come into World Cup even stronger. We know the kind of skill set he possesses alongside (Yuzvendra) Chahal. They are two pillars of our bowling line up," Kohli said at the

World Cup pre-departure press conference here.

Apart from the two wrist spinners, the pace trio of Jasprit Bumrah, Mohammed Shami and Bhuvneshwar Kumar makes it probably India's best ever attack going into a World Cup.

Kohli also did not seem worried about all-rounder Kedar Jadhav, who too missed the latter half of IPL after hurting his shoulder.

"Kedar also, we understand the kind of pitches they got playing at home. We are not worried about him. He was looking in good space. Yes he did not get runs but Twenty20 is such a format in which you don't get runs and it can go on like that for a few games."

Willey makes way for Archer in Eng squad

AFP ■ LONDON

Jofra Archer's late bid for a World Cup place was rewarded when the Sussex fast bowler was named in hosts England's 15-man squad for the tournament announced on Tuesday.

Barbados-born Archer only became qualified for England in March and has played just three one-day internationals.

He edged out left-arm quick David Willey, a veteran of 46 ODIs, after both pacemen featured during England's 4-0 series win at home to Pakistan which concluded Sunday.

There was no place also in a squad, again captained by Eoin Morgan, for back-up spinner and batsman Joe Denly, with slow left-arter Liam Dawson recalled as cover for Adil Rashid, who is nursing a shoulder problem.

Both Denly and Willey were named in England's provisional squad, as was opener Alex Hales.

James Vince came in after England decided against selecting Hales following the Nottinghamshire batsman's ban for recreational drug use.



Even though Willey offered a different angle of attack as the only left-arm quick in contention, Archer's ability to bowl at 90 mph — and his variety of slower balls — has seen him get the nod.

England squad: Eoin Morgan (capt), Moeen Ali, Jofra Archer, Jonny Bairstow, Jos Buttler (wkt), Tom Curran, Liam Dawson, Liam Plunkett, Adil Rashid, Joe Root, Jason Roy, Ben Stokes, James Vince, Chris Woakes, Mark Wood.

'Dhoni will be India's trump card'

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Brain" of his cricket team, Mahendra Singh Dhoni will be India's trump card at the World Cup because of his vast experience, reckons former Pakistan skipper Zaheer Abbas.

India grabbed the Twenty20 World Cup under Dhoni's leadership in 2007 apart from winning the ODI World Cup in 2011. The team also won the Asia Cup twice (2010 and 2016) under Dhoni and the Champions Trophy in 2013.

His lightning skills behind the stumps are still intact but his image of world's best finisher took a hit, recently.

However, Abbas said at a big event like World Cup, Dhoni's experience will count a lot.

"India has a genius called Mahendra Singh Dhoni in the team. He is the brain of cricket



in the team. He understands the game so well and has experience of leading India in two WC wins. His experience will be vital for captain and coach and he can be their trump card," Abbas said.

"Also, it is the first WC under Virat Kohli's captaincy and he would be eager to prove his mettle as a captain," he felt.

Abbas also said the pitches in England will suit strong Indian batting line-up where 400 or 450 runs in an innings could be a possibility.

"We have seen that in the recently-concluded Pakistan-England series, that over 300 runs were scored and chased. Now in World Cup, 450 runs could be a possibility as there is no grass on the wickets and bowlers will get little help from the conditions," said the stylish batsman who was called Asian Bradman during his playing

days. "In such scenario, India will benefit as they have one of the strongest batting line ups. English wickets are now batsmen's paradise," he said.

When asked about Pakistan team which has seen some last moment changes in the final squad, Abbas said that this is the "best possible combination".

"They should now forget the loss against England and focus on World Cup. They must improve their fielding," said the veteran.

Pakistan could not win a single WC match against India so far. Can the team break this jinx this time?

"Record is with India but Pakistan can beat any team on their day. It will depend on who handles the pressure well. It will be the match of the tournament for sure, no matter who wins."

Zampa confident of posing dual spin threat with Lyon

PTI ■ LONDON

Adam Zampa believes his attacking leg-spin and Nathan Lyon's precise off-spin can play a huge role as Australia look to defend their title at the ICC World Cup.

