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## Rahul refuses to budge on exit

Cong chief asks Ahmed Patel, KC Venugopal to look for his replacement

DEEPAK KUMAR JHA ■ NEW DELHI

Adamant on his resignation from the post of the Congress president, Rahul Gandhi has conveyed to senior party leaders Ahmed Patel and KC Venugopal to look for his replacement as he has made up his mind not to continue as chief of the grand old party.

Patel is a close confidant of the Congress' first family and was one of the most powerful politicians during the 10 years of the UPA rule. After the disastrous performance of the party in the Lok Sabha polls, Rahul has cancelled all meetings and appointments and has declined to meet even elected MPs.

Taking responsibility for the drubbing at the hands of the BJP, Rahul on Saturday offered to resign as party president at a meeting of the Congress Working Committee (CWC), the highest decision-making body of the party, but it was "unanimously rejected".

"He has conveyed that the party will have to find a new chief as he won't change his mind. It is believed his mother Sonia and sister Priyanka, who were earlier advising Rahul to continue, too have backed his decision. The future course will be decided in some time now," said a top AICC leader.

While majority of the Congress leaders hoped that Rahul will "not abandon the post", sources close to him said he is determined not to take



Congress president Rahul Gandhi after paying tribute to the first Prime Minister and his great grandfather, Jawaharlal Nehru, on his 55th death anniversary at his memorial Shanti Van in New Delhi on Monday

back his decision.

The Congress has mostly been led by members of the Nehru-Gandhi family except for the period after former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi was assassinated in 1991. The party did not do well under Sitaram Kesri and then several leaders convinced Sonia Gandhi to take charge of the

party.

At the CWC meeting, Rahul had accused three senior leaders — Ashok Gehlot, Kamal Nath and P Chidambaram — of placing their sons above the party. Priyanka said the entire top brass of the party left Rahul alone to fight it out against Prime Minister Narendra

Modi.

In the midst of the disquiet, several State Congress chiefs, including Punjab's Sunil Jakhar, Jharkhand's Ajay Kumar, and Assam's Ripun Bora, too offered to resign from their posts following the party's drubbing in the elections. The party won only 52 seats in the Lok Sabha polls, just six more

than its 2014 tally. The party could not open its account in 18 States and Union Territories.

As crisis beset the Opposition party, its chief spokesperson Randeep Surjewala on Monday urged everyone to respect the sanctity of the CWC meeting and asked the media not to fall into the trap of "conjectures, insinuations, gossip and rumour-mongering".

Surjewala said it is a democratic forum for exchange of ideas and taking corrective action. It was a "closed-door" meeting and any speculation about it was unwarranted and uncalled for. He was reacting to news reports about happenings at the May 25 meeting, the first of the CWC after the Congress's humiliating defeat in the parliamentary polls.

"The Congress party expects everyone, including the media, to respect the sanctity of a closed-door meeting of the CWC. Various conjectures, speculation, insinuations, assumptions, gossip and rumour-mongering in a section of the media is uncalled for and unwarranted."

"The CWC held a collective deliberation on the performance of the party, the challenges before it as also the way ahead, instead of casting aspersions on the role or conduct of any specific individual. The gist of the deliberations was made public in the CWC resolution of May 25, 2019," the Congress leader said in a statement.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi, along with BJP president Amit Shah, offers prayers at Kashi Vishwanath Temple during a visit to his parliamentary constituency Varanasi on Monday

## Our chemistry with voters beat experts' poll math: PM

BJP workers killed in Bengal for their ideology, says Modi

RAMESH K SINGH ■ VARANASI

Chemistry has beaten arithmetic in the recent Parliamentary election, said Prime Minister designate Narendra Modi, who is going to assume the charge as the PM for second time on May 30.

"It was not for the first time when this political change was seen in Indian politics when the chemistry of social strength was clearly visible but shockingly, the political pundits were not ready to change their established perception," he said.

Modi was addressing party workers in thanksgiving function at Deen Dayal Updhyay Haskala Sankul (Trade Facilitation Centre) at Bada Lalpur here on Monday.

"We had made a hat-trick of victories performing remarkably well in 2014, 2017 and 2019 but, unfortunately, the political pundits were not ready to change their established perception of the last 70 years and sometimes they used

logical and illogical analysis to prove their point," Modi added. Earlier, Modi offered prayer at Kashi Vishwanath temple, seeking the blessings of the Almighty again as he did five years ago before assuming the charge as PM.

Modi appealed to the party workers to overlook established negativity in politics and continue to adopt positivity. "Our success is the result of our perfect synergy between Government policies and organisational politics," he said, asking the party workers to continue with the same so that the people of the country can get optimum benefits of Government schemes.

"Work and workers create a wonder," said Modi, adding that "with our work we succeeded in winning the faith of the people. We have not done any favour to them but it was their rights."

Modi went on to highlight the violence let loose against party workers in several States, and said, "Undoubtedly, in achieving the same, our party workers faced crises. Several of our workers sacrificed their lives in Kerala, Kashmir, West Bengal and Tripura and our

workers are still being beaten up in West Bengal, but shockingly a section of the national media had seen a selective humanism behind such sacrifices of our party workers."

"We'd also faced political unreachability," he said, citing the example of Gujarat when a section of film industry had raised strong voices when his Government had invited a senior star (Amitabh Bachchan) for tourism promotion.

In his marathon address, Modi highlighted how for vote-bank politics the Opposition parties never showed courage to look into the pains of the common people.

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### CAPSULE

#### BSP MP FACES ARREST FOR RAPE POST SC CALL

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Monday refused to grant protection from arrest to newly elected BSP MP from Ghosi Lok Sabha constituency in Uttar Pradesh, Atul Rai, accused of raping a college student from Varanasi.

#### PS GOLAY SWORN IN AS SIKKIM CHIEF MINISTER

Gangtok: Sikkim Krantikari Morcha (SKM) president Prem Singh Tamang, popularly known as PS Golay, on Monday took oath as the CM of Sikkim.

#### MAN JUMPS FROM POLICE STATION BALCONY, DIES

New Delhi: A 58-year-old man died after he allegedly jumped from the balcony of the Bawana police station, where he was called for questioning regarding the whereabouts of his son, officials said on Monday.

#### THREE HELD FOR KILLING SMRITI AIDE IN AMETHI

Lucknow: Three suspects have been arrested in connection with the killing of a close aide of newly-elected Amethi MP Smriti Irani, police said on Monday.

#### IMD SENDS 65 LAKH FANI SMS ALERTS TO PEOPLE

New Delhi: The IMD has sent nearly 65 lakh messages to the people in eastern and southern India to give them updates about cyclone Fani that hit the Odisha coast earlier this month, a report said.

## BSP spares Gehlot Govt, but trouble brews inside

MLAs meet with Raj Guv put off after Sonia hails Mayawati cadre

PNS ■ NEW DELHI/JAIPUR

In a huge relief for the Congress in Rajasthan, six BSP MLAs cancelled their proposed meeting with Governor Kalyan Singh at the last minute and downplayed speculation about pulling out of the Gehlot Government.

However, the Congress faced trouble from within amid speculation of a Rajasthan Minister quitting in the wake of the party's electoral debacle. Two State Ministers came out in the open to demand a detailed assessment by senior leaders of the party.

Sources said the six BSP MLAs were scheduled to meet the Governor on Monday in the evening. However, later the Governor was informed that the meeting could not proceed due to illness of one of the MLAs, Deepchand.

The BSP has extended its support to the Congress in Rajasthan and Madhya



Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot and other leaders pay tribute to the first Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, on his 55th death anniversary at his memorial Shanti Van in New Delhi on Monday

Pradesh, thus the news of its MLAs seeking appointment with the Governor sparked wild speculation.

BSP MLA Wajib Ali sought to downplay the significance of the MLAs' scheduled meeting with the Governor. "It was supposed to be a routine meeting," he said.

Sources, however, said the BSP MLAs changed their minds on the instructions from the party's Central leadership following the circulation of appreciation letter by UPA chairperson and senior most Congress leader Sonia Gandhi hailing the role of BSP workers along with

the SP cadre in the just concluded general elections.

Meanwhile, a review meeting scheduled in Delhi to evaluate reasons for party's drubbing in Rajasthan was postponed in the wake of unavailability of Congress president Rahul Gandhi. Party sources said the meeting would be held on Tuesday at Sonia's residence in the presence of Ashok Gehlot, Deputy Chief Minister Sachin Pilot and Congress State incharge Avinash Pandey. Senior party leader Ahmed Patel and Venugopal are likely to participate in the meet.

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## Delhi orders fire audit of coaching centres after 22 die in Surat blaze

GAYATHRI MANI ■ NEW DELHI

In the wake of deaths of 22 students at a coaching institute blaze in Surat on Friday, Delhi Home Minister Satyender Jain on Monday issued directions to the chief of Delhi Fire Services (DFS) to "take strict action as per the fire safety standards and guidelines to prevent recurrence of such accidents" in the national Capital.

The Director (Fire Services) has been asked to immediately inspect and shut and seal coaching centres operating in high-rise buildings above the fourth floor. The Delhi Government further issued notice to all the civic authorities to enforce the "Unified Building Bylaws" in coaching centres.

"In the first phase, all coaching centres operating in high-rise buildings (more than four floors excluding the still floor) shall be inspected by the Director (Fire Service)," the order read.

As per the law, kitchen/cooking and storage of inflammable material are not allowed on rooftops. Multi-storey buildings, hotels and commercial buildings will lose No Objection Certificate (NOC) for violation of norms.

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## On leave, ex-Kol CP skips CBI summons

Rajeev Kumar seeks a week time to appear

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Former Kolkata Police Commissioner Rajeev Kumar is on official leave to Varanasi for three days and will not be able to appear for questioning in connection with the Saradha Ponzi scheme, according to the letter by the West Bengal Criminal Investigation Department (CID) to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI). A CID official delivered Kumar's letter to the CBI's office at Salt Lake in Kolkata on Monday.

Citing personal reasons, Kumar has sought a week's time



Rajeev Kumar in uniform.

to appear before the CBI for questioning in the case. "The CBI was awaiting Kumar's presence at the agency's Kolkata office but he did not turn up (on Monday). The CBI office in Kolkata received a letter from the West Bengal CID regarding his absence," sources said, adding several calls to the West Bengal cadre IPS officer went unanswered.

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## Kyrgyz President, Mauritius PM to attend Modi's swearing-in

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Heads of BIMSTEC group-which includes Bangladesh, India, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Nepal and Bhutan will be attending the swearing-in ceremony of Prime Minister Narendra Modi on May 30. The Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) is an international organisation of seven nations of South Asia and South East

Kyrgyz President, currently Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) chair, and Mauritius Prime Minister are also invited for swearing-in ceremony, according to the Ministry of External Affairs.

In his 2014 swearing-in ceremony, Modi had invited Government heads of SAARC which included Pakistan. The then Pakistan Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif had attended the oath taking of Modi.

However, Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina would not be attending Modi's swearing-in this time too as she would be on a three-nation tour close to May 30. Liberation War Affairs Minister AKM Mozammel Huq will represent her at the ceremony.

## Holed-up in Balakot fear, terror camps hitch ISI ride to LoC

RAHUL DATTA ■ NEW DELHI

The Balakot air strikes notwithstanding, over three dozen terror camps along the Line of Control (LoC) in Pakistan Occupied Kashmir (POK) are getting active again. Post-Pulwama attack, these camps were shifted deep inside Pakistan fearing retaliation by India. However, after lying dormant for nearly three months, the ISI and the Pakistan Army are bringing these terrorists closer to the LoC to enable them to infiltrate to stoke violence in Jammu & Kashmir.

This alarming development comes even as Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) chief Masood Azhar was recently

proscribed as a global terrorist by the UN Security Council. Most of the terrorists now regrouping in the camps are from JeM and Lashkar-e-Tayyeba (LeT). The Indian Army has thus increased vigil to thwart any Border Action Team (BAT) action besides infiltration.

Mixed teams of terrorists and elite Special Services Group (SSG) commandos of the Pakistan Army comprise BAT which carries out cross border raids to ambush Indian Army patrols. As it is, the several teams of SSG commandos, along with the Pakistan Army troops, moved forward towards the LoC post Balakot air strikes by the IAF and remain deployed even now thereby

increasing the threat perception, officials in the security establishment said here on Monday.

Indicating that after the Balakot strikes, in which the JeM major camps were targeted and destroyed, notwithstanding, the State sponsored terrorism machinery of Pakistan is now active again with the terror camps along the LoC reorganising themselves, they said.

Most of the 40 odd camps along the vulnerable stretches of the 750-km long LoC are located not more than one to two kms from the border and stationed close to the Pakistan Army and the Pakistan Rangers locations.

Following the Pulwama



suicide attack on February 13 in which 40 Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) personnel were killed, nearly all the terror camps were shut down as the Pakistan Army anticipated surgical strikes. In fact, many terrorists took refuge in the JeM camp in Balakot.

With the three dozen odd camps now regrouping, the Indian security establishment is bracing for renewed bids to sneak into Jammu & Kashmir in the following weeks with the Pakistan Army providing covering fire to the terrorists.

Due to prolonged winter this year and heavy snowfall, most of the ingress routes especially in North Kashmir remained blocked due to snow till about a few days back.

As snow is now melting, the LoC is likely to see increased infiltration bids, officials said, adding the Indian Army has taken all necessary measures to prevent any misdeed by the Pakistani terrorists. In fact, during the winter months, troops were not withdrawn from the LoC, as in the past few years, as a precautionary measure, they said.

Taking note of the terror camps across LoC getting active, the Army has increased patrols all along the LoC besides further strengthening its multi-tiered anti-infiltration grid. The main objective is to neutralise the infiltrators within a km or so near the LoC if they are successful in coming in, officials explained.



Dwarka shootout mastermind held

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The sleuths of Special Cell and Dwarka district of the Delhi Police have arrested a 34-year-old criminal who has been identified as the mastermind of shootout and murder of a gangster Praveen Gahlot at Dwarka Mor on May 19 in national Capital.

The accused Gopal Kishan alias Pali, a resident of Najafgarh, a gang member of the notorious 'Pradeep Solanki gang' who was into extortion and several cases of attempt to murder and arms act was identified during investigation and police teams were detailed to arrest him, a police official said.

On May 19, two gangsters were killed in the shootout, an outcome of a property dispute, between rival gangs near the Dwarka Mor metro station in South West Delhi. The gangsters were identified as — Praveen Gahlot, a resident of Nawada area and Vikas Dalal. They had several cases of murder, extortion and robberies registered against them in Delhi and Haryana.

Gahlot was in his car when three men in another vehicle intercepted him and opened fire at him. Fifteen rounds were fired in the busy Dwarka mor area. Earlier on May 24, the police have arrested one of the shooter identified as Ankit Dabas (20) after an encounter during which a semi-automatic pistol,



Accused gangster Gopal Kishan in police custody

Pioneer photo

along with live cartridges, a bike, were recovered from his possession.

According to Anto Alphonse, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), Dwarka district, on May 25, specific input were received that a criminal who was the main conspirator would come near Sai Baba Mandir on Najafgarh Uttam Nagar Road to meet someone.

"Acting on the tip-off a trap was laid and a man was stopped on the basis of suspicion, but as he tried to flee and fell

on road following which police overpowered him. Police have also recovered one country made pistol with two cartridges from the possession of the accused," said the DCP.

"During interrogation, the accused confessed that he was the main man working on the directions of Pradeep Solanki, for eliminating Praveen Gahlot," said the DCP.

"The accused further revealed that following a land dispute between

Pradeep Solanki and Praveen Gahlot, Solanki directed his associates to eliminate Praveen Gahlot and absconding gangster Vikas Dalal took the command to complete the task. Solanki also directed Pali to act as back up shooter and also provide live tracking information to Dalal regarding their target (Gahlot)," said the DCP.

"Pali carried out several reces of the areas in Uttam Nagar to note movements of Golu and provided input to Vikas Dalal. The gang prepared a plan and decided that it shall be executed on May 19, Sunday," said the DCP.

"As per plan, Pali reached near Nawada Metro Station on a motorcycle to track the movements of Golu while Vikas Dalal, alongwith his two aids- Ankit Dabas and Cheeta waited in a swift car for the exact information from Pali," said the DCP.

"When Gahlot was spotted in his Ritz car going towards Dwarka Mod Metro Station. Pali passed this information to Vikas Dalal, who immediately started trailing the Ritz car. Pali, in possession of a loaded pistol, also followed them with a back-up plan to shoot Gahlot, if something went wrong," said the DCP.

"Vikas was shot dead by a PCR constable, while his associates Ankit Dabas, Cheeta and Pali fled from the spot," said the DCP adding that further investigation is going on.

Narcotics syndicate busted, ₹25 cr of contraband seized

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

With the arrest of four foreigners including two women in two separate operations, Delhi's Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) on Monday claimed to have busted a narcotics syndicate working in national Capital. Police have recovered 7.5 kg of contraband worth ₹25 crore in market from the possession of the accused.

Officials of the central anti-narcotics agency said two separate operations were conducted over the weekend. In the first case, a woman from Venezuela was arrested from the Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) after she landed here from Addis Ababa on May 25.

"The woman acted as a drug carrier and had swallowed 65 cocaine-filled capsules which were recovered from her after a medical procedure," said a senior NCB official adding that her links in and around the national capital region are being ascertained.



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ing with a narcotics trade syndicate and during investigation she revealed the whereabouts of her two Nigerian associates, who were later arrested with 5 kg heroin, 2.5 kg cocaine and 55 grams of amphetamine (stimulant drug), said the senior NCB official.

"The accused were held under relevant sections of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act," said the senior NCB official adding that further investigation was underway.

While in the second operation, a woman from Uganda was apprehended by the Delhi zonal unit of the NCB after she reached Delhi from Mumbai on a train.

"The woman was operat-

Divyang climbs electricity pole in Noida, rescued

STAFF REPORTER ■ NOIDA

A 26-year-old man believed to be mentally-challenged climbed an electricity pole in a crowded area in Noida on Monday morning and refused to get off for at least half-an-hour, leading to chaos just as office rush was building up. The incident occurred around 8.30 am at Shivalik Marg, near the Noida City Centre.

According to a senior police official, the man, identified as Aniruddh from Bihar's Betiah district, came down with the help of a crane from the Electricity Department.

"After receiving a call regarding the man, a police team from Sector 24 station reached the spot along with officials from the Fire department to bring him down," said the senior police official.

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crane from the Electricity Department," the senior police official added.

According to Pradeep Tripathi, Station House Officer (SHO), Noida's sector-24 police station, Aniruddh was released after sometime.

"He is mentally challenged. The reasons why he climbed the pole or why he was in that area are not known yet. We are talking to his family members," said SHO.

29-yr-old gangster with ₹1.20 L bounty arrested

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

A 29-year-old alleged gangster was arrested from Manipur for allegedly committing several crimes, including attempt to murder, robbery, in the national Capital and Uttar Pradesh (UP).

The accused has been identified as Rizwan, a resident of Seelampur in Delhi and native of Badaun in Uttar Pradesh. He was carrying a reward of ₹1.20 lakh declared by Delhi and UP police.

According to Pramod Singh Kushwaha, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), Special Cell, tip-off was received around one-month-ago in which it was disclosed that Rizwan was planning to commit crime in Trans Yamuna area.

"Later, it was disclosed that Rizwan and his associates had made their hideout in Manipur and they used to visit Delhi and Uttar Pradesh to commit crimes and then, fled back to Manipur," said the DCP.

"It was further revealed



that Rizwan was presently hiding in Imphal, Manipur. Subsequently, a police team was sent to Imphal, Manipur. Rizwan was apprehended from Street No 1, East Imphal on Friday where he was hiding for the past several months," the DCP said.

"He is involved in more than 30 criminal cases registered against him in Delhi and UP. During interrogation, Rizwan revealed that in panchayat elections in 2004, his relative Ehsan Hafiz was shot dead in Budaun, over gang rivalry, by Nawab Khan," said the DCP.

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"Rizwan was the witness in the case and during trial, he opened fire at Nawab Khan in the court complex where Khan escaped unhurt. He was arrested and remained in jail for 6 months. Later, Rizwan killed a woman Sitara in Islam Nagar in UP as he suspected that she had passed information of Hafiz to Khan. He was arrested and remained in jail for 8 months," said the DCP.

"However, after coming out of jail, he formed a gang and started robbing people. In 2007, he robbed a petrol pump and in 2013, he robbed ₹7 lakh from a businessman in Bareilly (UP)," said the DCP.

Depressed over late marriage, woman commits suicide

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

A 28-year-old woman allegedly committed suicide on Monday after jumping from the terrace of a building in East Delhi's New Ashok Nagar area.

The deceased identified as Ankita is a resident of New Ashok Nagar. According to Jasmeeet Singh, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), East district, police received information regarding the incident in Eastern Apartment of New Ashok Nagar area around 1.45 pm following which a team was dispatched for the spot.

"After reaching the spot, police found the body of woman in pool of blood. She was rushed to Lal Bahadur Shastri Hospital where she was declared brought dead," the DCP said.

"Her postmortem will be conducted on Tuesday. During investigation, it was revealed that Ankita got married on April 21 with Mukesh Pandey, a resident of New Ashok

Nagar," said the DCP. However, the family of the woman said that she was bit depressed as she got married late. "So far investigation has revealed that there was no issue between Ankita and her husband," a senior police officer said.

The police official privy to investigation said that on Monday afternoon, she called her mother and told her that she was the reason due to which her family was suffering and she is going to end her life for the betterment of her family members.

"Thereafter, she went to a nearby building and jumped from its terrace in the afternoon," he said.

"Ankita's mother informed her husband and son about the call and they came to search for her. Her father came to spot and identified the body as his 28-year-old daughter," said the police official.

"During investigation, her father said that she was

depressed and was under medication. From past couple of months, she stopped taking medicines," said the police official adding that the Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) has been informed for further enquiry.

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Fugitive's dad called for questioning jumps to death from Bawana thana

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

A 58-year-old man died after he allegedly jumped from the balcony of the Bawana Police Station in Delhi, where he was called for questioning regarding the whereabouts of his son. The incident occurred on Sunday evening.

The deceased has been identified as Balraj, a resident of Bajitpur Thakran near Bawana. The son of the deceased — Rahul is involved in two cases of attempted murder as well as another case of murder and has been declared an absconder by a city

court. The police also denied allegations that the victim was beaten up at the police station.

According to Gaurav Sharma, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), Outer North district, the incident took place at around 7.30 pm on Sunday when Balraj was called to Bawana Police Station.

"He was questioned about the whereabouts of his son Rahul. Balraj was questioned in the presence of his son-in-law and a few others," said the DCP.

"Balraj was questioned for

half-and-hour and later released. He went to the balcony of the police station and jumped from there," said the DCP.

"Police have not recovered any suicide note. As per procedure, the Judicial Magistrate was informed. They visited the spot and informed Sub Divisional Magistrate," said the DCP.

"The 22-year-old Rahul is involved in two cases of attempt to murder and another case of murder registered at the Bawana police station, which falls under the outer north district," the DCP said.

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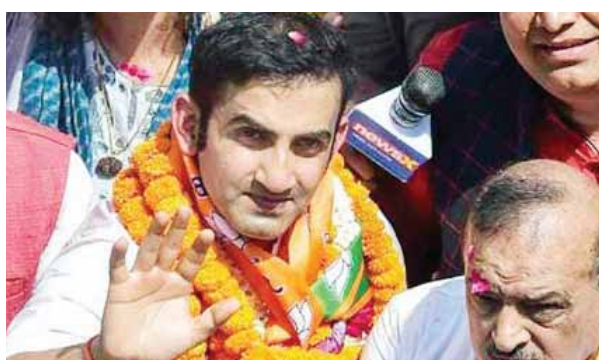


# Gambhir bats for youth assaulted in Gurugram

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

**SEEKS ACTION, DEPLORES INCIDENT**

Newly elected Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Member of Parliament (MP) from East Delhi was at the centre of a political storm after he posted a tweet on Monday to denounce the Gurugram incident in which a Muslim youth was allegedly forced to chant 'Jai Shree Ram' by anti-social elements. The youth was also forced to remove his skull cap. Gambhir has asked the authorities to take exemplary action in the matter.



However, leaders in Delhi BJP kept disassociated themselves from the remarks of the cricketer turned politician. Gambhir on Monday tweeted, "In Gurugram Muslim man told to remove skull cap, chant Jai Shree Ram". It is deplorable. Exemplary action needed by Gurugram authorities. We are a secular nation where @Javedakhtarjadu writes "Oh palan hare, Nirgun or nayare" & @RakeyshOmMehra gave us d song "Arjyan" in Delhi 6. Gambhir's tweet was trolled and BJP leaders were questioned by the tweeples.

Expressing views on cricketer turned politician, BJP leader said, "Gambhir is politician now and he should use his words very carefully since his actions will be seen through the prism of politics." "Nobody likes such incidents but what is the use of commenting on an incident in Haryana which may be used against the BJP by other parties," said a senior Delhi BJP leader.

A 25-year-old Muslim man was alleged slapped by a group of men in Gurugram on May 25. The victim was reportedly asked to remove his skull cap and forced to chant 'Jai Shree Ram.' "he is no longer a cricketer and he should realise this that his words and actions will be seen through the prism of politics."

However, Gambhir said his secularism emanated from Prime Minister Narendra Modi's philosophy of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas' and added that any oppression based on caste or religion is deplorable. "My thoughts on secularism emanate from honourable PM Mr Modi's mantra 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas'. I am not

**'My thoughts on secularism emanate from honourable PM Mr Modi's mantra "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas"... I am not limiting myself to Gurugram incident alone, any oppression based on caste/religion is deplorable. Tolerance & inclusive growth is what the idea of India is based on'**

limiting myself to Gurugram incident alone, any oppression based on caste/religion is deplorable. Tolerance & inclusive growth is what the idea of India is based on," he said in another tweet.

Gambhir had recently joined politics and contested from East Delhi seat on BJP ticket and defeated Congress's Arvinder Singh Lovely by 3.91 lakh votes and AAP's Atishi.

# 5-member panel to find reason behind Cong's rout

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Congress president Sheila Dikshit has constituted a five-member committee to find the reasons behind the defeat of the party candidates in Lok Sabha election.

The five member committee include Parvez Hashmi (former MP), Dr A K Walia, Dr Yoganand Shastri, Pawan Khera (national spokesperson of AICC) and Jaikishan as members. The committee has given responsibility to enquire



the reasons behind the defeat of the Congress candidates in the recently concluded Lok Sabha elections in Delhi. The committee will also suggest about the strategy need

to be adopted by the party to ensure the victory in the upcoming Assembly elections in Delhi and how to further strengthen the party organization in Delhi. The committee has been asked to submit its report within ten days.

A senior party leader said that the Congress secured 22.5 per cent votes in Lok Sabha polls and finished second in five of the seven seats in Delhi. The party is trying hard to win back its vote share in the next assembly election as well.

# AAP's Sanjay Singh to head UP, Bihar, Raj, Odisha

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Am Aadmi Party (AAP) has appointed its senior leader and Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh as in-charge of the party's state units of Odisha, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar. The decision was taken in a party's political affairs committee meeting, chaired by AAP supreme and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, a party statement said.

Singh will soon visit Odisha and hold meetings with the party members in the state,



it said. The AAP suffered a debilitating blow in the just concluded general elections, winning only one out of the 40 seats it contested across the country.

# Four-foot long rat snake rescued in Timarpur

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

A four-foot-long rat snake was rescued after the reptile had taken shelter inside the Khyber Pass Metro Depot located in Timarpur on Sunday. According to Wildlife SOS, the snake was found to be in good health and released back into its natural habitat.

Rescued snake is identified as a rat snake (Ptyas mucosa), also known as the Oriental rat snake, a common species of non-venomous colubrid snake found in South and South-east Asia. However, due to their resemblance to cobras, this species is often misidentified as the highly venomous snake and is met with hostility and fear.

"Sunday morning took quite an unexpected turn for Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) officials at the Khyber Pass Metro Depot, with a snake showing up in their midst. The depot is part of the Yellow Line which connects Samaypur Badli to HUDA City Center," said a member of rescue team.

Notably, the metro officials came across the snake while conducting a routing

maintenance check of the tracks. "Our officers were down in the instruction line for maintenance check and the last thing they expected to find there was a snake. Thankfully, we came across the Wildlife SOS helpline number online and immediately contacted their team," said a DMRC official.

Explaining about the nature of snake, Wildlife SOS official said that although the snake is non-venomous, the rat snake is quick and easily excitable, and may bite if threatened.

"Therefore, the Wildlife SOS rescuers had to be cautious while approaching the snake as they wanted to avoid cornering or alarming it. The team worked meticulously and carefully to ensure that it experienced minimum stress while being extricated," said the official.

Wasim Akram, Deputy Director-Special Projects, Wildlife SOS, said, "We are grateful to the DMRC authorities for their cooperation. The rising temperatures often force snakes out of their natural habitat to find respite from the heat and exhaustion. Since they are cold-blooded animals, their body temperature varies with that of the environment. Therefore, they are unable to self-regulate their temperature if they get too warm. To combat this, they often find cooler places to retreat to during the hottest time of the day." Last month, Wildlife SOS rescued a Black Kite that had collapsed due to heat exhaustion on the Magenta Line metro tracks.



Shiromani Akali Dal president and former deputy CM of Punjab, Sukhbir Singh Badal and Bhatinda MP Harsimrat Kaur Badal being greeted with a garland by DSGMC president Manjinder Singh Sirsa and members on their victory in LS elections, in New Delhi on Monday

# 6 dengue, 3 malaria cases recorded

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Capital has recorded six cases of dengue and three fresh cases of malaria in last week, taking the total number of patients suffering from the vector borne diseases to 53 and 20 this season respectively.

At least six fresh cases of dengue reported last week in the national Capital. The capital has also recorded three fresh cases of malaria traced within a week.

Out of total cases of dengue, 42 diagnosed belong to other states, according to a data released by the South Delhi Municipal Corporation (SDMC) on Monday. Meanwhile, one new cases of Chikungunya was also reported, taking the total number of people suffering from the disease to 19.

"The north, south and east corporations have found mosquito breeding in 11957 households in the city till May 25," As per the weekly data released by the SDMC. The report further stated that 13,517 legal notices have been served to owners of



houses, hotels and others for various violations and 588 prosecutions initiated till My 25.

