

Bengal tops turnout amid violence; voting wanes

At 62.87%, 5th phase polling across country down by 3% from last round

West Bengal.

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A mid sporadic incidents of Aviolence in West Bengal and a grenade attack in Pulwama, political heavyweights Rajnath Singh, Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Corabi, and Smrith Bari or Gandhi and Smriti Rani on Monday tested their popularity through ballots in the fifth phase of polling for 51 constituencies in seven States. The polling per-centage was a tad dull in this round with 62.87 per cent aver-

age turnout across the country in comparison to 65.56 per cent polling in the previous round. West Bengal recorded high est 74.42 per cent polling while Jammu & Kashmir had 17.07 per

cent polling. Uttar Pradesh recorded 57.06 per cent, Bihar 57.76, Rajasthan 63.69, Madhya Pradesh 64.61, and Jharkhand 64.60. Amethi and Rae Bareili recoded around 54 percentage

recoded around 54 percentage polling. Polling was held in 14 seats in UP, 12 in Rajasthan, 7 each in West Bengal and Madhya Pradesh, 5 in Bihar and 4 in Jharkhand, leaving 158 Lok Sabha seats in the next two rounds on My 12 and May 19. After this round, 27 seats are left After this round, 27 seats are left to be decided in the remaining two phases in UP. Prime Minister Narandra Modi's constituency Varanasi will go to polls on May 19. The BJP and the SP alleged

rigging and booth capturing in Amethi and Kunda seats.

In J&K, polling began on a violent note with terrorists lob-bing a grenade on a polling sta-tion in Pulwama, but there were no reports of casualty. Polling was held in Pulwama and Shopian of Anantnag Lok Sabha constituency which includes Kulgam. There are 18 candidates in

the fray for Anantnag con-stituency, including PDP presi-dent and former Chief Minister of Jammu & Kashmir, Mehbooba Mufti.

Bengal reported stray inci-dents of violence in Bangaon, Hooghly and Barrackpore seats, an election official said. The BJP

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respectable political figure, Baghel said. Chhattisgarh Chief Minister and PCC He added that such President Bhupesh Baghel on Monday criticised Prime Minister Narendra Modi's remark against a person who had been awarded with high-est civilian award of the counrecent remarks against former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi try Bharat Ratna is more astonishing. Terming Rajiv Gandhi a at an election rally. visionary person, Baghel said "Rajivji's contribution for the

Addressing a Press con-ference here at party's State headquarters Rajiv Bhawan

tions was in Barrackpore seat where TMC sitting MP Dinesh accused Trinamool Congress of rigging the booths and demanded re-polling in Barrackpore and accused the Election Trivedi was pitted against Singh, who switched over to the BJP Commission of not being effecrecently after he was denied a ticket by party supremo Mamata tive in ensuring fair polling in the Banerje Incidents of clashes between

In Howrah's Balitikuri, TMC and BJP workers, hurling of bombs, candidate getting hurt due to lathicharge by Central forces, manhandling of a con-testant and beating up of a TMC candidate and former India footballer Prasun Bandyopdhayay was "manhandled" allegedly by Central forces when he tried to enter a booth polling agent were reported from seven Lok Sabha constituencies which voted in the 5th round in there

Bandyopadhyay said, "I had gone there to see poll proceedings. There was nothing wrong in it. But the Central forces manhandled me for no reawho was allegedly injured during the scuffle, was

General Elections 2019 Fifth Phase Polling 2010 • States: 7 . Lok Sabha Seats: 51 May 6 Voter Seats Polled/ Turnout 2019 **Total Seats** 2019 2014 Bihar 55.69% 57.86% 5/40 Jharkhand 63.85% 63.72% 4/14 Madhya Pradesh 7/29 57.86% 62.60% 63.75% Rajasthan 12/25 61.80% Uttar Pradesh 14/80 56.92% 57.33% West Bengal 81.37% 73.97% 7/42 Anantnag* J&K 28.54% 8.76% 2/6 71.91% 63.76% Ladakh Overall 61.75% 62,56% *Combined turnout for Anonthog seat, which voted in Phase III, IV and V.

Corresponding seats of 2019 polis Source: ECI briefing, 2019 tumout figures are tentative KBK Politgraphics

sons." An FIR was lodged in later seen chasing "fake voters" in Naihati area. this connection, he said.

"Our agents were not allowed inside booths. People were not allowed to vote prop-Bombings were reported from outside a booth at Hingli in Bangaon constituency following a clash between two groups allegedly owing alle-giance to the TMC and the BJP, erly and I went there to have a look. I have the right to enter booth shave the fight of effect and hit me," Singh told PTI. Alleging that police are not doing anything to stop rigging in some booths of Barrackpore seat, Singh demanded that polling be stopped and re-polling in which two persons were injured, the official said.

There is also a report that a CPI(M) agent was beaten up and driven out of a booth in Arambagh constituency At a booth in Hooghly seat, BJP candidate Locket Chatterjee

Maximum number of "sensitive" booths in Monday's elecwas seen threatening a polling



Union Minister Rajyavardhan

fray. The constituencies were

Ganganagar, Bikaner, Churu, Jhunjhunu, Sikar, Jaipur rural,

Jaipur, Alwar, Bharatpur, Karauli-

Dholpur, Dausa and Nagaur. Discus throw gold winner Krishna Poonia and Congress

nominee (Jaipur Rural seat) and Union Minister & BJP leader

Arjun Ram Meghwal (Bikaner)

are other candidates in the fray. Poonia, a Jat, is challenging

Rathore, a Rajput, who won Jaipur Rural in 2014 with a margin of 3.32 lakh. In Madhya Pradesh -

Tikamgarh, Damoh, Khajuraho, Satna, Rewa, Hoshangabad and

officer. She is contesting against fray. TMC's two-term MP Ratna De

UP Union Home In Ministers Rajnath, Smiriti, Sonia, Rahul were in fray. BJP trusts Irani to give a tough fight to Rahul this time round as the winning margin of the latter had dipped from over three lakh votes in 2009 to over one lakh votes in 2014. Rajnath is contesting from

Lucknow, a seat held five-times by BJP patriarch Atal Bihari Vajpayee. He is pitted against SP's Pooam Sinha, wife of Shatrughan Sinha who recently joined Congress quitting BJP. Former Union minister and

Congress candidate Jitin Prasad is contesting from Dhaurahra against former Chambal brigand Malkhan Singh contesting from Pragatsheel Samajwadi Party (Lohia).

In the Faizabad parliamen tary constituency, under which the temple town of Ayodhya falls, sitting BJP MP Lallu Singh is taking on Nirmal Khatri of the Congress. Khatri is a former Uttar Pradesh Congress Committee chief.

Among early voters in Lucknow, included Rajnath, BSP supremo Mayawati, Deputy CM Dinesh Sharma and DGP OP Singh. Polling was completed in Sitapur.

Dhaurahra, Dhaurahra, Sitapur, Mohanlalganj (SC), Lucknow, Banda, Fatehpur, Kaushambi (SC), Barabanki (SC), Faizabad, Bahraich (SC), Kaiserganj and Gonda constituencies where a total of 182 candidates are in the

voted. "Minor issues Betul Rajasthan witnessed polling related to EVMs were reported at some places but they were sorted out," officials said. in 12 Lok Sabha seats where two former Olympians, including

In Rajasthan and Madhya Singh Rathore (Jaipur rural), are among the 124 candidates in Pradesh Congress is looking to improve its tally vis-à-vis the BJP as the latter had swept both States in 2014 elections.

In Jharkhand Koderma, Ranchi, Khunti (ST) and Hazaribagh constituencies witnessed voting since early morning to elect their representatives from among 61 contestants. Bihar saw polling in five Lok Sabha seats of Sitamarhi,

Madhubani, Muzaffarpur, Saran and Hajipur parliamentary seats amid tight security, with no untoward incident reported from any part of the State. Senior BJP leader Rajiv Pratap Rudy is seek ing electio Sabha seat. election from Saran Lok

'Arrogant' Didi vs 'expiry' PM

the aftermath of the cyclone.

The ruling Trinamool Congress had earlier attacked

Modi for "playing politics with natural calamity," saying, "the Prime Minister had under-

mined the federal norms by

meeting." The Chief Minister who had "no right to call a review meeting." The Chief Minister was holding another election rally at Kotulpur. Saying that Mamata would not speak to him because she was too Proved to do so. Madi

was too proud to do so, Modi said, "Didi is so arrogant that

she didn't speak to me. I wait-ed for her call but she would not call back. The 'speed break-

er' Didi was more interested in

Modi, Mamata exchange barbs on hood of snake

SAUGAR SENGUPTA KOLKATA

bypassing a democratically elected Chief Minister by hold-Super-cyclone Fani (meaning "hood of snake" in Bengali) ing discussions with the kicked up a different sort of "storm" in West Bengal as Governor over the conse quences of Fani." Prime Minister Narendra While Modi reacted on Modi and Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee Monday saying it was "not me who had ignored the Chief engaged in a bitter slugfest on a day when the State work for Minister but she refused to take my call," Mamata exploded, "Why should she speak to an expiry Prime Minister" who

the fifth phase of polling. Minutes after the Prime Minister alleged during an election rallies at Tamluk and

Jhargarm that after Fani repeated phone calls from the PMO yielded no response from the Chief Minister's office in Kolkata, Mamata hit back saying neither she was bound to respond to the calls from an expiry Prime Minister" nor Modi as a outgoing incumbent had any right to call a review meeting.

doing politics." Mamata said, "Today this Mamata said she could not take the call as she was busy man has come to shed tears for campaigning for elections. The Chief Minister who Bengal as this is election sea-son. Where he was when we were fighting floods. His

was out of town had forthwith suspended her poll campaigns and moved to Kharagpur to Government gave us nothing for flood relief."

> He also noted that a strong Government in the State will ensure better utilisation of Central funds and pave way for better tomorrow

> Modi said his Government will not allow anyone to loot and exploit coal in Jharkhand. He expressed concerns that the previous Governments were involved in exploiting natural resources. The PM also attacked the Congress for joining hands with coal scandal convict Madhu Koda and his family to

Modi dares Cong to fight next 2 phases on Bofors scandal these five years.

PARVINDER BHATIA 📕 JAMSHEDPUR

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Mondey Modi on Monday dared the Congress to contest the next phases of the Lok Sabha polls on the Bofors scandal in which former Prime Minister Rajiv

Gandhi was an accused. "If the Congress and its 'Raagdarbaris' are so much con-cerned about corruption why don't they come up with issue of Bofors scandal in last two phas-es of elections that will cover Punjab and Delhi. It is the best

time for them to clear themselves," said Modi while addressing a massive rally at Tata College Ground in Chaibasa in Jharkhand.

Recently at a rally in Pratapgarh, Uttar Pradesh, Modi took a swipe at Congress pres-ident Rahul Gandhi's father and Rajiv Gandhi, calling him Bhrashtachari number I (corrupt_number 1).

There were allegations that Swedish defence manufacturer Bofors had paid huge kick-backs to Rajiv and others for the sale of its artillery gun to India

when he was the PM. Also, Modi said "mahamilavat" of the Opposition parties are keen to form a "khichdi" Government at the Centre.

Modi also alleged the grand alliance of Opposition parties does not at any cost want a Government with absolute majority. He said people must vote for a strong majority-led Government and not a remote controlled-led regime. Stressing on the need to

tive a majority Government in Jharkhand, he said the future of fight elections. the nation will be decided in

Baghel slams Modi's remark on Rajiv Gandhi Modi punched Advani, instead of farmers' woes, alleges Rahul पुदरा कान्र

Baghel further accused Modi of being power hungry and alleged his claim of patri-otism was false. The CM said Modi could stoop to any level

that he had accepted his defeat in the ensuing general elections," Baghel claimed, demanding an apology from the PM for his remark on Rajiv

the ring to fight unemattacking Notable, ployment and corruption Congress President Rahul but instead punched his Gandhi at an election rally in UP's Pratapgarh on Friday, own coach and veteran BJP leader LK Advani. Campaigning for rty candidate S Prime Minister Modi had said: "Your father was termed party candidate Shruti Choudhary in Haryana's Bhiwani, which is known as Mr Clean by his courtiers, but his life ended 'Bhrashtachari No. 1'." as India's Boxing nursery and has

against Modi, the Congress chief said, "For the last five years, this boxer has hit India's poor, weaker sections, farmers and now people are saying they do not want this boxer. He failed to understand who he is fight ing against.

"After he punched Advani ji, he runs after his team. One by one, he punches Gadkariji, ment, farmers' Arun Jaitlev ii, dhar, dhar, dhar Rahul said amid loud applause woes, corruption and other from the gathering. The boxer knocked out issues. But the small shopkeepers with demon-etisation and Gabbar Singh Tax, he said referring to the Goods and Services Tax (GST).



election, India put a new boxer, Narendra Modi, in the ring. The

boxer, who boasted of his 56-inch chest, entered the ring to fight unemploy

produced renowned boxers like Olympic medalist Vijender Singh, Rahul said, "In the last



Monday Baghel said. "Modi's comments against Rajivji are not only despicable but are condemning". worth

No one could even imagine that a Prime Minister unity and integrity of the country". would make such a 'deroga-

stone and introduction of information technology and Panchayati Raj system are a few great contribution of the former Prime Minister, who had laid down his life for the

nation has now become mile-

polling be stopped and re-polling

tory remark' for a person who is not alive and was a

ordered

Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel addressing a press conference on Pioneer photo Monday at Congress office in Raipur

13 jointly top CBSE

Shruti first thing he did was to delive er a punch on his coach Advani's face

Continuing his tirade

CAPSULE

Raigarh girl makes Chhattisgarh proud

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Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel greeted Kumari Pragati Sathpati for achieving third rank in national merit list of class 10th CBSE examination by scor-

ing 497 marks out of 500.

. Expressing happiness over the achievement of students, Chief Minister extended greetings to all the suc-cessful students and blessed them for their bright future.

Similarly, Nandini Shah scored 496, Anisha Sengupta of Jamnipali, Korba, Sonadih Raipur resident Twinkle Sahu

and Astha Mishra of Raipur and Shrishti Choudhary of Bhatgaon, Sarguja scored 495 marks out of 500.

Chief Minister appealed to the students who could not make it not to get dejected and

instead continue to work hard in study. In coming days, they should prepare them-selves in better way to achieve success. As per informa-

tion, Pragati Sathpati is a class 10 student of O P Jindal School,

Raigarh. She had scored 100 marks in Sanskrit, Mathematics, Social Science while in English she got 99 and in Science 98 marks.

For the first time 13 students have topped jointly the All India level in the Class X results declared by the Central

Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) on Monday

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(CBSE) on Monday. As per the data, institution wise, Kendriya Vidyalaya has outperformed others with a pass percentage of 99.47. According to a CBSE state-ment, 13 boys have scored 499 out of total 500 marks. The sec-ond rank has been secured by a total of 26 students who have scored 498 out of 500. The third position has been shared

by 59 students who have secured 497 marks out of 500. Girl students have once again outshone the boys with pass percentage of 92.45 against

90.14 per cent for boys Howerver, boys towered over

girls in ranking. The transgen-der students have also done well in the Board exams with the pass percentage of 94.74 this year, while it was 83.33 per cent in 2017.

Also, the girls pass per-centage has increased by 2.31 per cent this year. The pass percentage of boys has also registered a sharp rise of 4.82 per cent. The differently abled candidates also performed well with a pass percentage of 95.99.

As per the data compiled the CBSE, there is a steep rise of 4.40 per cent in the overall pass percentage this year. The all India pass percentage this year is at 91.10, while it was 86.70 per cent last year.



Class X, KVs outshine others

Students celebrate the after Class X CBSE results in New Delhi on Monday

SC TO HEAR RAFALE **REVIEW PLEAS ON MAY 10** New Delhi: The Supreme Co on Monday said it would hear together on May 10 the pleas seeking review of its verdict on the Rafale fighte jet case and the contempt petition against Congress President Rahul Gandhi for allegedly attributing some remarks to it.

SACKED BSF JAWAN MOVES SC AGAINST EC

New Delhi: Sacked BSF jawan Tej Bahadur Yadav on Monday moved the Supreme Court challenging the Election Commission's decision to cance his candidature from the Varanasi Lok Sabha constitu from where Prime Minister Narendra Modi is contesting

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RAFALE DEAL Review pleas,

PM will sink in his own wave of lies, says Cong

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The Congress on Monday report card on the Modi Government's flagship schemes and alleged that none has met its target. It said the Prime Minister "will sink in his own wave of lies".

wave of lies. Addressing a Press confer-ence at the Congress head-quarters, party leader Navjot Singh Sidhu shared details about various schemes of the BUP Conversion BJP Government.

Talking first about the "₹20,000-crore" Namami Gange scheme launched in 2015, Sidhu said that Water Resources Minister Nitin Gadkari had claimed that 80 per cent of Ganga cleaning work will be completed by

2019. "Out of ₹20,000 crore ear marked for the scheme, only ₹6,000 crore has been spent. Only 10 per cent of the sewage treatment plants have been made. The Ganga is most unclean in Varanasi," Sidhu claimed. Modi represents Varanasi in the Lok Sabha and

is contesting again. "The National Ganges Council was supposed to meet once a year. The PM is its chairman and the CMs of the five states that have Ganga basin are its members. This Council has not met even once in last five years," he said.

On the much publicised Digital India scheme, Sidhu said, "Digital India was sup-posed to connect 2.5 lakh villages with broadband connec tions by February 2019. Only 1.1 lakh villages have got the optic fibre cable as yet...The internet has not worked in even two per cent of villages," he said. "Now this work is being outsourced to companies such as Reliance and Vodafone," he alleged. Under the 'Skill India' pro-

two-year-old controversial

Aclip featuring sacked BSF jawan Tej Bahadur Yadav pur-

portedly claiming to kill Prime Minister Narendra Modi for a sum ₹50 crore surfaced on the

social media on Mondav

"shocking" the BJP which high lighted how mainstream polit

ical parties were embracing

Yadav was fielded by the Samajwadi Party as a Lok Sabha

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wo non-BJP States — West

Two non-BJF states – reserved and Karnataka – have agreed to 'giff' their two

grey wolves and colourful Kalij Pheasants each respectively to the upcoming Gorakhpur Zoo in BJP Chief Minister Aditya

Nath Yogi's hometown in Uttar

Himalayan Zoological Park (also

called the Darjeeling Zoo) in

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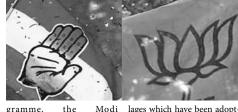
Pradesh

WB, Karnataka to gift grey wolves,

Kalii Pheasants to Gorakhpur Zoo

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such a person.



gramme, the Modi Government promised skill enhancement for 40 crore people, according to Sidhu but "only 41 lakh people have been trained". "Out of 41 lakh, only 6 lakh people have got place-ment," he claimed. Sidhu also talked about

the progress in the Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) scheme, which was launched in 2015.

scheme, 56 per cent of the money has been used in adver-"AMRUT scheme has 500 cities under it where sewage tisements featuring the PM. "Can you imagine? These are the flagship programs of the PM Modi...Liar-in-Chief is his facilities and water connectivity has to be provided. Its pro-ject utilisation is just 3 per cent. Can you imagine? In BJP-ruled states of Assam and Bihar, not a single project has been com-pleted," he said. name. Then he (PM) complains Only the weak complain. The

On the Mudra scheme, Sidhu said the average sanc-tioned loan under it comes to ₹46,000. "The person, who has an annual income of ₹1.11 lakh, you are giving him a loan of ₹46,000 and asking him to start a business. What a joke

this is?" he asked. "Just one per cent of the loans given under the Mudra scheme were above ₹5 lakhs," he added.

About Saansad Adarsh About Saansau Auarsii Gram Yojana, Sidhu said, "In phase 3, 78 per cent of the 786 MPs (Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha) have not adopted any said village...46 per cent of the Union Ministers have not iden-tified any village. The scheme does not have any budgetary allocation

Jayapur and Nagepur - two viladded. FROM SUPREME COURT === Bring on EC record giving clean

Tej moves to court against EC's decision to cancel his candidature

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Sacked BSF jawan Tej Bahadur Yadav on Monday moved the Supreme Court challenging the Election Commissions decision to cancel his candidature from the Varanasi Lok Sabha con-stituency from where Prime Minister Narendra Modi is contesting. Yadav, who was dismissed

in 2017 after he posted a video online complaining about the food served to the troops, was ed by the PM in Varanasi. "Under Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, 400 toilets were made in these two villages. In 80 per fielded by the Samajwadi Party as its candidate from the cent of the toilets, cow dung Varanasi seat.

Plea against traffic restriction

on J&K NH dismissed

and firewood are being stored...The PM installed solar Yadav, in his plea, termed the decision of the poll panel street lights. It does not have motor or batteries," said the former BJP MP. discriminatory and unreason-able and said it should be set aside. Sidhu alleged that out of ₹684 crore allocated under the "Beti Padhao, Beti Bachao"

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BSF jawan. The poll panel had dismissed Yadav's nomination Wednesday. He was served notices by the Varanasi returning officer over "discrepancies" in the two

that he was dismissed from the Border Security Force.

this information. He was also required to

The SP had initially fielded Shalini Yadav as its candidate to contest against Modi and later nominated the sacked

sets of nomination papers submitted by him. In the first set of papers on April 24, he had mentioned

On April 29 he submitted a second set of papers as the SP nominee, but did not give out

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submit a no-objection certificate from the BSF, giving reasons for his dismissal.

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he Supreme Court on The Supreme Court Monday asked Congress MP Sushmita Dev to bring on Election the record Election record the Election Commission's orders giving clean chit to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and BJP President Amit Shah on complaints of Model Code viola tions. A bench comprising Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi and Justice Deepak Gupta has now listed the plea of Dev, a Congress MP

from Silchar Lok Sabha seat in Assam, for hearing on May 8. Senior advocate A M Sighvi,

appearing for Dev, alleged that the poll panel has passed unreasoned orders dismissing the complaints of the Congress party on violations of MCC community.

SC directs CBI to

file status by June 3

June 3.

in two weeks.

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Attorney General K

this aspect "will not be possible" with-

posed to have been murdered and as per CBI's recent affidavit filed in the

apex court, it was found that there were a total of 35 girls with identical

names who at one time or the other

"11 girls are supposed to have been murdered. In one case, we have recovered bones also," he told the bench.

the court that 11 girls were alleged-ly murdered by key accused Brajesh Thakur and his accomplices and a "bundle of bones" was recovered from a burial ground in Muzaffarpur

shelter home sexual abuse case.