Zampa and Lyon shared 12 wickets between them in the five-match ODI series win over Pakistan in the United Arab Emirates.

"I think it was a few months ago where we actually spoke to each other and said, 'I reckon we can play a huge role coming up in the World Cup together so let's do everything we can to make sure we're both there,'" Zampa told reporters.

"We play two different roles. (Lyon) is so accurate, a beautiful off-spinner, bowls to his field really well and bowls really tight. That means I can attack from the other end."

Zampa, who has played in English conditions following a spell at Essex last summer, said communication is the key to their success.

"We've communicated really well over the last few months. We speak a lot in the nets, we speak a lot in the field, just about whatever - anything



— spin bowling, field settings or how the ball's going to come out. Just anything," he said.

"I think it's going to play a huge role for us sometime throughout the World Cup. I don't know if it will be every game but I definitely see us playing a huge role together."

Zampa reckons taking wickets in the middle over will be key and said skipper Aaron Finch has backed them to go for wickets.

Archer targets Kohli scalp

AFP ■ LONDON

Jofra Archer marked his call-up to England's World Cup squad on Tuesday by setting his sights on taking the prized wicket of India captain Virat Kohli.

The 24-year-old, whose father is English, has already faced many of the world's leading cricketers while playing for the Rajasthan Royals in the IPL.

And the Sussex quick had no problems in naming some of the best batsmen in the game as his World Cup targets.

"I'd quite like to get Virat Kohli out because I wasn't able to in the IPL," Archer told Sky Sports. "Chris Gayle as well," added Archer, mentioning the big-hitting West Indies batsman.

And for all his lack of England experience, Archer believes the time he has spent in the IPL has been good preparation for the pressure of a World Cup.

"I think I probably have a



bigger advantage over some of the other guys in our team," he said.

"We play (these guys) twice a (season) in the IPL, so you know their weaknesses, you know their strengths, you know if they can't run between the wickets... it gets you an extra bit of inside information."

He added: "To be honest, I think international cricket is probably the same intensity as the IPL. I think the only thing that changes is the amount of overs."

Test experience helped Riaz in WC selection

PTI ■ KARACHI

Pakistan fast bowler Wahab Riaz on Tuesday attributed his inclusion in the World Cup squad, despite not being a part of the ODI squad in the last couple of years, to his experience of playing Test cricket in England.

Wahab, 33, said it is a dream come true to get a chance to play his third successive World Cup.

"It is a responsibility now because I have been recalled because of my experience. I have not played too many ODIs in England but playing in Test matches there has helped me a lot and I know the conditions and pitches well now," Wahab told the reporters in Lahore.

Wahab and another experienced left-arm pacer



Muhammad Amir won unexpected call to the national team for the World Cup after Pakistan's poor performance in the one-day series against England recently.

"I am confident that I can live up to the expectations and do the job given to me. I have

become a mentally and physically stronger bowler now after playing a lot of domestic cricket and I hope that my team can benefit from my experience in the mega-event," he said.

While Amir was with the team in England, though he did not play, Wahab was not even named in the provisional squad of 23 players for the tournament.

Wahab said he was looking forward to the World Cup as the pitches were expected to be dry in England and that would help him reverse swing the ball.

He felt Pakistan were whitewashed in the recent ODI series against England because of poor fielding.

"Fielders need to support their bowlers especially on pitches where conditions favour the batsmen."



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Xi calls for co-existence of various civilisations

Chinese president Xi Jinping delivered a keynote speech at the opening of the Conference on Dialogue of Asian Civilizations. With the theme of "Exchanges and mutual learning among Asian civilizations and a community with a shared future," the conference aims to deepen cooperation among Asian countries. Here are the highlights:

Humanity needs cultural strength to address challenges ahead
Humanity needs cultural strength, besides economic and technological strength, to cope with common challenges and head toward a bright future.

The intensifying global challenges humanity is facing now require concerted effort from countries across the world.

Asian civilizations write 'brilliant chapter' in human civilization
Asian civilizations have written a brilliant chapter in human civilization.

Being one of the earliest human settlements and a major birthplace of human civilization, Asia takes up one third of the total land on Earth, has two thirds of the global population, and consists of 47 countries and more than 1,000 ethnic groups.

