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SC's clean chit to Rafale deal again

Top court rejects plea for FIR and further probe into aspects of pricing

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

In a major relief to the regime and a big setback to the Opposition, the Supreme Court on Thursday once again gave a clean chit to the Modi Government in the purchase of 36 fully-loaded Rafale fighter jets from French company Dassault Aviation, rejecting the plea for registration of an FIR and a further probe into the matter.

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CHRONOLOGY

- AUG 28, 2007:** Ministry of Defence issues Request for Proposal for procurement of 126 MMRCA (medium multi-role combat aircraft)
- SEP 4, 2008:** Anil Ambani-led Reliance Group incorporates Reliance Aerospace Technologies Ltd (RATL)
- MAY 2011:** IAF short-lists Rafale and Eurofighter jets
- JAN 30, 2012:** Dassault Aviation's Rafale aircraft comes up with the lowest bid
- Mar 13, 2014:** Work Share agreement signed between HAL and Dassault Aviation under which they were responsible for 70 per cent and 30 per cent of the work, respectively, for 108 aircraft
- JAN 26, 2016:** India and France sign MoU for 36 Rafale aircraft
- Nov 18:** Government states in Parliament that the cost of each Rafale aircraft to be approximately ₹670 crore and that all aircraft



- will be delivered by April 2022
- DEC 31, 2016:** Dassault Aviation's Annual Report reveals the actual price paid for the 36 aircraft at about ₹60,000 crore, more than double the Government's stated price in Parliament
- MAR 13, 2018:** PIL in SC seeks independent probe into Centre's decision to procure 36 Rafale fighter jets and disclosure of the deal cost in Parliament
- SEP 5:** SC agrees to hear PIL seeking stay on Rafale fighter jet deal
- NOV 12:** Centre places price details of 36 Rafale fighter jets
- DEC 14:** SC says there is no occasion to doubt the decision-making process of the Modi Government and dismisses all the petitions seeking direction to the CBI to register an FIR
- JAN 2, 2019:** Sinha, Shourie and Bhusan move SC seeking review of its December 14 judgment

involve the SC to do the same.

While dealing with the allegation of irregularities on the pricing of the jets, the top court said that it satisfied itself with the material made available and it is not the function of this court to determine the prices and act on mere "suspicion" of certain persons.

"The internal mechanism of such pricing would take care of the situation. On the perusal of documents we had found that one cannot compare apples and oranges. Thus, the pricing of the basic aircraft had to be compared which was competitively marginally lower.

"As to what should be loaded on the aircraft or not and what further pricing should be added has to be left to the best judgment of the competent authorities," the Bench said.

Verdict big boost to fast forward defence buys

RAHUL DATTA ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court verdict on the Rafale deal comes as a big boost to expedite defence procurements, including Government-to-Government contracts. India desperately needs modern weapon systems to maintain operational preparedness and the verdict now allows the decision makers to go ahead without looking over their shoulders.

However, the Government is not yet off the hook as the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) is likely to table its report on offsets in the ₹59,000-crore deal in the Winter Session of Parliament, beginning next Monday.

With the apex court now giving a clean chit to the Rafale deal, the officials will surely now feel more confident of discharging their duties and help the Services to acquire modern weapons to face the likelihood of a two-front war with Pakistan and China.

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Similarly, the IAF immediately requires efforts to address the issue of the depleting strength of its fighter jet squadron. At present, the squadron strength is 31 while the desired level is 42. Even if the Government gives clearance for acquisition now, the process of increasing the fleet will take another decade given the long gestation period of defence contracts.

As for the awaited CAG report, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi has time and again alleged that Reliance was given a major chunk of offsets and charged the NDA regime with cronyism. As per the contract, the offsets are 50 per cent of the overall deal and the manufacturer has to tie up with Indian ventures to plough back the offset amount into the country.

The CAG report covers audit of nearly 30 offset contracts of Army, Navy and IAF for 2012-13 and 2017-18.

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

I wholeheartedly welcome the Supreme Court's categorical dismissal of the review petitions in the Rafale case and with this pronouncement the Government stands vindicated. The verdict is also a judgment on our Government's transparency in decision making

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It is a welcome verdict, vindicating the Government's position on the issue. We are happy that finally the controversy is buried. The controversy was created for political gains

RAJNATH SINGH

RAHUL GANDHI

BS DHANOA

Following the Supreme Court's clean chit to the Rafale deal, the BJP on Thursday lost no time in launching an all-out attack on the Congress and its ex-chief Rahul Gandhi demanding an apology from him. An under-terred Rahul hit back latching on to a separate judgment by Justice KM Joseph, who said the "petitioners can approach the CBI for registering an FIR" to demand a Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) probe.

While BJP president Amit Shah led the charge, Rahul did so for the Congress claiming that the judgment is not a clean chit for the Government and that there should be a parliamentary panel probe as Justice KM Joseph has left open a "huge door" for investigation.

The Congress had used the Modi Government's purchase of 36 Rafale jets from the French aerospace major

Dassault Aviation for the IAF at a cost of ₹59,000 crore as one of the major issues in the 2019 Lok Sabha polls, combining it with its "Chowkidar Chor Hai" slogan. The pitch, however, was rejected by the voters as the Congress could win just 52 Lok Sabha seats.

The grand old party may raise the issue during the Parliament session in consonance with other like-minded parties. In a series of tweets, Shah said the judgment of the apex court has proved that the disruption of Parliament over the Rafale fighter aircraft deal was a "sham". "Supreme Court's decision to dismiss the review petition on Rafale is a befitting reply to those leaders and parties who rely on malicious and baseless campaigns," he said.