In the affidavit, the CBI had told

He said that 11 girls were sup-

MUZAFFARPUR SHELTER HOME

he Supreme Court on Monday

The supreme court on monay, directed the CBI to complete its probe by June 3 into the alleged mur-der of 11 girls at a shelter home in

Bihar's Muzaffarpur and asked the agency to file a status report. A bench comprising Chief Justice

Ranjan Gogoi and Justice Deepak Gupta said that since the matter was

'urgent", it would be heard by a vacation bench on June 3. "Office to list the matter on June

3 before the vacation bench of this

court. In the meantime, the ongoing

investigation, as stated in the reply of

the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), be completed and all necessary

actions in accordance with law, including filing of status report before this court, be also completed,"

the bench said in its order.

chit to Modi & Shah, Cong told contempt petition (Model Code of Conduct) by the prime minister and Shah who are accused of using armed against RaGa to be heard on May 10 forces in their campaign. The bench asked the law maker to file an additional affi-PTI NEW DEI HI davit bringing on records the orders passed by EC on the complaints of MCC violations by the top two BJP The Supreme Court on Monday said it would hear together on May 10 the pleas seeking review of its verdict on the Rafale fighter jet case and

leaders. The EC has given clean chit to Modi for two of his speech-es — one in Latur last month the contempt petition against Congress President Rahul Gandhi for wrongly attributing urging first time voters to ded icate their votes in the name of Balakot air strike heroes and solto the apex court the "chokidar chor hai" remark against Prime Minister Narendra Modi. diers killed in the Pulwama

attack, and the other in Wardha on April 1, where he indicated A special bench headed by Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi said the petitions seeking review of its December 14 ver-dict of last year will come up for that Wayanad constituency had more voters from the minority

hearing on May 10. The bench, also compris-ing Justices S K Kaul and K M Joseph, expressed surprise as to how the review pleas and the contempt petition against Gandhi were listed on different dates when it had earlier ordered that both the cases will be heard together. "We are little perplexed

keeping in view the urgency of the matter, but later asked it to do so by that the two cases are listed on two different dates when the order was that these matters will be heard together," the bench said. Gandhi had made the con-Venugopal, appearing for CBI, told the court that completion of probe on

temptuous remark, "chowkidar chor hai", against Modi, which the apex court had said was

rongly attributed to it. The top court had on April 30 given another opportunity to Gandhi for filing one more affidavit for his remark.

Though Gandhi, through his counsel, admitted that he made a mistake by wrongly attributing the remark to the Supreme Court, it observed that in the affidavit filed earlier, at one point the Congress President admitted the mistake and at one point denied making contemptuous remarks. During Monday's brief hearing, advocate Prashant

INSHORT

IMA DEMANDS OVERHAUL OF DIAGNOSTIC TECHNIQUE New Delhi: The IMA has

demanded a major overhaul of the Pre-conception and Pre-nata **Diagnostic Techniques** (Prohibition of Sex Selection) Act, saying the legislation in its present form has led to "harassment" of obstetricians and radiologists and has "miserably failed" in restoring the sex ratio of the country. The Indian Medical Association (IMA) demand came after the Supreme Court upheld the constitutional validity of Sections 23(1) and 23(2) of the act.

PM 'UTTERED UNTRUTHS'

SAYS YECHURY New Delhi: CPI(M) general secretary Sitaram Yechury said on Monday that Prime Minister Narendra Modi "uttered untruths" to sharpen communal polarisation. Modi at an election rally in West Bengal's Jhargram slammed Yechury for his "derogatory" remarks against Ramavana and Mahabharata.

SCHOOL PRINCIPAL CONGRATULATE STUDENTS New Delhi: Soumya, Saleha Ahmed and Vishal Mittal have done their RD Public Senior Secondary School, Krishan Vihar, proud by coming out with flying colours in the CBSE X examination, results for which were announced on Monday. Princinal Sudha Rampal congratulated them for their performance.

candidate from Varanasi con-stituency against Modi. However, his candidature was cancelled as he was dismissed

and Kumda, the Mysuru Zoo

will be left with nine pairs. Not keen to lose on the time,

the UP Government wants that the Central Zoo Authority

(CZA), under the Unior

Environment Ministry, should give permission to keep the gifted animals at Lucknow Zoo

for transit period till the con-struction work of the enclosures

is completed. A total 33 enclo-

sures are being constructed to

house the animals in the zoo to

be sprawled in the area of 121

tenure, in 2010. However, it gained momentum after the BJP Government took over the

regime in the State. It will be the

Initially, it was called as

first in the eastern UP and big-

Gorakhpur zoo which was

ger than the Lucknow zoo.

from service. Reacting to the develop-ment, BJP leader GVL Narasimha Rao said, "It is very shocking that yet another con-spiracy to assassinate the Prime Minister has come to light by someone who was drafted as a Lok Sabha candidate against the PM in Varanasi by the Samajwadi Party. In a stunning

Rao alleged that Tej Bahadur is also seen accepting that he has links with terror outthat he has links with terror out-fits like Hizbul Mujahiden and Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT). He said the BJP requested all democratically spirited indi-viduale institutions and polit viduals, institutions and politsought reversal of the poll panel's decision in order to ical parties to condemn such violent plans in an unequivocal manner. "We condemn it, we aallow him to contest the elecexpect all agencies to take note tions

of this threat," Rao said. The EC rejected Yadav's

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Disaster Response Force in

Around 50% pow

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Karnataka Government it would

soon decide on their request to allow over 500 students from the

State, who missed the NEET

exam on Sunday due to a train delay. HRD Minister Prakash

Javadekar announced that the

National Testing Agency will

conduct NEET exam again for

those students of Karnataka who missed their exam as their

train was delayed which has

come as a major relief to the can-

will be conducted on May 20.

Nearly 365 students from north

Karnataka had missed appear-ing for the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) on

NEET for these students

didates.

Reviewing the relief

Cyclone affected areas of the

more to cyclone-hit Odisha

power connectivity need to be restored on priority basis as

drinking water supply, telephone connectivity and banking operations need electricity

been received and all measures were being taken to prevent any

outbreak of diseases Reviewing the relief measures, Cabinet Secretary stressed that power connectivity need to be restored on pri-

being explored to provide con nectivity in Puri and Khurda.

More than 2,500 gang men More than 2,500 gang men are working in Odisha to restore power lines, substa-tions and Steel Ministry has dispatched about 5,500 steel electric poles and another 15,000 will be supplied by 14th May.

May. Cabinet Secretary directed that more manpower should be mobilized to restore power. He also suggested that mobile service operators need to operationalize their towers in coordination with the State Government. Ministry of Petroleum informed that majority of petrol and diesel retail outlets

more than 10,000 new employment, besides creating around

The Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) has distributed more than one lakh bee boxes among the farmers and unemployed vouths across the nation in less youths across the nation in less than two year under a pro-gramme named 'Honey Mission' launched in August 2017 from the Presidential

KVIC distributes 1 L bee boxes to farmers, jobless youths in 2 yrs

acquaintance with apicultural equipments, identification and management of bee enemies

25,000 additional man days through the fabrication of Bee boxes and Honey Extractors," he said, adding, "The KVIC has also provided the bee-keepers practical training about exam-ination of honeybee colonies,

PNS NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday dismissed a plea challenging the Jammu and Kashmir Government's order restricting civilian traffic for a day in a week on a stretch of the national highway from Udhampur to Baramulla for the movement of brave ones defeat their oppo-nents. Should I call security forces Counsel for the State Government told the bench you Raja Harischandra?" he comprising Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi and Justice asked. Deepak Gupta that the order restricting traffic on the national highway was taken due to the ongoing election and will remain in force till May About Fasal Bima Yojana, About Fasal Bima Yojana, Sidhu said it is "even a bigger scam than Rafale scam". "I am saying it categorically." "Under the UPA Government, 4.85 The bench, after hearing the submissions, said, "We are not inclined to keep this petition pending." The State Government had issued an order on April crore farmers were insured. Under the Modi Government,

3 in which it said that keeping in view the Pulwama 4.87 crores were insured. The premium taken under the UPA terror attack, another car bomb attack on security regime was just ₹10,560 crore. forces' convoy at Banihal and movement of forces dur-ing the Lok Sabha elections, no civilian traffic move-All of these are Government

ment will be allowed on the NH stretch from 4 AM to 5 PM once a week. companies such as LIC," he "Under the Modi The order had said there would be one "dedicated Government, while the number of people insured are the same as UPA, the premium taken is day every week" for movement of security forces' con-voy when there would be no civilian traffic on the national highway from Baramulla to Udhampur from ₹47,408 crore...The premium has increased by five times," he

He also talked about

Give me ₹50 cr, will kill Modi: 2-yr-old Tej's video surfaces video, Tej Bahadur Yadav is heard asking for Rs 50 crore to assassinate Modi."

nomination as he was unable to submit a certificate to affirm that he had not been sacked for either corruption or disloyalty during the last five years. Yaday has now approached the Supreme Court terming the poll panel's decision as discriminatory and unreasonable and

A AM to 5 PM. The regulation of the vehicular movement on the NH would remain in force till May 31, it had said. Centre announces ₹1K cr

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

The Centre on Monday announced the release of an additional ₹1,000 crore to the cyclone-hit Odisha as announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. This amount would be in addition to the ₹341 crore that had been pro-vided to the Odisha's State

advance. As announced by Prime Minister after his aerial survey and review of relief efforts with the Odisha Government, the Home Ministry has announced a further release of ₹1,000 crore for assistance to the state, the statement said

Management Committee

State.

measures, Cabinet ecretary stressed that

In the National Crisis

(NCMC), headed by Cabinet Secretary PK Sinha, Odisha Government informed that restoration of Power and Telecommunication infrastructure continue to remain the major priority in the

West Bengal has agreed to part away with a pair of grey wolves, Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens, popularly known as 'Mysuru Zoo', which is one of the oldest zoos of the country, will hand over two bright male pheasants to the Shaheed Ashfaqullah Khan Prani Udvan also known as Gorakhpur Zoo being constructed in the same namesake district

A distinctive pheasant with bare red facial skin, the Kalij Pheasant has a backward-point ing crest with a vertically compressed tail. Males are iridescent black and silver while females are grayish-brown. These winged beauties are found in forested areas, usually in the mountains.

Although the Indian gray wolf is distributed in a vast area of peninsular India, the actual estimates of wolf populations are available only from

Gujarat and Rajasthan Supreme Court in Mayawati's (Jhala & Giles, 1991). Only a few reports on the occurrence of wolf are available from Karnataka The Indian Grey Wolves are social animals, i.e. they live in packs and generally with one pair amongst them which gives birth to a litter of pups during rechristened by the SP Government after revolutionary Ashfaqullah Khan, in May 2012. the colder months. After shift ing the pair of wolves which have been given name as Ajay

acres of land. The cost for transportation of the gifted animals will be borne by the Gorakhpur Zoo that will have state-of-the art Bhawan achieved many landmarks. First, on 21st May 2018 on World Honey Bee Day, KVIC made a World Record of disfacilities such as amphitheatre, snake park, avian enclosures and butter fly park among other basic facilities.

Sources in the Ministry, bee-boxes in a single day by which oversees the functioning of the CZA, said that the prodistributing 1,000 bee-boxes among 100 Mishing Asamese tribe in the Kaziranga forest posal is being studied as keeparea, beating previous best of 841 in Israel in 2016. ng the 'gifted' animals for a trai sit period in a zoo, other than

KVIC also made a new World Record of distributing maximum number of 2330 where they will be permanently housed is usually not in the interest of the animals transported from their original enclobee-boxes in a single day in the sures. In fact, the proposal to con-Zangalee Army area at Kupwara in Jammu & Kashmir

struct the Gorakhpur Zoo had been pending for quite a long time during the SP government among 233 beneficiaries, in association with Indian Army's Sadbhawna Programme. which was approved by the Central Zoo Authority and

KVIC Chairman Vinai Kumar Saxena said that following the Prime Minister's call of 'Sweet Revolution', the KVIC immediately made an action plan on this line named 'Honey Mission.

We have so far distributed 1,01,000 bee-boxes, across the country, which had happened for the very first time in India. We have not only distributed bee-boxes, rather under 'Honey Mission', we have also created

Edifice at Rashtrapati and diseases, honey extraction and wax purification, and management of bee colonies in During this process, KVIC spring, summer, monsoon tumn and winter seasons

Saxena, who himself monitors the progress of 'Honey Mission' round-the-clock, fur-ther said that besides productributing maximum number of tion of healthy honey and wax bee-keeping would open many job avenues for the unem ployed youths and aspiring young entrepreneurs.

"Being the nodal agency of Prime Minister Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), the KVIC would provide loans for setting up units of processing, packaging and labelling units for the honey," he added.

It may be noted that through 'Honey Mission', so far 246 metric tonnes of honey has been extracted through these Bee-Boxes only, valuing over Rs 4 crore. Besides, if the farmers are

to be believed their crops yield has increased up to 30 percent after the implementation of 'Honey Mission'.

However, assessment of gains in crops' yield in terms of money, has not been ascer-tained as yet.

restoration has been reported while more works need to be done in Bhubaneswar and Puri. The NEET examination, which

was postponed, will now be held on 20th May. Medicines dispatched by the Centre have

ority basis as drinking water are functional and sufficient stocks of diesel and other fuels are available in Odisha. supply, telephone connectivity and banking operations need electricity. Three mobile dispensers of

The option of deploying vehicle-mounted mobile tow-Diesel of 6000 liters capacity each are being pressed into service. ers, as requested by Odisha, is

Rewriting NEET: HRD to decide on Karnataka's request

May 5, as the train in which they were travelling reached Bengaluru over seven hours ${
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m he~HRD}$ Ministry on Monday assured the late.

"Happy to announce that Karnataka Students who missed NEET exam due to rail-way delay will get another chance," HRD Minister Prakash Javadekar tweeted. Chief Minister H D

Kumaraswamy held a meeting with Chief Secretary T M Vijaya Bhaskar and Higher Education Department offi-cials on the issue. The students missed the National Eligibility and Entrance Test (NEET) on Sunday as their train reached Bengaluru an hour after the scheduled reporting time and also due to a change in an exam centre, reportedly without any prior information. Kumaraswamy had also

provide one more opportunity to the missing students to write the exam," Gowda said in his letter. According to reports, over

500 students from various places in North Karnataka dis-tricts failed to make it to the exam venue due to a five-hour delay in Hampi Express while the others missed the opportunity due to a change in an exam centre. One of the candidates tweeted to Javadekar that the train was running behind schedule by seven hours and that they would miss the test for no fault of theirs. Former Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah had tweeted on Sunday highlight ing the issue. Candidates had

staged a protest outside the railway station for missing the test for no fault of theirs

-TVA urged Javadekar and Railway Minister Piyush Goyal to ensure that the students who missed the test get another chance to write the NEET.

Union Minister D V adananda Gowda also wrote to HRD Minister Prakash Javadekar, seeking an early solution to the issue. He said the situation could easily have been averted had the National Testing Authority given wide publicity on the change in exam centre and intimated students well in advance.

"I shall be grateful if you could kindly look into the matter and do the needful to



Dr Punit Gupta finally falls in line

Raman's son-in-law approaches the Supreme Court for anticipatory bail. Raipur police is ready to oppose the bail plea, says SSP Raipur

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 $D_{\mathrm{former}}^{\mathrm{r}\,\mathrm{Punit}\,\mathrm{Gupta},\,\mathrm{son-in-law}\,\mathrm{of}}$ BJP National Vice-President Raman Singh on Monday appeared at the Gol Bazar police station to record his statement.

Dr Gupta has approached the Supreme court for getting antici-patory bail, which is to be opposes by the police.

Dr Gupta reached the police station with his advocate on fourth summon. He had ignored the earlier three notices to appear before the police. The Police team that is inves-

tigating the multi-million scam that reportedly took place when Dr Gupta was superintendent of the DKS Super specialty hospital, questioned him for about three hours.

Later on, Dr Gutpa while talking to media personnel skirted most of the questions on the ground that the case is sub judice



Dr Gupta who had overlooked earlier notices issued by the police claimed that he was cooperating in the investigation and that was why he came to the police station to get his statement recorded.

Meanwhile, Senior

Superintendent of Police (SSP) Raipur Arif Sheikh talking to media persons said that Dr Gupta had not given satisfactory reply to the questions posed by investigating team. The team had asked about

50 questions, but Dr Gupta did

Baghel mocks 'appropriate timing' for Punit

Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel mocked former Chief Minister Raman Singh who had stated that his son-in-law will

appear before the police on appropriate time. Baghel said it seems the 'right time' has arrived as he today pro-duced himself before the Gol Bazar police. Baghel made the comment while replying to a question from

media persons here at party's state headquarters Rajiv Bhawan on

To another question about BJP not utilizing Raman in election campaign outside the state even though he is the national vice president, Baghel said, "BJP is actually scared about what answer he (Raman) would give when asked about his son-in-law and son's misdeeds"

He further informed that Dr

not answer most of the Gupta had approached the Supreme Court for getting anticiquestions. He told police that he would be able to reply only after seeing the documents," the SSP said, while adding that soon the police might summon him for second round of questioning.

PET, PPHT exams on May 16

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Chhattisgarh Professional Examination Board (CGBYA-PAM) has announced the revised date for holding the Chhattisgarh state Pre-Engineering Test (PET-2019) and Pre Pharmacy Test

(PPHT-2019) on May 16. The examinations were scheduled on May 2 in two ses-sions but due to technical snag in server of Chhattisgarh Infotech Promotion Society (CHiPS) on April 30, the candidates could not download their admit cards. Due to which the examination was

postponed. Board has intimated that May 16 is the fresh date for the exami-nations which will be held in two sessions. The candidates can download their admit cards from the board's website cgvyapam.choice.gov.in. The admit cards can be downloaded from May 6 to May 12.

As per information, the first session will be for engineering patory bail and Raipur police was ready to oppose the bail plea. "We have sufficient evidences entrance examination from 9.00 am to 12.15 PM while the

against Dr Gutpa and we will oppose the bail," he said. Pharmacy examination is sched

The examinations were scheduled on May 2 in two sessions but due to technical snag in server of Chhattisgarh Infotech Promotion Society (CHiPS) on April 30, the candidates could not download their admit cards. Due to which the examination was postponed.

uled from 2.00 PM to 5.15 PM. The candidates have been asked to arrive half an hour before the specified time of examination at their respective centres. The candidates have been

urged to bring along original identity proof like EPIC card, driving license, PAN card, Aadhar card (e-aadhar is also valid), pass port, identity card issued by school with photograph, original marksheet with photograph at the examination centre. Without any identification document, candidate will be barred from entering examination centre. Three days before the examination, the admit card download facility will be withdrawn.

Appeal to stop child marriages in state on 'Akshaya Tritiya'



On the occasion of annual festival of 'Akshay Tritiya' on Tuesday, girls selecting 'dolls', at a roadside shop in Raipur on Monday.

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the eve of 'Akshay Tritiya' Owmen and Child Development Department and Chhattisgarh Commission for Protection of Child Rights (SCPCR) have urged non-gov ernment organisations and citizens of the state to stop child marriages. The 'Akshay Tritiya', which falls on

Tuesday this year, is considered as auspicious for marriage and on this day large scale child marriages also take place in the state in particular and the country in general. WCD officials stated that child

marriage violates the health, nutrition and education rights of the children. Due to which malnutrition, child mortality rate, maternal mortality rate and domestic violence are on the rise.

"Intimation of any such marriage is vital, so public representatives, social and non-government organisations, self help groups and common man can come forward and provide information of any such incident," it said.

Based on the information, subdivisional magistrate, police, anganbadi worker, sarpanch, panchayat sec-retary, kotwar or regional officers of the WCD would take immediate action, it added.

The information can also be passed on at Child Helpline number Photo Santosh Sahu

1098 or SCPCR toll free number 1800-233-0055. As per information, WCD is also

coordinating with other departments to act immediately in case any child marriage is reported.

As per law marriageable age for a boy is 21 years and 18 for a girl.

For underage marriage, action can be initiated against the parents, relatives, those participating in the event and also the priest conducting it.

WCD also directed all the pan chayats, marriage halls and other centres where marriages are being held to seek the proof of age before allotting

the marriage

Justice Ramachandra Menon sworn in as Chief Justice of Chhattisgarh **STAFF REPORTER** RAIPUR

ustice P R Ramachandra Menon was sworn in as Chief Justice of Chhattisgarh High Court, Bilaspur at Durbar Hall of Raj Bhavan on Monday. Governor Anandiben Patel administered him the oath of office and secrecy.

Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, Home Minister Tamradhwaj Sahu, Food and Civil Supply Minister Mohammad Akbar, School Education Minister Dr Prem Sai Singh, Urban Administration Minister Dr Shiv Kumar Daharia, former chief minister Dr Raman Singh, Member of Rajya Sabha



tors Brijmohan Agrawal, Amitesh Shukla and Kuldeep Amitesh Shukla and Kuldeep Juneja and Raipur Mayor Pramod Dubey were present at the swearing-in ceremony among others. The ceremony was also attended by Justice Menon's wife Preeta Menon and ather membrase of his fem and other members of his fam-ily. Judges of Chhattisgarh and Kerala High Courts were also present on the occasion.

Chief Secretary Sunil Kujur conducted the programme and read out President's warrant. On the occasion, judges, senior officials of state government, advocates and prominent citizens were also present.

PPT-2019, Pre-MCA | Choubey shifted from exam on May 9 ICU to private ward

STAFF REPORTER <mark>=</mark> raipur Chhattisgarh Pre-Polytechnic Test (PPT-2019) and Pre-Masters in Computer Application (Pre-MCA-2019) will be held May 9.

The examination will be Chhattisgarh held in two sessions. Professional The first session will be Examination Board (CGVYAheld for PPT-2019 from PAM) will con-9.00 AM to 12.15 PM duct the test in all the examination which is a statecentres of districts. The level entrance e x a m i n a t i o n second session will through which candidates can commence for Pre-MCA from 2.00 PM to get admission in the state poly-5.15 PM.

technic government and pri-vate colleges of the state. where one officer and assis-According to officials, the examination will be held in two sessions. The first session deputed. A flying squad has been constituted for surprise inspection to stop any use of will be held for PPT-2019 unfair means.

from 9.00 AM to 12.15 PM in **STAFF REPORTER RAIPUR** all the examination centres of districts. The second session

centres The Board

been set up tant nodal officer have been Uttar Lucknow. The

paign, and was taken to the Sahara Hospital. Later he was shifted to the SGPGI where he was kept in an ICU till Sunday.

