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Sena fails to show numbers, Guv invites NCP

Political musical chairs in Maharashtra continue

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

In a new twist to the ongoing game of political musical chairs in Maharashtra, Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari on Monday night eliminated the Shiv Sena from the Government formation exercise after it staked a claim to form a Government but failed to submit letters of support from the NCP and the Congress.

Late in the night, the Governor called a delegation of NCP leaders for consultations. During the meeting, the Governor handed a letter to the NCP leaders asking their party to indicate its "willingness and ability" to form the next Government in the State by 8.30 pm on Tuesday.

Talking to media persons after meeting the Governor, State NCP president Jayant Patil said, "As per the procedure, the Governor has given us a letter being the third single largest party in Maharashtra. We have suggested to him that we will have to talk to our alliance partner. We have assured him that we will get back to him as early as possible."

NCP president Sharad Pawar and central Congress leaders will hold talks on Tuesday on the Governor's letter. Given that the combined strength of the two parties is 98 MLAs and they are 47 MLAs short of the magic majority figure of 145 in the



Shiv Sena leaders Aadiya Thackeray and Eknath Shinde, along with party leaders, address a Press conference after meeting Maharashtra Governor BS Koshyari in Mumbai on Monday evening

288-member Assembly, the two parties cannot on their own stake a claim to form a Government.

It remains to be seen if the NCP and the Congress will seek the support of the Shiv Sena to form a Government. If the two parties do approach the Sena, will the Sena extend its support to the NCP and the Congress? Lending support to the NCP-Congress means the Sena forfeiting its much-discussed claim on the Chief Minister's post, a post for which the Sena sacrificed its 30-year-long (albeit of an interrupted nature in 2014) alliance with the BJP.

Secondly, the Sena will have to play the second fiddle to the NCP-Congress alliance if it chooses to be a part of the three-party Government. Will

the NCP-Congress alliance take the risk of running a Government with an aggressive Sena, which is ideologically different from the two parties?

On his part, the Governor is going through with the motions of exhausting Constitutional options before him. Once he is through with the process, will he recommend President's rule in the State? This is a question that is bothering all the political parties in the State.

Despite indicating that they would extend their support to the Sena to form a Government, the NCP and Congress remained non-committal on the issue till late in the evening.

Though Pawar held several rounds of talks with his party leaders, he refrained from say-

Sena plans exit from NDA for survival

DEEPAK K UPRETI ■ NEW DELHI

The steady national dominance of the BJP since 2014 has seemingly squeezed the space and whittled the influence of allies in the National Democratic Alliance (NDA), the rippling impact of what is now being felt even by its oldest "ideological partner" Shiv Sena which after making common cause with the former for 25 years, is, interestingly, set to end the alliance and hug the political opponents it fought against till as recently as in the last month's Assembly polls in Maharashtra.

Sena, which had experimented with the Congress or

ing anything on extending support to the Sena all through the day. The NCP's refrain was that it was waiting for an official word from the Congress leadership.

After a Sena delegation met the Governor for staking claim to form a Government, the Congress issued a brief Press release which said, "The Congress Working Committee met this morning and had a detailed discussion on the situation in Maharashtra, after which a consultation was held with Maharashtra Congress leaders. The Congress president Sonia Gandhi has spoken to Sharad Pawar. The party will have further discussions with the NCP."



Shiv Sena leader Uddhav Thackeray (left) and Union Minister Arvind Sawant (right) in Maharashtra before launching itself with the BJP in 1989 touting "saffron brotherhood", was all through two decades a

"big-brother" in the western State as the BJP willingly played a second-fiddle in the State.

The Shah-Modi politics reversed the equation in the State as was evident when the two allies contested polls separately in 2014. In 2019, too, the two bitterly fought for greater share of seats before joining hands at the last minute in the Assembly polls that last month did not deliver the "expected" majority for the BJP, giving it 17 less seats than it collected in 2014.

The taciturn Sena was feeling the pressure from the BJP and suspected it of usurping its urban turf and gradually mar-

ginalising it in the State politics. The rules of games had changed and the BJP was now playing big brother in Maharashtra even as it was already at the Centre. And as they say when the shove came to the push, Sena, which was constantly sniping at the BJP and attacking Modi-Shah and at times even praising former Congress president Rahul Gandhi at the cost of the duo, bolted and joined one-time foes the Congress and the NCP to try forming a second Government after Manohar Joshi first helmed the affairs in 1995 to become the first non-Congress Chief Minister in Maharashtra.

1,500 winged guests found dead around Sambhar Lake

PTI ■ JAIPUR

Hundreds of migratory birds of over a dozen species have been found dead in Sambhar lake area near Jaipur. Water contamination is suspected to be the cause behind the birds' death, said officials, adding, the exact reason, however, would be clear only after testing their viscera.

The birds, numbering around 1,500, were found dead on Sunday in over five to seven square km area, which is a well-known wetland of international importance and is visited by tens of thousands of migratory birds during winter.

After receiving the information about dead birds from local residents, a team of revenue, forest and veterinary officials visited the area and found around 1,500 carcasses of 15 species, including those of Northern Shovelers, Ruddy Shelduck, Plovers, Avocets, and others.

CAPSULE

CENTRE JUSTIFIES ITS ART 370 DECISION IN SC
New Delhi: The Centre justified in the Supreme Court on Monday the abrogation of provisions of Article 370 of the Constitution, which gave special status to Jammu & Kashmir, saying the terrorists and separatist elements, with the support of foreign forces inimical to India, were taking advantage of the situation.

16 HURT AS 2 TRAINS COLLIDE IN HYDERABAD
Hyderabad/New Delhi: Two slow-moving trains collided at Kacheguda Railway station here on Monday, leaving 16 people injured, including a driver who was trapped in his badly mangled cabin for eight hours, officials said. The driver of the MMTS train, who sustained serious injuries, was initially trapped in his cabin.

Naveen announces package for Bulbul-hit areas of State

- Subsidy of ₹18K per ha for perennial crops
- ₹13,500/ha for crops in irrigated areas; ₹6,800 for rain-fed areas
- ₹30K for milch cow, buffaloes
- ₹9,600 for fully-damaged boats, ₹2,600 for fully-damaged nets

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on Monday made an aerial survey of the areas affected by Cyclone Bulbul. After the survey, Patnaik in a video-conference with the Collectors of the Jagatsinghpur, Kendrapada, Baleswar, Bhadrak, Jajpur and Mayurbhanj districts reviewed the damages.

The Chief Minister directed Collectors of the affected districts to submit the damage assessment reports to Special Relief Commissioner PK Jena by November 18 and asked the officials to ensure that the assistance is provided to the affected people by November 24.

Later, the Chief Minister announced a package for livelihood support of the persons affected by the cyclone.

Agriculture input subsidy would be

provided to the small and marginal farmers, who have sustained crop loss of 33 per cent and above @ ₹6,800 per hectare of land in rainfed, non irrigated areas, ₹13,500 per hectare of land in areas under assured irrigation, and ₹18,000 per hectare for all types of perennial crops like mango, cashew, coconut, and betel vine.

The Government decided to provide 50,000 seed mini kits of pulses and oilseed to the affected farmers during the Rabi season 2019-20.

45,000 acres of demonstration programmes of different crops would be taken up in affected districts in the Rabi season. Also 3,000 sprayers would be made available to the affected farmers in the cyclone-affected areas at a subsidy of 50 per cent limited to maximum of ₹3,800 for battery operated sprayers and ₹750 for hand-operated sprayers.

10,000 vegetable minikits would be supplied to the affected farmers during the Rabi season of 2019-20.

The Government would also provide assistance towards loss of animals @ ₹30,000 per milch cow and buffalo, ₹25,000 per draught animal (up to three animals), ₹16,000 per calf (up to six animals), ₹3,000 per goat, sheep (up to 30 animals) and ₹50 per poultry bird (maximum ₹5,000).

Fishermen would also be provided financial assistance @ ₹4,100 for repair of partially damaged boats, ₹2,100 for repair of partially damaged net, ₹9,600 for replacement of fully damaged boat and ₹2,600 for replacement of fully damaged nets.

Min stuck for 6 hrs in JNU hostel fee hike stir

HRD Min assures help

SHEKHAR SINGH ■ NEW DELHI

The hostel fee hike, "curfew timings" and dress code proposed by the Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) administration have not gone down well with the students who held a protest in front of the university gate on Monday and clashed with police, leaving HRD Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal "Nishank" stranded for over six hours at the venue of the varsity's convocation.

The students wanted to march towards the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), around 3 kilometres from the JNU campus where Vice President Venkaiah Naidu was addressing the university's convocation with HRD Minister at an auditorium, but were stopped a few meters back by the Delhi Police and Central Reserve Police Force. Police used water cannon to disperse the protesters.

"...the situation has been handled. A student delegation, including the JNUSU president had met the Minister and they have been given assurance that their demands will be addressed," said a senior HRD Ministry official. The HRD Minister left the AICTE premises around 4.15 pm and had to cancel two events scheduled at Shastr Bhawan.

Police also detained several students who were released after a few hours. The police personnel also formed a



'human chain' in order to facilitate the safe exit of the students attending convocation.

The protests started in the morning around 11:30 am and escalated as the day progressed with hundreds of students jostling with the police personnel. The protesters also toppled barricades and hurled shoes at the police and CRPF personnel when they were not allowed to march towards the convocation venue.

Police said that barricades were placed outside the north and west gates of the JNU campus, as well as on the route between the AICTE auditorium and the university at Baba Balaknath Marg and in nearby areas.

CM announces annual award in Suraj's name

To encourage organ donation

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

Suraj Sethi, who saved lives of six persons after his death, has become an inspiring story for millions in Odisha. His name is now going to be immortalised as Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on Monday announced to institute an annual award in his name.

Suraj was a resident of Bhanjanagar in Ganjam district and working in Surat. He lost his life in a road accident on October 29. After struggling for life about five to six days in hospital, he was declared brain dead on November 2 by the doctors.



His parents, who were contacted by a local NGO, decided to donate his organs to save

lives of others. Accordingly, his heart, liver, two kidneys and both eyes were transplanted to save lives of six persons.

Suraj's heart was carried by plane to the Fortis Hospital in Mumbai and transplanted in the body of a woman. His kidneys and liver were transplanted into three persons in Ahmedabad and the eyes went to two persons in Surat.

Suraj's father Babuli Sethi and mother Gitanjali met the Chief Minister Patnaik at the Lok Seva Bhawan on Monday. Patnaik highly appreciated their noble act and said this would be an "exemplary inspiration to the society". He announced a homestead land and Biju a Pucca Ghar for them. He also announced an assistance of ₹5 lakh from the CMRF in recognition of their inspiring humane act.

'Muslims will turn Ayodhya to 2nd Mecca'

Puri seer opposes SC verdict allowing land for Sunni Waqf Board

PABITRA SENAPATY ■ BHUBANESWAR

Puri Govardhan Mutt Shankaracharya Nischalananda Saraswati Maharaj on Monday said the Supreme Court verdict allowing five acres of land to Muslims would create a big spiritual conflict in the holy land of Ayodhya.

"If five acres of land is given to Muslims in Ayodhya, they will make the holy land a second Mecca and the very essence of Ayodhya of being spiritual capital (for Lord Ram's birthday) of the world will be affected," said the Shankaracharya at a Press meet here.

Claiming that Shankaracharya is the highest institution in the matters of Hindus' spiritual matters, Saraswati said, "The Orissa High Court and the Supreme Court have already said they will not interfere with the Shankaracharya's spiritual deci-

sion. With the verdict, the Central Government got a clue of providing land to Muslims, resolving the issue and to take the credit without caring for consequence. It is like firing the gun from someone else's soldier."

When asked why the Congress supported the verdict, Saraswati said vote politics is the reason behind its support.

"Ayodhya comes under the spiritual territory of the Govardhan Mutt Shankaracharya. Once former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee requested had me to sign a document approving construction of a Ram temple and a mosque on Ayodhya. But I didn't favour. Then, he refrained from his own proposal. Now, this Government wants to take credit only," said the Shankaracharya.

To a question that Soni Waqf Board is terming five acres of land is not of any value, Saraswati said, "Let them first decide to file a review petition.



Further comments will be given."

Regarding constitution of a trust by the Union Government for construction of a Ram Temple at Ayodhya, he said nobody has contacted him.

Regarding Supreme Court verdict on Shree Jagannath Temple Puri, Saraswati wanted to know if the Supreme Court knows who enters the Shreemandir and who doesn't. "The Jagannath Temple should be managed on religious lines. The State Government doesn't want that," he said. He said the ongoing demolition works will help creation of business establishments and doesn't help promote Jagannath culture. He said no body from the Government has consulted with him regarding mutt lands.

Assembly session from Nov 13

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

The Winter Session of the 16th Odisha Legislative Assembly will commence on November 13 and continue till December 19.

Out of the 30 working days, 21 days have been earmarked for official business. Parliamentary Affairs Minister Bikram Keshari



Arukha said on Monday that the first Supplementary Budget would be presented on the first day of the session.

On November 20, 21 and 22, the House would discuss the demands for grants and the Appropriation Bill on the supplementary statement of expenditure would be tabled on November 25, he said.

Odisha's fiscal reform a model for emulation: IMF

Team says State's fiscal reform on right path

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

Fiscal reform in Odisha is at cutting edge and on the right path with sensible approaches, observed an International Monetary Fund (IMF) Team led by Anne Marie Gulde, Deputy Director, Asia-Pacific Department. They gave the view in a high-level meeting on 'Public Finance Management (PFM)' system held under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary Asit Tripathy at then Lok Seva Bhawan here recently wherein Finance Secretary Ashok Kumar Meena presented the updates for discussions. Looking into the progress already made in this direction, Gulde said, "Odisha has shown great interest and progress in improving PFM. It is one of the most active States in India. We are impressed by the level of political will, technical preparedness, administrative com-

mitment and the degree of progress that have already been made. We will continue our joint effort with Odisha in coming two years for full achievement of the targets." The fiscal reform issues relating to implementation of strategic fiscal planning, strategic budget making, preparation of fiscal strategy paper, Odisha Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Act, fiscal risk management, cash management, commitment management and control (CMC) system, common treasury management and e-procurement, etc., were deliberated in the meeting. Sukhwinder Singh, Director South-Asia Training and Technical Assistance Centre, said, "Odisha is first Indian State to have introduced strategic budget making and commitment control system." The success of Odisha could be showcased as a model for emulation by other Indian States, he added. Finance Secretary Meena said that under this new system, the Finance Department would communicate the advance tentative ceiling and the departments would prepare detailed budgets as per their priorities keeping in view the need of people and commit-

ment of the State. The fiscal indicators of Odisha were reviewed in the meeting. Meena apprised that State Budget size increased from Rs 18,516.52 crore in 2001-02 to Rs 1.39,000 crore in 2019-20, recording a growth of over 18 times. Odisha is now a revenue-surplus State. Overcoming the revenue-deficit situation of 5.48% of GSDP in 2001-02, the State has reached surplus revenue of 2.17% in 2018-19. The debt stock has decreased from 46.48% of GSDP in 2001-02 to 19.7% of GSDP in 2019-20. The fiscal deficit has been reduced from 7.68% to 3.49% during the period. The capital outlay for the infrastructural sector has increased from 1.72% of GSDP in 2001-02 to 4.53% in 2019-20. It was decided that Odisha would continue to work with the IMF's South Asia Training and Technical Assistance Centre (SATTAC), New Delhi in the areas of further improving fiscal management and resource augmentation in the State. The SATTAC provides world-class capacity development facility to Bangladesh, Bhutan, Maldives, India, Nepal and Sri Lanka. It also provides technical assistance support to a few States, including Odisha.

NKS decries woman social worker's arrest

SEEKS ACTION AGAINST ERRING COPS

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

The Navnirman Krushak Sangathan (NKS) on Monday condemned the arrest of noted social worker Nargis Bahar and her son Md Zulfikar Ali on 'false' charges by the Kakatpur police in Puri district recently. Addressing a Press meet here, NKS national convenor Akshay Kumar alleged that the police implicated Nargis and Ali in false cases and arrested them. "Ali was working with an NGO engaged in a Naimanjil Yojana, jointly run by the World Bank and the Union Government. Opposing under payment, he asked the NGO authorities to hand over his ATM. Subsequently, the NGO handed over his ATM to the police. But the police didn't hand over the ATM to Ali. When his mother Nargis Bahar

went to the police station and wanted to know why the ATM has not been given to her son. The police advised her to file another complaint to get the ATM. As Nargis protested, police started giving various types of mental torture to the mother-son duo," said Kumar. He said police arrested Nargis and Ali with false charges when they staged peaceful dharna in front of the police.



Kumar demanded that the mother-duo be released soon and erring ASI Bibek Behara suspended and arrested. Among others, NKS State convenor Seshadeba Nanda, co-convenor Umakant Rout, Nimain Ray, Rashmi Ranjan Swain and Yuva Chhatra Sangathan State convenor MD Manwar Ali were present.

Care hospital accused of flouting all norms

Management's suspicious links raise eyebrows
High-level probe demanded

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

It seems everything is not well with the Care Hospital here. The health facility, run by Evacare, is alleged to be continuously violating the Government norms and principles at all stages. It is alleged that the hospital authorities are not properly implementing the State Government's flagship programme Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana and also depriving the BPL card holders of proper facilities though the State Government has provided land to the hospital. The hospital has been accused of providing expired medicines to the patients. It is also forcing the poor patients to purchase medicines from its counters, which are said to be costly and of very poor quality. The allotment of Government land in favour of the Care Hospital has been illegally transferred to the Evacare management, which has not obtained the requisite No Objection Certificate (NOC)



from the State Government for the purpose, said sources. Besides, the hospital has been accused of providing poor quality healthcare, transferring patients to other hospital illegally, browbeating patients with muscle power and transplanting organs in a clandestine manner. To make matters worse, investigations revealed that the real owner of the hospital is a Pakistani, who resides in Dubai and is named Arif Masood Naqvi, who has a dubious reputation and alleged to be hand in glove with a notorious Pakistani drug lord. Naqvi is also alleged to be involved in organ trade racket and financial fraud in Dubai and is reportedly cooling his heels behind bars. It is alleged that Naqvi is running his business here keeping the CEO in front. Besides, Naqvi agents frequent Bhalwalpur area in Pakistan, which is a playground of international terrorist Masood Azhar. This links of Naqvi and his alleged involvement with the Care Hospital should be investigated by concerned agencies as it might prove a security threat for the country and the State, demanded the intelligentsia. Health Minister Naba Kishore Das said he has formed a committee which would conduct investigations into the allegations against the Care Hospital.

Odia music director Anand makes Bollywood debut

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

It is gladdening for the fans of popular Odia film music director Prem Anand that he has made his Bollywood debut with the upcoming film 'Luv U Turn'. Anand has directed two songs in the movie directed by Harish Raut under the One World International banner. The movie is scheduled to be released on November 22. A romantic track 'Bahon mein apni tu', lyric by Arun Kumar and sung by Mohit Kumar and Aditi Paul, and another beautiful song 'Khuda Raji', a lyric by Sunil Sirvaiya,



are probably Anand's best works ever in his career. "I tried my best in giving direction to these songs. I hope the tracks will amuse all," Anand said during an audio release event. Prem Anand is the most popular name in Odia music and composer. He has composed over 100 songs for Odia films, albums and Jatra.

Concern for steelmakers Odisha urged for action plan to offset ore shortage

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

In order to alleviate the fear of steelmakers, the Centre has requested the Odisha Government to prepare an action plan keeping in view the emerging crisis over shortage of iron ore as the major mining leases are ending by March 31, 2020. While expressing concern over the matter, major steel makers have approached the Union Government to help them out as crisis of raw material shortage is looming large. Non-integrated steel plants, which have no captive mines, will face huge shortage of iron ore, it is apprehended. About 70 per cent of the country's steel plants do not have captive iron



ore resources and are, hence, dependent on supplies by merchant miners. Any uncertainties in supply or pricing of the ore would significantly impact the steel sec-

tor's production and profitability. Official sources said that Secretary Ministry of Steel Binoy Kumar has written to the State Government in this regard. Besides, operations of smaller companies that are away from ports and operate in the landlocked region could be disrupted as they are primarily dependent on domestic merchant miners for iron ore. While Ministry of Steel is requesting Odisha, Goa, Karnataka, Chhattisgarh and other mineral rich States, Ministry of Steel is time and again reminding Odisha to get ready with arrangements to help out the steel makers. According to sources, the Government of Odisha is chalking out an action plan to meet the situation apart from, expediting the process of auction of iron ore mines. A total of 12 iron ore mines will undergo the auction process and it has already started, officials admit, adding there will be no delay in auction process. https://ssl.gstatic.com/ui/v1/icons/mail/images/clear_dot.gif Experts are apprehensive about provision of statutory clearances after the auction process is over, which takes longer period to avail. Under this backdrop, Union Government is harping on reforms through Ease of Doing Business, so that statutory clearances are availed at the earliest.

Baliyatra to spread legal awareness among revellers

PNS ■ CUTTACK

For the first time, the famous Annual Baliyatra here will be utilised this year to spread legal awareness among the people who would visit the festival grounds in lakhs for the week-long festivities beginning on Kartik Purnima on Tuesday. High Court Chief Justice KS Jhaveri, who has initiated innovative measures this year for a pollution-free Baliyatra, is scheduled to inaugurate a stall of the Odisha State Legal Services Authority at the Baliyatra grounds on Wednesday for this purpose.

On Justice Jhaveri's suggestion to put a check on the vehicular pollution, the district administration has introduced pedalled-rickshaw and bicycle facilities at the two festival grounds spreading over 50 acres for the revellers to commute. The festival, observed in memory of ancient maritime trade practices of the State, is being organised this year with enthusiasm after the State Government recognised 'Cuttack Baliyatra' as an annual State-level event to boost trade and commerce. Nearly 1000 makeshift stalls and as many as 100

vending zones have come up over the two festival grounds along the right embankment of river Mahanadi near the Gadagadia Temple Ghat, which was once used as an important river port in the ancient days. Apart from trade, the festival is also observed as a mark of respect for the rich culture of Odisha. Keeping that in view, the district administration has, for the first time this year, has erected four cultural pandals which will stage a variety of cultural programmes by over hundred troupes roped in from within the State and outside.

Provide aid for Bulbul-hit crops soon: BJP

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

The cyclonic storm Bulbul has affected six districts of the State. From preliminary estimates crops in more than 3 lakh hectare of land have been affected. The State Government should immediately announce compensation for the affected farmers, demanded Leader of Opposition (BJP) in the State Assembly Pradipta Nayak on Monday. A team of the State BJP headed by Nayak on the day

visited the cyclone-hit areas of Rajnagar, Rajkanika, Aul, Pattamundai in Kendrapada district and took stock of the situation. Besides, the team also met the families of the deceased and expressed their sympathies. Later, the team alleged that the administration has failed to provide drinking water and restore road communications. They further alleged that the affected people no essential commodities have been given to the affected people.

Bishnu Das felicitated on birthday

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

Tirtol MLA and former Minister Bishnu Charan Das was felicitated at his residences here by hundreds of people, well-wishers, supporters even cutting across party lines on his 68th birthday on Monday. Das was offered garlands, flower bouquets by various youth organisations, political activists, mediapersons and prominent personalities from the whole of his native Jagatsinghpur district. Das, who then left for the district, was accorded warm receptions at various places like Raghunathpur, Biridi, Tirtol, Jagatsinghpur en route to the Jagatsinghpur Circuit House. An assemblage of well-wishers, fans prominent leaders, friends congratulated him on his birthday and offered prayers for a long innings of his life.



'Attitudinal change towards transgenders must begin from top'

Signage outside toilets, in lifts and buses for transgenders sought
Activists to meet Govt dept heads for equality

SUMEET SHARMA ■ BHUBANESWAR

The attitudinal change towards transgender has to start from the top authorities in the Government unless heads of institutions and agencies would not be proactive in recognising them and enabling them to join the mainstream, said All Odisha

Kinnar Samaj president and Sakha founder Meera Parida addressing a Press meet here on Monday. Parida said it would be difficult for such a marginal group to achieve gender equality in spirit and letter if top authorities recognise them first. Although the Supreme Court Judgment of 2014 was a major step, as it declared transgender people as 'third gender' and affirmed equal fundamental rights for them under the Constitution, the actual realisation of these rights is an uphill task and it requires not just law but change in attitude, she opined. On the Supreme Court judgement, transgender activist and Tata Trust Jaga Fellow



development worker Meghana Sahoo said, "With the recognition of the transgender institutions should now do compatible actions including putting up of signage outside toilets, lifts, staffrooms and reserves seats in buses." Focussing on how the

rights of the transgender individuals and communities can be taken forward within all mainstream institutions including the media, KISS University Social Development Officer Sadhana Mishra said all actions taken by the Government and stakeholders must not only involve the transgender from the start but also focus on changing people's attitude towards them to make transgenders integral to all processes that concern them. Centre for Advocacy and Research's Samir Dash said, "Without the right to live life of dignity and social acceptance, transgender groups feel both marginalised and disconnected from programmes such as urban water and sanitation or education or housing for all." Parida further said they would meet heads of all Government departments and institutional leaders and seek their cooperation in creating more inclusive work culture, encouraging diversity and becoming an equal opportunity employer. She also urged journalists to not only communicate progressive and inclusive ideas but also begin practicing them by recruiting and integrating transgender into media institutions. CFAR's Soumya Mishra invited the scribes to participate in the day-long event to be held on November 18 as part of the observation of the World Toilet Day.

Flagrant violation of 5T: Police excess Cop harasses JSpur youth entangled in marital row

House raided, assets snatched away

PNS ■ JAGATSINGHPUR

A disconcerting report relating to police excesses has come to the fore in Kujang area here.

Kujang IIC Dilip Kumar Sahu for vested interest acted as an autocrat and harassed a youth and his family members entangled in a marital dispute case.

Investigations reveal that one Jogeshkant Parida, a software engineer working at Chennai, had tied nuptial knot with Madhusmita Swain. Both belong to adjacent villages under Kujang tehsil in December 2012.

A shortwhile after the wedding, there was a rift and both of them got separated, having no physical contact among them during the last six and a

half years.

All of a sudden, Madhusmita filed a suit on May 26, 2018 under case No- 69/18 in Kujang Court. There after Jogeshkant filed a divorced suit in the court of Jagatsinghpur on July 23, 2018 under case no- 55/2018. The police officer took sides with Madhusmita despite repeated explanation and submission by the law abiding Jogeshkant, who explained his innocence to Kujang police time and again by making expensive journey all the way from Chennai to Kujang. In this way Jogeshkant had earlier reported before Kujang PS on September 8 for a compromise though nothing came out of the amicable settlement of both the families.

Meanwhile, Jogeshkant has lost his lucrative job in an MNC due to complaints raised by his estranged wife. Again the Kujang police called him on the plea of a compromise settlement when the woman's side failed to respond to these earlier. Further Jogeshkant was called on November 4 by IIC Sahu who later detained him at the police station.

Jogeshkant's attorney N

Dalai told this paper, "The police have no role to play for illegal detention, when the matter is sub judice in courts of Kujang and Jagatsinghpur for the last one and a half years."

To make matters worse, the IIC behaved like an autocrat, raided house of Jogeshkant along with the complainant and her father and snatched away many valuable possessions of Jogeshkant's family.

The police freed Jogeshkant after all this on November 5 after 36 hours in flagrant violation of provisions of IPC and CRPC. This was possible only after the judicious intervention of Tirtol MLA and former Minister Bishnu Charan Das who brought the sinister design of the IIC Kujang to the notice of the district administration.

These bizarre incidents have sent shockwaves and resentment among the intelligentsia of Jagatsinghpur district. People wonder when Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik is all out to make Odisha police people-friendly, the activities of Kujang IIC are nothing but a gross violation of the CM's popular programme of 5T.

Dog bites cobra into pieces, saves master's family



PNS ■ JEYPORE

A dog, named 'Doggie', saved six members of its master's family by fighting off a giant cobra that had entered into the house. The pet severed the snake into pieces, leaving it dead.

The incident took place at Powerhouse Colony in Jeypore town of Koraput district on Sunday.

Reports said the cobra had entered into Shankar Prasad Tripathy's house at around 3 pm. While panicked family members came out of the house after spotting the cobra, Doggie jumped on the snake and bit it into two pieces. The fight lasted about 30 long minutes.

Half of the snake's body was lying on the ground. The snake battled for life hanging from a structure for a few hours and ultimately succumbed to its injuries.

The family members thought that the dog would die as it had been bitten by the snake. However to their immense pleasure, they found Doggie alive after they woke up in the morning on Monday.

Notably, last week, a similar incident had occurred at Janla on outskirts of Bhubaneswar where a dog called 'Laden' fastened with a chain saved its master's two grandchildren from a snake. However the pet died due to the effect of snakebite.

Auto driver drugs, robs passengers in Ganjam

PNS ■ BRAHMAPUR

Three persons were drugged and looted by an auto-rickshaw driver near Bajragarh under the Belaguntha police station in Ganjam district on Monday. The victims were identified as Chaku Gouda and Chandan Nayak of Gandadhar village, Bulu Naik of Kushapalli village in the district. All three persons were admitted to the MKCG Medical College Hospital in a critical condition.

Sources said the trio returning from Surat on Sunday. After reaching Bhubaneswar they took a night bus for their village. They reached Bhanjanagar and waited for vehicle to reach their respective villages.

The incident occurred at around 4 am when the trio took an auto-rickshaw from Bhanjanagar bus-stand.

Midway, the auto-rickshaw driver offered them tea, after drinking the beverage the trio became unconscious. Following which, the driver allegedly looted money and valuables from them and fled from the spot.

Later, the victims were rescued in an unconscious condition by some locals.

Man dies, friend critical as bike hits median



PNS ■ ROURKELA

A 38-year-old man was killed while another person was seriously injured when the motorcycle by which they were travelling crashed into a median of a flyover near Basanti Colony here late on Sunday night. The deceased was identified as Sumit, a resident of Basanti Colony.

According to reports, Sumit was returning to his house from Udit Nagar with a friend, Papu, at around 12.30 am and both were in inebriated conditions. Sumit sudden-

ly lost control over the bike, following which the two-wheeler rammmed into the median on the over-bridge.

While Sumit died on the spot, Papu, who was riding the pillion, sustained critical injuries. Both were first rushed to the Ispat General Hospital (IGH), where Sumit was declared dead. Later, Papu was shifted to a private hospital in Bhubaneswar after his condition deteriorated.

Sumit, who was the son of a local political leader, had married only nine months back, sources said.

Labourer dies as cell phone explodes



PNS ■ PARADIP

A labourer was killed when a mobile phone exploded here on Monday.

The deceased was identified as Kuna Pradhan, a resident of Nayagarh district.

Pradhan was engaged in a temple construction work in the Atharbanki area in Paradip.

According to reports, the mobile phone, which was being charged, blasted while the labourer was sleeping at night at the office of a truck owners' association. The victim had reportedly placed the device on his chest.

Receiving the information, police rushed to the site and recovered the deceased's body.

Wedding bells for Chess Grandmaster

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

Odisha Chess Grandmaster Swayams Mishra is going



to begin a new innings of his life very soon as he has been engaged to Bengal's woman chess player Pallabi Roy. As per reports, Swayams, India's 62nd Grandmaster, would tie the knot with Pallabi sooner than later. Swayams is the second Grandmaster from Odisha after bagging his third and final norm by finishing first at the Polonia Wrocław Master Cup in Poland this year.