Asian people have made incredible cultural achievements over the past thousands of years and they have started cultural exchanges and mutual learning since the early days.

Asian people's aspiration for better life should become reality

Geographically and culturally connected, Asian countries have experienced similar historical situations and pursue the same dream.

Facing future, Asian countries should grasp overall situation and strive to turn people's aspiration for a better life into reality.

Asian people expect peaceful, stable Asia
I hope all Asian countries will respect and trust each other, co-exist in harmony, expand cross-border, cross-time-and-space as well as cross-civilization exchanges, and jointly maintain the peaceful time that is more valuable than gold.

Asian people expect Asia of common prosperity
I hope all Asian countries will jointly promote economic globalization that is open, inclusive, balanced, and beneficial to all, and work together to eliminate poverty and backwardness in some countries.

Asian people expect open, integrated Asia
Civilizations will lose vitality if countries go back to isolation and cut themselves off from the rest of the world.

Mutual respect, equal treatment among civilizations stressed
It is foolish to believe that one's race and civilization are superior to others, and it is disastrous to willfully reshape or even replace other civilizations.

Harmonious co-existence of various civilizations called for

We should leave various civilizations in the world all in full blossom.

There would be no clash of civilizations as long as people are able to appreciate the beauty of them all.

Openness, inclusiveness, mutual learning among civilizations stressed
Exchanges and mutual learning among civilizations should be conducted in a reciprocal and equal manner, and be diversified and multi-directional. They should not be compulsory or forced, or be a one-way flow.

Civilizations should keep pace with times
Innovation should be encouraged to give impetus and vitality to the progress of civilizations.

Asia tourism promotion plan proposed
China is willing to implement an Asia tourism promotion plan with other countries.

Chinese people made more than 160 million outbound trips in 2018 while inbound trips by overseas tourists exceeded 140 million. They are important forces for promoting exchanges and mutual learning among Chinese and foreign civilizations.

Chinese civilization greatly promotes progress of human civilization
China's paper-making, gunpowder, printing, compass, calendar, philosophy and people-oriented view have exerted profound influence in the world and greatly promoted the development process of human civilization.

Chinese civilization is an open system formed during constant exchanges and mutual learning with other civilizations.

In the future, China will surely embrace the world with a more open posture and contribute more dynamic civilization achievements to the world.

Confidence of civilization urged
Asia should enhance confidence of civilization.

We should keep exchanges and mutual learning with other civilizations in the world, and strive to continue writing new brilliant chapters of Asian civilizations.

We should consolidate the cultural foundation of jointly building Asian community of shared future and a community with a shared future for humanity.

Chinese civilization expounded
Seeking goodwill with neighbors and harmony with all nations is the Chinese way of engaging with the world.

Benefiting the people and providing them with stability and prosperity are the distinctive value of Chinese civilization.

Keeping reforming and innovating, and advancing with the times are the unchanged spirit of Chinese civilization.

Following the rules of nature and uniting human and universe are the philosophy of existence for Chinese civilization.

(Chinadaily)

ECHO US and China should cooperate with mutual respect, equality and good faith

Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Geng Shuang's Regular Press Conference on May 14, 2019.

Q: According to media reports, US President Trump said on Twitter that trade talks were 95 percent there when China took back some of its previous commitments. Some people believe it is the US indication that China's backtracking led to current setbacks in trade talks. I wonder if you have any comment on that?

A: The spokesperson of the Ministry of Commerce responded to similar questions last week. Here I'd like to make some brief statements.

First, it is only natural

to have differences in a negotiation because, by definition, it is a process of discussions. The differences we have are exactly the reason why we are continuing the talks. Now with the talks still going on and a deal yet to be concluded, how can one blame the other for breaking commitments?

Second, if you look at previous media coverage on the past 11 rounds of trade talks, you will see clearly which side has been flipping all along. In May last year, China and the US reached consensus on trade and issued a joint statement in Washington, D.C. But just a few days after that, the US abandoned the agreement. In December last year, the

two sides reached consensus on the value of China's purchases from the US, but in the following talks the US want only rejected the agreement and asked for more. It is never China that backtracks and breaks commitments.