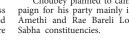
paign for his party mainly in Amethi and Rae Bareli Lok

Chhattisgarh Minister for Agriculture and Water will commence for Pre-MCA from 2.00 PM to 5.15 PM. Resources Ravindra Chaubey was on Monday shifted from Intensive Care Unit (ICU) to Raipur has five examination while Korba has private ward of Sanjay Gandhi three examina-Post Graduate Institute of tion centres. Medical Sciences (SGPGIMS) has appointed nodal officers and coordinators in each district

to monitor and conduct the examination. A control room has

cardiac arrest a week ago in Pradesh capital senior Congress leader of Chhattisgarh fainted at a hotel in Lucknow, where

as his health showed mark improvement. Congress sources informed that his vital organs such as lever and kidney are responding well and it is expected that soon he would discharged from the Hospital. Notable, Choubev suffered





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Chairman, PCC Legal Cell Kiranmayi Nayak and Congress's state spokesperson Vikas Tiwari on Monday approached the Pandri police station and lodged a complaint against BJP MLA Shivratan Sharma for his alleged "objectionable remarks" against UPA chair-"objectionable person Sonia Gandhi and Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel. In the complaint, the

Congress leaders apprised the police that the BJP MLA had made objectionable remarks to a local news portal defaming the

chairperson and Chhattisgarh Chief Minister. Sharma reportedly said in a statement that Sonia Gandhi



would soon be compelled to open a restaurant where as Baghel would have to open a CD shop to sell porn CDs.

Agroup pilgrims from Gujarat Who were caught in cyclone Fani while visiting temple-town Puri in Odisha were given temporary shelter at Raipur.

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The group thanked Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel for his sensitivity and assistance.

Sources said as soon as Baghel received information that 153 pilgrims from Gujarat who were caught in the cyclone at Puri were reaching Raipur, he directed Raipur district administration Raipur Municipal and Corporation to ensure all assistance to them including medical checkup.

Raipur Mayor Pramod Dubey called them and enquired about

their status. The district administration



A group of Gujarati pilgrims has taken temporary shelter at Indoor Stadium, Raipur on Monday after arriving from cyclone-hit Puri in Odisha

arranged their stay at Balbir Singh were also provided snacks and Juneja Indoor Stadium. They food

A four-member team of doctors also conducted health check up of all the pilgrims and provided free medicines.

CM has already announced Rs 11 crore for relief works in Odisha.

The pilgrims during interac-tions with media said, "They are from Jamnagar and nearby areas. They had gone for pilgrimage to Puri-Gangasagar on April 17. They had all gone to Gangasagar leaving their luggage at Puri."

There were no bus or train services in the aftermath of cyclone Fani. But somehow they managed to reach Raipur in different batches between 12.00 midnight and 6.00 am.

One of the pilgrims Tulsi Bhai Parmar said, "For the last three days they survived without drinking water. Nanda Ben, another pilgrim,

said they have not taken bath for last four days. Shanta Ben Rathore said they had been surviving on dry snacks, such as biscuits which they had for emergency

They said: "Chief Minister had made adequate arrangement for our stay, food and medicine. For our return, special coaches were also provided. We can now return happily."

Two special train coaches were attached with Porbandar Santragachi Kavi Guru Express for their return during afternoon.

District administration informed that another batch of pilgrims from Gujarat is expected to reach Raipur during night hours. All arrangements for their stay, food and medical assistance as well as their return have been made.

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Litmus test on the popularity of Khattar

NISHU MAHAJAN I CHANDIGARH

Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar may not be in the fray but his pop-ularity and performance will be put to test as the state goes to polling on 10 Lok Sabha seats on May 12.

Although the state is wit-nessing a multi-cornered contest but the real battle for baltest but the real battle for bal-lots would be mostly confined to the ruling BJP led by Manohar Lal and Congress, where former Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda is

spearheading the campaign. The Lok Sabha poll out-come on May 23 in Haryana, where Khattar is heading the maiden BJP Government, would eventually indicate the sentiments among the voters of the state, which is also scheduled to go to Assembly polls later this year. There is a real-ization among all political parties that the result of parlia-mentary elections will set the tone for Haryana Assembly polls.

After making his political debut about four-and -a-halfyears ago in assembly elections from Karnal, Khattar is now should ering the responsibility of leading the party's charge in

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Rohtak on Tuesday for can paigning. Priyanka will hold public meet-ings in Ambala and Hisar to seek votes for party c a n d i d a t e s Kumari Selja and Bhavya Bishnoi respectively. on

respectively on May 7. Later in the evening,

she will hold a roadshow in Rohtak in support of party candidate, three-time MP

Deepender Singh Hooda. This would be Priyanka

Priyanka Gandhi

in Haryana today



Haryana. To boost the party' poll

prospects, the star campaign-er of saffron party, Manohar Lal is engaged in a hectic campaigning, addressing atleast two election rallies every day, besides holding a roadshow and meeting party workers and people of the state on daily basis. Not only Haryana, Bhupinder Singh Hooda, who the former RSS Pracharak Manohar Lal is also holding poll rallies in neighboring Punjab, Delhi, Himachal Pradesh, union territory of

Chandigarh and other states. popularity as well among the On his birthday a day before on May 5, the Chief n-Jat vote bank in Haryana." They feel that any gain in BJP's tally in Haryana in 2019 polls would strengthen Minister held two election rallies and meetings with party

season

workers while on Monday, after addressing two rallies, he went to Delhi for canvassing. party at national level while any loss would put him under attack by his rivals within and Interestingly, the first-time

MLA, Manohar Lal is the most followed Haryana politician on Twitter with 1.46 million outside the party. While the political observers feel that the 2019 followers and has also been actively connecting with the voters through this micro-blogging site in the election election may not be a repeat of 2014 where Modi wave had decimated the Congress in Haryana, Manohar Lal exudes confidence of winning all 10 Notably, the saffron party, Lok Sabha seats in the state.

while riding the Narendra Modi wave in 2014 Lok Sabha At his election rallies and roadshows, he is focusing on listing out BJP government's achievements at the Central and State level besides sticking elections, had emerged as a major gainer in Haryana where it had managed to win 7 seats and later that year, created a history by attaining absolute to the issue of national security and nationalism.

"The BJP government has eliminated the culture of mid-dlemen and agents by bringing in transparency in the working majority on its own in the State Assembly polls. The Congress could win only one seat while the undivided Indian National Lok Dal had won two seats in last general elections. of the government and its departments," he told people at an election rally in Rohtak on Political observers sav. "Like, former Chief Minister

Monday. "The ongoing Lok Sabha elections are different from the past elections as it is a con-test between the BJP which has faces a must-win situation in Sonepat Lok Sabha constituency to prove his popu-larity among the Jats, it would an acid test for Manohar Lal's ensured all round develop-ment in last five years besides ensuring nation's security and the opposition Congress which misled the people through its promises including the Garibi Hatao slogan in the last sever-

al decades," Manohar Lal

added. A non-Jat and Punjabi Chief Minister, who is under Chief Minister, who is under attack by opposition over his government's failure during violent Jat quota stir 2016, dera followers' violence at Panchkula in 2017, violence during Baba Rampal's arrest is also hitting back at the oppo-sition on the issues of corrup-tion. dynasty politics and tion, dynasty politics and national security during can-

vassing. He has also faced sharp criticism from his own partymen over issues including slow pace of implementation of CM's announcements and bias attitude towards some con-

stituencies in Haryana. Even as Manohar Lal has managed to put his house in order and sharing dais during election campaigning with the likes of Rao Inderjit Singh, Birender Singh, known as his detractors, a poor show in Lok

Sabha may again see dissenting voices rising against him in the "Manohar Lal has been termed as an inexperienced administrator after his failure to handle the situation during Jat quota stir and dera followers' violence at Panchkula However, he also has to his

ry in Jind bypoll and party's win in direct mayoral polls in five major cities of Haryana besides success of major schemes like Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao in

Haryana," political experts say. Apart from his hometurf -Karnal, where Manohar Lal had managed to get party tick-et for his confidant Sanjay Bhatia, the Chief Minister faces a challenging task to ensure BJP's victory on three more seats including Rohtak, Sonipat and Hisar, which are witness-

and Hisar, which are witness-ing high-stakes poll battle. While former CM Bhupinder Singh Hooda is candidate from Sonipat, his son Deependra Hooda is contesting from Rohtak and two dynasts from Chautala and Bhajan Lal families are in the fray from Hisar seat against the BJP

nominee. Before the poll schedule was announced, the Chief Minister strove hard to get a number of development pro-grammes and projects launched in the state. To woo Narendra Modi head-on the voters, he had also announced a new scheme to over his "atrocious" and "abom-inable" remarks on the late Congress leader Raijy Gandhi. provide financial and social security cover to small farmers and workers in unorganized Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on Monday unleashed a tirade against the BJP leader who had "hit the sector and rebate to artisans in power bill in the state. nadir of pettiness in his des-

Modi's remarks show he's hit nadir of pettiness: Capt on Rajiv jibe



PNS 🔳 KHATKAR KALAN the country or its people," he added.

aking Prime Minister

Faced with imminent ouster from the seat of power, the power-hungry Modi had lost all sense of decency and

proportion in his election cam-

paign, reducing it to a shame-less mockery of public norms,

or political institution that looked at elections as a serious

democratic process could con-

done such malicious and base-

less propaganda. The entire Opposition has flayed Modi

Minister as one of the most decent, humble and honest men he had ever known. "Rajiv

had nothing but unwavering love for India and would never,

in his wildest imagination,

have even thought of cheating

"But a thief thinks every body else is also a thief, and a liar cannot envisage any person to be truthful," the Chief Minister quipped, lashing out at Modi for lying about a per-son who could no longer defend himself.

He said: "Rajiv sacrificed his life for the country, and our current Prime Minister. unmindful of the dignity of the chair he has been ensconced in for the past five years, deems it fit to drag the former PM's name into what he has reduced to a shameful saga of low-level

electioneering." Even Modi's own party leader, former Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee, always had good things to say about Rajiv, the Chief Minister noted, pointing to Vajpayee's state-ment on how Rajiv had saved his life by including him in a delegation to the UN so he could gat bic kidney upphare could get his kidney problem treated in New York. That was the kind of man

Rajiv was, said Capt Amarinder, adding that Modi and his BJP were indulging in all kinds of falsehoods and cheap allegations against the Gandhi family out of sheer frustration as they had no pos-itive agenda to fight the poll battle with.

Rajiv's name was originally dragged into the Bofors case out of political motivation but he was exonerated by the Delhi High Court in February 2004. even before the UPA came to power, the Chief Minister said, adding that the then BJP Government had failed to build a case against the former Prime Minister from 1998 to 2004.

Rohtak could again bring smile on Congress faces

NISHU MAHAJAN 🔳 CHANDIGARH

Rohtak Lok Sabha con-ical capital of Jatland –Haryana, is witnessing an "electoral battle of prestige" with three-time MP Deepender Singh Hooda, locked in a direct contest with BJP's nominee Arvind Sharma to retain the parliamentary seat that

Strong caste polarization is likely to dominate the outcome in this keenly watched poll battle between Congress' Deepender Singh Hooda, son of former Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda, a prominent Jat leader and BJP's candidate, former MP Arvind Sharma, a prominent Brahmin leader.

Gandhi's first visit to the state after her entry into active Congress general secre-tary and party's star cam-paigner Priyanka Gandhi will visit Ambala, Hisar and Rohtak on Tuesday for cam-

politics. Former Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda said that campaigning by Priyanka Gandhi will boost

Phyanka Gandhi Wili Doost party's campaign in the state. Congress' Rajya Sabha MP Kumari Selja is pit-ted against BJPS MP Rattan Lal Kataria in Ambala while Bhavya Bishoni is Bhavya Bishnoi is locked in a three-

cornered electoral battle in Hisar with JJP's Dushyant Chautala and BJP's Brijendra Singh in the fray. Deepender Hooda is facing BJP's Arvind Sharma in Rohtak.

of the society. He said that the Prime

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understood the pain of the poor and started various devel-opment programmes including Ayushman Bharat Yojna, pro-viding cooking gas cylinders free to the poor, ensuring elec-tricity to all the homes and pro-Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal on Monday said that the ongoing Lok Sabha elections are different from the past elections as it is a contest between the BJP which has ensured all round development vision of toilet facilities in the houses of the poor. Manohar Lal said that the

and the opposition Congress which misled the people through its promises including BJP government has eliminat-ed the culture of middlemen and agents by bringing in trans-parency in the working of the government and its departthe Garibi Hatao slogan. Manohar Lal addressed two Vijay Sankalp rallies at Kalanaur ments. The government is collect-

in Rohtak district and Bhawani Khera in adjoining Bhiwani district on Monday. Speaking at Kalanaur, Manohar Lal said that the BJP ing data of all households. Soon time will come when government officials will visit had five years back made promises which have been ful-filled resulting in upliftment of your home and tell you about various schemes from which each individual can benefit, he the poor and the other sections added.

Without referring to the duo of former Chief Minister Minister Narendra Modi Bhupinder Singh Hooda and

his son Deepender, Manohar Lal said that the father-son dynastic politics has to be ended.

Haryana CM hits out at Congress

The Chief Minister said that former PM Jawaharlal Nehru announced eradication of poverty, but it remains as such and now the fourth generation Gandhi family member, Rahul Gandhi has again given

the Garibi Hatao slogan. He said that Rahul Gandhi should not be addressed as 'Pappu' as he is national presi-dent of Congress – the main opposition party of the country. Taking a dig at the Congress leaders and workers, he said that they has no faith in

the supremo (Rahul Gandhi) of their party. Rahul Gandhi and Narendra Modi cannot be compared, he said adding that they are poles apart. Later addressing the Vijay Sankalp Rally at Bhawani

Khera, Manohar Lal said that the BJP will give a strong and stable government after the counting of votes on May 23. Manohar Lal said that the

said Capt Amarinder, when asked by the media-persons to comment on the Modi's convoice of the Congress, which is helping the enemies, has to be troversial remarks. He said that Modi's remarks were outright despi-cable and reflective of his loath-some mindset. "The universal ended. Opposition cast asper sions on the actions of the defence forces, he said claiming that the Congress is trying to weaken the defence personnel's criticism the Prime Minister has faced over his comments showed that no sane individual morale

Speaking at the rally, Union Steel Minister Birendar Singh said that he first contested the election in 1972. Previously elections were fought on caste consideration, but in this elec tion the scenario is totally different.

over his disgusting remarks — a clear indication that nobody In this election neither caste, nor religion, nor area nor the family lineage is being considered. There is only one wanted the election process of the country to be vilified in such a manner," he said. Capt Amarinder, who was Rajiv's senior in the school, described the former Prime agenda of development, he claimed.

BATTLEGROUND ROHTAK

has remained Hooda family's citadel.

won the seat four times and since 2005, Deepender has car-ried forward the family legacy.

Deepender, who has had an impressive run on the political pitch with three consecutive poll victories in Jat heartland of the state. Rohtak in Haryana since his electoral debut in 2005, is seeking mandate for the fourth term with challenges of anti-incum-

bency factor coupled with saffron surge in the state. The political analysts are of the view that Rohtak seat is a direct contest between Congress and BJP with other political parties unlikely to make any major

impact on voters. Interestingly, the Rohtak nated Sonepat Lok Sabha seat in 1996 as an independent candiseat, which exemplifies dynasty politics, was won by late Ranbir Singh Hooda in 1952 and 1957. date and later, won Karnal Lok Sabha seat in 2004 and 2009 on Congress' ticket. The BJP, which has been Later, his son two-time former CM Bhupinder Singh Hooda

going full throttle to win Rohtak, is also banking on brand "Modi" and has also been reaching out to the leaders of caste-based

Jat quota agitation 2016 that has widened the divide between the Jat and non-Jat communities in ers and traders in Rohtak constituency. Amid the concerns of polar-

ization of votes on caste lines, the The saffron party's pick of a prominent Brahmin leader, Congress' candidate, Deepender is banking on the development Arvind Sharma in Jat-dominatworks undertaken in last 15 ed Rohtak constituency clearly indicates towards party's strateyears and the support that his father Bhupinder Singh Hooda, gy to win over the non-Jat votes to wrest the Rohtak seat. A fora prominent Jat leader enjoys in e community. In 2014 general elections,

mer Congressman, three-time Deepender was pitted against BJP's nominee OP Dhankar MP Arvind Sharma had earlier this year joined the BJP and had in the past won the lat domi-(Cabinet Minister), a lat candidate and had managed to regis-ter a hat-trick by a margin of more than 1.7 lakh votes in the constituency. Later that year, the BJP had

managed to win four out of nine assembly seats that form Rohtak parliamentary constituency in the State Assembly election, making inroads in the Jat strong-

hold of Rohtak.

the party had won in Harvana Assembly polls 2014. Noted sociologist, Jitender

Prasad, a former professor of Sociology at Maharshi Dayanand University (MDU), Rohtak, while talking to The Pioneer, said, "As per the past electoral trends, the Jat voters have always polarized behind a favored Jat leader in elections. In Rohtak, Deepender will undoubtedly get the support of Jat community and is also likely to get voters from non-Jats,

ly to get voters from non-Jats, due to his good image and association with the con-stituency for a long time, he said. The Jat candidates fielded by other political parties like JJP-AAP candidate Pradeep Deshwal are unlikely to divide lat wate bank in the constituen. Iat vote bank in the constituency as people seem to have this general perception of not divid ing or infact, wasting their vote between two sides, JJP and INLD candidates after the split In the past elections, the non-Jat polarization has worked in favour of the BIP in bypoll to in Jat-centric party, INLD last year, he added Jind assembly segment and even in Rohtak assembly seat, which

other political parties in the polls.

Kulwant Singh Nehra, Assistant Professor, RBI chair at Chandigarh-based Centre for Research in Rural and Industrial Development (CRRID) said, "A very strong caste based polarization is in play in Haryana this

election. But, Deepender still has a fair chance to emerge as a win-ner from Rohtak, probably with a very less margin this time," "In this direct contest

between BJP and Congress, sowing to June 13 - a week major share of non-Jat vote including Punjabis, Brahmins, ahead against the scheduled date of June 20. Baniyas, Rajputs, Ahirs among others will go in favor of BJP. However, a section of Punjabi allowed to sow paddy from June 13," the Chief Minister vote bank is also likely to favor Deepender due to his good reputation among all communities

in Rohtak," he added. The Rohtak con

Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on Monday announced to advance the date of paddy

Paddy sowing advances

to June 13 in Punjab

relief fund. "We will com-pensate each and every farmer," he promised. At the same time, Capt Amarinder reiterated that his government would build a memorial for all Punjabis who had laid down their lives during the independence during the independence struggle, many of whom still remained unknown.

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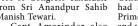
On the farners' issues, he made it clear that his govern-ment would not allow any value cut on MSP by the Central Government, and he had already written to the Prime Minister on this issue and would pursue it person

Capt Amarinder also

"The farmers will be

Manish Tewari.

announced at a rally in sup-port of Congress candidate from Sri Anandpur Sahib



PNS ■ Khatkar kalan

Among other 18 candidates in the fray from Jat-dominated Rohtak seat include Jannayak Ianta Party-Aam Aadmi Party's alliance candidate Pradeep Deshwal, a Jat, INLD's nominee Dharmveer Foii and Loktantra Suraksha Party-Bahujan Samaj Party's joint candidate Kishan Lal Panchal, who comes from the Vishwakarma community, a backward class.

Rohtak, a major hub of the Jat electorate, was the lone parliamentary seat that had withstood the Modi wave and was won by the Congress out of 10 Lok Sabha seats in Haryana in 2014 elections.

The Congress candidate, organizations in the constituency besides holding an aggressive campaign led by Chief Minister Manohar Lal however, is facing a tough con-test this time in his family's citadel with ruling BJP, primar-ily focusing on consolidation of there. BJP's support base large-ly comprises urban non-Jat votnon-Jat vote in its favor after the

CONGRESS CANDIDATE DEEPENDRA SINGH HOODA: "I am confident of winning the Nohtak Lok Sabha seat and believe that this victory in Rohtak will give a political irection to the state in the upcoming assembly elections due to be held later this year. ave support of people of my constituency due to the development works undertaken ir ne last 15 years

BJP CANDIDATE ARVIND SHARMA: "There is Modi wave in entire country in this election. In Rohtak also, people wants to see Narendra Modi as the next Prime Minister. Given the enthusiasm among people that I have witnessed during election campaign, I am sure that the BJP will win Rohtak as well as other 9 seats in the state."

Notably, Rohtak district was the epicenter of violent lat reservation stir 2016, which is likely to caste shadow on the poll outcome in the constituency. The quota agitation that

killed over 30 people in the state had upset the Jat community, whose major demands including reservation still remain unfulfilled. Upset with the ruling BJP, the Jat outfits have already announced to boycott the BJP and vote in favor of

has remained the focus of rulannounced that the Electricity ing BJP in the past five years with Prime Minister Narendra Board will pay compensation to those farmers whose crop Modi and party chief Amit had been damaged due to electrical sparking from the main lines during the recent Shah visiting the constituency on various occasions. The state BJP unit has also opened its unseasonal rains.

Pointing out that a special fully-equipped war room-cum central office in Rohtak for girdawari was already under way to assess crop damage due to rains, he said that the

To boost party's campaign in the high-stakes poll battle losses, due to fires caused by any other reasons, will be Prime Minister Narendra Modi has chosen May 10, the last day compensated from his own of campaigning of sixth phase to address a rally there while Congress general secretary Privanka Gandhi will hold roadshow in Rohtak on May 7

elections.

support from their

constituencies for party

nominee Arvind Sharma

The BJP has its MLAs in

Rohtak, Badli, Bahadurgarh

represented by the Congress

Former CM Bhupinder Singh

Hooda represents Garhi

Sampla Kiloi assembly

segment in Haryana

Assembly.

and Kosli while rest of the

five seats are being

ally.