BBSR students given basketball training

To make Odisha a sports hub-- Boot camp held by Surge Sports

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

Keeping in line with the State's vision to make Odisha a global sports excellence centre, home-based sports enterprise, the Surge Sports has started its own initiative of ushering in sports drive among school students in the age group of 8-15 with basketball boot camp.

The student revellers were amazed by the fun coaching they had with Jr NBA coach Prasanna Venkatesh Rajackmani, Indian Men National Team Captain Vishesh Bhargavanshi and Sitamani Tudu of Indian Women

National Team.

Approximately, 200 students from BJEM, Takshila, KIIT, MPS and SAI, DPS Kalinga, participated on the first day in two sessions of three hours each. The students and parents braved the inclemently rough weather to attend the camp and after the camp most of the parents have urged the organizers to start a coaching center to initiate the children into basketball training programme.

The coaches were very happy with the exuberance of the youngsters. The Surge Sports dedicated the second day to the Government Sports Hostel boys and girls who honed their skills with the iconic invites.

JrNBA coach Venkatesh said that the Sports Hostel students were exceptionally well disciplined and knew their game well and if pushed a lit-



tle can do wonders.

Captain Vishesh played some interesting technical skill set games with the hostel girls and was amazed to see the talents in each one of them. He stated that some of them were ready for the national camp as well. The Sports and Youth Services Department supported the programme.

Its upcoming boot camps are Snooker with Yasin Merchant on November 16-17

and Tennis with Somdev Burman on January 4-5, 2020. They have planned similar boot camps in soccer, badminton, swimming also with iconic stars enthraling the young participants.

Surge Sports CEO Amrita Mohapatra, former India No 2 in billiards, quipped that these boot camps are aimed at creating interest of both parents and children towards sports and create awareness to visu-

alize sports as a professional career.

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She also informed that they would be starting structured school sports from the next academic sessions, where the primary stakeholders would be schools themselves. Surge Sports is also representing WFI and BSFI in Odisha for their proposed international events.

RTI applicant asked to pay ₹2.18L for info!

By Rourkela Development Authority

PNS ■ ROURKELA

A person who had applied for some information from the Rourkela Development Authority (RDA) through Right to Information (RTI) Act has been asked by the RDA to deposit a whopping Rs 2, 18,363 in lieu of the information.

The demand of the RDA has raised eyebrows as the move is aimed at discouraging the applicant to seek information. Sources said Bijay Pradhan, a resident of Basanti Colony area of Rourkela, had formally applied for some information to the RDA

regarding allotment of shops and collection of rent and interest on the defaulters etc. of shops located in various localities of Rourkela, as per the provision of RTI Act.

While Pradhan had applied for this information on October 14, he had received a reply from the Public Information Officer of RDA vide their letter dated November 7, that he has to deposit a whopping amount of Rs 2,18,363 for the information which he sought.

According to sources, the RDA letter to Pradhan claimed that the information, for which he has asked for, requires reference to thirty/fifty years old files. "To work out details of information, minimum of three persons with the rank of collection assistant will be engaged for about three months and the salary of three staff for three months works out to be Rs

Rs 2,18,36 in lieu of the information by RDA and alleged that the RDA has done it to refrain him from insisting on the information. "As per the provision of RTI Act, they can ask to pay only the cost of the paper like Xerox etc. to the persons seeking information through RTI Act, but there is no provision of demanding of salary of staff," Pradhan said.



2,18,363 @ Rs 24,304 per month apart from the cost of the documents to be supplied," the letter said.

The letter also asked Pradhan to deposit the amount, within fifteen days, so that the RDA can process the case and

can provide the information, only after three months. The letter also warned Pradhan that if he fails to deposit the same amount, his application would be rejected.

In a press release, Pradhan reacted sharply to the claim of

leak their fault," he said. Additional District Magistrate Rourkela Yeddula Vijay, said, "I will examine whether there is any provision in RTI Act to demand the salary of the employees to be engaged."

VSS stadium seating capacity to be 21K

PNS ■ SAMBALPUR

The seating capacity of the Veer Surendra Sai Stadium here would be increased to 21,000 with the addition of a new gallery to accommodate 4,000 more spectators, an official said on Monday.

Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik had announced Rs 3 crore for development of the stadium in February, the official said. In addition to the gallery, a 100-bed dormitory would also be constructed with the fund, secretary of Sambalpur District Athletic Association, Dulal Chandra Pradhan said.

The stadium at present has a seating capacity of 17,000 spectators. The new gallery of the stadium would be con-

structed shortly and its design has already been prepared, he said.

As the design for these works has already been prepared, tender for the works would be floated shortly. The Public Works Department (PWD) would execute the work, he said.

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The construction work for the new gallery and dormitory as also the renovation of the press room and pavilion is expected to begin by next



month, Pradhan said adding that the work will take around six months for completion. One of the oldest sports complexes in Odisha, VSS Stadium has been hosting several Ranji Trophy and Deodhar Trophy matches.

The stadium will soon have the facility to organise day-night matches.

Baliyatra kicks off at Paradip

PNS ■ PARADIP

The Paradip-Kalinga Baliyatra was inaugurated here at the Biju Maidan near sea beach on Monday evening.

As per the programme of Kalinga Baliyatra Committee (KBC), Kendrapada MP Anubhab Mohanty was to inaugurate it, which was printed in invitation card. But the local mediapersons under the banner of the Paradip Press Media (PPM) demanded cancellation his name from guest list, over his alleged misbehaviour to a

journalist in Kendrapada.

They threatened to boycott the programme and show black flags to MP Mohanty if their demand was not met.

Senior journalist Gagan Bihari Sahoo, Sasanka Sekhar Acharya, Ratnakar Jena, Rabindra Kumar Jena, Prasanta Kumar Rout, Abid Khan, Sanjib Mishra, Jagannath Swain, Bibekand Rout, Purusotam Satpathy, Amarendra Mohanty, Sanghamitra Swain, Naresh Chandra Barik, Krushna Prusti, Santosh Dora among others were present.

Journalist welfare board pension to 28 scribes

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

The National Journalist Welfare Board would provide pension to 28 senior journalists this year on occasion of the National Press Day.

It might be mentioned here that on the directions of the Press Council of India, the National Press Day is observed every year on November 16 in all States of the country.

This year, the day would be observed at the Jaydev Bhawan here under the aegis of National Journalist Welfare Board with the joint collab-

oration of the Doordarshan, All India Radio Press Information Bureau and DAP.

On the occasion, a senior journalist of the State would be conferred with Utkal Sambadika Ratna award and at the national level the editors of seven newspapers would be given the Rashtriya Sambadika Gourav award, said National Journalist Welfare Board president Pradosh Patnaik.

In the function, Utkal University MJ student Padmavati Kundu would be conferred with the 'Rabi Naryan Mohanty Memorial

Award' for achieving the top spot in journalism studies. Sanskriti University student Kabita Kumari Das would be given the 'Gopal Mishra Memorial Award', Berhampur University student Sohini Biswal will be conferred with the 'Barendra Dhal Memorial Award', IIMC Dhenkanal student Alok Chandra Barik will get the 'Dilip Satapathy Memorial Award', Ravenshaw University student Bidyushi Roy would be conferred with the Ramahari Mishra Memorial Award, said board president Pradosh Patnaik and vice-president Pradyumna Mohanty.

NCPCR meet at Phulbani to be held on November 21

To receive complaints

PNS ■ PHULBANI

A camp of the National Commission for Protection of Child Right (NCPCR) will be held on November 21 at the Kandhamal Zilla Parishad meeting hall here.

Complaints can be filed before the commission regarding torture and assault to child.

The commission will hear the issues of child labour, child abduction, child suffering from acid attacks, forced begging, physical torture, right of HIV affected child, unauthorised child adoption, torture at child



care centre, sale, kidnap, malnutrition and right of disable child etc. The camp will start from 9am to 5pm. People can lodge complaint before district child care unit.

This was disclosed at a preparatory meeting held on Monday here at Collectorate. OSCPCR Chairperson Sandhyabati Pradhan and member Harihar Nayak. Collector Dr Brunda D. SP Pratik Singh, ADM Basant Sahu, PA, ITDA Birendra Kumar, all district level officials and CWC chairman Ashok Behera, member Jayanti Panigrahi and Nirod Patra were present.

Farmers, tribals stage demo for rights to land, water

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

The All India Kantikari Krushak Sabha (AIKKS) and the Adibasi Bharat Mahasabha jointly staged a mass demonstration at the Lower PMG here on Monday to put pressure on the Government for fulfilment of 21 demands, including handing over land to farmers and tribals, ensuring right over water and jungle and right prices for crops.

AIKKS president Pramod Rath and other leaders alleged that farmers are opting ways of committing suicide or going outside as migrant workers due to lack-adical attitude of both the Union and State Governments.

"The Governments are handing over land, water and jungles to corporate house. Thus, farmers are either committing suicide or going outside to work as migrant labourers in hostile conditions," alleged speakers.

"As many as four lakh farmers have already committed suicide in the country and 31 peasants are taking to the extreme

step in life every day. At present, 43 per cent farmers have made up their mind to quit cultivation," said AIKKS State secretary Shankar Sahoo.

AIKKS national secretary Pradeep Singh Thakur said sharecroppers are facing a lot of problems in absence of a law for protection of their livelihood.

He said the Naveen Patnaik Government has failed in implementing land reformation policy and placing problems of farmers and farm labourers appropriately before the Union Government.

Stating that the Union Government's proposal to amend Forest Act 2027 is anti-tribals, he said the State Government's silence in this regard is very disappointing.

CPI(M-L) Red Star State secretary Shibarama, ABM State convenor Tuna Mallick and tribal leader Gopal Krushna Mallick severely criticized both the Union and the State Governments for their "anti-



A group of farmers and tribals holding a banner during a demonstration.

farmer" and "anti-tribal" policies.

Manab Adhikar Suraksha Manch leader Abani Gaya, OPDR State convenor Bibek Ranjan, Adibasi leader Purnachandra Pradhan, Koraput's Rajendra Kendruka and Purna Manding and trade union leader Subal Charan Sahoo, Bhumi Andolan convenor Narendra Mohanty and AIKS vice-president Abhiram Bhera also spoke.

Event on Odishan cultural influence in SE Asia held



PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

The Resource Indica: Roots and Revelations in collaboration with Odisha Tourism organised a pictorial exhibition, besides screening a documentary film and releasing a coffee-table book on Odishan cultural influence in Indonesia, Cambodia, Vietnam and Thailand here on Monday.

Tourism Minister Jyoti Prakash Panigrahi, Culture Secretary Manoranjan Panigrahi and Tourism Secretary Vishal Dev inaugurated the exhibition in presence of Sidharto Reza Suryodipuro, Ambassador of Indonesia.

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1L saplings to be planted in city by July next

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

The executive meeting of the Indian Red Cross Society, Police Commissionerate, Bhubaneswar-Cuttack Branch was held here on Monday.

Presiding over the meeting Police Commissioner and branch Chairman Sudhanshu Sarangi stressed on how by July 2020, one lakh saplings would be planted in Bhubaneswar.

In the meeting, discussions were held on providing training on first aid to the students of all schools and organising camps for Red Cross students. Besides, it was also decided to hold annual general meeting of IRC lifetime members in



A group of people sitting around a table, possibly a meeting.

December.

Among others, DCP (Headquarters) and branch Secretary Pranadhana Mahapatra, Joint Secretary ACP Lalatendu Mohanty, Red Cross State Branch Joint Secretary Durga Sankar Sadangi, executive committee members Dillip Dashsharma, Dr Jagannath Mahapatra, Krupasindhu Sahu, Rushi Patnaik and Pradeep Patnaik were present.

Delhi dance connoisseurs to witness Debaprasad Odishi

SHYAMHARI CHAKRA ■ BHUBANESWAR

Dance connoisseurs of the national capital would witness an exclusive evening of Guru Debaprasad Das style of Odishi at Suravi Sandhya, the dance festival, at the India International Centre (IIC) in New Delhi on Tuesday.

Late Guru Debaprasad Das was one of the founder fathers of Odishi dance along with legends like Pankaj Charan Das, Kelucharan Mohapatra and Mayadhar Raut. His style is known to be distinctly different and is lesser seen in New Delhi.

The show is being staged jointly by Bhubaneswar-based Suravi Odishi institute and Lasyaayan, New Delhi led by Bhubaneswar-based Odishi Guru Pitambar Biswal, one of the well-known followers of the Debaprasad Das style.

"The festival aims at highlighting the uniqueness of late Guru Debaprasad Das gharana of Odishi that is lesser

seen in Delhi region.

It was Guru Debaprasad whose demonstration at the All India dance seminar in 1958 at Vigyan Bhavan in New Delhi had helped Odishi in gaining the much coveted classical status. However, his untimely death three decades ago caused a jolt to popularization of his distinct dance style across the world. Hence, we thought of staging such an exclusive evening in New Delhi to highlight the style," explained Guru Biswal who is a disciple of Guru Durga Charan Ranbir, the flag-bearer of Guru Debaprasad gharana.

Added Shaheedha who hails from Odisha and settled in New Delhi, "Guru Biswal is the guru of my daughter Shimran Zaman who has taken up



A group of Odishi dancers performing on stage.

Odishi with much passion. This is how we got to know him as a wonderful guru and choreographer. I invited him to teach Odishi at our institute in Delhi and all the dancers performing in the festival are his disciples from Bhubaneswar and New Delhi."

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Suravi has instituted annual awards that go to exponents of Odisha dance and music every year. The awards for the year shall be presented to three New Delhi based exponents - Ranjana Gauhar for Odishi dance, Bankim Sethi for Odishi music and Prafulla Mangaraj for Odishi mardal, Guru Biswal informed.

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)
Bid Identification No. C.C. (R&B)-01 Tender Call Notice No. 23/2019-20

1. The Executive Engineer, Bhubaneswar (R & B) Division No. 1, Bhubaneswar on behalf of Governor of Odisha invite Percentage Rate bids in **Double Cover System** from eligible Authorized Manufacturers/ Agencies registered with the Electrical License Board of Odisha, Govt. of Odisha/ Central Government/ MES/ Railway or Other Licensing Authority for execution of Civil/Electrical (Ifit) works on production of definite proof from the appropriate authority.

S.No	Name of work	Value of the work. (In Rs.)	Class of Contractor	Bid Security (In Rs.)	Cost of bid documents (Non-refundable) (In Rs.)	Period of Completion (Calendar months)
1	Design, Manufacture, Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of 1 No. of Automatic 8 Passengers (544 Kg.) Lift (G +5) and Lift duct with provision of ancillary MS structure for the lift shaft at Boyanika Bhawan, Unit- III, Bhubaneswar	59,91,858/- (Excluding GST)	Authorized Manufacturer of SCHINDLER / MITSUBISHI	60,000/-	10,000/-	4 (four)

2. The bidders have to participate in "online" bidding only.
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 4. The bidder must possess compactable Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)

Note: Corrigendum/ Addendum/ Amendments/ Clarifications etc. with respect to the works, if any shall be hosted in the above portal. Interested Bidders/ Agencies are advised to visit the above e-procurement site regularly as no separate information/ advertisement shall be published in the Newspaper in this regard including any postponement of tender opening date.

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The borrower(s) (whose details are provided in the table herein below), in particular, and the public, in general, are hereby informed that the below mentioned accounts are overdue, and the borrowers/account holders have not responded/complied with the communication, and notice sent by HDB Financial Services Limited (the "Company") requesting the borrower to clear his/her/their dues as per the documents in respect of the below mentioned loan signed/accepted by the borrower(s) (such documents, collectively "loan agreement") and therefore defaulted in terms thereof. The Company has in exercise of its rights as a pledgee, decided to enforce the pledge and therefore hold a public auction of the gold ornaments pledged to the company as security for the loan for the purpose of selling the same and realizing/recovering the dues owned by the borrower(s) to the company. The auction will be conducted on 15-11-2019 at the below mentioned local branch of HDB Financial Services Limited from 11.00 am onwards on the date and branches mentioned in the below table:-

S. No.	Loan No	Customer Name	Date of Loan	Overdue Amount Rs.	Branch Name
1	3604833	Ajaya Kumar Naik	03-Jan-18	42684	Angul
2	2692470	Prafulla Kumar Rout	07-Jun-17	21456	Bhubaneswar
3	3769914	Dusasan Das	05-Feb-18	8987	Bhubaneswar
4	5409313	Rashmi Ranjan Sahoo	30-Sep-18	13639	Bhubaneswar
5	1435580	Abhaya Prasad Nayak	19-Mar-16	23073	Bhubaneswar
6	1455469	Debasish Pattnaik	29-Mar-16	26866	Bhubaneswar
7	2272843	Niharakanti Dash	16-Feb-17	23743	Bhubaneswar
8	6694806	Kiran Paikabi	19-Feb-19	8391	Cuttack
9	6668628	Tophan Badhei	16-Feb-19	18250	Cuttack
10	6058730	Durga Prasanna Bose	07-Dec-18	28476	Cuttack
11	5624743	St Samsuddin	12-Feb-19	14344	Cuttack
12	6408211	Premnananda Ojha	18-Jan-19	16544	Cuttack
13	6719030	Suchismita Lenka	21-Feb-19	50967	Cuttack
14	6442238	Bhabesh Kumar Thakkar	22-Jan-19	9542	Cuttack
15	6228477	Tophan Badhei	28-Dec-18	10248	Cuttack
16	2228106	Sanjay Khatai	03-Feb-17	22601	Cuttack
17	4972470	Durga Prasanna Bose	01-Aug-18	18837	Cuttack
18	4962101	Jatindra Kumar Das	30-Jul-18	19081	Cuttack
19	4557405	Ritendra Barik	01-Jun-18	30073	Cuttack
20	4665101	Sukadeb Jena	18-Jun-18	52084	Cuttack
21	5319041	Rasananda Mallick	18-Sep-18	15752	Cuttack
22	5716107	B Yasada	05-Nov-18	21753	Cuttack
23	5360855	Chinmaya Kumar Behera	24-Sep-18	8157	Cuttack
24	5641218	Suryakanta Mohanty	27-Oct-18	15411	Cuttack

The auction shall be conducted on an "AS IS WHERE" and "AS IS WHAT IT" basis and the Company is not making and shall not make any representation or warranties as regards the quality, purity, caratage, weight or valuation of the said gold ornaments. It shall be the sole and absolute responsibility of the potential purchaser to verify, examine and satisfy themselves about the quality, purity, caratage, weight or valuation of the said gold ornaments prior to placing their bid and for such purpose it shall be open to potential purchasers to examine, at their sole cost and expense, and at the address set out herein above, the gold ornaments whether with or without expert advice 45 minutes prior to the time stipulated for the conduct of the auction. All the bid shall be subjected to such minimum reserve price as the company may deem fit to fix in this regards. The auction proceeds and sale (if any) pursuant to such auction shall be subjected to such further terms and condition as the company may at sole discretion deem fit to impose.

If the borrower(s) mentioned above pays the amount due to the Company in terms of the loan agreement in his individual loan account in full before the auction as mentioned above, the pledged ornaments securing the said loan may be withdrawn from the said auction without further notice. Please note that it is the absolute discretionary power of the undersigned authorized officer of the company, either to postpone or to cancel the auction proceeding without prior notice and without assigning any reason thereof and to reject any or all the bids or offer without assigning any reason for the same.

Place : ORISSA
 Date : 12-11-2019
 Authorised Officer
 (HDB Financial Services Ltd)

Mika Singh enthral audiences on last day

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

The 'Xpressions' 19, the flagship management-cultural fest of Xavier Institute of Management, Bhubaneswar (XIMB), concluded here on Sunday which witnessed a huge number of participants from several institutions across the county to showcase their skills and expertise. The penultimate day of the fest began with several business events such as XIMB's Model United Nations and Maven and Jack of all Trades which tested the acumen of the future corporate leaders followed with the Goonj, the solo singing competition and Pratibimb, face painting competition.

The last day of the fest had a plethora of events such as Inquizitive (flagship quizzing competition), Ad-Valorem (business ideation competition), MPower (marketing based business event), Paint@XIMB, Thinkran (group and solo dance competition) and The Final Cut (short film making competition).

The Final Cut saw a range of submissions on theme "Sangharsh" from budding film-makers. Team 'Up To You' from the ITER, BBSR



Mika Singh performing on stage.

won the first prize while team 'Loyalites' from Chennai went home with the critics' choice award. Thinkran finished with several laudable performances where 'Vigoureux Crew' from the Ravenshaw University, Cuttack won the event after a tough competition from team 'Danza' of the ITER, BBSR.

Besides, the Marketing Association of XIMB organised the Maxim Mela for the three days, which is a form of disguised research and helps them gather unbiased, real-time choices of customer about products and/or brands.

The curtains came down on the Xpressions '19 with Celeblitz, the celebrity night. The XIMB was honoured to host the magical Bollywood singer, Mika Singh, who astounded the audience with his popular hits.

Rourkela cop held for misbehaving with girls

PNS ■ ROURKELA

A constable of 4th Batalion OSAP was arrested and forwarded to court on Monday allegedly for passing lewd comments to two girls in the OSAP campus.

According to sources, two sisters residing in OSAP campus at their brother's house study in a college at Rourkela. On Saturday afternoon at around 3 pm, the sisters duo were returning to their home while three constables of 4th Batalion OSAP on a bike chased them.

One of constables allegedly passed lewd comments to the sisters. The sisters duo after reaching home told about the event to their sister-in-law (elder brother's wife). Then the trio went to the spot and when asked the constables about their behavior, they allegedly dragged the sisters and also threatened them of dire consequences.

On Sunday afternoon, the victims lodged a complaint at the plant site police station. On Monday, the police arrested the accused constable identified as Johan Charles Lakra.

BRIEFS

CM MOURNS SESHAN'S DEATH

Bhubaneswar: Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on Monday condoled the demise of former Chief Election Commissioner and Ramon Magsaysay awardee TN Seshan on Sunday remembering his major contribution to bring electoral reforms in India. Patnaik paid tribute to the great soul on his Twitter handle. Seshan was well-respected across party lines for his integrity and dedication towards democratic processes, he added.

ROSALIN SPEAKS AT LONDON FORUM

Bhubaneswar: Parichaya Foundation founder Rosalin Patsani Mishra delivered a speech at the prestigious Women Economic Forum at the Kensington Holiday Inn Hotel in London recently. The topic of her speech was "Hunger-free, food security, high nutrition, and women power". Patsani represented India among a total of 45 speakers.

CLUB SUNRISE HOLDS BLOOD, EYE DONATION CAMPS

Bhubaneswar: The Club Sunrise here organised blood and eye donation camps on Sunday. SSEPD Minister Ashok Chandra Panda, former Corporators Biranchi Narayan Mahasupakar, Puspa Das and Santosh Mohanty attended as guests and inaugurated the camps. A total of 65 units of blood were collected and 42 people pledged to donate eyes. Members of Red Cross coordinated the programme. Club VP Saroj Chandra Jagadev, secretary Sibasis Mohanty, assistant secretary Udit Kumar Mohanty and treasurer Jashobanta Nayak were present.

KIIT SCHOOL TOPS AT YOUNG INNOVATOR PROG

Bhubaneswar: The KIIT International School has bagged 1st position for the project "Water Dispenser for Differently Abled People" in the Young Innovator Programme organised by the IIT, Kharagpur. The project was presented by Standard-8 students Prithesh Deb, Divyanshu Sahu and Ankit Pradhan under the guidance of Bijoy Mathur and Jharana Pany. The students were awarded certificates, trophy and a cash award of Rs 50,000. Founder, KIIT and KISS Prof Achyuta Samanta congratulated the entire team of INSPIRON and encouraged them to continue being part of such events.

LIC EMPLOYEES' HOLD UNION ANNUAL GENERAL MEET

Brahmapur: The LIC Employees' Union Brahmapur Division held its 3rd annual general conference here on Saturday under the chairmanship of its president Sanatan Acharya. AITUC State vice-president Prakash Patra, district secretary Alaknath Mishra, Sankar Prasad Paricha, Ajay Patnaik, Prabhakar Nayak and Manmath Padhy attended as guests and spoke about how the LIC has come up as a leading organisation in the insurance sector. Union general secretary Suresh Chandra Tripathy read the annual report.

BIKE LIFTER HELD AT KHARIAR

Nuapada: One Girish Nayak (28) of Barapadar village under the Khariar PS was arrested on Sunday night and forwarded to court on Monday for lifting two m motorcycles. 'Girish lifted a Honda Shine bike of Kumar Sagar of Duripada of Khariar town which was parked in front of the CHC and a Hero Splendor smart bike of Jagdish Das from Tukla by using duplicate keys and sold those to one Pyarelal Parabho of Dudkapada village under the Muribahal PS of Balangir district," said Khariar PS IIC Kailash Chandra Sethi. The bikes were recovered. The accused was arrested by a police team led by SI Purna Pradhan.

Yoga fest at Sivananda Academy concludes

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

A two-day 1st International Yoga Fest 2019 celebrated by the Sivananda Yoga Vendanta Academy here concluded here on Sunday in which different competitions were held among 50 contestants. Bhubaneswar Central MLA Ananta Narayan Jena, Sri Sri University Yogic Science HOD Prof (Dr) BR Sharma, former Central Council for

Research in Ayurvedic Sciences DG Dr MM Padhi, Divine Life Society Rishikesh Swami Jagadnanda Saraswati and OUAT Microbiology Department Assistant Professor Dr SM Samantary attended as guests.

Srilata Ray, Dibyanshu Swain, Snehanu Kumar Das, Kamyakumari Pal, Pochamala Vamshi and Jidabha were the winners. They were awarded by the guests on the occasion.

'Azad example of all edu can achieve'

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Bhubaneswar celebrated the National Education Day on the occasion of birth anniversary of first Union Minister of Education Maulana Abul Kalam Azad at its permanent campus on Monday.

The day started by offering floral tribute to Azad by IIT BBS Director-in-Charge Prof Swarup Kumar Mahapatra, Registrar Col (Dr) Subodh Kumar, faculties, staff members

and students. Prof Mahapatra said that Azad, who was instrumental in the setting up of the first IITs at Kharagpur, is a perfect example of all that education can achieve. "At the IIT BBS, we are committed to promote education of global standards which are fine tuned to be in sync with the fast changing technical scenario," he added.

On the occasion, an online essay competition on topic, "Importance of Education and Nation's commitment to all aspects of education" was held.

Rape accused released for lack of evidence

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

The man detained by the Khandagiri police on the charge of raping a woman in a moving car was released on Monday due to lack of evidence. Reports said an investigation was conducted on basis of the complaint of the woman, who was rescued in a critical condition after being allegedly thrown off the car on the National Highway in front of the PN College at Khordha.

But no evidence was found during the probe fol-

lowing which the accused who was detained for more than four days, was released by the police. It might be mentioned here that police had got the medical examination report of the woman. Earlier, the family members of the accused, Soumya Ranjan Mohanty, who hails from the Jatni area of Khordha district, had refuted the allegations of rape levelled by the woman.

They had complained to the police that the woman had rather cooked up the story to escape from repaying borrowed money.

NOTICE

The Title Deed bearing Sale Deed no.5489 dt.20.11.2001 registered before R.O. Balasore in respect of property under Khatian no.310, Plot no.160, Area A.O.15dc.(part) out of A.O.97 dc. out of A.1.75 dc. under Mouza : Sunduri, P.S. : Balasore, P.S. no.157, Dist. : Balasore, executed in favor of Susmita Das @ Patra, W/O : Prasanna Kumar Patra is lost as declared by present title holder Smt. Subasini Jena. If any Individual/Bank/Financial Institution is holding in original, they are requested to inform the State Bank of India, SME Branch, Angargadia Industrial Estate, P.O./Dist. - Balasore - 756001 (Mobile No. 9437030309) within 30 days of this notice, otherwise it shall be deemed that there is no claim/encumbrance of any person over the said property by virtue of aforesaid registered Sale Deed.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR SELECTION OF AGENCY FOR OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF OUTDOOR FITNESS EQUIPMENTS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN BHUBANESWAR DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AREA, BHUBANESWAR, ODISHA.

Bhubaneswar Development Authority invites proposals from prospective bidders for "OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF OUTDOOR FITNESS EQUIPMENTS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN BHUBANESWAR DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AREA, BHUBANESWAR, ODISHA". The RFP Documents will be available from 15.11.2019 to 27.11.2019 in website <http://bda.gov.in/> <http://tendersodisha.gov.in>. The Last date of submission of bid is 28.11.2019 by 5.00 P.M. Please refer the RFP documents for further details. For any clarification please write to chiefengineerbda@gmail.com.

Sd/-
 Chief Engineer-Cum-Engineer Member,
 Bhubaneswar Development Authority

AFFIDAVIT

By virtue of an affidavit before the Notary Public / Executive Magistrate at Pallahara, I, Sri Bishnu Barik aged about 56 years, S/O - Braja Barik, Vill/P.O. - Saruali, P.S. - Barkote, Dist. - Deogarh have changed my surname from Mahakul to Barik. Both Bishnu Barik, S/O - Braja Barik and Bishnu Mahakul, S/O - Braja Barik is same and one person having above surname. Therefore, I will be known as Bishnu Barik for all purposes.

Sd/-
 Bishnu Barik

ONION HOARDING

IT Dept survey traders' premises

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Income Tax (IT) Department on Monday surveyed commercial premises of some Onion traders in Maharashtra and Delhi following reports of alleged hoarding of the vegetable amid its skyrocketing prices. The department is examining the onion stocks as its prices have shot up to about ₹100 a kg in various markets and there are reports of hoarding.

Onion prices have risen sharply for more than a month due to tight supply. As per the market data, onion price is ruling in range of ₹60-80 per kg in several parts of the country. Top sources said IT sleuths has raided offices of at least four big onion traders from Lasalgaon, largest market for wholesale trade of onions in the country. IT officials are checking account books of some wholesale dealers against physical stocks of the commodity and its delivery to buyers as the part of a tax evasion probe.

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IT sources said the Marketing Intelligence Unit of the department has recorded reports of hoarding of onion by big suppliers of Delhi and Maharashtra. To get rid of skyrocketing of onion prices, the Department of Consumers Affairs on Saturday decided to import one lakh tonnes of onion to control prices. The Government is also trying to

facilitate import of onion through private traders from Egypt, Iran, Turkey, Dubai, Saudi Arabia and Afghanistan, for which phytosanitary and fumigation norms have been liberalised till November 30.

In a related development, the Metals and Minerals Trading Corporation of India, (MMTC), has floated two separate bids for import of 4,000 tonnes onion. While trading firm MMTC will import onions, cooperative NAFED will supply the key kitchen item

in the domestic market. The decision was taken at a meeting of committee of secretaries held on Saturday.

"The Government has taken a decision to import 1 lakh tonnes of onion to control prices," Food and Consumer Affairs Minister Ram Vilas Paswan had said in a tweet on Saturday. Last week, Paswan had attributed the sharp rise in onion prices to 30-40 per cent fall in domestic production.

According to MMTC, one tender will close on November 14, while the other will close on November 18. The first shipment of 2,000 tonnes should arrive at Indian ports immediately, while the second one can be delivered by December-end.

Bidders should quote for a minimum quantity of 500 tonnes. In case of inland container depot, the minimum bid quantity would be 250 tonnes. The exact supply order will be regulated in units of 250 tonnes, depending upon the requirement. Fresh onions can be imported from any country but the shipment should adhere to the phytosanitary and fumigation conditions, it added. MMTC did not get positive response for its earlier onion import tender for 2,000 tonnes.