Among the areas falling under the three municipal corporations, the cases of breeding reported were from areas of north, south and east corporations are 3322, 6605 and 2030 respectively, the report stated.

A senior corporation official said that the regarding zonal officials have been directed to take precautionary measures and to ensure there was no breeding of mosquito larvae inside the houses. Usually cases of vector-borne diseases are reported between July and

November but this year civic body has traced many cases in months of March and April. With spurt in number of cases, civic bodies have stepped up awareness campaign and deployed Dengue Breeding Checkers (DBCs) in various wards in order to check breeding and advising people to take precautionary measures.

According to the SDMC, 10 people had died due to dengue in Delhi in 2017, of which five were not residents of the national capital. Overall, the vector-borne disease had affected 9,271 people in the city last year.

# 1.16 L students will appear in JNU entrance test

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The computer based online entrance test happening for the first time in Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) has started on Monday onwards. Over 1.16 lakh students will be in a race to take admissions in the 142 different programmes offered by the varsity.



Wishing luck to the students appearing for the online entrance test JNU VC Mamidala Jagadesh Kumar, tweeted, "Computer based JNU entrance examination (JNUEE) begins today in nearly 127 centers across the country. Wishing the aspirants a success. Look forward to meeting you when you join in JNU which is a top ranked University with exciting academic programs and excellent facilities."

This is for the first time that the varsity has switched to computer-based mode of entrance exams that are being conducted by the National Testing Agency across 122 cities in the country.

The JNU Entrance Examinations (JNUEE) and the Combined Entrance Examination for Biotechnology (CEEB) 2019 that was commenced from Monday will continue till 30th May.

The examinations will be conducted in 142 programmes of study in eight shifts over the next four days. Each day will have two shifts -- morning (9:30 am -12:30 pm) and afternoon (2:30 pm - 5:30 pm).

"Each centre has been provided with jammers. A total of 1,400 jammers have been

deployed. To oversee the examinations in addition to the NTA Control Room, 122 city coordinators have been deployed by the NTA," the agency said.

Out of the total 1,16,558 candidates, 67,801 are males, 48,751 females and six transgender will be appearing for the entrance exams that are conducted in 127 centres located across the country.

However, the varsity has finally started the entrance test online mode successfully after the protest of JNU students union who called the move as a 'Scam'.

Inside (Box)/ highlight it JNU has been chosen by MHRD as National Resource Center (NRC) for conducting Annual Refresher Program In Teaching (ARPIT) through SWAYAMin (i) Arts, (ii) History, (iii) Political Science and (iv) History of Indian Science and Technology. Likely to start from 01 Aug 2019.



Rat snake rescued by Wildlife SOS from Khyber Pass Metro Depot

# Spicejet to start TaxiBot op from today

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

In a technological breakthrough in aviation industry, Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL) is all set to commence first global commercial operations of TaxiBots.



In a very first, Spicejet will commence TaxiBot operations from May 28th, 2019 at Delhi Airport as the first carrier.

On Monday, DIAL has officially announced that the GMR led group signed an agreement with KSU Aviation Private Limited the operator of TaxiBots.

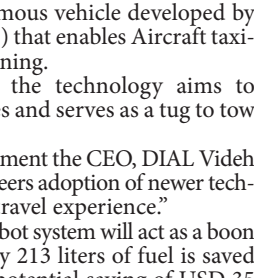
A TaxiBot is a semi-autonomous vehicle developed by Israeli Aerospace Industries (IAI) that enables Aircraft taxiing without aircraft engines running.

Maneuvered by the Pilot, the technology aims to reserve the use of aircraft engines and serves as a tug to tow aircraft safely and efficiently.

Commenting on this development the CEO, DIAL Vidheh Kumar Jaipuria said, "DIAL pioneers adoption of newer technologies for enhancing the Air travel experience."

"The implementation of TaxiBot system will act as a boon for the Airlines as approximately 213 liters of fuel is saved per flight. This converts into a potential saving of USD 35 Million annually for Domestic Carriers at Delhi Airport alone," he added.

According to DIAL officials, "DIAL conducted intensive trials for the last eight months for assessing the operational viability and safety of TaxiBots. The trials included stakeholders like Director General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), ATC and Airlines."



"Almost 400 successful trials were conducted with three airlines - Spicejet and two other domestic carriers. To begin with, two TaxiBots are operational and over a period of four years the number will go up to 15," DIAL official said further.

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Extract of the Standalone & Consolidated Audited Financial Results for and up to the Quarter ended March 31, 2019 ₹ in Crore							
Sl. No.	PARTICULARS	3 Months Ended 31.03.2019# Standalone (Note 6)	Corresponding 3 Months Ended in the previous year 31.03.2018 Standalone (Note 6)	12 Months Ended 31.03.2019# Standalone (Audited)	Corresponding 12 Months Ended in the previous year 31.03.2018 Standalone (Audited)	12 Months Ended 31.03.2019# Consolidated (Audited)	Corresponding 12 Months Ended in the previous year 31.03.2018 Consolidated (Audited)
1	Income from Operations	9836.50	9832.82	29349.21	27850.44	29367.85	27864.84
a	Sales/Income from Operations	460.66	381.15	999.74	962.56	999.80	962.64
b	Other Operating Income	10297.16	10213.97	30348.95	28813.00	30367.65	28827.48
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional Items)	1285.43	1139.87	2057.86	1584.99	1850.10	1214.87
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional Items)	1285.43	1139.87	2057.86	1584.99	1850.10	1214.87
4	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional Items)	682.70	457.17	1215.39	806.60	1009.16	438.19
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax))	566.45	532.47	1096.21	889.93	890.01	521.67
6	Paid-up equity share capital (Face Value Rs. 2 per share)	696.41	734.28	696.41	734.28	696.41	734.28
7	Other Equity	-	-	30703.45	31866.80	30175.97	31600.71
8	Basic & Diluted Earnings Per Share	1.88	1.25	3.35	2.20	2.78	1.19

# Subject to audit u/s 143 (6) of the Companies Act, 2013 by the C&AG of India

Notes:

- The above is an extract to the detailed format of Quarterly Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly Financial Results are available under "Corporate Section" of the Stock Exchange websites of BSE and NSE at www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com and under "Financial Information" section of the Company's website www.bhel.com
- The Company has prepared these Consolidated and standalone financial statements in accordance with the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015, (Ind AS) prescribed under section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013.
- The impact on depreciation due to review and revision in the estimated useful life of certain item of PPE in FY 2018-19 is reduction of Rs. 201.42 Crore.
- In addition to Interim dividend of Rs. 0.80 per share already paid, the Board of Directors has recommended a final dividend of Rs. 1.20 per share (Face Value Rs. 2 per share).
- In pursuant to Board of Directors approval for buyback of equity shares, the company in F.Y. 2018-19 has bought back 18,93,36,645 equity shares at a price of Rs. 86 per equity share in cash for aggregate consideration of Rs. 1628.30 Crore. Post Buyback, paid up equity share capital of the company stands at Rs. 696.41 Crore.
- Figures of last quarter are the balancing figures between audited figures in respect of the full financial year and the published year to date figures upto the third quarter of the current financial year.

Place : New Delhi  
 Dated : 27.05.2019

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# IMD sent 65 lakh Fani SMS alerts: Report

**New Delhi:** The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has sent nearly 65 lakh messages to the people in eastern and southern India to give them updates about Cyclone Fani that hit the Odisha coast earlier this month, a report said.

According to the report, which was sent to the Union government, the IMD sent over 59 lakh messages to the farmers of Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, West Bengal, Assam, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Puducherry, advising them to take precautionary measures.

Nearly half of the 59,37,365 messages were sent to the farmers of Odisha that saw the maximum destruction due to Fani.

Some of the messages, which were also sent in local languages, read: "Keep the animals and poultry birds in safe

places. Postpone harvesting and keep the harvested produce if any in safe place." too.

Multiple messages were sent to the farmers of these states from April 26-May 3 when the cyclone struck the Odisha coast, bringing large-scale destruction, flattening standing crops in the state and killing over 60 people.

More than 40 lakh farmers have registered themselves for the IMD's Gramin Krishi Mausam Sewa project, in which they are sent crucial weather-related messages that can help them to deal with emergencies.

Moreover, over four lakh SMS were also sent to the public by the IMD. As many as 2,140 messages were sent to disaster managers of different states by the IMD.

The national weather

agency's cyclone warning centres in Kolkata, Bhubaneswar and Visakhapatnam also sent over 33,500 messages to different stakeholders.

The Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services also sent messages to fishermen to alert them about the storm.

The IMD won praise from different quarters for its accurate prediction of the very severe cyclonic storm and its landfall site. Dissemination of information to different stakeholders also played a critical role in carrying out massive evacuation exercise that saved several lives.

Originating in the east Indian Ocean and southeast Bay of Bengal as a depression, Fani covered a track of 3,030 kilometres, one of the longest trajectories, the IMD said. **PTI**

# Terrorists attack commandos with UBGL in Gadchiroli

**Mumbai:** Naxals exchanged fire with a team of elite C-60 commandos on Monday in Maharashtra's Gadchiroli district in which ultras used an Under Barrel Grenade Launcher (UBGL), police said, adding that no security personnel was injured in the incident.

Police recovered an SLR, some .303 rifles, a 12-bore gun and seven shells of UBGL from the spot, an official said.

The UBGL had marks indicating that the ammunition was made for Central security forces and Maoists may have stolen it, he said.

The incident occurred around 9 am at Dhanora in the district, around 910 kms from the state capital, when a team of C-60 commandos was on a combing operation, the official

said.

As the team reached Kattigari forest, they spotted three civilians, who started running after seeing the men in uniform, he said.

After issuing a warning, police opened fire but the trio ran towards dense forest where 'Company-4' of a Maoist unit was hiding, he said, adding that a gun battle ensued between the commandos and the naxals.

A heavy firing came from a hilltop but the commandos, carrying heavy ammunitions, repulsed the attack.

The Maoists also used UBGL, he said, adding that no security personnel was injured in the skirmish.

The Maoists then fled into deep forest, he said, adding that a combing operation was going on in the area. **PTI**

# Nath asks Mins to look after MLAs to prevent poaching

**Bhopal:** Days after the Lok Sabha poll results, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Kamal Nath has asked each of his 27 Cabinet colleague to look after five legislators, the Congress leader told PTI.

Nath, whose five-month-old government is surviving on a wafer-thin majority, has asked each of his Cabinet colleague to look after at least five legislators to check any desertion to the opposition camp, a Congress leader said on Monday.

Apprehension about the government's stability has crept in the Congress after its humiliating defeat in the recently concluded general elections in Madhya Pradesh, where it won just one of the 29 parliamentary seats, conceding the rest to the BJP.

The BJP last week wrote a letter to the governor, requesting her to convene a special ses-

ion of the assembly for testing the Nath government's strength on the floor of the House.

"Nath ji has asked each of his 27 Cabinet colleague from his party to look after five legislators, the Congress leader told PTI.

The ministers are going to act as the "guardian" to the legislators, he said.

They will coordinate and ensure that development works in the constituencies of these MLAs are not hampered, the leader added.

An Independent MLA, too, is part of Nath's Cabinet.

In the 2018 Assembly polls, the Congress had won 114 of the state's 230 seats, two short of the majority mark of 116. The BJP had bagged 109 seats.

The Nath government is backed by two BSP MLAs, one legislator of the SP and four Independent lawmakers.

The Congress came to

power in Madhya Pradesh barely six months ago after a wait of 15 years.

The Congress leader said Nath Sunday asked ministers to look after MLAs after holding two meetings - one with his Cabinet colleagues and the other with all MLAs.

At the meeting with Nath, the Congress MLAs aired their grievances related to ministers and the state bureaucracy, he said.

The Chief Minister told the MLAs that he has asked his Cabinet colleagues to look into the issues raised by them, he said.

Leader of Opposition Gopal Bhargava of the BJP on May 20 wrote a letter to Governor Anandiben Patel, requesting her to convene a special session of the assembly to discuss the problems being faced by the State. **PTI**

# Didi Govt forms panel to probe Vidyasagar bust desecration

**Kolkata:** The West Bengal Government has formed a five-member committee to look into the desecration of the bust of Vidyasagar during a BJP rally in the city earlier this month, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee said on Monday.

The panel will be headed by newly-appointed Home Secretary Alapan Bandyopadhyay, and includes Kolkata Police Commissioner Anuj Sharma, Additional Commissioner of Police Jawed Shamin and Principal of Vidyasagar College Goutam Kundu, she said.

"During the elections, mis-

creants destroyed the bust of Vidyasagar. We have formed a committee... It will look into the incident and its causes," Banerjee said at the state secretariat.

Two FIRs have already been lodged in the case and 35 people have been arrested, the chief minister said.

The college named after Iswarchandra Vidyasagar, a key figure in the Bengal renaissance, was ransacked and a bust of the 19th century social reformer shattered allegedly by BJP workers in clashes during a roadshow by party president Amit Shah in the city on May 14.

# Two Punjab pilots, part of IAF's first all-women crew, to fly Mi-17 chopper

**Chandigarh:** Two women IAF officers from Punjab were part of the country's first all-women crew to fly a medium lift helicopter Mi-17 V5 on Monday.

Flight Lieutenant Parul Bhardwaj (Captain), Flying Officer Aman Nidhi (co-pilot) and Flight Lieutenant Hina Jaiswal (Flight Engineer) flew the chopper, which took off from a forward air base in South Western air command, a defence release said.

"The all women crew flew a Mi-17 V5 helicopter for a Battle Inoculation Training mission taking off and landing from restricted areas at a forward air base in South Western air com-

mand," it said. Flt Lt Parul Bhardwaj hails from Mukerian in Punjab and is incidentally also the first woman pilot to fly the Mi-17 V5, while Flight Lieutenant Hina Jaiswal from Chandigarh is the first woman flight engineer of the Indian Air Force (IAF), the release said.

Flying officer Aman Nidhi hails from Ranchi, Jharkhand and is also the first woman IAF pilot from the State, it added.

The pilots had undergone their basic flying training at the Helicopter Training School at Air Force Station Hakimpet followed by advanced training at Air Force Station Yelahanka. **PTI**



Flight Lieutenant Parul Bhardwaj (Captain), Flying Officer Aman Nidhi (Co-pilot) in the centre, Flight Lieutenant Hina Jaiswal (Flight Engineer), extreme left, and Squadron Leader Richa Adhikari (Engineering Officer) extreme right who became country's first 'All Women Crew' to fly a Mi-17 V5 helicopter in the IAF **PTI**

# BSP spares Gehlot Govt, but trouble...

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Gehlot came in the line of fire in the CWC meeting when Rahul accused him and other senior leaders of imposing their sons and daughters on the party. Gehlot spent several days campaigning extensively for his son Vaibhav in Jodhpur and neglected the rest of the State. Gehlot reportedly took part in over 130 rallies and roadshows, 93 of them in Jodhpur alone. His son, however, lost to the BJP.

Rajasthan Transport Minister Pratap Singh Khachariya said the CWC has given Rahul full authority to fix the accountability and he will exercise that power. Echoing

Khachariya's views, his Cabinet colleague Bhanwarlal Meghwal demanded that accountability be immediately fixed for the defeat.

Cooperative Minister Udai Lal Anjana, and Food and Civil Supplies Minister Ramesh Meena have said the party should review the reasons for the defeat so that the party bounces back and performs well in upcoming local body elections in the State.

There were also reports that Agriculture Minister Lalchand Kataria resigned after party's poor showing in the polls. KC Vishnoi, DCC president Hanumagarh, lashed out at Gehlot for the poll debacle.

"The organisation worked really hard and brought the party to power. But within three months, the people got upset with the Government, the Chief Minister should take responsibility. He should have offered to resign," he said.

# Naveen Patnaik invites PM Modi to his swearing-in ceremony

**Bhubaneswar:** Odisha Chief Minister and BJD president Naveen Patnaik has invited Prime Minister Narendra Modi and leaders of different political parties to his swearing-in ceremony scheduled to be held here on Wednesday, party sources said on Monday.

Patnaik will take oath as the chief minister for fifth time in a row at 10.30 am on Wednesday.

"A special message has been sent to Delhi to invite the Prime Minister for the swearing-in ceremony of the new government in Odisha," sources in the Biju Janata Dal (BJD) said.

Invitations have also been sent to leaders of different political parties in the state. However, the invite to the prime minister is significant as Patnaik

had during election campaign given an open invitation to Modi.

Patnaik at an election meeting at Basta under Balasore Lok Sabha constituency had invited Modi to his swearing-in, after Modi in a public meeting announced that he would again visit Odisha to attend the swearing-in ceremony of the next BJP government in the State. Modi had also predicted that Patnaik's Government will be out of power after the May 23 poll result announcement. In his reply, Patnaik had said, "BJD has already secured majority in the Assembly by the end of the third-phase of polling. I humbly invite him (Modi) to attend the oath-taking ceremony of the new BJD Government." **PTI**

# Farmer who had sent MO to PMO roots for Gadkari as Agri Minister

**Mumbai:** A farmer from Nashik in Maharashtra, who had caused a flutter last year by sending his paltry earnings from onion sale to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has requested him to make Nitin Gadkari Agriculture Minister.

The farmer, Sanjay Sathe, has also sent a parcel containing a "Gandhi topi" (a white cap), two white-coloured cotton handkerchiefs, and a written letter to the PM congratulating him (for the BJP's resounding victory in Lok Sabha elections).

"I want to congratulate PM Modi hence as a tradition here, I have sent him a white cap and two long handkerchiefs," Sathe said on Monday.

"I also requested the PM to make Nitin Gadkari union agriculture minister so that he can resolve our issues," he said.

Sathe, who hails from Niphad taluka in the North Maharashtra district, had sent ₹1,064, his earnings from selling 750 kg of onions in wholesale market, to the PM on November 29 as a protest.

The PMO had returned the money-order sent by Sathe.

Gadkari, who was re-elected from Nagpur on May 23, is currently holding the portfolios for Road Transport & Highways, Shipping and Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation in the Centre. **PTI**

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I, SAMEY SINGH S/O SH. GIASI RAM RO VILLAGE- DARIYAPUR KHURD, POST UJUWA, NEW DELHI-110073, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as under:-

1. That the deponent is the citizen of India and is law abiding citizen and thus competent to swear his affidavit;

2. That the deponent has debarred / disown his son namely own SON RAVINDER KUMAR S/O SAMEY SINGH. From his all moveable and immovable properties and has severed all types of relationships with him due to his quarrelsome temperament / conduct and illegal acts. That the contents of the above affidavit and application have been drafted upon the instruction of the deponent, which are correct and nothing has been concealed therefrom. **-SAMEY SINGH**

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**NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Regulation 47 read with Regulation 29 & Regulation 33 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations & Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, that the meeting of the Board of the Directors of the Company could not be held on Monday, May 27, 2019 at 01:00 P.M. due to unavoidable circumstances and the same has been postponed to Thursday, May 30, 2019 at 2:00 P.M. at the Registered Office of the Company, inter-alia, to consider and approve Audited Standalone Financial Results of the Company for the quarter and year ended on March 31, 2019.

Further details are also available on the website of the Company i.e. at [www.sparklingfinshares.com](http://www.sparklingfinshares.com) and also on the website of BSE Limited i.e. [www.bseindia.com](http://www.bseindia.com) and The Calcutta Stock Exchange Limited at [www.cse-india.com](http://www.cse-india.com) where the shares of the Company are listed.

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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. GUR34743 of our Gurgaon - Sohna Road Branch) Tanweer Obaid (Borrower)	20-07-2018 Rs. 52,06,576/-	All that part and parcel of the Property Bearing No H/Flat No.1101, Floor No. 11Th, Plot No. Aster-7, Supertech Emerald Court, Sector. 93A, Village - Noida, Noida-201301, Uttar Pradesh.	23-05-2019
2.	(LC No. 00000923 of our Faridabad Branch) Brijesh Kumar (Borrower) Neeru (Co-Borrower)	18-02-2019 Rs. 10,28,688/-	All that part and parcel of the Property Bearing No H.No:-2596 - A / Lig Ist Floor, Housing Board Colony, Sector:- 55 Faridabad Faridabad Haryana - 121001	22-05-2019
3.	(LC No. 00001729 of our Raj Nagar Branch) Shahnawaz (Borrower) Shabnam (Co-Borrower)	18-02-2019 Rs. 16,47,040/-	All that part and parcel of the Property Bearing No Plot No. A169, Second Floor, Part Of Khasra No. 215 And 216, 226, 227, Rail Vihar Colony Sahibabad Loni Ghaziabad Ghaziabad Uttar Pradesh - 201009	22-05-2019
4.	(LC No. 00042666 of our Noida -sector 2 Branch) Leela Dhar (Borrower) Rajesh Kumar (Co-Borrower)	18-02-2019 Rs. 14,17,839/-	All that part and parcel of the Property Bearing No Unit No. 203, 2Nd Floor, Block No. A-1 Amrapali Kanhaa Chaumuha, Vrindavan Nh2, Mathura, Up Mathura Mathura Uttar Pradesh - 281004	23-05-2019
5.	(LC No. 00001300 of our Delhi Rajouri Garden Branch) Barkatulla B (Borrower) Asma Khatoon (Co-Borrower)	18-02-2019 Rs. 17,97,418/-	All that part and parcel of the Property Bearing No Flat No- G.F-1,Gf,(Mig), Front Side Plot C-10/18 Df Ankur Vihar VIII-Saddulabad Pargana Loni, Ghaziabad Ghaziabad GautamBuddh Nagar Uttar Pradesh - 201301	23-05-2019

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 (Authorised Officer)  
 For Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Limited  
 Place: Delhi / NCR Date : 28/05/2019

# On leave, ex-Kol CP skips CBI...

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The West Bengal Government reinstated Kumar as the Additional Director General of CID by the West Bengal Government on Sunday night, soon after the election Model Code of Conduct was lifted.

The CBI had on Sunday summoned Kumar after a team of the investigating agency failed to meet him at his residence in connection with the Saradha scam probe.

On Saturday, the CBI had

also issued a Lookout Notice against Kumar to prevent him from fleeing the country.

The agency wants custodial interrogation of Kumar in connection with the scam as he was heading the police's special investigation team to probe the Ponzi scam before the CBI took over the case.

In April, the CBI had told the Supreme Court that Kumar's custodial interrogation was necessary as he was not cooperating in the probe and was "evasive" and "arrogant" in answering the queries put to him during questioning.

On May 17, the SC lifted the protection from arrest granted to Kumar and asked

the CBI to proceed as per law. The apex court gave one week to Kumar to approach the competent court for anticipatory bail.

Kumar again approached the top court last Monday, seeking extension of the protection saying the courts in West Bengal were not functioning due to lawyers' strike. The SC, however, rejected his plea following which he moved an anticipatory bail plea in the Barasat court.

The Saradha group of companies allegedly duped Rs 2,500 crore from lakh of gullible customers who were promised higher rates of returns on their investment, the sources added.

# Delhi orders fire...

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Further, in the buildings, carbon monoxide detector and alarm should be installed in all the private and commercial buildings. It may be noted that the similar incident was witnessed earlier this year in February in Karol Bagh in which 17 people died while 35 people were injured after a massive fire broke out at a hotel. Some of the victims were charred to death and others were asphyxiated by the poisonous fumes. A woman and a child jumped from the fourth floor to save themselves from the blaze but they died on the spot.

# Our chemistry with voters beat...

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"We have shown courage without worrying for our votes because. We're working on the principles of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikash' and in the coming months we would ask the administration to provide houses to the people in the village from a corner one by one irrespective of caste and religion and mercy of gram pradhan," he said.

"We've policies of respecting our rich tradition and culture along with a vision to address the current situation needs and modernization," he said.

He also attacked on all

those intellectuals who termed the BJP as a party of only Hindi heartland saying "our voting percentage has increased across the nation including Goa in the west, north eastern States in the east, Karnataka in the south and Ladakh in the north."

He appealed to the party workers to work with the spirit of freedom struggle and do their duty that by 2022 there would not be any section of the society who can remain aloof from the process of development. "With such policies we had succeeded in improving our economic strength in the world as when

we came to power in 2014 we were at ninth most developed economy in the world but today we are at sixth place and knocking the doors to reach fifth place soon," he said. The function was also addressed by national BJP president Amit Shah, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and State party chief Dr Mahendra Nath Pandey and it was conducted by regional BJP president (Kashi Prant) Mahesh Chandra Srivastava.

Earlier, when Modi landed at Lal Bahadur Shastri International Airport, Babatpur, along with Shah, he was welcomed by Governor

Ram Naik, chief minister Yogi Adityanath and others. Later, Modi went to the Police Lines by helicopter and then reached Kashi Vishwanath temple. Throughout the route, he was warmly welcomed by thousands of people waiting for him since morning. After reaching Kashi Vishwanath temple, Modi offered Rudrabhishek amidst the chanting of mantras in traditional religious rituals.

Since he was elected an MP for first time from Varanasi parliamentary seat in 2014, it was his fourth visit to the temple and 20th to the city.

**North Central Railway, Allahabad**

**E-Tender Notice No.-2019**  
**Accounts - I Date: 20.05.2019**

Senior DFM/NCR/Agri acting for and on behalf of the President of India invites "Open Tender" through on Line only (E-Tendering) for the following work:

**Name of Work with its location:**  
 "Hiring of One Motor Non- AC vehicle TAVERA TOYOTA QUALIS/ SCORPIO TATASumo/ BELERO/ similar Make not earlier than 2017 & in good working condition, including Driver, fuel, Crew and Maintenance etc. for 12 months for official use of Cash & Pay/Agri OFFICE for running of 2000 Kms. per month. (Nature of work: 12 Hrs. per day without any Holiday/Rest)". **Approx. Cost of the work for 12 months.** (Inclusive of all taxes.): ₹ 398752.68. It has been uploaded on IREPS web portal For Full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railway Website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids through web portal [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) upto 14.00 hrs on 18.06.2019. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. **698/19 Ad**

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# DUE TO DISSOLUTION OF LS Citizenship, triple talaq Bills lapse

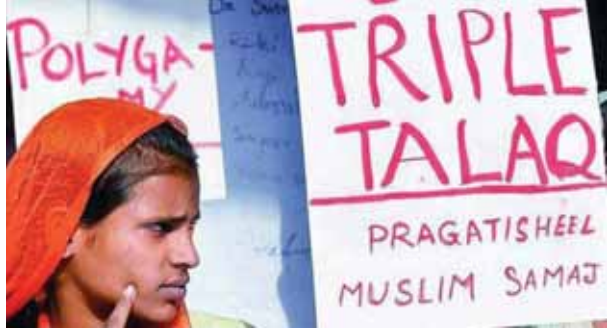
PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The new Government will have to bring the controversial Citizenship (Amendment) and Triple Talaq Bills once again as they lapsed due to the dissolution of the 16th Lok Sabha and the two legislations not being passed in the Rajya Sabha due to stiff Opposition.

The Government may continue with the contents of the Triple Talaq Bill but may consider minor changes in the Citizenship Bill taking into consideration opinions from the stakeholders in Assam and other North Eastern States.

The Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Bill which made the practice of instant triple talaq (talaq-e-biddat) a penal offence, was opposed by the opposition parties which had claimed that jail term for the husband for divorcing his wife is legally untenable.

The Government had pro-



mulgated the ordinance on triple talaq twice. Under the Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Ordinance, 2019, divorcing through instant triple talaq will be illegal, void and would attract a jail term of three years for the husband.

A Bill to convert the earlier ordinance, issued in September 2018, was cleared by the Lok Sabha in December and was pending in the Rajya Sabha.

Since the Bill could not get parliamentary approval, a fresh

ordinance was issued. Seeking to allay fears that the proposed law could be misused, the Government has included certain safeguards in it such as adding a provision for bail for the accused during trial.

These amendments were cleared by the Cabinet on August 29, 2018. While the ordinance makes it a "non-bailable" offence, an accused can approach a magistrate even before trial to seek bail. In a non-bailable offence, bail cannot be granted by police at the police station itself. A provision was

added to allow the magistrate to grant bail "after hearing the wife", the Government had said.

The Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2019 provided for according Indian citizenship to Hindus, Jains, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists and Parsis from Bangladesh, Pakistan and Afghanistan after seven years of residence in India instead of 12 years, which is the current norm, even if they do not possess any document. The legislation was passed by Lok Sabha during the Winter Session on January 8 but could not be cleared by the upper house. There has been strong Opposition to the bill in Assam and other Northeastern States.

Student organisations, political parties and socio-cultural bodies have been protesting on the grounds that it seeks to grant nationality to non-Muslims who have come into India up to December 31, 2014, thereby increasing the deadline from 1971 as per the Assam Accord.

# Centre to ask AP, T to identify tribals who fled due to Salwa Judum

New Delhi: The Centre will ask the Telangana and Andhra Pradesh Governments to identify tribals who allegedly fled Chhattisgarh due to the Salwa Judum movement around 15 years ago and settled there, according to officials.

Salwa Judum was a militia that had been deployed as part of anti-Maoist operations in Chhattisgarh. It was operational between 2005 and 2011, before it was banned by the Supreme Court.

The action came on a complaint of an NGO, CGNet Swara Foundation, that wrote to the ministry claiming that over 5,000 families had fled Chhattisgarh due to the controversial militia force formed by late Congress leader Mahendra Karma in mid-2005 to counter the Maoists.

"We received a complaint on May 12 stating that a number of tribal families fled to Andhra Pradesh and Telangana from Chhattisgarh due to Salwa Judum. We have to take all state



governments on board and verify these cases," a senior official of the Tribal Affairs Ministry said.

"Once the verification process is completed, we will sit together and decide the next course of action. We will have to see what political stand the Chhattisgarh government will take on it... Whether it acknowledges that these were families were displaced due to Salwa Judum," the official said.

Another official from Chhattisgarh said that once it is established that these families belonged to the state, a process can be initiated to rehabilitate them under the

Forest Rights Act, 2006.

Experts say the previous BJP-led administration had backed the movement and the Congress government at the Centre was seized of it.

The Supreme Court banned the militia force in 2011 after it acquired a notorious reputation for allegedly burning villages, killing people and sexually assaulting women after terming them Maoist sympathisers.