Third, it takes the joint efforts from both sides to make a deal. China honors promises and has demonstrated the utmost sincerity and good will in the talks. We hope the US can meet us halfway and strive for an agreement that benefits both sides in the spirit of mutual respect, equality and good faith.

(News source: Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China)

REMARKABLE 70 YEARS Natural gas consumption exceeded 280 billion cubic metres 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 order to better meet the gas demand for natural gas, the Sinopec Huabei Oil and Gas Branch, which is responsible for the development of the Daniudi Gas Field, has taken the time to ensure production. Since the founding of New China, our Party and Government have attached great importance to energy development, and the supply has been guaranteed and the structure has been increasingly optimized. Data shows that China's natural gas consumption in 2018 reached 280.3 billion cubic meters, an increase of 18.1% over the previous year.

The picture shows China-Myanmar oil and gas pipeline - Kunming West Branch natural gas Bijimen Station put into operation.

Photo by Yang Zheng

CULTURE Hulusi, a musical instrument popular among ethnic minorities in Yunnan



Hulusi is a free-reed wind instrument from China. It is made of a gourd with three bamboo pipes inserted into the bottom end of the gourd wind chest. The bamboo pipes consist of one main pipe which has finger holes for making different tones and two drone pipes which can play chord. It is mainly used by minority ethnic groups in Yunnan province and it has a clarinet-like sound.

Photo taken on May 11,

2019 shows a traditional Chinese musical instrument Hulusi at an art school at Qujing, southwest China's Yunnan Province.

By Yang Zongyuan

Indian expert dubs Indian, Chinese civilisations 'cousin cultures'

Describing the Indian and Chinese civilizations as "cousin cultures," a renowned Indian scholar said that it was a matter of great honor that India and China share their historic relationship in such a vibrant manner in contemporary times.

Lokesh Chandra, litterateur and former president of the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), said that India-China ties are very ancient, recalling that a Chinese emperor invited two Indian monks to China to introduce Buddhism during the 3rd century.

"Sugar went to China from India, and India got tea from China. And then we shared the concepts of art. Today in Beijing alone there are over 1,600 Buddhist sacred places and temples, from this you can imagine the depth of our age-old relationship," Chandra said in an interview with Xinhua prior to the Conference on Dialogue of Asian Civilizations (CDAC) starting from May 15 in Beijing.

About the languages being part of both countries' cultures and civilizations and establishing a connection between the two, he said that mandarin itself is a Sanskrit word Mantri which means "minister" in Hindi.

The Chinese people have developed their national language to a very high level, he added.

Based on a strong culture and civilization, the speed of scientific development of China is very remarkable, said Chandra, an expert on culture and a leading academician.

"I wish the conference a great success," said Chandra.

By Pankaj Yadav, Zhao Xu



Pictured is a chef making Indian Roti at Beijing Olympic Park On May 16. As one of the activities of the Conference on Dialogue of Asian Civilizations, the Asian food festival will last for a week. The food and cultural feast will showcase the colorful Asian culture and style of Asian civilization. The general public can enjoy Asian food without going abroad.

Photo by Zhang Chenlin, Xinhua



Asia is the birthplace of many ancient civilizations. For thousands of years, in the long history of human development, various civilizations with distinctive features have passed on and integrated with each other, forming a colorful world. Colorful Asia with various customs. Pictured is Indian girls performed at the Pushkar camel festival.

By Zheng Huansong, Xinhua

"Chinese friends have helped lift more of us out of poverty"



Lao farmers giving a thumbs-up to a Chinese agricultural irrigation project, thanking China for its help

After driving more than 400 kilometers Southeast from Vientiane, the capital of Laos, we arrived at a village called Nongping in the south-central province of Khammouan.

May is a hot season in Laos. After rice harvest, Zhuokan from Nongping Village is ploughing with a tractor. He said, "Rainy season is coming soon. If I plough the fields well, I can plant rice seedlings when the rain comes. If

there is no rain, there is no need to worry. Irrigation canal is right next to the rice fields and water is always available."

"The rice production has increased, thanks to the irrigation system that China helped build."