CRPF takes over security of Gandhis

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

After withdrawal of the 28-year long elite SPG cover, the CRPF has taken over the security duties of Congress president Sonia Gandhi and her children Rahul and Priyanka on Monday. A contingent of commandos of the Central paramilitary force armed with Israeli X-95, AK series and MP-5 guns took over the task at Sonia Gandhi's residence of 10, Janpath, said officials.

A similar squad has been placed at the residence of former Congress president Rahul Gandhi at Tughlaq Lane and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra's house in Lodhi Estate. The CRPF's VVIP security unit is overseeing the protection of the family, which is now graded in Z-Plus level security.

As per the authorisation approved by the Union Home Ministry, the new CRPF cover provides for an advanced security liaison (ASL) drill for the three VVIPs that will enable the commandos to conduct an advance reconnaissance of the venues and area to be visited by them.

The squad will have a canine component with them and they will also guard the premises of the three Congress leaders, said the officials. For some days, they said, the SPG will CRPF help the CRPF in the



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task and after that the CRPF VVIP security team will provide the protection independently with assistance of Delhi Police in the national capital and various police forces in the States.

When the leaders visit other areas, the CRPF team will work in association with the State police. The CRPF, the designated

lead force for conducting anti-Naxal operations and internal security tasks in the country, has about 52 other VVIPs under its cover, including Union Home Minister Amit Shah, former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh.

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INSHORT

INDIA WELCOMES RIYADH AGREEMENT

New Delhi: India on Monday welcomed signing of an agreement between the Yemeni Government and southern separatists, and hoped it will lead to an early settlement of conflict, resulting in peace, progress and prosperity for the people of that country. In response to a media query on India's position on the Riyadh Agreement, the Ministry of External Affairs Spokesperson Raveesh Kumar said, "India welcomes the signing of Riyadh Agreement between the Yemeni Government and the South Transitional Council on November 5 in Riyadh."

PM TO ATTEND 11TH BRICS SUMMIT IN BRAZIL



New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be in Brazil on November 13 and 14 to attend the 11th BRICS summit, the theme of which is "economic growth for an innovative future". This will be the sixth time Modi will be participating in the BRICS summit, his first being at Fortaleza, also in Brazil in 2014, a statement from the Prime Minister's Office said. Sources said he would leave for Brasilia, Brazil on Tuesday afternoon.

IFFI TO PAY TRIBUTE TO SILENT FILM VIEWING

New Delhi: 50th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) will be paying tribute to the lost form of silent film viewing in a specially curated section where three movies by master filmmakers Alfred Hitchcock, Sergei M Eisenstein and GW Pabst will be screened. The films are "Battleship Potemkin" by Russian pioneer of montage editing Eisenstein, "Pandora's Box" by German expressionist master Pabst and Hitchcock's "Blackmail".

IGNCA ORGANISES FOUR DAY MUSIC FEST

New Delhi: Much to the delight of music lovers and art connoisseurs, the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts is organising a four-day musical extravaganza alongwith a wide variety of programmes including classical and folk music programmes, overnight concert, film festival, exhibitions, seminars, artists camp, books & DVD release lined up for its annual day celebrations from November 18-November 24.

Rajnath stresses on speedy self-reliance in Defence sector

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Stressing the need for speedy self-reliance in the Defence sector, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Monday emphasised on the importance of 'Ideation, Innovation and Incubation' in cutting edge technologies to achieve the goal of indigenisation.

Making this point here while addressing the inaugural session of 'Def Connect 2019' organised by the Ministry to showcase the accomplishments of the Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX) initiative, he said, "India is leading in the fields of technology and peace-keeping throughout the world. As a major power, it is equally important for us to strengthen our Defence manufacturing and research & development."

Singh also exuded confidence that India will become a USD 10 trillion economy in the next 10 to 15 years adding he



was filled with a sense of pride looking at the startups today and stressed that passionate incubation is needed for them.

"Our Prime Minister Narendra Modi has set a target of USD 5 trillion economy by 2024. Looking at the talent India possesses, I am pretty confident that we can become USD 10 trillion economy in the next 10-15 years," he said.

The Minister also said India will emerge as a net innovator and net exporter of Defence technologies rather than a net importer said and stressed the confluence of knowledge and power are important for the progress of a country adding

that iDEX is emerging as a suitable platform for linking knowledge & power and tapping the energy of the youth.

The Minister hoped that this confluence will strengthen the Government's efforts to create a strong India which will further help in safeguarding the interests of the people as well as respond effectively to any misadventures.

Termining research, development and manufacturing as collaborative process, Singh called for building cohesion between public and private sector. He assured the Government's full support in the indigenisation of the Defence industry and nation building.

Speaking on the occasion, Defence Secretary Ajay Kumar said there never had been dearth of innovators in the country. However, iDEX has provided them with an opportunity to give the country cutting-edge technologies for the future.

SC to deliver verdict on pleas of disqualified K'taka MLAs tomorrow

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court is scheduled to pronounce on November 13 its verdict on the pleas of 17 disqualified Congress-JD(S) MLAs of Karnataka challenging the orders of the then Assembly speaker KR Ramesh Kumar to disqualify them.

A three-judge Bench of justices NV Ramana, Sanjiv Khanna and Krishna Murari had on October 25 reserved its verdict on the petitions filed by these disqualified MLAs.

Kumar had disqualified these 17 MLAs of ruling the Congress-JD(S) coalition ahead of a trust vote in July.

Then Chief Minister HD Kumaraswamy had resigned after losing the trust vote, which paved the way for the BJP-led Government in the

State under BS Yediyurappa.

Bypolls to 15 out of these 17 Assembly seats which fell vacant following the disqualification of MLAs are scheduled on December 5 and candidates are required to file their nomination papers between November 11 and November 18.

These disqualified MLAs have recently approached the apex court seeking a direction to postpone the Assembly bypolls for these 15 seats till the pronouncement of verdict in the matter.

Some of these disqualified MLAs had argued in the apex court that they have an "indefeasible right" to resign as members of the Assembly and the decision by the then Speaker to disqualify them smacks of "vengeance" and "mala fide".

Centre justifies Art 370 decision in SC

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Centre justified in the Supreme Court on Monday the abrogation of provisions of Article 370 of the Constitution, which gave special status to Jammu & Kashmir, saying the militants and separatist elements, with the support of foreign forces inimical to India, were taking advantage of the situation.

A five-judge Bench of Justice NV Ramana, Justice SK Kaul, Justice R Subhash Reddy, Justice BR Gavai and Justice Surya Kant is scheduled to take up for hearing a batch of petitions challenging abrogation of provisions of Article 370 and Article 35A on Nov 14.

In its reply to the batch of petitions, the Centre said that Article 370, in its original form, was constitutionally described as a temporary provision with respect to Jammu & Kashmir, formed a part of the

Constitution of India as adopted by the Constituent Assembly on November 26, 1949.

The Centre's affidavit said it was observed over the years that the existing regime under Article 370 of the Constitution, and the exceptions/modifications carried out to other provisions of the Constitution of India by Presidential Orders issued under Article 370(1)(d), were impeding, rather than enabling or facilitating, the full integration of the erstwhile State of Jammu & Kashmir with the rest of the country which was neither in the national interest nor in the interest of Jammu & Kashmir.

Naidu nominates Manmohan Singh for Parliamentary panel

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Rajya Sabha Chairman Venkaiah Naidu has nominated former Prime Minister and senior Congress leader Manmohan Singh to the parliamentary standing committee on finance in place of party colleague Digvijay Singh, who has now been nominated to the parliamentary standing committee on urban development by the chairman of the Upper House.

"The Rajya Sabha chairman has nominated Manmohan Singh, member, Rajya Sabha, to be a member of the committee on finance in place of Digvijay Singh. The chairman has also nominated Digvijay Singh, member, Rajya Sabha, to be a member of the committee on urban development," the bulletin reads.

According to



sources Digvijay Singh resigned from the parliamentary standing committee on finance to make way for the former Prime Minister. Manmohan Singh, who was the country's Finance Minister between 1991 and 1996, was a member of the panel from September 2014 to May 2019 before his tenure in the Upper House ended in June this year. In August, he was elected unopposed to the Rajya Sabha from Rajasthan.

Carbon emissions from world's 20 biggest economies rising: Report

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Carbon emissions from the world's 20 biggest economies, including India, are rising, and the countries have to increase their emission targets that will put them on track to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius, a report by Climate Transparency, a global research body has cautioned.

To keep the Paris Agreement's 1.5 degrees goal within reach, G20 countries will have to increase their 2030 emission targets by 2020 and significantly scale up mitigation, adaptation and finance over the next decade, said the report 'New Brown to Green Report 2019' which was released on Monday.

It also said that none of the G20 countries have plans that will help them achieve the target even as 82 per cent of energy supply in these economies still comes from fossil fuels.

The report is the most comprehensive review of G20



countries' climate performance, mapping achievements and drawbacks in their efforts to reduce emissions, adapt to climate impacts and green the financial system.

Many of the current 2030 climate targets under the Paris Agreement (Nationally Determined Contributions or NDCs) are too weak, with about half of the G20 countries projected to meet or over-achieve their inadequate NDCs. Among the G20 countries, India has the most ambitious NDC. However, it still needs real action now to prepare the different sectors for stringent emission reductions,"

The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) Programme Director (Earth Science and Climate Change) RR Rashmi said.

Energy-related carbon dioxide emissions in G20 countries shot up by 1.8 per cent in 2018 due to rising energy demand, the report said.

Clearly, energy supply is not getting cleaner; despite a more than five per cent rise in G20 total renewable energy supply in 2018, the share of fossil fuels in the G20 energy mix remains at 82 per cent.

In 2018, G20 emissions in the power sector increased by 1.6 per cent. While renewables now account for 25.5 per cent of power generation, this is not sufficient to outweigh the growth of emissions from fossil fuel sources. Coal needs to be phased out by 2030 in Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) countries and by 2040 globally, said the report.

Wheat cultivation lowers by 37% in ongoing season

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The cultivation of wheat is lowered by 37 per cent at 9.69 lakh hectare till last week of the ongoing rabi (winter) season of the 2019-20 crop year. Total acreage under all rabi crops was down by 15 per cent at 95.35 lakh hectare till last week of this season, as against 112.24 lakh hectare in the year-ago period.

An Agriculture Ministry official said the prospects of rabi sowing looks bright because of better soil moisture on account of good monsoon and reservoirs are also full. "Water levels in as many as 97 reservoirs are more than 80 per cent. This will ensure we have an excellent rabi crop this year," the official said. He also noted that rabi crops are mostly grown in irrigated area.

As per the agriculture Ministry's latest data released on Monday, farmers have planted wheat in an area of 9.69 lakh hectare till last week of this

WHEAT ACREAGE WAS LAGGING AT 74,000 HECTARE IN MP TILL LAST WEEK

season, compared with 15.35 lakh hectare a year ago. Sowing of wheat and other rabi crops also begins from October, while harvesting from April onwards. Wheat is the main rabi crop.

Wheat acreage was lagging at 74,000 hectare in Madhya Pradesh till last week of this season, when compared with 6 lakh hectares in the year-ago period. In Punjab, farmers planted wheat in 4.20 lakh hectare as against 4.68 lakh hectare a year ago, while that in Haryana in 1.16 lakh hectare as against 1.19 lakh hectare in the said period.

Wheat planting, however, in Uttar Pradesh was covered in more area at 1.73 lakh

hectare till last week of this season as against 94,000 hectare a year ago, the data showed.

The lower wheat acreage, farm experts said, was due to late harvesting of 2019 kharif crops that has delayed sowing in some states, especially Madhya Pradesh. The curbs on stubble burning has also delayed land preparation.

Among other rabi crops, area sown to pulses also remained lower at 27.85 lakh hectare till last week of this rabi season, as against 39.93 lakh hectare in the year-ago period.

Coarse cereals were also planted in lesser area at 12.39 lakh hectare as against 13.54 lakh hectare in the said period. However, the planting of oilseeds was undertaken in more area at 41.24 lakh hectare till last week of this rabi season as against 39.65 lakh hectare a year ago.

Rice planting area remained similar to the previous year's level of 5.77 lakh hectare in the said period.

Marine cleanliness drive begins for 50 beaches

ARCHANA JYOTI ■ NEW DELHI



Against the backdrop of more than 700 species of marine organisms in danger of extinction and marine animals like turtles and fishes known to ingest or get entangled in plastic debris in the sea, India on Monday kicked off a week-long mass

cleanliness drive to regain the beauty of its 50 beaches in coastal States/Union Territories like Gujarat, Daman & Diu and Maharashtra.

Under the 'Swachhchh — Nirmal Tat Abhiyaan', the Government is hoping to clean up the beaches and create awareness among citizens about the importance of coastal ecosystems. The campaign from November 11-17 will in total cleanup 50 beaches in the ten States. These include Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Andhra Pradesh and Odisha. The beaches have

been identified after consultations with the States/UTs, said a senior official from the Union Environment Ministry.

To ensure that the drive is taken up as a mass movement, school/college students who are part of eco-clubs, district administration, institutions, volunteers, local communities and other stakeholders have been involved.

The two-hour duration drive aims to cover a minimum of a one kilometre stretch of the identified beach daily. Sand cleaning machines will be deployed at about 15 beaches,

the official added.

He said coastal debris includes plastic and other non-biodegradable synthetic materials discarded intentionally or unintentionally that enter the marine system. "This waste finds its way to the sea, does not undergo degradation and remains suspended in the water and often gets washed ashore as litter all along the coast. As high as 6.4 million tonnes of marine litter gets dumped into the seas annually," he added.

It is predicted that soon there will be more plastic than

the fish in sea. A study by National Centre of Coastal Research (NCCR) last year too pointed out that plastic litter from tourism alone accounted for 40 per cent-96 per cent of all beach litter.

It pointed out that at Chennai's Elliot's Beach, for instance, plastics like plastic bottles, cutlery and thermocol left by tourists accounted for 40 per cent of all the litter, while at Gopalpur in Odisha, it was as high as 96 per cent. As for the other four beaches, plastics formed 66 per cent of the overall litter on Fort Kochi

Beach, 60 per cent at Karnataka's Karwar beach, 87 per cent at Visakhapatnam's RK Beach, and 81 per cent at Andaman Island's Rangachang beach.

After tourism, fishing was the next biggest source of litter. MV Ramana Murthy, Director, NCCR, has called for a national marine litter policy to control and manage waste on land and prevent its entry into the marine environment.

"Other than the plastic litter dropped by tourists, similar waste from creeks and inlets made its way into the sea in the monsoon," he said.

A 2016 study has found that all seven species of turtles

are known to ingest or get entangled in plastic debris in the sea, while more than 700 species of marine organisms are in danger of extinction.

This is for first time that the Centre has taken up marine garbage cleaning in such a large scale. So far just private companies or individuals have been engaged in mission.

For instance, lawyer Afroz Shah from Mumbai is known to inspire more than 2,00,000 volunteers to join him in clean up of Versova Beach while PepsiCo India has joined hands with Project Mumbai, an NGO, to participate in 'Jalosh-Clean Coasts', biggest clean-up of nine Mumbai beaches and Mithi river.

CYCLONE BULBUL

Didi announces ₹2L to kin of deceased

PTI ■ KAKDWIP (WB)

Leading the administration in South 24 Parganas district for its initiatives to minimise the impact of Cyclone 'Bulbul', West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Monday announced a compensation of ₹2 lakh for the families of those killed in the storm.

Banerjee also constituted a task force to look into the relief and restoration work.

She urged people to "stay positive" and stand beside those who have been affected by the cyclone.

Cyclone 'Bulbul', which made landfall between Sagar Islands in South 24 Parganas and Khepura in Bangladesh, claimed at least 10 lives and affected six lakh people in different parts of Bengal.

As many as 1.78 lakh people have been shifted to 471 relief camps set up in the state.

The CM, following an aerial survey of the cyclone-ravaged areas of Namkhana and Bakkhali, held an administrative meeting here to review the work being undertaken in the aftermath of the disaster.

"My administration did a commendable job. The devastation, otherwise, could have been far more... If they (officials) had not rescued 1.78 lakh people, I cannot say what would have happened. They



will be rewarded. Even the central government applauded (the efforts)," she said.

Stressing that restoration of power supply, provisions for clean drinking water and medicines were the need of the hour, Banerjee asked officials to reach out to people and ensure that the aid was evenly distributed without affecting peace in the region.

She appointed Chief Secretary Rajiva Sinha as the head of the task force — which, she said, would be reviewing the ongoing relief work every 48 hours.

Taking note of the damage caused to beetle leaf cultivation and paddy in the district, the TMC supremo directed departments of irrigation, forest and power to work in tandem for

restoring normalcy.

The Trinamool Congress supremo also advised the officials to take help of civic volunteers of Accredited Social Health Activist (ASHA), Integrated Child Development Services (ICDR) to speed up the relief operations.

A total of 323 kitchens have been opened to cater to the cyclone-hit families and 94 boats employed to aid in the restoration work, the CM said.

"As of now, reports suggest that six lakh people have been affected by the cyclone. The number might increase in the days to come," she added.

Banerjee is set to visit cyclone-affected areas of Basirhat in North 24-Parganas on Wednesday.

Power services in cyclone-hit areas of Odisha, Bengal restored; phones soon

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Power services in cyclone 'Bulbul' hit areas in West Bengal and Odisha have been restored on Monday, while telecommunication links are expected to be back soon.

This was conveyed at a meeting of the National Crisis Management Committee (NCMC), chaired by Cabinet Secretary Rajiv Gauba, which took stock of the relief and restoration works in the aftermath of the cyclone over West Bengal and Odisha. West Bengal reported seven human casualties, damages to about one lakh houses and standing crops, an official statement said.

While electricity has been restored, telecom services are expected to be restored shortly. Though no human casualty was reported from Odisha, there has been extensive damage to standing crops in over two lakhs hectares. Power and water supplies have been restored barring a few areas where services are expected to be resumed by Tuesday, the statement said.

The NCMC assured all central assistance in terms of additional stocks of food items,

drinking water, health services as well as restoration of telecom and power services. Central teams would be visiting the affected areas in both the states within this week to take stock of the damages.

Both the states indicated that they are carrying out detailed assessment after which they may seek specific central assistance, if required.

It may be recalled that IMD had provided regular and timely alerts on a sustained basis to the states. Concerned central agencies including National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), Coast Guard etc have been fully involved in rescue and relief operations, the statement said.

Senior officers of the ministries of Home, Defence, Power, Telecommunications, Agriculture and Cooperation, Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Food Processing Industries, Health and Family Welfare, as well as those from NDRF and National Disaster Management Authority attended the meeting.

Senior officers from West Bengal and Odisha participated in the meeting through video conference.

Bodies of 4 fishermen missing in capsized trawler recovered

Kolkata: Bodies of four out of the nine fishermen who went missing after their trawler capsized off Mousuni Island in West Bengal under the impact of Cyclone Bulbul were recovered in a joint operation by the Indian Coast Guard and the NDRF, a senior Coast Guard officer said Monday.

The trawler had capsized on Saturday midnight 50 metre off the island when it was caught in the severe cyclone, which made its landfall between Sagar Island in South 24 Parganas and Khepupara in Bangladesh.

The four bodies were recovered after sustained hunt, Commander of Coast Guard, West Bengal and Deputy Inspector General S R Dash told.

The bodies have been handed over to the district administration, he said.

Dash said the search operation will resume Tuesday to locate the other missing fishermen who were onboard the trawler when it capsized off Mousuni Island in South 24 Parganas district under the impact of the high-speed cyclone.

Coast Guard and NDRF teams have been engaged in the rescue operation since the mishap.

Cyclone 'Bulbul' after its landfall on Saturday midnight



had hurtled northeastwards into neighbouring Bangladesh over the Sunderban delta.

Commandant of NDRF 2nd Battalion, Nitish Upadhyay told on Monday that deep divers of the force are searching the sea to locate the missing fishermen as time runs short for the hapless men.

Dash said the Coast Guard has pressed two hovercraft in the search operation. Each hovercraft comprises a pilot, a co-pilot and eight crew men and they are conducting sorties from Frasersganj coast.

Commandant Deepak Singh of Coast Guard, Haldia is commanding the hovercrafts.

According to other sources there were 13 fishermen in the trawler and four of them had swum to safety. The where-

bodies of the rest nine were not known before the four bodies were found.

Dash said the Coast Guard has been bracing for the cyclone situation since November 6 and its personnel had sensitised people of all the coastal villages.

Nadia-based NDRF 2nd Battalion commandant said a total 10 teams of the force have been engaged in three West Bengal districts — North 24 Parganas, South 24 Parganas and East Medinipur before the cyclonic storm made its landfall.

Upadhyay said the NDRF teams are rendering assistance to district administration post-cyclone to remove uprooted trees and in restoration work. **PTI**

Make Bengali, other languages as JEE exam medium: TMC

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

The ruling Trinamool Congress has once again demanded inclusion of Bengali as a medium in the All-India Joint Entrance Examinations (Mains) decriing Central Government's "arbitrary" decision to do the same favour to Gujarati leaving aside all the other recognised languages of the country.

All-India examinations are normally conducted in Hindi and English only.

Attacking the Centre for trying to impose one State and its language (read Gujarati) upon the remaining others TMC Member of Parliament Abhishek Banerjee asked, "why should there be a bias for one particular state and language? Why should other States and languages be ignored for that purpose?" reminding, "India belongs all its citizen and not only on particular State," and arguing "such arbitrary

approach of the Centre will not be tolerated."

Addressing a rally against the Centre's "unprecedented decision to provide special status to Gujarati language," he said "we will make a demand to include Bengali too for JEE exams and if our demand is not met then we will snatch our demand from Delhi," the Diamond Harbour MP who is also the nephew of Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee said.

Circuitously attacking Union Minister Babul Supriyo for justifying the Centre's decision to exclude all other languages in favour of Gujarati senior Bengal Minister Subroto Mukherjee said "a young BJP Minister is trying to befool the people of Bengal saying Gujarati was chosen as a medium because Gujarat had made an application for it to be included... either he is befooling the people or he himself had no knowledge of how things function."

Mukherjee said, "such decisions are not taken merely upon an application but upon a policy decision taken by the Government," adding the "Centre should immediately apologise to all other States for this grossly unconstitutional and anti-federal step and introduce all the recognized regional languages as medium of examination."

Earlier the Chief Minister too had condemned the Centre's "partisan" decision promoting one language and imposing it on the other languages of the country.

Refuting the TMC's charges Bengal BJP president Dilip Ghosh said that the Centre was justified in its decision to include Gujarati as a medium of examination as "60,000 students from that State appear for the exams," and asked "how many students from Bengal appear for JEE?"

The TMC was just trying to rake up the issue by playing

with Bengali sentiments in order to get votes, he maintained.

Elsewhere the ongoing tiff between the State Government and Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar reached a new height with the ruling Trinamool Congress severely criticizing his decision to visit administrative units in the districts without informing State Government.

The Governor on Monday had suddenly taken a detour to Singur while returning from Shantiniketan before entering office of Block Development Officer where he took information and progress report of various schemes.

"I have read Constitution with great care and have found it unprecedented for a Governor barging into a BDO office to take administrative information without informing the State Government. It does not behove a person sitting on that post."

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Kerala Govt mulling pubs across State, says CM

Thiruvananthapuram: The CPI(M)-led LDF Government in Kerala is exploring the possibility of opening pubs in the State, Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan has said.

Vijayan, during a weekly TV show telecast on Sunday, said those who work late, including IT employees, lack space to unwind themselves as there were no facilities like pubs in the State.

"Those who work late do not have good restaurants or other places like pubs in the night. The lack of pubs has come in for criticism against us. The Kerala Government is seriously looking into the matter," Vijayan said.

The Chief Minister said the issue of long queues outside the Kerala Beverages Corporation (Bevco) outlets, which sell liquor, would be resolved as they would get a face-lift soon. The previous UDF



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Kuber crew member's widow given ₹ five lakh compensation: Guj to HC

Ahmedabad: The Gujarat Government on Monday informed the High Court that a monetary compensation of ₹5 lakh was paid to the widow of a crew member of fishing trawler 'MV Kuber', which was hijacked by terrorists who carried out the 26/11 Mumbai attacks in 2008.

The compensation, under the Chief Minister's Relief Fund, was deposited in the bank account of Jashiben Bambhania, whose husband Rameshbhai Bambhania, a native of Una taluka in Gir-Somnath district, along with four other fishermen, was killed on the trawler.

The money was deposited by the local revenue officials of Gir-Somnath district by way of a fixed deposit having a lock-in period of three years in favour of Jashiben Bambhania. She will get quarterly inter-

est on this deposit till the expiry of the lock-in period, the Government informed the court of Justice Bhargav D Karia on Monday.

The body of MV Kuber's captain, Amarsinh Solanki, was found on the boat, while bodies of four others, including Bambhania, were missing. The boat was hijacked by Ajmal Kasab and other Pakistani terrorists in the Arabian Sea who used it to reach Mumbai.

Jashiben, a mother of four, had approached the Gujarat High Court in October seeking compensation from the Government.

In her plea, she claimed that since her husband's body was never found, authorities at the state and central levels were not ready to consider her husband dead and subsequently refused compensation. **PTI**

Will fight Assembly bypolls for 15 seats with unity: Karnataka Congress

PTI ■ BENGALURU

amid talks of differences within the party, Congress leaders in Karnataka on Monday said they resolved to face December 5 bypolls to 15 Assembly seats in the State with "unity".

The list of candidates for the remaining seven constituencies has almost been finalised and would be declared after the Supreme Court verdict on the disqualified MLAs case, which they hoped, would give a 'favourable' verdict.

A meeting of senior Congress leaders was convened by the party's State unit here to

discuss about the bypolls and the candidates.

The meeting also saw leaders expressing strong reservations against taking in disgruntled leaders from the BJP into the party.

"Senior party leaders met today and discussed about the bypolls. Looking at the court order on November 13, we will finalise the candidates for remaining seven seats," KPCC chief Dinesh Gundu Rao said after the meeting.

He told reporters here that the discussions took place in a "cordial atmosphere" and leaders decided to set aside their differences and jointly face the

polls.

Rao said the list cannot be considered final until it comes from the AICC and added that they had decided on probable candidates in most constituencies, except in one or two, where further discussions were needed.

In general there was more or less unanimity on selection of candidates, he said.

However, according to sources some senior party leaders expressed displeasure about not everyone being taken into confidence on selection of candidates.

When CLP leader Siddaramaiah asked senior

leaders to take responsibility of a constituency each, some reportedly voiced discontent about their opinion not being considered while deciding candidates and "unilateral decisions" being taken.

Congress has already announced a list of candidates for eight out of 15 seats that will go for the December 5 bypolls.

Adding credence to the speculation about differences emerging at the meeting was senior Congress leaders K H Muniyappa and B K Hariprasad leaving early.

The KPCC chief however brushed aside questions of discontent among leaders, saying

there was nothing of the sort and discussions at the meet were held peacefully and all present expressed their opinion.

Clarifying on Muniyappa and Hariprasad leaving the meeting early, he said it was the guesswork of the media and not the truth. They participated in the meeting, after which they left. As there are municipality polls in Kolar (Muniyappa's home district) he had to leave urgently, that's all. Unnecessarily don't misrepresent."

Muniyappa, flanked by Hariprasad, also cited a similar reason for leaving early.

He said discussions were held on candidates for the coming bypolls and opinions were shared.

"We have to see to that party wins all the 15 seats. We have given our own suggestions."

Muniyappa replied in the negative when asked whether there was disagreement about candidates already selected for eight seats, saying they had given their suggestions and brought to the leadership's notice who are the winnable candidates.

At a recent party meeting, Muniyappa and Hariprasad had hit

out at CLP Leader Siddaramaiah and Dinesh Gundu Rao for their "unilateral style of functioning" and accountability not being fixed for he party's debacle in Lok Sabha polls.

To a question, Rao said he was 100 per cent confident that the Supreme Court judgment on disqualified MLAs that is likely on November 13 "will go in our favour" and the party would also win the maximum number of seats in the bypolls.

Bypolls to 15 of 17 seats represented by disqualified MLAs, whose resignation and absence from the trust vote led

to the fall of the Congress-JD(S) coalition Government, and made way for the BJP to come to power, will be held on December 5.

Meanwhile, State Congress on Monday held protest in front of Town Hall here against the "anti public policies" of both State and central Governments.

In a memorandum to the President, submitted through the Deputy Commissioner, Congress requested him to intervene and direct the Government to work towards improving the economy, solve unemployment, among other issues. **PTI**

Lata Mangeshkar in ICU, sister Usha says she is recovering

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Legendary singer Lata Mangeshkar was admitted to Breach Candy Hospital's Intensive Care Unit in the early hours of Monday after she complained of breathing problems, hospital sources said. The singer, who turned 90 on September 28, is in a critical condition, they said.

"She was brought to hospital at about 2 am. She is critical and in the ICU," a hospital insider told. Mangeshkar's younger sister Usha said the singer had a viral infection and should be discharged by Tuesday.

"Lata Didi is still in hospital. She is under observation. She is doing absolutely well and is stable. She will be discharged by tomorrow. "We thought it's better to treat her at a hospital because of the viral infection so she is there for today," Usha



Mangeshkar told amid reports that the musical icon had already been discharged and was recuperating at home.

In a career spanning over seven decades, the Indore-born Mangeshkar has lent her voice to thousands of songs in over 1,000 Hindi films as well as in various regional and foreign languages. The indefatigable Mangeshkar recorded her last song this year. "Saugandh mujhe is mitti ki" was released on March 30 as a

tribute to the Indian Army.

Her last full album was "Veer-Zaara". She started her journey as a playback singer in 1942 with Vasant Joglekar's Marathi movie "Kiti Hasaal". Her first song to release was "Natali Chaitraachi Navalaa" from "Pahili Mangalaa-gaur". She also acted in the movie. Mangeshkar was awarded the Bharat Ratna, the highest civilian honour in the country, in 2001. She was given the Dadasaheb Phalke Award in 1989. **PTI**

Over 180 head constables made ASI in Jammu

PTI ■ JAMMU

Over 180 head constables of Jammu & Kashmir Police have been promoted to the rank of Assistant Sub Inspector in Jammu region, a police spokesperson said.

Extending greetings to all the ranks on the eve of Gurburab, Inspector General of Police, Jammu zone, Mukesh Singh on Monday issued the formal promotion orders to 187 head constables.

Singh lauded the efforts of these officers in earning their due promotion well in time.

He further expressed hope that they shall rededicate themselves towards their work with more zeal and enthusiasm to make the department and society feel proud. **PTI**

Kerala to begin preventive drive against Nipah virus: Health Min

PTI ■ JAMMU

Thiruvananthapuram: Kerala would begin a comprehensive preventive drive against the outbreak of Nipah virus next month to equip the State health machinery to fight the deadly virus, Health Minister KK Shylaja said on Monday.

A year after two north Kerala districts were hit by the deadly Nipah that claimed 17 lives, the virus had re-surfaced in the southern State in June this year with a 23-year-old student here being infected.

The Ernakulam-based youth was discharged from the hospital after 53 days of treatment and surveillance.

Detailing the initiatives under the preventive drive, Shylaja informed the State assembly that surveillance would be intensified and mock-drills would be held.

"This year's Nipah preven-



drive will begin next month. Mock drills will be held in major hospitals, including those in the private sector.

We contained the spread of virus in a remarkable manner last time through such coordinated efforts," the minister said during question hour.

Fruit bats of the Pteropodidae family are the natural host of the Nipah virus.

Nipah virus can be transmitted to humans from animals (such as bats or pigs), or contaminated food and can also be transmitted directly from human-to-human.