According to CGNet Swara Foundation, the militia force led to the displacement of 5,000 families from Chhattisgarh. These families settled in Andhra Pradesh, which got bifurcated in 2014.

The NGO claimed these families had been living without basic facilities in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, and could not benefit from the Forest Rights Act, which provides for giving land rights to those living on forest land for at least three generations before December 31, 2005. PTI

# New version of Akash missile test-fired successfully

New Delhi: India on Monday successfully test fired an Akash-MK-1S missile from the integrated test range at Chandipur in Odisha, the Defence Ministry said on Monday.

The surface-to-air anti-aircraft missile with a strike range of 25 km and capability to carry warhead of 60 kg was test fired on May 25 and May 27, they said.

"Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has successfully test fired AKASH-MK-1S missile from ITR, Chandipur, Odisha on May 25 and 27," the defence ministry said in a statement.

It said the Akash weapon system has combination of both command guidance and active terminal seeker guidance.

"Seeker and guidance performance have been consistently established in both the missions. All the mission objectives have been met," the Ministry said. PTI

## IN SHORT

### VISTARA FIRST TO OFFER PADS ON FLIGHT

New Delhi: In a first-of its kind move, Vistara Airline has launched thoughtful initiative #PadsOnBoard, whereby it will provide sanitary pads onboard its flights to women travellers on request. This initiative makes Vistara the first Indian airline to offer sanitary pads on flights within India, said a statement here issued on the eve of Menstrual Health & Hygiene Day.

### ICMR HEAD WINS DR LEE JONG-WOOK PRIZE

New Delhi: Director General of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) Professor Balram Bhargava has jointly won the 2019 Dr. Lee Jong-wook Memorial Prize for Public Health at the 72nd World Health Assembly in Geneva, Switzerland. He bagged the award for his achievements as a clinician, innovator, researcher, and trainer.

### GOVT BODY TO MULL TO CONTINUE BAN ON LTTE



New Delhi: The Centre on Monday set up a tribunal for adjudicating whether or not there is sufficient reason to continue the ban on the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), a fortnight after it extended for five years the proscription of the terror group that was behind the assassination of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi.

### BLUE ROSE LAUNCHES SAVOURITY OF POEMS

New Delhi: Blue Rose Publishers launched a new book 'Savoury of Poems (Romps through My mind, Mood, Emotions)', written by Leena Margaret. Speaking at the launch, Leena Margaret said that the book does give one a certain taste of rhythm and rhyme. Publisher Syed Arshad was also present during the launch.

# Locals to be educated about tigers, humans coexistence

ARCHANA JYOTI ■ NEW DELHI

Months after its big cat relocation plan in Odisha's Satkosia Tiger reserve went haywire, the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) has now decided to showcase the locals examples of other tiger habitats where villagers are peacefully co-habiting with the wild animals.

The locals had fiercely opposed the relocation of Sundari, a tigress and Mahaveer, a tiger, in the Satkosia forest from Madhya Pradesh last year. The area had witnessed serious law and order problem when Sundari allegedly killed two persons. She has been held captive since then by wildlife authorities. For his part, Mahaveer fell to poaching.

Since then the tiger relocation plan has been put on hold by the NTCA. Now realising that its relocation plan will not see the light of the day unless locals are engaged in the conservation plan, the top tiger body last week shot off a letter to the Chief Wildlife Warden of Odisha to organise a tour/exposure visit for capacity building of local community and forest officials of Satkosia Tiger



Reserve to Terai Arc landscape comprising of Corbett Tiger Reserve in Uttarakhand and Pilibhit Tiger Reserve in Uttarakhand.

The NTCA preferred to choose the two tiger reserves as it felt they were "very good examples of conservation where movement of tigers in human dominated areas has been monitored with involvement of local communities and forest departments of both the States have successfully ensured the rehabilitation of tigers back to forest areas."

During the tour, the locals will be educated to how to live peacefully with the animals and how they can earn their livelihood.

The move is in keeping with the NTCA guidelines which envisage involvement of local people in conservation for fulfilling the agenda of co-exis-

istence in buffer or fringe areas. "People's involvement becomes more crucial in tiger relocated sites like Satkosia tiger reserve where local communities are historically dependent on these forests. Therefore it is quite relevant to ensure role of local communities as co-partners in conservation instead of just passive stakeholders."

"To achieve this, capacity building of local communities is very important so as to seek their active participation in conservation to achieve the co-existence agenda while minimizing man-animal conflicts," said the NTCA letter.

The tigress Sundari was brought from Bandhavgarh on June 28 last year while tiger Mahaveer was brought from Kanha in Madhya Pradesh to Satkosia Tiger Reserve in July last year. Mahaveer's carcass was found on November 15.

## FROM SUPREME COURT

# BSP MP Rai faces arrest for rape post denial of protection

New Delhi: In a setback to newly elected BSP MP Atul Rai, the Supreme Court on Monday refused to grant him protection from arrest in a rape case while noting that 16 other criminal cases were pending against him.

A vacation bench of Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi and Justice Aniruddha Bose said it was not inclined to entertain the petition of Rai, who has won Lok Sabha election from Ghosi constituency in Uttar Pradesh by a margin of more than one lakh votes.

At the outset, the bench asked the counsel for Rai about the number of criminal cases were pending against him.

The counsel replied that the MP had 16 criminal cases pending against him and he was out on bail in all the cases except the rape case.

The counsel also said that Rai had sought that the FIR against him in the rape case be quashed. "Sorry, we are not inclined to entertain this petition. Dismiss," the bench said.

The counsel then sought to withdraw the petition which was allowed by the court.

"Counsel for the petitioner seeks leave of this Court to withdraw the

present special leave petition. The special leave petition is dismissed as withdrawn," the bench said.

Earlier on May 17, the apex court had refused to grant interim protection from arrest to Rai who was then a SP-BSP alliance candidate from Ghosi Lok Sabha constituency in Uttar Pradesh.

Rai, who was accused of raping a college student from Varanasi had then sought interim protection from arrest saying polling in his constituency was scheduled on May 19.

"It is not a case for quashing. Fight it out. Fight the election and this case too," the top court had told him. An FIR was registered against Rai on May 1 on a complaint by a college student who had alleged that he took her home on the pretext of meeting his wife but sexually assaulted her. The SP-BSP alliance candidate, who has denied the rape allegations, has been on the run since the lodging of the FIR.

Rai had contended that there was no provision of anticipatory bail in Uttar Pradesh and the high court had on May 8 dismissed his petition seeking protection from arrest.

Ghosi constituency falls in Mau district of Uttar Pradesh. PTI

# Plea challenging HC verdict on power to arrest in GST evasion cases dismissed

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Monday dismissed a plea challenging the Telangana High Court verdict that a person can be arrested by the concerned authority in cases of Goods and Service Tax (GST) evasion.

The plea came up for hearing before a vacation bench of Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi and Justice Aniruddha Bose and the apex court said it was not inclined to interfere with the April 18 judgement of the high court.

"Having heard counsel for the petitioner and upon perusing the relevant material, we are not inclined to interfere. The special leave petition is accordingly dismissed," the bench said.

On April 18, the high court had said it was not inclined to grant relief against arrest to the petitioners who had approached it challenging the summons issued by Superintendent (Anti-Evasion) of the Hyderabad GST Commissionerate under the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 and invocation of penal provisions under the law.

The high court had delivered the verdict which dealing with a batch of petitions filed by some private companies, its top officials and others.

The Government had told the high court that petitioners before it were allegedly involved in incorporating several partnership firms and had claimed input tax credit on the basis of certain invoices, without there being any actual physical receipt of goods.

It had alleged that the fraudulent input tax credit claimed by them was to the tune of ₹224.05 crore. PTI



# NIA court convicts four members of Bodo insurgent group for 2014 terror attack

New Delhi: Four members of Bodo insurgent group NDFB(S) were convicted by a special NIA court in Guwahati on Monday for a terror attack in Assam's Kokrajhar district in 2014 in which five tribals were killed, officials said.

Bina Basumatary, Jayanta Mushahary, Dwitai Basumatary and Khanda Daimary were sentenced to five years imprisonment and a fine was imposed on each of them, an NIA spokesperson said here.

"The case pertains to the terrorist attack on 23.12.2014 by NDFB(S)

cadres upon innocent people of Pakiriguri village under Serfanguiri Police Station in Kokrajhar district of Assam, in which five adivasis were killed and another five sustained grievous injuries due to indiscriminate firing by the terrorist group," he said.

He said one of the accused Gautam Mahalia had earlier pleaded guilty in April 2019.

"He was sentenced to 4.5 years. Trial against 10 other accused persons who are in judicial custody will continue," the spokesperson said. PTI

# Delhi HC asks ED to reply on Talwar's interim bail plea

New Delhi: The Delhi High Court on Monday asked the Enforcement Directorate (ED) to file a reply on a plea by corporate lobbyist Deepak Talwar, an accused in a money-laundering case, seeking interim bail on medical grounds.

Justice Chander Shekhar also asked the jail authorities to file a medical report of Talwar and listed the matter for May 30 for further hearing. The court also directed the jail superintendent to provide necessary medical treatment to Talwar.

Talwar has been accused by the ED of acting as a middleman in negotiations to favour foreign private airlines over sear-sharing on Air India's profitable routes.

The ED is also probing various other cases related to money-laundering

against Talwar, who was deported from the United Arab Emirates (UAE) on January 30. Meanwhile, another division bench headed by Chief Justice Rajendra Menon asked Talwar's son Aditya to appear before the ED and satisfy it.

The bench's direction came after it was informed that Aditya was a "fugitive". The court was hearing Wave Hospitality Ltd's plea challenging a notice related to provisional attachment of its hotel in Aerocity area. The ED told the court that Aditya Talwar is connected with Wave Hospitality and since he is a "fugitive" from law, the company's plea should not be heard. But the company said that Talwar was neither one of its directors nor a shareholder. IANS

# Modi thanks world leaders for congratulatory messages

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday thanked world leaders for their messages congratulating him for returning to power in the Lok Sabha elections.

Iranian President Hassan Rouhani wished Modi for his thumping electoral victory.

Thanking him on Twitter, the PM said, India and Iran enjoy civilizational links. "We will work to strengthen close ties between the two countries," Modi wrote. MEA spokesperson Raveesh Kumar tweeted that Kim Jae Ryong, the Premier of Cabinet in Democratic

People's Republic of Korea, also congratulated Modi on being elected to the office for a second term. In his response to wishes from Jamaican PM Andrew Holness, Modi said the victory is a reflection of the aspirations of 1.3 billion people of India. "I look forward to working with you to strengthen our friendly relations for the mutual progress and prosperity of our people," he said. Responding to South African President Cyril Ramaphosa's greetings, Modi returned the wishes on inauguration of his second term of presidency. PTI

# Grammar of electoral politics has changed, says BJP leader

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

BJP vice-president Vinay Sahasrabudde on Monday said the grammar of electoral politics has changed in the country with development and nationalism taking centre stage in the political discourse.

The massive mandate has given a "body blow" to the established norms of politics in the country, he said.

The BJP won 303 of the 542 Lok Sabha seats that went to Opposition was left way behind with the Congress winning only 52 seats, two less than it needs for the Leader of Opposition post in the Lower House.

but now development and nationalism dominate it, the BJP leader claimed.

"The 2019 election's result is a watershed mandate. It has changed the very grammar of electoral politics in India. Traditional discourse of politics earlier used to remain confined to socialism, welfarism and patronage.

"This time it has gone far beyond all this as people have realised that development alone can bring a real change in their lives," Sahasrabudde said. Development and nationalism are now the centre stage of the country's political discourse, he added.

Sahasrabudde underlined that this time has cornered identity politics and a new model of politics engineered by

the BJP based on development and nationalism has emerged.

The Modi-government has ensured that development becomes a part of one's everyday life bringing it at the experiential level, the BJP vice-president said.

Development has also given people a new aspirational identity.

Instead of being known by their caste, they feel better to be identified as those who have gas cylinders or electricity at their homes, he said, adding that this has enhanced their social dignity as well.

Sahasrabudde, who is the president of the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), is in-charge of BJP's policy research and good governance departments.

# BJP nominates Kamakhya Tasa for RS from Assam

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

With the Lok Sabha results out, the BJP on Monday named Kamakhya Prasad Tasa as its candidate for the Rajya Sabha elections in Assam.

Tasa, who has long been associated with the BJP and working for tea garden workers, was elected to the Lok Sabha in 2014 from the Jorhat seat, but the party did not field him in this general election.

The party has not named the candidate for the second seat from the State, but it may support its Assam ally AGP for this.

There has been speculation that the BJP may back Union Minister Ram Vilas Paswan, its ally in Bihar, for one of the seats in Assam after it promised to send him to the Rajya Sabha at the earliest opportunity during seat sharing talks for the Lok Sabha polls.

Paswan did not contest the general elections this time.

The Congress held the seats, includ-



**The election of party president Amit Shah, Union Ministers Ravi Shankar Prasad and Smriti Irani, currently members of the Rajya Sabha to the Lok Sabha, would leave three more vacancies in the Upper House for the BJP.**

Shah, 54, was elected to the Upper House of Parliament in August 2017, making his parliamentary debut.

He won his first Lok Sabha election from the Gandhinagar constituency by a margin of over 5.57 lakh votes against his nearest rival Congress' C J Chavda.

Irani, 43, who had earlier also served as an HRD Minister and I&B Minister in the Modi Government, proved herself to be a giant-killer as she dethroned Congress chief Rahul Gandhi in Amethi by a margin of 55,120 votes, while Prasad, 64, dislodged sitting MP and former BJP member Shatrughan Sinha who fought on a Congress ticket by a margin of over 2.84 lakh in Patna Sahib constituency.

The TV actor-turned-politician had twice fought the Lok Sabha election unsuccessfully in 2004, losing to Congress leader Kapil Sibal in Chandni Chowk constituency and in 2014 suffered defeat at the hands of Rahul Gandhi in Amethi.



# RSS chief: Ram ka kaam ho kar hi rahega

IANS ■ JAIPUR

Days after the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) scripted a resounding victory in the Lok Sabha elections, Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) chief Mohan Bhagwat said that "Ram ka kaam karna hai, Ram ka kaam ho kar hi rahega (Ram's work needs to be done and Ram's work will be done)."

Bhagwat made the comments during his visit to Udaipur on Sunday for a "mandir pran pratishtha" programme in Pratap Gaurav Kendra, where he was accompanied by spiritual leader Morari Bapu.

The programme was first addressed by Morari Bapu. Speaking on the occasion, he said, "Since centuries this country has been chanting the name of lord Ram. Today the country is passing through such circumstances that we need to think of doing Ram's work too. It makes me happy to see Ram's name written on the youth's hands."

Soon after his address, Bhagwat said, "We should remember the message given by Morari Bapu. Ram's work needs to be done and Ram's work will be done. Ram resides in our hearts. We all need to be active and move ahead to fulfil our goals."

Bhagwat was on a four-day trip to Udaipur since Friday to attend the RSS-run 'Sangh Shiksha Seva II' training camp. Soon after landing in Udaipur airport on Friday, Bhagwat told the media, "Aa gaayi hai sarkar wapas (The government is back)."

Even before the Lok Sabha elections, the RSS had pitched



for the construction of Ram temple in Ayodhya, and had asked the Narendra Modi-led government to hasten the process of temple construction. The Ram Temple has been on the BJP manifesto since 2014.

## Muslim clergy react sharply to RSS statement on Ram temple

**Lucknow:** Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) chief Mohan Bhagwat's support for a grand Ram temple in Ayodhya has evoked a sharp reaction from the Muslim clergy.

Maulana Khalid Rashid Firangi Mahali, Imam of Eidgah and a well known Sunni cleric, said, "It is not right to make such statements when the matter is in the Supreme Court. The mediation process is also on under the court supervision."

"Muslims are waiting for a decision and the Hindu leaders should also exercise patience. Such statements will only serve to create controversy and panic," Shia cleric Maulana Yasoob Abbas said that since matter is sub-judice, leaders of both communities should refrain from making statements. **IANS**

## RAJASTHAN TEXTBOOK REVISION

# BJP flays Cong for affixing 'son of Portugal' to Savarkar's description

PTI ■ JAIPUR

Former Rajasthan education minister Vasudev Devnani on Monday flayed the State Government for affixing "son of Portugal" to RSS ideologue Vinayak Damodar's description in Class X social science textbooks.

Recently, the Congress Government constituted a textbook revision committee in the school education department. Based on the committee's findings, the department revised a short biography of RSS ideologue Vinayak Damodar Savarkar introduced by the previous BJP Government.

Now, in the textbooks it is mentioned Savarkar had described himself as "son of Portugal" when seeking

clemency from the British Government in 1910-11.

In a series of tweets on Monday, Devnani said the State Government should take inspiration from former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi who had described Savarkar as the "byword for daring and patriotism."

The former Prime Minister had called Savarkar "a classical revolutionary and countless people drew inspiration from him", Devnani said. "Former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi recognised and hailed the legacy of great freedom fighter Veer Savarkar. The then Government had issued a commemorative stamp on Veer Savarkar in 1970.

"Indira Gandhi had donated a sum of Rs 11,000 from her



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personal account to Savarkar Trust and ordered the Films Division to produce a documentary on his life," Devnani tweeted.

The Congress Government constituted a textbook revision committee in the school education department. Based on the committee's findings, the department revised a short biography of RSS ideologue Vinayak Damodar Savarkar introduced by the previous BJP Government

In other changes, the committee removed the prefix "Veer" from Savarkar's name in the textbooks and it now refers to him as Vinayak Damodar Savarkar who "plotted assassination" of Mahatma Gandhi

The former State Minister said calling the freedom fighter "son of Portugal" is an insult. He alleged the Congress Government had the single-

point agenda of insulting heroic characters and eulogising only one family. In response, Rajasthan Education Minister Govind Singh Datasara said the changes were made by the experts committee.

"What can I say? A committee of experts have written it based on authenticity and their recommendations. I can only say that whatever has been written in the textbooks has been written based on the recommendations of educationists," Datasara told PTI.

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Godse on January 30, 1948, less than a year after India gained independence from Britain.

The revision of textbooks not only drew flak from the Opposition but also from a couple of leaders in the ruling Congress.

The panel had recommended the removal of a picture suggesting self-immolation under Sati or Jauhar from a Class VIII English textbook. It was replaced with that of a hill fort.

"We need to understand the practice of Jauhar. Without understanding the sensitive issue, any leader, be it from the Congress or the BJP, should refrain from making a statement," said State Transport Minister Pratap Singh Khachariyawas.

# PS Golay sworn in as Sikkim CM



Governor Ganga Prasad administers the oath to Sikkim Krantikari Morcha (SKM) president Prem Singh Tamang as the new Chief Minister of Sikkim during a swearing-in-ceremony, at Paljor Stadium, in Gangtok, on Monday

## Golay announces 5-day working week for Govt employees

PTI ■ GANGTOK

Newly-appointed Sikkim Chief Minister PS Golay on Monday announced a five-day working week for State Government employees.

After taking charge of the office at Tashiling state secretariat, he also held a meeting with top Government officials.

Talking to reporters after interacting with senior officials, Golay said there will be five-day working week for the Government employees in Sikkim.

"We have fulfilled one of our election promises to reduce the working week for Government employees from six days earlier to five days," he said. The Government employees will get an additional day as holiday which they will use to

take care of their health and that of their parents and family members, he said.

The Chief Minister also announced his Ministers and MLAs, including himself, will use Scorpio vehicles instead of Fortuner SUVs which were being used by the elected representatives earlier.

"For the time being we have no option but to use Fortuner SUVs, but we will use Scorpio vehicles once they are made available to us," Golay said. The SKM supremo had earlier accused the SDF government headed by his predecessor PK Chamling for "misusing public money."

Golay said the money saved on using less expensive vehicles like Scorpio will be used for betterment of the people of Sikkim. **IANS**

## Pema Khandu to be sworn in as Arunachal CM tomorrow

**Guwahati:** Incumbent Pema Khandu will be sworn in as Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister on Wednesday after the State BJP won the recent Assembly and Lok Sabha polls.

The BJP legislature party in Arunachal Pradesh has elected Khandu as their leader during a meeting on Monday. Later, Khandu accompanied by legislator and former Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein and state BJP chief and MP Tapir Gao called on State Governor Brig BD Mishra at Raj Bhavan in Itanagar and staked claim to form the next Government.

Khandu informed the Governor about the meeting consisting of 41 elected members of Arunachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly from the BJP and said 40 members have unanimously elected him as their leader in seventh Legislative Assembly of the State. **IANS**

## UP ATS nabs 6 Bangladeshis for making fake passports

**Lucknow:** The Uttar Pradesh Anti-Terror Squad (ATS) has arrested six Bangladeshi citizens for allegedly preparing fake passports using false documents, an official said on Monday.

The accused were arrested from Agra. "The UP ATS was getting information that some Bangladeshis, living illegally in Uttar Pradesh, used to call

other Bangladeshis and make fake documents (used for identity) such as Aadhaar cards and ration cards. Based on these fake documents, they used to even get their passports made," Asim Arun, Additional Director General of Police, UP ATS, said in a statement.

He added the six Bangladeshi nationals were picked up from the Agra railway

station on Sunday. "During interrogation, it was revealed that all of them were residents of Bangladesh, who were living in India on the basis of fake documents. A case has been registered against them and they have been arrested," Arun said.

He added the data retrieved from the accused revealed that they had also visited Punjab and Rajasthan.

"During interrogation, they said they had unsuccessfully tried to go to Pakistan by crossing the barbed-wire fence. Their Pakistan-based accomplices had told them to sneak into Pakistan with the help of an electric tester to find out whether current was flowing through the fence. Four testers were seized from their possession," the officer said. **PTI**

## IED defused by Army, tragedy averted on Jammu-Poonch NH



Security personnel cordon off the area where an IED was recovered at Kallar Chowk on Jammu-Poonch highway on Monday

**PNS ■ JAMMU** Security forces averted a mishap on Monday by timely detecting a suspected improvised explosive device (IED) near Kallar chowk along Jammu-Poonch highway in frontier Rajouri district.

According to spokesman of the J&K Police, "a road opening party (ROP) of the Army first detected the suspected IED lying near Kallar Chowk alongside the highway that connects Rajouri district with Jammu."

Police spokesman said, "during close examination, a bottle filled with liquid material and a polybag filled with some solid material was found. The ROP immediately flashed an alert and traffic was halted on both sides of the road to prevent any untoward incident."

"After senior army and police officers, took stock of the

situation, army's bomb disposal squad launched its operation following SOP and after hour long exercise, the said suspected IED material was destroyed on the spot thereby averting any possible mishap," police spokesman added. Traffic on the busy road was restored to clear the rush of stranded vehicles.

Senior superintendent of police, Rajouri, Yougal Manhas said that timely action by the alert jawans of army ROP averted any untoward incident.

He also clarified that during initial investigation of the matter, it has come to fore that no banned explosive material was present in the suspicious object found along highway in Rajouri.

"It seems that some miscreant placed a suspicious object in a disintegrated form to give it the shape of an IED to create social disorder", he added.



Karnataka Chief Minister HD Kumaraswamy, along with Deputy CM G Parameshwara, pays tribute to former Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru on his 55th death anniversary in Bengaluru, on Monday

## DMK, allies to protest in LS against NEET, hydrocarbon plants

### DMK promises to nominate MDMK leader Vaiko as RS member

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ CHENNAI

Though the Narendra Modi-led NDA Government at the Centre has a comfortable majority in the Lok Sabha, the Tamil Nadu brigade led by the DMK is all set to make life difficult for the ruling party.

The Secular Progressive Alliance (SPA) led by the DMK has 37 members and it is expected to win the rescinded Vellore Lok Sabha as and when it is held making the rally to 38.

"We were able to sustain the anti-Modi campaign throughout the last few years and in every nook and corner of the State," said RS Bharati, Rajya Sabha member as well as the organising secretary of the DMK.

The immediate target of the DMK is winning the Local Body elections in Tamil Nadu as and when they are held. "This will be precursor to the assembly election to be held in 2021 which we are sure to sweep," said a senior party leader. Hence the DMK and its allies would keep the heat going on against the Modi government in both Houses of Parliament.

The DMK has promised to nominate Vaiko, the MDMK leader as a member of Rajya

Sabha when election is due on July 2019. Vaiko is expected to make life difficult for the ruling dispensation at the Centre. He had already assured the people that he would make the Centre agree to exempt Tamil Nadu from the National Eligibility and Entrance Test (NEET), the qualifying examination for admission to undergraduate and post graduate courses in the country's medical colleges.

Vaiko has already "fired" warning shots by asking the Prime Minister to ensure the safety of the minority communities in the country. He condemned the BJP and Modi for the attack on a couple belonging to the minority community at Bhopal allegedly by cow vigilantes. Adding headache to the Modi government would be Thol Thirumavalavan, the VCK leader who scraped through from Chidambaram constituency by a margin of 3,219 votes, the smallest margin in Tamil Nadu.

The southern bench is a myriad combination of youth and experience. MK Kanimozhi, former DNK chief Karunanidhi's daughter by his third wife, Dayanidhi Maran, Karunanidhi's grand nephew, A Raja, the 2G spectrum fame former Union Minister, Tamizhachi Thangapanian who was Karunanidhi's beloved disciple and Kalandihi Veerasamy, son of former DMK minister Arcot Veerasamy are the leading lights in the DMK array.

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### Annexure I

Format for publishing financial results in newspapers  
(Regulation 52 (8), read with Regulation 52 (4), of the SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015)

S. No.	Particulars	Half year ended		Year ended	
		31.03.2019	31.03.2018	31.03.2019	31.03.2018
		Audited	Audited	Audited	Audited
1	Total Income from Operations	-57.69	53.36	19.29	53.64
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items*)	-509.48	-46.89	-721.56	-78.96
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items*)	-509.48	-46.89	-721.56	-78.96
4	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items*)	-2.77	-46.89	-21,504.89	-341.19
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	-2.77	-46.89	-21,504.89	-341.19
6	Paid-up Equity Share Capital	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	-1,821.28	19,683.61	-1,821.28	19,683.61
8	Net worth	-1,820.28	19,684.61	-1,820.28	19,684.61
9	Paid-up Debt Capital / Outstanding Debt	57,161.37	52,776.91	57,161.37	52,776.91
10	Outstanding Redeemable Preference Shares*	-	-	-	-
11	Debt Equity Ratio	-31.40	3.00	-31.40	3.00
12	Earnings Per Share (of ₹10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations) -				
	1. Basic:	-27.68	-468.90	-2,15,048.89	-3,411.93
	2. Diluted:	-27.68	-468.90	-2,15,048.89	-3,411.93
13	Capital Redemption Reserve*	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
14	Debt Redemption Reserve*	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
15	Debt Service Coverage Ratio*	-0.008	-0.004	-0.01	0.00
16	Interest Service Coverage Ratio*	-0.11	-0.01	-0.08	-0.01

- Note:**
- The above is an extract of the detailed format of half yearly/annual financial results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 52 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the half yearly/annual financial results are available on the websites of the Stock Exchange(s) and the listed entity.
  - For the items referred in sub-clauses (a), (b), (d) and (e) of the Regulation 52 (4) of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, the pertinent disclosures have been made to the Stock Exchange(s).
  - The impact on net profit / loss, total comprehensive income or any other relevant financial item(s) due to change(s) in accounting policies shall be disclosed by means of a footnote.
  - # - Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items adjusted in the Statement of Profit and Loss in accordance with Ind AS Rules / AS Rules, whichever is applicable.
  - \* - The pertinent items need to be disclosed if the said disclosure is required as per Regulation 52 (4) of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

For and on behalf of the Board of Directors  
Getamber Anand                      Updesh Singh Tomar  
Sd/-    Sd/-  
Director    Company Secretary

Date: 27/05/2019  
Place: Noida

## UNIDENTIFIED DEAD BODY



General Public is hereby informed that one Male **Namely: unknown, S/o: unknown, Address: unknown** admitted in L.N.J.P. Hospital from ISBT Flyover, Kashmir Gate, Delhi on 15.05.2019 from the Jurisdiction of P.S. Kashmiri Gate, Delhi. During the treatment doctors declared him dead. In this regard a case has been lodged vide **DD No. 21-A dated 15.05.2019** at P.S. Kashmir Gate, Delhi. The description of the dead person is as under:- **Age: 60 years, Sex: Male, Height: 5'6", Complexion: Wheatish, Wearing: Hospital Clothes.** If any one having any information about this dead person please inform undersigned. **SHO**

**P.S. Kashmiri Gate, Delhi**  
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# RJD MLA demands Tejashwi's resignation

PTI ■ PATNA

The simmering discontent in RJD has come to the fore following its rout in Lok Sabha election with a senior party legislator Maheshwar Prasad Yadav on Monday asking Tejashwi Yadav to resign from the post of Leader of Opposition taking moral responsibility of the drubbing.



**Alleging that parivarwad (family politics) has cost the party most, Maheshwar Prasad Yadav, RJD MLA from Gaighat Assembly constituency in Muzaffarpur district, claimed the party will break if his demand is not fulfilled**

Alleging that parivarwad (family politics) has cost the party most, Maheshwar Prasad Yadav from Gaighat Assembly constituency in Muzaffarpur district, claimed the party will break if his demand is not fulfilled.

As a party MLA, I would request Tejashwi Yadav to resign from the post of LOP taking moral responsibility of the Lok Sabha poll debacle and appoint any other senior party leader hailing from a caste other than Yadav to the post of LOP, failing which the party will have to face crushing defeat in 2020 Assembly elections, he told reporters.

The RJD is the second party of the five members mahagathbandhan to face the heat of resounding defeat in the hands of NDA in Bihar.

Except for one seat of Kisanganj won by the Congress, the BJP, JD(U) and LJP combine bagged 39 out of a total 40 Lok Sabha seats in Bihar.

Earlier, Upendra Kushwaha led RLSPs three legislators — two MLAs and one MLC — merged with the JD(U) on Sunday following the massive drubbings at the hustings.

If my demand (to appoint

someone else as LOP) is not fulfilled, then the legislature party will break as party's several legislators are with me, Maheshwar Prasad Yadav claimed.