Even as he came down heavily on the Centre for failing to support the State Government's farm debt waiver scheme, the Chief Minister lashed out at the Modi government for diverting four lakh gunny bags (16,000 bales) to Haryana to create problems for Punjab, which was expecting a bumper wheat crop this

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NUMBER OF VOTERS PERFORMANCE IN 2014 ELECTIONS According to the Election In 2014 Lok Sabha polls, which is largely dominated by assembly segments while Commission there are 17 37 Congress' Deepender Singh the Jats, cover the entire Dhankar took lead in Kosli lakh voters including 9.3 Hooda had won for the third consecutive time by a margin and Bahadurgarh segments. district of Rohtak, and those lakh male and 7.9 lakh of Rewari and Jhajjar However in 2014 State female voters in the Bohtak of more than 1.7 lakh votes. partially. It has nine assembly Assembly elections, the BJP parliamentary constituency. BJP's candidate OP Dhankar segments of Meham, Garhi Sampla-Kiloi, Rohtak, had wrested four of the nine Also, there are 10 had finished second after seats that fall in the Rohtak transgender voters in the securing 3.18 lakh votes, while Kalanaur, Bahadurgarh, Badli, segment has maximum of 2.3 lakh votes followed by Bahadurgarh Lok Sabha seat. The saffron INLD's Shamsher Kharkara polled 1.51 lakh votes and AAP Jhajjar, Beri and Kosli party is now banking on 4 During the last general these four party legislators candidate Naveen Jaihind had which include two Cabinet elections, Deepender had There are 1876 polling stations in the Rohtak constituency, where a finished fourth. managed to keep his Ministers-OP Dhankar and Rohtak Lok Sabha seat Manish Grover-to mobilise supremacy in seven

with 2.1 lakh voters, Garhi Sampla with 2 lakh voters

total of 18 candidates are in the fray



Lanka officials discover bombers' training centre

Police arrest owner of house and two other individuals

PTI COLOMBO

Sri Lankan authorities on Monday discovered a facility believed to be used as a training centre by the suicide bombers prior to the terror attacks on churches and luxury otels on the Easter Sunday that killed more than 250 people. Nine suicide bombers car-

ried out a series of devastating blasts that tore through three churches and three luxury hotels on the Easter Sunday. The Islamic State claimed the attacks, but the government blamed local Islamist extremist group National Thawheed Jammath (NTJ) for the attacks.

The two-storey building was discovered in the Blackpool area in Nuwara Eliya. Details of this facility had surfaced during questioning of some suspects who were arrested in connection with the

NTJ in Sainthamaruthu, when it was blamed for dam-Kalmunai, the Times Online aging Buddhist statues. reported.

aging Buddhist statues. All suicide bombers involved in the blasts are It is believed that 38 mem-It is believed that 38 mem-bers of the NTJ group includ-ing suicide bomber Zahran had received training at this facility prior to the recent terbelieved to be Sri Lankan nationals. In a statement issued

ror attacks," it said. According to the prelimi-nary investigations, the final training session which was attended by Zahran took place on April 17 - four days prior to Abdullah

the deadly Easter attacks. Zahran, the mastermind behind the Easter blasts, led the attack on the Shangri-La hotel and was accompanied by a sec-ond bomber identified as Ilham Ahmed Ibrahim. He was killed inside the hotel where he blew

himself up. The training centre had been set-up in the building that had been on rent. Police have arrested the

owner of the house and two other individuals who had allegedly provided accommo-dation facilities at the building. The NTJ has no history of country's deadliest violence large-scale attacks. The group since the devastating civil war came to prominence last year ended in 2009.

SL Min asks forces to avoid incidents that may lead to radicalisation of Muslims

PTI COLOMBO

Sri Lankan security forces Schould avoid the incidents that caused some people face social stigma during the search operations after the Easter Sunday blasts carried out by a through its propaganda 'Amaq' news agency two days after the attacks, the ISIS identified the "cult" within the community as it may lead to radicalisation of attackers as Abu Ubayda, Abu moderate Muslims in the country, a Minister has warned. al-Mukhtar, Abu Khalil, Abu

Hamza, Abu al-Bara'a, Abu Muhammad and Abu Minister of City Planning, Water Management and Higher Education Rauff Hakeem said Muslims wel-President Maithripala Sirisena last week used emercome and support the securigency powers to ban the NTJ ty forces and police to carry out search operations following and a splinter group identified as Jamathei Millathu Ibraheem the April 21 carnage in which over 250 people were killed. There have been few inci-

(JMI). The move to ban the outdents of concern during these operations, which should be fits came after the Lankan Parliament adopted a newlyenforced emergency regula-tion on Wednesday following a series of eight coordinated avoided as these could lead to radicalisation of moderate Muslims in the country, he was blasts, which ripped through three churches and three high-end hotels frequented by tourists on April 19 in the quoted as saying by the Daily Mirror on Monday. "Some people have suf-fered social stigma as a result

of some minor happenings during search operations being sensationalised. One must not

Trump warns Palestinians: End rocket attacks on Israel. they will bring more misery

PTI WASHINGTON

 $T_{\rm per \ cent" \ in \ its \ defence}^{\rm he \ US \ supports \ Israel \ "100}$ erature written in Arabic or in against a barrage of deadly rocket attacks by militant groups in Gaza, US President Tamil is found in a house. It may not be terrorist literature. "There may be anti-(Osama) Bin Laden or anti-Donald Trump has said, warning Palestinians that such actions would bring them extremist literature with some

> Tensions flared up on Saturday between Israel and Palestine with massive rocket

of Israeli retaliatory strikes which continued throughout Sunday.

including at least nine militants, were killed. Four civilians in Israel were the "mainstream mosques in certain Middle Eastern coun-

"We as Muslims had warned the authorities of certain activities such as speeches made by certain people pro-moting extremism, which is against Islam, by certain groups from time to time," he said. When asked about the

get carried away if Islamic lit

weapons being found in some mosques, during the searches, Hakeem said places of worship should not be used to keep arms, adding that "terrorist activities and ordinary crimes should not be mixed up".

Meghan Markle

gives birth to

baby boy

Monday.

people. The security forces could get help from the Department of Muslim Affairs "nothing but more misery". to interpret such literature," the Minister told reporters. Hakeem also said that the bombings had been carried fire from Gaza, drawing waves out by a cult living among the Muslims which earlier attacked At least 23 Palestinians,

> killed, at least three of them Israeli citizens. "Once again, Israel faces a

"Once again, Israel faces a barrage of deadly rocket attacks by terrorist groups Hamas and Islamic Jihad. We support Israel 100 per cent in its defense of its citizens," "Trump said in a tweet on Sunday. "To the Gazan people — these terrorist acts against Israel will bring you nothing but

will bring you nothing but more misery. End the violence and work towards peace - it can happen!" Trump said in a border.

to jail here in a procession of tweet. According to media reports, the militant groups have fired about 600 rockets Pakistani workers on Tuesday to complete the remaining period of his seven years imprisonment in towards Israel. In response, Israel has launched about 250 air strikes against terrorist the Al-Azizia Mills corruption case BAHRAIN UPHOLDS DEATH SENTENCE Dubai: Bahrain's supreme court on Monday upheld death

groups in the region. The flare-up comes despite a truce brokered by Egypt last month. It is one of the most surges in violence since the conflict of July and August 2014.

In that year, Israel launched agency reported. a ground offensive on Gaza fol MALI GETS NEW GOVT lowing the kidnapping and killing of three Israeli teenagers. The conflict killed 67 AFTER PROTESTS Bamako: Mali's president has Israeli soldiers. Hamas and its allies launched more than 4,500 named a new government after its predecessor resigned last rocket strikes that killed six month amid widespread protests civilians in Israel. over an upsurge of deadly inter-

On the Palestinian side, 2,251 people, including 1,462 civilians, were killed in the seven-week conflict, according presidency statement said. to the UN Palestinian leaders in Gaza

agreed to a ceasefire with Israel on Monday to end a two-day escalation in violence. Israel also lifted restrictions on civilian movements in communities around the Gaza

testify" before Congress on his investigation into Russia's interference in the 2016 elections

communal violence, a

TRUMP: MUELLER 'SHOULD NOT TESTIFY'

Washington: US President Donald Trump declared on

Sunday that Special Counsel Robert Mueller "should not

world 5

NAWAZ SHARIF WILL Return to Jail Today

Lahore: Pakistan's former Prime

Minister Nawaz Sharif will return

sentences for two Shiite activists

others on terror-related charges

and links to Iran. BNA state news

and jail terms for dozens of

GLOBE TROTTING

US deploys carrier strike group to send 'clear message' to Iran

Washington: The US is deploying an aircraft carrier strike group and a bomber task force in the Middle East to send a Meghan Markle, Britain's Duchess of Sussex, gave birth to a healthy baby boy on "clear and unmistakable" message to Iran that any attack on American interests or its allies Meghan, 37, went into labour "in the early hours" of will be met with "unrelenting force", National Security Monday morning, and her husband Prince Harry was by Advisor John Bolton has warned. Bolton said on Sunday the her side, the Buckingham Palace said. "It's a boy," the palace said.

decision to deploy the USS Abraham Lincoln Carrier Strike Group and a bomber task force to the US Central Command region in the Middle East was in response to a number of "troubling and warnings" from Iran. The deployment of the strike group and bomber task

SEARCH FOR MISSING



General Public is hereby informed that one person Namely: Munna Tiwari (Force No.-041609241), S/o:Harender Tiwari, R/o: Bilauti Tehshil, Distt.- Shahpur, Bihar (Pir No-802154) Present Address- CRPF Camp, Bawana, Delhi, Age: 34 Years, Height: 182 Cms, Face: Long,

MUNNA TIWARI CRPF (Constable/GD) has been missing/ kidnapped since 12.04.2019 from 27 Battalion CRPF Camp Bawana, under the area of PS. Narela, Delhi. In this regard DD No. 86-A dated 18.04.2019 has been lodged at PS. Narela, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing/kidnapped person but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone have any information about this missing/ kidnapped

force comes after US President Command region to send a Donald Trump last month refused to give waivers to coun-tries like India from buying oil from Iran, in an attempt to reduce Iran's oil exports to zero. After coming to power, Trump withdrew from the Iranian nuclear deal last year and has imposed stringent sanctions against what he describes as the "authoritarian"

Iranian regime. "In response to a number of troubling and escalatory indications and warnings, the United States is deploying the USS Abraham Lincoln Carrier Strike Group and a bomber task force to the US Central

clear and unmistakable mes sage to the Iranian regime that any attack on United States interests or on those of our allies will be met with unrelenting force," Bolton said "The United States is not seeking war with the Iranian

regime, but we are fully pre-pared to respond to any attack, whether by proxy, the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, or regular Iranian forces," he said in a statement.

The US is seeking to ramp up pressure on Iran to counter what the White House perceives to be a potential threat. **PTI**

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General public is hereby informed that one girl namely Komal Goswami D/o Shambhu Goswami R/o H.No C-37. Aman Puri, Nihal Vihar, Delhi, has beer missing/kidnapped from the area of P.S Nihal Vihar, Delhi since 25.04.2019. In this regard, a case FIR No. 284/19 u/s 363 IPC, Dated 25.04.2019 has been registered at P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi. The description of the missing/kidnapped girl is as under.

DP/2194/OD/19



Age: 17 Years, Complexion: Fair, Height: 5'5", Face: Round, ID: Tattoo Mark 'Om' and name 'Komal' on her left hand. Wearing: Pink colour Kurta-Black colour Salwar and Chappal in feet. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out her but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone has any information about the missing girl then please inform P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi at following Tel No. / email: cic@cbi.gov.in and Website: http://cbi.nic.in Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641 Fax No. 011-24368639

Sd/- S.H.O. P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi Ph. 011-25946700



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China slams US naval ships sailing through SCS

Beijing: China on Monday protested over two US warships sailing near islands claimed by it in the disputed South China Sea, saying it violates its sovereignty and also denounced a Pentagon report on Chinese military's modernisation as an

military's modernisation as an attempt to spread the "China threat theory". The US guided-missile destroyers 'Preble' and 'Chung Hoon' travelled within 12 nautical miles of Gaven and Johnson Reefs in the Spratly Islands, which Beijing calls Nansha.

The latest US challenge to Beijing's territorial claims in the region comes amid trade tensions as President Donald Trump said Sunday he would raise tar-iffs on USD 200 billion in Chinese goods on Friday because



briefing here on Monday. He said the Chinese navy identified the US vessels and asked them to leave as per Chinese law. "The relevant move the

US warships infringed upon China's sovereignty and undermined peace and security in the relevant waters. We deplore that and firmly oppose that," he said and asked Washington to stop such "provocations". PTI

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

Delhi. In this regard a D.D. No. 20-A. Dated 02.05.2019

has been lodged at P.S. Old Delhi Railway Station, Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to

identify the dead body but no clue has come to light so

far. If any one having any information about this male

dead body please inform undersigned.

DP/3821/RLY/19

Builiding No -A2, Pandav Nagar

It is publically informed that, one male

dead body namely Unknown, S/o

Unknown, R/o Unknown, Age 65

years, Height 5'5", Complexion

Wheatish, Wearing white Lungi, he's

left leg is broken, he was found

Platform No. 14, West Foot Over

Bridge, Old Delhi Railway Station,



a strong proponent of armed struggle in the Himalayan kingdom to overthrow the monarchy and establish a republic country, said there is a need for serious discussion on

Marxist ideology and its exper-iment in Nepal. Addressing a programme organised here to mark the 201st birth anniversary of Karl Marx, a German philosopher who is considered the father of

to change system: Prachanda Kathmandu: Ruling Nepal Communist Party president Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' on Monday said armed revolutions "have not 'communism', he said several armed revolutions have "failed in the world context" "Such revolutions have not been able to change any sys-

Maoists choose democratic path

in Nepal as armed revolution fails

been able to change any system" and that that is why Maoists tem That is why we have chosen the peaceful and democ have chosen the peaceful and ratic way out," Prachanda, who democratic path in the country. Prachanda, who was once is a former Moaist leader, said He said socialism will not

come through the develop-ment of capitalism, and neither it can be brought without dismantling the feudal system.

bring movement in ideology and organisation if we are to establish a system based on socialist ideology...A conscious jolt is needed to bring a social ist revolution in the country," the

"The Duchess and baby "We need to develop nationalist capital and need to are both healthy and well, and the couple thank members of the public for their shared excitement and support during this very special time in their lives," Buckingham Palace said in the Instagram statement

former prime minister said.PTI

General public is here by informed that an unidentified person (depicted in the photo) name: unknown, residence and family is unknown about 55 years of age was found dead as side NDRS Ajmeri Gate Side, on 02.05.2019, 6:00 AM. In this regard a FIR/DD No. 8-A, dated 02.05.2019 has been registered at Police Station New Delhi Railway Station, Delhi.

Sex: Male, Age: 55 years, Height: 5'1" ft., Complexion: Shallow, ID Marks: Long Hair & Long Beard, Wearing: Black T-Shirt & Grey Pant.

Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or Telephone Numbers. SHO P.S. New Delhi Railway Station, Delhi

P.S. Old Delhi Railway Station, Delhi DP/3822/RLY/19 Ph.: 011-23961522, 23980685

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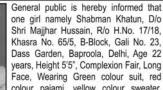
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PAPER WITH PASSION A speech too far

Modi has failed his own self-worth by making uncharitable remarks on the late Rajiv Gandhi. Frankly, he didn't need to



rue leadership is tested in the most unfavourable and hostile conditions. And it commands respect when it emerges with grace under pressure. Or when its courage is under fire. No matter who or what the opponent, it is about the certain choices that you make in taking up a challenge than making uncertain moves, hoping they will hit the target, that prove whether you are gualified to be a class apart. On this count, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who has always positioned himself as a larger than life deliverer -

no matter how crafted or earned - should not have disrespected the dead, in this case, an assassinated Prime Minister. Plunging levels of indecency in public discourse may have ceased to surprise us anymore but at least one never expected Modi to take on Congress president Rahul Gandhi with the utterly reprehensible comment of "Your father's life ended as Bhrashtachari No 1." That, too, at a public rally where even the backbencher would know that Rajiv Gandhi was killed in a blast set off by a Tamil suicide bomber. People may have rightful reservations about Congress era incompetencies and Bofors but to link that accidental, tragic death to them is entirely uncalled for. Nothing can justify this lowly jibe from somebody who holds a prized Constitutional post and by virtue of its occupancy, is expected to set high standards. Besides, Modi emerged as a reaction to extreme anti-Congressism and, therefore, is expected to not use tropes but set a singular example that is not referenced in comparisons. He should fit the persona he wants to script a repeat history with, not sag from its contours. Agreed Rahul Gandhi's own jibe of chowkidaar chor hai began the downward spiral when no probe or court has pronounced the Prime Minister guilty of wrong-doing but to return that ill-timed belligerence or immaturity with such repugnance is certainly unexpected and unwarranted. Yes, he is under pressure on Rafale to tear down the Congress charge of corruption by pulling out Bofors but wouldn't it have been better to deal with the inconsistent facts of that case? Why get personal? Besides, Rajiv Gandhi himself was absolved of being a direct recipient of the Bofors payoffs by the Delhi High Court and the Supreme Court refused to entertain a petition against him. The new BJP leadership must remember that it is justifying the candidacy of Sadhvi Pragya Thakur on the same logic that the court had not pronounced her guilty. Surely, the party realises the trap of selective interpretations? Or the fact that all parties invoke "the innocent until proven guilty clause" to suit their convenience? Worse, senior BJP leaders amplified Modi's remark instead of letting it lapse organically.

Nobody is arguing that there should be no critique of previous regimes to justify the alternative policies of one's own. But in hitting below the belt, Modi ended up making Rahul look like the victim and have the entire Opposition rally around him and the Congress by extension. This at a time when the glue was sort of coming off the angularities of the mahagathbandhan. He just gave them a reason to stay together. This also comes as a cushion after BSP chief Mayawati's large-heartedness of the day before when she asked her voters to throw their weight behind the Congress. As for Rahul, it gave him the opportunity to undo the frivolity of his hugplomacy in Parliament, take the moral high ground and emerge convincing in contrast. His tweet on karma, and claiming that he harboured no ill will about such vicious attacks on his bloodline rather than himself endeared him to many. He was expedient enough to take a dig at the new BJP leadership's hypocrisy on values of the Indian parivaar, recalling how the party had sidelined mentors like LK Advani and Murli Manohar Joshi. Frankly, Modi did not need to engage in this vitriol if he is so sure himself of making past the magic number. In fact, in contrast to his 2014 campaign, where he posited himself in a far more statesmanlike manner and, therefore, seemed earnest about progressive development, the gallery-playing and divisive Modi of 2019 is hard to reconcile with. It doesn't behave the expansive confidence he has exuded so far and makes him look pathetically insecure. One would have thought that he would graduate to the next level instead and change the discourse from namecalling to one of real issues, something which is totally missing this time.

Digital gets physical

Israel's response to a Hamas cyber attack was real-time. What does this mean for warfare in the future?



ne of the unwritten rules of global warfare has always been a 'reasonable' response to an attack. Does India's counter-strike in the aftermath of the Pulwama attacks qualify on that count? That is what most countries felt given that India had hit back at the terrorists who had orchestrated the attack on the convoy of paramilitary forces. But Israel's response to a suspected Hamas cyber attack on its interests was to bomb into oblivion the house where the online warriors were operating from. The question many war-

opānion Reality check for Chacko

While the Congress leader's assertion that the Nehru-Gandhis are the 'first family' goes against our democratic ethos, their transgressions are now precedents followed by others



A SURYA PRAKASH

lthough the Congress was in the vanguard of the freedom movement, many of its members are still not comfortable with the core values in our Constitution and the democratic way of life. A case in point is the recent statement of a dyed-in-the-wool Congressman PC Chacko that the Nehru-Gandhi family is "the first family in the country." In the mid-1970s, the then Congress

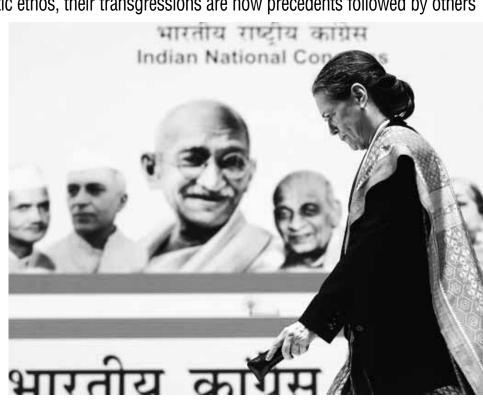
president, Dev Kant Barooah, had pro-claimed that "Indira is India and India is Indira." What followed was terrible consequences for the country's citizens. Taken in by such sycophancy, Prime Minister Indira Gandhi displayed fascist tendencies and turned our democracy into a dictatorship. While the assertion of the Congress leader. Mr Chacko, that the Nehru-Gandhi family is the "first family of the country" goes against the very grain of our democracy and Constitutional *dharma*, we must admit that the family has many firsts to its credit. Here are some of them:

In 1946, when the All-India Congress Committee (AICC) asked its State units to propose the name of the person who, in their view, should become party president and the first Prime Minister of India, not one Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC) voted for Jawaharlal Nehru. A dozen of them wanted Jawanariai Nenru. A dozen or inem wanted Sardar Vallabhbai Patel to beccome the party president and Prime Minister. Three other State units proposed no candidate. Yet, though he did not secure a single vote, Jawaharlal Nehru, backed by Mahatma Gandhi, became the first Prime Minister of India. The Congress and historians close to this family have written tomes, describing Nehru as a "great democrat" but have hidden this dreadful truth from the Indian public. Nehru, therefore, has the unique distinction of getting the top job without a single vote in his favour!

Nehru was also the only Prime Minister under whom India suffered a humiliating defeat in a war with China, thanks to his woolly-headed approach to international relations and gross misreading of China's real intentions. He was also the Prime Minister who preferred to beseech the United Nations on January 1, 1948, and internationalise the Kashmir issue, rather than allow the Indian Army to throw out the infiltrators. Yet another first for Nehru was the man-

ner in which he initiated dynastic politics in the country. He manipulated the party bosses and ensured the appointment of his daughter Indira Gandhi as the Congress pres ident in 1959.

Indira Gandhi, too, has many firsts to her credit. She was the only Prime Minister to supersede four judges of the Supreme Court (three of them in April 1973, and one in January 1977) and propound the theory of a "committed judiciary"— that is, committed to the Congress. She was the only Indian leader to crush democracy and replace it with



dictatorship during the dreaded Emergency, which she imposed in 1975. She was the first national leader to abolish the need for quorum in Parliament so that a few Congress MPs could make laws for the entire country. She was also the first and only Prime Minister to empower the President to amend the Constitution through an execu-tive order. She was also the first leader of the Congress to give party tickets to two people, who had hijacked an aircraft in 1978. Soon after she returned to power, she ensured the withdrawal of cases against the hijackers, gave them party tickets in the Uttar Pradesh Assembly elections in 1981 and ensured their victories. Thus, she made sure that the hijackers became honourable members of the Uttar Pradesh

legislature. Thereafter, her successors in the family — Rajiv Gandhi and Sonia Gandhi have repeatedly honoured one of the hijackers with a party ticket to contest the Lok Sabha elections from Uttar Pradesh. Such is the respect that the Nehru-Gandhis accord to this individual that they have given him the party ticket five times and made desperate attempts to ensure the presence of this man in the House of the

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many firsts. He was the only Prime Minister to be directly accused of taking kickbacks in an international arms deal. He was also the second Prime Minister after Indira Gandhi to bring a law to crush press free dom. A united media forced

him to eventually back off. Two members of this fam- Jawaharlal Nehru and Indira Gandhi — have the unique distinction of conferring the Bharat Ratna upon them-selves. Later, Rajiv Gandhi, too, was awarded the Bharat Ratna posthumously. All the three members of this family, who became Prime Ministers, have a special attribute — complete-ly ignoring national leaders like Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and Dr BR Ambedkar. It was left to other party Governments to confer the Bharat Ratna on these great national leaders. Yet another first, which is now etched in stone, is that this

is the only political family in the country to name all major Government schemes, nation al projects and institutions and most of the sports trophies after its own members to the complete exclusion of everybody else. Sonia Gandhi is probably

the only foreigner to get herself

included illegally in the voters' list in our country. This hap-

EDITOR

ened in 1980, when she was still a citizen of Italy. Someone lodged a complaint with the Chief Election Officer, Delhi, and he removed her name from the voters' list because she was not a citizen of India

Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi are two members of the Nehru-Gandhi family who are members of the Lok Sabha and who consider it infra dig to ask questions in the House Obviously, they take the Chacko principle seriously. A look at the parliamentary record of the two Gandhis shows that they have never asked a single question in their parliamentary careers. According to a study conduct-ed by PRS India, on an average, MPs asked 300 questions in the 15th Lok Sabha and 293 questions in the 16th Lok Sabha Compare their record with the highest number of questions asked by an MP in the 16th Lok Sabha — 1,181 — and you get an idea of what an active MP can do during question time. This is the record of the "First family." Mr Chacko, please stop using expressions that militate against our democratic ethos. India is the biggest democracy in the world, not a monarchy.