According to the WHO, Nipah virus is a newly emerging disease that can be transmitted from its reservoir (natural wildlife host), the flying foxes (fruit bats), to both animals and humans. **PTI**

Train services in Kashmir Valley to begin from Tuesday: Rlys

New Delhi: Train services in the Kashmir Valley, which were disrupted since August 3 ahead of the abrogation of provisions of Article 370, will resume on Tuesday, a Northern Railway official said.

The valley had been under restrictions after August 5, when the Centre revoked the special status to Jammu & Kashmir.

"After appropriate action and assurance by GRP, J&K regarding safe operation of train in Kashmir Valley between 10 AM and 3 PM, the Firozpur Division will commence a limited passenger service of running two pair of trains between Srinagar-Baramulla-Srinagar with effect from November 12," an official said. **PTI**

POST AYODHYA VERDICT UP Cabinet congratulates Yogi

Lucknow: Members of the Uttar Pradesh Cabinet on Monday congratulated Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on the Supreme Court's judgement on the vexed Ayodhya issue.

In a historic and unanimous verdict, a five-judge constitution bench headed by Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi on Saturday cleared the way for the construction of a Ram temple at the disputed site in Ayodhya. The bench also directed the Centre to allot a five-acre plot to the Sunni Waqf Board for building a mosque.

Monday's Cabinet meeting, presided over by the Chief Minister, approved 13 issues, spokespersons of the state government Shrikant Sharma and Siddharth Nath Singh told reporters here.

The cabinet approved the opening of the Raja Mahendra Pratap Singh

University in Aligarh and laying of new transmission lines in Meerut, Simbhavi, Rampur and Sambhal regions that will benefit 13 districts in the State's western part, the spokespersons said.

The work, to be carried out on a public-private partnership (PPP) model, aims to ease electricity-related problems in the region and will be completed by 2021. **PTI**

UP Govt thanks people for maintaining communal harmony

Lucknow: The Uttar Pradesh Government on Monday thanked people of the State for maintaining communal harmony in the wake of the Supreme Court's verdict on vexed Ayodhya issue.

The Government thanked people during a Cabinet meeting, chaired by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, the Government's spokesperson Shrikant Sharma and Siddharth Nath Singh told reporters.

Besides approving 13 decisions of the Government, the Cabinet expressed thanks to the people, taking note of their restrained reactions, aimed at maintaining communal amity in the wake of the judgement, they said.

The Cabinet members also congratulated the chief minister for his apt handling of the law and order situation in the wake of the judgement, they added.

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at the disputed site in Ayodhya. The bench also directed the Centre to allot a five-acre plot to the Sunni Waqf Board for building a mosque.

The Cabinet, also approved the selection of firms for building the 296-km Bundelkhand Expressway and 91-km Gorakhpur Link Expressway, they said, adding the projects together are expected to provide employment to around 60,000 youths.

The Bundelkhand Expressway project is to be completed in six phases, while the Gorakhpur Link Expressway is to be completed in two phases.

The Cabinet approved the establishment of Raja

Mahendra Pratap Singh State University in Aligarh. It also approved the revised E-Stamp rules, removing the limit on purchasing stamps worth only up to Rs 15,000 in one go.

The Cabinet also approved two power grid projects to erect 765 KV and 400 KV transmission lines at Rampur and Sambhal.

A total of 13 districts in western Uttar Pradesh will benefit from this, an official release said.

The work, to be carried out on a public-private partnership (PPP) model, aims to ease electricity-related problems in the region and will be completed by 2021.

The Cabinet also approved the expenditure burden assessment for the Madrasa Modernisation Scheme.

The Centre will contribute 60 per cent, whereas the state will bear 40 per cent of the expenditure for 7,442 madrasas running in the State. The scheme has now been renamed as 'Scheme for Providing Education in Madrasas. **PTI**

Pilgrims make beeline for holy dip on Kartik Purnima

Ayodhya: Lakhs of devotees are thronging the town for taking a dip in the River Sarayu on Kartik Purnima on Tuesday, the first major congregation of devotees here after the historic judgement in the Ayodhya case.

The Supreme Court on Saturday paved the way for the construction of a Ram Temple at the disputed site at Ayodhya, while directing the Centre to allot a 5-acre plot to the Sunni Waqf Board for building a mosque.

Devotees will take the dip in Sarayu in Ram ki Paidi and Naya Ghat and adjoining areas, officials said.

"Over five lakh devotees are likely to take a dip on the occasion of Kartik Purnima in Ayodhya. On normal days, around 8,000 visitors visit Ramjanmabhooni for darshan. On festive occasion, the number crosses 50,000. Now, since the judgement has come on Ramjanmabhooni, the number of visitors may increase as well," Ayodhya District Magistrate Anuj Kumar Jha told.

He said the situation is absolutely normal around the Ramjanmabhooni area.

"We have taken all precautionary steps to ensure security, and also to make sure that devotees do not face problem, and have a safe and hassle-free

darshan. Posting of police officials and magistrates have been done keeping this in mind," he said.

For the convenience of visitors coming to Ayodhya, various health, sanitation and drinking water facilities among other have been put in place.

Water tankers have been installed at around 18 places, 20 medical camps with ambulance are ready besides 30 mobile toilets.

Deputy Director, Information, Ayodhya division, Murlidhar Singh said, "The bathing in Sarayu river will commence at 4.00 pm on Monday, and will continue till Tuesday evening, since as per the Hindu calendar Purnima will begin on Monday evening."

Elaborating on the significance of Kartik Purnima, Prayagraj-based convener of organisations Ram Naam Bank and Ram Sewa Trust Ashutosh Varshney, told, "The full moon day during the month of Kartik is known as Kartik Purnima. It is also known as Dev Deepawali — the Deepawali celebrated by Gods. This Dev Deepawali comes 15 days after Deepawali celebrated by us on Amavasya day."

"Earthen lamps are lit at all temples as well as at the bank of River Ganga on the day of Kartik Purnima," he said. **PTI**

Five-acre land must be allotted in acquired 67-acre area: Muslim leaders, litigant Iqbal Ansari

Ayodhya: The five acres of land to be allocated for building a mosque under the Supreme Court verdict in the Ram Janmabhooni-Babri Masjid dispute should be within the 67 acres of acquired land in Ayodhya, Iqbal Ansari, a main litigant in the case, has demanded along with several other local Muslim leaders.

The Central Government had acquired the land including the disputed site in 1991.

"If they want to give us the land, they must give us according to our convenience and only in that acquired land of 67 acres. Then we will take it. Otherwise we will reject the offer, as people are saying 'Go out of Chaudah Kos and construct Masjid there'. This is not fair," Ansari said.

Maulana Jalal Ashraf, a local cleric, said Muslims can buy land on their own to build a mosque as not dependent on the Government for it.

"If the court or the Government wants to pacify our sentiments to some extent, the five acre land must be given in the acquired area as many graveyards and Dargaah including that of 18th century Sufi saint Qazi Qudwah are in that area," he said.

Khalid Ahmad Khan, General Secretary of All India

Milli Council, expressed similar views.

Haji Mahboob, who was also a litigant from Muslim side, said, "We will not accept this lollypop. They must make clear that where they want to give us the land."

Haji Asad Ahmad, Corporator of Ayodhya Municipal Corporation, said the community does not want any land in lieu of Babri Masjid.

"If the court or Government wants to give land for mosque they must give it in the acquired area of 67 acres, otherwise we don't want donation," he said.

Maulana Baadshah Khan, Ayodhya president of Jamiat Ulema Hind, said the Muslim side was fighting the case for Babri Masjid, not for any other land.

"We don't want any land for mosque anywhere. Instead we offer this land also for Ram Mandir," he said.

Yusuf Khan, a social activist, said the issue is closed now after the Supreme Court verdict and no additional land was needed for mosque.

"We have enough mosques in Ayodhya to fulfil our religious needs, the apex court has given its verdict in favour of Ram Temple. The issue is closed now," he said. **PTI**

HYDERABAD TRAIN ACCIDENT

16 injured, ex-gratia announced

Hyderabad/New Delhi: Two slow-moving trains collided at Kacheguda Railway station here on Monday, leaving 16 people injured, including a driver who was trapped in his badly mangled cabin for eight hours, officials said.

The Lingampalli-Falaknuma multi-modal transport system (MMTS) apparently overshot the signal and collided with the Kurnool-Secunderabad Hundry Intercity Express (17028) at 10.41 am, South Central Railway officials said.

The driver of the MMTS train, who sustained serious injuries, was initially trapped in his cabin, which was badly mangled, but was rescued after a couple of hours, officials said.

Oxygen and other life-saving medical aid were provided to him during the operation, they said adding he has suffered severe leg injuries. He was rushed to a private hospital, where his condition is stated to



be stable.

Commissioner Railway Safety, Southern Central Circle Secunderabad, Ram Kripal will conduct an inquiry into the incident.

The Railway Ministry has announced ex-gratia of ₹5,000 each to passengers with minor injuries and ₹25,000 each to passengers having grievous injuries.

"Due to collision, 16 passengers were injured and they were immediately rushed to the hospital. Nine of the injured were immediately discharged," a railway release said, adding five coaches of the MMTS service and three coaches of the

Hundry Express have been damaged. Senior officials of the SCR, along with medical and accident relief vans, undertook relief and restoration work, it said. Following the accident, one train was cancelled and another was diverted while five more have been partially cancelled.

Padmavathy, a woman passenger of the MMTS, said the commuters felt a big jolt as the train was nearing Kacheguda station.

"Several passengers' heads and knees rammed into opposite seats due to the impact resulting in bleeding," she said.

Railway Minister Piyush

Goyal tweeted: "Received the tragic news of the train accident in Hyderabad & immediate instructions have been given to the authorities for assistance & monitoring."

"Railway administration is extending assistance & have made arrangements for the treatment of the injured at the accident site."

Several train services were cancelled either fully or partially due to the incident.

Railways said that it had taken the accident very seriously and Member (Traction), Additional Member (Signal & Telecom) and Executive Director, Safety, Railway Board will visit the site.

A high-level inquiry at the level of Commissioner, Railway Safety, South Central circle, has been ordered to investigate into the reasons for the incident, a railway release said.

Union Minister of State for Home G Kishan Reddy visited the spot and made enquiries with the officials. **PTI**

Seshan had brilliant career as civil servant

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ CHENNAI

Thirunellai Narayana Iyer Seshan, popularly known as T N Seshan, who passed away late Sunday due to old age related problems was given a tearful farewell on Monday at Basanth Nagar crematorium in Chennai by thousands of citizens who had gathered to bid au revoir.

The 1955 batch IAS officer breathed his last late Sunday night and had desired to be cremated at Chennai itself, where his wife too has the last resting place. Seshan who shot into international fame with his six year stint as Chief Election Commissioner was known for his no-nonsense approach to the job in his hands. After retirement from the post of CEC, Seshan used to tell the people that his final wish was to see the Government of India funding the election process in the country.

When he was appointed as the CEC, the general Election and Assembly Election in the country were manipulated and



muzzled by mafia dons and anti social elements who threatened the voters with dire consequences if they do not vote for the candidates picked by the former.

"Appavukku Charayam, Ammavukku Sari and namma verpalarkku vote" was the catchword of the political masters, Seshan used to tell. It meant, alcohol for the family head, sari for the women and vote for the candidate picked up by the local ruffian. But with Seshan assuming office in the Nirvachan Sadan things underwent a drastic change.

Both the DMK and the AIADMK shivered from head to toe at the mention of his name. But don't be under the impression that it was as CEC

he earned the reputation. That started long back, in 1960s when he worked as the district collector of Madurai which saw unprecedented riots as part of anti Hindi agitation. "My officers were beaten up by rioters in a village. Many government officials were set ablaze and were killed. I went to the village with a police force who cordoned off the area. I had a stick with me and ordered all the villagers to line up outside their houses. I told them if they do not reveal the names of the rioters responsible for the gruesome incident, I would beat them to pulp. The woman began to sing and the men spilled the beans," Seshan had told in an interview.

He led various departments in the Government of Tamil Nadu during his tenure in the State. When drivers of the State Transport Corporation submitted a memorandum to him listing their grievances in driving the dilapidated buses, Seshan himself took to the wheels of the buses to get a first-hand experience of the difficulties faced by the

employees and asked the government to replace the buses which was done in hours!

Delivering a lecture in Kochi in 1993 about the economic liberalization initiated by the then Narasimha Rao government, Seshan said there was nothing innovative in the opening up of the Indian economy. "This was what C.Rajagopalachari had told them in 1950 itself. But it fell in deaf ears as Rajaji (pet name of Rajagopalachari) had dark Salem skin. Since it has come from a fair skinned person, it has been accepted now. Let's see whether they would be able to break the logjam and save the Indian economy," Seshan had said.

The uniqueness of Seshan is that each person who had met him has a different story to tell. All good things only. Behind the façade of that roughness and arrogance (which people loved) there was a soft spoken Seshan too. He used to explain his name as Tough Nut Seshan!! Yet another titan has walked away to meet his maker.

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Whereas The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Bank Limited under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

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

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	Dhamesh Narayan Tripathi / Kushum Tripathi / LBGUR00001881235	Silver Tulip, B 12 A, Revenue Estate, Bhorakalan, Farukh Nagar Gurgaon-122003 Haryana / Nov 07, 2019	Aug 31, 2019 Rs. 47,33,927/-	Delhi NCR
2.	Ajit Singh/ Nihal Singh/ LBGUR00002682549	Flat No-702, Tower-7, 7th Floor Pyramid Urban Homes Sec-70A, Gurgaon-122001 Haryana / Nov 07, 2019	Aug 31, 2019 Rs. 20,01,739/-	Delhi NCR

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

Date: 11-11-2019
Place: Delhi/ NCR

Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

Expedite pending cases relating to SC & ST: Nitish

Patna: Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on Monday asserted that pending cases relating to Scheduled Caste (SC) and Scheduled Tribe (ST) need to be expedited and the law department should appoint special public prosecutors in different special courts for the purpose.

Training and orientation programme should be held regularly for officials concerned to keep them abreast of changes that have been incorporated in the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe (Prevention of Atrocities) Rules and Act and its provisions over time, Kumar said.

The Chief Minister was speaking at a meeting here convened to review the State-level

monitoring and vigilance committee constituted under Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe (Prevention of Atrocities) Rules 1995 and Amendment Rules 2016.

"The law department should appoint special public prosecutors in different special courts (constituted under SC and ST Act, 1989). Eligible and committed lawyers should be given the responsibility and inefficient special public prosecutors should be relieved so that pending cases (relating to SC and ST) can be expedited," Kumar was quoted as saying in an official release.

The director general of police should carry out police station wise review of all the cases, he said adding that the

meeting of district-level monitoring and vigilance committee should be held regularly.

Kumar said land for habitation should be made available to all the landless families belonging to SC and ST apart from Mahadalits.

The State Government is providing ₹60,000 for buying land for those who have got allotments under Pradhan Mantri Grameen Awas Yojana but do not possess land.

Home, revenue and land reforms, SC and ST departments, the director general of police, IG (Weaker Section), CID and director of prosecution gave detailed report at the meeting on the work being carried out by the departments and agencies. **PTI**

Mini buses start plying in Srinagar, train service on Srinagar-Baramulla stretch to resume

Srinagar: Mini buses began plying on some routes in the city on Monday while railways conducted two successful trial runs on the Srinagar-Baramulla stretch ahead of resumption of the train service on Tuesday, officials said.

The train service has been suspended since 5 August when the Centre decided to abrogate Article 370.

A railway official said that railways conducted the trial run of the service for the first time in over three months since the shutdown in the valley.

"The train service on Srinagar-Baramulla stretch will resume tomorrow (Tuesday), while Srinagar-Banihal train service will resume in a few days after checking the track safety and conducting trial runs," he said.

The railways conducted two successful trial runs on the stretch on Monday after conducting a thorough safety audit of the line.

Train services in the valley were suspended on the morning of 5 August — hours before the Centre announced its decision to abrogate Article 370 of the Constitution and to bifurcate the erstwhile state into two Union territories.

The Centre's decision led to an unannounced shutdown in the valley even as authorities imposed severe restrictions which were later gradually eased out.

Officials said that on Monday few mini-buses plied on Batwara-Batamalo route through the city centre for the first time since 5 August.

Inter-district cabs and auto-rickshaws also plied in the city and elsewhere in the valley, they added.

The officials said private transport was plying unhindered and several areas of the city witnessed traffic jams. **PTI**

Goa BJP to get new chief by Dec 15: CM Sawant

Panaji: The Goa BJP will elect a new State unit president by December 15, chief minister Pramod Sawant said on Monday.

Rajya Sabha MP Vinay Tendulkar is the current state unit chief and has been on the post for two terms since 2012.

Sawant on Monday evening chaired a meeting of party MLAs and office bearers to finalise its organisational election process. Speaking to reporters post the meeting, Sawant said, "The BJP has to elect its new state president by December 15. **PTI**

NORTH DELHI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (M-I)
KAROL BAGH ZONE, ROAD NO. 34, OPPOSITE FIRE STATION, MOTI NAGAR, NEW DELHI-110015
NIT No. 20/EE(M-I)/TC/KBZ/2019-20 Dated: 08.11.2019
Executive Engineer (M-I), Karol Bagh Zone, invites on behalf of the Commissioner, North Delhi Municipal Corporation, Sealed percentage rates tender from the approved and eligible contractors registered with the MCD (General Wing) as per following schedule.

Start Date of Sale of Tender Documents : 08.11.2019 from 18:00PM
Last Date of Bid Submission : 28.11.2019 upto 15:00PM
Opening of Financial Bid : 28.11.2019 at 15:30 PM

S. No. 1. Name of work: Strengthening and Development of Drainage system & Roads from C-52 to WZ-719, passing along S.K.V. school, WZ-860 & WZ-701, Naraina, Ward No. 104-N/KBZ. **Tender No.:** EEM-I/TC/KBZ/2019-20/20-3, **H/A:** XL-VIII-S(d), **Tender Amt. in Rs.:** 8938467/-, **Earnest money:** 178800/-, **Time of completion:** 03 Months, **Rate Hold Goods for:** 05 Months, **Tender Cost:** 1000/-

S. No. 2. Name of work: Strengthening and Development of Drainage and court yard and passing of commercial complex at A-Block near Metro Station at, Naraina Vihar, Ward No. C-104 /KBZ. **Tender No.:** EEM-I/TC/KBZ/2019-20/20-2, **H/A:** XL-VIII-S(d), **Tender Amt. in Rs.:** 8938467/-, **Earnest money:** 178800/-, **Time of completion:** 03 Months, **Rate Hold Goods for:** 05 Months, **Tender Cost:** 1000/-

S. No. 3. Name of work: Strengthening and Development of Drainage system & Roads from, H. No. B-5 to B-34, B-41 to B-27, B-26 to B-72, B-71 to B-60 and B-42 to B-79, Naraina Vihar B-Block, Ward No. C-104 /KBZ. **Tender No.:** EEM-I/TC/KBZ/2019-20/20-3, **H/A:** XL-VIII-S, **Tender Amt. in Rs.:** 8269219/-, **Earnest money:** 165400/-, **Time of completion:** 03 Months, **Rate Hold Goods for:** 05 Months, **Tender Cost:** 1000/-

S. No. 4. Name of work: Strengthening of road by pdg, Dense carpeting from H. No. 4A/57, Shankar Road to 22B Pusa Road and 5/46 Shankar Road to IBI Pusa Road in Old Rajinder Nagar at Ward No. 102-N/KBZ. **Tender No.:** EEM-I/TC/KBZ/2019-20/20-4, **H/A:** XL-VIII-S(d), **Tender Amt. in Rs.:** 9069034/-, **Earnest money:** 181400/-, **Time of completion:** 03 Months, **Rate Hold Goods for:** 05 Months, **Tender Cost:** 1000/-

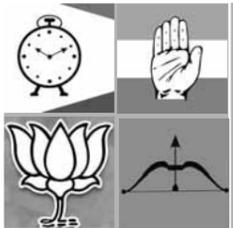
EMD and Tender cost to pay through online mode only. You can opt for Challan no. in mode of payment for paying form fee details through E-payment/NEFT/RTGS.

All the circulars issued from time to time by MCD up to the date of issue of this NIT shall be applicable. The detail of the tender can be seen at <http://www.tenderwizard.com/NORTHDMCDTENDER>

Executive Engineer-(M-I)
R.O No. 148/DPI/North DMC/19-20 Karol Bagh Zone

Mahabhart of power

The Cong-NCP-Sena alliance for a Government is based on a seasonal hatred of the BJP. Can numbers work?



Maharashtra is not Karnataka, where a hung verdict had led to political machinations and a power surge of convenience. Yet in a shape-shifting scenario of permutations and combinations, Government formation is turning out to be a bizarre prospect despite a decisive electoral verdict. The Congress was desperate then, seized the advantage, was one up on the BJP but could not last even with like-minded partners in a

coalition arrangement. It is still desperate for regaining a State that was its stronghold but in Maharashtra is faced between the devil and the deep sea. It cannot afford to settle with its enemy's enemy, namely the Sena, and put its credibility on the line by supporting the latter's Government from the outside. Nor can it afford to lose the heft of its ally, the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP), and play second fiddle to it, now that the latter has been invited by the Governor to stake a claim, and concede to its chief Sharad Pawar's acceptability among both the BJP and Sena. Predicted to be even more unstable than Karnataka, one hopes the Congress' decision doesn't give more ammunition to the BJP's charge that it is better to be *mukt* of it and a single party rule is the only way forward, be it in Lok Sabha or the States. The pre-poll alliance of the BJP-Shiv Sena, which has crumbled under the destabilising weight of egoistic turf wars, has put a question mark on the efficacy of alliance politics that the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) has so far prided itself in. Particularly, when it loses a 30-year-old ally, that too one which has significantly helped in pushing a core Hindutva plank and Ayodhya. For all talk of development, the granularity of the BJP's fundamental ideology was left to the Sena to manage while the bigger party could bask in the benevolence of the idea of a grand Bharat Parv. In that sense, Sena was the fall guy for doing things with a fringe, parochial mindset and taking the blame for them with a vision limited to Jai Maharashtra. Now that the BJP has appropriated its only comfort zone and relegated it to secondary space, the Sena is making a desperate lunge to be seen and heard, relevant as it still is as a counterweight. With the election of Sena founder Balasaheb Thackeray's grandson Aaditya, it now feels it can indeed roar like a tiger than be the whimpering sidekick at a neighbourhood park. The BJP, with its Chief Minister-worthy leader in Devendra Fadnavis, the man who even has the RSS' blessings, knows people trust it for providing a stable leadership. It knows the nakedly ambitious Sena could go around with a shopping bag but would not have a natural proximity, nor the leadership, compromised as it would be by the Congress-NCP conditions. In fact, it is sitting back to expose the Sena as a spoiler. And it wants to reap the spoils knowing that a new anti-BJP coalition could be wobbly without mutual convergence of interests.

The Congress is upon its worst moment of reconciliation, one that threatens its ideological consistency even if it were to support the Sena Government from outside, cede ground to the NCP and insist upon a common agenda of governance. How could it have justified itself supporting a Hindutva-driven aggression to its minority votebank or even accepted Sena's chief ministership? Aligning with the Sena would mean drawing attention to its own uncharitable history of using Thackeray to undercut its own dissidents and State leaders. Besides, it has worked with the Sena to get support on its contentious issues like the Emergency. Using the Sena to keep the BJP out, therefore, would be like jumping from the frying pan into the fire. Staying in would be more problematic than staying out. As for Pawar himself, everybody was surprised about the return of the true Marathi warrior, who held on despite BJP-engineered defections and is justifiably angry with the national party despite supporting it in 2014. But by going with the Sena, he would look just like any other greedy regional satrap though the NCP has made support conditional on Sena snapping ties with the BJP. Pawar has always enjoyed being kingmaker but does that mean he won't have a say as a king even with the Congress behind him? That's another ego battle at work. The only thing holding him and the Sena together is their seasonal hatred of the BJP. Maharashtra has anyway proved that arithmetic does not matter. The coalition of convenience may find it difficult to get stability considering the BJP will have the ammunition to stall them at each step and insist one Fadnavis was better than a hydra-headed king. Sad for a State which is dealing with a serious farm crisis. Sadder for a people whose choices do not matter anymore.

Go for success

Shafali Verma's rapidfire 50 is evidence that the Indian cricket board needs to promote the women's game more



Purists might argue that it is a bit unfair to compare men's and women's sport even in the same game. But the recent achievement by teenage sensation Shafali Verma, who at two months short of 16 years struck an international 50 in a T20 international against the West Indies, is quite an achievement. Alongside the spectacular success of the Indian women's team in the last cricket world cup as well as the achievements of various members of the team, maybe it is pertinent to pose the question to the new boss

of Indian cricket, Sourav Ganguly, on whether it is time for the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) or whatever new name that he wishes to give that organisation, to hold a professional Indian Premier League (IPL)-style contest for the women's game.

Critics might argue that the pool of talent in the women's game is far more limited. For the time being, this is a valid argument but only if there is a eight-team tournament for the IPL. A smaller, four-team tournament with additional slots for international talent may easily meet the competitive marks needed by any such competition. Evidence of the success of the short form of the women's game is seen in Australia, where the Women's Big Bash League (WBBL), which is played alongside the Australian T20 league, the BBL, has been a huge success and has made superstars out of players like Ellyse Perry and Alyssa Healy. Its inaugural games unearthed a 16-year-old gem in Phoebe Litchfield. The tournament has dramatically expanded Australia's women's cricket talent pool and with Cricket Australia committing to pay all its cricketers equally, they have taken the lead when it comes to equal opportunities. It will take a man to change the dynamics between men's and women's cricket in India and bring them to some level of parity. Sourav Ganguly can easily be the one. He was the visionary leader who laid the foundations of the success that Virat Kohli and his men enjoy today, over a decade after he retired. No Indian cricket fan doubts his dynamism and leadership abilities. Now, freed of the burden of the Committee of Administrators, Ganguly can effect lasting change. Change that can mean that girls like Shafali Verma can become superstars for every single Indian, much like the man whose record she broke, Sachin Tendulkar.

Historical reconstruction

The Supreme Court's landmark judgment on the disputed site in Ayodhya rests on historical evidence; the gains of which are civilisational



SANDHYA JAIN

A learned member of the five-judge Bench (not Constitution Bench) wisely collated the evidence regarding Sri Ram's birthplace and appended it to the Supreme Court's verdict of November 9, granting the disputed site to Ram Lalla Virajman. The 116-page addendum highlights the Vishwa Hindu Parishad's (VHP) gigantic efforts to collect every scrap of evidence to legally establish Hindu belief in the birthplace of Vishnu's avatar. The evidence is compelling. Critics, who allege that the judgment privileged one community, have not read the 1,045-page document.

As the dispute centres on the destruction of the Ram Janmabhoomi temple at Ayodhya by Babur's general, Mir Baiq, evidence proving the sacredness of the shrine prior to 1528 is critical. The *Janma Sakhies* (biographies) of Guru Nanak Dev show he visited Ayodhya in 1510-1511 AD, before Babar's invasion of India. Later, Guru Tegh Bahadur and his son, Guru Govind Singh, also visited the temple at Ayodhya. Though the *Janma Sakhies* do not identify the exact place of the Janmabhoomi, Guru Nanak's visit shows that pilgrims were visiting Ayodhya prior to the temple's destruction. Thus, the faith and belief of Hindus regarding the location of Lord Ram's birthplace, as asserted in scriptures and sacred books, including *Valmiki Ramayana* and *Skanda Purana*, is not groundless.

During emperor Akbar's reign (1556-1605), Tulsidas composed the *Ramcharitmanas* (1574-75). The *Balakanda* shows Brahma urging Vishnu to save the gods, sages, *gandharvas* and Earth from Ravana's terror; Vishnu promises: "Fear not, o sages, Siddhas and Indra; for your sake I will assume the form of a human being. In the glorious solar race, I shall be born as a human being along with my part manifestations." (*Doha* 186-7) Vishnu grants a boon to sage Kasyapa and his wife Aditi to be born in Ayodhya as Dasaratha and Kausalya; Vishnu would take birth in the form of four brothers, "the ornament of Raghu's line."

Akbar's biography, *Ain-i-Akbari*, mentions Ayodhya as the residence of Ramachandra and one of the holiest places of antiquity. Traveller William Finch visited India from 1607 to 1611 AD and mentioned the ruins of Ramachandra's castle.

Father Joseph Tieffenthaler visited India between 1766 and 1771 AD and found in Oudh (Awadh) a famous place called Sita Rasoi on a mud hill. Emperor Aurangzeb got the fortress called Ramkot (Ramkot) demolished and a Muslim mosque, with triple domes, constructed at the same place. Tieffenthaler recounts that some said the masjid was constructed by "Babor" (Babur) and 14 black stone pillars of five span high from the fortress are visible there; 12 support the interior arcades of the mosque. He describes the *bedi* (cradle) of Ram and says Aurangzeb or Babur razed the temple "to deny the noble people, the opportunity of practicing their superstitions." However, the people "go around three times and prostrate on the floor." This is clear evidence that Hindus at the time of Tieffenthaler were worshipping the *janamsthan* as a deity.



The East India Gazetteer of Walter Hamilton (1828) notes that pilgrimage to Oudh are chiefly by the Ramata sect. Montgomery Martin in *History, Antiquities, Topography and Statistics of Eastern India* (1838), mentions the glory of Ayodhya. Edward Thornton's *Gazetteer of India* (1854) and *Gazetteer of the Territories under the Government of the East Indies Company of the native States on the Continent of India* (1858) gives details of Oudh.

Mirza Jaan's *Hadith-e-Sehba* (1856) states, "The above mentioned place is called seat of father of Lord Rama. Places of idol worshiping situated here were demolished...The place of worship is called the birthplace of Lord Rama and the place which is adjacent to it is called 'Sita Ki Rasoi'...At that place, Babar Shah got constructed a very big masjid under the supervision of Sayyad Musha Ashiqan in the year 923 Hijri and its history is still maintained. Today, the above-mentioned 'Sita Ki Rasoi' is called the 'masjid.' The learned judge observed, "The book candidly accepts that in the *janamsthan* of Lord Ram, (a) mosque was constructed by Babar."

In 1858, the British Government annexed Awadh, after which all official reports, correspondences and orders cite the "Mosque" as "Mosque Janma Sthan." The *Historical Sketch of Tehsil Fyzabad, Zillah Fyzabad* by P Carnegie, Officiating Commissioner and Settlement Officer of Ayodhya and Fyzabad (1870), states that Ayodhya is to Hindus what Mecca is to the Mohammedans and Jerusalem to the Jews. Carnegie categorically stated that at the place of *janamsthan*, emperor Babar built a Mosque, which still bears his name, in AD 1528. These facts are repeated in several subsequent Gazetteers.

AKBAR'S BIOGRAPHY, AIN-I-AKBARI, MENTIONS AYODHYA AS THE RESIDENCE OF RAMACHANDRA AND ONE OF THE HOLIEST PLACES OF ANTIQUITY. TRAVELLER WILLIAM FINCH VISITED INDIA FROM 1607 TO 1611 AD AND MENTIONED THE RUINS OF RAMACHANDRA'S CASTLE

The report of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) of North West Provinces and Oudh (1889) states, "The old temple of Ramachandra at *janamsthanam* must have been a very fine one, for many of its columns have been used by the *Muslimans* in the construction of Babar's masjid." Alois Anton Fuhrer's report of the ASI (1889), *The Sharqi Architecture of Jaunpur; with Notes on Zafarabad, Sahet-Mahet and other places in the North-Western Provinces and Oudh*, states that Babar's Masjid at Ayodhya was built on the very spot where the old temple *janamsthan* of Ramchandra was standing. Fuhrer reiterates this in *Monumental Antiquities and Inscriptions in the North-Western Provinces and Oudh* (1891). Obviously, Prof BB Lal's excavations followed ASI precedents.