Asked whether he has the support of two-third of RJD legislature party to avoid disqualification under anti-defection law, he answered in affirmative saying that he has the support of large numbers of party MLAs as no one wants to board the sinking ship...But please, don't ask me the names and numbers at the moment.

Asked whether he would attend the two-day RJD meeting scheduled to be held on May 28 and 29 to discuss the poll debacle, the rebel MLA said he would not participate in the meeting till his demand (Tejashwi resignation) is met.

Maheshwar, who has been seen in close company of Bihar CM Nitish Kumar in the recent past, said Lalu Prasad's affection for his family cost the party most and the party (RJD) would not have staged a come-

back in the 2015 Assembly polls, if the RJD would not have stitched an alliance with Kumar's JD(U).

It was because of Kumar that the RJD came to power in 2015 in the State, he said, adding but the party supreme again chose to anoint his both sons as Deputy CM and Minister in Nitish Kumar-led Grand Alliance Government ignoring senior party leaders.

When Nitish Kumar parted his ways, RJD chief again foisted his son Tejashwi and wife Rabri Devi as LOP in lower and upper house respectively. I had opposed the party chiefs move to make Rabri Devi as the CM in 1997 and had suggested him to appoint any other senior leader of the party as CM but he ignored my opinion. There was a time when the party was reduced to 22 MLAs and four MPs. But people in recently held general elections have thoroughly rejected the RJD for carrying out 'parivarwad' politics, the MLA added.

## POSTLOKSABHAPOLLSDEBACLE

# Deve Gowda holds talks with K'taka Cong chief

PTI ■ BENGALURU

Former Prime Minister and JD(S) supremo HD Deve Gowda had a discussion with Karnataka Congress chief Dinesh Gundu Rao on Monday, following the combine's rout in the just-concluded Lok Sabha election.



The Congress and the Janata Dal (Secular) only managed to win one seat each of the 28 in Karnataka, while the BJP won 25 seats. The other seat was bagged by BJP-backed Independent candidate Sumalatha Ambareesh, who defeated Deve Gowda's grandson Nikhil Kumaraswamy in Mandya. Deve Gowda too lost from

After the meeting that lasted for over an hour, Rao told reporters that Deve Gowda had asked him to come home to discuss various issues. He, however, refused to divulge what transpired between the former Prime Minister and him.

"I cannot disclose what discussion we had because he has said something outright about the two parties. We will have to take certain decisions after discussing with the senior leaders in our party," Rao said.

Tumkur. BJP leaders have predicted the collapse of the Congress-JD(S) coalition in Karnataka and an increase in the saffron party's tally in the Assembly after the Lok Sabha poll results, claiming that 20-odd Congress MLAs

were unhappy with the State Government. The Deve Gowda-Rao meeting comes amid coalition worries and discontent within the Congress, with its MLA Ramesh Jarkiholi, who has been rubbing shoulders with

the BJP for some time, even threatening to resign, along with a few other lawmakers. The Congress has convened a meeting of its legislature party on Wednesday to discuss the political developments in the southern State.

## JD(S)-Cong Govt strong: Siddaramiah

**Bengaluru:** Former Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramiah on Monday asserted that the JD(S)-Congress Government was a 'strong' one and ridiculed State BJP president BS Yeddyurappa for repeatedly claiming that the coalition will collapse.

In a series of tweets, he also said the people's mandate was for continuation of the BJP-led Government at the

Centre and not for 'toppling' the State Government.

"Yeddyurappa has been saying for the past one year the Government will fall. He will continue to say the same for the next four years. I am confident the Government is strong," Siddaramiah said.

Referring to Prime Minister Narendra Modi bowing to the Constitution after being elected leader of the BJP-led NDA

on Saturday, he sought to know which article in the Constitution gave the BJP the right to topple a State Government.

Siddaramiah said the outcome of the Lok Sabha elections, in which the BJP won 25 seats, was for continuation of the NDA Government at the Centre and not for toppling the Government in the State and make Yeddyurappa Chief Minister again. **PTI**

# UP Cabinet to meet today

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

After almost a month-and-a-half, the much awaited Cabinet meeting of the Yogi Adityanath Government will be held on Tuesday in which the state government is expected to finalise the transfer policy and take decisions on pending issues.

A Government official told *The Pioneer* here on Monday that the Cabinet meeting would be held at 11 am and was likely to continue for an hour or so.

Many decisions, which were pending because of the Model Code of Conduct being in force, were expected to be taken up on Tuesday, he said.

The last Cabinet meeting was held on March 8 before the

Model Code of Conduct came into force for 78 days.

Sources say the Cabinet may finalise the transfer policy whose nitty-gritty awaits Cabinet nod.

Generally, the deadline for transfer ends on May 31 but this year the deadline is sure to increase.

The Cabinet will decide the modalities as generally only 10 per cent of the staff are transferred and the policy also contains many riders.

The spokesman said the government may also take decision on wheat purchase and set guidelines for the construction of Purvanchal and Bundelkhand expressways.

"There are around a dozen issues which need Cabinet approval and these will be dis-

cussed threadbare in the meeting," the official said.

The Cabinet is also likely to congratulate Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the resounding success in the Lok Sabha election.

Three Cabinet ministers — Rita Bahuguna Joshi (Tourism), Satyadeo Pachauri (Khadi and Gramodyog) and SPS Baghel (Animal Husbandry) are also likely to attend the Cabinet meeting, their last in UP.

They have been elected to the Lok Sabha and would be taking oath as members of the 17th Lok Sabha.

Rita Bahuguna Joshi has been elected to the Lok Sabha from Allahabad, Pachauri from Kanpur and Baghel from Agra.

## Rahul Gandhi to visit Wayanad in first week of June

PTI ■ AMETHI

**Thiruvananthapuram:** Congress president Rahul Gandhi would visit Wayanad in the first week of June to thank the electorate for his record breaking win from this Lok Sabha seat in Kerala, said a Congress leader on Monday.

Leader of Opposition Ramesh Chennithala said this after the Congress-led United Democratic Front (UDF) met for the first time after registering a resounding victory in the Lok Sabha polls, winning all but one of the 20 seats in the State.

A source in the know of things said Rahul Gandhi's visit could be either on Saturday or Monday.

Rahul won with the highest ever margin of victory in any Lok Sabha election with 4,31,770 votes.

He defeated his nearest rival PP Suneer of the Communist Party of India who secured 2,74,597 votes while Congress president received 7,06,367 votes.

"This huge victory has placed more responsibility on us and we assure the people that this victory will not get into their heads. They will always work for people of the State," said Chennithala. **IANS**

## Three held over killing of Amethi BNP worker

PTI ■ AMETHI

Three suspects have been arrested in connection with the killing of a BNP worker in Amethi two days ago, police said on Monday.

Director General of Police (DGP) OP Singh said there was a local-level political rivalry between the deceased, Surendra Singh, 50, and the father of one of the accused.

"We have arrested three persons. After the incident was reported, as many as seven people were taken into custody and they were thoroughly quizzed," Singh told reporters here. "Among the seven people, there were three who were linked with the incident."

Amethi Superintendent of Police Rajesh Kumar said those arrested have been identified as Ramchandra, Dharmanath and Naseem, while two persons were absconding.

Singh, a close aide of newly-elected Amethi MP Smriti Irani, was shot when he was sleeping in his house at Baraulia village, 25 km from the district headquarters, on Saturday night. The former village head was referred to a Lucknow hospital, but succumbed to injuries during treatment.

## SEARCH FOR MISSING

General Public is hereby informed that one man **Namely:** Bunty @ Vedant, **S/o:** Om Parkash, **R/o:** H. No. 106, Ram Nagar Colony, Nangloi, Delhi, **Age:** 35 Years, **Height:** 5'3", **Complexion:** Shallow, **Face:** Round, **Wearing:** White Printed Shirt-Blue Pant and Brown Sandal in feet has been missing/**BUNTY @ VEDANT** kidnapped since 24.04.2019 from the area of PS. Nihal Vihar, Delhi. In this regard **DD No. 28-A dated 26.04.2019** has been lodged at PS. Nihal Vihar, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing/kidnapped man but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone have any information about this missing/kidnapped man please inform the undersigned.

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## APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of male **Namely:** Unknown **S/o** Unknown **R/o:** Unknown, **Age:** approx 35-40 yrs, **Height:** About 5'6", **Complexion:** Shallow, **Wearing:** White Checkdar shirt and black colour half pant, who was found dead behind F-2, Block, Chhat Pooja Park, near Petrol Pump, Mangolpuri, Delhi. In this regard a case **DD No: 29A dated 10.05.2019** has been registered at **P.S. Mangol Puri, Delhi.**

Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone nos.  
**Sd/- SHO**  
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2.	Puneet Kumar Vishnoi / Poonam Vishnoi / LBFD00002937711 / LBFD00002937713	Plot No-3061, Block-J 2nd Floor, Sainik Colony, Extension II Sec- 49, Faridabad / May 24, 2019	February 27, 2019 Rs.28,89,822/-	Delhi/ NCR
3.	Arvind Bhan / Neetu Bhan / LBDEL00001255374	HIG Flat No. 153, First Floor Block-B, Type-C Sector 18 B Dwarka Delhi 110075 / May 21, 2019	September 29, 2018 Rs.22,61,812/-	Delhi/ NCR
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5.	Dinesh Kumar Singh Chauhan / Madhu Kumari / LBFD00001020887	Khasra No. 109/21/1, Tuhi Ram Colony, (shyam Nagar Colony), Shyam Nagar, Palwal, Faridabad / May 24, 2019	December 05, 2018 Rs.10,34,386/-	Delhi/ NCR
6.	Suman Jain / Rajesh Jain Huf / Rajesh Jain / Anshul Jain / LBFD00002441050	Plot No. R1- 02, Block R, Parklands, Sector 75, Faridabad. / May 24, 2019	December 04, 2018 / Rs.61,24,852/-	Delhi/ 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.

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**Place: Delhi/NCR**  
**Sd/-**  
**Authorized Officer**  
**ICICI Bank Limited**

## Amarnath Yatra arrangements reviewed

PTI ■ JAMMU

A high-level meeting to review the arrangements being put in place for the upcoming Amarnath yatra in south Kashmir Himalayas was held here on Monday, an official said.

The annual 46-day pilgrimage to the 3,880 metre high holy cave shrine is scheduled to begin from the twin routes of Pahalgam in Anantnag and Baltal in Ganderbal districts on July 1.

Principal Secretary Home Shaleen Kabra chaired the meeting which was attended by Divisional Commissioner, Jammu Sanjeev Verma, IGP MK Sinha, IG Traffic Alok Kumar, IG CRPF AV Chauhan and other senior civil and police officers, the official said.

The Divisional Commissioner gave a detailed presentation on the arrangements being put in place by different departments to ensure smooth conduct of the yatra, the official said. The commissioner also apprised those present in the meeting about the number of SRTC buses being made available, halting points set up in Kathua, Samba, Jammu, Udhampur and Ramban districts, langar (community kitchen) points enroute, shelter sheds, accommodation for pilgrims and other related arrangements, the official added. **PTI**

## Bangladeshi nationals detained in Ahmedabad for illegal stay

**Ahmedabad:** Ahead of Rathayatra in Ahmedabad, Special Operations Group (SOG) on Monday detained 47 Bangladeshi nationals from various parts of the city for illegal stay, police said.

The Ahmedabad SOG had formed five different teams to carry out a search operation, as per an official statement. Patrolling was conducted in different areas of the city during which as many as 47 Bangladeshis were detained from areas including Chandola lake in Ishanpur, Danilimda, Chirag Park Society, Naroda Patiya, Juna Wadaj etc, and brought to SOG police station, it said.

They were detained as they were found to be staying illegally in the city without any valid documents. **PTI**

## MISSING/KIDNAPED

General public is hereby informed that one boy, **Namely:** Chatter Pal Verma, **S/o:** Pujari Lal Verma, **R/o:** H. No. RZH-182, Nihal Vihar, Nangloi, Delhi, has been missing/ kidnapped since 28.04.2019 from the area of P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi. In this regard, a **Case Vide DD No. 27-A, Dated 02.05.2019, has been lodged at P.S. Nihal Vihar, 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



Chatter Pal Verma

**Name:** Chatter Pal Verma, **S/o:** Pujari Lal Verma, **R/o:** H. No. RZH-182, Nihal Vihar, Nangloi, Delhi, **Age:** 19 years, **Height:** 5'1" Feet, **Face:** Round, **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Wearing:** Red Shirt, Blue Jeans Pant and Black Sleeper in feet. If anyone has any information about the missing/ kidnaped boy, then please inform P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi.

**S.H.O**  
email: [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in)  
Fax: 011-24368639  
Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641  
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**P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi**  
Ph.: 011-25946700, 25946710

## APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is here by informed that an unidentified person (depicted in the photo) name: **unknown**, residence and family is **unknown** about 45 years of age was found dead at Behind the NDPL Office underpas Road, Mangolpuri, Delhi on **12.05.2019 at 05:53 PM.** In this regard a **FIR/DD No 18-A, dated 12.05.2019** has been registered at Police Station **Raj Park, Delhi.**

His physical description is as under:-  
**Sex:** Male, **Age:** approx 45 years, **Height:** 5'5" ft., **Complexion:** Shallow, **Wearing:** Blue Colour Pajama. Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or Telephone Numbers.

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**P.S. Raj Park, Delhi**  
DP/2282/OD/19  
Ph. No. - 011-27910070, 27910071

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1.	Replacement of old damaged/deep water line by 100mm dia DI pipe line to avoid contamination in Dharampura and Kailash Nagar in Ward No-25E AC-61 NE-III Tender I.D.No. 2019_DJB_172668_1	40,88,376/-	500/-	82000/-	24.05.19	15.06.19

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Adv. No. J.S.V 11/2019-20  
**Sd/-**  
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1	COMMAND AREA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (CADA) ROHTAK	7 NOS. LINING OF WATER COURSES	CLOSING DATE 03.06.2019	AS DETAILED IN NIT PUBLISHED ONLINE	<a href="http://tenders.hry.nic.in">http://tenders.hry.nic.in</a>	9812311072 <a href="mailto:senrntakcad@gmail.com">senrntakcad@gmail.com</a>
2	COMMAND AREA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (CADA) KATHAL	LINING/ UNDER GROUND PIPELINE WATERCOURSE 4 NOS	29.05.2019 03.06.2019	AS DETAILED IN NIT PUBLISHED ONLINE	<a href="http://tenders.hry.nic.in">http://tenders.hry.nic.in</a>	9996532800 <a href="mailto:senkathacada@gmail.com">senkathacada@gmail.com</a>
3	BOARD OF SCHOOL EDUCATION HARYANA BHIWANI	E-TENDER NOTICE FOR WASTAGE SWEEP (FADDI) YEAR 2019-20	31.05.2019 14.06.2019	20000	<a href="http://www.bseb.org">http://www.bseb.org</a>	9466682285 <a href="mailto:sgnorbsebcpn.in">sgnorbsebcpn.in</a>
4	HARYANA TOURISM CORPORATION LIMITED	RENOVATION / FURNISHING OF 09 NO. ROOMS AND LOBBY AT MOTEL YADVINDRA GARDENS T/G PINRODE	28.05.2019 18.06.2019	19.81 LACS	<a href="http://haryanatourism.gov.in">haryanatourism.gov.in</a>	9213400040 <a href="mailto:haryanatourism@gmail.com">haryanatourism@gmail.com</a>
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Date of release of tender through e-procurement solution on: 24.5.2019  
Date and time for pre-bid meeting: N.A.  
Last date/time for receipt of tenders through e-procurement solution : 31.5.2019 upto 4:00 PM  
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PAPER WITH PASSION

## What talks?

While Pak may try peacenik moves with a call for dialogue, India is right to stick to 'no terror' clause



One of the news reports before the outcome of the Indian elections was about a dipstick among Pakistanis, where some expatriates hoped Prime Minister Narendra Modi would return so that the scourge of terrorism could be finally wiped out from their home country. Whatever the nature of this back-handed compliment, it sort of bears out why Pakistan's Prime Minister Imran Khan, too, thought a Modi-led stable government in India would be decisive enough to do business with. And though widely seen as a puppet prince foisted by the fundamentalists and the military, one would on the face of it think that there would be some remnants of his Oxford-groomed liberalism that perhaps wished Modi's muscularity, fed by Pakistan-groomed terror networks, to force a change of domestic policy and maybe pitch economics higher than geopolitics as a doable proposition. But beyond this facetiousness, what really bothers Khan is his wavering conviction whether he could justify a proxy war with India anymore. Simply because the world, too, where Pakistan has been selling the Kashmir cause as a bargaining chip for exporting terror, has now turned against old tropes after the terrorist attack at Pulwama and the Balakot airstrikes. With Modi's victory, Khan has to live with the fact that anti-India histrionics of the past will have to be reinvented if he wants to perpetuate "India, the big boy in the hood" theory. Particularly when its friendly saviour China, too, after allowing the UN listing of Jaish chief Masood Azhar as a global terrorist, has made it clear that its relations with India and Pakistan would be single-point and have no areas of convergence. Besides, Modi's reminder that talks could only resume in the absence of terror clearly is intended to drive home the point that Balakot was not just a major electoral issue but would define the rules of engagement hereon. If there's a terrorist attack again, one can retaliate with a non-military hot pursuit of terrorist camps, staying well under the confrontation threshold. The perceived "morality" of attacking terror hubs, as has been practised by the US several times, is now acceptable.

In such a situation, Pakistan, by proposing the talks first, is trying to project itself as a practical neighbour and a first-mover in the peace process. It attempted this image makeover with grandiloquent talk of dialogue as the only civil way of resolution even during Balakot. Clearly, the conflict may have conflated the nature of nationalism as we knew it here but has badly affected Pakistan, which has been taken aback by India's new-found aggression and is engaging in sweet talk now. In such a situation, Modi is expected to maintain the conditional clause of linking terror with talks for some time, if only to appear righteous before the citizenry. Post-Kargil, he has successfully brought Pakistan's role in our woes of national security to the centre court. So he won't go against this narrative that easily knowing full well Pakistan is desperate to show some gains for its domestic audience, too. In fact, the Modi government, which has also cracked down on border trade in its earlier stint, will wait to see if Pakistan changes its tactics vis-a-vis India over a period of time. Though the IMF has released a package to a fund-starved Pakistan, the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) is still watching it. China will become the new FATF chief with tacit approval of the US and India and may not be seen as entirely favouring Pakistan. So, India is hoping to have Pakistan in a cleft stick and climb down on terms for a dialogue. Even assuming preposterously that both sides agree to dialogue at some stage in the future, there is no guarantee that Pakistan can rein in its "non-state actors", a euphemism for exported terrorists to keep its strategic relevance in the region. So subservient are the government and military to the fundamentalist lobby that they may not know what their other hand is doing. It is this duality that has pitchforked Pakistan as a key player in the Afghan peace talks and it is unlikely it will retreat. Besides, the growing IS network in Afghanistan is a worry for Pakistan itself. Many such talks between India and Pakistan have been sabotaged before and no amount of confidence-building measure has been able to take off. In the absence of pragmatism and a desire to resolve the Kashmir question genuinely, the suggestion of a dialogue is nothing better than a sounding board of ideas.

## Stop making demands

After staying away, Baba Ramdev has emerged with some bizarre ideas. The Govt should be cautious



Narendra Modi's stunning electoral victory has made his cheerleaders whoop with joy and rightly so, even some who remained oddly quiet this time around. But though there are still days to go before he is officially sworn in to his second term as Prime Minister, some of his cheerleaders have started to make some insane demands. Enter Baba Ramdev, who not only wants liquor sales banned but also wants to prevent the third child born to any family from having voting rights. There are

others, some washed-up Bollywood celebrities, talking of imposing strange cultural values and a perverted version of Hinduism upon the country and others still, who demand the expulsion of foreign companies from India. Frankly, India can't afford such crackpot ideas and the Prime Minister must let the slip from the suggestion box go straight into the wastepaper basket. While Modi's social programmes have been a winner, it is only the immense faith of the Indian people in him that did not lead to demonetisation being a political disaster, and that idea was not far removed from some of the suggestions he has received this time.

The Prime Minister, his Cabinet and his senior bureaucrats should, however, be open to good ideas that have been well-thought out and which can be implemented effectively. There are a slew of problems that face the nation — there is a jobs crisis, there is an agrarian distress, there is an impending environmental disaster with air and water let alone the fact that India will suffer most from global warming. The healthcare and educational systems, which are broken, will need to be fixed and, of course, there is that eternally vexing problem with Pakistan. There are far too many problems for India and India's decision-makers to deal with to get sidelined by crazy ideas and suggestions by those who claim to be fans and policy-setters by extension. The only fear though is that in the cacophony of bad ideas, a couple of them might actually slip through the filters and end up being implemented. Frankly, India does not have the time anymore to deal with the consequences of bad policies and ideas that get implemented. We have spent far too many decades debating stupid ideas, now is the time for decisive action on well-thought out ideas. Let the stupid ones die the natural deaths they deserve.

# Reinventing the brand

Modi's victory marks a tectonic shift in the history of the republic. He may have seemed presidential but the spirit was republican



SANDHYA JAIN

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is accused of making the 2019 general election a presidential race centred on his formidable personality and powerful oratory, thus ensuring the landslide victory of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) 303; NDA 353. However, his principal challenger, Congress chief Rahul Gandhi, made the contest monarchical with his family-driven rhetoric and entitlement brigade — scions of political families close to the Nehru-Gandhis, who owe their eminence to proximity. Rahul Gandhi's closest colleague is sister, Priyanka Vadra, and his political advisors and mentors (Digvijay Singh, Sam Pitroda) are also inherited.

The Congress was hobbled by this baggage. In an age of soaring aspirations and quest for equality, it was clueless how to appeal to rural or urban voters, women, youth, farmers, traders, entrepreneurs and professionals among others. Decision-making within the party has shrunk to closed door meetings with unknown membership and little regular communication with the rank and file. In contrast, BJP president Amit Shah kept the party on its toes round the year and gave tasks to every booth worker.

The result of the lustreless campaign is evident in the collapse of the political blue-blooded: Rahul Gandhi (Amethi), Sheila Dikshit, Jyotiraditya Scindia, Milind Deora, Jitin Prasad, Salman Khurshid, Ajay Maken, Kumari Shailja, Priya Dutt, Meira Kumar, Vaibhav Gehlot, Manvendra Singh, RPN Singh, Ashok Chavan, Bhupendra Hooda and son Deependra Hooda and Kirti Azad. Indeed, hereditary politicians fared badly across State-based political parties, virtually a guillotine by ballot box.

The more disturbing news for Congress is that it has been reduced to a fringe party, with a decent presence only in Punjab and Kerala. It drew a blank in Arunachal Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Delhi, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland, Odisha, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tripura, Uttarakhand, Daman Diu, Dadra Nagar Haveli, Lakshadweep, Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Chandigarh. A comeback would take a miracle. Meanwhile, the BJP vote share rose to over 50 per cent in several States.

The Left collapsed with the Congress, given its deep symbiotic relationship. The Leftist stranglehold over the media got huge coverage for Kanhaiya Kumar (CPI, Begusarai, Bihar), who was trounced. But public fatigue with the Left's shrill and negative rhetoric caused its fall from 59 seats in 2004, 26 in 2009, 10 in 2014 and five in 2019; recovery is unlikely.

Modi's success lay in shifting the electoral template away from the Nehruvian paradigm of default Muslim vote bank plus sprinkling of castes to fill the electoral kitty towards more inclusive voter participation. The process began in 2014 but was largely



ignored by analysts. Fine-tuned and implemented with greater vigour in 2019, it is being maligned as the rise of "majoritarianism." Western newspapers and their Indian echo chambers are warning of danger to minority groups. Yet none of these eminences ever criticised minority religious leaders, who asked their flocks not to vote for the BJP, thus tampering with the free will of voters and perverting the democratic system.

Simply put, Modi has removed the minority veto in the polity, a Nehruvian aberration that denied equality to the myriad groups comprising the non-monolithic Hindu community. Henceforth, minorities, like others, must vote as individuals on the issues of the day — nationalism, terrorism, farmer distress, budget and employment among others. The ancien régime, which pressured citizens to "vote your caste/community", while lampooning them for doing so, has made way for "vote your nation/issue". This caused the rout of the Samajwadi Party despite its pact with the Bahujan Samaj Party in Uttar Pradesh. The Congress won only Sonia Gandhi's seat, which means Priyanka Vadra (who failed to retain Amethi) may not win Rae Bareilly if Sonia Gandhi vacates it.

With hindsight, it seems amusing that Sonia Gandhi, Sharad Pawar and Telugu Desam Party's Chandrababu Naidu were so oblivious of the simmering Modi wave that they proposed a grand Opposition alliance in the event of BJP-NDA failing to win a clear majority and even wanted the President

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to call the post-post alliance before the pre-poll pact. They cast aspersions on the integrity of the Electronic Voting Machines (EVM) even after dodging a previous challenge by the Election Commission to publicly demonstrate that the machines could be hacked. Sadly, former President Pranab Mukherjee joined this chorus and blotted his copybook.

The truth is that EVMs cannot be tampered without physically handling each machine (which is impossible). Each machine is an independent recording device with no internet connection and cannot be hacked via internet/Wi-Fi. The VVPAT trail found no discrepancies. Anyway, Chandrababu Naidu vanished after the TDP's rout; Trinamool Congress chief Mamata Banerjee was chastened. At its working committee meeting, the Congress agreed not to question the EVMs.

In Jammu and Kashmir, the National Conference won Anantnag (Hasnain Masoodi), Baramulla (Akbar Lone) and Srinagar (Farooq Abdullah) and the BJP won Jammu (Jugal Kishore), Udhampur (Jitendra Singh) and Ladakh (J.T. Namgyal). The People's Democratic Party's rout is a message to the BJP to fulfill its promise to abolish Articles 370 and 35-A, which only needs a Presidential order and political will. In Assembly elections later this year, if a coalition is necessary, the BJP must cut a deal equal to that crafted by the Congress when it gave the Chief Minister's post to Omar Abdullah. In Delhi Assembly

elections, the BJP must field leaders with an electoral base and shun paratroopers who ruined the party in 2015.

Modi has promised cooperation to the new Governments of Odisha, Sikkim, Andhra Pradesh and Arunachal Pradesh; they will naturally reciprocate in Parliament. For India as a whole, some urgent priorities include updating the National Register of Citizens, passing the Citizenship Amendment Bill to protect Hindus fleeing persecution or instability in the neighbourhood, giving equal rights to Hindu refugees languishing in Jammu and Kashmir and scrapping the discriminatory Right to Education Act or applying its provisions equally.

Above all, Modi must give priority to the economy by securing investments and increasing the pace of infrastructure development. Agriculture needs a rethink outside the discredited paradigm of costly fertilisers, pesticides and depleted water tables. The growing health consciousness in society will make organic farming feasible and remunerative.

Modi's victory marks a tectonic shift in the history of the republic. Unlike Rahul Gandhi, who embodied elected monarchy and had little to offer the citizen, Modi wove city and *chaupal* together in a grand narrative of nationalism, national resurgence and regeneration. He may have seemed presidential but the spirit was republican.

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## SOUND BITE

UP is giving new direction to politics...2014, 2017 and 2019 hatrick is not small. Even after this, if the eyes of political pundits do not open, then they are living in the 20th century.



PM — Narendra Modi

In Gurugram, Muslim man told to remove skullcap, chant *Jai Shri Ram*. It is deplorable. Exemplary action needed by Gurugram authorities. We are secular.



BJP MP — Gautam Gambhir

I wanted to do something very relevant to society and to Indians, and not think about how much money it will make. For me, this has never been the benchmark for good cinema.



Actor — Ayushmann Khurana

I feel I have to meet face-to-face with Chairman Kim without attaching any preconditions and exchange frank views with him.



Japanese PM — Shinzo Abe

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Modi's charisma

Sir — There is no doubt that the Modi magic did wonders this election. How else can one explain the fact that a terror-accused won by a huge margin? Even though the Prime Minister made his communal agenda plain, it did not affect the poll results. BJP chief Amit Shah's organisational skills, too, had their impact. People seem to believe that Narendra Modi is some kind of a messiah who can solve all their problems. A study by the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies found that nearly one-third of the people who voted for the BJP did so in support of Modi rather than the party or the local candidate.

In a bitter and divisive campaign, Modi effortlessly created binaries — nationalists versus anti-nationalists, the watchman versus the entitled and the corrupt and so on — that eclipsed the other failures of his Government. Of course, the bountiful coffers of the BJP — funded by secret donations — helped his cause. This majority verdict proves that Modi has an appeal that cut across barriers of

### Not all is lost for Congress

This refers to the editorial, "Rahul's reckoning" (May 27). The resounding victory of the NDA-led BJP has stunned the entire Opposition. The majority secured by the BJP is also a proof that gone are the days of caste-based politics on which many parties, including the Samajwadi Party-Bahujan Samajwadi Party combine, were still dependent on. Further, had the Congress chief not plunged headlong into the strategy centred around "chowkidar chor hai" rhetoric and instead flagged some flagrant issues concerning the country like unemployment and agrarian crisis, the party would not have suffered such an ignominious humiliation at the hustings.

Rahul Gandhi went on repeating the same epithet at least thrice a day, which made the public turn the tide



towards Modi. Some even used the sobriquet 'An imbecile tiddler of 50' for this rant of his and made him bite the dust.

A slew of other aspects, too, played around that led to the massive debacle of the Congress. Take the example of seeking the proof of evidence of airstrike in Balakot at a time when nationalist emotions were high. It did so presuming that this might help in coalescing the minorities which did not happen. While the Congress president worked hard during the election campaign, his disconnect with reality backfired. But all is not lost for the grand old party. The Congress is still in power in a few States. It has good chances in many Assembly elections.

Sagar Singh  
Muzaffarnagar

### God save Britain

Sir—This refers to the editorial, "What's next for Britain" (May 27). By agreeing to leave the European Union (EU), Britain inflicted self-harm. With such a

massive divide between the people across the society, no one knows what lies ahead and what should be done. Some support no deal at all, others still hope no Brexit at all. The best option, however, is to go back to the EU and seek better terms. If not, then it's better to stay put as Britain in EU is a far better proposition for the rest of the world.