(The writer is an author spe cialising in democracy studies. Views expressed are personal)

Modi is a hover who entered the ring to fight unemployment but ended up punching his coach and veteran leader LK Advani. Congress chief —Rahul Gandhi

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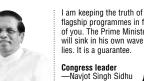
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fare theorists are asking now is whether this was a proportionate attack? The United States (US) did not even use low-yield tactical nuclear weapons when it was chasing Osama bin Laden or in any of the wars that it has been involved in after it dropped the "Fat Man" nuclear bomb on Nagasaki. That said, Israel's responses to Palestinian terrorist attacks has almost always been disproportionate, using far superior weaponry against a State that barely exists.

But there are a couple of things that we should all keep in mind. With increased digitisation in the world, a cyber attack can itself be disproportionately more damaging than a physical version. Paralysing the banking or electrical system of a nation can cause far more damage economically than a bomb. It might not kill any people, at least not directly, but as demonetisation has taught us, a shock to the financial system can be extremely damaging to the economy. So should the response to such a transgression also be physically proportionate? That is clearly something that will have to be determined on a case-tocase basis but nations are rightly becoming more aware of the risks and the need to respond to such attacks. Primarily because a digital offensive may not allow any State the liberty of time to script an equally potent digital counteroffensive. Sometimes, there may not be enough digital assets to compromise, sometimes the attacking State would have secured its own digital assets. A physical reaction may be the only way to respond in such a complicated scenario. Taking out the nerve-centre of the attack by blowing it up could well be a baseline response and that is what Israel seems to have done. Other countries may have different ways of responding - they may employ sleuths or assassing to go after the perpetrators. This is a brand new world of warfare that we are entering into and the answers to many of these questions will unfortunately only come after the scale of a devastating impact.

Rebuild Odisha

Sir - This refers to the editorial, "Preventive measures" (May 6). The cyclonic storm named Fani, the worst witnessed by India in 20 years, crossed the Odisha coast near Puri with wind speeds of about 200-220 kmph but could not inflict as much damage as was expected. Odisha's management of the natural disaster has become a template for the world to follow given our population. It seemed like the State had learnt lessons from past All its arms performed to perfection — there were weath-er alerts, preparedness and informed public participation. Post the disaster, the Centre as well as the State Compensate are

well as the State Government are faced with a hefty task of rebuild-ing infrastructure. Fani has left a trail of destruction across the State with considerable structural damage being inflicted to private and public properties. To this end, the Union Government has taken timely action. It has released emergency funds and deployed National Disaster Response Force teams. The State Government pressed into action even before the cyclone was about to hit Odisha. More than 12 lakh people were A role model in disaster management

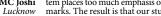
his refers to the editorial "Preventive measures" (May 6). Fani, which means the hood of a snake and is pronounced 'Foni', was rated as an "extremely severe cyclonic storm." Fani did what a cyclone does best - wreaking havoc. It damaged infrastructure and buildings and uprooted trees, electric poles and mobile towers. At the same time, it was great consolation that the proactive disaster management kept casualties to the minimum. India has come a long way from the days when the loss of life due to natural calamities ran into thousands. Now, we have the scientific know-how to foreof prenaredness to cone with them. Damage-proof houscast a natural disaster in the offing and take precautionary measures to save people living in affected areas from es in disaster-prone areas and more secure livelihoods its fury and ferocity. Early warning and timely evacuahave to be given priority to reduce the vulnerability of impoverished people to large-scale natural disasters. Zer

saved lives. ISRO's satellites and IMD's new hurricane model played a part in preventing Fani from taking a heavy casualty toll. That climate change may trigger extreme weather-related events in the coming days must raise our level

shifted to safe places and 26 lakh were alerted through SMS. The State has shown commendable

performance and was rightly applauded by the UN as well applauded by the UN as Going further, the rehabilitation exercise is not just the responsibil-ity of the Union or the State Government. It must become a national mission.

MC Joshi



Greater emphasis must be laid on creative education by focussing on greater flexibility and change ing patterns of examination because marks are not everything to test a students' capability. KR Srinivasan Secundèrabad

Perfect handling

 This refers to the editorial, "Preventive measures" (May 6). The lower number of human casualties reported from Odisha when a gigantic storm, Fani, crossed its landmass is in itself proof that the State has learnt from the 1999 experience. Certainly, advancements in worther ferenerities aided the weather forecasting aided the authorities in minimising the loss. But the focus now should be on creating infrastructure that is resilient enough to withstand the onslaught of nature's fury. This is all the more important as climate change-induced extreme weather has become the norm rather than the exception.

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Genuine success This refers to the editori-

al, "Genuine scores?" (May 4). The high percentage of marks secured by students in the Central Board of Secondary Education class XII examination is a clear revelation that our academic system places too much emphasis on marks. The result is that our stu-

unable to get admission in reput-ed colleges. Time has come for a revamp of our education system.

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SHASHANK AGARWAL

hile more focus is being laid on scarce natural resources globally, a new concept in world economy, in addition to Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and Net Domestic Product (NDP), has emerged recently. This is termed as the Environmental Domestic Product (EDP) or Green Net Domestic Product (Green NDP). While GDP stands for total market value of the goods produced and services rendered by a country within a specific per-od of time, NDP is calculated by deducting depreciation on the nation's capital goods. Both GDP and NDP have very well been accepted as the economic health indicator of countries globally. With the advent of EDP, it seems that the world has pocketed another economic health indicator, which emphasises including the eco-nomic costs of degrading natural resources that may or may not have occurred due to the production of goods and rendering of

services within an economy. While progress has been achieved in almost all sectors of development, we have completely ignored or rather caused damage to the environment. Green accounting, also termed as Environmental Accounting, Resource Accounting or Integrated Accounting, helps firms in recording the environmental costs incurred by way of damages and depletion of natural resources as a result of their operations. Over a period of time, natural threats like global warming, earth-quakes and tsunami among others have become too frequent across the globe. No country has remained unaffected from these natur-al calamities. It, is therefore, essential that we take stringent steps to fight climate change and build responsibilities in our systems.

As far as India is concerned, former Environment Minister Jairam Ramesh had first stressed upon the need to merge green accounting practices with traditional ones. The Ministry of Environment & Forest (MoEF) in 1991 had made the first announcement on environmental disclosure in annual accounts. Further, the Companies Act, 2013, has made it mandatory for certain companies to follow green accounting practices and contribute at least two per cent of their annual net profits towards CSR activities. Hence, business organ-isations are being made accountable for the damages they cause to nature and are also being compelled to pay back for it through CSR activities and simultaneously making a disclosure in their board reports. If it is established that the environmental resources are depleted during production process, then the inclusion of such damage cost in arriving at the net profit or loss shall adhere to the fair valuation principles of business.

It is as true as the existence of humans on earth that the environment has badly and adversely been affected due to emissions from industries. Another important factor is that industries are com-pletely ignorant about the natural resources and the benefits they could have attained had they factored in various unutilised and easilv available natural resources. This is why the concept of environmental accounting has emerged. This is a field of study that will go hand in hand with traditional accounting practices, which pro-vide a uniform methodology to corporates to account for the past, present and future natural costs in its financials.

The implementation of green economy will show the real picture of economic growth and development. More than an accounting practice, it is a standard that is being followed by all nations. As an initiative to implement environmental accounting prac-

tices, India became part of the Paris Agreement, whereby each mem-ber country has to plan and report the steps taken to mitigate global warming and reduce emission of Green House Gases. This apart, for every business to start a unit, environmental clearance from various Government departments has been made mandatory. Environmental accounting is an emerging concept that helps pro-mote CSR activities and also calculates the true GDP. If we can implement it at the national level and make it mandatory for firms to calculate the associated environmental costs, then the very purpose of computation of net national income can be achieved. Also, the level of CSR activity, which each such firm has to undertake in order to compensate the damages caused to environment, can be fixed

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POINTCOUNTERPOINT

ARE WE HIS SERVANT THAT WE WILL GO WHEREVER HE BECKONS? WHY SHOULD I SHARE DAIS WITH AN **EXPIRY PRIME MINISTER DURING ELECTION TIME?** -WEST BENGAL CHIEF MINISTER MAMATA BANERJEE

New front in war on terror

The local militant Islamist group involved in the attacks neither had the sophistication nor the ability to carry out such attacks. It was clearly steered more by the ISI than IS



SHE (MAMATA) IS PURSUING CHEAP POLITICS OVER

FANI. SHE DID NOT SPEAK TO ME WHEN I TRIED

-PRIME MINISTER

NARENDRA MODI

CONTACTING HER TO TALK ABOUT THE CALAMITY.

Despite all the confusion, carnage and hor-ror of the Sri Lankan suicide bomb left hundreds more injured, one thing that is abundantly clear is the utter futility of such attempts by religious bigots to change the world to their livenes. Of course there is also a stark to their likeness. Of course, there is also a stark reality that Governments around the world are forced to confront and for which politicians pay a heavy price: That despite the strictest of con-trols imposed, little can actually be done to con-trol the turn of such events. In the case of Sri Lanka, the security and intelligence establish-ment appeared to have become complacent if not compared to have been to compare in a not compared to have been to be the second to be

to convince the citizens that they have the nec-essary expertise and required abilities if given a free hand to make their lives safe, secure and comfortable. Nothing can be further from the truth as at the end of the day, howsoever sophisticated and technology-dependent the data col-lection, analysis and dissemination process may be, they are all finally subject to the frailties and

It has emerged that in the case of Sri Lanka, actionable intelligence provided by Indian agencies was not acted upon because of the on-going factional fight between President Maithripala Sirisena and Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe This apart there's also the per-Wickremesinghe. This apart, there's also the per-ception that these agencies were keen on cre-ating a rift between Sri Lanka and Pakistan over ang a fin between Sri Lanka and Parkstan over the issue. Also, there may well have been a sense of complacency, not least given the common perception that Indian agencies rarely get it right — the Pulwama tragedy being the latest one in a long line of such disasters.

Fortunately, the Sri Lankan Government did move rapidly after the attacks. Once it had over-come the initial shock, it was able to identify the perpetrators and put in place a series of mea-sures that have till now prevented a repeat of such attacks from being executed. Also, except for a couple of minor incidents, they have been able to prevent reprisals against the Muslim community, the overwhelming majority of whose members are upright and loyal citizens, who were equally shocked and incensed by the senseless atrocities perpetrated in the name of their religion. This ensured that much of the subsequent intelligence that enabled the police and security forces to stop further attacks was provided from within the community. Finally, one could not help but appreciate

Finally, one could not help but appreciate Prime Minister Wickremesinghe's prompt action to publicly apologise for the inability of his Government to forestall the tragedy. He fur-ther ensured accountability by sacking the defence secretary and police chief for inaction on their part and for deliberately withholding intelligence about pecifible argorite attracts. Our intelligence about possible terrorist attacks. Our political leadership will do well to learn from this. They must keep their egos under control and focus on accountability every time they come short instead of clinging on to their chairs

as they all do. Interestingly, while the Islamic State (IS) lost no time in claiming responsibility for the attacks,



its ability to actually coordinate and execute such a sophisticated and com-plex attack, involving seven suicide bombers, seems quite doubtful. The fact that it is on the run obviously fact that it is on the run obviously makes organising such an attack extremely challenging, though it may well have been able to radicalise the perpetrators online. On the other hand, dismissing their involvement as out of hand would also be quite foolish, given that its ideology has attracted a large num-

its ideology has attracted a large num-ber of followers in recent years. We have already seen some pointers towards this in our neighbourhood as well as in Jammu & Kashmir. Moreover, we must also remember that a vast number of our population emia vast number of our population emi-grates to the Middle East in search of jobs and it is not inconceivable that some among these workers may well have fallen prey to this radical ideol-ogy and returned to South Asia to carry forward the Islamic State's war against non-believers. It will indeed be against hor-benevers, it will interest the interesting to learn what interrogations of suspects — captured before they were able to act — brings out. Then there is, of course, the alter-

native narrative that suggests the involvement of Pakistan's Inter Service Intelligence (ISI) along with Chinese intelligence to create an environment within the country that can enable former President Mahendra Rajapaksa to once again win the presidential hustings due in the near future. That he

the belief that Indian agencies were able to provide such detailed action-able intelligence only because they had caught and interrogated some members of a module, connected to the per-

bers of a module, connected to the per-petrators at Coimbatore. It has been a long-standing belief within our security and intelligence community that after the withdrawal of the Indian Peace Keeping Force of the Indian Peace Keeping Force from Sri Lanka and the subsequent refusal of the Indian Government to supply the Sri Lankan armed forces with weapons, the Sri Lankan Government turned to Pakistan for assistance. It is at this time that Pakistan's ISI established a foothold in that island nation, which was used to radicalise train, arm and used to radicalise, train, arm and employ Islamists for operations in South India.

Let us not forget that Sri Lankan Muslims have sided with Pakistan since the Partition. And have been united by the "big" presence of India in the neighbourhood to coalesce their mutual interests. Let us also not forget that during the 1971 Liberation War of Bangladesh, when India withdrew landing and overflight rights to Pakistan, Sri Lanka extended landing and refuelling facilities to Pakistan International Airlines. As the Pakistan Army launched operations against the Mukti Bahini, Pakistani military aircraft landed and took off from the Katunayake international airport. While Sri Lanka insisted these aircraft tings due in the near future. Inat he was rabidly anti-Indian in his past two tenures as President is not under doubt as also his wholehearted support for Pakistan and China. This perception is supported by

ernment's counter-offensive strate

gies. In this particular case, while there is the possibility that these elements may well have acted independently, it could just as well have been a "false flag" operation to push the blame on cadres of the Islamic State, who in their present condition, would have been more than happy to accent responsimore than happy to accept responsi-bility for obvious reasons. One way or the other, the National Thowheeth Jama'ath, the local militant

Islamist group involved in the attacks, neither had the sophistication nor the ability to carry out such attacks and clearly unknown foreign organisa-tions provided them with the neces-

sary technical and logistic support. Finally, in our context, there have been credible reports that Islamists have been successful in establishing a fairly strong presence in States such as West Bengal and Kerala, where they now seem to be becoming increasing-y assertive. They have got away with It is primarily because local Governments have been reluctant to act against them in the foolish hope that by doing so, they would gain the support of the Muslim community to consolidate power. This bodes ill for the country in the long run and the country in the long run and requires the Union Government to undertake necessary measures, some of which may well make them unpop-ular, if we are to avoid a turbulent and

extremely violent future. (The writer, a military veteran, a consultant with the Observer Research Foundation and a Senior Visiting Fellow with The Peninsula Foundation, Chennai)

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HIS GOVERNMENT TO

FORESTALL THE TRAGEDY. THUS, IT ENSURED ACCOUNTABILITY BY SACKING THE

DEFENCE SECRETARY AND POLICE CHIEF.

OUR POLITICAL LEADERSHIP

WILL DO WELL TO LEARN

FROM THIS

If the quality of pre-primary education determines the 'success' of the child, then, should not all children have the right to access a uniform pre-school education?



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A ccess, retention and success, which mean bringing children to school, retaining them for at Los school, retaining them for at least eight years (up to 14 years of age) till they pass grade VIII or ideally for 12 years till they pass the senior sec-ondary level, have been the mantra of the advecting of the school school school the education sector since the Jomtien Conference was held in 1990.

Ever since, our educational planners as well as the Government have done a stupendous job in improving the quality of education in schools. Today, India can boast of great achievements for having expanded school access to children in outlying areas. Several policies and initiative have been launched and they have only grown sharper and

tighter in details with the passage of time. But a closer look will reveal that at the grassroot level, little has changed. Students from low-income changed families and first generation school overs continue to face complex chal-enges. While for the first time India was able to bring the school dropout rate to less than three per cent, a large majority of the children still remains out of school. We can claim advance ments in school infrastructure and the provision of mid-day meals to our students but why is it that learn ing levels among the severely disad-vantaged and first generation children have not changed? Why is it that a majority of drop-outs continue to belong to the poor and less-privileged families?

A major reason for children dropping out of school is unpre-paredness. Children who do not live with their immediate families find it difficult to adjust to the school environment. They also do not understand the importance of schooling and there is no one back home to convince the child why he/she must attend classes. It is not that our edu-

cationists or policy-makers are not aware of this fact. It was, perhaps, this realisation that prompted them to launch programmes like the Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS) and Anganwadi centres. But clearly they have not been able to reap desired results. The schemes were expected to support the mother by way of providing crucial information and medicine during pregnancy and prepare her child for school. Instead, centres providing such services have remained lowquality child minding centres. The need of the hour is to bifur-

cate the lower primary from the ele-mentary school and conjoin it with the pre-school so as to provide qual-ity language and life skills training to all children aged between three and eight. Many children, who suffer from various types of disabilities, do not receive the attention of Anganwadi teachers as also prima-ry teachers as they lack the required training to detect disabilities. Detection should be an essential component of the teachers' training process so that they know how to deal with such situations and refer them to the appropriate agencies. Further, it is often said that children have the capacity to learn many

languages between ages three and eight. So, it is essential that teachers are proficient in at least three languages

The absence of a professional gency for the design, development and implementation of a well-conceptualised scheme is also one major rea son why programmes are arbitrary in nature. Pre-school to lower primary education ie, institutions for children aged between three and eight years, should be seen as a continuum. Life skills training as well as literacy and numeracy skills should be provided in the mother tongue and within the institutions. Any national body, ide-ally the National Council for Educational Research and Training (NCERT), should be designated as the

(NCERT), should be designated as the nodal agency for designing a plan for complete development of the child. Adequately, for the teachers, the National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) must design and develop training norms and decide on the standards required to be appointed a *shikshak* at these centres. And this, without much formal intervention.

It goes without saying that the Right to Education Act, 2009, did not do much good to this age group of students. In fact, it worked against their interest. By giving scant atten-tion to early childhood education, the nation has deprived the poor and the less-privileged children of their right to education. The non-formal schools, which were run by voluntary organisations like the Ekal Vidyalaya, and who have been doing great ser-vice to children in far-flung areas, have been declared illegal/unlawful. Perhaps, we need to re-examine if this sector can be covered under the RTE or be made free for NGOs, the philanthropists and others to contribute.

Traditionally, education of this age group has always been seen as a *dharm* and the society contributed towards making it possible. We should rely more on the local community for running these schools. Mothers of children studying in these centres and other volunteers

should be roped in to run them smoothly and ensure a check and balance system born of participation not of imposition. They should not be seen as a Government establish ment but as a community centre of

the society. So where did we go wrong and what needs to change? We have to emphasise that mother and child care centres are not just about health but also about literacy/education of both The major reason behind the poor performance of these centres and schemes is the involvement of inappropriately trained personnel to man age them. The nodal Ministry for these centres should be the Ministry se centres should be the Ministry of Human Resources Development of Human Resources Development alone with experts from areas of med-icine, nutrition, psychiatry and so on. If the quality of pre-primary educa-tion determines the "success" of the child, then, should not all children have the right to access a uniform preschool education?

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States: 7 Constituencies: 51





Shopian, Pulwama votes

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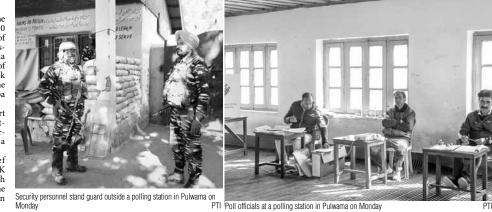
A mid palpable tension in the bair, a little over 14,000 'brave' voters stepped out of their houses in 'disturbed' districts of Shopian and Pulwama in the third and final phase of polling in the Anantnag Lok Sabha constituency, sealing the fate of PDP Chief Mehbooba

Mufti, on Monday. However, in the cold desert region of Ladakh, an estimated 64 per cent electorate exer-cised their right to vote in a multi cornered contest.

According to Chief Electoral Officer, J&K Shailendra Kumar, "the fifth Snahendra Kumar, the inth and final phase of polling in the State passed off peacefully on Monday". He said, the twin districts of Shopian and Pulwama

recorded around 2.81 per cent voting while Ladakh Parliamentary constituency recorded 64 per cent polling during the day. He said, Kargil district recorded little over 73





per cent polling while Leh district recorded around 55 per cent polling. Overall poll percentage in

all five phases touched 44.15 per cent in the State, he added. voters approached the polling stations in Shopian, Wachi, Since morning majority of Raipora, Pulwama and Tral

segments of Anantnag.

polling booths in Shopian and Pulwama districts wore a Pulwama districts wore a deserted look amid tight secu-To scare away voters, unidentified militants lobbed a rity arrangements. Hardly any

grenade at a polling station in Pulwama while a petrol bomb was hurled at another polling station in Shopian. No loss of

life was reported in both the incidents Reports of clashes between protesters and the security forces were received from var-ious areas of both Pulwama and Shopian. Separatists have also given a separate election boy-cott and a shutdown call in Shopian and Pulwama districts. In Ladakh, the contest was

four-cornered between Jamyang Tsering Namgyal of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Rigzin Spalbar of the Congress and two indepen-dents, Haji Aşgar Ali Karbalai and Saiad Huserain

and Sajjad Hussain. In Anantnag, the main contest is between Mehbooba Mufti of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), Ghulam Ahmad Mir of Congress and Justice (retired) Hasnain Masoodi of the National Conference.