The *Gazetteer of Bara Banki, Vol 48* (1921), mentions that in 1853, the Bairagis seized the *janamsthan* temple land (pg 169), prompting Muslims led by Amir Ali, to march towards Ayodhya. They were intercepted by Col Barlow of the First Regiment of Oudh; the regiment was wiped out and Amir Ali and many others were killed. On November 30, 1858, Syed Mohammed Khatib Moazzim of the Babri Mosque complained that one Nihang Singh had constructed an earth *chabutra* (platform), written "Ram Ram" inside the mosque, and was conducting *havan* (rituals) there. There are several pleas by mosque officials for the removal of the *chabutra*. In 1866, Bairagis placed an idol inside the premises. In 1877, the Deputy Commissioner, Ayodhya, granted permission to Khem Das, Mahant, *janamsthan*, to open the door in the mosque's northern wall to give Hindus a separate route to the site. In 1934, a dome was damaged in a riot, which the administration got repaired.

These accounts prove that Hindus continuously struggled to access and worship the site; hence the Sunni Wakf Board could not establish possessory rights over it. The judgment rests on historical evidence; the gains are civilisational. (The writer is Senior Fellow, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library; the views expressed are personal)

SOUNDBITE

India was once known as *Vishwaguru*. The time has come for the country to once again emerge as a global hub of learning.



Vice President —M Venkaiah Naidu

If I have any claim to the word 'icon' it's only because I was on an iconic show, with an iconic cast, and an iconic haircut. *Friends* was the gift of a lifetime.



Actor —Jennifer Aniston

We welcome the opening of the Kartarpur corridor and hope that both sides continue to show goodwill to resolve differences through dialogue.



Chinese official —Geng Shuang

If Babri Masjid is illegal, then why is Advani being tried for its demolition and if it was legal then why is Advani getting the land?



AIMIM leader —Asaduddin Owaisi

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Accepting the verdict

Sir — This refers to the report, "Ram gets back his birthplace" (November 10). The historic Ayodhya verdict and the grace with which it was accepted by the people proved the maturity of the Indian democracy, its judiciary and citizens. All apprehensions of post-verdict tension proved wrong as not a single untoward incident was reported. Indeed, there could have been no better solution to the 492-year-old dispute.

The construction of the Ram Mandir in Ayodhya had been on the BJP's poll agenda for long, which helped it consolidate its supporters. On the other hand, Opposition parties left no opportunity to accuse the saffron party for not fulfilling its promise.

BJP president LK Advani's rath yatra from Somnath to Ayodhya played a major role in the party's ascent to power. After the Supreme Court verdict on Ayodhya, it is now expected that party leaders will refrain from politicising this issue and instead concentrate on more serious issues plaguing the nation.

MC Joshi Lucknow

Welcoming Kartarpur

During Partition, Shakargarh, a *tehsil* on the right bank of Ravi River where Kartarpur is located, went to Pakistan and Gurdaspur, a *tehsil* on the left bank of Ravi River, remained with India. The opening of the much-awaited corridor, connecting Dera Baba Nanak in Punjab with Darbar Sahib Kartarpur in Pakistan, was a long-cherished dream for the Sikh Panth. Kartarpur Sahib, where the founder of Sikhism, Guru Nanakji, spent almost 18 years of his life teaching and preaching and which was his final resting abode, is what Mecca is for the Muslims. The new corridor will allow Sikh pilgrims holding a special permit to freely visit the shrine.

Immediately after assuming power, Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan made a promise to construct the Kartarpur corridor before the 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanakji, a gesture that found immediate traction with the Sikh community. The BJP-Akali Dal combine, which seemed rather unconcerned initially, reversed its position quickly, sensing a possible Sikh backlash. As is common these days, a section of the electronic media indulged in continuous double-speak on Pakistan and the architects of the corridor, in line with the mood of



the ruling party. Fortunately, Sikhs are sensible and are difficult to sway. Punjab exhibited extraordinary resilience to the mischievous representations unleashed in Pakistan and kept its peace. The Kartarpur passage has within it the spark to convert itself into a "corridor of peace" in the region.

Haridasan Rajan Kozhikode

A true legend

Sir — As the Chief Election Commissioner, TN Seshan not only ushered in strict electoral reforms for the enforcement of the Moral Code of Conduct but he gave the Election Commission

of India (ECI) the much-needed spine. He took the electoral body to greater heights of authority, credibility and visibility. It is testimony to his strong character and personality that people can relate with him when it comes to elections.

We may not remember him

as the first man to become the Election Commissioner but for his strong character. He took charge in an era of booth capturing and rigging but literally transformed the way elections are now conducted in our country.

Bal Govind Noida

Stupendous victory

Sir — Kudos to team India for accomplishing an exceptional victory in the third T20 international match played against Bangladesh. The middle order batsmen must be commended for playing responsible knocks in the series decider. After early dismissal of Indian openers Rohit Sharma and Shikhar Dhawan, the need was for a composed partnership between the two batsmen to accelerate the team to a massive total. KL Rahul's scintillating 52 and Shreyas Iyer's outrageous 62 proved to be the one.

Being asked to bowl in the second innings by the toss winning team, especially at a time when there is dew on the ground, it seemed like a strenuous task for Indian bowlers. But Deepak Chahar accomplished the best bowling figures in T20 internationals, taking six wickets for just seven runs in a spell of 3.2 overs. He did something one would never have anticipated.

Tushar Anand Patna

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FIRST COLUMN

Not a coup, just a big blunder

If you are going to rig the vote, do it from the start. Don't wait until the count shows that your candidate is not doing well and then intervene



GWYNNE DYER

Democracy is in danger in Bolivia as the result of legitimate pressures from the poor. We cannot generate economic growth and well-being for a few and then expect that the large majorities that are excluded will watch silently and patiently." A recent President of Bolivia said that, but it wasn't Evo Morales (who has just quit, plunging the country into chaos). It was Carlos Mesa, the man whom Morales tried to cheat out of the presidency in last month's election. Mesa said in 2005, the last time he was President, just before he quit and Morales won a landslide victory in the election triggered by the former's resignation.

Most outside commentators used to stick to a simple script when talking about Bolivia. Evo Morales was the good guy, because he was the country's first indigenous President (he grew up speaking Aymara, and only learned Spanish as a young adult) and because he looked like and seemed to care about the poor majority of Bolivians.

On the other hand, Carlos Mesa belongs to the privileged white minority (15 per cent of the population) who have always controlled both the politics and the wealth, so he must be the bad guy. But his face doesn't fit the frame: He is an historian and television journalist and he resigned from the presidency in 2005 after trying and failing to nationalise the country's gas industry.

Evo Morales took his place, and he did better. Morales nationalised not only oil and gas but the tin and zinc mines and key utilities as well. He got away with it, where Mesa couldn't, because he paid out good compensation to the owners — and he could do that because Bolivia was riding a commodities boom that tripled the country's Gross Domestic Product in 15 years.

The boom has been over for a while now and a more cunning politician than Morales might have decided to let Mesa win this election. Then, as the country's income dropped further, Mesa would have got the blame for downgrading the welfare State Morales built, and Morales could return to power triumphantly in five years, claiming that Mesa had betrayed the poor. Morales' mistake was to believe that he was the indispensable man. He clung to office too long, and now he is toast. He will retain enough of a following to be a permanent political nuisance but he has embarrassed his country and he's unlikely ever to hold high office again. Under the new constitution of 2009, promulgated by Morales himself, a Bolivian President is entitled to only two five-year terms. But as he got closer to the 2019 deadline, Morales changed his mind and in 2016 he held a referendum that proposed to allow the President any number of terms. He lost. So Morales went to the Supreme Electoral Tribunal, which is dominated by his own party. Unsurprisingly, the tribunal agreed that the two-term constitutional limit violated his 'human rights' — so there he was last month, seeking a fourth term as President in a race with eight other candidates.

Everybody knew that Morales would lead and Mesa would be the runner-up in the first round of voting. Many suspected that Mesa would pick up more votes and overtake Morales in the second round — so his advisers decided that he had to win in the first round. He could do that only if he were ahead of Mesa by at least 10 per cent of the votes cast.

On October 20, the 'fast count' of the national vote went smoothly until 84 per cent of all the votes had been counted — at which point it became clear that Morales was not going to have a big enough lead over Mesa. So suddenly the counting stopped, and did not resume for 24 hours. It then showed Morales with a 10.1 per cent lead over Mesa, so no second round was needed. All hail Morales' fourth term!

But the vote-rigging was just too blatant and for almost three weeks the protesters have been in the streets. By last weekend even the police were refusing to defend Morales. When the election monitors from the Organisation of American States delivered their verdict on Sunday, saying that there were "serious security flaws" in the computer systems and "clear manipulation" of the count, Morales resigned. The election results were cancelled and it's pretty clear that he will not be a candidate when the re-run happens.

How much damage has all this done? Not much. Bolivia used to hold the world record for military coups, but everybody behaved reasonably well this time. Most of the good things Morales did, like entrenching the rights of indigenous communities in the constitution, will survive him. Carlos Mesa, who will almost certainly be the next President, has a very different style, but he is not hostile to most of Morales's goals. And here's a take-away for everybody in politics: If you are going to rig the vote, do it from the start. Don't wait until the count shows that your candidate is not doing well and only then intervene to fix it. Amateurs!

(Gwynne Dyer's new book is 'Growing Pains: The Future of Democracy and Work'.)

POINT COUNTERPOINT

THE MANDATE WAS FOR A BJP-SENA ALLIANCE. IF THE SENNA WANTS TO FORM THE GOVERNMENT WITH THE CONGRESS AND THE NCP, WE WISH THEM GOOD LUCK.

—MAHARASHTRA BJP CHIEF CHANDRAKANT PATIL



WHERE WAS THEIR IDEOLOGY WHEN THEY FORMED THE GOVERNMENT IN J&K WITH THE PDP, WITH MAYAWATI IN UP AND WITH NITISH KUMAR IN BIHAR?

—SHIV SENNA MP ARVIND SAWANT

Time to secure South Asia

Regional economic integration remains the only option for addressing the long-standing, protracted interstate tensions in South Asia



M ASHRAF HAIDARI

The South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) Chamber of Commerce recently hosted a conference on "Regional Economic Integration: A Catalyst for Socioeconomic Prosperity in South Asia."

I welcomed this timely forum. Afghanistan, a country-participant and member-State of SAARC, has long been advocating for an acceleration of regionwide efforts to jump-start the process of regional economic integration. Doing so can indeed be a catalyst for the sustainable development of all South Asian nations, which hold so much promise in terms of both natural and human resources that should be harnessed for lifting the whole region out of poverty, disease, environmental degradation, and other challenges that directly feed terrorism, extremism and criminality in the region.

At the same time, regional economic integration remains the only option for addressing the long-standing, protracted interstate tensions in South Asia. We know this from the bitter experiences of Europe during the 18th, 19th, and early 20th centuries, where the pursuit of zero-sum foreign policies and militarism eventually led to the utter destruction of the whole continent in the two world wars.

But, in the wake of World War-II, Europeans realised that what unfortunately remains the status quo in South Asia, long-term national security and economic interests.

That is why they gradually but steadily moved toward long-term economic integration, which they understood could help address their short and long-term human and protective security needs, which were increasingly intertwined. Those needs could no longer be ensured by the pursuit of the same zero-sum approaches that caused two devastating wars.

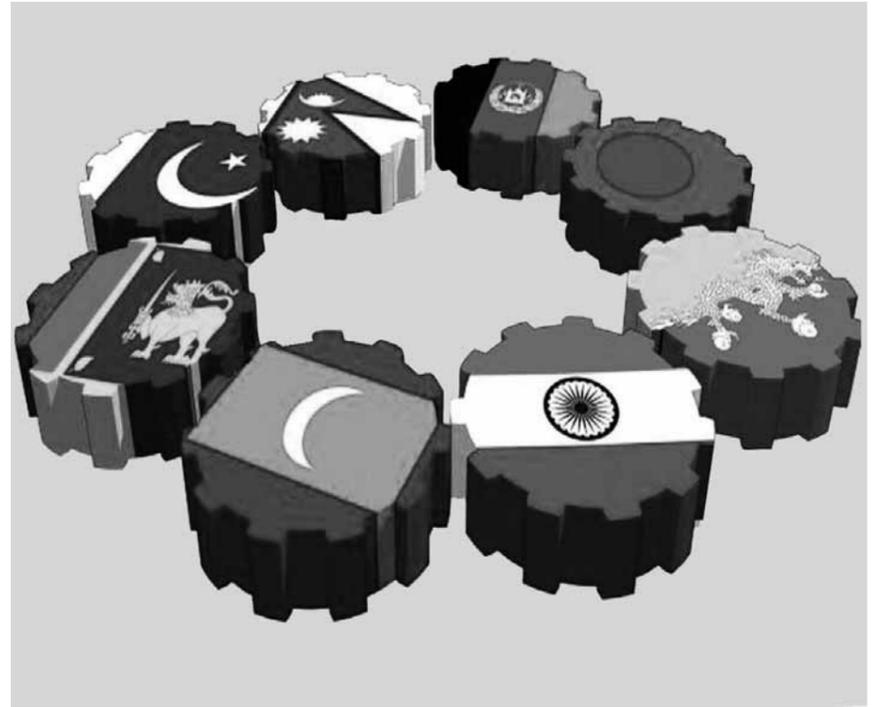
These harsh experiences and Western Europe's resulting adoption of a common economic market soon, began inspiring other regions of the world to form such regional groupings as the SAARC, the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), the Eurasian Economic Community (Eurasian Economic Community (EEC), the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), the African Union (AU), and the Union of South American Nations (USAN), to name a few.

As we know, however, not all these regional groupings have achieved their dream of meaningful economic integration on a par with Europe's associations.

SAARC stands out in having lagged far behind others because two of its key member-States remain hostile to each other. This continues to hinder efforts by the other member-States, including Afghanistan and Sri Lanka, to make steady progress toward regional economic integration, which underpinned the vision and mission of SAARC when it was established in 1985.

As we continue advocating for cooperation against confrontation among our neighbours, Afghanistan has consistently pursued a foreign policy that promotes regional economic cooperation against zero-sum hedging strategies.

We strongly believe that the replacement of confrontational policies at the regional level,



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with those of cooperative, win-win partnerships would gradually minimise the existing interstate tensions in South Asia. And this would enable SAARC to realise its vision, knowing that South Asia is an extremely young and naturally-endowed region where our youths demand jobs and a secure future in a common, interdependent neighbourhood.

Indeed, this won't come to pass unless South Asian Governments learn relevant lessons from pre and post-war Europe, that would encourage them to make tough but necessary policy choices against the status quo for achieving shared peace and prosperity across the region through economic integration.

The Government of Afghanistan has done its part and continues to do so. Despite the imposed security challenges the nation is facing, Afghanistan has put forth a strategic solution for adoption and implementation by its near and far neighbours: The Heart of Asia-Istanbul Process (HOA-IP) on Regional Security and Cooperation for a Secure and Stable Afghanistan and the Regional Economic Cooperation Conference on Afghanistan (RECCA). These Afghanistan-led processes were established to help secure regional cooperation for Afghanistan's stabilisation and sustainable development, thereby ensuring regionwide stability and prosperity, which SAARC strives to accomplish.

Even though HOA-IP and RECCA remain underutilised so far, it is in the best short and long-term interests of the countries — including India and Pakistan — that participate

in the two processes, to achieve the shared goals of the two platforms. Of course, every tangible step they take to utilise these interconnected processes will help minimise their own and other nations' security and socioeconomic vulnerabilities against the terrorist-extremist-criminal nexus that victimises Afghanistan more than any other country in the region.

This constructive thinking underpins our growing ties with the friendly Government and people of Sri Lanka, with whom Afghanistan shares an ancient civilisation.

Since I took up my assignment as Afghanistan's Ambassador to Sri Lanka last year, we have worked to further expand our bilateral relations with a focus on promoting full-spectrum connectivity that builds deeper economic, defence, cultural, and people-to-people ties between Afghanistan, Sri Lanka and the rest of South Asia.

In this light, we have met with numerous businesses, including members of Sri Lanka's chambers of commerce, to discuss the vast bilateral trade potential that needs to be realised.

More recently, high-powered Afghan delegations have met with the representatives of the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce; the Colombo Chamber of Commerce; the National Chamber of Commerce as well as the International Chamber of Commerce of Sri Lanka to discuss the formation of an Afghanistan-Sri Lanka Business Council to promote exchange of trade teams, business-to-business meetings and business match-making conferences, which should facilitate bilateral

investment between the two nations. To this end, we look forward to finalising and signing with Sri Lanka a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on trade and investment promotion and protection.

This step, together with our bilateral air services agreement, should facilitate the establishment of a direct passenger and cargo flight between Kabul and Colombo. When this happens as one of the country's key goals, Afghans and Sri Lankans should be able to reconnect with their shared heritage through tourism, trade, investment, education and cultural exchange.

Indeed, the achievement of this bilateral goal will help South Asia as a least connected region, make a giant leap forward towards regional economic integration — effectively connecting SAARC's northernmost member-State, Afghanistan, with its southernmost counterpart, Sri Lanka.

And this necessary connectivity will undoubtedly benefit the rest of South Asia where the challenges that face our nations and the opportunities that we must exploit to our shared advantage are increasingly intertwined. That is why others in the SAARC should consider doing away with the prevailing zero-sum approaches and join Afghanistan and Sri Lanka to operationalise the vision of SAARC for the common economic benefit of all of its member-States with increased interdependencies.

(The writer is the Ambassador of Afghanistan to Sri Lanka, as well as a Senior International Security Fellow at the New America in Washington-DC)

Indians voted for reforms in 2019 LS polls

The Finance Minister has indicated that a lot of the market rectifications or some of the other structural changes often on the list of economists are well on the cards, as a mandate of 303 makes them possible



KARAN BHASIN

The year 2019 will go down in Indian history as a critical juncture that changed the country's trajectory. With a switch in our direction, it is evident that we're going to change our eventual destiny. For the first time in 48 years of the country's political history, India elected a second term, full-majority Government in 2019.

It was also for the first time in the country's history that Indians voted for a reformist Government, thereby signalling a new dawn in the nation's politics. The electoral results broke the myth of the citizens voting against reforms, which prevailed in academic discussions for many years. Any analysis of the

developments of different events in 2019 cannot be without a detailed discussion on the significance of 303 seats.

The subsequent full majority Government of Prime Minister Narendra Modi comes with the backdrop of improved numbers for the BJP in the Rajya Sabha and a long list of States where the saffron party is currently in power. All of this opens interesting opportunities for some of the long-standing politically-sensitive, yet important economic reforms. More importantly, it gives the BJP the necessary political capital to take tough decisions.

Be it the issue of triple talaq or of Article 370, we see an unflinching commitment by the Government to its manifesto. Especially the so-called 'core' agenda of the BJP such as the Uniform Civil Code (UCC), Article 370 and the issue of construction of the Ram Temple. The way things stand, in 2019 at least two of these core promises have been delivered, one by the BJP and the other by the Supreme Court. It is important to

recognise the significance of both these achievements, as these were extremely challenging and contentious issues with severe political and social repercussions. The handling of both these issues has been with utmost care and this shows the level of empathy by our executive, judicial and legislative bodies. The Prime Minister's address after the judgment is extremely important as he welcomed the verdict and gave a call for the creation of a 'New India'. The theme of 'New India' seems to be consistent with Modi's agenda to build a more inclusive, dynamic and equitable society.

The focus is on creation of equal opportunities to ensure upward mobility in the nation's economy. The Government has drastically pivoted India's welfare programmes away from the leaky socialist ones. Smart welfare in the form of Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) must be viewed as a tool that aims at creating a basic and decent standard of living for all. This is also the year when India initiated one of the boldest corporate tax cuts in its history.

In fact, the reductions were one of the largest tax cuts in the 21st century. Their significance is difficult to fathom for many commentators, but the fact that it makes our tax rates competitive amongst other East Asian countries after a really long time, illustrates the importance of the same.

The Finance Minister too indicated that a lot of the market reforms or some of the other structural reforms often on the list of economists are well on the cards, as a mandate of 303 makes them possible. Recall the land ordinance during Modi 1.0, which became a problem because of the lack of numbers in the Rajya Sabha. Now there is no such problem and therefore, critical reforms such as land reforms can become a reality sooner rather than later.

The fact that growth is slower in 2019 is also an important thing that many have ignored. With the slowing coming early in the term of Modi 2.0, we are likely to see a lot of reforms to address some of the long-standing issues that affect the

economy. A bulk of these reforms have become necessary and urgent such as the corporate tax cuts. As it is often said, one should never miss an opportunity for reforms and certainly Modi 2.0 is not a Government to shy away from them. The significance of it all is that as the BJP delivers on its core agenda, Modi has created a new agenda of developing a 'New India'.

This implies an unflinching commitment towards economic growth and development for the next couple of years, which will likely result in a transformation of the country's economy and society.

The manifesto of the BJP seems to have become a form of social contract between the party and the people. It is this form of social contract that has enabled the growth of the party across the country, giving it further political capital to fulfil its promises.

It is interesting to also point out that just as the BJP is expanding, old allies like the Shiv Sena have parted ways. The power struggle between the two old partners over

the issue of rotational chief ministership and the subsequent falling out have plunged the State into a crisis of governance till the vexed *kissa kursi ka* (who will rule) Maharashtra is settled.

Clearly, none of the political parties in the country have learnt their lessons from the Karnataka debacle or the unsuccessful Jammu & Kashmir experience, which showed very clearly that unnatural alliances only result in misgovernance and political instability does more damage to institutions over a period, than anything else.

In the future, when fresh elections are held in Maharashtra, the people of the State will definitely ask all these political parties some tough questions. They will ask why their mandate to the saffron alliance was not respected and why governance in Maharashtra was put on hold for many days after the people had given their verdict.

At the end of the day, politics and economics are always intertwined and that is precisely why one needs to watch out and learn vital lessons from such developments.

No matter, what the result of the political games and machinations in Maharashtra, the fact remains that the sooner the reins of the State come into responsible hands, the faster the beleaguered State that has been reeling under a farm and water crisis, can head on the path of economic development.

More importantly, no matter how one looks at 2019, one finds significant political, social and cultural developments that are likely to have significant consequences for the future of the Indian economy. The BJP has an unflinching commitment to its social contract, which is resulting in further consolidation of its power.

With just another month and a half before 2019 ends, nobody knows what more is likely to happen, but one thing is for sure, Indian politics and the country are likely to have transformed into something better by the end of the year.

(The writer is a New Delhi-based public policy researcher)

Industrial production posts steepest fall in 8 yrs

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

In signs of continuing weakness in the economy, India's factory output shrank to the lowest level in eight years as all three broad-based sectors of capital goods production, consumer durables, and infrastructure and construction goods contracted.

The Index of Industrial Production (IIP) fell 4.3 per cent in September as compared to a contraction by 1.4 per cent in August 2019 and a growth of 4.6 per cent in factory output in the same month a year back, data released by the Ministry of Statistics showed on Monday.

The second straight month of contraction has taken the IIP to its lowest level since it shrank by 5 per cent in October

2011. On a quarterly basis, the second quarter of 2019-20 fiscal (July-September) saw IIP contracting by 0.4 per cent (Q1 3 per cent expansion and 5.3 per cent growth in Q2 FY19).

In September 2019, capital goods output dropped 20.7 per cent from a year ago, while consumer durables fell 9.9 per cent. Infrastructure and construction goods output fell 6.4 per cent. Intermediate goods was the only use-based classification that grew 7 per cent in September.

The contraction in IIP in September has dampened prospects of a quick recovery in economic growth after it slipped to a six-year low of 5 per cent in the April-June quarter this year.

Gross Domestic Product (GDP) data for July-September



is due on November 29.

"IIP has been very volatile and the small momentum of a couple of months fizzles out soon," said Devendra Kumar Pant, Chief Economist at India Ratings & Research.

"The Indian economy is presently facing a structural growth slow-down originating from declining household savings rate, and low agricultural growth." Low agricultural growth is feeding into low agricultural and non-agricultural wage growth in rural areas, which is impacting rural demand adversely, he said, hoping of a

cut in the interest rate in December.

During April to September, the IIP growth remained almost flat at 1.3 per cent compared to 5.2 per cent in same period last fiscal.

A slowdown was witnessed in the manufacturing sector, which declined by 3.9 per cent in September as compared to 4.8 per cent growth a year ago.

The power generation sector output dipped 2.6 per cent in September, compared to 8.2 per cent rise a year ago.

Mining output too fell by 8.5 per cent in September as against 0.1 per cent climb in the corresponding month last fiscal. Capital goods production, which is a barometer of investment, declined by 20.7 per cent in September compared to a 6.9 per cent hike in the year-

ago month.

As per use-based classification, the growth rates in September 2019 over September 2018 are (-) 5.1 per cent in primary goods, 7 per cent in intermediate goods and (-) 6.4 per cent in infrastructure/construction goods.

Consumer durables and consumer non-durables have recorded growth of (-) 9.9 per cent and (-) 0.4 per cent, respectively. In terms of industries, 17 out of 23 industry groups in the manufacturing sector have shown negative growth during September 2019 as compared to the same month last year.

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BUSINESS CORNER

NHPC'S NET PROFIT JUMPS 9.93% IN Q2

New Delhi: NHPC Limited has reported a 9.93% growth in the standalone net profit at ₹1339.46 Crore during second quarter of current fiscal FY 2019-20 against ₹1218.51 Crore of the corresponding period. Profit after tax for the half year is ₹2,220.60 Crore against ₹1956.08 Crore of the corresponding period. Sales for the second quarter of the current fiscal FY 2019-20 rose 4.25% to ₹2605.43 Crore, as compared to ₹2499.19 Crore reported in the year-ago period. Revenue is higher mainly due to better operational efficiency, operation of Kishanganga Power Station and revenue from Power Trading Business.



GADKARI TO INAUGURATE IITF 2019

New Delhi: The 39th edition of the India International Trade Fair 2019 will be inaugurated by the Hon'ble Minister of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME), Government of India Shri Nitin Gadkari at 11.00 am on November 14, 2019 at Hamsadhwani Theatre Pragati Maidan, New Delhi. Shri Som Parkash, the Hon'ble Minister of State for Commerce & Industry, Government of India will grace the inaugural function as the Guest of Honour. The theme for the 2019 edition of the fair (November 14-27, 2019) is "Ease of Doing Business" inspired by the unique achievement of India of rising up to the 63rd rank on the World Bank's Ease of Doing Business Index from 142nd rank in year 2014. The history of IITF is closely interwoven with India's struggle for socio-economic empowerment and industrialisation and its emergence as one of the most rapidly growing and dominant global economies. The Fair has been a unique platform for displaying the entrepreneurial skills and ingenuity of the people of India. It has become a part of the collective consciousness of the people of the country and is one of the most eagerly awaited annual events.

₹ skids 19 paise amid renewed global trade tiff concerns

Mumbai: The rupee on Monday tumbled by 19 paise to a near one-month low of 71.47 against the US dollar as fresh concerns over US-China trade deal and Hong Kong unrest kept forex market participants edgy.

Investors also played their

bets cautiously in view of India's rating outlook cut by Moody's investors Services last week.

Opening marginally lower, the Indian currency dropped to a low of 71.54 to the US dollar before settling at 71.47, showing a fall of 19 paise.

Benchmark indices clock marginal gains

Weak global cues weigh

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Benchmarks Sensex and Nifty on Monday managed to close in the green after a choppy session, with banking stocks saving the day for the indices which were otherwise battered by weak global sentiment.

For a better part of the session, the Indian market was engulfed by bouts of volatility triggered by a sharp fall in Asian equities amid escalating political issues in Hong Kong and uncertainty over US-China trade deal.

After swinging 266 points during the day, the 30-share Sensex ended 21.47 points, or 0.05 per cent, higher at 40,345.08.

Similarly, the broader NSE Nifty closed with a gain of mere 5.30 points, or 0.04 per cent, at 11,913.45.

Yes Bank was the top gainer in the Sensex pack rising 5.80 per cent, followed by Tata Motors, ICICI Bank, IndusInd



TOP GAINERS	TOP LOSERS
Yes Bank 5.80	Hero Motor -2.00
Tata Motors 1.68	Vedanta -1.90
ICICI Bank 1.53	TCS -1.42
IndusInd Bank 1.50	Reliance -1.21
Axis Bank 1.12	Asian Paints -1.09



TOP GAINERS	TOP LOSERS
Zee Ent. 6.16	Nestle India -2.37
Yes Bank 5.73	Hero Motor -2.12
BPCL 2.81	Hindalco -2.11
GAIL 2.48	Vedanta -1.93
Tata Motors 1.72	Cipla -1.75

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PROCLAMATION OF SALE UNDER RULE 52(2) OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961 READ WITH THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS DUE TO BANK AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS ACT, 1993

CD#1 Sh. Parmanand Sing B-80, Beta-1, Gautam Budh Nagar, Greater Noida-201308, UP Also at: Parmanand Sing, Flat No. 1806, 18th Floor, Tower-H, AVJ Heights, Plot No. GH-12/2, Sector Zeta-1, Greater Noida-201307, UP

CD#2 Sh. Aftab Alam S/o Sh. Sirajul Haque, G-519, Gamma-2, Greater Noida-201306, UP

CD#3 M/s AVJ Developers India Pvt.Ltd. Having its Registered Office at D/237, Vivek Vihar, Phase-I, Delhi-110095. Also At: M/s AVJ Developers India Ltd, AVJ Heights, Plot No. GH- 13/2, Sector Zeta-1, Greater Noida-201307, UP

- Whereas Recovery Certificate No. 251/2017 in O.A. No.685/ 2016 dated 24.08.2017 drawn by the Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal-II for the recovery of a sum of **Rs.12,01,671/- (Rupees Twelve Lacs One Thousand Six Hundred and Seventy One Only)** as become due from CDs as per Recovery Certificate drawn in O.A. No.685/2016 dated 24.08.2017 by the Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal-II, Delhi, **Rs.11,87,671 (Rupees Eleven Lacs Eight Seven Thousand Six Hundred and Seventy One Only)** along with interest @ 13% per annum simple from 01.09.2016 till realization with cost of **Rs.14,000/-** from the CDs jointly and severally.
- And whereas the undersigned has ordered the sale of property mentioned in the Schedule below in satisfaction of the said Recovery Certificate.
- Notice is hereby given that in absence of any order of postponement, the said property shall be sold by e-auction and bidding shall take place through "Online Electronic Bidding" through the website <https://www.bankelections.com> on 30.11.2019 between 11 a.m. to 12 noon with extensions of 5 minutes duration after 12 noon, if required.
- The sale shall be of the property of the CDs above-named as mentioned in the schedule below and the liabilities and claims attaching to the said property, so far as they have been ascertained, are those specified in the schedule against each lot.
- The property shall be put up for the sale as specified in the schedule. If the amount to be realized by sale is satisfied by the sale of a portion of the property, the sale shall be immediately stopped with respect to the remainder. The sale will also be stopped if, before auction is knocked down, the arrears mentioned in the said certificate, interest costs (including cost of the sale) are tendered to the officer conducting the sale or proof is given to his satisfaction that the amount of such certificate, interest and costs have been paid to the undersigned.
- No officer or other person, having any duty to perform in connection with sale, however, cital directly or indirectly bid for, acquire or attempt to acquire any interest in the property sold.
- The sale shall be subject to the conditions prescribed in the Second Schedule to the Income Tax Act, 1961 and the rules made thereunder and to the following further conditions.
- The particulars specified in the annexed schedule have been stated to the best of the information of the undersigned, but the undersigned shall not be answerable for any error, his statement or omission in this proclamation.
- The reserve price below which the property shall not be sold is **Rs. 13,44,000/- (Rupees Thirteen Lacs Forty Four Thousand) and the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) is Rs. 1,34,000/- (Rupees One Lacs thirty four Thousand Only)**.
- The interested bidders, who have submitted their bids not below the reserve price with documents including PAN Card, identity proof, address proof etc., latest by 28.11.2019 before 5.00 PM the Office of the Recovery Officer-I, DRT-II, Delhi, shall be eligible to participate the auction to be held from 11.00 AM to 12.00 Noon on 30.11.2019. In case bid is placed in the last minute of the time of the auction, the closing time will automatically get extended for 5 minutes.
- The bidder(s) shall improve their offer in multiples of **Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand Only)**.
- The unsuccessful bidder shall take the EMD directly from the Office of Recovery Officer-I, DKT II, Delhi/CH, i.e., ICICI Bank, immediately on closure of the e-auction sale proceedings.
- The Successful / highest bidder shall have to prepare Demand Draft Pay Order for 25% of the bid/sale amount favoring Recovery Officer-I, DRT-II, Delhi, A/C R.C. No. 251/2017 within 24 hours after close of e-auction and after adjusting the EMD and send/deposit the same in the office of the Recovery Officer-I, DRT-II, Delhi so as to reach within 3 days from the close of e-auction failing which the EMD shall be forfeited.
- The successful/ highest bidder shall deposit, through Demand Draft/Pay Order favoring Recovery Officer-I, DRT-II, Delhi, A/C R.C. No. 251/2017, the balance 75% of the sale proceeds below the Recovery Officer-I, DRT-II, Delhi on or before 15th day from the date of auction of the property, exclusive of such day, or if the 15th day be Sunday or other holiday, then on the first day after the 15th day longwith the poundage fee @ 2% upto Rs.1,000 and a 1% on the excess of such gross amount over Rs. 1000/- in favour of Registrar, DRT-II Delhi. In case of deposit of balance amount of 75 through post the same should reach the Recovery Officer as above).
- In case of default of payment within the prescribed period, the property shall be sold, after the issue of fresh proclamation of sale. The deposit, after defraying the expenses of the sale, ay, if the undersigned thinks fit, be forfeited to the Government and the defaulting purchaser shall forfeit all claims to the property or to any part of the sum for which it may subsequently be sold.
- The property is being sold on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS".
- The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids found unrenegoric on postpone the auction at any time without assigning any reason

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY

Description of the property to be sold	Revenue assessed upon the property or any part thereof	Details of any encumbrance to which property is liable	Claims, if any, which have been put forward to the property Other known partitur bearing on its nature and value
Property bearing Flat No.1806, 18th Floor, Tower-H, AVJ Heights, Plot No. GH-12/2, Sector-Zeta-1, Greater Noida-201307, UP	Not known	Not known	Not known

Given under my hand and seal on 14.10.2019.