Theresa May tried her best to salvage the situation and handle Brexit well but probably damage was too big to be sorted out. Around 1.3 million British are living in 27 European countries while 3.8 millions EU citizens are living in Britain. Their interests need to be taken into account. The nations' interest must not be compromise. Hopefully better sense will prevail with the success-

sor who occupies 10 Downing street.

Bal Govind  
Noida

### Ambiguity rules

Sir — This refers to the editorial, "What's next for Britain" (May 27). British Prime Minister Theresa May tried thrice to broker a Brexit deal but could not make it since the proposals were time and again rejected by the Parliament. Parliamentarians themselves are divided about the country's EU exit. May had to quit due to mounting pressure from her party. Her stepping down has, however, put the country into uncharted waters. Being a seasoned politician her quitting is quite unfortunate. She now leaves the job to her successor. Britain's new leader will have to contend with an adamant Europe and disillusioned, exhausted citizens. Let's wait to see how Britain makes the EU exit with or without an agreement.

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## Accelerators to boost Start-up India

An accelerator programme not only provides a business environment, it improves its immunity against market shocks



AJAY KAPUR

With 108 per cent growth in funding, entries of more than 1,200 new players and 40,000 additional workforce, the Indian start-up sector has witnessed a great revival in 2018 after the slowdown of 2016-17. As the majority of start-up entrepreneurs were young with an average age of 28 years, digital technology was the common growth factors among the successful ones. Today, the young breed of start-up founders is receptive and agile using AI, Blockchain, Big Data and IoT for improving their growth momentum. Amongst these innovative startups, there are hundreds of brands making a sharp groove not only in the domestic market but in international markets, too.

Impressed with the phenomenal growth of Indian start-ups in and outside the country, investors from all over the world, including America, Europe, Australia, and the Middle East, are now taking interest in disruptive Indian start-ups. From Asia, arch rivals like China and Japan are also watching them as a lucrative investment option. Most of the successful start-ups are taking birth in Tier-1 cities, and, due to their geographical and demographic merits, Bengaluru and Delhi-NCR occupy the top position in raising funds from private investors and VCs. But, despite enjoying the status of the financial capital of India, Mumbai is still in the third position. Consequently, investment into Indian start-ups has increased from \$ 2.03 billion in 2017 to \$ 4.2 billion in 2018. These positive changes brought a fresh life to more than 39K start-ups, the majority of them falling under Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) category, which is often referred to as the engine of the Indian economy. In a hugely populated and developing country like India, MSMEs play a pivotal role in adding value to GDP. Their share in the manufacturing sector is about 45 per cent, to exports about 40 per cent and they provide employment to more than 69 million people. The growth of start-ups in India is directly proportional to the growth of MSMEs. In addition, to achieve double-digit economic growth by 2020, both public and private institutions must come up with plans and schemes that may bolster the growing start-up culture in the country.

**Small businesses in Start-up India:** The Government's initiatives like Stand-up India and Start-up India resulted in a flourishing culture of small businesses across the country and reforms such as up to INR one crore loan in 59 minutes are indeed a commendable effort to push small businesses. On similar lines, many economists believe that CLCSTUS (Credit Linked Capital Subsidy Technical Upgradation Scheme) would do miracles for MSMEs. CLCSTUS, under which seven types of subsidies would be made available to the MSMEs, includes the majority of the start-ups that have come availing the Mudra loan scheme. Besides, such initiatives by the government will also induce private investors to take part in the growth of small businesses and providing funds to competitive players. The principal purposes behind the Start-up India and Stand-up India campaign were to promote a healthy entrepreneurial culture in the country, mass employment and faster economic growth. Though the response was tremendous in the first two years (2015-16), the move has lost the pace in the very third year. Lack of experience, guidance and support were the factors for this slowdown. Finally, the country realised that there is dire need of some good incubators and accelerators in the system to revive the pace of the moment. In the very next year (2018), under the guidance of incubators and accelerators, the sector has performed well on various fronts. Besides, helping young businesses with tax relaxation, subsidies, and other economic incentives, the Government must also take adequate steps to promote a culture of innovations in MSMEs and take appropriate decisions that may further improve business conditions in the country.

**Significance of accelerators:** Be it a new-born baby or a new-born business, survival depends largely on its adaptability with the environment. An accelerator programme not only provides a healthy environment to a business but also improves its immunity against market shocks, threats and challenges. After joining an accelerator programme, a start-up receives support and guidance of industry experts in all aspects to run the business, successfully and efficiently. Moreover, their relations with venture capitalists help them to meet both short and long-term financial needs. And, the vast and pragmatic knowledge of mentors enable them to overcome the entry barriers that almost every business usually comes across in the initial phase of the journey. Hence, from ecosystem support to funding and polishing the professional skills of the founding members to building image among all the stakeholders, a start-up gains a lot during the accelerator programme.

(The writer is Operations and Strategy Management Director of a start-up accelerator firm)

THERE MUST BE A LAW THAT A THIRD CHILD WOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO VOTE, NEITHER CONTEST ELECTION NOR ENJOY ANY BENEFIT

—YOGA GURU BABA RAMDEV

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THAT HE CAN DO A THING WITH HIS STOMACH SHOULDN'T MEAN @NARENDRAMODI LOSE HIS RIGHT TO VOTE JUST BECAUSE HE'S THE 3RD KID.

—AIMIM PRESIDENT ASADUDDIN OWAIISI

# Saffronisation of a nation

The Congress is up against a nasty adversary. Playing within the BJP's comfort zone will be like trying to defeat Nadal on red clay. It must force its rival to a surface where the ball skids faster



SANJAY JHA

I must admit to being gobsmacked when the election results gathered momentum and the inevitable stared me in the face. Disappointment would be a severe understatement, I was completely devastated. The numbers seemed unreal, fictitious, as the BJP counter clocked above 300 while that of the Congress party plateaued around 50. A historic mandate, screamed one channel; an unprecedented landslide, suggested another. For once, their egregious hyperbole was not misplaced. Prime Minister Narendra Modi had made a triumphant return, and in fact, bettered his previous performance of 2014 of 282 seats. I say Modi's victory and not that of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) or the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) that he represents because essentially general elections 2019 became like a US presidential contest, where a personality-centric pitch overwhelmed compelling issues that most thought would be the determining factors affecting voter sentiment. That was not to be. There are reports that many voters did not even know the name of the Lok Sabha candidate they were voting for; just the lotus symbol on the EVM machine was sufficient motivation. Not unexpectedly, Congress was facing the predictable onslaught of acerbic scrutiny marinated with dollops of unrestrained sarcasm; is the party now facing an irreversible terminal decline? Did NYAY (the Minimum Income Guarantee scheme) fail to percolate down to the last mile? Was the campaign strategy flawed? Was the Congress party unable to answer Modi's rhetorical fusillade of the Grand Old Party being soft on terror? Some partially saffronised TV anchors could barely conceal their *schadenfreude* when mocking the Congress president Rahul Gandhi's leadership. For many of us, it was a dark dismal nightmare. We have seen it before in 2014. But this one hurt a lot more.

The BJP has indulged in asymmetrical warfare with a bountiful treasury, chaperoned by a captivated mainstream media and backed by rent-seeking corporate behemoths who are opportunistic accessories with big ticket deals to formalise. The traditional template of political contestations stood completely upended by the time the victor was formally announced. So where does the Congress party go from not aggregating even 100 Lok Sabha seats in two consecutive elections, while up against a formidable monstrosity that has made winning elections its *raison d'être*? To understand that, first we need to know what really happened.

Modi and BJP president Amit Shah had clearly recognised the clear and present danger following the Congress party wins in the State elections of Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Rajasthan in December 2018. This electoral adversity followed the sledgehammer blow in Karnataka when the Congress-Janata Dal (Secular) formed the government, by checkmating the BJP's Chanakya. Rahul Gandhi was seeing stratospheric traction on social media, and his relentless assault on Modi on the Rafale corruption scandal, had created a popular leitmotif of *Chowkidar Chor Hai*. Frequent interactions with different sections of people without a pre-arranged script, impromptu press conferences and a refreshingly honest politician, who talked compassionate politics, had the toxic BJP nonplussed. Despite a prodigiously jaundiced media that was sand-bagging Modi, the percep-



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tion battle had now become a competitive one. And Modi was feeling the cracks. The farming community was facing diminishing incomes due to falling procurement and lower prices while Modi dilly-dallied on Minimum Support Prices. The agrarian crisis is an alarming reality and a pandemic problem. India's storied demographic dividend has become an onerous liability, as we are confronted with an epic catastrophe on job creation. The macro-economic fundamentals are a manifestation of an economy in virtual stagnation. Demonetisation, which was nothing but an atrocious hocus-pocus economic and the clumsy execution of Goods and Services Tax (GST) had plundered the informal economy, pauperising millions in its wake. India's GDP appears manipulated and government data when unpalatable to Modi (like the job numbers) have been unceremoniously dumped. The latest figures on the automobile industry sales show a conspicuous downward trend and the manufacturing sector appears to be in *rigor-mortis*. The stressed assets in the banking sector are kissing some dark clouds. Sum and substance, a rejuvenated and resolute Rahul Gandhi and a faltering economy had Modi outwitted, foxed. Then Pulwama happened.

For a man who sold the "development" spiel in 2014, Modi calculatedly dumped his flaky past promises which have been nothing but embarrassing snafus such as 2 crore jobs per annum, the obliteration of black money, doubling of farm incomes and creation of monochromatic smart cities, among a few. Post the terror attack at Pulwama and the Balakot counter-strike, Modi had found his 2019 trumpcard; muscular nationalism. This became for him what the Kargil war was for former PM Atal Behari Vajpayee. The heart-stopping capture of Wing Commander Abhinandan and his subsequent release by Pakistan were seized by Modi as his own superman prowess

that intimidated Islamabad. *Ghar Me Ghus Ghus Ke Maroonga* (I will enter each and every home and kill them all) was his thundering pomposity that sought to resurrect his attenuated 56" machismo. People whistled and clapped like they once did watching Amitabh Bachchan bash up goons in *Deewaar*.

The new global authoritarian leader is now an elected autocrat who presides over an illiberal democracy. For him the most marketable weapon is fear; Islamophobia is popular political currency. An enemy at the border is usually enough. Modi found one at home too. His speech at Wardha, Maharashtra, lambasted Rahul Gandhi for contesting from Wayanad in Kerala because it was a Hindu-minority parliamentary constituency. This was scare-mongering, and an "othering" of the fellow Indian. A Prime Minister takes an oath on India's Constitution to embody its consecrated principles in his impartial political conduct; Modi cast them aside, making his preferred religious choice publicly known. It was dog-whistle politics. As the votes closed in on May 23, it was clear Modi's stratagem worked. And how.

In 2014, there were large billboards in Marine Drive, Mumbai that had Modi vaingloriously promoted as a Hindu Holiday Samrat. This time the BJP chose another Hindutva icon, Sadhvi Pragya Singh Thakur. The political messaging behind the questionable choice was unambiguous; even a terror-accused allegedly responsible for a bomb blast that killed six persons in Malegaon and injured several from the minority community was kosher. Modi was legitimising an orchestrated violent attack, even proposing to give the controversial candidate a haloed seat in the Parliament. It was an abject low even by BJP's polarising standards. But there it was. For Thakur, Mahatma Gandhi's assassin Nathuram Godse was a patriot. Thakur's electoral victory from Bhopal on May 23 is perhaps the defining moment of this

election, and of the reshaping of India.

The Congress party will have to aggressively defend the Indian Constitution, which is being systematically annihilated by ridiculing its quintessential credo. It is an ideological war where BJP's Hindutva enterprise cleverly disguised through cultural nationalism is getting fresh tailwinds. First, the BJP trivialised communal harmony by creating the term pseudo-secular, and now the Indian liberal is called an Urban Naxal. The Saffron Project is to gradually infiltrate institutions and convert impressionable Indians through religious chauvinism. The Congress faces an arduous challenge given BJP's propaganda machine, social media troll army and the WhatsApp fake news manufacturing capabilities. The party is up against a nasty adversary that has altered the rules of the game. Playing within the BJP's comfort zone will be like trying to defeat Rafael Nadal on red clay at the French Open. There is only one option; force your opponent to a surface where the ball skids faster and the grass is green.

The Congress party will have to reinvent the political discourse, while simultaneously maximising its enormous human talent currently performing at low productivity on account of bureaucratic cholesterol in its organisational structure. Internal disorganisation is costing the party dear, as was expressed by the Congress president himself. There is tremendous energy that needs to be liberated for the great struggle ahead. It is time to take bold pragmatic risks, be unpredictable and practise political plasticity. There is too much at stake. It is a battle that must be won.

Rahul Gandhi correctly said that the 2019 election was a battle for India's soul. That soul is today splintered into smithereens. But the soul is indestructible. And it will find its voice again.

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## In search of a mythical river

The Saraswati might have been a myth for some but satellite imagery clearly shows that such a river system did exist in line with present-day Ghaggar and had a very wide basin right up to the Rann of Kutch. It was linked to the Sutlej



DR KK PAUL

River valleys over the centuries have cradled and nurtured some famous civilisations. For obvious reasons, this pattern has continued and even today most of the large cities continue to flourish on the river banks. Excavations and discoveries undertaken by Sir Mortimer Wheeler during the earlier decades of the last century unravelled the secrets of the Indus Valley civilisation hitherto lying buried under centuries of history.

We may have known about the Indus Valley civilisation much earlier had the original discoveries by Charles Mason, a noted archaeologist in the 1820s, been given more serious consideration. It may come as a surprise but some of the Harappan sites

around the Indus are known to have been pillaged by contractors for brick ballast to build a portion of the Lahore railway in the later half of the nineteenth century.

Archaeological evidence shows that Indus was highly prone to floods and frequent changes of course. As the sister river to the Indus, the Mihran also carried large volumes of water along a course parallel and eastwards of Indus. But over the millennia, the Mihran has ceased to exist, so also the towns on its banks. In later studies, the Mihran came to be identified with Hakra as well as the Saraswati (also extinct).

Recent (May 2019) excavations reported from Ganweriwala indicate the town to have been located on the banks of old river Hakra, often cited as the mythical Saraswati. There has been a renewed interest in the recent years in river Saraswati, as the department of culture has initiated a project for research on satellite imagery to ascertain and chart out the entire route of this ancient river. It would be in the general area of the present states

of Haryana and Rajasthan that evidence would be attempted to be collected to ascertain whether the civilisation around the Saraswati was an extension of the Indus valley or vice versa.

The mythical Saraswati River, which is now extinct, has found wide mention in the Puranas and ancient Indian history. The *Skanda Purana* mentions that the Kanyakubja Mahadesh of Bhoja, comprising 36 lakh villages, extended up to Kurukshetra and Saraswati. In the Rigveda, a river course has been mentioned, which now corresponds to the Saraswati and Ghaggar. The Saraswati has been mentioned as a mighty river from the pre-Vedic times. By the time the *Manusmriti* and the *Mahabharata* came to be written, it had already developed its present character. Manu calls the place where it disappears as Vinasana. The *Mahabharata* states that after disappearing, the river reappeared at three places. It disappears in sands near the village of Chalur and reappears at Bhavanipur. At Ballchapat, it again disappears,



only to appear again at Barakhera. At Urna, near Pehova, (ancient Prithudaka), it is joined by the Markanda stream. At Sirsa (ancient Sairishka), it is joined by Drishavadi or Chitang.

The area between the Saraswati and Drishadvati is known to be the sacred land of Brahmavarta, the home of the Vedic *rishis*. After disappearing, the dry bed reappears south of Rohri and runs parallel to the Indus into the Arabian Sea, which is anal-

ogous to the ancient Mihran Hakra System. The other cities of the Saraswati era were Kapishtala (Kaithal), Sonaprastha or Sonapat and Paniyaprastha or Panipat.

Reports of the appearance of sweet water in certain dry areas of Kutch after the earthquake also led to a revival of interest in the archaeology of the Indus Valley and the impact of tectonic movements on the river systems. It is widely believed that the Saraswati river system may have become dry on account of one such upheaval. There is sufficient data to show that the original course of the Sutlej was to follow a southward flow from Ropar (Punjab) towards the Ghaggar, the two coming together near Shatrana in Sangrur district and then flowing towards Kutch. The sharp bend and a directional change at Ropar, which is extremely unusual considering the flat terrain, may appear to have been possible on account of a tectonic uplift. This may have led to the ultimate drying up of the Ghaggar-Saraswati system as Sutlej was the only perennial source

of water in the area, which may have changed course due to an earthquake.

That the Sutlej was earlier joined to the Ghaggar-Saraswati system is also borne out from a legend in the *Mahabharata*, where it is mentioned that Vashistha threw himself into the Sutlej to commit suicide. The Saraswati might have been a myth for some but satellite imagery clearly shows that such a river system did exist in line with the present day Ghaggar, and had a very wide basin right up to the Rann of Kutch.

Another interesting feature of the ancient history of this area is the speculation on the possible linkage between the Harappan civilisation and the Gangetic plain. Is it that the river Saraswati could provide the missing link? Only forthcoming research would be able to decipher this centuries-old secret whether Saraswati was originally joined by Sutlej or by river Yamuna, both these rivers having changed course centuries ago.

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**FOREIGN EYE**



**LOOK AT THE PRESENT**

Cynics might theorise that the art market, in its restless search for novelty, has finally abandoned the cult of youth and has embraced the cult of the overlooked, salving its conscience with a few gestures towards those – particularly women, and non-White artists – for whom recognition has been slowed by often overlapping layers of prejudice. This should provoke not self-congratulation but a determination that similar institutional barriers should not face the generations of artists who follow. (The Guardian editorial)



# Investors' wealth rises by ₹3.86 lakh crore

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Investors' wealth has gone up by ₹3.86 lakh crore in two days of market rise where the Sensex has gained 872 points after the decisive mandate for the BJP in the general election.

The 30-share BSE key index has gained 871.9 points in two days. The Sensex Monday closed 248.57 points higher at 39,683.29.

Led by the rally in the equity market, the market capitalisation (m-cap) of BSE-listed companies rose by ₹3,86,220.41 crore to ₹1,54,11,395.90 crore on the BSE.

At the close of trade on Thursday, the market valuation of BSE-listed firms was ₹1,50,25,175.49 crore.

The Sensex had hit its all-time high of 40,124.96 during the trade on May 23, the day election results were announced.

Hemang Jani, Head (Advisory), Sharekhan by BNP Paribas said, "Indian markets end the day on a positive note. The markets continue their upward trend supported by FII (foreign institutional investor) buying in the past two consecutive trading days. The current government winning the general elections by a two-thirds of majority will claim the political environment in the country."

He said slowdown in global growth, US-China trade war along with rise in oil prices pose an immediate threat to domestic markets.

"However, post the elections, we now expect the market to revert to fundamental issues such as earnings growth," Jani added.

From the 30-share pack, 17 scrips gained led by Tata Steel, YES Bank, NTPC, Larsen and Toubro, Axis Bank and State Bank of India.

Among sectoral indices, the BSE capital goods, power, industrials, utilities, metal and realty indices rallied up to 3.06 per cent.

In the broader market, the S&P BSE Midcap index gained 1.13 per cent and BSE Smallcap 1.77 per cent.

On the BSE, 1,793 scrips advanced, while 785 declined and 188 remained unchanged.

# India Inc revenue growth in Q4 hits six-quarter low of 10.7%

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Weakness in consumer spending and softening commodity prices have led India Inc to deliver a six-quarter low revenue growth of 10.7 per cent for January-March period, a report said Monday.

From profitability perspective, operating margins also narrowed 0.78 per cent to 16.8 per cent during the period, but were up 0.93 per cent on lower commodity prices and price hikes, rating agency Icria said in the report.

The agency analysed the results of 304 listed entities while arriving at the aggregate.

It said for the consumer companies, the revenue growth declined to 2.3 per cent for March quarter, 2018-19, down from 9.8 per cent in the preceding quarter, while the same for companies in the commodity-linked sectors was 12.4 per cent as compared to 31 per cent.

The weakness in the consumer-linked sectors was visible in the decline in wholesale dispatches of passenger vehicles and two-wheelers and sequential decline in same store sales growth of quick service restaurants, retail chains and FMCG companies, its Vice President Shamsher Dewan said.

# Trump says US not ready for China trade deal

AP ■ TOKYO

President Donald Trump says the US isn't ready to make a trade deal with China, but he's leaving open the possibility that the two nations could strike an agreement someday.

Speaking in Tokyo Monday, Trump said of China, "they would like to make a deal. We're not ready to make a deal." He added, "We're taking in tens of millions of dollars of tariffs and that number could go up very, very substantially, very easily."

Still, Trump predicted a "very good deal with China sometime into the future because I don't believe that China can continue to pay these really hundreds of billions of dollars in tariffs."

The world's two largest economies are in a tense stand-off over trade. Trump has said he expected to meet with his



Chinese counterpart, Xi Jinping, next month at a G-20 meeting in Japan.

Trump said he knows that his advisers think that North Korea violated UN Security Council resolutions when it fired off short-range missiles earlier this month. But Trump said he sees it differently — and that it doesn't matter anyway.

Trump said perhaps North Korean leader Kim Jong Un was trying to get attention with the tests.

Trump spoke Monday in Tokyo alongside Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, who also believes North Korea's recent tests violated UN resolutions.

# Reliance to sell BIG FM to Music Broadcast for ₹1,200 crore

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Anil Ambani's Reliance A Group will sell its FM radio business by divesting its entire stake in BIG FM Radio to Jagran Prakashan-owned Music Broadcast Ltd (MBL) for an estimated value of ₹1,200 crore, an official statement Monday said.

Reliance Capital and Reliance Land (a part of Reliance Capital Group) will divest their entire equity stake in Reliance Broadcast Network Ltd (RBNL) to Music Broadcast Ltd (MBL).

The move would help in reducing the loan burden of the Reliance group firms, it added.

"This transaction is part of our overall strategy to reduce exposure in non-core businesses and will reduce our debt by an estimated ₹1,200 crore," the statement Reliance Capital CFO Amit Bapna said in a statement.

RBNL operates under the brand name BIG FM Radio network with 58 stations across the country. MBL will initially acquire a 24 per cent equity stake of RBNL by way of a preferential allotment for ₹202 crore.

Thereafter, subject to the receipt of all regulatory approvals, MBL will acquire all of the remaining equity stake held by Reliance Capital and Reliance Land in RBNL at a total enterprise value of ₹1,050 crore.

## Business Corner



M Ravi Kanth, CMD HUDCO, shared the highlights of HUDCO's robust performance in 2018-19, wherein the company has witnessed a 17% rise in Net Profit that has touched an all-time high of ₹1180 crore in 2018-19, from ₹1010 crore in 2017-18. HUDCO has seen a 10% growth in its net worth that has reached ₹10956 crore in 2018-19, from ₹9943 crore in 2017-18. The net total income also witnessed a jump of 33% to ₹5548 crore in 2018-19, from ₹4,171 crore in 2017-18



The doctors' conclave titled Continuing Medical Education (CME) programme was organised by Indian Medical Association (IMA) Faridabad led by Dr. Punita Hasija, (President) & Dr. Shweta Gupta (Honorary Secretary) in association with Rajiv Gandhi Cancer Institute & Research Centre (RGCIRC). Dr. Munish Gairola, Director - Radiation Oncology at Rajiv Gandhi Cancer Institute and Research Centre (RGCIRC) said, "New techniques in Radiation therapy help protect normal tissues while providing high dose of radiation to the tumour."



The famous London toy shop, Hamleys has now launched two new stores in Pune, one at Westend Mall, Aundh and the other at Amanora Mall, Mundhwa Road. With over five thousand products on display, the store offers a selection of toys from home-grown brands and a range of in-house branded toys that include its signature teddy bears, toy soldiers, wooden toys, bath toys and much more

# GAIL records highest ever annual PAT of ₹6,026 crore

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

GAIL (India) Limited recorded its highest ever Profit after Tax (PAT) of ₹6,026 crore for the Financial Year 2018-19 in its journey of over three decades, a rise of 30% from ₹4,618 crore in the last fiscal on the back of better physical performance in all segments and better realisations. The Company's turnover is up by 39% at ₹4,808 crore while Profit before Tax rose by 31% at ₹9,085 crore.

During the year, the Company registered 14% growth in Natural Gas Marketing and 2% growth in Natural Gas Transmission volumes while sales quantity in Petrochemicals, Liquid Hydrocarbons (LHC) and LPG Transmission segment rose by 9%, 4% and 7% respectively. The increase in profit was mainly due to robust performance of Natural Gas Marketing segment duly supported by increase in profit from Natural Gas Transmission, LHC and Petrochemicals segments.

# AI adoption to raise productivity by over 2 times in India by 2021: Microsoft

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Adoption of artificial intelligence is expected to help double the rate of industrial innovation, and may result in over two times jump in employee productivity in India by 2021, a study by tech giant Microsoft said Monday.

The study, conducted by research firm IDC on behalf of Microsoft, said organisations

that have adopted AI saw tangible improvements in the range of 8-22 per cent in areas like customer engagement, margins and competitiveness.

"By 2021, artificial intelligence (AI) will more than double the rate of innovation at organisations (2.2 times) and employee productivity (2.3 times) in India," the study titled 'Future Ready Business: Assessing Asia Pacific's Growth Potential Through AI' said.

However, only one-third of the organisations (respondents) in India said they have embarked on their AI journeys. The study found that India business leaders and workers hold positive viewpoints about the AI's impact on the future of jobs.

About 64 per cent of business leaders and 63 per cent of workers believe that AI will either help to do their existing jobs better or reduce repetitive tasks.

When it comes to creating or replacing jobs, 16 per cent of business leaders believe that AI will create new jobs, but 18 per cent also feel that the technology will replace workers.

The report said that about 85 per cent of businesses pri-

oritise skilling and re-skilling of workers in the future and plan to invest in the human capital evenly or even more compared to investing in technology.

"Economies and businesses that have yet to embark on their AI journey run a real risk of missing out on the competitive benefits that are enjoyed by leaders. Businesses must now embrace a new culture, where innovation and continuous learning are core components of the organisational culture," Microsoft India National Technology Officer Rohini Srivastha told reporters here.

The Asia Pacific study was based on response from 1,605 business leaders and 1,585 workers, including 200 business leaders and 202 workers in India. Fifteen countries were part of the report including Australia, China, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, and Singapore among others.

ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company, which used Microsoft's AI expertise, showcased a new solution that deploys AI to process vehicle insurance claims and renew policies more efficiently.

# BHEL's Q4 Net Profit up by 50.7%

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

As a result of strategic initiatives taken, Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) has registered quantum growth in its profitability and entered several new business areas in fiscal 2018-19, ending the year with significant traction in growth drivers. The continued commitment and efforts to deliver on its purpose — to help in building a New BHEL, and a New India, have resulted in the company continuing on the path of improved performance.

During the year, the company achieved a profit before tax (PBT) of ₹2,058 Crore, compared to a PBT of ₹1,585 Crore in the year before, registering a surge of 29.8%. Net profit (PAT) for the year stands at ₹1,215 Crore, against ₹807 Crore in the previous fiscal, a 50.7% jump. Earning Per Share (EPS) for FY18-19 is ₹3.35 as against ₹2.20 in FY17-18, up by 52.3%. The topline has also grown by 5.4% to ₹29,349 Crore, as against ₹27,850 Crore in the previous year.

# India's crude steel output almost flat at 8.662 MT in April

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India's crude steel output remained almost flat at 8.662 million tonne (MT) during April 2019, according to official data.

The domestic crude steel production stood at 8.653 MT during April 2018, according to a report by the Joint Plant Committee (JPC), which comes under the Ministry of Steel.

"Crude steel production stood at 8.662 MT in April 2019, up by 0.1 per cent over April 2018," the report said. State-run Steel Authority of India Ltd, Rashtriya Ispat

Nigam Ltd along with private firms Tata Steel, Essar Steel, JSW Steel, and Jindal Steel and Power produced 5.082 MT and the remaining 3.58 MT came from other producers, it added.

During April this year, the production of hot metal was 1.4 per cent down at 5.825 MT, against 5.907 MT in April 2018.

The output of pig iron grew 3.9 per cent to 0.537 MT in April, compared with about 0.517 MT in the same month a year ago.

The JPC is the only institution in the country that collects data on the domestic iron and steel sector.

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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)  
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#### PUBLIC NOTICE - TENDER CUM AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET

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

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Movable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 6 (2) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

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

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured Assets with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding (In ₹)	Reserve Price (In ₹)	Earnest Money Deposit (In ₹)	Date of Property Inspection and Time	Date & Time of Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)
1.	Mr. Sandeep Singh (Borrower)/ Mr. Chatter Singh (Co-Borrower) /LAHS000 /34620 341	Make/ Model: TOYOTA FORTUNER 3.0 AT 4X4 Registration No HR20AG1832 RC Status Available	Rs. 15,01,509/- (as on May 13, 2019)	Rs. 13,50,000/-	Rs. 1,35,000/-	All working days, from 11:00 AM to 05:00 PM.	June 27, 2019 from 11AM

The online auction will take place on the website of auction agency Car Trade Exchange (URL Link: <https://www.cartradeexchange.com>). The Noticee are given last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till date June 26, 2019 before 10 A.M. Failing which, these secured asset will be sold as per schedule.

The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit their offer along with aforesaid earnest money deposit (as referred in column No. (F) in a sealed envelope superscribed "offer for purchase of secured asset" so as to reach at ICICI BANK LTD., Sec 19-C Chandigarh-160019 or our marketing agents Car Trade having their office at Shriram Automall India Ltd. 201, 2nd Floor Best Sky Tower F-5, Netaji Subhash Place, Pitampura, New Delhi-110034 on or before June 26, 2019 before 5 P.M. The marketing agency has also been engaged as auctioneer for proper conduct of auction. EMD DD / P.O should be from a Nationalised /Scheduled Bank favouring "ICICI Bank Limited" payable at Delhi.

For any further clarifications with regards to inspection, terms and conditions of the auction or submission of tenders, kindly contact on Mobile no. 9599281817/9650193259 of ICICI Bank Limited or 958769761 of Car Trade. The tenders which are acknowledged by the Bank/e-auction vendor official and registered before the cut off time with complete details shall only be considered for auction.

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

Sd/-  
Authorized Officer  
ICICI Bank Limited.