Till late evening, all the polling parties returned safely from Shopian and Pulwama district. Barring few reports of clashes the deinduction process

composite culture

was completed peacefully. Local reports claimed at least four locals received injuries when security forces used tear smoke shells to disburse them

Zero vote cast from Burhan Wani's village, only 15 from Pulwama suicide bomber's

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 $N^{\mathrm{obody\ from\ the\ village\ of}}_{\mathrm{Burhan\ Wani,\ the\ poster}}$ boy of terror group Hizbul Mujahideen, voted on Monday, while just 15 from the native place of Pulwama suicide bomber, who nearly brought India and Pakistan to a war cast the ballots, officials said. Also, zero polling was wit-nessed from the villages of other top militant commanders in south Kashmir, the hotbed

of militancy in the Valley, officials added. Wani's Shareefabad village in the Tral area decided to give a miss to the elections as no one from the village went to exer-cise their franchise.

Kashmiri Pandits vote in special booths, hope

in 2016 had triggered a massive Just 15 votes (of the total unrest in the valley that left 350) were polled In Gundibagh, a village that hit the internanearly 100 people dead and thousand others, including tional headlines on February 14 security forces, injured.

Subrata Roy, Managing Worker and Chairman of Sahara India Pariwar, shows his identity card and his finger marked with indelible ink after casting his vote during the fifth phase of Lok Sabha elections, at Lucknow, on Monday PTI

Centenarians beat the heat PTI 🔳 JAIPUR

Notwithstanding the soaring mercury, several centenarians cast their vote in Rajasthan during oolling for 12 Lok Sabha con stituencies in the desert state on

Monday, setting an example for the younger generation. Veera Singh, a 114-year-old resident of Raisinghnagar in Sriganganagar district, reached the polling station to vote this morn-ing. 104 wear old Cangararm and ing. 104-year-old Gangaram and 102-year-old Gurdayal Kaur exercised their franchise in Jaipur and Suratgarh town of Sriganganagar district respectively.

"It shows their dedication towards fulfilling their responsibil-ity towards democracy and they are an inspiration for young generation," chief electoral officer Anand Kumar said

the face and arms.

couple of grooms in Jaipur and Nagaur too reached the polling booths to exercise their franchise as the national duty took prece-Apart from the centenarians, a dence over their marriage

In Lalana village of Parbatsar in Nagaur, a groom riding a mare reached the polling station to cast his vote whereas in Malviya Nagar of Jaipur, another groom chose to get his finger inked before exchang-ing his wedding vows. Deputy Chief Minister Sachin Pilot voted at a polling station in Jalupura area here whereas

Rajasthan Chief Electoral Officer Anand Kumar and his deputy D logaram and state chief secretary D B Gupta and his wife also voted.

In the second phase, Election Commission has set up 133 polling stations where women are handling election process and security. A total of 2.30 crore people, including seven lakh first-timers, are eligible to vote in 12 Lok Sabha

seats. The State has 13.82 lakh voters in 18-19 years of age group. As many as 134 candidates are in fray in the second phase of election.

PTI JAGTI CAMP (JAMMU) Delhi and Udhampur for their native Assembly and parliaiving miles away from their mentary constituencies, say L'individual de la construction the situation in Kashmir is getting worse due to rampant radicalisation and terrorism, Kashmiri Pandits on Monday voted with the hope for an end weakening the possibility of to terrorism and peaceful return to their homeland. "We want that South Kashmir should be freed from their return to and rehabilita-

for end of terrorism and return to homeland

tion in Kashmir Valley. Arvind Koul, who hails from Shopian, says his community members cannot return to their homeland unless and the twin grave threats (terror-ism and radicalisation) to the of until there is restoration of Kashmiriyat," 65-year-old Pyara Lal Pandita, who hailed from "composite culture (Kashmiriyat) and humanity (insaniyat) as existed before the emergence of terrorism in the valley" in 1989-1990. Pulwama district of the

Anantnag Lok Sabha con-stituency, said after casting vote For 21-year-old Sunita Bhat from Tral of south Kashmir, "Peace and security at a special polling station here Kashmiri Pandits, who have been voting in exile for the past three decades in Jammu. are first and foremost condi-

tions for settlement of a minor-ity community." "The ity community." "The Government should consider these before formulating a rehabilitation policy," she said. Meanwhile, some Kashmiri Pandits staged demonstrations outside a special polling station here on Monday after they found their names missing from the voter list.

after one of its residents Adil

Dar became a suicide bomber for Jaish-e-Mohammed terror

group and triggered a blast in an explosive-laden car near a CRPF convoy killing 44 per-

sonnel, the officials said. Also, zero voting was

recorded from Noorabad, the

village of Zakir Musa, the so-called chief of Ansar-Gazawat-

ul-Hind terror group; Beighpora, the village of the incumbent Hizbul Mujahideen

commander Rivaz Naikoo; and

Sheikhpora, the village of Mudassir Khan, the master-

mind of February 14 terror strike, said the officials. Wani's killing in an encounter with security forces in 2016 hod triggered a massive

Anantnag district went to polls on 23 April, while voting in Kulgam district took place on 29 April, while Shopian and on 29 April, while Shopian and Pulwama districts voted on Monday. The Election Commission set up 21 special polling stations for Kashmiri Pandits in Jammu, one in Udhampur and four in Delhi to ensure their participation in the democratic process.

Earlier, people got electricity on Eid, but not on Diwali: Adityanath

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Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath alleged on Monday that during earlier governments in Uttar Pradesh, people got electricity on Muharram and Eid, but not on Holi and Diwali.

Addressing a public meet-ing in Domariaganj con-stituency in Siddharth Nagar district. Aditvanath said the situation was different now, saying Prime Minister Narendra Modi believed in 'sabka saath, sabka vikas' (support for all, development for all).

"Earlier, power connec-tions were given on caste lines and people didn't get electric-ity on Holi and Diwali, but on Muharram and Eid," the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader said.

Adityanath's remarks is reminiscent of Modi's com-ments at a rally before the 2017 assembly election in the state.



The PM had said if people get electricity on Ramzan, they should also get electricity during Diwali.

Adityanath also mocked flying object, or the 'muh-nochwa' (face scratcher), came towards them in the dead of the at the SP-BSP-RLD alliance. "Shivpal Yadav (Akhilesh's uncle) says that he has no sisnight and scratched their face, ter. So, where did the 'bua' (aunt) came from?" he asked, and even gave them mild electric shocks.

referring to Bahujan Samaj Party chief Mayawati. Everyone knows that the new relationship is built to hide each other's sins and the rela-tionship will eventually break

on May 23," the CM said. He said the people would give a befitting reply to Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra for her remarks that wherever her

Launching an electoral blitzkrieg in Bihar, BJP pres-ident Amit Shah on Monday urged the people to vote for Prime Minister Narendra Modi "for only one reason, he has made the country secure."

Addressing five rallies in the State, Shah said "here are the names of more than 100 party was weak in the state, it has fielded such candidates who would cut into the BJP welfare schemes launched by

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"People will give a befitting reply like a 'muhnochwa' to the the Modi Government. You need not, however, vote for ote-cutter remarks of the 'shevour NDA candidate because hzadi' (princess')," Adityanath of the improvement in your lives these measures might said, in an apparent reference to Vadra. In 2002, villagers have brought. Simply vote for one reason, Modi has made the insisted that a light-emitting country secure".

Shah, who arrived here late Sunday night, addressed during the course of the day five back-to-back rallies in as many Lok Sabha constituencies The 'muhnochwa' was Sheohar, Pashchim Champaran, Purvi Champaran, Siwan and reportedly seen in about 30 districts and hundreds of people Maharajgang. At present, the BJP holds all the five conwere said to have suffered seri-ous scratches and bruises on stituencies and except for



Vote for Modi as he has made nation secure: Shah

BJP president Amit Shah during an election rally for the Lok Sabha polls, in Siwan district of Bihar, on Monday PTI

Siwan, which has been given up in favour of Chief Minister a word. Contrast the situation with now when every bullet fired from across the border is retal-iated with a mortar shell (goli Nitish Kumar's JD(U), its MPs are seeking re- election from kaa jawaab gola se)", Shah said. their respective seats.

"Recall the 10 years of UPA rule when Aliyas, Maliyas and Jamaliyas from Pakistan used to attack our armed forces at will and the government headed by Mauni Baba (former PM Manmohan Singh) and leaders like Rahul Baba could not utter

ession, till our last breath".

the help of the Congress, is working towards bringing back the bad old days".

the terror hideout in Balakot wa bombed and the militants were bombed and the militants were blown to smithereens (aatankwadiyon ke purze purze uda diye)", said Shah evoking wild applause from the crowds. Lambasting the Congress for promising abrogation of Article 370 and its ally Omar Abdullah of the National Conference for demanding

Conference for demanding restoration of the post of Prime Minister in Jammu & Kashmir the BJP chief asserted "at present we are in power. But in future even if we cease to be in power we will fight tendencies which are sympathetic to Kashmir's In Siwan, Shah came down heavily on Lalu Prasad's RJD which has fielded Hina Shahab, the wife of jailed mafia donturned-politician Mohd Shahabuddin, and said "the name of this land of first president Dr Rajendra Prasad by the reign of terror unleashed by Shahabuddin. The RJD, with

Political earthquake after election results, says Tejashwi

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Bihar Opposition leader Tejashwi Yadav on Monday predicted a political earth-quake when the results of the ongoing Lok Sabha polls are declared on May 23.

"Wait for May 23, there will be a political earthquake," Tejashwi Yadav told the media here.

The Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) leader claimed that Chief Minister Nitish Kumar will resign either on May 23 or shortly after that.

shortly after that. Tejashwi Yadav also said that differences between the ruling Janata Dal-United and the Bharatiya Janata Party were growing and will soon lead to a conflict.

He made the remarks as voting for Bihar's five parliamentary seats of Sitamarhi, Madhubani, Muzaffarpur, Hajipur and Saran was on.

"When 44 CRPF personnel were killed in Pulwama, Pakistan massed its troops along the borders fearing yet another surgical strike. But our Narendra Modi is the man with a 56-inch-chest. He commissioned the Air Force to do the needful and



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Bombs hurled, booths 'looted' in West Bengal

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ BONGAON/BARRACKPORE/ HOOGHLY

Acommission of India watched Bengal's poll percentage drop by notches even as sporadic violence, bombing and booth-capturing marred the fifth phase of elections too with both the Opposition BJP and Left Front and the ruling Trinamool Congress accusing each other of "rampant rigging."

Amid news of sporadic violence coming in from Bongaon, Howrah, Hooghly, Arambagh and Barrackpore the State witnessed 73.97 per cent polling till 5 pm, ECI sources said not expecting the overall poll percentage to cross 78-79 per cent mark a well 4-5 per cent short of the normal polling rate in an otherwise politically sensitive State.

Reports of violence and booth jamming came in from Barrackpore where the turncoat TMC strongman and for-mer MLA Arjun Singh was fighting against former Union Minister Dinesh Trivedi.

While a suave and composed Trivedi was seen playing cricket with children amid overseeing polling, Singh ran from booth to booth alleging massive rigging by TMC workers. He reportedly exchanged fisticuffs with police officials before comwith police officials before com-plaining that "the police were helping the TMC rig elections. He fell down and injured him-self while chasing away outsiders"

Bombs were hurled at Himli Saolapara in Gaighata Assembly segment of Bongaon parlia-

DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL II DELHI 4 TH FLOOR, JEEVAN TARA BUILDING, PARLIAMENT STREET, NEW DELHI- 110001 STREET, NEW DELHI-110001 PROCLAMATION OF SALE NOTICE The under mentioned Property will be sold through auction on "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" for recovery of dues, in the matter of ICICI BANK UTO v/s HAMSHERA CO.ANO. 58/2014 & RC No: 225/2018 1. Description of Property: 1. Description of Property: Make: EICHER 30.25 Reg No: HR38R9109 Manuf Year: 2012 Reserve Price- Rs.1,40,000/-EMD- Rs. 14,000/- Description of Property: Make EICHER 30.25 Reg No: HR38R9108 Manuf Year: 2012 Reserve Price- Rs. 45,000/-EMD- Rs. 4,500/-3, Date and The State EMD- Rs. 4,500/-3. Date and Time of Auction: 3.4 P.M. 17.05.2019 4. Auction Venue: Ridhi Godara Yard, Kataria Chowk Sector 17, Sukhrali Gaon Behind Air Force Station, Gurgaon 5. Manager: Shankar Kapoor Mob No: 3650193259 St Manager. Characteristical reapond Mob No: 9850193259 Terms of Sale The particulars of the said asset specified herein above have been stated to the best of the information and knowledge of the undersigned, who shall however not be responsible for any error, misstatement or omission in the said particulars. The interested participant/s are therefore requested, in their own interest, to satisfy himself / themselves/ itself with regard to the said asset and other relevant details pertaining to it before submitting the bids. Interested bidders shall be required to deposit an Earnest Interested bioders shall be required to deposit an Earnest Amount mentioned above against the respective vehicle by way of pay order/Demand Draft in favour of Recovery Officer-II, DRT-III payable at Delhi. Successful highest bidder shall have to deposit 25% of sale proceed by way of pay order/Demand Draft in favour of Recovery Officer-II, DRT-III, Delhi. Immediately at the fall of the hammer, after adjusting the EMD as stated above. The balance 75% of sale price to be paid, infavour of Recovery Officer-II, DRT-III, Delhi., along with poundage fees @ 2% upto Rs.1,000/- and @ 1% of the sale price exceeding Rs.1,000/- by 4 pm on the next working day. The Poundage fees shall be deposited through demand draft payable in through demand draft payable in favour of the Registrar, DRT-III, Delhi. Interested participant/s are requested to participate 17 May 2019 for physical auction or call Bank Manager Shankar Kapoor.



Bangaon parliamentary constituency of Nadia district, on Monday

Like the previous Scorpene

class submarines - Kalvary,

Khanderi and Karani - the

new submarine 'Vela' has been built by the MDL in

collaboration with the

Naval Group of France.

TIMELINE:

in Barrackpore.

However,

mentary constituency where mentary constructive where one TMC supporter received head injuries. Later the CAPF resorted to massive lathi-charge. At Howrah outgoing TMC MP and former India footballer Prasun Banerjee was physically assaulted allegedly by the BJP supporters and the central forces when he "went to a

booth to check rigging." Sporadic violence was reported from parts of Hooghly constituency where BJP's Locket Chatterjee said "90 perthe other way. cent polling was rigged in Dhaniakhali Assembly seg-ment," demanding repolling. A

In a move that will further

boost the Indian

Navy's capabili-ties, Vela — the

fourth Scorpene class submarine constructed by

Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders

Limited (MDSL)

for the Navy — was launched at

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Angre Wet Basin of the MDSL

here on Monday. Veena Ajay Kumar, wife of

Dr Ajay Kumar,

the

retary, Def-

Drought relief work: EC relaxes model poll code in Maha TN RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

The Election Commission of India has relaxed the Model Code of Conduct to facilitate effective implementation of relief works in 151 drought-affected villages in Maharashtra in view of public interest. Responding to a letter writ-ten by Maharashtra chief min-icter Darache das Echadoxie after the

ister Devendra Fadnavis after the completion of the four-phased Lok Sabha polls on April 30, the ECI — in a letter written to the State Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) — said that it had no objection to the state government undertaking drought relief

works in the affected areas "in view of public interest involved" The ECA — in its letter to the CEO — stated that the staffers involved in the counting would not accompany the min-isters on any tour during the period. In its April 30 letter, Fadnavis had urged the Chief Election Commissioner to relax the Model Code of Conduct as the elections for all 48 Lok Sabha seats in the state were over

"Maharashtra is reeling from severe drought and heat-wave. The code of conduct, which was enforced during elec-tions, should be relaxed. The elections for all 48 Lok Sabha BJP supporter accompanying Chatterjee allegedly smashed an EVM alleging rampant rig-ging. Reports of violence also came in from Chandannagar in elections for all 48 Lok Sabha Hooghly, Arambagh, Bhatpara seats have been concluded in the four phases," Fadnavis had said At Arambagh CPI(M) polling agents were literally kicked out of the polling booth in his letter. Fadnavis said the State Government needed to take a re-look at drought relief

measures and expedite projects. The CM said the Gover-nment needed to fast-track pro-jects such as digging of wells, repairs in water supply projects, by armed TMC goons they alleged adding "all the while the CAPF jawans looked Special Police Observer Vivek Dubey repairs of water canals for dis-tribution of water from dams and other reservoirs to villages. said the poling was by and large peaceful.

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Ahead of Ramzan, Pak Army scales up tensions along LoC

MOHIT KANDHARI 🔳 JAMMU

head of the beginning of A head of the ocganization of Ramzan, the Pakistan Army has deliberate-ly scaled up tensions along the Line of Control in frontier Poonch district. On Monday, the Pakistan

Army violated ceasefire agreement for the fifth time in a row since Thursday.

a row since i nursday. Local villagers living in the direct line of fire also pressed panic buttons on Monday as several shells land-ed in the civilian areas.

Following intense shelling in the forward areas some of the thickly forested areas also caught fire. According to preliminary reports, a BSF officer along with two civilians received

splinter injuries during 'unprooked' ceasefire violation along the line of control in Krishna Ghati sector of Poonch

Ninima Unital Science of Fourier on Monday. The civilians, injured in the shelling, were identified as Ashiq Hussain and Masood Ahmad, both residents of Mankote area in Poonch. BSE scokesman in Jammu

BSF spokesman in Jonnen. BSF spokesman in Jammu said, "Ceasefire violation was reported a long LoC in Mendhar, during retailatory fire a Sub Inspector Gokul Anand Ojha of 168 BN received splin-ter juiviries on bis left thich BSE ter injuries on his left thigh. BSF spokesman said, "injured offi-cer was evacuated to a near by hospital and his condition is stated to be normal".

Ministry of Defence PRO in Jammu, Lt-Col Devender Anand said, the unprovoked



ceasefire violation was reported in KG sector around 2.45 p.m. He said, Pakistan army initiated ceasefire violation by shelling with mortars and fir-ing of small arms. The firing was going on till 6.30 p.m in the forward areas of KG sector, local reports said.

In response to heavy artillery firing from across the line of control, Indian army jawans too retaliated 'effect tively' and 'strongly' using sim-

ilar calibre of weapons. Ground reports suggested Pakistan army has been constantly using artillery guns to target civilian areas. At present, the Indian army

authorities are closely studying the pattern of cross LoC firing as they fear Pakistan army may have been providing cover fire to a large group of infil-trators to sneak inside the Indian territory. However, the Indian army has not confirmed any reports of infiltration bid in the area from across the line of



VARUN TRIGGERS YET ANOTHER CONTROVERSY

BJP MP Varun Gandhi has mastered the art of creating controversy after controversy. The young Gandhi is currently campaigning for his mother Maneka Gandhi in Sultanpur that goes to the polls in the sixth phase on May 12. Varun said on Monday that people should vote for 'Bharat Mata'. "My mother is contesting from here and she is a noble soul. You all should vote for 'Mata' that is 'Bharat Mata'. You are living in Hindustan and you should vote for Hindustan. If you vote for others (read SP-BSP alliance), you will be voting for Pakistan," he said.

77% POLLING WITNESSED IN T CIVIC POLLS: SEC

Nearly 77 per cent of the over 59 lakh people exercised their franchise in the first phase of elections to mandal parishad territorial constituencies (MPTcs) and zilla parishad territorial constituencies (ZPTcs), official figures said on Monday. The first phase polling was eld for 2.097 MPTCs and 195 ZPTCs.

WILL FORM A STRONG GOVERNMENT: AKHILESH Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav warned on Monday that if the Congress or the BJP come to power, the two parties would deprive the common people of basic necessities. "The BJP had promised good days, respect for farmers, security and safety of women. We have come up with a big alliance to make a strong Government," Yadav said at rally in Uttar Pradesh's Maharajganj district. "Let's join hands and construct a new India."

SEARCH FOR MISSING MALE

General Public is hereby informed that one man (depicted in the photo) namely Rahul S/o Sh. Virlesh Kumar R/o H. No. 32, Street No. 3, A-2 Block, West Sant Nagar, Burari, Delhi Aged -27 Years has been reported missing since 17.04.2019 vide DD No. 48-A Dated 23.04.2019 lodged at Police Station Burari, Delhi. His physical description is as under:-



Complexion: Shallow, Height: 5', Face: Round, Built: Strong, Clothing: Black coloured t-shirt, black coloured lower and slipper in his feet. Any person having any information/Clue about this missing man, may inform SHO, Burari, Delhi at E-mail cic@cbi.gov.in or website : http://cbi.nic.in Tele No. : 011-23014046 (Direct), 011-23015229 & 23015218 Extn. 210 SHO, Burari, Delhi. Tel.: 011-27616844,27616845 FAX No. : 011-23011334 DP/9958/N/19 Mob.: 8750870130

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

(See Section 82 Cr.PC)

Navy's submarine 'Vela' launched **Ex-AIADMK Min lambastes** Dhinakaran's greed for power TH RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI THE FOURTH OF THE INDIAN NAVY'S STEALTH SCORPENE CLASS SUBMARINES UNDER PROJECT 75 WAS LAUNCHED AT THE KANHOJI ANGRE WET BASIN OF THE MAZAGAON DOCKS LTD (MDL) ON MAY 6.

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN 🔳

 $E^{\mathrm{ven}\ \mathrm{as}\ \mathrm{the}\ \mathrm{Supreme}\ \mathrm{Court}}_{\mathrm{Stayed}\ \mathrm{the}\ \mathrm{Tamil}\ \mathrm{Nadu}}$ Speaker's move to initiate steps to disqualify the three AIADMK legislators owing allegiance to TTV Dhinakaran, one of the former MLAs who was disqualified earlier blamed the AMMK leader for his greed to become the CM of the State. V Senthil Balaji, former minister and one of the 18 for-mer MLAs who were disqual-

ified under the provision of the anti-defection law by the Speaker, said at Aravakurichi that it was Dhinakaran's greed to become the chief minister

the by-election to be held on Mau 19. This is the first time a former associate of Dhinakaran is blaming the latter for his ambition to become the Chief Minister. The trouble in the AUADMK began in early 2017

with Dhinakaran declaring his plan to contest the RK Nagar assembly by-election caused by the death of Jayalalithaa, who was representing the constituency. Chief Minister Edappady Palaniswamy was quick the writing on the wall about the danger posed by Dhinakaran's election as MLA.