(Shiv Kumar)
Recovery Officer
DRT-II, Delhi

Turbulence in world politics hurting growth, says Moody's

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Increasingly unfriendly global political environment with tensions between the US and China over trade, India and Pakistan over Kashmir, EU and the UK over Brexit are "growth-diminishing", Moody's said on Monday.

The antagonistic political environment is weakening global and national institutions, lowering the shock-absorption capacity of sovereigns with high debt burdens and low fiscal buffers, it said.

"While the starkest example is clearly the trade war between the US and China, distracting and, in some cases, growth-diminishing tensions have also risen in the Gulf, between Japan (A1 stable) and Korea (Aa2 stable), India and Pakistan (B3 negative), the US and the EU, and the EU and the UK," the ratings agency said.

The slowdown, Moody's said, partly reflects cyclical factors, partly structural drivers, including demographic trends.

UK economy avoids recession with 0.3 per cent quarterly growth

AFP ■ LONDON

Britain's Brexit-facing economy avoided entering recession in the third quarter with growth of 0.3 per cent, official data showed on Monday.

Gross domestic product rebounded in the July-September period after a 0.2-per cent contraction in the second quarter, the Office for National Statistics (ONS) said in an initial estimate.

The technical definition of a recession is two straight quarters of negative growth. Economic activity was propelled largely by the construction and services sectors, while the production sector was flat.

"GDP grew steadily in the third quarter, mainly thanks to a strong July," said an ONS spokesman.

"Services again led the way with construction also performing well. "Manufacturing failed to grow as falls in most industries were offset by car production bouncing back," he added.

Govt formulating policy on credit ratings for MSMEs, says Gadkari

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Government is in the process of formulating a policy on credit ratings for micro, small and medium enterprises to help investors and other players take informed decision, Union Minister Nitin Gadkari said on Monday.

Addressing International Women's Entrepreneurial Challenge Foundation, Gadkari said MSME contributed 49 per cent of India's total export.

The event was organised by Ficci Ladies Organisation (FLO) here.

"We are going to start digital data based credit rating system... We are going to make the rating of the industry... It can give information about the MSMEs. That can be more easy for taking any decision because rating is now very important. So, now we are formulating the policy and we are going to make some scheme for them and that will be very useful," MSME Minister Gadkari said.

MMTC floats tenders for import of 4K tonnes of onion

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The minister also said that the government is using technology and innovations to boost agricultural and tribal sectors through new technologies and innovations.

He gave examples of honey and oranges being used in various products, which has resulted in the increased production and market value of these products. The Government is working on backward integration to develop rural industry and create employment, he said, adding that the employment potential is 11 crore.

At the same time, innovations and skill development in the MSME industry are being carried with the collaboration of German government to make Indian products more competitive in the International market, he said.

He emphasised that the international companies should look at India for setting up their manufacturing base as it will reduce their manufacturing cost by 25-40 per cent while ensuring the quality.

Pradhan woos foreign firms to invest in India's oil & gas sector

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India on Monday wooed foreign companies to invest in its oil and gas sector as the world's third-largest energy consumer is likely to see over \$100 billion spending in energy infrastructure creation to meet rising demand.

Oil Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, who is on a two-day visit to the United Arab Emirates, showcased investment opportunities, promising political and fiscal stability, predictable policies and a huge diverse market.

"Our focus is to attract global investments into the oil and gas sector, as India would invest USD 100 billion by 2024 in refining, pipelines and gas terminals," he said at a conference in Abu Dhabi. "There is no better place to invest (than India) if you are in the business of energy."

India is expanding oil refining capacity to produce more fuel and petrochemicals as also investing in pipelines and terminals to increase the share of natural gas in the energy mix.

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

(SECTION 82 Cr.Pc.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that the accused person **Rajesh Kumar, S/o, Ajeet Singh R/o H.No. 82, Pkt-06, Sector-25, Rohini, Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No. 160/19 u/s 33/58 Ex. Act, P.S. Shahbad Dairy, Delhi** and it has been returned to warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said accused person **Rajesh Kumar**, cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Rajesh Kumar**, has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Rajesh Kumar**, Under **FIR No. 160/19 u/s 33/58 Ex. Act, P.S. Shahbad Dairy, Delhi**, is required to appear before the court on or before **20.12.2019**.

By order
Ms Manu Goel Kharb,
Ld MM North, Room No. 114
Rohini Courts, Delhi

DP/76/O/N/19

Appeal For Identification



General public is hereby informed that this person Name : Unknown, S/o : Unknown, R/o : Unknown, Age : Approx 35 Yrs., Sex : Male, Height : 5'8", Complexion : Shallow, Built : Medium, Face : Round, Wearing : Cream Colour Shirt with Black Dots & Dark Blue Lower and bare footed. has been found dead on 02.11.2019 at 06:13 pm at LNJP Hospital, Delhi. In this regard a FIR/DD No. 07-A Dated 02.11.2019 has been lodged at PS. Bawana, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this person but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this person may kindly inform to the following.

SHO
PS. Bawana, Delhi
Ph. : 011-27752534, 8750870321

China's Jingye forges rescue deal for British Steel

AFP ■ LONDON

Chinese industrial giant Jingye Group has agreed to buy bankrupt British Steel for an undisclosed amount, the official receiver said Monday in a rescue deal that saves thousands of jobs.

Jingye added separately that it would invest 1.2 billion pounds (\$1.5 billion, 1.4 billion euros) over the next decade to place the business, which collapsed in May, on a competitive and sustainable footing.

"The Official Receiver and Special Managers from EY can confirm that a sales contract has been entered into with Jingye

Steel (UK) Ltd and Jingye Steel (UK) Holding Ltd to acquire the business and assets of British Steel Limited," read a statement. A source had already confirmed to AFP that a deal was in the works earlier on Monday, amid press reports that Jingye would pay 70 million.

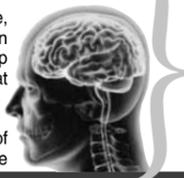
Jingye will purchase British Steel's sprawling steelworks at Scunthorpe, northern England, as well as its other UK mills.

The deal also includes the company's stakes in Dutch steelmaker FN Steel, British Steel France, and specialist UK manufacturer TSP Engineering.



Clock It

Researchers have found that stress hormone, and not neurons, manage the fixed circadian rhythm that controls everything from sleep needs to body temperature. This means that we have two systems — the nervous and the hormonal system that communicate perfectly and influence one another, all in the course of a reasonably tight 24-hour programme



DOCYARD DR AMITABH GUPTA HOD Neurosurgery BATRA HOSPITAL, NEW DELHI



The unnerving dilemma

Pain in the face, jaw and the nose area can be devastating, and such symptoms should seldom be ignored. This intense, stabbing, electric shock-like pain can be an underlying cause of some major complication in the head. The pain typically involves the lower face and jaw, although sometimes it affects the area around the nose and above the eye and is caused by irritation of the trigeminal nerve, which sends branches to the forehead, cheek and lower jaw. It usually is limited to one side of the face.

The trigeminal nerve is the fifth of 12 pairs of cranial nerves in the head. It is the nerve responsible for providing sensation to the face. One trigeminal nerve runs to the right side of the head, while the other runs to the left. Each of these nerves has three distinct branches. After the trigeminal nerve leaves the brain and travels inside the skull, it divides into three smaller branches, controlling sensations throughout the face.

Trigeminal Neuralgia — Prevalence: While the disorder can occur at any age, it is most common in people over the age of 50. The National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke notes that trigeminal neuralgia is more common in women than in men. Additionally, there is evidence that the disorder runs in families, likely as a result of an inherited blood vessel formation. Hypertension and multiple sclerosis also are risk factors.

The most commonly reported cause of jaw pain is temporomandibular joint disorder (TMD). The condition affects up to 12 per cent of people. Nearly 5 per cent seek medical treatment due to the severity of the problem. Women of childbearing age are most commonly affected by TMD.

Pain can also be caused by lifestyle-related factors, including emotional stress, sleep disturbances, a lack of certain nutrients, or tiredness. The cause of the pain usually is due to contact between a healthy artery or vein and the trigeminal nerve at the base of the brain. This places pressure on the nerve as it enters the brain and causes the nerve to misfire.

Lifestyle strategies to reduce jaw pain long-term. Stress reduction: Try stress-relieving techniques to reduce jaw clenching like yoga, meditation and journaling.

Avoid chewy foods. Avoid caffeine: Avoiding large amounts of caffeinated coffee and tea may help reduce your jaw pain over time, but you may initially feel muscle tension from caffeine withdrawal when cutting it out of your diet.

Medical treatment: Most doctors will first recommend non-invasive treatment methods for your jaw pain. If you still have jaw pain after trying these methods, you should talk to your dentist. You may need further interventions to find relief for your pain.

Mouthguard: A mouthguard is a plastic dental protector worn on your upper or lower teeth that's custom-fitted for your mouth. Although you can purchase one at a pharmacy, a dentist will make you one that may fit better and last longer. Wearing one at bedtime can help stop you from unconsciously grinding your teeth.

Jaw surgery: In very rare instances, a doctor will recommend jaw surgery to correct TMD problems. This treatment is usually reserved for people with severe pain and pain that's due to structural problems in the jaw joint.

The following tests may help them to find out more about the cause of jaw pain, including: Physical exam, including assessment of the nerves, neck bones, jaw, mouth and muscles. Certain laboratory tests, such as an erythrocyte sedimentation rate blood test, used in the diagnosis of conditions involving pain.

WARMFOODS

CHILI: Chili, commonly known as chili pepper are widely used in many cuisines as a spice to add heat to dishes. Capsaicin, the chemical in chili peppers that makes them hot, is used as an analgesic in topical ointments, nasal sprays, and dermal patches to relieve pain. It also aids the circulatory system and prevents heart disease by lowering blood serum cholesterol and reduces lipid deposits, and therefore, reverses excessive blood clotting. It also dilates the blood vessels to aid in blood flow. Hot peppers are full of beta carotene and antioxidants that support your immune system and will aid in fighting off colds and flu. Research has found that nasal sprays containing capsaicin reduce congestion. Increased body temperature from the ingestion of hot peppers triggers the immune system into action in fighting the norovirus (cold) and flu viruses. Consumption of peppers fights against 16 fungal strains by reducing fungal pathogens.

NOT A SWEET DEAL

According to the International Diabetes Federation Atlas 2015, 69.2 million Indians are Diabetic. DR ANURAG BANSAL tells you how to keep the disease in check



Diabetes is a metabolic disease which is caused due to high sugar in the blood. The hormone insulin transfers sugar from the blood to the cells which is stored and used as energy. With Diabetes, the body either doesn't reproduce enough insulin or can't effectively utilise the insulin to its optimal.

Untreated high blood sugar from Diabetes can damage your kidneys, eyes, nerves and other organs.

Symptoms: Diabetes symptoms are caused due to rising blood sugar:

- Increased hunger
Increased thirst
Weight loss
Frequent urination
Blurry vision
Extreme fatigue
Sores that doesn't heal

Causes: Multiple causes are associated with different types of Diabetes.

Type I Diabetes: The causes of type 1 diabetes are still not very well known. For some reason, the immune system mistakenly attacks and destroys insulin-producing beta cells in the pancreas. Genes may play a role in some people.

Type II Diabetes: Type II Diabetes stems from a combination of genetics and lifestyle factors. Being overweight or obese increases your risk too. Carrying extra weight makes the cells more resistant to the effects of insulin in your blood sugar. This condition runs in families. Family members share genes that make them more likely to get Type II Diabetes and to be overweight.

Anyone who has symptoms of diabetes or is at risk for the disease are suggested to get themselves tested. Women are routinely tested for gestational diabetes during their second or third trimesters of pregnancy.

Doctors use the following blood tests to diagnose pre-diabetes and diabetes:

The fasting plasma glucose (FPG) test measures your blood sugar after you've fasted for eight hours.

The HbA1c test provides a snapshot of your blood sugar levels over the previous three months.

HbA1c is a test which is generally offered to diabetic people to evaluate their average blood glucose levels over a period of two-three months. Although it has also been recognised as a diagnostic test of Diabetes mellitus but its prime importance is to see the compliance of the patient and long term control over glucose levels.

Glycosylation is an enzymatic reaction in which glucose molecule attached non-covalently to the Hemoglobin molecule. Generally the per-

Diagnosis



centage of glycosylated hemoglobin remains less than 5 per cent of total hemoglobin in normal population. In diabetic people, as the glucose level increases, percentage of glycosylated Hb rises in a linear fashion. Since the RBCs have a life span of around 120 days so HbA1c stays in the blood till old RBCs are replaced by new one. So HbA1c will give us an approximate idea of blood glu-

cose levels maintained by patient in past few months.

Unlike blood glucose levels which keep on fluctuating all the day, HbA1c does not get affected by the last meal and therefore serves a good marker for long term glucose control.

To diagnose gestational diabetes, your doctor will test your blood sugar levels between the 24th and 28th weeks of your pregnancy.

During the glucose challenge test, your blood sugar is checked an hour after you drink a sugary liquid.

During the three-hour glucose tolerance test, the blood sugar is being checked after an overnight fasting and breaking the fast with consumption of a sugary liquid.

The earlier you get diagnosed with diabetes, the sooner you can start treatment. Find out whether you should get tested, and get more information on tests your doctor might perform.

Prevention



Type I Diabetes isn't preventable as it occurs due to the problem in the immune system. Some causes of Type II Diabetes, such as your genes or age, aren't under your control either.

Yet many other risk factors are controllable. Making simple adjustments to the diet and fitness routine can accelerate the prevention strategies.

If you've been diagnosed with

prediabetes, here are a few things you can do to delay or prevent Type II Diabetes:

- Get at least 150 minutes per week of aerobic exercise, such as walking or cycling.
Cut saturated and trans fats, along with refined carbohydrates, out of your diet.
Eat more fruits, vegetables, and whole grains.
Eat smaller portions.

Don't stress out

With today's fast paced lifestyle, stress has become a part and parcel of everyone's life and can affect people differently. According to the International Diabetes Federation Atlas 2015, an estimated 69.2 million Indians are Diabetic, which as per the WHO assessment stood at 63 million in the year 2013.

There are lot of evidences which suggest that stress hormones in the body may directly affect glucose levels which can affect Diabetes Mellitus Type II in terms of both onset and exacerbation.

There are various stressors which can increase a person's risk of developing diabetes, including: Stressful life events or disturbing experiences



- Anger
Work stress
Distressed sleep
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DadiKaKehna

Those living in Delhi are constantly inhaling impure air due to vehicular pollution. But the air quality worsens during November. However, a few simple home remedies can minimise the ill-effects, says ROSHANI DEVI



Those living in Delhi are well-aware of the ill-effects of living with poor Air Quality Index. During this time several things combine together to make the air poisonous. But a few simple home remedies can help reduce the ill-effects.

Here's what one can do: We all know the benefits of neem when it comes to treating skin problems. But did you know that the leaf can also be used to reduce the effects. Boil neem leaves in water. Take a bath with this. It will help to wash off the pollutants that stick to your skin and hair. Though the leaf is bitter to taste, try eating four-five leaves daily after washing them properly.

Tulsi is another leaf that can come to your rescue. If you don't have a plant buy it today, it absorbs pollution. Also, drink 10 ml of tulsi juice. Eat garlic and onions. You can cook your veggies with it to help you boost immunity. Include ginger in your diet. Add grated ginger to your cup of tea or chew a fresh piece with a pinch of salt. Eat plenty of citrus fruits like oranges. The Vitamin C not only helps boost immunity, it lessens the effects of air pollution as well.



TIPTOP

Ageing is a process where over time an individual experience a decline in performance, productivity and health. Problems of senior citizen usually appear after the age of 60 years and above. At this age, elder citizens face medical, economic, social and psychological problems. A common set of health issues in the elderly population are degenerative diseases like dementia, Alzheimer's, osteoarthritis, Parkinson's disease and eye diseases like age related macular degeneration (AMD).

AMD is one of the important causes of severe visual loss in the elderly population and constitutes 8.7 per cent of blindness in the world. Age-related Macular Degeneration is a disease where abnormal blood vessels grow in the macula (centre part of retina) causing damage to the centre vision. However, early diagnosis and timely

treatment of AMD can help prevent depression and vision loss and quality of life of the patients.

Dr Rajvardhan Azad, Senior Consultant Vitreoretinal Surgeon, Former Chief, Dr R P Centre, AIIMS New Delhi, President of ALL India Collegium of Ophthalmology says: "The common symptoms of retinal disorders like AMD include blurred or distorted vision, dark spots in central vision or straight lines appearing wavy. Retinal diseases are often underdiagnosed as the symptoms as there is no pain and the other eye compensates for the poor eye. Only when profound loss of eye sight or the patient closes one eye it gets noticed therefore it is imperative to understand the symptoms and seek expert advice as early diagnosis can help prevent loss of vision."

SLIMLINE

Spanish health authorities confirmed last week (November 9, 2019) a case of a man spreading dengue through sex, a world first for a virus which until recently was thought to be transmitted only by mosquitoes.

The case concerns a 41-year-old man from Madrid who contracted dengue after having sex with his male partner who picked up the virus from a mosquito bite during a

trip to Cuba. His dengue infection was confirmed in September and it puzzled doctors because he had not travelled to a country where the disease, which causes severe flu-like symptoms such as high fever and body aches, is common. His partner presented the same symptoms and had previously visited Cuba and the Dominican Republic.

—AFP

TIPS FOR YOUTHFUL SKIN



Skin ageing has become a common phenomenon. DR AJAY RANA tells you how one can achieve a perfect young look naturally

Skin ageing has become a common problem today. Be it men or women, the problem is faced by ample number of people. The unhealthy and processed food is one of main cause of skin ageing. Processed foods contain all type of ingredients which body doesn't recognise and that leads to skin ageing and a weakened immune system. Skin ageing is characterised by features such as rough-textured appearance, wrinkling and loss of elasticity.

However, age and skin aging processes have been considered complex even with different factors. The conventional ageing mostly depends upon the individual genes, proteins, and other intrinsic in isolation. But, the processes of ageing involve the interaction of physical, biological, psychological, social and cultural aspects as well. Ageing also is affected by personal habits, diet and living environments beside medical issues. The effects of physical exercise, drugs, vitamins, hormones and antioxidants may have an impact on longevity. Skin is the hurdle that set apart the body from the outer environment. Besides protecting the body from water loss and infections, it has an important cosmetic role. However, exposure to sunlight is the one of the biggest culprit in ageing skin. Over time, the sun's ultraviolet light damages certain fibers produced in the skin called elastin. The breakdown of elastin fibers causes stretch, skin to sag, and lose its ability to restore back after stretching.

As a society, we value beauty and strive to look young and that leads us to the companies which exploit these desires, knowing that we will try anything in our search for a miracle cure for ageing and using skin care products that sting or burn that leaves your skin irritated which damages the skin and as a result, the natural oils found on face surface go rancid, which breaks down collagen and speeds ageing. One of the most important ways you can prevent your skin from ageing is to make sure you're not dousing it with harmful chemicals.

There are few ways which can help you slow-down your ageing. Try drinking two-three liters of water per day. Hydrating keeps one's skin looking young, bright and glowing.

Exercising regularly decreases the chance for persistent disease, depression and cognitive decline, and can keep your skin looking younger

Use fish oils. These supplements are rich in the essential omega-3 fatty acids EPA and DHA and enhance cardiovascular, vision health; strengthen skin, hair, and nails, and memory skills.

Glutathione is the master antioxidant in the body and also known for one of the most powerful supplements for slowing down the ageing process

Alpha Lipoic Acid (ALA) is a potent, versatile antioxidant that helps to fend off inflammation, balances blood sugar and protect skin's collagen.

Stop Smoking. It greatly speeds up your skin ages. It causes wrinkles and a dull, sallow complexion.

Regular exercise can improve circulation and boost the immune system. This, may give the skin a more-youthful appearance.

Apply a facial moisturiser on a daily basis. Moisturiser keeps water in our skin, giving it a more youthful appearance.

Stem cell transplantation is a promising therapy for the treatment of skin ageing. Adipose tissue transplantation could improve skin quality and also contribute to the regeneration of skin during ageing.

The writer is Founder-Director, ILAMED

STUDYCENTRE

Weight-loss or bariatric surgeries are not usually performed in people above the age of 65. But researchers, including Indian-origin, have now found that these procedures could lead to successful weight loss and better Diabetes control in older adults.

The study, presented at the Society for Endocrinology annual conference in Brighton, UK, indicates that elderly patients treated with bariatric surgery (gastric bypass or gastric sleeve) can recover well and have a reduced risk of obesity-related complications, including heart disease and diabetes.

"Although based on a small number of patients, our data suggest that successful weight loss and improved diabetes control can be safely achieved with surgery in older patients, which could have real benefits for their longevity and quality of life," said study researcher Nader Lessan from the Abu Dhabi-based Imperial College London Diabetes Centre.

The only adverse effects reported during the two year period were iron and Vitamin D deficiencies, which happen in younger patients too. "Management of obesity and diabetes in old age is challenging. There is a lot of scepticism around conducting weight-loss surgery in patients over 65," Lessan said.

The study suggests these procedures could be considered in older adults as an effective intervention to aid weight loss and associated complications. —IANS

How Trump's impeachment will unroll

AFP ■ WASHINGTON

The start of open hearings in the impeachment investigation into President Donald Trump on Wednesday will give the American public their first chance to witness live the explosive showdown between Democrats and Republicans over the US leader's future.

The hearing before the House Intelligence Committee

marks the second phase of the impeachment investigation into allegations that Trump abused his powers by seeking help for his 2020 reelection campaign from Ukraine.

Trump is under threat of becoming only the third president in US history to be impeached — formally charged with violating his duties as president or committing crimes, and placed on trial in

the Senate.

With Democrats in control of the House of Representatives, impeachment appears highly likely, as soon as the end of 2019.

But the Republicans hold a majority in the Senate, a bulwark against him being convicted and removed from office — unless they turn against him.

There is still much to do, but analysts believe the entire process could be completed before the end of January.

On Wednesday, the House Intelligence Committee takes the impeachment investigation public after six weeks of closed-door depositions from White House, State Department and other officials.

Those depositions have already painted a fairly complete picture of how Trump and aides, including personal lawyer Rudy Giuliani, pressured Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky to open investigations that could con-

ceivably find political dirt against the Democrats and Trump's possible 2020 election rival Joe Biden.

Some of the witnesses who already testified privately will be recalled to face the public panel, starting with Ambassador William Taylor, Washington's top diplomat in Ukraine, and Deputy Assistant Secretary of State George Kent on Wednesday, and former Ambassador to Ukraine Marie Yovanovitch on Friday.

Donald has not done anything to be impeached, says Haley

New York: Nikki Haley, the former US ambassador to the UN, has backed embattled Donald Trump, with the Indian-origin Republican leader saying the President has not done anything that warrants an impeachment, which she said is like a "death penalty" for a public official.

President Trump, a Republican, is accused of trying to pressure Ukraine into investigating unsubstantiated corruption claims against his Democratic Party political rival

and former vice president Joe Biden, and his son who worked with an Ukrainian gas company.

On Wednesday, the House Intelligence Committee is scheduled to open hearings in the impeachment investigation. It will mark the second phase of the impeachment investigation into allegations that Trump abused his powers by seeking help for his 2020 re-election bid from Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelensky. *PTI*

US urges early Iraq polls, halt to violence against protesters

Washington: The United States on Sunday urged Iraqi authorities to hold early polls and carry out electoral reforms, and called for an end to the violence against protesters that has left hundreds dead.

Washington wants "the Iraqi government to halt the violence against protesters and full-fill President (Barham) Saleh's promise to pass electoral reform and hold early elections," the White House said in a statement.

"The United States is seriously concerned by continued attacks against protesters, civic activists, and the media, as well as restrictions on internet access, in Iraq," it said.

Mass rallies calling for an overhaul of the ruling system have rocked the capital Baghdad and the Shiite-majority south since October 1, but political forces closed ranks this week to defend the Government. *AFP*

Turkey begins deporting foreign jihadists

Istanbul: Turkey said Monday it had begun sending back foreign jihadists to their countries of origin, with an American already expelled and more than 20 Europeans in the process of deportation.

A "foreign terrorist fighter" from the US was deported early on Monday, with two more — from Germany and Denmark — due to be expelled later in the day, interior ministry spokesman Ismail Catakli told state news agency Anadolu.

Seven more Germans were due for deportation on Thursday, he added, while 11 French citizens, two Irish and at least two additional Germans were also being processed.

Turkey has criticised Western countries for refusing to repatriate their citizens who left to join the Islamic State group (IS) in Syria and Iraq, and stripping some of them of their citizenship.

Interior Minister Suleyman

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1. Whereas Recovery Certificate No. 137/2018 in O.A. No.854/2016 dated 17.04.2018 drawn by the Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal-II for the recovery of a sum of **Rs.67,56,071/- (Rupees Sixty Seven Lacs Fifty Six Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy One Only)** as become due from CDs as per Recovery Certificate drawn in O.A. No.854/2016 dated 17.04.2018 by the Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal-II, Delhi, **Rs.66,87,071 (Rupees Sixty Six Lacs Eight Seven Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy One only)** along with interest @ 13% per annum simple from 23.09.2018 till realization with cost of **Rs.69,000/-** from the CDs jointly and severally.
2. And whereas the undersigned has ordered the sale of property mentioned in the Schedule below in satisfaction of the said Recovery Certificate.
3. Notice is hereby given that in absence of any order of postponement, the said property shall be sold by e-auction and bidding shall take place through "Online Electronic Bidding" through the website <https://www.bankelections.com> on 30.11.2019 between 11 a.m. to 12 noon with extensions of 5 minutes duration after 12 noon, if required.
4. The sale shall be of the property of the CDs above-named as mentioned in the schedule below and the liabilities and claims attaching to the said property, so far as they have been ascertained, are those specified in the schedule against each lot.
5. The property shall be put up for the sale as specified in the schedule. If the amount to be realized by sale is satisfied by the sale of a portion of the property, the sale shall be immediately stopped with respect to the remainder. The sale will also be stopped if, before auction is knocked down, the arrears mentioned in the said certificate, interest costs (including cost of the sale) are tendered to the officer conducting the sale or gift is given to his satisfaction that the amount of such certificate, interest and costs have been paid to the undersigned.
6. No officer or other person, having any duty to perform in connection with sale, however, direct or indirect, shall acquire or attempt to acquire any interest in the property sold.
7. The sale shall be subject to the conditions prescribed in the Second Schedule to the Income Tax Act, 1961 and the rules made thereunder and to the following further conditions.
7.1 The particulars specified in the annexed schedule have been stated to the best of the information of the undersigned, but the undersigned shall not be answerable for any error, his statement or omission in this proclamation.
7.2 The reserve price below which the property shall not be sold is **Rs. 72,82,000/- (Rupees Seventy Two Lacs Eighty Two Thousand Only)** and the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) **15 Rs. 7,28,000/- (Rupees Seven Lacs Twenty Eight Thousand Only)**.
7.3 The interested bidders, who have submitted their bids not below the reserve price along with documents including PAN Card, identity proof, address proof etc., latest by 28.11.2019 before 5.00 PM the Office of the Recovery Officer-I, DRT-II, Delhi, shall be eligible to participate in the auction to be held from 11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon on 30.11.2019. In case bid is placed in the last minute of the despatch time of the auction, the closing time will automatically get extended for 5 minutes.
7.4 The bidders shall improve their offer in multiples of **Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand Only)**.
7.5 The unsuccessful bidder shall take the EMD directly from the Office of Recovery Officer-I, DRT-II, Delhi/CH, i.e., ICICI Bank, immediately on closure of the e-auction sale proceedings.
7.6 The Successful / highest bidder shall have to prepare Demand Draft/Fay Order for 25% of the bid/sale amount favoring Recovery Officer-I, DRT-II, Delhi, A/C R.C. No. 137/2018 within 24 hours after close of e-auction and after adjusting the EMD and send/deposit the same in the office of the Recovery Officer-I, DRT-II, Delhi so as to reach within 3 days from the close of e-auction failing which the EMD shall be forfeited.
7.7 The successful/ highest bidder shall deposit, through Demand Draft/Fay Order, favoring Recovery Officer-I, DRT-II, Delhi, A/C R.C. No. 137/2018, the balance 75% of the sale proceeds below the Recovery Officer-I, DRT-II, Delhi on or before 15th day from the date of auction of the property, exclusive of such day, or if the 15th day be Sunday or other holiday, then on the first day after the 15th day longwith the postage fee @ 2% upto Rs.1,000 and a 1% on the excess of such gross amount over Rs. 1,000-in favour of Registrar, DRT-II Delhi. In case of deposit of balance amount of 75 through post the same should reach the Recovery Officer as above.
7.8 In case of default of payment within the prescribed period, the property shall be sold, after the issue of fresh proclamation of sale. The deposit, after defraying the expenses of the sale, if the undersigned thinks fit, be forfeited to the Government and the defaulting purchaser shall forfeit all claims to the property or to any part of the sum for which it may subsequently be sold.
8. The property is being sold on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS".
9. The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids found unenforceable on postpone the auction at any time without assigning any reason

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The office of Executive Engineer (Maintenance), MB-II, Chhinalisaur (Uttarkashi) invites tender for the following work:-
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4. Earnest Money : ₹ 30000/-
5. Date & Time of availability of : 13.11.2019 at 16:00 Hrs bid document in the portal
6. Last Date/Time for receipt of : 05-12-2019 up to 16:00 Hrs bid in the portal
7. Last Date/Time for receipt of : 09-12-2019 up to 11:00 Hrs Hard copy in the office
8. Date of opening of bid : 10-12-2019 at 11:00 Hrs on the website
9. Name & Address of the officer inviting the bid: EE (Maintenance), MB-II, Dharasu Power House, Dharasu. Further details, subsequent addendum/corrigendum/ cancellation etc. may be seen at e-procurement portal "http://uktenders.gov.in" पत्रांक सं 643/रिक्त 11.11.2019
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OA NO 34/19 **Karnataka Bank Ltd** APPLICANT **VERSUS** **M/s Ajay Electronics And Home Appliances** RESPONDENT
To, DEFENDANT
M/s Ajay Electronics & Home Appliances, Through Its Proprietor Mr Arun Kumar Bhardwaj S/o Mr. Satya Prakash Aged About 34 Years 1/7224, F.F. Main Babarpura Road Shivaji Park Delhi - 32
Also at: 1/5304-C, Gali No. 12, Balbir Nagar Extension Delhi - 32
2. Mr. Ajay Kumar Sharma S/o Sukhpal Sharma 1/7216A, Gali No. 1, Shivji Park Shahdara Delhi - 32
Whereas the above named applicant (s) has/have instituted a case for recovery of **Rs 3,52,87,715/- (Rupee Three Crore Fifty Two Lakh Eighty Seven Thousand Seven Hundred And Fifteen Only)** against you and whereas it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in the ordinary way therefore, this notice is given by advertisement directing you to make appearance in the Tribunal on **20.12.2019 At 10.30 A.M.**
Take notice that in default of your appearance on the day before the mentioned, the case will be heard and determined in your absence.
By Order Of the Tribunal Section Officer, DRT-II, New Delhi.