Date: May 28, 2019  
Place: Delhi/NCR

### PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

(See Section 82 Cr. P.C.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that Ravi Malik @ Bhura S/o Raghbir Singh R/o 256, Gali No.4, Jeevan Park, Delhi-42 has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 109/18 u/s 392/323/506/120B IPC, PS Rani Bagh, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said Ravi Malik @ Bhura can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Ravi Malik @ Bhura has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Ravi Malik @ Bhura of FIR No. 109/18 u/s 392/323/506/120B IPC, PS Rani Bagh, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 06.08.2019.

By Order  
Ms. Ekta Gauba  
Addl. Chief Metropolitan Magistrate (NW)  
Room No.101, Rohini Courts, Delhi

DP/2256/OD/19

### SEARCH FOR MISSING GIRL

General public is hereby informed that one girl namely Shashi Prabha, D/o Shri Gorav Parsad, R/o H.No. 109, Gali No. 23, Near Bajrang Chowk, Jal Vihar Phase-3, Delhi, Age 25 years, Height 5', Complexion Fair, Round Face, Wearing Suit-salwar and hawai chappal in feet has been missing / kidnapped from the area of PS Ranhola, Delhi since 01.05.19. In this regard a DD No. 57-A dated 02.05.19 has been lodged at PS Ranhola, Delhi.

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

E-mail ID: [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in) SHO  
Tele: 011-24368638, 24368641 PS: Ranhola, Delhi  
Fax: 011-24368639 Ph.: 28363001, 28363002  
DP/2274/OD/19

### PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

(SECTION 82 Cr.Pc.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that the accused, Kaushal Kumar S/o Raghubeer Singh, R/o Village-Ajroi, P.O. Kanyagurukul P.S. Sansi, Distt- Hathras, U.P has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No.350/13 u/s 406 IPC, PS Bharat Nagar, Delhi, and it has been returned to warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said accused person Kaushal Kumar, cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Kaushal Kumar, has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Kaushal Kumar, Under the FIR No.350/13 u/s 406 IPC, PS Bharat Nagar, Delhi, is required to appear before the court on or before 29.06.2019.

By order  
Ms. Ekta Gauba,  
Addl. Chief Metropolitan Magistrate (North-West),  
Court No-101, 1st Floor,  
Rohini Courts, Delhi

DP/8953/NW/19

### APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unknown accidental person was found and admitted in Trauma Centre, Civil Lines , from Geeta Ghat Main Road, Kashmiri Gate, during the treatment doctors declared him dead, dated 19.05.2018. In this regard a FIR No. 95/2019 dated 19.05.2018, has been lodged at PS. Civil Lines, Delhi.

The Description of the dead body is given as under: Name: Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Sex: Male, Age: 60 Years, Height: 57", Complexion: Wheatish, Wearing: Green Colour T-shirt and Grey Colour Pant.

Sincere efforts have been made by the local Police to trace out the dead person but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone having any information about this dead person, please inform undersigned.

SHO  
P.S. Civil Lines, Delhi  
Ph: 011-23810633, 08750870127  
DP/43N/19

# ComMin releases draft compendium of export policy

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Commerce Ministry has come out with a comprehensive draft of the export policy which includes product specific rules with a view to provide a ready reckoner for exporters.

"Based on inputs received from various partner government agencies, it is proposed to bring out a comprehensive exports policy for all ITC (HS) tariff codes (including items which are 'free' for export and do not currently exist in the policy), covering conditions/restrictions imposed by partner government agencies on exports," the Directorate General of Foreign Trade said. The draft policy aims at consolidating the export norms for each product as applicable at different Government agencies.

ITC-HS Codes are Indian Trade Classification based on Harmonized System of Coding. It was adopted by India for import-export operations. Every product has been accorded eight digit HS codes.

The compendium will help an exporter know all the applicable norms pertaining to a particular product, helping him/her understand policy conditions for that item.



People who regularly read with their kids are less likely to engage in harsh parenting and their children are less likely to be hyperactive or have attention problems, says a study published in the Journal of Developmental & Behavioural Pediatrics



# HEALTH

## GLUTEN MYTH BUSTER

NMAMI AGARWAL

talks about the health benefits of gluten-free diet and whether it helps in weight reduction



There is a sudden surge of gluten-free diet, almost everywhere. The Internet is flooded with information on gluten-free diet and many famous personalities are endorsing this kind of diet. But, is it worth the hype?

Gluten is a storage protein found in grains like wheat, rye, split, and barley. Wheat is regarded as the most widely consumed grain containing gluten. Gluten gives an elastic texture to the dough, making it easy to knead. Two types of protein varieties found in gluten are glutenin and gliadin, and gliadin is responsible for majority of adverse effects.

Gluten-free was coined in the year of 2013 by United States Foods and Drug Administration for the purpose of food labelling. Gluten-free has been touted as an effective way to lose weight through diet, but such claims are critically flawed. There are certain group of population that should strictly avoid consuming gluten containing grains because of its adverse health effects. This includes people with celiac disease, gluten sensitivity, and wheat allergy. People with these diseases have an immune reaction triggered adversely by gluten. There are certain symptoms that are experienced because of gluten intolerance, these include diarrhoea, abdominal pain, abdominal cramps, bloating, itchy rash and delay of growth in children. There are further health consequences like weight loss, fatigue, anaemia, and certain symptoms of depression. This is because gluten can trigger the immune system making antibodies attack the tiny projections in the intestine that are responsible for absorption of vital nutrients as the food passes by.

Going gluten free is a practical and logical alternative for those suffering from the allergic reactions to gluten. But, the hype surrounding its claims for weight loss do not have a strong scientific backing. Some people benefit with weight loss going gluten free as they tend to avoid processed foods altogether, so the diet becomes more balanced and nutritious.

There is a myth that consuming gluten can lead to weight loss, but the truth is only 1-2% of population really need to avoid gluten because of underlying medical conditions. Weight loss is a matter of creating calorie deficit meaning there should be a deficit between the amount of calories consumed and the amount of calories burned, and this is not dependent on the consumption of gluten. Gluten-free products have been advertised like one stop solution for weight loss but the truth is a well-balanced diet can lead to a healthy weight management. In addition, gluten-free products can sometimes be an expensive and fancy way to burn holes in your pocket. Always remember that 'gluten-free' doesn't mean 'low calorie'.

It should also be taken into consideration that many people self-diagnose or self-declare their gluten sensitivity mostly in the name of fad. But, there are medical protocols to find out whether you are gluten allergic or not. There are blood tests involving antibodies called IgA/ IgE test or a biopsy from the small intestine to diagnose the condition of gluten allergy. If you notice any discomforting symptoms after the consumption of gluten laden foods, always consult a doctor to get the tests done first followed by the right nutritional advice from a qualified nutritionist.

If you are looking for ways to lose excess fat, just cutting back on gluten may not lead to weight loss. It's all about incorporating a healthy lifestyle and balancing your dietary intake along with managing your stress levels. Do not just fall for any dietary fad circulating around with non-scientific claims.

The writer is a nutritionist and founder of Nmami Life



## CONTROL YOUR MIND

Neuro Linguistic Programming is helping people fight mental and physical disorders. PRAPTI JAIN tells you how

The human brain and how it functions is perhaps the most fascinating of all. But once it is traumatised, it becomes difficult to bring it out from that phase. The recent development in the field of counselling is Neuro Linguistic Programming (NLP) comes to the rescue today.

"The NLP, as the name suggests, is a way to communicate with the brain, both verbally as well as physically. Most of the time, the pains and issues that you face are actually an effect of your memories and belief systems. Through NLP we help to cure them all" says master practitioner Yogesh Verma who has been using this technique for last few years to transform himself and others.

With an alarming increase in a number of mental disorders, NLP is one of the most effective techniques to handle them. Some of the mental problems that NLP can resolve are stress issues, fear, fright, nervousness, anxiety, fear, phobia, heavy mood swings or depression, suicidal tendencies, stammering and extreme psychological problems like bipolar disorders, autism and OCD. The NLP even holds the capacity to cure physical problems like cancer, thyroid and others.

"The NLP works all the way through your mind (mainly subconscious), belief system and representative system," Shilpi Verma another master practitioner tells you.

"A memory or a bad memory which leaves behind an impact in the form of phobia, disease or any disorder is just the way how your mind has internally represented it to you. For example when a person drowns once, maybe during childhood or any phase of his life, then they fear going back into the water, or if the person is a swimmer, then he loses the confidence and panics in swimming pools. It happens just because of how the thought or the

memory has been organised in your mind. Through NLP, we access those memories multiple times, changing the representative system of it and the rest your brain does the work," she tells you.

Sometimes, memories are the worst form of torture. Quoting Dr John Grinder, the founder of NLP, Verma said: "The NLP is all about trial and error." When a case comes to them, they never judge as to how they could resolve the issue. They just go to the core of the problem and understand where the issue lies."

he tells you that when he and his wife (Shilpi) counsel their clients, the content is never important to them, instead, the thing that affects the client the most is how that thought has been organised in his mind. That is why there is a reason for your different attitude and behaviour and why people react differently in the same situation or why you procrastinate even when you know that you have no time to procrastinate. There is a reason why people are never calm during work or project presentations or why you have food cravings. All the reasons have only one answer: different representative systems and belief systems. By understanding your representative system, you can even decode the reason behind your actions and reactions," Verma explains

He recalls how he came to know about NLP. "I was at Hindustan Aeronautics Limited when I came to know about it. Back then, some trainers used to visit us for the relaxation sessions. There I came to know about NLP and noticed some internal changes within me. I was more active and charged up, both physically and mentally. I got emotionally stable. I was able to achieve my goals more easily. My mind was learning more and more skills every day with more efficiency," he tells you.

After learning about NLP and having attending courses, he changed his professional line from being in HAL to being a Master in NLP. "The trainers who trained us at HAL said that I had the potential to transform lives and help people out from their hardships. They offered me to join their course. They said that I can take it as a part-time job or an adventure as I was

wanted to quit because they showed me the mirror to my true self which I didn't want to see. It felt like, I never knew myself. The thing I thought about myself was all turning out to be fake — a mirage. In those five days, I started working on that internal Shilpi whom I came into terms with on the first day. I can say that from that day onwards, my journey of NLP started," she tells you and adds that afterwards she enrolled herself for the practitioner course from various different places and went for the masters course along with more different courses.

Verma shares how the founders of NLP stumbled upon the programme. "They studied the methods of the world's top therapists, executives and anthropologists and came up with NLP. It is the study of excellent communication — both with your own self and with others. NLP is not just a set of tools and techniques, it is so much more than that. It is an attitude and a methodology of knowing how to achieve your goals and get results. It is the art and science of excellence and transformation, derived from studying how experts in different fields obtain their success," Verma tells you.

The NLP, according to Verma, makes you actualise your potential. You are able to achieve what you really wanted to achieve. "In reality you never know your potential. You just build your beliefs thinking that you won't be able to achieve anything higher or more than what you have. But, once you push your limits, you realise that you have been underestimating yourself. This is one of the ways how NLP helps you achieve your goals and be successful in your lives," he says and tell you that these skills should be learned by everyone for self-development and to improve their effectiveness both personally and professionally.

**NLP IS THE STUDY OF COMMUNICATION. IT IS AN ATTITUDE AND A METHODOLOGY OF KNOWING HOW TO ACHIEVE YOUR GOALS AND GET RESULTS. IT IS THE ART AND SCIENCE OF EXCELLENCE AND TRANSFORMATION, DERIVED FROM STUDYING HOW EXPERTS IN OBTAIN THEIR SUCCESS**

already being able to was able to help others with whatever I had learnt by then. This motivated me to opt for NLP courses," he says.

Shilpi tells you how she didn't believe in NLP, initially. But later, her husband convinced her to attend one of the practitioner programmes in Mumbai. "That is when I started believing in the technique. It was a five-day programme. Something happened in those five days. On day one I

## DadiKaKehna

A colicky baby has long bouts of irritability, fussiness and crying.

There are several home remedies that can help a parent treat a colicky baby, says ROSHANI DEVI



When you brought your baby from home he was sweet and well-behaved. Then suddenly a couple of weeks later, the angel started crying and screaming at the top of its head. Dealing with a colicky baby can be frustrating but there are many simple things you can try to soothe the baby.

First, wrap the baby in a blanket of a cloth properly. Reduce loud sounds and bright lights. Rock your baby massage them to calm them. Sucking can help relieve stress and calm the babies. Try and give your baby a pacifier.

Giving the baby a warm bath can be a good remedy for. Fill the bathtub with some warm water. While your baby lies in the bath gently massage the abdomen to help relieve any gas.

Another great method is to give a warm compress. Dip a towel in warm water and squeeze out the excess water. Place the cloth on the baby's tummy; you can also gently rub the tummy.

Help your baby pass gas. Place the baby on his back. Hold the knees together and gently push the legs back towards the tummy. Hold the legs this way for a few seconds. You can do this exercise even while massaging the baby.

PS: Don't force this exercise if the baby offers resistance.



## TIPTOP

Indian oncologists are increasingly battling unscientific miracle treatments for cancer shared widely on social media. Recently, Mumbai's Tata Memorial Centre (TMC), the country's premier cancer institute, issued a rebuttal on a strange cancer remedy attributed to them in a widely circulated WhatsApp message. The message stated that hot coconut water can destroy cancer cells of all types.

Often, many irrelevant and widely circulated unscientific remedies defer treatment for diseases in patients. There is a need to raise awareness on the fact that people should not be influenced by such false claims and miracle remedies on social media.

Dr KK Aggarwal, President, Heart Care Foundation of India, said: "It is the ability to anticipate, recognise and the quickness shown in managing any com-

plication that marks a distinguishing characteristic of a 'good' doctor and sets him apart from others. To acquire these clinical and procedural skills, a doctor undergoes years of rigorous study and training. Only then do they acquire adequate knowledge, discernment and develop skills to take the right decision for the patient and adapt to changing practices."

However, today, people on social media, 'cure-mongers', 'quacks' and 'diet gurus' issue medical dictats and people are inclined to be attracted to alternative and unscientific treatments. These leave some confused and others undertake these measures believing in them. From hoax and fake news on chronic diseases like Diabetes to the miracle remedies that offer cure for these, there is a plethora of news on social media that can be dangerous.

## SLIMLINE

Feeling stressed out? Take this newly discovered home-test that can easily measure your stress level and tell you whether you need to consult a doctor or not.

The researchers, including one of Indian origin, from the University of Cincinnati have conducted a new test with a device that uses ultra-violet light to measure common stress hormones using sweat, blood, urine or saliva. "This may not give you all the information, but it tells you whether you

need a professional who can take over," said Andrew Steckl, Professor at the varsity.

The research, published in *American Chemical Society Sensors* journal, showed that the device measures stress biomarkers in our blood, sweat, urine or saliva. Stress is linked to several physical ailments like Diabetes, high BP and neurological or psychological disorders. Understanding how stress affects you individually could be extremely valuable, the researchers said.

## STUDYCENTRE

Women should avoid eating too much vegetable oil and potato chips during pregnancy as such a diet may result in an increased risk of pregnancy complications and poor development of the babies, warns a study.

Foods such as potato chips and vegetable oil contain omega 6 fats, particularly linoleic acid, and the research suggests that overconsumption of this nutrient can promote inflammation and may be associated with an increased risk of heart disease.

The finding, published in *The Journal of Physiology*, found that eating a diet with three times the recommended daily intake of linoleic acid might be harmful in pregnancy. For the study, the researchers picked rats for the experiment and they found three changes in rat mothers who ate a high linoleic acid diet: Their liver had altered concentrations of inflammatory proteins, their circulating concentrations of a protein that can cause contraction of the uterus during pregnancy were increased, and a hormone that can regulate growth and development was decreased.

If the effects of high linoleic acid are the same in rats and humans, this would suggest that women of child-bearing age should consider reducing the amount of linoleic acid in their diet.

During the study, the research team fed rats for 10 weeks on a diet with high linoleic acid, mated them and then investigated the effects of the diet on their pregnancy and developing babies.

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## The silent enemy

Fatty liver disease has emerged as a public health problem in India. We are referring to fatty liver that develops in people who take little or no alcohol. It is called as Non-alcoholic Fatty liver Disease (NAFLD). The disease is characterised by increased deposition of fat (triglycerides) in the liver. Nearly one in three adults in India has NAFLD. It is strongly associated with obesity, especially central obesity (pot-belly or increased waist circumference), and Diabetes.

Fatty liver disease behaves like any other chronic liver disease in the long run. In about one-third of patients with fatty liver, the disease progresses to cirrhosis (fibrosed or hard liver), end-stage liver disease (liver failure) and even liver cancer. This is especially for people who have Diabetes, abnormal liver function test as tested in the blood or increased fibrosis as measured by Fibroscan. Fatty liver not only increases the chances of liver disease and liver-related death but also increases the risk of heart attack, stroke, high blood pressure and certain cancers of the gut.

There are multiple metabolic mechanisms that lead to development of fatty liver. Insulin resistance is at the core of these metabolic pathways. All Indians are genetically susceptible to acquiring insulin resistance and developing fatty liver. Certain risk factors are strongly associated with NAFLD. These are obesity (BMI more than 25 kg/m<sup>2</sup>), central obesity (waist circumference more than 90 cm in men and more than 80 cm in women) and Diabetes. Increasing age (more than 40 years), male gender and increased liver enzymes are also known risk factors of the disease.

■ **What to do if one is diagnosed with NAFLD?**

An ultrasound of the abdomen is done for some diseases or as a health check-up that picks up fatty liver. In some situations, abnormal liver function test (LFT) leads to the diagnosis. One must consult a Gastroenterologist for further evaluation and advise. Certain tests will be done to assess the injury to the liver and severity of the disease, namely, LFT, viral markers and Fibroscan (quantifies the fat in liver and the extent of fibrosis). Presence of Diabetes, hypertension, dyslipidemia (high cholesterol/triglycerides) also needs to be checked. Other causes of fatty liver like alcohol, drugs, alternative medicine needs to be ruled out.

■ **Treatment:** There is no proven drug therapy for fatty liver disease. The only proven measure is weight loss and lifestyle modifications. Eating small portions of meals (hypocaloric diet), less fried food and fast food, less sugar intake and no alcohol. Regular moderate intensity exercise like brisk walk, jogging, cycling, swimming and other such similar activities are strongly recommended. High Intensity Interval Training (HIIT) and resistance training are particularly beneficial for dissolving excess fat in the body.

Drugs are used if lifestyle modification fails or there is significant fibrosis in liver as measured by Fibroscan. Drugs that have some benefit in reversing fatty liver are Vitamin E in non-Diabetics and Pioglitazone or Liraglutide in Diabetics. Atorvastatin and omega-3-fatty acids have also been tried on such patients.

■ **Prevention:** Maintaining an ideal body weight as per age and height is the best way to prevent fatty liver. Judicious eating, regular exercise, avoiding high sugar and alcohol intake are of immense help in avoiding fatty liver. Periodic health check ups for liver health are recommended.

Modifying lifestyle to include judicious hypocaloric diet and regular exercise not only prevents but is also the only proven therapy for fatty liver disease.

## SUMMERCoolERS

**SATTU:** Sattu is a flour consisting of a mixture of ground pulses and cereals. The dry powder is prepared in various ways as a principal or secondary ingredient of dishes.

Drinking the sattu sharbat helps you stay energetic throughout the day. It can be prepared by mixing sattu with either sugar and water or jaljeera, green chillies, black salt and coriander leaves, depending on how you want to have it — sweet or sour. Sattu sharbat is the perfect drink to battle dehydration and heat stroke.

Sattu has amazing hydrating properties, hence if consumed regularly; it can help restore your skin's natural glow. It also prevents the wear and tear of skin cells.

It is good for Diabetes too. It has a low glycemic index that keeps our sugar levels in check. The namkeen sattu drink may be a good option for diabetics.

It also helps in weight loss by preventing unwanted hunger calls and also boosts digestion.





# Fight for top EU jobs begins after European elections

AFP ■ BRUSSELS

The tussle for top EU jobs got under way on Monday after European Parliament elections delivered a fragmented result, with gains for eurosceptic and green parties as the traditional mainstream groups took a hit.

The main centre-right and centre-left groups lost their combined majority in the 751-seat parliament in the face of a challenge by eurosceptic and nationalist forces of Marine Le Pen, Matteo Salvini and Nigel Farage — although the populist wave was less than some had predicted.

There were big wins for the Greens, who posted double digit scores across Europe's biggest countries, and the

Liberals, with both parties likely to play a major role in any future parliamentary coalition.

Each previous EU election since the first in 1979 has seen turnout fall, but figures from across the 28-nation bloc were at a 20-year high of 51 per cent, suggesting this year's culture clash mobilised both populists and those who oppose them.

Boosted by French President Emmanuel Macron's Renaissance Movement, the Liberal ALDE group will finish with more than 100 seats and is expected to push hard for Margrethe Vestager to win the plum European Commission presidency.

Britain will send a large contingent of eurosceptic MEPs to a parliament they want to leave in a few months,



A projection of the composition of the next European Parliament on a large screen in the press room at the European Parliament in Brussels on Monday. AP

after Farage's single-issue Brexit Party trounced mainstream parties, while Salvini's League was Italy's biggest party and Le

Pen's National Rally squeaked ahead of Macron. Holger Schmieding, chief economist at Berenberg bank, said the vote

French far-right makes big demands on Macron after small win

Paris: If French far-right leader Marine Le Pen gets her wish, her National Rally party, victorious in the European Parliament election, will force a dissolution of France's own parliament and lure opponents to her cause, enlarging her base. But there's one major roadblock: French President Emmanuel Macron. AP

had left Europe "slightly more fragmented and polarised", and underscored a shift from the two main groups to the liberals and greens, partly owing to the rise of the populist right. "To simplify a complex

Poland's ruling right-wing PiS party tops in EU polls

Warsaw: Poland's governing right-wing Law and Justice party (PiS) won European elections, complete official results showed on Monday, with its leader Jaroslaw Kaczynski urging a wider victory in the autumn general ballot. The PiS took 45.38 per cent of the vote to win 27 of Poland's 51 seats in the European Parliament compared with

38.47 per cent and 22 seats for the liberal European Coalition, according to official results.

The progressive Spring party, led by openly gay former MP and mayor Robert Biedron, took 6.06 per cent for three seats while the far-right Confederation group failed to cross the five-per cent threshold required to enter the European Parliament. AFP

Pope sounds racism alarm as EU nationalists win big

Vatican City: Pope Francis warned Monday against a rise of intolerance and racism as far-right nationalists and eurosceptic parties made historic gains in European elections.

"The signs of meanness we see around us heighten our fear of 'the other', the unknown, the marginalised, the foreigner," he said in a message for the World Day of Migrants and Refugees. AFP

## GLOBE TROTTERING

**TALIBAN ATTACKS KILL 10 AF TROOPS, 4 POLICE**  
Kabul: A roadside bombing claimed by the Taliban killed 10 Afghan soldiers in the country's security checkpoints in northern Afghanistan killed 4 policemen, local officials said on Monday.

**NAB GRILLS SHARIF OVER PURCHASE OF VEHICLES**  
Lahore: A team of Pakistan's top anti-graft body on Monday quizzed deposed Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif in Kot Lakhpat Jail for over two hours over the illegal purchase and use of more than 30 bulletproof Government vehicles from Germany. A four-member National Accountability Bureau (NAB) team arrived at the Kot Lakhpat Jail (Lahore Central Prison) where Sharif is serving a seven-year sentence awarded to him in the Al-Azizia Steel Mills corruption case.

## Trump breaks with Abe, says not bothered by N Korea missile tests

AP ■ TOKYO

President Donald Trump said Monday he is not "personally" bothered by recent short-range missile tests that North Korea conducted this month, breaking with Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, who is hosting the president on four-day state visit full of pageantry.

Standing beside Trump at a news conference after hours of talks, Abe disagreed with the US president, saying the missile tests violated UN Security Council resolutions and were "of great regret."

Abe, who has forged a strong friendship with Trump and agrees with him on many issues, is concerned because the



Short-range missiles pose a threat to Japan's security.

Trump was invited to Japan to be the first world leader to meet with its new emperor.

Despite being far from Washington, he didn't miss the chance to lob another broadside against former Vice President Joe Biden, one of the Democrats seeking to chal-

lenge Trump in next year's presidential election. North Korea's Kim Jong Un recently criticized Biden as having a low IQ, and Trump told the world he agreed with the authoritarian leader's assessment.

The visit was designed to highlight the US-Japan alliance and showcase the warm relations between the leaders.

Trump said he and Abe deliberated over economic issues, including trade and Iran, during hours of talks at the Akasaka Palace, but North Korea's recent firing of short-range missiles emerged as an area of disagreement.

When asked if he was bothered by the missile tests, Trump said: "No, I'm not. I am personally not."

## Austrian chancellor loses no-confidence showdown

AFP ■ VIENNA

Austria's Chancellor Sebastian Kurz on Monday lost a no-confidence vote in parliament, removing him and his cabinet from office over a corruption scandal that brought down his coalition government.

"An application (by the Opposition Social Democrats)

has been accepted, so he has lost the confidence" of parliament, deputy speaker Doris Bures said.

The move comes just after Kurz celebrated a big win for his conservative People's Party (OeVP) in Sunday's European elections, which is projected to gain 34.9 percent of the vote and two extra European parliament seats.

## Maoist activists arrested in Nepal as nationwide strike disrupts life

PTI ■ KATHMANDU

Several Maoist activists were arrested in Nepal as a general strike called by the Netra Bikram Chand (Biplav)-led Communist Party of Nepal disrupted normal life in the country, a day after a series of explosions rocked the capital Kathmandu, killing at least four people. Educational institutions and business establishments

remained shut in major cities while traffic was thin due to the strike called by the Netra Bikram Chand (Biplav)-led Communist Party of Nepal to protest against the killing of its cadre during an encounter a couple of months ago.

Just a day ahead of the nationwide strike, a series of bombs exploded at different parts of the capital city, killing

## Israel agrees for US-mediated talks with Lebanon on sea border

AFP ■ JERUSALEM

Israel's energy minister said on Monday his country had agreed to enter US-mediated talks with Lebanon on maritime borders that would have an impact on offshore oil and gas exploration. Energy Minister Yuval Steinitz said in a statement after meeting US State Department official David Satterfield that Israel agreed to move forward with the talks.

Lebanese officials said last week that Satterfield, the acting assistant secretary for Near Eastern affairs, had informed them that Israel agreed to the negotiations. Israel had not commented at the time. Last year, Lebanon signed its first contract to drill for oil and gas in its waters, including for a block disputed by its southern neighbour Israel, with which it has fought several wars.

## Madagascar votes in latest battle of political feud

AFP ■ ANTANANARIVO

Madagascar held parliamentary elections on Monday in what is being seen as the latest round of a bitter feud between President Andry Rajoelina and his longstanding rival Marc Ravalomanana. Beaten to the top job in December, Ravalomanana has been pushing hard in support of candidates of his TIM ("I Love Madagascar") party, determined to secure a victory in his rivalry with President Rajoelina.

The two men have dominated politics since the early 2000s, sometimes cooperating but mostly fighting for advantage and high office. "These elections will define our future for the next five years," said Rajoelina after voting in the capital Antananarivo.

"The candidates who will be elected MPs have the duty not only to pass laws, but also to represent the aspirations of the people." Ravalomanana also voted in the capital, and he raised allegations of fraud in the presidential election last December.

"People are less enthusiastic to vote because of the fraud that has already been noted in previous elections," he said.