Dhinakaran who was eased out of the AIADMK along with Sasikala launched Amma Whereas complaint has been made before me that Akhta S/o Habibul Rehman R/o H. No.41, Salim ka Makan, Village-Kureni, Narela, Delhi has committed (or suspected to has committed) the offence in case FIR No 315/17 u/s 308/34 IPC, P.S. Narela, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused Akhtar cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Akhtar has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service o

the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Akhta of FIR No. 315/17 u/s 308/34 IPC, P.S. Narela, Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before 26.06.2019.

By Order, Ms. Divya Malhotra, Metropolitan Magistrate-1 (North), Room No. 118, DP/243/ON/19-(Court Matter) 1^{er} Floor, Rohini Courts, Delhi

Vikas Jaitly Recovery Officer II, DRT III Delhi marines.

ence Production, who was the chief guest on the occasion, launched the submarine, in the presence of Vice Admiral AK Saxena.

The submarine was towed to Mumbai Port Trust (MBT) for separation from the pontoon, after which she will undergo rigorous trials and tests, both in harbour and

at sea before delivery to the Indian Navy. 'Vela' is one of the six Scorpene-class submarines are being built by the MDSL in collaboration with M/s Naval Group (formerly DCNS) of France Messrs DCNS of France. These submarines, post induction, would form the core Navy's conventional Submarine Arm. The state-of-art features of

Scorpene-class submarines include superior stealth and the ability to launch a crippling attack on the enemy using precision guided weapons. The attack can be launched with torpedoes, as well as tube launched anti-ship missiles, whilst underwater or on surface. The Stealth features will give it invulnerability, unmatched by many sub-

Tropics. All means and communications are provided to ensure interoperability with other components of a Naval Task Force

Cmde Rakesh Anand, Chairman and Managing Director, MDSL said on the occasion that the launch of the P15 B Destroyer 'Imphal' on

April 20, and the subsequent launch of 'Vela' were indeed some of the major events his organisation so far this year. Monday's event reaffirmed the steps taken by MDSL in the ongoing 'Make In India' programme, which is being active-ly implemented by the Department of Defence Production (MoD).

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Currently, eight warships and five submarines are under construction at MDSL which was one of the India's leading shipyards with a capacity to meet requirements of the Indian Navy.

The Scorpene class of submarines can undertake multifarious tasks typically undertaken by any modern subma-rine which include anti-surface as well as anti-submarine war-

They are designed to oper-ate in all theatres including the fare. The transfer of technolo gy involves appropriate tech-nical support by Naval Group to MDSL in the field of con struction, integration and tests of the submarines in India which is achieved through transfer of technical data pack-

age to MDSL through infor-mation system as well as on job training to MDSL's personnel on critical technologies.

which resulted in the political Makkal Munnetra Kazhakam impasse in the AIADMK. Balaji was in the AIADMK and had won the 2016 assembly election from Aravakurichi only to switch over to the

Sasikala-Dhinakaran camp after the demise of the then chief minister J Jayalalithaa in December 2016

After his disqualification, Balaji crossed over to the DMK and is the party candidate for

and has been claiming that he was the rightful heir of Iavalalithaa.

Though he had declared that he would seize the party and the government with the help of his sleeper cells, nothing has happened since then Dhinakaran failed to get the party symbol of Two Leaves allocated to the AMMK by the EC.

TENDER NOTICE

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 Sr. Divisional Machanical Engineer, Northern Railway, DEMU-Shed Shakurbasti; foi and on behall of President of India, Invites E-Tender for the under noted work. Tender No. 25.8.656 DSL.SSB Name of Work: Provision for cleaning, watering and OBH for premium Wande Bharat Express (T18 services along with Provision of fumigation and santizing of coaches). Approximate cost: ₹46.18,107/- including GST Earness and sanitzing of coaches) Approximate cost: 346, 18, 107- including GST Earnest money; 329, 2007. (Note: it should be in the form of net banking or gateway only. Note: FDR notbe accepted as EMD for tender invited on IREPS as per Railway Board letter no. 2015/CR-i/CT/5/1 dated 31.08, 2016) Completion period of the work: 05 months. Cost of tender document: 33,540- with GST og 18% (Note: It should be in the form of net banking or gateway only. Note: FDR not be accepted as EMD tender invited on IREPS as per Railway Board letter no. 2015/CR-i/CT/5/1 dated 31.08,2016) Date and time for submission of tender and opening of tender: Upto 15:00 hrs. on 28.05,2019 Dening of Tender at 15:00 hrs. Note: Steatticulars notice board location complete details of tender can be seen : Above tender is available on IREPS site it. www.ireps.gvvin No. • 25.8565.05L.SSB bt-04.05.2019 Serving Customers With A Smile

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BORDER ROADS ORGANISATION 59th ANNIVERSARY

ON THE OCCASION OF THE 59th ANNIVERSARY OF BRO, ALL SERVING AND RETIRED GREF & ARMY OFFICERS WHO HAVE SERVED IN THE BORDER ROADS ORGANISATION ARE INVITED TO A SOCIAL EVENING ALONGWITH THEIR SPOUSE AT 7:40 PM (1940 HOURS) ON 17 MAY 2019 (FRIDAY).

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US cannot ensure crude sale to India at concession: Ross

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The US on Monday said it cannot ensure the sale of its crude oil to India at conces-sional rates to make up for the cheaper Iranian oil going out of the market. "Oil is owned by private

people, so the government can not force people to make conent cancessionary price," US Commerce Secretary Wilbur US Ross, who is here to participate in a trade forum, told reporters.

India this month stopped importing crude oil from Iran following the US move to end sanction waivers. Iranian oil was a lucrative

buy for Indian retiners as the Persian Gulf nation provides 60 days of credit for purchases, terms not available from supbuy for Indian refiners as the pliers of substitute crudes Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Iraq, Nigeria, and the US. Also, Iran made arrange

ments to ship the oil to India including providing insurance cover during transit. In the case of most other suppliers includ-ing the US, refiners have make shipping arrangements and pay for insurance.

"Iran is a problem, if you have seen recent terrorism incidents, and we should be doing whatever we can against terrorism," Ross told reporters after meeting Finance Minister

Arun Jaitley. US Ambassador to India

The country's services sec-tor activity fell to a seven-

month low in April owing to softer rise in new business and disruptions arising from the elections, a monthly sur-

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revived a range of sanctions against the Persian Gulf nation. It, however, granted a six-month waiver from sanctions to eight countries — China, India, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan Turkay, Italy, and Kenneth Juster said, "The US working with other countries, including Saudi Arabia, to ensure an adequate supply of oil". New Delhi has lined up supplies from alternate sources such as Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, UAE and Mexico to make up Taiwan, Turkey, Italy, and Greece — but with a condition for the lost volumes from Iran. that they would reduce their

India's services sector output growth at 7-month low: PMI

purchases of Iranian oil. The waiver began in India was the second-biggest buyer of Iranian crude November 2018 and expired on May 2. India, the world's thirdoil after China. It bought some 24 million tonne of crude oil from Iran in the fiscal ended biggest oil consumer, meets March 31. Iran supplied more than a tenth of its oil needs. more than 80 per cent of its oil needs through imports. Iran in US President Donald 2018-19 was its third-largest supplier after Iraq and Saudi Arabia, meeting over 10 per

rently underway. Votes will be counted on May 23.

However, poll was not the only reason cited for the

slowdown. In the service sec-

tor, competitive conditions and a shift towards online

and a shift towards online bookings among customers reportedly restricted new business gains and in turn growth of activity. Lima said. On the employment front, buoyed by ongoing improvements in new work and optimistic growth pro-iections. service providers

jections, service providers placed more people in jobs during April. Meanwhile, the seasonal-

ly adjusted Nikkei India Composite PMI Output Index, that maps both the manufacturing and services

Trump last year withdrew from the 2015 nuclear deal between Iran and world powers and cent of total needs.



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eroded

by ₹1.24 lakh

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huge selling pres-

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the equity market

to ₹1,50,37,633.14 crore. "Global indices bled today

as the US-China trade war condition further intensified. The worsening situation has put the entire world in a state of flux where even a tiny escalation can cause big damage,

industry, fell from 52.7 in to

51.7 in April, indicative of a

slight pace of expansion in aggregate activity that was

weaker than seen on average

over the series history. On the prices front, the report said that rates of infla-

tion for input costs and out-put charges remained weak

"Another key takeaway from the latest results is the

lack of inflationary pressures in both the manufacturing

and service sectors, which

by historical standards.

Investor wealth erodes

by ₹1.24 lakh cr as

markets sink by 363

said Umesh Mehta, head of research, Samco Securities Ltd. From the 30-share pack, 25 scrips witnessed sell-off led by

On the BSE, 1,634 scrips declined, while 831 advanced and 200 remained unchanged. Sectorally, BSE consumer durables, metals, realty, capital goods and auto indices fell up

to 2.82 per cent. In the broader market, the BSE mid-cap and small-cap indices also ended lower by up to 0.85 per cent. Chinese bourses sank led

Chinese bourses sank led by Shanghai Composite Index that plunged 5.58 per cent. Benchmark indices of Japan, Hong Kong and South Korea also witnessed sharp declines.

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Yes Bank shares fall over 5%; m-cap drops by ₹2,135 cr

Shares of Yes Bank on Monday dropped by over 5 per cent, wiping out ₹2,135.29 crore from its market valua

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tion, after ratings downgrade. The scrip tumbled 5.30 per cent to close at ₹166.30 on the BSE. During the day, it tanked 5.75 per cent to ₹165.50. It was the worst hit among the 30-front-line shares. On the NSE, shares dropped 5 per cent to close at ₹167.

In terms of volume, 43.12 lakh shares of the company were traded on the BSE during the day, while over 4 crore unit changed hands on the NSE. The company's market val-uation fell by ₹2,135.29 crore to

Yes Bank, Tata Motors, Bajaj Finance, Tata Steel and HDFC. ₹38,515.71 crore on the BSE. The private sector lender had a double whammy Saturday after domestic rating

agency ICRA downgraded its long-term ratings along with a negative outlook, citing a spike in its lower-rated advances

and falling core capital buffers. The agency downgraded ratings on instruments totalling borrowings over ₹33,000 crore by the lender,

ICRA said. The bank had also reported its maiden loss of over ₹1,506 crore in the March quarter, driven by a near tenfold spike in provisions.

India-US to engage

regularly to resolve

Business **Corne**

Akshaya Tritiya is traditionally considered an auspicious day for purchasing valuables and making investments. During this time, jewelers in India see strong consumer footfall and enthusiasts prefer buying precious metals. Keeping this in view, BIS endorses that the consumers must shop only hallmarked jewelry this festive season to ensure desired purity of the purchased product



Syndicate Bank's Sunil Kumar Sobti, Deputy General Manager, assumed charge as Regional Manager of Regional Office-1, Delhi. In his guest address, he gave his business mantras of promoting bank bussiness to Sobti and Branch Heads



MMTC is ushering in the propitious occasion of Akshav Trithiva at its Festival of Gold exhibition-cum-salewith new medallion designs inspired by religious detites Silver medallions in 50 gm are available ineight different colour representations of gods and goddesses. The prestigious miniratnahas also introduced its bestselling 8 gm gold coin for the first time in 22 carat

China to send trade envoy to US for talks to end tariff war despite Trump's new threat

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hina's top trade envoy is Upreparing to travel to Washington for crucial talks, a Chinese official said Monday despite US President Donald Trump threatening to impose more punishing taxes on \$200 billion worth of Chinese prod-ucts, citing slow progress in negotiations The brief statement from Chinese Foreign Ministry

Spokesman Geng Shuang came as media reports said Beijing may cancel the high-level trade talks with the US, leading to tumbling of shares prices across the world amid worries that the two major economic giants were once again on the path of

confrontation. confrontation. Asked whether the top Chinese envoy Vice Premier Liu He would visit Washington as planned, Geng said, "a Chinese team is preparing to travel to the United States for trade talks." Peaceting to the reports

Reacting to the reports, Geng told journalists, "What I can tell you is that the Chinese team is preparing to travel to the US for the trade talks." He parried a spate of ques-

it down saying that such a sit-uation prevailed earlier. "As to the US threat on Chinese tariffs, I think such situation appeared many times before. China's position is always clear cut and the US knows that clearly. Regarding the trade talks between China and the US those consultations have been held for the 10th round and made positive

progress President Trump's surprise remarks came on Sunday as the two countries locked in a longstanding trade war seemed near to striking a trade deal. A high-level Chinese del-egation led by Vice Premier Liu

was scheduled to be in Washington to resume talks aimed at resolving the trade war that has cast gloom over the world economy.

"China is considering can-celling trade talks that are to resume in Washington starting Wednesday," The Wall Street Journal reported Sunday quot-

ing unnamed sources. "There has been wide-spread expectations in recent days that an accord could be reached by Friday," it said.

Quoting an unnamed source, CNBC News said the experience and mentorship to the company's ambitions to Finance Corporation, AMP Solar, ACME Solar, GMR come him on board Ola Electric Reserve Bank. tions whether the talks would PUBLIC NOTICE be resumed on Wednesday and declined say when the as an investor and a mentor... The commission will also Chinese Vice Premier will like discuss the issues concerning recapitalisation of banks, and possible scenarios of the Bimal This is to inform our valued constituents that for operational convenience Trading, participated in the process, offering internships to ly cancel the trip he had make electric mobility viable at We are privileged to have his guidance and support once again, as we work towards our trade team would go to planned for himself and a 100our branch situated at Kosamattam Finance Ltd., Building /SE-30, First Floor, scale," it added. Tata is also person delegation for the final ot No -3, Opposite-MCD School, Singhalpur Village, Shalimar Bagh, Delhi students. gton. investor in ANI Technologies, Gireesh C Tripathi, Deputy Jalan committee report on sur-110088. Tel No -011-27482991 to be merged with our branch functioning at goal of a million electric vehi-About Trump's threat to round of talks. Ola's parent company. He had invested in ANI Technologies cles in India by 2021," he added. OEM was initially estab-Director General (NSB) and Sunil Maheshwari (Professor Plus capital available with the RBI for transfer to the Government, the statement said. The US officials had pre-viously said that a deal could be Kosamattam Finance Ltd, Building No -D2, Ground Floor, 40 Feet Road, Opp: Mata Chanan Devi Hospital, Delhi-110059, Tel No -011-25630405 Our esteemed lished to enable Ola's electric in July 2015. IIM-A), Chairman of customers may please contact the Chanakya Place branch for further In March this year, OEM mobility pilot programme in Governance Committee of assistance / service. The inconvenience caused is deeply regretted. NSB congratulated the stuhad announced raising ₹400 crore in a funding round led by Nagpur. Sincerely, Managing Director In 2018, Ola subsequently W.E.F.: 07/08/2019 dents and the placement cell for VIRIDIAN CAPITAL AND FINANCIAL SERVICES PVT. LTD. announced 'Mission: Electric' to bring 1 million electric vehi-Tiger Global and Matrix India this remarkable feat shortly Kosamattam Finance Ltd. CIN: U74899DL1994PTC056723 "The electric vehicle after the process for the insti-M.K.C.Building, Market Junction, M.L.Road, Kottayam-686001, Ph: 0481-2586400 Regd. office: Plot No. 8, Pocket 1, Jasola, New Delhi 110025 cles on Indian roads by 2021. ecosystem is evolving dramattute's first batch concluded. Email: compliance.nbfc@viridian.co.in , Phone: 011-49614000

Despite the moderation, the services PMI was in the expansion territory for the 11th straight month. In PMI parlance, a print above 50 means expansion, while a score below that denotes contraction. "Although the Indian pri-vate sector economy looks to be settling into a weaker growth phase, much of the slowdown was linked to dis-

September.

the report.

vey showed Monday. However, predictions that economic conditions will normalise after the elections underpinned optimism regarding the outlook and supported a stronger upturn ruptions arising from the elections and companies genin employment. erally foresee improvements once a government is formed," said Pollyanna De Lima, Principal Economist at IHS Markit, and author of

The seasonally adjusted Nikkei India Services Business Activity Index, fell from 52 in March to 51 at the start of the 2019 financial year, pointing to the weakest upturn in output since last

BRIDGESTONE INDIA AIMS TO REDUCE 1,50,000 TONS OF **CO2 EMISSION**

PNS NEW DELHI

Bridgestone India Private Ltd's two plants in India have opted for using solar power to reduce 1,50,000 tons of CO2 emission. The Pune Plant in Chakan has installed 1 MW of Solar capaci-Installed 1 MW of Solar capaci-ty and another 4 MW of capac-ity is being set up. The Indore plant in Kheda, in Madhya Pradesh has 1 MW solar energy capacity that is being enhanced by another 1 MW capacity slated to be operational by the third quarter of 2019.

Thomas Cook India inks pact with Sentosa Development Corporation

The general election, that began on April 11, is cur-

a holiday island-in-the-city that is home to a diverse array of novel leisure experiences. MoU business — O Mobility (OEM). was signed between Mahesh Iyer - Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer, Thomas Cook (India) Ltd., and Quek Swee Kuan, Chief Executive Officer, SDC. **PNS**

New Delhi: Thomas Cook (India) Ltd., integrated travel

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This investment, which is part of OEM's series A round of funding, is in Tata's person-al capacity, Ola said in a state-

Details of the funding were not disclosed.

"His investment in Ola Electric will bring his deep

Ratan Tata invests in **Ola Electric Mobility**

> ically every day, and I believe Ola Electric will play a key role in its growth and develop-ment," Tata said. Ola Electric is currently

Ride hailing major Ola Monday said Ratan Tata, Chairman Emeritus of Tata Sons, has invested in its EV running several pilots involving charging solutions, battery swapping stations, and deploy Ola Electric ing vehicles across two, three

and four-wheeler segments. Bhavish Aggarwal, co-founder and CEO of Ola said Tata has been a mentor to him personally, and an inspiration in shaping Ola's journey over

"I'm very excited to wel-

Monday agreed to engage regularly at various level to resolve outstanding trade Business Forum and Mission hosted by the US Department issues by exploring mutually beneficial suitable solutions, an official statement said. of Commerce. "Both sides agreed to deepen economic coopera-tion and bilateral trade by

ndia and the US on

coupled with slower economy growth offers room for a further cut to the benchmark repurchase rate," Lima said. The next meeting of RBI's Monetary Policy Committee is scheduled on June 3-6.

Without giving details, the statement said the both

ing between visiting US Commerce Secretary Wilbur

Guv, bank officials during Mumbai visit on May 8-9

Finance The 15th Finance Commission will meet RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das and representatives of banks and financial institutions dur-ing its two-day visit to Mumbai beginning May 8, according to an official statement.

The commission, chaired by NK Singh, will discuss issues concerning macro-eco-nomics, financial stability and cost of borrowing of the Centre and states with the

Business achieves

100% summer placement PNS 🗖 NEW DELHI

he NTPC School of Business The NTPC School of Business (NSB), one of India's premier management institutes for the power sector has achieved 100% summer placement for its first PGDM (Energy Management) batch. Under the institute's

Summer Internship Program (SIP), a host of renowned companies including the Indian Energy Exchange, Power Trading Corporation, Power

outstanding trade issues

mutually beneficial and pro-mote economic development

and prosperity in both countries". FinComm to meet RBI

Ross and Commerce Minister

Suresh Prabhu. Ross is visiting India to attend the 11th Trade Winds

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sides also discussed various "outstanding trade issues" and agreed to engage regularly at various levels to resolve them by exploring "suitable solutions, which are

ensuring greater cooperation amongst stakeholders, including Government, busi-nesses and entrepreneurs," said a statement after meet-

NTPC School of

NOTICE

Pursuant to RBI Circular No DNBS (PD) CC.No.82/03.02.02/2006-07 dated October 27, 2006 and other relevant regulations issued by Reserve Bank of India, notice is hereby given that Viridian Capital and Financial Services Pvt Ltd, a company registered under the provisions of the Companies Act, 1956, having its registered office at Plot No. 8, Pocket 1, Jasola, New Delhi-110025 ("Company") and registered with RBI as Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC) vide Registration No B-14.01655, has appointed Mr. Sunil Verma (DIN: 01608825) as Managing Director of the Company and Mr. Mundamuka Venkateswaran Subramanian (DIN: 07628898) as Director of the Company w.e.f. June 19, 2018 and April 25, 2017 respectively. Further, the Company has also received the approval from RBI for the abovementioned changes in management of the Company vide RBI Letter No DNBS.(ND)/ CMS-IX/ 5190 /05.22.123/2018-19 dated April 15, 2019.

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For Viridian Capital and Financial Services Pvt Ltd

Sd/ Managing Director DIN: 01608825 Sunil Verma

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NOTICE INVITING RE-TENDER

Sealed item rate tenders in the prescribed form are invited on behalf of President of India for the item rate to part-II tenders as per details available at aforesaid address and on the website http://www.amd.gov.in fron eligible contractors for the following works :

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Ishika

In this regard FIR No. 206/19 u/s 363 IPC

The description of the missing girl is as under:

Name: Ishika, Age: 17 Years 4 Months, Height: 5', Complexion: Fair, Face: Round, ID Mark: A old hurt mark on forehead, Wearing: Navi Blue Top, Blue Jeans and Chocolate Colour Plactic Changel is East Plastic Chappal in Feet.

If anyone has any information regarding this missing girl, kindly inform SHO/P.S. Paschim Vihar East, Delhi. Email: cic@cbi.gov.in, Website: http:/cbi.nic.in Ph.: 011-23015229, 23015218

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SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is hereby informed that a girl R/O A-4/12A, Janta Flat, Paschim Vihar, Delhi, The girl has been missing since 21.04.2019 from the area of P.S. Paschim Vihar East, Delhi.

dated 21.04.2019 has been lodged at P.S Paschim Vihar East, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing girl but no clue has come to light so far.





MOUNTAIN TO CLIMB

Liverpool face huge task of overturning 3 goal deficit against Barca in UCL semis



AFP LIVERPOOL

iverpool emerged victorious from a bruising battle against Newcastle to I remain in the hunt for the Premier League title, but may have sustained too many wounds to summon a Champions many wounds to summon a Champions League semi-final comeback against

Barcelona on Tuesday. A late double from Lionel Messi in the Camp Nou on Wednesday has left Jurgen Klopp's men with a mountain to climb to overturn a 3-0 first leg defeat if they are to reach a second consecutive

Champions League final. Liverpool have overcome such deficits before in the Champions League, most famously in the 2005 final against AC Milan.

But hopes of another famous European comeback at fortress Anfield were dealt a blow when Mohamed Salah was stretchered off with a head knock as Liverpool edged out Newcastle 3-2 on Saturday to move two points ahead of Manchester City at the top of the Premier League

Salah watched a thrilling end to the match at St James' Park in the dressing room as his replacement Divock Origi headed home fellow substitute Xherdar Shaqiri's free-kick four minutes from time.