BEFORE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, DELHI
4TH FLOOR, JEEVAN TARA BUILDING, PARLIAMENT STREET, NEW DELHI - 110001
O.A.No. 56/19 Date: 19.09.2019
Corporation Bank, Applicant
Vs. Mr. K Vivekanand Tiwari & Ors Respondent
1. Defendant
2. Annapurna Leisure Valley Pvt. Ltd. (Builder & Developer) 307, 3rd Floor Nipun Tower Plot No. 15, Community Centre, Karandooma Delhi-92
Also at: C-58/04, Sec-62, Noida
Also at: 8, West End, Green Farms Rajokan Village Delhi-38
Also at: 53, AGCR Enclave Delhi-92
Also at: Plot No. 225, Sec-6, Vasthi Ghaziabad UP-201010.
Whereas the above named applicant (s) has/have instituted a case for recovery of **Rs.1,41,20,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Forty One Thousand Three Hundred and Forty Eight Only)** against you and whereas it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in the ordinary way. Therefore this notice is given by advertisement directing you to make appearance in this Tribunal on **14.11.2019 at 10:30 A.M.**
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PUBLIC NOTICE
To be known to all that my client, Mr. Sushil Kumar Masawan, S/o Sh. Krishna Gopal Masawan owner/ allottee of LIG Flat No. C-38, Second Floor, Pocket-C, Mayapuri, Phase-II, Delhi, has applied for conversion of the aforesaid flat from lease hold to free hold vide File No. L1/3(455)1985/02NP in DDA. The original documents i.e. Demand/ Allotment Letter, Possession Letter, NOC to water and Electricity and Site Possession Slip of the above said flat has been lost. An NCR/LRN, 18523752019 dated 07/11/2019 to this effect has been lodged in P.S. Crime Branch, Delhi. Any person(s) claiming any right, interest, having any objection or found in possession of original documents, may write/contact with above named person at above Address/Phone No. 9818374205 within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice. The person claiming any right, interest, objection with respect to this property can personally inform or write to Deputy Director (LAB) H or Director (H), 3rd Floor, Vikas Sadan, New Delhi.
Navneen Aggarwal, Advocate Ch.No. 7, Tis Hazari Court, Delhi-54

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1	Uttar Haryana Biji Vitran Nigam Limited	Ch-47/XENP-IMMCH/ 2541 dated: 07-11-2019	Notice Inviting Tender No. 04/JH/MMXEN/IMMCH-I/2541 dated 14-09-2019 (15:00 Hrs)	Bid preparation and submission date extended upto 26-11-2019 (15:00 Hrs)	www.ujvn.org.in; etenders.hry.nic.in	cemm@ujvn.org.in in 9357189013

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Sd/-
ASHWANI KUMAR GUPTA
MANAGING DIRECTOR
DIN-03648614

Bolivia's prez resigns amid election-fraud allegations

La Paz (Bolivia): Bolivian President Evo Morales resigned on Sunday under mounting pressure from the military and the public after his re-election victory triggered weeks of fraud allegations and deadly protests.

The decision came after a day of fast-moving developments, including an offer from Morales to hold a new election. But the crisis deepened dramatically when the country's military chief went on national television to call on him to step down.

"I am sending my resignation letter to the Legislative Assembly of Bolivia," the 60-year-old socialist leader said.

He added: "I ask you to stop attacking the brothers and sisters, stop burning and attacking."

Before Morales had even

finished his statement, car horns began sounding in La Paz and other cities, and people took to the streets to celebrate, waving Bolivian flags and setting off fireworks.

Morales was the first member of Bolivia's indigenous population to become president and was in power for 13 years and nine months, the longest term in the country's history.

But his claim to have won a fourth term last month set off unrest that left three people dead and over 100 injured in clashes between his supporters and opponents.

Earlier in the day Sunday, the Organisation of American States said in a preliminary report that it had found a "heap of observed irregularities" in the Oct. 20 election and that a new vote should be held. *AP*

Rohingyas 'threat' to security, says B'desh PM

PTI ■ DHAKA

Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on Monday said the over 10 lakh Rohingyas who fled from Myanmar to her country in the wake of "persecution" are a "threat to the security" of the entire region as she urged the global community to resolve the issue.

According to the UN, as of May 24, 2018, more than 9,00,000 Rohingya Muslims fled Myanmar's restive Rakhine State since 2017 after large-scale violence following a military crackdown.

The exodus of refugees in large numbers has resulted in a major crisis in neighbouring Bangladesh.

Hong Kong Police shoot protester; man set on fire

AP ■ HONG KONG

A Hong Kong anti-government protester was shot by police on Monday in a dramatic scene caught on video as demonstrators blocked train lines and roads in a day of spiraling violence fueled by demands for democratic reforms.

Elsewhere, a man was set on fire following an apparent dispute over national identity in the semi-autonomous Chinese territory, which has been wracked by five months of protests. The man was in critical condition in a city hospital.

The violence is likely to further inflame passions in Hong Kong after a student who fell during an earlier protest succumbed to his injuries on Friday and police arrested six pro-democracy lawmakers over the weekend. Monday's video shows a police officer shooting away a group of protesters at an intersection, then drawing his gun on a masked protester in a white hooded sweatshirt who approaches him.

As the two struggle, another protester in black approaches, and the officer points his gun at the stomach area of the second protester, who falls to the ground. The officer appeared to fire again as a third protester in black joined the tussle.

The protester in white manages to flee, bounding up a nearby stairway, and the officer and a colleague pin the two in black to the ground. Police said that only one protester was hit and that he was undergoing surgery.

GLOBE TROTTER

FIVE KILLED IN PAK FIRING INCIDENT

Lahore: Five persons, including two policemen, have been killed in Pakistan's Punjab province after gunmen opened fire on a police vehicle, according to media reports. The attack took place on Sunday in Arbi Tibba area of the Rajanpur district where a police team was conducting a raid after receiving information about the presence of the fugitives in the area, the News International reported.

SOCIALISTS WIN SPAIN POLLS AMID FAR RIGHT SURGE

Madrid: The Spanish Socialist Party (PSOE) of acting Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez has won most of the seats in the country's fourth general election, but fell short of a majority while right-wing parties made major gains, it was reported on Monday.

WILDFIRES: OZ STATE DECLARES EMERGENCY

Canberra: Australia's most populous State declared emergency on Monday due to unprecedented wildfire danger as calls grew for Australia to take more action to counter climate change.

11 MN SAPPLINGS PLANTED ACROSS TURKEY

Ankara: Eleven million saplings were simultaneously planted on Monday across Turkey as part of a mass campaign aimed at contributing to the agriculture while establishing a greener landscape for future generations.

STRONG FRENCH EARTHQUAKE INJURES FOUR

Lyon: An unusually strong earthquake hit southeastern France on Monday, injuring four people, one of them serious, authorities said.

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EXTRACT OF UNAUDITED STANDALONE FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND HALF YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2019

Particulars	Quarter Ended			Half Year ended		Year Ended 31.03.2019 Audited
	30.09.2019 Unaudited	30.06.2019 Unaudited	30.09.2018 Unaudited	30.09.2018 Unaudited	31.03.2019 Audited	
Total income from continuing operations (Net)	53.67	20.30	-	73.97	-	61.99
Net Profit/(Loss) for the period from continuing operations (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items#)	(3.22)	(50.66)	-	(53.88)	-	(0.57)
Net Profit/(Loss) for the period from continuing operations before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items#)	(3.22)	(50.66)	-	(53.88)	-	(0.57)
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period from continuing operations after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items#)	(3.22)	(50.66)	-	(53.88)	-	(0.57)
Net Profit / (Loss) from discontinued operations for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items#)	-	-	(65.66)	-	(133.59)	(102.57)
Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax))	(3.22)	(50.66)	(65.66)	(53.88)	(133.59)	(103.14)
Paid up Equity Share Capital (Face Value of Rs. 10/- each)	160.72	160.72	160.72	160.72	160.72	160.72
Other equity	-	-	-	-	-	2940.59
Earning/ (Loss) Per Share from continuing operations (Not annualised)						
(a) Basic (Rs.)	(0.20)	(3.15)	-	(3.35)	-	(0.04)
(b) Diluted (Rs.)	(0.20)	(3.15)	-	(3.35)	-	(0.04)
Earning/ (Loss) Per Share from discontinued operations (Not annualised)			(4.09)	-	(8.31)	(6.38)
(a) Basic (Rs.)	-	-	(4.09)	-	(8.31)	(6.38)
(b) Diluted (Rs.)	(0.20)	(3.15)	(4.09)	(3.35)	(8.31)	(6.42)
(a) Basic (Rs.)	(0.20)	(3.15)	(4.09)	(3.35)	(8.31)	(6.42)
(b) Diluted (Rs.)	(0.20)	(3.15)	(4.09)	(3.35)	(8.31)	(6.42)

NOTES:
The above Statement of "Unaudited Financial Results" for the quarter and half year ended September 30, 2019 ("the Statement") has been reviewed by the audit committee and approved by the Board of Directors in its meeting held on November 11, 2019. The Statutory Auditors have carried out a limited review of the Statement.

The financial results have been prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement principles of Indian Accounting Standards prescribed under section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with relevant rules framed thereunder and other accounting principles generally accepted in India.
The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly Financial Results filed with Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulation, 2015. The full format of the quarterly financial Results is available on the Exchange website www.bseindia.com and the Company's website www.everesttools.com.

FOR AND ON BEHALF OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Sd/-
SHRAVAN KUMAR MANDELA
Managing Director
DIN: 00040532
Date: 11th November, 2019
Place: Nehru Place, New Delhi

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Trend Slazer

I am always my worst critic: Anil

After four decades in Bollywood, actor ANIL KAPOOR feels he needs to learn how to go easy on himself, and that is his biggest challenge. The actor says he has always been his worst critic.

"I've always been hard on myself and I'm always my own worst critic. So my biggest challenge continues to learn to go easy on myself and to let go when I need to," Anil said.

He says his career goals continue to be the same as they were all those years ago, when he was starting out.

"Strangely enough, my goals haven't changed much! I'm a simple man with a simple plan — to be better than I was yesterday. So that's what I continue to strive towards," said he.



'My character in House Arrest belongs to a well to do family. He somehow has not come out of his house for the last nine months. The story starts at that point. He is not trapped. He is not psycho or a murderer. It's a voluntary house arrest and there are interesting reasons behind this, which is what the film is all about. The film is an out and out comedy.'



—Ali Fazal

Veteran actor-director AMOL PALEKAR will be returning to the stage after 25 years with a Hindi play *Kusur*.

Palekar will be performing on the stage as retired ACP Dandavate.

"The fast pace story whirled us through the twists and turns disturbing our complacency and overturning our assumptions. The deep subtext will linger in our minds beyond the curtain drop," Palekar said.

"As an actor, the role poses an enormous challenge, demanding tremendous emotional and physical energy at my age," added Palekar.

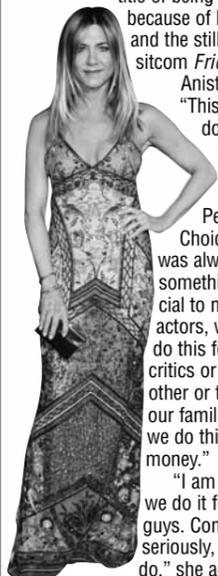


I am because of Friends: Aniston

Actor JENNIFER ANISTON, who won the People's Icon Award at the 2019 E! People's Choice Awards this year, says she has earned the title of being an icon because of her fans and the still popular sitcom *Friends*.

Aniston said, "This town does out a lot of awards but the People's Choice, this was always something special to me. As actors, we don't do this for the critics or for each other or to make our families proud, we do this for the money."

"I am kidding... we do it for you guys. Come on seriously, we really do," she added.



SWEET NO MORE

Diabetes, a lifestyle disease, has been regarded as an incurable and chronic ailment which requires lifelong management through medication and insulin, till now. Only a few people are aware that it is curable.

A recent concept called Diabetes Reversal means that people with type 2 diabetes (when your body cells are not able to respond to insulin the way they should) are able to regulate the disease by changing their lifestyle or food patterns without taking medication. This is also known as putting diabetes into remission.

Dr Anoop Misra, chairman, Fortis C-DOC Centre of Diabetes, Metabolic Diseases and Endocrinology says, "As lifestyle improves, medication can slow down the progression of diabetes and prevent complications. Being obese and overweight are the biggest risk factors among Indians. But if we begin to ensure dietary restrictions, the rate of diabetic occurrence will decrease profoundly. Adopting a sustainable healthy diet that is low in carbohydrates and high in proteins and vegetables can help one to control and reverse diabetes." However, this must be done keeping in mind the weight of the patient and their Body Mass Index (BMI). Another intervention which can help in a diabetes diagnosis is to exercise every day as it boosts metabolism.

Akansh Khurana, CEO and co-founder at THB India also attributes lifestyle modification and balanced diet to diagnosing and reverse diabetes. "Reversing impaired blood sugar control in diabetes is particularly troublesome when it remains undiagnosed and untreated for a long

Diabetes has almost taken on the proportion of an epidemic in the country. On the occasion of World Diabetes Day on November 14, experts tell SAKSHI SHARMA about the practicalities, implications and the role of technology in diabetes reversal

time. It remains asymptomatic for longer durations before any clinical signs and symptoms manifest due to impaired glucose levels or associated complications. In such a case regular blood glucose monitoring is, therefore, necessary," says he. There are several technological interventions — smart devices, health apps and digital monitors which are increasingly playing an important role in empowering diabetes patients. They provide patients with real-time access to their data — blood glucose status, dietary habits, physical activity, and diabetes-related information which help in promoting a more personalised therapy and encourages patient's active participation in the overall disease management.

Daivam Wellness in collaboration with Eternity Medicine has launched its *Diabetes Reversal Programme*. With the

help of their diabetes mobile app, they monitor the patient's health and continuously tailor the programme to cater to their varying needs. This is like a coach sitting next to you when you learn driving, to make sure that you make no mistake. The 360-degree approach of the programme ensures that after a detailed counselling from their experts, their advice is followed and discrepancies are reported. "Through their continuous glucose monitoring device, they observe the blood sugar levels for days and suggest a personalised treatment according to their expert observations," says Dr Alok Chopra, founder and medical director, Daivam Wellness.

Another important aspect of the programme is its two-way communication. The digital platform enables patients to put their concerns and experts revert within a set timeframe.



This interactive feature further helps to modify the programme as per the needs of the patients, therefore getting better and quicker results.

With the country reeling under 49 per cent of the world's diabetes burden and expecting to be home to 134 million diabetics by 2025, a holistic approach towards diabetes prevention is certainly important.

"Data suggests that one in every four people under 25 in India has adult-onset diabetes, a condition more usually seen at the age of 40-50. This is mainly because of a sedentary lifestyle and weight management issues that completely spin their metabolism. Such a large number of people suffering from the disease which causes further health complications, will be a huge socio-economic burden on the country. It is high time that medical fraternity should come up with more innovative solutions and help to prevent this epidemic," adds Dr Chopra.

However, there are many doctors who feel that the concept of diabetes reversal is flawed and is a myth. Dr SK Wangnoo, senior consultant-endocrinology, Indraprastha Apollo Hospital says, "It's not permanent. You can reverse

diabetes for a year or two by strict diet control but not more than that."

He adds that a trial is underway in UK which investigates whether offering an intensive programme for weight loss and its maintenance would be advantageous for people with type 2 diabetes. It recruited patients who were given a fixed diet of around 800 calories per day. And it was supervised by medical practitioners. They showed two years interim data where most of the patients had lost liver and pancreatic fat and had lost more than 10-15 kgs of weight, which means that they could reverse the diabetes. But the approach did not work for everyone. So the study is continuing to understand the biology underlying remission and find ways to make it a reality. A short term reversal is usually possible but long term is not.

For people who think that you haven't reversed your diabetes until you can eat a chocolate cake or swig down a cold drink without your blood sugar rising, the concept is flawed. But for the ones who are ready to change their lifestyle under a professional supervision for a prolonged period, diabetes reversal is possible.



Scorsese's superhero film snub unfortunate: Feige

Marvel Studios president Kevin Feige has opened up on filmmaker Martin Scorsese's criticism of Marvel's superhero films, saying the remarks were unfortunate. Last month, Scorsese spoke with *Empire* magazine about his views towards the Marvel films, expressing that he regards them as "not cinema" and likens them to "theme parks". Since his initial remarks, Scorsese repeated the "theme parks" analogy at the BFI London Film Festival.

In conversation with *The Hollywood Reporter*, Feige, Marvel Chief Creative Officer and the architect of the Marvel Cinematic Universe, opened up about the remarks in public for the first time. "I think that's not true. I think it's unfortunate," Feige says when asked about the notion that superhero films are a negative for cinema.

"I think myself and everyone who works on these films loves cinema, loves films, loves to watch a communal experience in a film theatre full of people," he added.

Since launching with 2008's *Iron Man*, Marvel Studios has reshaped the theatrical landscape. Four of the top 10 highest-grossing films of all time come from the Disney-owned studio, including *Avengers: Endgame*, which in July surpassed *Avatar* to become the highest-grossing film of all time.

In a *New York Times* op-ed, Scorsese went back to his comments and added, "What's not there is revelation, mystery or genuine emotional danger. Nothing is at risk. The pictures are made to satisfy a specific set of demands and they are designed as variations on a finite number of themes."

In response to Scorsese, Feige brought up more recent examples of the risks the studio has taken, saying that Marvel hasn't made an *Iron Man* film since 2013 and instead pitted Robert Downey Jr's Tony Stark against Chris Evans' Captain America in 2016's *Captain America: Civil War*.

"We did *Civil War*. We had our two most popular characters get into a very serious theological and physical altercation," Feige said, adding, "We killed half of our characters at the end of a film (*Avengers: Infinity War*). I think it's fun for us to take our success and use it to take risks and go in different places."

Feige, who does not personally know Scorsese, notes that art is a subjective thing. He said, "Everybody has a different definition of cinema. Everybody has a different definition of art. Everybody has a different definition of risk. Some people don't think it's cinema. Everybody is entitled to their opinion. Everyone is entitled to repeat that opinion. Everyone is entitled to write op-eds about that opinion and I look forward to what will happen next. But in the meantime, we're going to keep making films."

—IANS

How much are you willing to give?

Here is what to do if your parents need financial help

Multiple surveys have found that most parents provide some sort of financial support to their adult children. But often, financial aid goes the other way.

A 2015 survey by TD Ameritrade found 13 per cent of adults provided financial support to a parent. Millennials were far more likely than older generations to report they were helping their folks. Of people born between 1981 and 1996, 19 per cent helped their parents, compared with 13 per cent of Gen Xers (1965 to 1980) and 8 per cent of baby boomers (1946 to 1964).

Sometimes the money is provided happily or at least without resentment, by those following cultural norms or personal conviction that they owe it to their parents. Other times, financial aid to parents is a source of tension — between parent and adult child, among siblings and between partners.

Certified financial planner Austin A. Frye had no idea when he married his wife four decades ago that they would one day support her parents. The older couple, now in their 80s, cover their day-to-day expenses with a union pension and social security. Frye and his wife cover unexpected expenses and travel for her parents, Frye says, and also pay \$15,000 a year for a long-term care policy. Frye says that though he's



happy to be in a position to help his in-laws, he still wishes they had saved money for their retirement. "They just spent what they made. They didn't really plan," Frye says.

Certified financial planner Kashif A Ahmed, on the other hand, comes from a culture where younger people get into arguments about who will have the honour of caring for an older relative. Ahmed said he needed a spreadsheet to coordinate the

dozens of relatives who volunteered to help his great-grandparents in their final illnesses.

Ahmed invited his mother to move in with him after his father died in 2001. His wife, Simona, an economist who grew up with similar values in Romania, supported the move, and Ahmed's mother is helping to raise their four daughters, ages 6 to 16.

Ahmed says financial advisers from other cultures often have

trouble grasping the deep sense of obligation. He's heard peers criticize clients who aren't saving enough for retirement or are neglecting other goals while supporting parents, saying the clients don't "get it."

"I'll say, 'No. You don't get it,'" Ahmed says. Balancing competing goals is what financial planning is all about. If you're supporting a parent or think you may in the future, the following steps could

help make the balancing act a bit easier."

TALK TO YOUR PARTNER

If you're married or in a committed relationship, it helps to get on the same page about how much you're willing and able to give. Brainstorm different scenarios, such as emergency expenses (how much can you give, and what constitutes an emergency?) or long-term care (can you provide

care in your home or help pay for in-home or nursing care?). If you're not clear what you can afford, a consultation with a financial planner could help. If you don't have a partner, talking to a trusted friend or a financial planner can help you clarify what you can offer and when.

TALK TO YOUR PARENTS

Just over half of the people supporting parents in the TD Ameritrade survey had ever talked with them about it. Financial planners say that understanding the parents' financial situation can help you prepare, and might also provide an opportunity for you to reduce their need for your help. You could help them budget, give them a session with a financial planner. You also can let them know how much help you can afford to provide.

ROPE IN YOUR SIBLINGS

Even if they can't contribute financially, they may be able to help in other ways — running errands, talking parents to the doctor, handling bill paying and other paperwork, or providing respite care.

TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF

You may have to delay retirement, buying a house or having kids to support your parents. Many people do, according to the survey. But you should have a plan to eventually reach your own goals. Unlike your parents, you may have only yourself to rely on when you're older.

—AP

IN DURYODHANA'S VOICE

PUNEET ISSAR's retelling of Mahabharata through the eyes of its antagonists, though bleak in its representation due to the TV soap-like execution of its script, raises the right questions against the unjust society and challenges the idea of how history has always belonged to the victors, says CHAHAK MITTAL



Every story has a protagonist and an antagonist. And the latter is usually the flawed one, who is eventually defeated by the former and mostly called the 'villain'. The protagonist, on the other hand, is always praised and looked at as an example of the ideal human being. But ever wondered why the antagonist is an antagonist after all? And why not a hero? Who decides what is wrong or right? How are the two terms defined? What if even the protagonist did something wrong initially? And what if what he did was even worse than the actions of the one portrayed as the negative character?

Actor-director Puneet Issar's retelling of the Mahabharata through Karna and Duryodhana's (the so-called antagonists of the great epic) perspectives makes one ask these questions. The play challenges the notion of history, which has always been written through the eyes of the victors rather than those who were defeated. It questions as to why he has always been looked at as such a bad character

in the epic while he was so generous with his countrymen and loyal to his friend. Despite that, even though Karna is seen as the tragic hero, Duryodhana came to be known as the villain.

The play, divided into different scenes, begins with young Duryodhana's soliloquy where he laments how the Kauravas have always been neglected as compared to the Pandavas due to their father and blind king Dhritarashtra. He calls out, 'Jo adhikaar mila na pita ko, mujhe kyun na mile? Main toh andha nahi hun', and swears to be the one who is the first one to be remembered by the generations to come when they speak of the Mahabharata. Even though the narration lacks elements of some subtlety due to its

very direct though powerful narration by Meghna Malik, Puneet makes Duryodhana the centre of the epic brilliantly, without justifying any of his wrong or misguided deeds. He reasons, 'Jab mujhme ghrina ka beej boya hai bachpan se, toh mere phal bhi toh ghrina ke hi hongee na. Main likhunga itihaas naya, mujhe yaad rakhegi duniya', presenting an idea that even though he and his brothers have always been despised, there's a reason for their behaviour which lies in their treatment.

The second scene showcases Karna's coronation by Duryodhana as the Angaraj and a clash between Arjun and Karna where the other people in the court, including Vidura and

Dronacharya, put him down by calling him a Sutputra and asserting that only Kshatriyas are allowed to fight in the court of Bharatvansha. The act introduces a number of characters in the play as Arjun and Karna's confrontation is always interrupted by some or the other character, including (orderwise) Duryodhana, Bheem, Yudhishtir and Nakul and Sahdev. And each one of them, emerge from the back of the auditorium and make their way amidst the audience. The act, however, was the most powerful of all as it did bring across a message when Duryodhana questions the discrimination being done against Karna. From questioning the 'dasi-putra' Vidura to reminding Drona of Eklavya's sacrifice,



he says, 'Sir pe swarnmukut, bheetar se kaale kaale!' and makes a point that one's destiny is decided by one's actions (karma) and that caste cannot determine it. He then honours Karna as the king of Anga and his friend.

The next act takes one to Draupadi's swayamvar where Karna is all set to hit the fish's eye with his arrow. He is interrupted by Draupadi who insults him by calling him a Sutputra and hence, ineligible of being her husband. Full marks to Draupadi's (played by Urvashi Dholakia) acting skills, however, unfortunately, the woman who has symbolised power and femininity has been shown in a very dark light in the play. The director's rendition of her showcases her as a woman who was just arrogant and proud of her wealth and beauty rather than depicting her as the epitome of justice and feminism. She was a woman of substance and her strong personality and will power made her attractive. Furthermore, while the play says that it tells Mahabharata through the eyes of Duryodhana and Karna both, I wished there was more of Karna as much as it was of the former's. Even after Draupadi walks off the stage and Karna is left alone, he does not voice opinion.

Duryodhana's insult by Draupadi is the next act and what I said about Draupadi's representation in the previous scene continues here as well. She calls Duryodhana as 'Andhe ka putra andha', and laughs out loud like the villainous women in Indian TV soaps. Though Duryodhana's brilliant monologue after

Draupadi exits the stage saves the act, which is followed by Sakuni's entry and his plotting of the dice game against the Pandavas. The scene makes for laughs too when Sakuni delivers some humorous dialogues. After the Pandavas lose all that they had, including themselves and their wife, Panchali is dragged to the stage by Dushasana by her hair. Well, the most striking thing that I observed here is that even though Karna is anguished by this behaviour against Panchali and wants Duryodhana to take back his order of stripping her in the court, he never says anything. In other versions, it is said that Karna at least tried to stop Duryodhana but is shunned due to his loyalty and promise to his friend of never going against him. However, here, especially when the play was said to be told through both of their perspectives, I wished Karna's misery came across at least once. The scene got a round of applause as Draupadi questioned all the men in the court who turned blind during her assault, reflecting upon society's reality and how it has turned its back towards women during the time when it is needed the most. The act also makes space for the audience to explore what Duryodhana felt about how Panchali's five husbands stayed silent to their wife's harassment. He says that it was wrong of Dushasana to have held her by her hair and thrown in the court but why did nobody question Yudhishtira who didn't utter a word. 'Main galat kyun? This is not the way Bharatvansha's bahu (or daughter-in-law) should have been treated and you know that, Pitamah Bhisma!' he says.

Certainly, the play makes for a great visual representation of the epic with its vibrant costumes and stage set-up; however, there isn't anything new that the audience would find here. The attempt of presenting the story by making its antagonists the heroes is commendable but the perspectives given by the character doesn't present a lot of new things. The overdramatised scenes and repetition of certain punchlines remind one of the various TV soaps based on the epic. And the extremely loud dialogue delivery definitely reminds one of Mahabharata that became every household's Sunday breakfast show during the 90s.

Artist Arpana Caur celebrates and commemorates Guru Nanak with reverence and great fervour. Her organic and minimalist strokes done in tensile thread like contours speak about art's many sojourns. And her brilliance lies in her weaving of tensile and tactile tales with elements she takes from Nanak's life.

No one loved Nanak more than my friend Khushwant Singh who had a painting of him by Caur in his room. Khushwant was a dear friend of Arpana. In 1998, when I asked Caur about Nanak in front of Khushwant, she said, "Nanak is a spiritual master who guides and defines our lives. The stories are unending and when you practice his teachings, it becomes like a tale that turns into a testimony. It becomes a part of who we are."

MODERN MINIATURES

She was the only contemporary artist at that time, who was creating modern imagery of characters with miniature formats entwined. "Ajanta, Ellora and Pahari miniaturists flow through my veins, just like many other stories that have always stayed in my mind. Whenever I think of Nanak, it's a journey that goes deep into the roots of my own existence. Its like finding a fragrance."

One look at the many artworks of Nanaks that she has done over the years show that she always sought to achieve near perfection. Khushwant used to say that Caur's Nanak was like a reminder to invoke Lord's blessings for strength. Caur's images have graced many books. The finest being *Nanak: The Guru* in collaboration with author Khushwant's daughter Maya Dayal. Apart from that — *Hymns of the Sikh Gurus*, which unfortunately is now out of print.

SO MANY NANAKS

Caur explains her oeuvre over more than four decades. "It

550 years of Nanak

Artist ARPANA CAUR says that it is very hard to capture 'a being as elevated as the Sikh Guru' on canvas with a painter's limited skills. By UMA NAIR



is very hard to capture 'a being as elevated as Nanak' on canvas with a painter's limited skills. My solo on Him was almost 20 years ago. There were 'Baba Nanak, Guru Nanak, Peer Nanak, Lama Nanak'. I have been to many of the innumerable places he went on foot, (Baghdad, Sri Lanka, Dhaka, Kashmir, South India, Leh and Sikkim). He, of course, went to many many more."