"Rice production in the dry season is higher than in the rainy season?" Looking at our puzzled eyes, the villagers scrambled to answer, "4 tons per hectare in the rainy season and 5 tons

in the dry season, because there is a steady supply of irrigation water. Sometimes more and sometimes less rain in the rainy season which is not conducive to the growth of rice. The rice production has increased, thanks to the irrigation system that China helped build."

The Saybungfai is the first tributary of the Mekong River. The basin is fertile and is an important grain producing area in central Laos. More than 100,000 hectares of plains can be used to develop agricultural production. Over the years, small irrigation and flood control projects have been built on the river, but their irrigation and flood control capacity is low, and downstream farmland and villages are often threatened by drought and flooding.

With the operation of the irrigation project, life of the villagers in Nongping has undergone a welcome change. "With the irrigation system, not only rice planting area is expanded, but also other cash crops can be planted. Rice, vegetables, fruit trees and fish ponds

have increased villagers incomes. We no longer have to worry about children's tuition fees, nor do we have to go to work in Thailand. The family is very happy being together," villager Banong said to us.

A total of nine villages with over 1300 farm households benefited from the project, the same as Nongping Village. The tail-water gate No. 3 irrigation project of Nanteng No. 2 Hydropower Station has formed an irrigation area of 2,800 hectares, providing a stable water source for the cultivation of rice and other cash crops.

Yongmara County covers an area of about 120,000 hectares. There are 46 villages with more than 35,000 villagers. Director of County Agriculture and Forestry Bureau told the reporter that the County's paddy and other crops land total more than 7,000 hectares. There are seven irrigation systems, of which China has helped build the longest irrigation canal, which is of great significance for increasing the arable land

area, alleviating the damage of rainy season floods and increasing crop yields. Dry season rice is exported to countries like Thailand and Vietnam, and we hope to sell rice to China as well.

It is said that with irrigation systems, rice yields have nearly doubled to 4 to 5 tons per hectare.

On April 30 this year, China and Laos signed an Action Plan on Building a China-Laos Community of Shared Future. According to the Action Plan, China will send agricultural experts to Laos to help train leading farmers to become rich, jointly build China-Laos modern agricultural industrial cooperation demonstration parks, increase agricultural output and added value of agricultural products, and encourage the development of sustainable agriculture and export-oriented agriculture. "This will bring unprecedented opportunities for agriculture development in Laos", said a member of Lao Parliament.

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and over the verdant hills, the Shangri-La tourist routes are turned into seas of lowers.

The Rhododendron Mountain in the Baima Snow Mountain are rated as one of the top ten beautiful forests in China by the magazine called Chinese National Geography.

The Baima Snow Mountain boasts the most complete vegetation spectrum in the alpine valleys. With nearly 90 azalea varieties, the Rhododendron trees can be as tall as 8 meters. The little azalea shrubs are as short as 0.3 m.

By Li Hengqiang

TRAVEL Vernal scenery seen in Shangri-La in May

In May each year, the wild azalea fields along the tourist routes extend for 50 plus kilometers in Shangri-La of Diqing Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture, forming a spectacular sight.

With azaleas flowering on the undulating ridges, in the gullies

Yunnan is the province with the most ethnic minorities in China. In the long historical process, 26 different ethnic groups have created a colorful and distinctive traditional culture, which has rich connotations and traditional features.

The "Yunnan Fuxian Lake Photo Exhibition" hosted by the China Cultural Center of Paris, the Chinese and Foreign Cultural Exchange Center and the China Tourism Office in Paris was exhibited at the Chinese Cultural Center in Paris in Apr.30.

Fang Bin, general manager of Yunnan M60 (Miracle happens on 60 mu deserted factory) Cultural and Creative Park, presented Chengjiang County with a book entitled "One Word, One City and One Lake" reflecting the beautiful

scenery of Chengjiang County and the beautiful scenery of Fuxian Lake.

60 scenic photographs and news photos of Fuxian Lake, vividly showing the ecological protection, rural construction, and cultural integration of Fuxian Lake which have made the guests year for travelling to Yunnan.

By Liu Yanqin

Yunnan Fuxian Lake photo exhibition debuts in Paris