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STATEMENT OF AUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 <sup>ST</sup> MARCH, 2019				
(Amounts in INR thousand, except share and per share data, unless otherwise stated)				
Particulars	6 months	6 months	Year ended	Year ended
	31 March, 2019	31 March, 2018	31 March, 2019	31 March, 2018
	(Unaudited) (Refer Note 6)	(Unaudited) (Refer Note 6)	(Audited)	(Audited)
Total Income from Operations	191,952	140,795	875,661	774,321
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(170,135)	(253,218)	142,215	(12,281)
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(170,135)	(253,218)	142,215	(12,281)
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(71,092)	(58,786)	105,490	125,570
Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) & Other Comprehensive Income (after tax))	(71,092)	(58,786)	105,490	125,570
Paid up Equity Share Capital	152,967	152,967	152,967	152,967
Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	1,321,782	1,216,293	1,321,782	1,216,293
Net worth	1,474,750	1,369,260	1,474,750	1,369,260
Paid up Debt Capital / Outstanding Debt	3,885,933	4,098,501	3,885,933	4,098,501
Debt Equity Ratio *	2.63	2.79	2.63	2.79
Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations)				
1. Basic :	(4.65)	(3.84)	6.90	8.21
2. Diluted :	(4.65)	(3.84)	6.90	8.21
Capital Redemption Reserve				
Debt Redemption Reserve *	399,716	294,226	399,716	294,226
Debt Service Coverage Ratio *	1.91	1.63	1.66	1.80
Interest Service Coverage Ratio *	0.98	0.59	2.18	1.74
Disclosures pursuant to Regulations 52(4) and 52(7) Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.				
Credit Rating : IIND AA+ (SO)				
Change in credit rating : No				
Asset Coverage Ratio : 133% (March 31, 2018 : 130%)				
Debt Equity ratio : mentioned above				
Debt Service Coverage Ratio : mentioned above				
Interest Service Coverage Ratio : mentioned above				
Previous due date for the payment of interest/repayment of principal of non convertible debt securities and whether the same has been paid or not (as on March 31, 2019)				
Previous due date for the payment of interest: March 31, 2019 and the same was paid				
Previous due date for the payment of principal: March 31, 2019 and the same was paid				
Next due date for the payment of interest/repayment of principal of non convertible debt securities (as on March 31, 2019)				
Next due date for the payment of interest : April 30, 2019				
Next due date for the payment of principal : Sept 30, 2019				
Outstanding redeemable preference shares (Quantity and Value) : Not Applicable				
Net Worth : INR 1,474,750 (March 31, 2018 : 1,369,260)				
Net profit after tax : mentioned above				
Earning per share : mentioned above				
Debt Redemption Reserve : INR 399,716 (March 31, 2018 : 294,226)				
There are no material deviation in the use of proceeds of issue of Non Convertible Debentures from the objects stated in the offer document (Regulations 52(7))				
Notes :				
Ratios have been computed as follows :				
- Earning per share = PROFIT after Tax / Weighted average number of equity shares				
- Debt Equity Ratio* = Debt (Amount due to Debenture Holders) / Equity (share capital, share premium, quasi equity i.e. Short term borrowing but excluding unamortized fees)				
- Interest Service Coverage Ratio = Profit before interest, prior period items, tax, extraordinary items and depreciation / Total Interest Expense.				
- Debt Service Coverage Ratio* = ((PAT based on Project Revenues realised** + Depreciation + Interest (Interest, IIFCL Guarantee Fees, other financing costs payable under Debenture and Project Documents)) / (Interest + Principal Repayment)				
- Asset Coverage Ratio = (Total Assets-Current Liabilities) / Debt (Amount due to Debenture Holders) *As per Debenture Trust Deed dated 11 September, 2015.				
** Generation based incentive have been included in computation of Project Revenues realised Equity represents issued subscribed and paid up capital plus reserves and surplus.				
Reserves and Surplus includes Capital reserve, General reserve, Debenture redemption reserve, Securities premium account and Profit and loss account balance.				
The company is in the business of development and operation of wind power. There is only one segment (business and/or geographical) in accordance with the requirements of IND AS - 108 "Operating Segments".				
Tax expense includes Current Tax and Deferred Tax charge.				
The above audited financial results have been approved by the Board of Directors in their meeting held on 27 May 2019.				
The format for audited results as prescribed in SEBI's circular CIR/IMD/DF/169/2016 dated August 10, 2016 has been modified to comply with requirements of SEBI's circular dated July 5, 2016, Ind AS and Schedule III (Division II) to the Act applicable to companies that are required to comply with Ind AS.				
The figures of six month period ended are the balancing figures for full audited financial year and unaudited year to date figures up to period ended September 30, 2018 and September 30, 2017. Due to insufficient profit during the current year, DRR has been created only to the extent of current year's available profit. Resultantly, there is a overall shortfall as at 31 March 2019 INR 2,490 and 31 March 2018 INR 38,325.				
For and on behalf of the Board of Directors of Renew Wind Energy (Jath) Limited Sd/- (Balram Mehta) Managing Director DIN-06902711				
Place : Gurgaon Date : 27 <sup>th</sup> May, 2019				

## PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients Ankit Jain, Piyush Jain, Ruda Mal Jain & Ms. Pramod Jain (Vendors) are purchasing the Property No. D-6, area measuring 441.5 Sq yds Krishna Nagar, Village Ghondli, Hlaqa Shahdara Delhi 110051 from its present owners Sh. Rishi Raj Awasthi, Sh. Ashim Awasthi & Ms. Sanjana Awasthi, Ms. Chand Awasthi & Ms. Sanjana Sharma (Vendors) surviving Legal Heir of Late Sh. Dev Raj Awasthi who expired on 25-08-1984. In case anybody claims to have any right, title or interest in this specified Property in respect of which the said intended Vendors claim to be absolute owners, such person/party may prefer his claims/objections with me within 7 days of the publication of this Public Notice, failing which my clients shall presume that nobody claims any right, title and/or interests in that specified Property and claim thereafter shall not be entertained and my clients shall proceed to have the Title Deed executed and registered by the pens of the intended Vendors free from liens, defects, titles and/or any encumbrances.  
Shantanu Bhardwaj (Advocate)  
Chamber No. - F-708,  
Karkardooma Courts, Delhi,  
Mob. No. 9891401428, 7678256098

## APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of male **Namely: Dilip S/O Unknown R/o: Unknown, Age: 35 yrs, Height: 5'6", Complexion: Shallow, Face: Round, Built: Thin, Wearing: Silky colour pant and Red cheakdar Shirt, who was found dead at Tanki wala Park in front of signature Hotel Hari Nagar, Delhi on 19.05.2019. In this regard a case DD No: 10-A dated 19.05.2019 has been registered at P.S. Hari Nagar, Delhi.**



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

Sd/- SHO  
DP/8267/WD/19 P.S. Hari Nagar, Delhi  
Tel. No. 011-28525719, 8750871128

## PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person **Ajay @ Bobby, S/o Kishan Lal, R/o A-87, Mangol Puri, Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No. 353/12 u/s 323/506/452 IPC** has been registered at P.S. Mangol Puri, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Ajay @ Bobby** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Ajay @ Bobby** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Ajay @ Bobby** accused of **FIR No. 353/12 u/s323/506/452 IPC, P.S. Mangol Puri, Delhi** is required to appear before this court to answer said complaint on or before **04.09.2019**.

By Order  
Sh. Rakesh Kumar-II, Metropolitan Magistrate (North-West Distt.),  
Room No. 105, 1st Floor,  
Rohini Courts, Delhi  
DP/2263/OD/19-(Court Matter)

## PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

(See Section 82 Cr. P.C.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person **Nasrudin AKA Nasru S/o Suleman R/o Village - Bhamna, Tehsil - Tija, Distt. - Alwar, Rajasthan & Village - Babda, Distt. - Alwar, Rajasthan** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **F.I.R. No. 61/11, u/s 186/353/365 IPC, P.S. Shalimar Bagh, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon that the said **Nasrudin AKA Nasru** could be found and where it has been shown to my satisfaction that the accused **Nasrudin AKA Nasru** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Nasrudin AKA Nasru** is required to appear before the court to answer the said complaint on or before **19.07.2019**.

By Order  
Virender Singh  
Metropolitan Magistrate  
DP/8959/NW/19  
Court No. 407, 4th Floor, Rohini Court, Delhi

## 'It won't kill us': Voters voice support for no-deal Brexit

AFP ■ SUNDERLAND (UK)

Voters in Sunderland in northeast England voiced hope on Monday that the Brexit Party's strong showing in European elections would trigger a quick break with the EU, expressing anger and disbelief at Britain's two main parties.

The polls delivered major losses for both the ruling Conservatives — who have twice delayed Britain's scheduled departure from the EU — and the main opposition Labour, which has remained deeply ambiguous over Brexit.

In the North East region, the Brexit Party won 38.7 per cent of the vote in last week's election — its highest result in the country.

"The sooner we get out the better," said Stephen James, a 55-year-old council worker in the former shipbuilding city, a traditional stronghold for the

Labour Party.

"I'm Labour through and through but you can't trust Labour or Conservatives any more now. They're just backstabbing each other," he said — a comment on the months of bickering in the British parliament over Brexit.

The Brexit Party has said it will seek a better deal with Brussels than the one negotiated by outgoing Prime Minister Theresa May but will embrace no-deal if it does not get one. Several contenders to replace May have the same position. Sunderland played a starring role in Britain's seismic decision to leave the European Union in 2016.

The city's 61-per cent vote in favour of Brexit during the referendum signalled early on where the nation was heading on the night of June 23 and celebrations at the count were beamed worldwide.

## PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

(See Section 82 Cr. PC)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused three persons accused **Sonu AKA Jat AKA Chiri S/o Satpal R/o V.P.O. Chiri Chand, P.S.Lakhan Majra, Distt-Rohtak, Haryana** has committed the offence in a **FIR No. 44/19 u/s 302/120B/25/27 A.Act PS Shalimar Bagh Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrants of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **Sonu AKA Jat AKA Chiri** could not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Sonu AKA Jat AKA Chiri** has absconded (or are concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrants). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused person **Swaran Singh of FIR No. 44/19 u/s 302/120B/25/27 A.Act PS Shalimar Bagh Delhi** are required to appear in the court to answer the said complaint on or before **04.07.2019**.

By order  
Mr. Virender Singh  
Metropolitan Magistrate  
Room No.407, 4th Floor,  
Rohini Courts, Delhi  
DP/8950/NW/19

## GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER J&K U.E.E. DEPARTMENT SRINAGAR

Gist of e-NIT No: CE/ UEED/ 01 of 2019-20

For and on behalf of Governor of Jammu & Kashmir State, Chief Engineer J&K UEED Srinagar invites the Expression of Interest (Eoi) from empanelled consultants for water supply & sanitation, sewerage & Drainage systems with Ministry of Urban Development (MoUD) Gol issued vide their No: **Q-11011/1/2013-PHE Dated:7<sup>th</sup> August 2013** for the following work:

**TABLE**  
**S.No. 1 Name of work :- Invitation for Expression of Interest for providing consultant services for preparation of Detailed Project Reports of sewerage scheme for left out areas of Jammu & Kashmir Divisions.**

**Bid Security (Rs) :- 5.00 lac**  
**Cost of Bid Documents (Rs) :- 10000/-**  
**Period of completion :- As pre time schedule**  
**Tender received authority :- Chief Engineer, UEED, Suleiman Shopping Complex Dalgate, Kashmir (J&K) 190001 Srinagar Email: cejkueed8@gmail.com Tele fax: 0194-2500444.**

## IMPORTANT DATES

- Officer inviting Bids :- Chief Engineer J&K UEED
- Cost of RFP Document :- Rs. 10000/-
- Date and time submission of bids online :- 25.05.2019 to 11.06.2019 upto 4:00 PM
- Last date to receive queries :- 30.05.2019
- Reply to queries :- 02.06.2019
- Date & Time for submission of hard copy bids by successful bidder :- within three days from the date of opening of financial bid 4:00 PM
- Date, Time and Place of Opening of Financial Bid :- 12.06.2019 at office of the Chief Engineer, UEED, Suleiman Shopping Complex Dalgate, Kashmir (J&K) 190001 Srinagar

No. DIPP-NB-729/19  
Dated:- 27.05.2019  
Sd/- Chief Engineer,  
J&K U.E.E. Department, Srinagar



Trend Blazer

'Cinema is about common man'

Actor **AYUSHMANN KHURRANA** says that he gets driven by relatable, real people and stories.

The actor, who has represented the common man in most of his films, will be playing the role of a cop, in *Article 15*.

He says, "Cinema is about common man and relatability. I resonate with them because I am one of them. Having had a middle-class upbringing, our journeys are similar. I have seen different taboos and thoughts, have met quirky and mad people, gotten inspired by people and events. It gives me good references to put across in my films."



'I am elated with the news of the film *Kaabil* getting released in China. The film has been a special one for me and I am glad that it is still travelling across and finding a new audience and more love. I am currently shooting for *Bala*, but will be flying to China to Hrithik (Rohan) for the film's release.'

—Yami Gautam



Actors **APARSHAKTI KHURRANA** and **Sargun Mehta** will be seen in a single *Kudiye Ni*, which will mark the directorial debut for writer and sister-in-law **TAHIRA KASHYAP**.

The song is composed, written and sung by Aparskahti himself and produced by Bhushan Kumar's T series. A source revealed, "*Kudiye Ni* was composed in five minutes in Apar's vanity van when he was shooting for *Dangal* in the capital. It's a simple song. The song was shot in Chandigarh over two days."

The song releases next week.

Hugh, Kidman not allowed to shoot

Actors **HUGH GRANT** and **NICOLE KIDMAN** were stopped from filming in the exclusive enclave of Shelter Island by the picky locals.

HBO executives wanted to film the new series, *The Undoing*, starring Grant and Kidman, on the Hamptons island that has just 2,500 residents. But when location scout Linda Perkins appealed to the town council for permission to film for three days in May, she was met by grumpy faces.

A source said, "Gary Gerth, the town supervisor was the only one excited. But others were worried about noise from helicopters and the late-night filming causing disruption."



After taking on the avatar of a fashionista, Bollywood's representative at the Cannes, actor and more, Kangana Ranaut is now reinventing herself to increase her appeal by taking up a more spiritual path.

And like many other stars who have taken to Instagram to communicate with their fans, she too favoured the social media site over the others. Recently she shared a picture of herself at Sadhguru's Isha Foundation Yoga Centre in Coimbatore. She can be seen sitting beside a lotus pond which gives an idea of the natural environment of the yoga centre. There is serenity on Kangana's face which makes her look peaceful yet she shines brighter than usual.

Kangana attributes it to the Samyama, an eight-day intense yoga course consisting of meditation and silence, which she attended here. Speaking on how she ended up attending the programme, Kangana said, "When I first met Sadhguru after my initiation in US, he looked at me and said that I should do Samyama, and then I realised that it was like the Ph.D of Isha

New-age mystic

KANGANA RANAUT is taking on a new spiritual role in association with Sadhguru. This time in real rather than reel, says TEAM VIVA

universe. However, I was very happy (and content) with Shambhavi, the 21 minute *kriya* which was a part of inner engineering programme. It gave me back my exuberance and energy levels. And (so) I told him I should take it slow, but he insisted that I should do this."

She goes on to describe what the course accomplished for her. "So, I started taking advanced levels, and when I started Samyama, I was very scared. People attend this programme after five-six years of *kadi sadhana* (intense dedicated practise), but for me, it was just one year. And then suddenly, on the fifth or sixth day, it just opened up. I am so grateful I did this. It's difficult to explain the experience in words, but



before this, Shiva for me was a dimension and something I could mentally understand. But after Samyama, he has become my breath. When I felt him for the first time, it took me back to my time as a kid (when) I lost him, I could tell this was what was missing from me. I told my mother that I am home, I have found what I lost, and everything makes sense. Something so profound has happened to me, that no amount of success, money, awards, relationships have ever touched me like that."

The *Queen* star is known for her upfront attitude in the industry also organised a premiere of *Manikarnika: The Queen of Jhansi* at the centre. She shared a video with spiritual guru Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev where the latter is seen requesting the viewers to watch a historical movie like *Manikarnika: The Queen of Jhansi*. "Today is a different kind of day at the Isha Centre as we are going to the movies. Today we are showing a special movie. And Kangana, herself is presenting the movie... If you are not a history buff and you are not going to read a his-

tory book, atleast see something at the movies to have a sense of how this nation was made," he says.

In the same video Kangana says, "I am so honoured that Sadhguru and all the volunteers requested for the screening of the film. It is on nationalism."

Another photograph posted by Team Kangana Ranaut, is accompanied by the following description, "A special screening of #Manikarnika at the Isha Yoga Centre in Coimbatore. The crowd was cheering, clapping and whistling almost throughout the movie. A memorable screening indeed."

Meanwhile, on the work front, she will be seen next in *Mental Hai Kya* alongside Rajkumar Rao which is slated to release on July 26, 2019.

Last year she had interviewed him for one hour and 53-minute long *In Conversation with the Mystic* which was promoted by Sadhguru's YouTube channel with the title *India's Youth Icon Meets the Epitome of Truth!* Kangana Ranaut with Sadhguru. She had discussed a wide variety of issues along with nationalism, her film and more



Original Veeru dada takes last bow

Bollywood's veteran action director Veeru Devgn, father of actor Ajay Devgn, passed away, said family sources. He was 85.

Back in the days when technology was not as advanced as today, Veeru choreographed some of the most interesting action sequences for Bollywood, making his actors' and stuntmen's safety top priority.

Remembering Veeru as a responsible director, actress Madhuri Dixit Nene said, "He was such a caring action director who used to encourage us, but at the same time was very cautious about our safety. When he choreographed an action scene, he kept the safety in mind. He was such a wonderful human being."

Veeru breathed his last on Monday afternoon at a hospital due to age-related problems, according to a source.

Apart from directing action sequences for films like *Himmatwala*, *Mr India*, *Khatron Ke Khiladi*, *Phool Aur Kaante*, *Dilwale and Laal Badshah*, he had directed the 1999 film *Hindustan Ki Kasam*, starring Ajay and megastar Amitabh Bachchan.

Film fraternity members Shah Rukh Khan, Sanjay Dutt, Sunny Deol, Bobby Deol, Sajid Khan, Mahesh Bhatt and Harry Baweja visited the Devgn residence to pay condolences.

Filmmaker Sanjay Gupta said he was really "saddened to hear about the demise of Veeru Devgnji."

"I had the honour and pleasure of working with him in my (early) days as an assistant director. He was a fabulous human being and a master technician who always had a smile on his face. May God bless his soul," he tweeted.

Filmmaker Anees Bazmee, who worked with Veeru Devgn in the 1997 film *Sanam*, tweeted, "My heartfelt condolences to Ajay, Kajol and the family. There will be no better action director than you Veeruji. Will miss you."

Veteran actor Anupam Kher wrote, "Deeply saddened to know about the passing away of Veeru Devgnji. Worked with him in so many films. He was a great action director. To him, the safety of actors and his fighters team was of utmost importance. A kind man with a great sense of humour"

Filmmaker Ashoke Pandit tweeted, "Sad to know that veteran action director Veeru Devgn is no more. He was a genius in choreographing fights on the big screen when there were no facilities available. My heartfelt condolences to Ajay Devgn and the entire family."

"RIP Veeru Devgnji. A legend of Hindi cinema. Left his mark at a time when 'pure action' without VFX was the order of the day. Heartfelt condolences to Ajay Devgn and Kajol. May his soul rest in peace. Prayers are with the family," Kunal Kohli wrote.

The funeral was held at the Vile Parle West Crematorium.

—IANS

GO WITH THE FLOW

On World Menstrual Hygiene Day, there is a need to demystify this most natural of human processes. By TEAM VIVA

Films like *Padman* have tried to bring the discussion about menstruation to centre stage. Women (and men) are still under the impression that one must slow down during periods. It's time to wake up and embrace the innovation. Ahead of World Menstrual Hygiene Day, a report conducted by Donald W Reynolds National Center for Business Journalism, says that globally, the feminine hygiene product market is expected to be worth over \$36 billion (approximately ₹2.40 lakh crore) over the next six years. Feminine hygiene market in India has been growing steadily and is already an ₹2,200 crore market today. However, it is still only 1.5 per cent of the global market and is bound to explode. It suggests that out of approximately 35.5 crore menstruating women in India, only 12 per cent use sanitary pads. The remaining 88 per cent rely on cloth, rags, even hay, ash, wood shavings, newspapers, dried leaves or plastic.

Today, the market is brimming with products and disparate ways that can help you manage your periods with ease.

DON'T SHY AWAY

Why is it that we celebrate pregnancy but treat periods in a hush-hush manner? It's about time we break out of this regressive socio-cultural mindset. Periods should no longer be a secret between moms and daughters but can and should be discussed with brothers

and dads too.

EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO CHOOSE

Menstrual care is not just about sanitary pads anymore. You have options, so why not choose the best? The best according to you, that is. Choose wisely and look for a product that suits your lifestyle and menstrual patterns. For instance, with internal use products like tampons, you can run, jump and even swim while on your period. However, there are some common myths that women have about tampons — such as losing a tampon inside. Usually, the vaginal canal is three to five inches long with only a limited space. Once you insert it, there is no chance that the tampon can travel anywhere else. Another misconception is that you must remove a tampon while peeing. Weird as it may sound, but there is absolutely no problem in doing so as the vagina, GI tract and bladder are separate. A tampon, therefore, never stands in the way of urine or bowel movements. Often it is said that it is unsafe to wear tampons overnight. One can absolutely do so. All you need to do is read and follow the guidelines shown on the leaflet. You can wear one for as long as eight hours.

GO CRAMP FREE

Period cramps are the worst, right? We all experience them accompanied by headaches, backaches and thigh pain. Opting for herbal period pain relief

patches will discreetly yet effectively soothe the cramping. The ultra-thin, waterproof patches are infused with menthol and eucalyptus oil, along with camphor which provide instant and long-lasting relief from the pain. Gauri Singhal, founder and ceo of FLOH, a feminine health and hygiene brand by Visionaari, says, "The idea of these patches is to make women forget that they are on their period and has been the core ideology. It will change the way women perceive their periods."

SATIATE YOUR PERIOD CRAVINGS IN HEALTHY WAY

It's no secret that dark chocolate can chase away those period blues. So, always keep some handy during that time of the month. Apart from that, it is also important to incorporate a diet that is high in fibre and good fats. Indulge in green vegetables, fruits, soups, seeds and nuts to remain alert and active during periods.

GIVE UTMOST IMPORTANCE TO PERSONAL HYGIENE

Pay attention to personal hygiene all the time, girls. But, make sure you pay extra attention during your periods. Tampons and pads must be changed every four to eight hours depending on the flow due to hygiene reasons. Make sure you dispose your sanitary products in the bin instead of flushing them.

A REPORT SUGGESTS THAT OUT OF APPROXIMATELY 35.5 CRORE WOMEN IN INDIA, ONLY 12 PER CENT USE SANITARY PADS. THE REMAINING 88 PER CENT RELY ON CLOTH, RAGS, EVEN HAY, ASH, WOOD SHAVINGS, NEWSPAPERS AND DRIED LEAVES

When something looks too good to be true, it usually is. But sometimes things do turn out the way one wishes, as it happened with singer Lisa Mishra of *Tareefan Reprise*-fame.

It was while driving back home from work in Chicago that she was listening to the *Tareefan* song from the film *Veere Di Wedding* on loop. She then recorded a short video, mashing up the song with DJ Snake feat Justin Bieber's *Let Me Love You* and posted it on Instagram. Little did she know that Rhea Kapoor and actress Sonam Kapoor would chance upon it, like her rendition of it so much that she would be asked to fly down to Mumbai to shoot for its reprise version.

"When I had recorded and put it out on Instagram, I never expected it to be liked by many. It actually didn't come out very well, I thought. I never felt that it was going to be a hit. But the next thing to happen was that I was fly-

Destined to sing

Singer LISA MISHRA talks to CHAHAK MITTAL about how her first original *Tareefan Reprise* transformed her life within the blink of an eye

ing to Mumbai. It is actually a very bizarre thing to imagine. But with me, this 'too good to be true' thing did happen and it was surreal," says Lisa as she recalls the time when she first transitioned from her social media videos to singing for mainstream Bollywood.

The self-taught singer from Berhampur (or Brahmapur), Odisha was six when she moved to Chicago and has been living there ever since. However, the love for Indian music just grew. Her newest single, *Sajna Ve* has just released and she tells us how she landed this song and why it took a long time for her next single to



be released after *Tareefan*. She says, "Composer, Vishal Mishra and Rhea had originally written the song for *Veere Di Wedding*, post which the song was supposed to be a part of the film *Notebook* (which starred Pranatan Bahl). And we had been planning it since quite a while about what new element could we add to the song. However, it did turn out to be really good, luckily."

She laughs to add that there was surely an inherent connection between her and the Sonam Kapoor and Kareena Kapoor Khan-starrer film.

Lisa's social media posts are

evidence that the singer has a huge heart for fusion music. She mashes up The Doorbeen's *Lambhergini* and Maroon 5's *Sugar* with such an ease that the two songs look like naturally fitting into each others' beats. She says, "After *Tareefan*, I also sang the rap called *Back to School*. I really like to experiment with different beats and genres of music. And I would like to follow that. And sometimes when you really like two songs from two different genres, why can't you mash them up?"

For the one, who has been practising and following Indian music all her life, how has she seen the music industry in India evolve over the time? "There has been a huge transition since the time I began following Indian music. In the 90s, there were more of melodies and soft tunes. Today, people are much more inclined to good, dance beats. With the changing, fast-paced lifestyles of people, their music

choices, especially of the youngsters, have seen a huge change."

Talking about her various performances for music festivals and concerts across different cities, which are creating waves, she says that those are extremely important, especially for the emerging artists who are able to make their voices heard even more through them. "It is important to get a live audience when it comes to singing because today, with so many advancements and voice modifications through technology, sometimes the authenticity and the originality of an artist is put into question. But performing live, outside of recording studios, is important for people to realise their true voice. No one knows how the song is created inside the recording studio. But the more audience gets to catch you live, the more you get recognition and the enthusiasm to keep performing and giving your best," says she.



# THE TIME IS NOW

Director PRAKHAR GAUTAM tells AYUSHI SHARMA that while talking about sexuality and relationships in the country, we need to look at society as a whole rather than just urban set-ups

In the land where *Kama Sutra* was written, explicit sculptures like the ones at Khajuraho, Ajanta caves and Konark temple prove how sex education and awareness were part of public discourse and sanctified under the hallowed portals of learning at temple complexes. India was not only rich in its heritage and culture but also in its thoughts and mentality which openly accepted nudity in art and public representations of the free spirit beyond the body consciousness. History is evidence of how progressive the mindsets were in the country until a series of invasions led to the alterations in the culture. Of course, things changed further as bigotry of all kinds became a political tool.

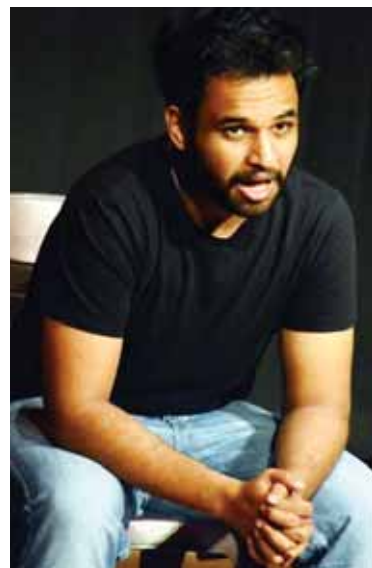
Director Prakhhar Gautam's play *Let's Have Sex*, which is a rendition of Russian playwright Valentin Krasnogorov's drama, is based on the dichotomy of a liberated past and a confined present. He says, "I don't know much about the Russian societal norms, but the taboo has been there for so many years in our society. One has to admit that it's a highly patriarchal society. We have certainly evolved but the question is, have we really? The society doesn't just consist of the urban population."

The play is a satire which does not shy away from talking blunt on issues that we sugarcoat with humour or mask in daily interactions. It stays true to its basic objective of taking the taboo off sex and issues on mental health that require dialogue and open conversations relating to patriarchy, sexual performance, sexual violence and masculinity. The director says that sex is just a biological process. "We never talk about it and even if we do it, the connotation becomes funny. People start to giggle or shy away whenever the topic pops up," adds he.

The characters in the play talk and think only about sex. However, renditions of the term differ for each of them. The play gets more complicated and tragic as it gets. But while its characters are driven by the most basic of human emotions — loneliness, their yearning for love, their desire to escape their problems — they poignantly and hilariously never get past discussing, arguing about their favorite subject.

While there have been initiatives to make sex education a part of mainstream curriculum, many people are still reluctant to talk about it openly. For many, it is considered to be an offence to Indian "values." Beyond the metros, there is no acceptance that virginity could indeed be a rare commodity. However, most men are under peer-pressure to lose it and women are under societal pressure to maintain it till the "right" time.

Prakhhar says, "If we want to get over with this taboo, we need to start talking more about it. Talking not just within close spaces, but as well in schools and universities. Initially, there will be inertia and resistance, only gradually they will start understanding its importance. Parents must talk about sexual intercourse as a biological process to their children after a certain age. For



instance, when we had learnt how to eat food, even that was a new process for us. We didn't know whether the process was acceptable. We thought that since everyone was doing it, so it was socially acceptable. Same is the case with sex. It's the need of a human body and a natural process, common to all."

Talking about the play, he says that it has been written in a very generic manner, so it is valid everywhere. Prakhhar apprises us that there is a very fine line between entertaining or vulgarity. The essence has to be in the honesty of the actors. "I am a big believer of method acting. I ask the actors to get into the skin of the characters and analyse the subtext and truth of every line the writer has put on paper. If the actor can convince themselves that this isn't vulgar or wrong in anyway or beyond the acceptable lines, it won't even show in their performance. Their

conviction should be natural and that's how it isn't going to look vulgar in any way. The title of the play has been said a lot of times. Never have I ever tried to make it overly seductive, nor tried to exaggerate the lines. It should not look caricaturish. Hence, I have tried to keep its commonality and relatability intact," he says. The director tells us that he is "not" very fond of plays that give a very out-and-out message as they come to talk about social issues but keep harping on them throughout. "There needs to be a story. All the great films, which talk about a social issue, are always backed up with a strong storyline. Just like my play is not an out-and-out satire, it's not talking about this issue. It's a story of five people and how their lives are an analogy to the Indian society."

(Presented by *The Cacophony*, the play will be staged at 7 pm at Akshara Theatre on June 1 and 2.)



## Jewel in the crown

Christies puts up an unprecedented group show of jewels, gemstones and decorative objects, consisting of over 400 pieces spanning 500 years. By UMA NAIR

A jade-hilted dagger once owned by Shah Jahan, creator of the Taj Mahal, a jade cup with an ibex head so realistically carved that the Chinese Emperor Qianlong composed a poem in its honour and a diamond and enamel covered gold *huqqa* pipe, revealing Indian opulence at its best... luxury could never be so lovingly curated. Then there are bejewelled objects, including a gem-set mace set on finial with large Mughal-cut diamonds and an emerald, ruby and diamond set gold pen case and inkwell, a symbol of power at court. Smitten by the description?

You can see (and even buy) all of these artifacts as they are a part of the *Maharajas & Mughal Magnificence* which will be unveiled in a historic sale at Christie's New York on June 19. This landmark auction is poised to be the most valuable and precious collection of jewellery and Mughal objects to ever come to auction.

### MAHARAJAS AND MUGHALS

*Maharajas and Mughal Magnificence* puts together an unprecedented group of jewels, gemstones and decorative objects. Consisting of almost 400 lots spanning over 500 years, this auction showcases the illustrious culture of Indian jewelled arts from the Mughal period exploring the creative dialogue between India and the West, to the present day.

The collection begins in Mughal India, under the most important dynasty that ruled the country, famous for its emeralds, diamonds, sapphires, rubies, weapons and objects that are bejeweled beyond belief. It traces the history of jewelry from early Mughal India through the Maharajas and their collaboration with the world's most renowned jewellery houses to create some of the most exceptional pieces of jewelry ever made. The sale is presented in partnership between Christie's market-leading jewellery department, led by Rahul Kadakia and world art department, led by William Robinson, along with the independent art advisory firm The Fine Art Group.

### MUGHAL INDIA

The collection showcases the sophistication of artistic production from the royal courts of India from the 17th century onwards. These treasures comprise the most delicate jades, vivid enamels, opulent jewels, gemstones and magnificent royal portraits.

From the regional courts within the Mughal empire, the collection encompasses sensational sarpechs (turban ornaments), necklaces like the diamond riviere originally from the collec-

tion of the Nizam of Hyderabad comprising almost 200 carats of Golconda diamonds and the Nizam of Hyderabad's diamond-encrusted state sword, which illustrates the rich history of bejewelled-ornamentation in India. Also featured are carved Mughal emeralds, ranging in weight from approximately 10 carats to over 200 carats, the famed *Arcot II* diamond, presented to Queen Charlotte, wife of King George III by Muhammad Ali Wallajah Nawab of Arcot, and the magnificent *Mirror of Paradise* which is an internally flawless Golconda diamond of 52.58 carats.