It is clear that you cannot create so many Nanaks unless you have deep devotion for him. "I love him because of the life affirming things he did. He did away with the caste system. He said 'Nako Hindu Na Musalman'. He considered women as equal

to men and said so in his verses that too 550 years ago. He was an ecologist and has even praised nature in his verses. He was against feudal oppression. He shared and asked all to share their earnings with the needy. He was a great poet and was against rituals (sacred thread, pilgrimages etc) and believed only in humanity, Love, and service to everyone."

SURREAL AND STARK

In most of her paintings, Caur's depiction of Nanak in a minimal, organic form, is what excels. Her backgrounds are surreal and stark. She plays with different backgrounds but it is the darker ones that have a deeper

resonance. The stark black backgrounds draw attention to the contemplative expression on his face and the prayer beads in his hands even as she lines the silhouette with grace. Surrounding him are lined details in blue and white and these trace abstractions and reflect perhaps his many journeys as well as his thoughts. She creates a metaphor of the many journeys that he undertook during his lifetime not only around the India but also to Afghanistan, Iraq, China and Tibet.

According to Caur, she added shards of colour and light, in white, grey and blue to create a transient feel of spirituality. Each Nanak in Caur's hands is unique and deeply contemplative.

HIS ENDURING LEGACY

A new exhibition on GEORGE ORWELL seeks to remind people how the author's premonitions about fake becoming the gospel have shaped the minds of generations



War is Peace. Freedom is Slavery. Ignorance is Strength. Those were the slogans of the Party in George Orwell's 1949 novel *1984* that allowed the superstate of Oceania to keep its population under control. The Thought Police thwarted dissent. The Ministry of Truth promoted lies. The Ministry of Love tortured lovers. Those dystopian warnings about the fake becoming the gospel have shaped the minds of generations since they appeared in print more than a half-century ago. And now a new exhibit on Orwell at the University of New Mexico's Zimmerman Library in Albuquerque, New Mexico seeks to remind people about the author's premonitions amid a new — yet very familiar — era.

George Orwell: His Enduring Legacy, which runs to April, features posters and material related to *1984* and his 1945 allegorical novella, *Animal Farm*. It also contains rare Orwell books in different languages to highlight his reach and evolution as a writer. Orwell, who died in 1950, was known for *Animal Farm* and *1984*, both of which tackled totalitarianism. Orwell's *1984* has become a best-seller in the US again during the Trump administration.

The exhibit was sparked after a longtime advocate and employee of the University of New Mexico University Libraries donated his collection of rare Orwell books. For years, Russ Davidson, a University of New Mexico professor and curator emeritus, amassed rare Orwell books from around the world.

Those rare works included first editions of *Animal Farm* and *1984* in

Icelandic, Ukrainian, Swahili, French, Urdu, German, Hungarian and Spanish. He also obtained first, early and other scarce editions of many of Orwell's other books, essays and reportage. Such unique books are on display in the exhibition. Yet, the most captivating aspect of the small but powerful exhibit is the art and objects connected to themes and Orwell's life. Artifacts and posters from the Spanish Civil War are shown to illustrate how the conflict played a role in Orwell's intellectual formation. Orwell fought against a right-wing military coup in Spain but fled after he was shot in the throat and officials sought his arrest.

The campy book cover art also is seductive, offering commentaries about the eras the editions were produced rather than the work inside. In one edition of *1984*, for example, the cover features characters for the Sen. Joseph McCarthy Era 1950s with the words "forbidden love...fear...betrayal." It's almost as if novel was merely a pulp fiction soap opera found at Route 66 gas stations, except it's not.

Then, there are the portrayals of Napoleon, the authoritarian pig in *Animal Farm*. Red posters show Napoleon in military gear of communist Eastern Europe. Other images show his celebrating his abundance at the sake of others, since, "all animals are equal, but some animals are more equal than others."

Journalists, academics and political observers of every succeeding generation since Orwell's untimely death have argued that Orwell remains relevant in

their time. And, yes, the same could be said of today. Orwell's concepts of doublespeak (deliberately euphemistic, ambiguous or obscure language), newspeak (doublespeak for political propaganda) and thoughtcrimes (thoughts deemed illegal by a mob or a government) continued to be cited in response to current events.

President Donald Trump's practice of blurring falsehoods — like saying, "The Kurds are much safer right now" after Turkey invaded Kurdish strongholds — have been called Orwellian. The same has been noted for some Democrats. California Gov. Gavin Newsom claimed in August that the "vast majority" of San Francisco's homeless people came from Texas. (A 2019 report found 70 percent had previously lived in the city). Even in New Mexico, the most Hispanic state in the US that sits along the US-Mexico border, Orwellian concepts in practice have emerged.

In 2016, for example, a left-leaning immigrant rights group denounced then-Republican Gov. Susana Martinez and her attempts to revamp a state law that allowed immigrants in the country illegally to obtain driver's licenses. The group called a potential compromise to create a "two-tier" system to issue two types of licenses — one compliant with the federal REAL ID Act — nothing but a "scarlet letter." After New Mexico Democrats said it would support the compromise and the bill passed, the group changed course and publicly and proudly claimed Martinez lost. But she won. —AP

WATCH OUT



Back to France presents *Inhabited Geometries*, an exhibition of artist Navani's artworks, which deal with abstract geometric forms and inhabit layers within the natural, sacred and architectonic worlds. WHEN: Till November 25 WHERE: Galerie Romain Rolland, 72 Lodhi Estate.



Pandies' Theatre presents *Medea, a story of heartbreak and after*. It follows the life and tragedy of an ancient Greek sorceress whose jealousy and passion drive her to commit unimaginable crimes. TIME: 7 pm WHEN: November 23 WHERE: Amaltas, India Habitat Centre.



Baroda-based artist Neelkant Choudhary presents a solo show titled *Feminine Divine* in which he creates Madhubani art with a twist by using a stylised, contemporary form that uses a global iconography. WHEN: November 7 to December 3 TIME: 11 am to 6 pm WHERE: Gallerie Ganesha, Greater Kailash-II.



India Art Festival, a contemporary art fair presents 30 galleries, 124 booths, 450 artists and 4,500 artworks. Art galleries and Independent artists participate with wide range of artworks that include paintings, sculptures, installations, photographs, digital prints, video art and all other forms of visual art done in various mediums. WHEN: November 14 to 17 TIME: 11 am to 8 pm WHERE: Thyagaraj Stadium.



Dastkar presents its 4th event of the season — Nature. It is dedicated solely to craftspeople and traditional Indian handicrafts. WHEN: November 12 to 14 TIME: 11 am to 7.30 pm WHERE: Nature Bazaar Venue, Kisan Haat, Andheria Mohr.

India leave for World Cup qualifiers

To win more games, we need to score more: Gurpreet



Indian players train during practice session ahead of FIFA World Cup qualifier against Bangladesh at Salt Lake stadium in Kolkata

PTI/File Picture

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

He saved India the blushes against Bangladesh and centre-back Adil Khan said on Monday Afghanistan also can pose the Blue Tigers a "heavy challenge" in their upcoming FIFA World Cup qualifier.

Khan, whose last-gasp equaliser salvaged a draw for India against Bangladesh in their last qualifier, said that he'll be happy "scoring a few more goals" for the Blue Tigers

in the future.

The team is leaving for its upcoming World Cup qualifying assignments against Afghanistan and Oman. "Afghanistan beat Bangladesh in their only home game so far and they are a respectable side. They can impose a heavy challenge on us," Khan said.

Recalling his strike, he said, "It was the moment of truth for us, and thankfully, I could contribute. It could have been anyone actually. Now, I don't want to look back and

reminisce about the goal. I would rather like to score a few more for India."

India are scheduled to clash swords with Afghanistan in Dushanbe, Tajikistan on November 14, before flying to Muscat where Oman will host the Blue Tigers five days later.

On being asked how challenging would the tie against Afghanistan be, he said: "Very tough actually. Afghanistan have always been a juggernaut for us. We

have to be very cautious and stay on our toes throughout to garner a positive result against them.

"We have heard from Sunilbhai, Gurpreet-bhai and others how gruelling and taxing it was in the SAFF Tournament final in 2016.

"As I heard, a few Afghani players ply their trade in different European leagues and it underlines how threatening their players can be."

Adil had made his debut for the

Blue Tigers in 2012 before making a comeback seven years later under Igor Stimac in the King's Cup 2019.

"It's a dream-come-true occasion for any footballer to represent his country and I'm no different. I still remember my first match back in 2012 and again getting the national team call-up in 2019 was something like my reincarnation as a footballer."

India will have a session in Dubai before flying to Dushanbe, and Stimac said it will "immense-

ly benefit the squad".

"We wanted to fasten the recovery process. The morning session in Dubai will also help us in a way or two before reaching Dushanbe," Stimac said prior to departure from the capital.

Sunil Chhetri, the talismanic striker felt, "A good sleep, proper diet and recovery are very important to stay in the right shape before we face Afghanistan on 14th. The rest in Dubai will help all shrug off the fatigue."

India goalkeeper Gurpreet Singh Sandhu feels the team has moulded itself into a battle-hardened unit but it still needs to find the back of the net consistently to improve its winning ratio in top-flight football.

"I think, of late, we have turned ourselves into a team which is tough to beat. We just have to add something more to it which is scoring to get the points on the table and we have that quality," Gurpreet said.

Skipper Sunil Chhetri had promised to put their best foot forward in the upcoming qualifiers against Afghanistan and Oman, Gurpreet also said they will have to get something substantial out of the two matches.

"Both games are difficult. Oman are a very good side and have quality players, whereas Afghanistan will be tough to play against in Tajikistan. But we have to go there with a strong approach to get something out of the two games," the country's first-choice goalkeeper said.

Gurpreet said coach Igor Stimac has been smart in introducing a host of new faces.

"We have grown stronger with the introduction of the young players who will improve with time."

While Chhetri felt the team is still far from fully implementing coach Stimac's vision, Gurpreet said they are gradually getting accustomed to his philosophy.

"Yes, the team is getting accustomed with the system but most importantly getting used to each other as well playing with the ball."

India endured a disastrous campaign in the 2018 World Cup qualifiers, including a shock loss to tiny Pacific nation Guam, and Gurpreet said the team has come a long way from those days.

"I think if we compare it with the 2015 qualifiers that we played, we have come a long way since then. We have two points on the table and have only lost one game which also we could have won. I am happy but not satisfied because I know we have the potential to do more."

SINGLES

TONALI REPLACES VERRATTI IN ITALY SIDE

ROME: Paris Saint-Germain midfielder Marco Verratti, AS Roma defender Leonardo Spinazzola and Sassuolo striker Domenico Berardi have all been ruled out of Italy's final Euro 2020 qualifiers, the country's football federation (FIGC) confirmed on Monday. Brescia's 19-year-old midfielder Sandro Tonali comes in for Verratti, but Spinazzola and Berardi have not been replaced. Italy, who have already qualified for next year's European Championship, face Bosnia and Herzegovina on November 15 before hosting Armenia three days later.

SUNDAR DEFENDS WORLD TITLE IN JAVELIN

DUBAI: Sundar Singh Gurjar overcame a shoulder injury to defend his World Para Athletics Championships title in the men's F46 javelin throw event while also securing Tokyo Paralympic Games quota, along with the Bronze winner Ajeet Singh and Rinku. Gurjar came up with his season's best effort of 61.22m to claim the top spot. Singh sent the spear to a distance of 59.46m to clinch the Bronze while Rinku finished fourth. Under International Paralympic Committee rules, the top four ranked athletes at the 2019 World Para Athletics Championships in each of the individual medal events on the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Programme (excluding Marathon) will each obtain one qualification slot for their respective country.

PAES DROPS OUT OF TOP-100 BRACKET

NEW DELHI: Veteran tennis star Leander Paes on Monday dropped out of the top-100 bracket for the first time in 19 years, slipping to 101 after losing five places in the ATP doubles chart. With 856 points, Paes is now fourth-highest ranked Indian player behind Rohan Bopanna (38), Divij Sharan (46) and Purav Raja, who re-entered the top-100 by jumping eight places to 93. The last time the 46-year-old Paes was placed outside top-100 was in October 2000 when he was ranked 118. Meanwhile, in the singles, Prajesh Gunneswaran continues to be India's top-ranked singles player though the Chennai left-hander dropped a rung to 95 and was followed by Sumit Nagal (127, +2), Ramkumar Ramanathan (190, +9), Sasi Kumar Mukund (250, +2) and Saketh Myneni (267, -1).

NAVAS OUT FOR AT LEAST 2 WEEKS

PARIS: Paris Saint-Germain goalkeeper Keylor Navas has been ruled out of action for at least two weeks with a thigh injury, the Costa Rican football federation (FEDEFUT) announced on Sunday. The former Real Madrid number one pulled out of PSG's 2-1 win at Brest on Saturday after injuring himself during the warm-up. The problem will rule him out of Costa Rica's upcoming CONCACAF Nations League games against Curacao and Haiti, on November 15 and 18, and faces a race to be fit in time for PSG's Champions League match at Real Madrid on November 26. PSG coach Thomas Tuchel has an extremely lengthy injury list, with Navas joining Kylian Mbappe, Neymar, Ander Herrera, Thomas Meunier and Thilo Kehrer on the sidelines.

GHOSAL IN LAST 16 AT PSA WORLD C'SHIP

DOHA: India's Saurav Ghosal put up a fine performance to get past seasoned Frenchman Lucas Serme 11-8, 11-5, 11-5 and enter the pre-quarterfinals of the PSA Men's World Squash Championship. The Indian No 1 controlled everything from rallies to strokes and subdued Serme in the Qatari capital on Sunday night. He saved one game ball in the first game but was outplayed in the next. Having grabbed the first two games, Ghosal won the first five points in the third game to extend his dominance and seal it in his favour. In the pre-quarterfinals today, the tenth seeded Ghosal will face Egyptian world No 2 and top seed Mohamed El Shorbagy.

Dybala keeps Juve at summit



Paulo Dybala celebrates after scoring Juventus only goal against AC Milan on Sunday

AFP ■ TURIN

Paulo Dybala struck the decisive goal in Juventus' 1-0 win over AC Milan on Sunday after replacing Cristiano Ronaldo as Juventus stayed top of Serie A. Argentine forward Dybala hit the winner in the 77th minute in the Allianz Stadium having taken the place of Ronaldo 20 minutes earlier.

Defending champions Juventus maintain their one-

point lead over Antonio Conte's Inter Milan who had taken pole position after their 2-1 win over Verona on Saturday.

AC Milan's seventh defeat in 12 games saw Stefano Pioli's side drop to 14th position, just four points above the relegation zone.

However Milan had threatened as the former European giants chased their first win against Juventus in Turin in eight years.

Wojciech Szczesny was kept

busy in the Juventus goal, denying fellow Pole Krzysztof Piatek, Lucas Paqueta and Hakan Calhanoglu.

Blaise Matuidi missed Juventus' best chance before Dybala's winner when his powerful curling effort flew wide just after the break.

Five-time Ballon d'Or winner Ronaldo, who had also been taken off during the midweek Champions League win over Lokomotiv Moscow, reportedly left the stadium before the end of the game after being substituted on 55 minutes.

Douglas Costa also came on for Federico Bernardeschi after an hour, with the two substitutions changing the game for the champions.

Gonzalo Higuain fed Dybala, who easily shook off Alessio Romagnoli to beat Donnarumma and claim his third league goal this season.

"Cristiano should be thanked because he made himself available despite not being in optimal conditions," said Juventus coach Maurizio Sarri.

"In the last month he has had this discomfort in his knee and this is a little problem for him.

"It's only natural a player is going to be irritated to leave the pitch, especially when he worked so hard to be there."

Klopp hails 'focused' Liverpool after City win

AFP ■ LIVERPOOL

Liverpool boss Jurgen Klopp hailed his side's "incredible goals" after they beat Manchester City 3-1 on Sunday to move nine points clear of the defending Premier League champions.

The European champions took a huge step towards a first top-flight title in 30 years by opening an eight-point lead at the top of the table, with Leicester City in second place.

Goals from Fabinho and Mohamed Salah gave Liverpool a dream start before Sadio Mane's diving header early in the second half sealed City's fate.

Bernardo Silva pulled a late goal back but a third defeat in eight league games leaves City down in fourth, nine points behind Liverpool, and with a mountain to climb if they are to claim a third straight league title.

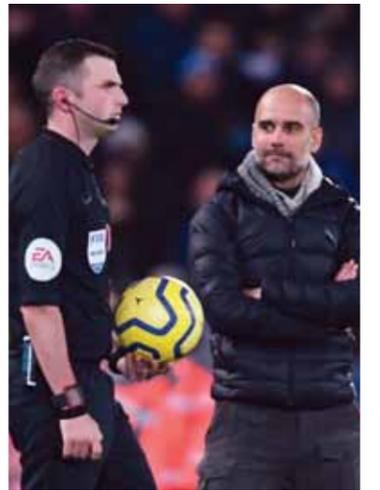
"They (City) were good," Klopp told the BBC. "Oh they were good and we had to defend with all we had but we scored incredible goals."

"It was so tough to play, the intensity of the game was so clear. It was all worth it, really great."

"The boys were completely focused and concentrated," he added. "It was so good. It is the only way we can beat City. Maybe other teams can do it a different way but this is the only way we can beat them."

City boss Pep Guardiola said his side had shown why they were Premier League champions.

"What happened today we showed why are champion," Guardiola told Sky Sports. "I am so proud of my team, more than ever."



Man City boss Pep Guardiola looks at match official Michael Oliver at the end of Premier League game against Liverpool

"We can be proud of how we played against the strongest team in Europe."

"We played like back-to-back champions," he added. "We cannot deny how good Liverpool are but the way we played, the personality, it was good."

Khaka ready to battle for Arsenal place

AFP ■ LONDON

Granit Khaka may have been stripped of the Arsenal captaincy due to his public run-in with the club's fans but he says he will be staying and fighting for his place in the team.

The volatile 27-year-old Swiss international midfielder has not played since he mouthed an obscenity at a section of Gunners fans jeering him when he was substituted in the Premier League match with Crystal Palace a fortnight ago.

However, despite manager Unai Emery deciding he could not carry on as skipper — a role he was given after a secret

ballot of the players — he told Swiss newspaper *Blick* he would not be leaving.

"You can be sure that I'll keep fighting and putting myself out there in every training session," Khaka said.

"I feel last week has been dealt with and I'm ready."

"My time at Arsenal has been very positive for a long time. "After a difficult start, I played a lot and overall I've had a great time at Arsenal."

Khaka, who has been linked with a move to struggling Newcastle in the January transfer window, said the boos and jeers has not altered his views of the city or the club.

"I'll continue to stay positive," he said. "(To) give my all to an even greater extent and prove that I am an important part of this great team."

AFP ■ LONDON

Roger Federer faces an uphill task to qualify for the last four of the ATP Finals after defeat by Dominic Thiem on Sunday following a masterclass by Novak Djokovic.

Six-time champion Federer was beaten 7-5, 7-5 in the evening match on the opening day after Djokovic had swatted aside debutant Matteo Berrettini in the earlier Group Bjorn Borg contest in London.

Federer and Djokovic will meet later in the week in a repeat of this year's epic Wimbledon final, with two players advancing from the four-man group.

The Swiss 20-time Grand Slam winner recovered quickly from being broken in the first game of the match but the Austrian fifth seed repeated the dose in the 11th game and took the opening set 7-5.



Roger Federer shakes hands with Dominic Thiem after he lost the match during ATP World Tour Finals

Federer, uncharacteristically wayward, squandered an early chance to break in the second set and the games went with serve until the 11th game again, when Thiem broke to love

Federer faces threat of early exit

after the third seed dumped a forehand into the net. The Austrian stuttered while serving for the match, forced to save two break points, but he held his nerve to take the set 7-5 and seal a deserved victory on his second match point.

"I thought Dominic saved himself real well when he had to," said Federer. "So I thought he

played a tough first-round performance today, and my game was probably just not good enough, and the start didn't help."

"It's a normal tournament from here on forward," added the 38-year-old, who may now have to beat Djokovic to progress.

"Not allowed to lose anymore for me. That's how it is every week of the year for the last 20 years, so from that standpoint there is nothing new there."

Thiem came into the match with a 4-2 winning record against his illustrious opponent but the result is still a surprise. The only time Federer has failed to progress to the knockout stages was in 2008.

"We had a good and close match, and it's always special to beat Roger, who is a legend," said Thiem, who impressed with his clean hitting.

"It's amazing to play against probably the best player of all time, but luckily I have a pretty good record against him."

Chahar happy to repay captain's faith

Given heads up to be India's No 4: Iyer



Deepak Chahar celebrates with his Indian teammates after completing his maiden five-wicket haul against Bangladesh in T20s

PIANS ■ NEW DELHI

It almost looked like Bangladesh would run away with the third T20 in Nagpur on Sunday and with it register their maiden series win over India as Mohammad Naim and Mohammad Mithun looked to be in cruise mode. With dew not helping matters, skipper Rohit Sharma handed the ball to pacer Deepak Chahar, hoping for the youngster to rise to the occasion. And that is exactly what he did.

Chahar, who had earlier scalped Liton Das and Soumya Sarkar, delivered instantly in the 13th over and started the collapse. The rest as they say is history. Chahar finished with figures of 6/7 — the best in T20s — and also became the second Indian to pick a hat-trick in the format.

Speaking after game, Chahar said that while everyone is talking about him picking the hat-trick and winning India the game in conditions not suited for bowlers, it is the faith that skipper Rohit showed in him that makes

him happy.

"He told me I will use you as a Bumrah today, I will bowl you in the crucial overs and that was motivating for me. I love it when I am given responsibility under pressure because that makes me feel that I am being trusted. I feel bad when nobody trusts me. To get that confidence from the captain felt good at that stage of the game," he smiled.

It is not often that you have players liking the fact that he is compared to a teammate, but Chahar says there is no doubting the fact that Bumrah is the No 1 bowler at present in the format and it is a matter of pride to be compared to the pacer.

"Imandar hona chahiye (You should be honest)...I know where he stands and I also know where I stand. He is the No 1 bowler in the format and as a T20 bowler, he has everything, be it pace or control. He is the No 1 bowler for me and saying that is not a shame. I am not competing with him and my job is to do well. You need to focus on the game and the team should

win and that has to be the priority.

"When they were cruising at the end of 12 overs, I wanted to walk up to him and ask for the ball from the captain, but I didn't because I knew the captain would have his plan and give me the ball. The whole thought was that we shouldn't lose the game and the series. What matters when you play for the country is to perform and win matches," he explained.

Pundits have often spoken about how he is more of a new-ball bowler, but Chahar silenced all with his performance on Sunday. And the pacer says that it was more about people assuming things because he always had variations up his sleeves.

"People assumed that and didn't give me a chance to bowl at the death. Whenever I got a chance, I bowled well. I have bowled before as well, even for my state. Generally you don't bowl those bowlers at the death who bowl at less than 130kph, but I don't have that issue. I have bowled around 135kph even in the

IPL and say in CSK I wasn't used because Mahi bhai had other bowlers.

"It depends also on the captain. Team requirement is also something that you need to look into. Like on Sunday we had only two fast bowlers in Khaleel Ahmed and me. Shivam Dube isn't a proper fast bowler. So, Rohit bhaiya used me in the death. When I played before, the set-up needed me to bowl at the top," he pointed.

Every player is preparing keeping the World T20 in mind and while Chahar too wants to go ahead and represent the country in the show-piece event in Australia in 2020, he wants to keep working on his game and get better with each passing day.

"World T20 is about 11 months away and that is a long time. Obviously I have that in the mind and we are looking to win the trophy, but as a sportsman you can't think so far as there is a lot of international cricket before that as well as the IPL. I want to gain more trust from the management till then and there will



Deepak Chahar celebrates with MS Dhoni after taking wicket during IPL

'CSK stint taught me to counter dew & sweat factor'

PTI ■ NAGPUR

Countering the dew in the sultry Chennai heat has been a big part of Deepak Chahar's cricket education and he said it showed during his world record figures of 6 for 7 against Bangladesh in the series-deciding third T20.

Chahar, who also became the first male cricketer from the country to take a T20 International hat-trick, has been one of the Chennai Super Kings' successful new ball bowlers, used judiciously by franchise captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni.

"Playing in Chennai, I have now realised how to counter dew and sweat. How to keep my hands clean. At times, rub dry soil in your hands and then bowl (so that hands don't get slippery)," the 27-year-old Rajasthan seamer said during an interview on

'Chahal TV'.

Asked what was his strategy considering that there was no nip in the air and the ball wasn't swinging a lot.

"Since the side boundaries (at VCA Stadium) were big and that was the plan that we will have to force the batsman to play shots on the sides. I also wanted to vary the pace as the ball was getting wet because of the dew and it was difficult to grip," Chahal explained.

For the 27-year-old, never even in his wildest of imaginations, he could have thought about incredible figures of 6 for 7 in 3.2 overs.

"Came to know in the end that I got a hat-trick since I got the first wicket off the last ball of previous over. Even if you sit back at home and dream, you will not think that in four overs, you will get six wickets for 7 runs," said a beaming Chahal.

be times where I will get hit and I want to still gain the trust of the team so that they support me. Performing in every match is the goal.

"I take every game as the last

as the competition is very high and the fast bowling unit is doing really well. Cementing your place in this team is very tough, so I look to perform every time I get an opportunity," he signed off.

PTI ■ NAGPUR

The talented Shreyas Iyer has been given a "heads up" by the Indian team management that he will be the designated No 4 batsman in white-ball format after a string of impressive performances in the past few months.

India tried umpteen players at the number four spot in the lead up to the 50-over World Cup but none of them could cement their place in the team and it was used as a floating position during the mega event as the experiment with Vijay Shankar fell flat.

"For me personally, they (team management) have given me a heads up that 'You'll be there at No 4. So just back yourself and believe in yourself,'" Iyer, who smashed 62 off 33 balls including five sixes in the T20 series decider against Bangladesh, told mediapersons after the match.

"It has been a really important last few series for me to set the benchmark at the No 4 position, which all of us are competing for at the moment," said Iyer, who scored a couple of half-centuries batting at No 5 in the ODIs against the West Indies.

Iyer will have to be one of the "finishers" in case team's top two batsmen — skipper Virat Kohli and deputy Rohit Sharma — are dismissed cheaply.

"Even if Kohli and Rohit get out, we need someone to finish the game and bat till the end. That is a No 4's role. That's

what I was trying to replicate today and it worked out really well for me," said the 24-year-old, who has overcome the disappointment of missing out on ODI World Cup berth.

Asked how significant his knock was considering that team is trying out fringe players like him ahead of the World T20 next year, Iyer said: Yes, obviously there is lot of competition going in the team. I personally feel that I compete with myself. I don't want myself to be judged with anyone or when you say that this position is empty in the team.

While he will be batting at number four for some time now, Iyer is flexible and ready to bat at any position that the team wants him to.

"I am really open-minded and can bat at any number. So I just like to back myself in tough situations and today's innings showed that I can bat under pressure as well."

In the final T20, Iyer went ballistic after being cautious at the beginning. Four of his five sixes came against the spinners and his knock allowed India to put up a defensible 174 for five.

"The support staff have given me the freedom — not just me but all the batsmen — that you need to have that intent when you go in there. And you should feel very positive when you're batting. If the ball pitches in my area, I am not going to control myself. I'll bat according to my instincts."

Deepak jumps 88 places in rankings

PTI ■ DUBAI

India fast bowler Deepak Chahar, who returned a world record haul of six for seven against Bangladesh on Sunday, has moved up 88 slots to 42nd in the latest ICC T20 rankings for bowlers.

The list, however, continued to be led by slow bowlers. The top five and eight of the top nine are spinners, with Mitchell Santner reaching second place — his best position since he topped the table in January 2018, behind Afghanistan's Rashid Khan.

Rohit Sharma continued to remain India's top-ranked batsman at seventh position while K L Rahul moved up a place to eight after his half-century on Sunday.

England's Dawid Malan has made a grand re-entry to the batting chart, grabbing third position in the list led by Pakistan's Babar Azam, while Aaron Finch of Australia has taken second spot after gaining two positions.

England captain Eoin Morgan and New Zealand opener Martin Guptill have also made notable movements to take joint ninth place while Jonny Bairstow has reached a career-best 498 rating points and is in the top 40 for the first time.

Bangladesh batsman Mohammad Naim's 143 runs in three matches saw him at joint-38th position along with Bairstow.

Ashton Agar's fine performances against Sri Lanka and Pakistan have seen him move up 57 places to ninth in the bowling list.

In the all-rounders' table, Glenn Maxwell's continued absence has enabled Afghanistan's Mohammad Nabi to move above him to take the top spot for the first time.

In the team rankings, Pakistan continued at the top with 270 points but Australia were only one point behind them after winning their three-match series 2-0. England, South Africa and India occupied the next three positions and were within five points of each other.

Long way to go in T20s: Mahmudullah

PTI ■ NAGPUR

Bangladesh captain Mahmudullah feels his team still has a long way to go in Twenty20s as it is neither learning from its mistakes nor has the big-hitters essential to the format.

Bangladesh have come close to victory on many occasions but failed to cross the line, especially against top teams like India losing the just-concluded T20 series 1-2.

"We have a long way to go in T20 cricket. We don't have big hitters. We have to be dependent on our skill hitting. So we are working on our game sense and become more consistent mentally," said Mahmudullah following the 30-run loss in the series-decider. "As a batting unit, if we



can improve then we will have more chances to win," he added.

Needing 50 runs off the last 30 balls with six wickets in hand, Bangladesh were on course for a memorable series win but lost wickets in a heap to blow it all away.

"I am not sure whether it

was composer or not. But if you see, we did similar kind of mistakes probably in few games in recent times. That's where I think big teams are quite good and very consistent in these situations and they can chase down this sort of total.

"Having said that, the wicket was very good to chase on. Our bowlers did a very good job to restrict them to 174. We just didn't finish well."

"If you analyse these three games, I think we played good cricket. But T20 cricket is such a format, if you lose momentum it's very hard to get it back. We were very close in this game but as we lost three-four wickets in six or seven balls and that's the crucial part of that game," said the skipper.

SHAFALI, DEEPTI POWER EVES TO 10-WICKET WIN

PTI ■ GROS ISLET

Teenager Shafali Verma scored her second consecutive half century after off-spinner Deepti Sharma starred with the ball as the Indian women's cricket team registered an emphatic 10-wicket win over the West Indies in the second T20I.

The 15-year-old Shafali continued her impressive run by scoring a quick-fire 69 off 35 balls alongside Smriti Mandhana (30). The duo powered India to a 2-0 lead in the five-match series on Sunday.

Shafali, who overtook the iconic Sachin Tendulkar to become the youngest Indian cricketer to score a half-century in international cricket, displayed scintillating form yet again and smashed 10 fours and two sixes.

Earlier, the Indian bowlers, led by Deepti, who registered career-best figures of 4 for 10, managed to restrict the West Indies for a paltry 103 for seven in the stipulated 20 overs.

Deepti accounted for the four wickets in



the last four overs.

Later Mandhana, who had also smashed a half-century in the series-opener, played second fiddle to Shafali in guiding the team home. The 23-year-old's innings was laced with four boundaries.

West Indies captain Anisa Mohammed had no answer to the Indian duo and used seven bowlers, including herself, with no success.

The combined effort saw India reach their target in 10.3 overs.

The third T20I will be played at Providence Stadium in Guyana on November 14.



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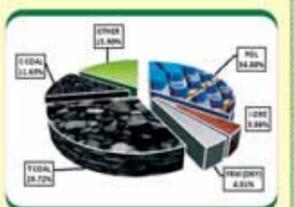
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