Origi, who also scored a 96thminute winner to beat Everton in the Merseyside derby in December, Shaqiri and Daniel Sturridge have made important contributions in a supporting role to a club record points tally for Liverpool this season.

However, with Roberto Firmino already ruled out due to a groin injury, few would give Liverpool any hope of overhauling a three-goal deficit without two of their prolific front three.

Klopp therefore has a difficult balanc-ing act deciding whether it is worth emptying the tank of his injury-hit squad once more on Tuesday or to save their legs for Wolves' visit to Anfield on the final day

of the Premier League season. Despite a sensational season, Liverpool's chances of winning either tro-

The pools of the set of winning entire to phy are fading. To have any hope of a first league title in 29 years, Klopp's men must hope that Manchester City's relentless run of 12 straight league wins comes to an end either at home to Leicester in their game in hand on Monday, or at Brighton come Sunday.

Barcelona will also not be complacent heading to Anfield a year on from letting a 4-1 first leg lead against Roma slip away in the quarter-finals.

Messi made it clear from before the season began that the Champions League

was his and Barca's primary target in his first campaign as club captain. Moreover, while Liverpool toiled on Tyneside, Barca coach Ernesto Valverde had the luxury of making 11 changes for an inconsequential 2-0 defeat to Celta Vigo having already wrapped up

the Spanish title. Yet, Origi's winner at Newcastle personified Liverpool's persistence and refusal to give up. Four times in their last seven league

outings Liverpool have won the game in the final 10 minutes. Now they must harness the same

belief if Barca are to be given a fright at Anfield. "LIVERPOOL ARE A TEAM THAT CAN

MAKE ANY OPPONENT SUFFER. WE HAVE NO REASON TO BE COMPLACENT." —ERNESTO VALVERDE (BARCELONA MANAGER)

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WORK OUT. -JURGEN KLOPP (ON PROSPECT OF ADVANCING INTO FINAL)

"WE HAVE BIG PLAYERS AND BIG PLAY-ERS SHOULD SHOW IN BIG GAMES AND I THINK THIS IS ONE OF THOSE GAMES ON TUESDAY, SO I EXPECT ONE OF THE BIGGEST GAMES AT ANFIELD.

-DEJAN LOVREN

SONY TEN 2 NETWORK

Salah out of **Barca clash**

LIVERPOOL: Liverpool will be with-out top scorer Mohamed Salah for Tuesday's semi-final, second leg after manager Jurgen Klopp revealed he was concussed in a 3-2 win at Newcastle.

The Egyptian was stretchered off at St James' Park on Saturday due to a head knock sustained as he challenged Newcastle goalkeeper Martin Dubravka for a high ball.

"It's a concussion so that means he would not even be allowed to play. So that's it," said Klopp at his pre-match press conference on Monday. "He feels OK but it is not good

enough from a medical point of view that is all. He's desperate (to play) everything but we cannot do

Klopp will also be without Brazilian striker Roberto Firmino due to a groin injury. "Two of the world's best strikers

are not available tomorrow night and we have to score four goals against Barcelona to go through after 90 minutes," added Klopp. "It doesn't make life easier, but

as long as we have 11 players on the pitch, we will try it." *AFP*



City title bid ranks alongside greatest achievements: Pep

AFP MANCHESTER

Pep Guardiola has suggested remaining in control of this season's relentless Premier League title race is his most satisfying achievement as a manager.

The Manchester City boss says the English top division is the toughest domestic compe-tition he has faced during a 10-season coach-

ing career that has brought him 25 trophies. City have won 12 Premier League match-es in a row, and are on course to finish just two short of matching last season's competition record of 100 points, yet they are being pushed all the way by Liverpool, who have set extra-ordinary standards of their own. Jurgen Klopp's side have lost just once in

the league all season, against City in January, and recorded their eighth successive top-flight victory on Saturday, beating Newcastle 3-2 to

return to the top of the table. City have a game in hand, at home to Leicester on Monday, but are likely to have to win both that and their final league match at Brighton on Sunday to retain their title.

'Yeah, it's the toughest league I've even played as a manager, because of the quality of the rivals," said Guardiola, a former manager

of both Barcelona and Bayern Munich. "No doubts. That's why being there is incredible. But, of course, only one will take the prize and the other one will be at home

LIVERPOOL 'WOW'

Guardiola is thrilled his City players have maintained their standards following last season's record-breaking points total, with the club three wins away from completing an unprecedented donestic treble of Premier

unprecedented domestic treble of Premier League, FA Cup and League Cup. "Arriving at this stage, two games left with 92 points, after 100 points last season, being there, that is the most satisfaction I've had as a manager," the Catalan manager said. "It's not easy, honestly. And they did it again. Now, we try to win against Leicester and then go to the final league game at Brighton with it in our hands, with a chance to be cham-

"IN MY CAREER AS A MANAGER, I PLAYED AGAINST INCREDIBLE SIDES. THERE ARE TWO THAT WERE 'WOW'. ONE IS BARCELONA WITH LUIS ENRIQUE, WITH NEYMAR, LIONEL MESSI AND LUIS SUAREZ IN FRONT. THE OTHER IS THIS LIVERPOOL. I THINK THEY'RE THE BEST TWO SIDES I'VE FACED AS A MANAGER.'

(MANCHESTER CITY BOSS)

pions." The standard of this season's title race has rarely been equalled at the highest level of English football.

Since the rules were changed in 1981 to make a win worth three points, only once has a top-flight team finished with more than 95 points, and that was City last season.

Yet both City and Liverpool are on course to pass that total this time around, Klopp's team have 94 points with one match left, at home to Wolves on Sunday.

Guardiola suggested Liverpool are one of the two best sides he has ever faced as a man-ager, with the other being the Barcelona team that thrashed City 4-0 in a 2016 Champions League meeting. "The difference is Liverpool. We did the

same job (as last season), he said.

"In my career as a manager, I played against incredible sides. There are two that were 'wow'. One is Barcelona with Luis Enrique, with Neymar, Lionel Messi and Luis Suarez in front. The other is this Liverpool. I think they're the best two sides I've faced as a manager



Mertens overtakes Maradona's record

20 time Grandslam champion says he would stop playing tennis if he felt he couldn't be among the best

AGENCIES MADRID

The topic of when Federer win finally hang up his racket has followed the Swiss for several years. But the 37-year-old has been able to put off 'Father Time' by con-tinuing to win major trophies and The topic of when Federer will tinuing to win major trophies and remain in the top 10 in the world. And in a further show that he's not ready to quit, Federer has decided to play during the clay court season for the first time since 2016.

Speaking in an interview with

Federer makes retirement claim ahead of Madrid return





have hoped for a top ten or top 20

If I'd been asked in 2009 if I would be playing in 2019 I'd have said only if I was still competitive. "I have made my career and I do not need to play to lose in the sec-ond rawning in any tourpartent. My

ond round in any tournament. My goal is to win, as I did at the begin-

goai is to Win, as I that at the begin-ning of the season. "If I feel like I can't be the best, it's better for me to stop. "I still enjoy the victories in Masters 1000 events or being world No 1, as I did last year in Rotterdam." In a wide ranging interview

In a wide-ranging interview, Federer was also asked about the clay court form of Rafael Nadal and Novak Diokovic

Both players have suffered surprise defeats during the clay season and have arrived in Madrid with doubts surrounding them but Federer is not among those doubter doubters. He said: "Who is No 1 and No 2?

AFP NAPLES

Dries Mertens on Sunday over-took club legend Diego Maradona in Napoli's all-time Serie A scorers list after bagging his 82st goal in a 2-1 win over Cagliari which sealed second place in this season.

The Belgian striker headed in the equaliser after 85 minutes in

am very happy to stay here." Hamsik has scored the most goals in all competitions for Napoli with 121, followed TOP SCORERS FOR NAPOLI by Maradona on 115 with Mertens Rank Name Serie A Total Years now joint third on 107 with Attila Antonio Voiak 1929-1935 102 103 Marek Hamsík 2007-2019 100 121 Sallustro. Dries Mertens 2013-preser 82 107 Mertens said Diego Maradona 1984-1991 4 81 115 Attila Sallustro 1926-1937 78 108 5

Naples to surpass former Argentinian ace Maradona, who hit 81 league goals between 1984 and 1991

Mertens is now the third best Serie A scorer in the club's history, behind Antonio Vojak, who hit a record 102 league goals between 1929 and 1935 and Slovakian Marek Hamsik, who achieved 100 before leaving to play in China this season

"I'm very happy to have overtaken Maradona and to be a part of Napoli's history," said Mertens, 31, who arrived in southern Italy in

2013 from PSV Eindhoven. "We must be proud of the our second place."

Spanish publication *Marca* ahead of the tournament, Federer was asked if he was surprised that he's still able "The future? If I want to score to compete at such a high level at 37. And the 20-time Grand Slam goals in Italy I have to stay. I have always said that I feel good here, I have a contract for next year and I revealed the major factor in his decision to carry on playing.

A little, yes," Federer admitted. "If you told me ten years ago that this would be happening, I wouldn't have believed it. I could

"It's not like they've been under a rock for the last month, Rafa comes from making semi-finals in both

'I understand that because of what they've won, we expect more from them. Nadal and Djokovic are favourites.

Playing Aus will boost confidence: Manpreet

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he is enjoying play-ing under Carlo Ancelotti who

took over from Maurizio Sarri this season

"With Ancelotti my role has changed. The place behind the striker is mine. I have more free-

dom and it shows." Mertens has scored 14 goals this season including the last three games

Both of Napoli's Serie A titles were won under Maradona in 1987 and 1990.

The club are 16 points behind champions Juventus but 10 ahead of third-placed Inter Milan with three games to play.

 $P_{\text{team like Australia will}}^{\text{laying against a world class}}$ provide good exposure to youngsters and will boost the confidence of the team ahead

of next month's FIH men's Hockey Series Final, feels India captain Manpreet Singh. The India team travel

Down Under for five matches starting on Wednesday. The tour, marked as a prepa-ration for next month's Hockey Series Final in

Bhubaneswar, will be newlyappointed chief coach Graham Reid's maiden assignment with the team.

The men's side will play two matches each against the Australian national team and Australia A and a lone game against the Western Australia Thundersticks club.

"Playing a world class team like Australia ahead of the important Series in June will only help build our con-fidence. We had a good tournament in Malaysia in March and some of the youngsters did well there," Manpreet said.

"While Jaskaran Singh will make his international debut, it will be Gursahibjit's second tournament with the Indian team and Armaan Qureshi is also returning to the team after



a long gap. I am confident these players will live up to the expectations. It will be good exposure for them against the world No 2 side," he added.

The team boasts of an interesting mix of experienced players and newcomers. And Reid will look to test all combinations ahead of the Hockey Series Final, where India needs to finish on top to ensure a place in the final round of the Olympic quali-fier scheduled in October this year.

India began its season with a Silver medal at the 28th Sultan Azlan Shah Cup in Ipoh, Malaysia and will hope

to keep up the good show. Talking about the ideolo-gy of the new coach, Manpreet said Reid emphasises on having team players rather than relying on individual performances

"The new coach constantly reminds us why a team player holds more value to him than an individual player with excellent skill set.

"He also instills winning mentality in every player and confident body language has also been an area of focus apart from game-specific tactics over the past three weeks of training under Graham Reid," Manpreet said.



BATTLE OF THE BEST

CSK face arch-rivals Mumbai Indians in hunting ground to seal final spot



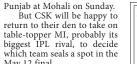
PTI CHENNAI

anded a reality check in Handed a reality check in their last league fixture, defending champions Chennai Super Kings would bank on home advantage to seal their place in the summit clash when they take on a confident Mumbai Indians in the Qualifier 1 of the IPL here at

Qualifier I of the IPL here at Chepauk Stadium on Tuesday. After the gruelling league phase of the ongoing IPL, the stage is set for the play-offs with CSK and MI clashing against each other for a place in May 12 final.

There is hardly anything to differentiate between the two sides as both CSK and MI have won the title three times earli-

The Mahendra Singh Dhoni-led CSK has been patchy after a strong start and finished its league engagements with a six-wicket defeat to Kings XI



which team seals a spot in the May 12 final. CSK boasts of a tremendous record at home this sea-son, winning six of its seven

games at the M A Chidambaram Stadium here and come on Tuesday, it will act as a big advantage for the hosts. A defeat, however, will pro-

vide both the teams a second chance in Qualifier 2 on May 10.

The CSK top-order has fired in fits and starts in the league phase and will need to come out all guns blazing against a formidable MI bowling attack that includes Jasprit Bumrah (17 wickets), Lasith Malinga (15 wickets), the Pandya brothers (Hardik 14

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wickets and Krunal 10 wickets), leggie Rahul Chahar (10 wickets) and possibly Mitchell McClenaghan.

Skipper Dhoni (CSK's highest run-getter with 368 runs from 12 matches, 3 fifties) has been the mainstay of a rather inconsistent CSK batting unit and along with openers Shane Watson and Faf du Plessis and Suresh Raina holds the key in Saturday's game as the usually fluent Ambati Rayudu has struggled to get going. CSK, however, will miss the

services of the Kedar Jadhav, who sustained a freak shoulder

CSK BOASTS OF A TREMENDOUS **RECORD AT HOME** THIS SEASON,

WINNING SIX OF **ITS SEVEN** GAMES AT THE M A CHIDAMBARAM **STADIUM HERE** AND COME ON TUESDAY, IT WILL ACT AS A BIG

ADVANTAGE FOR THE HOSTS

injury in the match against Kings XI. But Jadhav wasn't in the

best of form and his absence would open up a spot for either Murali Vijay or Dhruv Shorey. Bowling has been CSK's strong point so far this season and becomes even more potent on M A Chidambaram stadium's sluggish wicket. Imran Tahir (21 scalps), the second highest-wicket taker

this season after Kagiso Rabada (25), has been at the forefront of an effective CSK spin trio, also including veteran Harbhajan Singh and Ravindra Ledai (beth with La wickter Jadeja (both with 13 wickets

each) And the success of Tahir & Co against the powerful MI batting line-up could very well determine the course of the match.

MI captain Rohit Sharma (386 runs), the impressive Quinton De Kock (492, third contest.

leading run-scorer), Hardik Pandya (380) and Kieron Pollard will be hard to stop once they get going and CSK's bowlers have a tough task at hand.

u. The onus would also be on the ever-improving Deepak Chahar, who has taken 16 scalps so far, to pick up early wickets for CSK and stifle the

rival batting line-up. Going by the head-to-head record this year, MI holds the upperhand having won both its encounters against CSK in the

preliminary phase. MI head coach Mahela Jayawardene would be aware of the job at hand and won't take CSK lightly despite the Lions' recent wobbly form.

CSK will certainly receive a boost by playing the Qualifier 1 at home with the crowd fully backing the team in what promises to be a cracker of a



Mandhana lights up Women's T20 Challenge

PTI JAIPUR

Explosive opener Smriti Mandhana lit up the open-ing game of the Women's T20 Challenge with an entertaining 90 off 67 balls, guiding Trailblazers to 2 runs thrilling win against Harmanpreet Kaur led Supernovas.

Chasing 141 runs to win, Harmanpreet (46 not out) smashed four boundaries in the final over bowled by experienced Jhulan Goswami to help Supernovas reach close to win but needing 3 runs in the final ball, Lea Tahuhu got run out which lead to Mandhana side secure narrow 2 runs win.

Earlier batting first, Mandhana's 90 runs help Trailblazers pot 140 for five against Supernovas here at Sawai Man Singh stadium on Monday.

After the early fall of New Zealand veteran Suzie Bates, captain Mandhana anchored a 119-run stand with Harleen Deol (36 off 44), who struggled to change gears on a slow surface at the Sawai Mansingh Stadium.

In fact, both Mandhana and Deol struggled to get in fact, both Mandhana and Deoi struggled to get going as Trailblazers crawled to 25 for one in six overs after Harmanpreet Kaur-led Supernovas opted to field. The BCCI is organising a bigger tournament for the women in comparison to the inaugural edition

last year when only a one-off game was played. Four out of the three games will be broadcast live on prime time unlike last year with an aim to attract a bigger TV audience.

At the venue, the stadium was far from full but that did not affect Mandhana's batting. After getting used to the slowness of the wicket, the southpaw went for her strokes and even smashed three sixes to go with 10 fours.

Australians are not taking part in the event this time owing to a scheduling dispute between the BCCI and Cricket Australia over men's ODI series.

Twelve foreigners from five countries are taking art in the tournament and are distributed equally between the three teams.

Brief scores: Trailblazers: 140/5 in 20 overs (Smriti Mandhana 90, Harleen Deol 36; Radha Yadav 2/28) beat Supernovas: 138/6 in 20 overs (Harmanpreet Kaur 46 not out, Sophie Devine 32; Sophie Ecclestone 2/11, Rajeshwari Gayakwad 2/17) by 2 runs.



Warner, Smith help Aus edge Kiwis

home

'Jadhav should be fit in two weeks'

IANS NEW DELHI

edar Jadhav's tryst with injuries Kedar Jadnav s u yst with injuries few rounds of hamstring injuries in few rounds of hamstring injuries in the past season, the vital cog in the Indian middle-order has now picked up a shoulder injury with the 2019 World Cup less than a month away. The injury happened during the Chennai Super Kings match with Kings XI Punjab on Sunday. While Kedar walked off and didn't take the field anymore, sources in the know of developments said that it looks more like an impact

injury and the player should be fine in two weeks. However, further participation in



Cork sees Saini as India material



the Indian Premier League is out of question as the World Cup is just round the corner.

"He has an impact injury and it is always better to be safe than sorry. More than dislocation it looks like a grade one trauma injury. You cannot rule out a mild subluxation either. But he should be fine in two weeks.

"He will not be playing in the playoffs as he needs to be fit when the Indian team leaves for the World

Cup," the source said. Speaking after the game on Sunday, CSK coach Stephen Fleming had said that Kedar's focus would now shift to the World Cup as he wouldn't be plaving any more games

in the IPL. "Kedar is getting an X-ray and a scan tomorrow. We're hopeful for him. I don't think we'll see him again in this tournament for us. So now his attention will turn to what it looks like for the World Cup. He's in some discomfort but we just need to be accurate with our assessments tomorrow. Fingers crossed that it's nothing too serious," Fleming had said.

The incident took place in the 14th over of the KXIP innings when Kedar dived to his left to stop an overthrow from Ravindra Jadeja. Having hurt his shoulder in the process, Kedar immediately left the field with physio Tommy Simsek.

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m avid}$ Warner hit a quickfire 39 and Steve Smith 22 on Monday in their first appearance for Australia since a major ball-tampering scandal as the home team edged a second-string New Zealand by one wicket in a practice match.

The Australians were set a target of 216 at Allan Border Field in Brisbane as they warm up for their World Cup defence, and scraped home with 10 balls to spare thanks to a tail-end rescue act.

They have now won nine one-davers in a row, although this was an unofficial game and not counted as a full international.

Skipper Aaron Finch continued his rich vein of form with a measured 52, but fellow opener Usman Khawaja fell cheaply - bringing Warner to the crease, to warm applause from the crowd.

He survived a dropped catch on nought before clicking into gear and turning on the form that saw him average 69.20 in 12 innings in the Indian Premier League.

Warner hammered 39 off 43 balls before falling to leg-spinner Todd Astle attempting Bristol

That brought out Smith who started nervously before hitting a pair of boundaries. He spent 43 balls in the middle before being caught behind off Matt Henry. It was the pair's first game

in Australian colours since serving year-long bans for their

part in the "Sandpaper-gate" ball-tampering scandal. After Smith departed,

Australia lost five for 42 before an impressive 34 from Nathan Coulter-Nile helped steer them

Earlier, Pat Cummins grabbed two wickets in his first over before New Zealand, missing Kane Williamson, Martin Guptill and Trent Boult, recovered to post respectable 215 off 46.1 overs

Tom Blundell led the fight-back and top scored with 77. Cummins ended with 3-36 off eight overs, with Nathan Coulter-Nile and Jason Behrendorff also grabbing three

Australia play another two games against New Zealand this week before heading to England where they open their World have a massive future with If we actually clip on him here and we Cup campaign against Afghanistan on June 1 in

"We need to see the deliveries with his pegs," Cork, a Star Sports Select Dugout expert,

PTI MUMBAI

Speedster Navdeep Saini was edition of the IPL and has rightly caught the attention of former England medium pacer Dominic Cork, who says India will have a "massive" future with

him. Saini picked up 11 wickets for the Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) from 13 matches and was their second best bowler after spinner Yuzvendra Chahal

Though the Viral Kohli-led team failed to qualify for the playoffs, the 26-year-old pacer

was impressive. "For me when you look at Navdeep Saini, I think India will

Cork, who played 37 Tests for was quoted as saying in a media release on Monday. England. "The one thing I want to tell

these young bowlers is that it's about the head position. He (Saini) can be a little taller.

"It looks like he is just going to fall away so he might put his weight forward. So that is Saini, someone who is already very successful in this game," added

Saini is one of the four pac

ers who will assist Team India in their ODI World Cup prepa-

rations in England. He will be a net bowler and help Team India during the World Cup along with three others, the BCCI had announced earlier.

India have got 'fantastic chance' to lift WC: Vengsarkar

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Former India skipper Dilip Vengsarkar believes that the Virat-Kohli led team has a "fantastic chance" to lift the upcoming World Cup, which begins on May 30 in United Kingdom

India has got a fantastic chance to win the World Cup. At-least last four they will go def-initely. But the final, I can't predict to be honest. But we have got extreme potential and all the players are (in) good form," Vengsarkar told reporters here on Monday.

Vengsarkar, who is the mentor of the T20 Mumbai League, was speaking after the organ-isers Mumbai Cricket Association announced its second season which will begin from May 14. League's ambassador Sachin Tendulkar and mentor Sunil Gavaskar were also present.

Tendulkar too praised the League. "T20 Mumbai League is soon going to be a league that most of the players from across the nation will want to participate in. For so many years, the (way) Ranji Trophy team has played, if given a choice a number of players would have wanted to be part of Mumbai Ranji Trophy because the brand of cricket was different and everyone wanted to be part of it," said Tendulkar. Tendulkar also said Mumbai still has

enough talent

'I don't think we are down in the dumps at all. There have been occasions where we have gone to the semis and final (in the Ranji Trophy). I feel with this T20 League's perfornore, as (Sunil) Gavaskar put it correctly, a number of careers started. Gavaskar urged the MCA authorities to schedule the league before the IPL auction. "Shivam Dube got an IPL contract after

(playing in T20 Mumbai League), Suryakumar Yadav also got a big contract and I am pretty certain that there will be many more coming from this league, who will be wanted by the IPL franchises for the next season," said Gavaskar.