### MAHARAJAS

The Patiala Ruby Choker created by Cartier in 1931 is a superb example of the fusion between India and the West. Commissioned by Maharaja Bhupinder Singh of Patiala, one of Cartier's most important Indian clients of the 1920s and 1930s, he often travelled to Paris with trunks of diamonds and gemstones from his treasury for Cartier's workshops. Another significant example by Cartier is the 'Carved Emerald Brooch', which uses an impressive 19th century hexagonal carved emerald of 380.98 carats. The two-sided carving depicts Lord Rama, his wife Sita, Hanuman, and a poppy blossom on the reverse.

Among more urban tastes, the Enamel and Diamond Peacock Aigrette, by Mellerio dits Meller, was purchased by the Maharaja Jagatjit Singh of Kapurthala in 1905 during one of his trips to Paris. The Maharaja was captivated by the peacock motif of the aigrette, a bird that is still greatly revered in India today. In later years, the aigrette would be worn by Anita Delgado, his fifth wife, whom he met while wearing the jewel on his own turban.

### LANDMARK COLLECTION

Guillaume Cerutti, Chief Executive Officer of Christie's, remarks, "This landmark collection traces the history of Mughal jewels and objects to the present day representing the most significant collection of its type ever to come to auction. The sale of this notable collection will therefore present a truly significant cultural moment and offers a milestone opportunity for collectors. Having shared many of these impressive pieces over recent years through a series of publications and travelling exhibitions, we are honoured that The Al Thani Collection has entrusted us to find new homes for these exquisite objects. From next year, we can look forward to exploring other areas of this diverse and encyclopedic collection at the new museum space opening in Paris."

Most people associate the Venice Art Biennale with the national pavilions in the Giardini (Biennale gardens) or the main site at the Arsenale — the former dockyards. At the India Pavilion at the former, visitors are swirling around the cane cages of the brilliant artist Shakuntala Kulkarni, and for once the language of the selfie is inclusive of avant garde contemporary Indian art. Utterly feminine, tall bamboo cane ensembles are catching the interest of the visitors for their quaintness.

These artworks belong to her project *Of bodies, armour and cages* (2013-2018) in which historical objects like the armour and the elaborately designed costumes/dresses of different communities are brought together in the contemporary context by re-articulating the usage and the medium. In collapsing and metamorphosing the two, she blurs cultural and visual boundaries.

### CAGED BIRD

When you look at the long-skirted cages and bodies, you can't help but think of Paul Dunbar's famous poem,

# Why they love the cage

SHAKUNTALA KULKARNI's avant garde artworks at the Venice Biennale compel onlookers to ask questions, says U NAIR

*I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*. In an interview to me in 2013 she said: "For long, I have been making inquiries into body violence, atrocities and experiences of women in different spaces. The impact of these atrocities against women are uncertainty and loss of freedom and power. Women are often blamed for crimes that happen against them; the men are set free and walk around with their heads held high. Morality or norms make a woman lose power."

But she was cautious to state that she didn't want to show women as weak beings. "I never show women as victims," she said emphatically. "They are victimised. They are not completely weak. I show how they fight it out, how they deal with it. My



**As one looks through the cane, the ideation seems full of multiple perspectives. The cane is tenuous and tensile, flexible yet delicate in a strong sort of way**

question is simple: This is how society is. How do I, as a woman, live powerfully?"

### LINEAR AND DELICATE CANE

Shakuntala's sculptures have an Indian insignia. "I used the armour as a metaphor to explore how I could protect my body," states Shakuntala. "I borrowed from all kinds of cultures; Naga masks, Rajasthani ghagras, hair styles from Bollywood in the 1960s — my pieces have no cultural, geographical or religious boundaries. I used cane because I am comfortable with it; also, it is linear, delicate and looks grand. There are rings, bangles, flared skirts and it is very feminine."

As you look through the cane — the ideation seems full of multiple perspectives. The cane is tenuous and tensile, flexible yet delicate in a strong sort of way. No doubt there are many references — history culture and the beauty of dances, Kathakali and Manipuri costumes and regalia become a translation — that are royal yet replete with rhythmic intonations.

### BETWEEN DUALITIES

Her thought process is fascinating. "I wanted to explore what happens when you have a costume as protection... There's a freedom you experience when you're in armour, but at the same time, some part of your body is caught. You're trapped but you're also secure. That to me is interesting."

Visitors at Venice are fascinated by the very structure and the grandeur of the armour which is masculine, stiff, strong, lasting and peerless in nature. The cane figures and heads provoke us to ask questions. The cane armour /costumes in this project speak of the grandeur too. But the elaborately structured dresses look relatively feminine, linear, fragile, and organic in nature, protecting the body, breaking the gaze by the joineries of the pieces of cane and the weave. In more ways than one these cane installations are reflective of 'interesting times' in the words of curator Ralph Rugoff. These sculptures were part of her solo show at Chemould Gallery, Mumbai last year.

## WATCH OUT



India Habitat Centre presents *Bahaar-e-Dilli*, a solo exhibition of works by artist Bahaar Jain, which showcases the springtime in Delhi during the late medieval and early Mughal period. **WHEN:** June 1 to 30 **TIME:** 12.30 pm to 3 pm and 7.30 pm to 11 pm **WHERE:** Dilli O Dilli Foyer, IHC, Lodhi Road.



Triveni Kala Sangam presents *Yugen*, exhibition of artworks by Ana Jain, that delves deep into the Japanese aesthetic that says that the universe triggers feelings too deep for words. **WHEN:** Till June 1 **WHERE:** Triveni Gallery, Triveni Kala Sangam, near Mandi House Metro Station.



AM — Identity Art Marathon 2019 presents *Where do they belong?*, an exhibition of paintings by artist Ranjan Kaul and other artists like Shahanshah Mittal, Manu Sharma and Abid Zaidi. **WHEN:** Till June 16 **TIME:** 10 am to 7 pm **WHERE:** Arpana Fine Art Gallery, Siri Fort Institutional Area.

*Introspection* is an exhibition of graphic prints by artist Jaskanwal, which bears evidence of the three decades spent by her in the practice of printmaking. The exhibition is a landmark solo show of her career and contains a cache of fifty selected works. **TIME:** 11 am to 7 pm **WHERE:** Triveni Kala Sangam, Shridharni Art Gallery, 205, Tansen Marg.



Ashwani Kumar Prithviwasi (founder and director, Delhi College of Art) presents *17th Collage Annual Art Carnival*, showcasing 400 artworks by 150 students and artists like Ravindra Verma, Sneha Bhasin, Amit Dutt, Shyam Prasad, Amar Gosin, Ajit Kumar. **WHEN:** Till June 27 **TIME:** 12 pm to 8 pm **WHERE:** Lalit Kala Akademi, Rabindra Bhawan, Ferozeshah Road.



# Pak can re-produce 1992 magic: Waqar

AGENCIES ■ LONDON

Former Pakistan captain and bowling great Waqar Younis feels Sarfraz Ahmed and his boys can pull off an upset this World Cup, much like they did in 1992 by winning the coveted trophy.

"It is 27 years since Pakistan won the World Cup for the first time and this year feels like it did back then," Waqar was quoted as saying by ICC.

"No one gave us a chance and we arrived as the underdog. But the momentum came and we won the whole thing, that is the beauty of Pakistan cricket.

"I was not part of the team because I was injured just before the World Cup, but I remember the team coming home. The whole country was out on the streets, the lights were on and we had a trophy parade.

"It was party-mode, it was a carnival. Hopefully, that will happen again, but there is work



to do," said Waqar who coached Pakistan, besides being credited with the man who really put the reverse into swing bowling.

In 262 ODIs, Waqar has taken 416 wickets while in 87

task for them after that.

"If they don't start well then the negativity from series defeats to England and Australia could seep back in. They have been losing a few games and need to win early so settle nerves."

Since winning the Champions Trophy in 2017, Pakistan have won only two of the seven series they have played. The first of these was against a dismal Sri Lankan side and the second was against Zimbabwe. Three of the series defeats have been whitewashes.

Despite that, Waqar feels if Sarfraz and Co can get their fielding right, they have talent in their arsenal to pull it off.

"The positive for Pakistan is that they have started scoring big totals. They have showed they are capable of scoring 300 plus and we saw that in their series against England.

"The batsman have got used to the surfaces very quickly and have piled on the runs. They are

all in good form, especially Babar Azam and Haris Sohail," he said.

Pakistan lost the series to England 0-4 but managed to put up 300+ totals on three occasions.

Waqar said the top four looks sorted for Pakistan with Fakhar Zaman and Imam-ul-Haq doing well.

"Fakhar Zaman and Imam-ul-Haq have also done well so the top four looks really good. That issue has been solved.

"But the biggest issue for me is the fielding. The fielders looked out of sorts in the series against England and that could shake their confidence.

"I am sure that will get a bit better but if the fielders don't take their chances and catch balls and stop the extra 15 or 20 runs then they could struggle."

Waqar said he looks forward to watching Mohammad Amir in action, adding the overall bowling is headed in the

right direction although they looked all over the place against the mighty English.

"The bowling is moving in a good direction, with Wahab Riaz coming back into the side and Mohammad Amir restored. I am intrigued to see how Mohammad Amir gets on."

"He is a match-winner, there is no doubt about that. If he gets some rhythm back, then he could be the difference for Pakistan.

"On the flip side, Shaheen Afridi and Mohammad Hasnain are so talented and have long futures ahead of them. I am excited to see what they can do."

Pakistan will take on West Indies in their opener on May 31.

"That first game against the West Indies will be vital. It is will be worth watching that! Both are very exciting teams and very unpredictable, you never know what you are going to get.



## Eng are favourites but India, Aus also serious contenders: McGrath

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Australian pace legend Glenn McGrath has handpicked England as the favourites to lift the upcoming World Cup but said going by current form, India and Australia too are serious contenders for the title.

McGrath, who retired from international cricket after winning the Player of the Tournament in Australia's victorious 2007 World Cup, said going by their recent prowess in ODI, Eoin Morgan's men are the ones to beat in the show-piece.

"England, a very good one-day unit. To me they are the favourites going into this World Cup, so I think they'll do very well," McGrath was quoted as saying by ESPNcricinfo.

"Probably! I can't remain biased my whole life. You've got to go on current form. The England team — the way they go about it, they have impressed me. They have scored some big, big totals.

"Most teams used to go hard in the first 15 and the last 15, and consolidate in the middle. But teams like England, India are just going hard the whole 50 overs, and that's the impact T20 cricket has had. So yeah, I don't think I've ever said 'England are the team to beat' or the 'favourites'," he added.

McGrath, however, was of the view that India and Australia have the capability to give England a tough fight.

"I didn't say they (England) were going to win the World Cup though! So they are the favourites and are going to be tough to beat in their own conditions, but fingers crossed, Australia can do well," he said.

"The two standouts to me were India and England, with fingers crossed, Australia doing well."

The former lanky right-arm pacer also picked South Africa, West Indies and Pakistan as the teams to watch out for in the World Cup, but predicted Australia to make the final.

PTI ■ LONDON

# Amla not fretting over playing XI spot

Hashim Amla is still not a certainty in the South African playing XI but the senior opener has made a case for himself with successive fifties in the warm-up games ahead of World Cup opener against India in Southampton on June 5.

Amla, one of South Africa's greatest Test match players, scored 65 and 51 not out respectively in the two warm-up games against Sri Lanka and

West Indies (rain affected) and will be keen to add to his tally of 27 ODI hundreds.

However with young Aiden Markram in the side, there is competition as to who would open with Quinton de Kock.

"Scoring runs is always important. Whether I make the playing XI or not is not up to me. I do what I can do and what



happens after that is for the benefit of the team," Amla was quoted as saying by the ICC website.

The veteran opener wants to make every opportunity count and that was the reason he opted out of a domestic T20 competition's knock-out rounds to prepare for the World Cup.

"T20 is different to fifty-over cricket. I had two weeks with (batting coach) Dale Benkenstein and spent time in the nets batting the way a fifty-over cricketer would bat. It was important to have that time. Sometimes it works out; sometimes it doesn't," said Amla, who needs another 90 to reach 8000 runs in ODIs.



# Nadal, Djokovic cruise through at Roland Garros

AFP ■ PARIS

The 22-year-old Hurkacz, who has claimed three wins over top-10 players this season, had no answer to the 2016 French Open winner, as Djokovic sealed a second-round spot without breaking sweat, hitting 27 winners.

## WOZNIACKI OUT

Earlier on Monday, former world number one Caroline Wozniacki collapsed to a 0-6, 6-3, 6-3 loss to Russian world number 68 Veronika Kudermetova in the first round.

The Danish 13th seed had retired injured from her two previous matches in the lead-up to Roland Garros, and fell away badly after a strong first set.

"I think she got very lucky at the start of the second set and took advantage of the opportunities she got," said Wozniacki.

Sixth seed and two-time Wimbledon champion Petra Kvitová was forced to pull out before her scheduled opener against Sorana Cirstea with a left arm injury, but said she should be fit for Wimbledon, which starts on July 1.

"(I'll be out for) two to three weeks, so I'll do some fitness and everything that I can do to prepare my body for the tennis on the grass," said the Czech.

Dutch fourth seed Kiki Bertens looked in fine fettle, though, beating home player Pauline Parmentier 6-3, 6-4.

Elsewhere in the women's draw, Australian eighth seed Ashleigh Barty saw off American Jessica Pegula 6-3, 6-3.

In the men's event, three-time Grand Slam champion Stan Wawrinka progressed with a 6-1, 6-7 (3/7), 6-2, 6-3 win over Slovakian Jozef Kovalik.

Australian Alex De Minaur, seeded 21st, beat the United States' Bradley Klahn 6-1, 6-4, 6-4, although Georgian 15th seed Nikoloz Basilashvili and Russian 12th seed Daniil Medvedev both exited the tournament.

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Nadal had suffered three consecutive semi-final defeats earlier in the clay-court season, but appeared to find his best in an Italian Open title success sealed with victory over old rival Djokovic, while his French Open win-loss record now reads 87-2.

"It's always amazing to play here, the new Chatrier is very nice," the second seed said. "It's been an important place in my career.

"I played a good tournament in Rome which was very important for my confidence. Now we'll see."

## DJOKOVIC IMPRESSES

Djokovic laid down an early marker in his bid to hold all four Grand Slam titles simultaneously for the second time, powering past Polish youngster Hubert Hurkacz.

The 15-time major champion impressed in a 6-4, 6-2, 6-2 triumph and will face Swiss lucky loser Henri Laaksonen in round two.

"I was very solid. I'm happy with my game today," said the top seed. "It's a long tournament... But I just want to concentrate on my next match."

Twelve months ago, Djokovic dropped out of the world's top 20 after a shock quarter-final loss to Marco Cecchinato and even pondered skipping Wimbledon, but he has instead reclaimed his place at the top of the game.

### TEMPORARY CANCELLATION / SHORT TERMINATION / SHORT ORIENTATION / DIVERSION / RESCHEDULING / REGULATION OF TRAINS DUE TO NON-INTERLOCKING WORK

In order to further strengthen the infrastructure, Railways will undertake Pre-Non-Interlocking and Non-Interlocking work at Danapur station of Danapur Division for commissioning of Route Relay Interlocking. To execute this work, traffic blocks will be taken from 27.05.2019 to 20.06.2019. Consequently, the following trains will temporarily be affected as under :-

CANCELLATION OF MAIL / EXPRESS TRAINS		
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22355 Patliputra - Chandigarh Express	05, 09, 12, 16 & 19.06.2019	
22356 Chandigarh - Patliputra Express	06, 10, 13, 17 & 20.06.2019	
13133 Sealdah - Varanasi Jn. Express	07, 08, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17 & 18.06.2019	
13134 Varanasi Jn. - Sealdah Express	10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 20 & 21.06.2019	
13119 Sealdah - Anand Vihar Terminal Express	06, 09, 13 & 16.06.2019	
13120 Anand Vihar Terminal - Sealdah Express	08, 11, 15 & 18.06.2019	

SHORT TERMINATION/SHORT ORIENTATION OF TRAINS		
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19669 Udaipur City - Patliputra Humsafar	at Buxar instead of Patliputra	12.06.2019
19670 Patliputra - Udaipur City Humsafar	from Buxar instead of Patliputra	14.06.2019
19063 Udhna Jn - Danapur Express	at Ara instead of Danapur	08, 11, 15 & 18.06.19
19064 Danapur - Udhna Jn Express	from Ara instead of Danapur	09, 12, 16 & 19.06.19

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12333 Howrah Jn - Allahabad City Vibhuti Express	Pradhankhunta - Dhanbad Jn. - Gaya Jn. - Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn.	08.06.2019 to 18.06.2019
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12303 Howrah - New Delhi Poorva Express	Patna Jn. - Gaya Jn. - Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn.	10, 11, 14, 15, 17 & 18.06.19

12304 New Delhi - Howrah Poorva Express	Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn. - Gaya Jn. - Patna Jn.	08, 09, 12, 13, 15 & 16.06.19
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12502 New Delhi - Guwahati Poorvottar Sampark Kranti Exp.	Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn. - Gaya Jn. - Patna Jn. - Mokama - Barauni	09, 12 & 16.06.2019
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15602 New Delhi - Silchar Poorvottar Sampark Kranti Exp.	Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn. - Gaya Jn. - Patna Jn. - Mokama - Barauni	13.06.2019
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14056 Delhi - Dibrugarh Brahmaputra Mail	Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn. - Gaya Jn. - Kiul Jn.	08.06.19 to 18.06.2019
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13430 New Delhi - Malda Town Express	Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn. - Gaya Jn. - Kiul Jn.	08.06.2019 & 15.06.2019
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19321 Indore Jn - Rajendranagar (T) Express	30 Minutes between Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn. - Bihta	02.06.2019 & 09.06.2019
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# INDIA SEEK TO BOUNCE BACK FROM OPENING DEFEAT

Men in Blue look to find form & get back to winning ways against B'desh in 2nd warm-up tie



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## KEY PLAYERS

**Jasprit Bumrah:** Bumrah impressed in the four overs he bowled against New Zealand, which included two maidens, giving away just two runs and snaring a wicket. That is the sort of performance that has become customary of Bumrah. He is the world's top-ranked bowler, and can be stifling with both his ability to contain runs and pick up wickets.

**Shakib Al Hasan:** Bangladesh's talismanic all-rounder can do it all on the field. He is a strike bowler, gets in handy overs through the middle overs with his accuracy, makes vital runs across a number of positions and can help construct the innings. Shakib took two wickets in three matches during the Ireland tri-nation series, and struck two unbeaten half-centuries, giving a glimpse of how crucial he is to Bangladesh's chances at the World Cup.

## CONDITIONS

Overcast conditions are expected throughout. Chances of rain peak at 11am local time, which is half an hour after the start, so we could potentially be in for another delayed start. That should also mean fast bowlers find something from the overhead conditions, but the last ODI that was played here had 646 runs scored in 97 overs.



## Kiwis aim to extend form against WI

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

New Zealand have well and truly announced themselves as a side to be respected at the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2019, after their convincing victory against India on Saturday. Their new-ball pair of Tim Southee and Trent Boult exploited the conditions to great effect to get rid of the strong Indian top-order, before the all-rounders, Colin de Grandhomme and James Neesham took over. Trent Boult's rhythm and accuracy must've surely given ominous signs to all the top-order batsmen in the competition.

short due to rain on Sunday. The essence of this match increases further given the fact that their senior players Chris Gayle, Andre Russell weren't a part of the recently concluded tri-series in Ireland. Chris Gayle's form during the home series against England and Shai Hope's consistency in recent times will act as a huge morale booster for the two-time World champions.

The bowling unit has consistently failed to take wickets in recent times. The new ball pair of captain Jason Holder and Sheldon Cottrell have not been able to create any opportunities, conceding runs at over run-a-ball in their nine-over combined spell against South Africa. To add to the woes, Shannon Gabriel, who left the field after bowling the first two balls of the ninth over, didn't take the field post the first rain interruption. He seems to have suffered a strain of some sort. The team management and the fans will hope that the Trinidad pacer recovers quickly before their first game against Pakistan in the tournament proper.

(Venue: County Ground, Bristol)

AGENCIES ■ CARDIFF

The top-order will ideally like an extended session in the middle but injured Kedar Jadhav and Vijay Shankar's lack of game time will certainly be a bigger worry for India ahead of their final World Cup warm-up game against Bangladesh here on Tuesday.

The six-wicket defeat against New Zealand however won't be a big worry for Virat Kohli as he has some bigger issues to take care of.

Kohli is bound to be a worried man if Jadhav and Shankar are unable to get a decent hit against Mashrafe Mortaza's men before facing a tricky opposition like South Africa in its tournament opener at Southampton on June 5.

India's primary objective during the practice games is to fix their middle-order problems but the two protagonists, who are likely to fill in the

important Numbers 4 and 6 in the tournament proper, have not fully recovered from their respective injuries.

While Kedar injured his left shoulder during the IPL, Shankar was hit in the nets by a Khaleel Ahmed short ball.

This, however, is a Godsend opportunity for KL Rahul to score some useful runs against an attack comprising Mortaza, Mustafizur Rahaman, Rubel Hossain and Shakib al Hasan and cement the No 4 slot. Unless Ravi Shastri and Kohli decide to promote Dinesh Karthik and

check him out.

Shakib is recovering from a niggle and Bangladesh coach Steve Rhodes expects him to play a pivotal role in the Tigers' campaign.

Rohit and Shikhar, who have enjoyed a decent amount of success against Bangladesh, won't mind some runs which is always a confidence booster ahead of the main event.

If the conditions in Cardiff remain overcast, playing out a testing first spell of Mustafizur or Rubel will certainly keep the top-order batsmen in good stead.

Apart from Rahul, the other player who will like to assert himself in the middle will be Ravindra Jadeja, who was the only saving grace in the first warm-up game.

While Jadeja's core strength remains batting, his accurate bowling and razor sharp fielding will keep Jadhav on toes once he gets hundred percent fit.

An interesting move in the first game was to send Hardik Pandya at No 5 ahead of Mahendra Singh Dhoni, who literally struggled in tough batting conditions scoring 17 off

42 balls.

If Hardik is seen as an enforcer at No 5 and Dhoni as a finisher at No 6, the second down slot will become all the more pivotal in the larger context as Rahul, Karthik or Shankar, whoever fits in will have to play the role of a sheet anchor.

The bowlers did a decent job in the first outing with both Jasprit Bumrah and Mohammed Shami being sharp and economical but a good spell from Kuldeep Yadav is likely to keep him in good head space after a dismal IPL.



## Bangladesh happy with underdog title

AGENCIES ■ CARDIFF

Bangladesh coach Steve Rhodes believes the team is well prepared going into the World Cup and they are happy with the "underdog" title.

Bangladesh didn't have an ideal start to their preparation for the World Cup as their first warm-up game against Pakistan was washed out on Sunday. They will now take on India in their second practice match on Tuesday before beginning their tournament campaign against South Africa on June 2.

"One of the things the dressing room feels is quietly confident," Rhodes told ICC. "But we are well aware that we are playing against some very good teams. We respect the opposition; we don't fear them. But what we have been trying to do is play that down a little bit, and actually it is great to be an underdog. "Because if we can keep surprising all these big teams, everybody is going to be commenting about what is going on with Bangladesh — how do they do this sort of thing; how do they keep doing this sort of thing? If we don't get too big for our boots, then we will keep surprising, and we should handle the pressure a lot better," he added.

One of the key boosts for Bangladesh will be the availability of Shakib al Hasan, the number one all-rounder, who had missed the series against New Zealand due to a finger injury.

Shakib recovered from that injury in time for the IPL and played an important role in Bangladesh winning their first ever non-bilateral ODI tournament in Ireland, scoring two unbeaten fifties and bowling economically. However, he missed the final with a side strain.

The 32-year-old is now fit again in the lead-up to the World Cup, and, according to Rhodes, the presence of the T20 captain will have a great impact on Bangladesh's campaign.

"When he (Shakib) doesn't play, it can cause a few issues. Not only (in) missing the best player that you have got, but also your balance of the team," said Rhodes.

The Bangladesh coach also heaped praise on Mashrafe Mortaza saying, he leads in a warrior-like fashion.

"He (Mashrafe) is very much the person at the front, very much the person that people respect. He wouldn't ask anybody to do something that he couldn't do or wouldn't try himself," said the Bangladesh coach.

## 'Variety in bowling makes India strong contender'

AGENCIES ■ NEW DELHI

Former Australia skipper Ian Chappell believes the Virat Kohli-led India has variety in their bowling department, making them a strong contender to win the 2019 World Cup.

Chappell said the team which has the ability to pick wickets at regular intervals, particularly in the middle overs, was likely to lift the coveted Cup.

"In an era where big bats and big scores, with occasional monumental battering, have proliferated ODIs, there are still some seriously good bowling attacks gearing up for 2019 World Cup," Chappell wrote in his column in *ESPNewsInfo*.

"Wicket-taking is going to play a crucial role in deciding this World Cup. Despite the modern gung-ho batting style, this is not an easy contract to fulfil when the tournament



reaches the knockout stage. The team that consistently takes wickets — particularly through the middle overs — is the one most likely to lift the trophy," he added.

According to Chappell, India — despite not possessing the "outright pace" like that of England and Australia — do have great variety and a trio of fast bowlers who can be exceptional in favourable conditions. "If there's any moisture in

the pitches then Jasprit Bumrah, Mohammed Shami and Bhuvneshwar Kumar are skilled enough to take full advantage. If, however, the pitches start to wear and the conditions are dry, then Kuldeep Yadav and Yuzvendra Chahal are a dangerous wicket-taking combination," said the 75-year-old.

"Throw in Hardik Pandya as a handy fast-bowling all-rounder and Virat Kohli has plenty of options," he added.

## Roy completes Eng rout



AFP ■ LONDON

Jonny Roy sealed an England thrashing of Afghanistan as the tournament hosts cruised to victory in their final match before the World Cup.

Roy made 89 not out on his Surrey home ground on Monday as England hammered outsiders Afghanistan by nine

wickets with nearly 200 balls to spare.

England, two days after losing their previous practice match to world champions Australia, returned to winning ways in convincing fashion ahead of their tournament opener against South Africa at the Oval on Thursday.

A target of 161 was never

likely to test England, with Roy proving as much in a 46-ball innings that included 11 fours and four sixes.

Jonny Bairstow was stumped by Rahmat Shah off Mohammad Nabi for 39.

Roy ended the match in the 18th over of England's reply with a six over midwicket.

Earlier, Jofra Archer and Joe Root took three wickets apiece as Afghanistan slumped to 160 all out.

Fast bowler Archer struck twice with the new ball to dismiss Hazratullah and Rahmat before ending some late resistance from Nabi.

Opener Noor Ali scrapped his way to 30 before he played out to all-rounder Ben Stokes.

Asghar tried to drive Root over the top but found Roy in the deep instead.

Afghanistan lost their next four wickets in a mere seven deliveries, Hashmatullah and Najibullah Zadran carelessly run out, Gulbadin Naib holing out to Moeen Ali and Rashid Khan steering Root to slip for a golden duck.

Afghanistan were in danger of being dismissed for under 100 before Nabi, with 44, helped the last two wickets add 68 runs.

Nabi's defiant hitting, which included three sixes, kept England at bay before he was last man out when a thick edge off Archer carried to Bairstow on the boundary.



## Khawaja stars in Aus 240-run chase

**SOUTHAMPTON:** Australia concluded their World Cup preparation on an emphatic note, beating a struggling Sri Lanka by five wickets in their final warm-up game here on Monday.

Usman Khawaja, who opened alongside skipper Aaron Finch in place of a rested David Warner, anchored the chase with 89 off 105 balls. Australia eventually breezed to victory in 44.5 overs.

Sri Lanka, who have lost eight of their last nine ODIs, scored 239 for eight after opting to bat with opener Lahiru Thirimanne making 56 off 69 balls.

Australia went into the game with 12 players like they did in their first warm-up game against England.

The Finch-led squad rested Warner, Nathan Coulter-Nile and Jason Behrendorff to give game time to those who did not take the field against favourites England on Saturday when Australia beat the World Cup hosts by 12 runs.

PTI

## Rahi books Olympic quota, Saurabh sets new WR

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

They missed out on a fairy-tale ending in the previous edition but New Zealand will leave no stone unturned to lift their maiden World Cup trophy this time, says their swashbuckling opener Martin Guppitt.

Rahi Sarnobat on Monday booked an Olympic quota place for India with a Gold in women's 25m pistol event but it was teenager Saurabh Chaudhary who stole the limelight by setting a new world record en route to a yellow metal at the season's third ISSF World Cup in Munich.

Saurabh bagged his second World Cup Gold of the year in men's 10m Air Pistol event, shattering both the senior and junior world records in the process.

India now top the Munich World Cup medals tally with three Gold. China are second with one Gold, one silver and three Bronze medals.

Asian Games champion Rahi clinched her career's second World Cup Gold, which helped India win its sixth quota place in shooting for 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

In the women's final, another Indian in the fray,

Manu Bhaker had a better start than Rahi, having five out of five hits in the first of 10 series of five shots each.

Rahi started with three hits. After the sixth series, Manu, Rahi and Olena Kostevych of Ukraine were jointly tied at the top with a score of 21.

Manu had an unfortunate double weapon malfunction in the seventh series and that was followed by shock elimination in the fifth place.

Rahi, however, kept getting stronger, scoring perfect 5s in the 8th and 9th series to finish with 37 points.

Olena bagged Silver with 36 and Bulgarian Antoaneta Boneva won the second available quota place by winning the Bronze with a score of 26.

Earlier, Saurabh had set the ball rolling for India as he not only won the yellow metal but also shattered both senior and junior world records with a score of 246.3. Incidentally, he held both the existing records.

Saurabh's previous senior world record shot at Delhi was 245 and the junior world record was at 245.5.

Shahzar Rizvi, the second Indian in the final, finished fifth with a score of 177.6.