Countering the BJP narrative, Rahul took to twitter using #BJPLiesOnRafale and tweeted, "Justice Joseph of the Supreme Court has opened a

huge door into investigation of the RAFALE scam. An investigation must now begin in full earnest. A JPC must also be set up to probe this scam."

Cong to take up matter in PAC

New Delhi: As the Supreme Court dismissed the plea to re-examine the Rafale deal, the Congress is expected to take up the matter in Parliament's Public Accounts Committee (PAC), headed by Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury. The PAC was constituted in the last week of August and has shortlisted the Rafale issue for examination in the coming days, which could lead to a fresh Congress-BJP face-off. The committee is first expected to examine the CAG officials who prepared the report on Rafale and later, call the Defence Ministry top officials and senior IAF officials.

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SC lets Rahul off with warning for contempt

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Thursday closed the contempt plea against Congress leader Rahul Gandhi for wrongly attributing to the apex court his "chowkidar chor hai" remark against Prime Minister Narendra Modi in connection with the Rafale case.

The court said the remarks made by Rahul were far from true and he should have refrained from those and could have been careful.

"It is unfortunate that without any verification certain remarks were made by the contemnor (Rahul Gandhi) against the Prime Minister," a bench comprising Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi and Justices SK Kaul and KM Joseph said.



The Bench referred to the affidavit filed by him tendering unconditional apology and said, "Gandhi enjoys an important position in political spectrum and no court should be dragged to political discourse, whether valid or invalid." "Mr Gandhi needs to be more careful in future," the Bench added.

Fight over J'khand seats may end BJP-AJSU's 19-year ties

PRANAV PRATYUSH ■ RANCHI

The BJP did not officially announce it, the AJSU said nothing either, but the split between 19-year-old alliance partners is merely a formality now.

After days of suspense, the BJP on Thursday announced its third list of 15 candidates taking the tally of its total candidates to 69 in response to AJSU's non-negotiable stance on 17 seats, including some of the crucial constituencies where both the parties have fielded their candidates.

The decision came after a series of meetings in Delhi and Ranchi when the BJP

Central leadership took the stance to field 15 more candidates in the absence of any fruitful dialogue with the AJSU party, which has fielded candidates against the BJP on many crucial seats.

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CAPSULE

GREAT MATHEMATICIAN VASHISHTHA DIES AT 74

Patna: Renowned mathematician Vashishtha Narayan Singh died on Thursday at the Patna Medical College and Hospital on Thursday. He was 74. Vashishtha completed his schooling in Netarhat in undivided Bihar and went on to do his PhD from the University of California in 1969. He taught at the Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur, and the Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata.

16 DISQUALIFIED CONG, JD(S) MLAS JOIN BJP

Bengaluru: A day after the Supreme Court paved the way for them to contest the December 5 Assembly bypolls in Karnataka, 16 disqualified Congress-JD(S) legislators on Thursday joined the BJP, which nominated 13 Congress and JD(S) MLAs as its candidates for the Assembly bypolls in Karnataka.

SC REJECTS PLEAS ON ARTICLE 370 ABROGATION

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Thursday refused to pass any interim order on a batch of pleas challenging the constitutional validity of the Centre's decision to abrogate the provisions of Article 370, which gave special status to erstwhile State of J&K.

2 ARRESTED IN NOIDA FOR SLAUGHTERING CALF

Noida: Two men were arrested here after an exchange of gunfire with police early on Thursday when the accused and two of their partners were allegedly slaughtering a calf, officials said. The carcass of the calf was found strewn on the ground, while some equipment, including a butcher's chopper, were also recovered from the spot, police said.

Moody's cuts GDP growth forecast to 5.6%, but says it'll recover in '20

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Moody's Investors Service on Thursday cut India's economic growth forecast for current year to 5.6 per cent from 5.8 per cent estimated earlier, saying GDP slowdown is lasting longer than expected.

"We have revised down our growth forecast for India. We now forecast slower real GDP growth of 5.6 per cent in 2019, from 7.4 per cent in 2018," it said. It expected economic activity to pick up in 2020 and 2021 to 6.6 per cent and 6.7 per cent, respectively, but the pace to remain lower.

Vehicular pollution in Delhi rose to 41% in 2018

SAPNA SINGH ■ NEW DELHI

While pollutants in Delhi and National Capital Region (NCR) breached severe mark second time in the season with Air Quality Index (AQI) at 482 and Particulate Matters (PM_{2.5}) at 504, latest study based on 26 different source of emissions by System of Air Quality and Weather Forecasting And Research (SAFAR) claimed that transport and industrial sectors are biggest contributor in polluting Delhi's atmosphere.

The SAFAR said vehicular emissions rose to 41 per cent in 2018. Also, it pointed out that the share of emission of particulate matter caused by

the industrial sector increased by as much as 48 per cent 8 years from 2010 to 2018.

In 2018, the estimated total emission of PM_{2.5} was 107,786 gg (giga-grams) per year. "Transport and industrial sectors are playing major role in PM_{2.5} emission by contributing 42,230 gg/yr and 24,10 gg/yr respectively to the total emission," SAFAR said in its report. A report prepared under the supervision of Dr Gufran Beig, project director, SAFAR, claimed that residential emission has reduced 95 per cent in slums.

Dust is another major factor polluting air. The SAFAR said wind-blown dust contributed around 19.50 gg per year followed by residential sector, 6.2 gg/year, and thermal power plants 3.34 gg per year.

SECTORS	Relative share 2018 Delhi only (%)	Relative Share 2018 Delhi + Adjoining areas (70km x 65km) (%)	Percentage growth /decline in 2018 with respect to 2010 in the 70km x 65km area (%)
Transport	41%	32.1%	+40 (Increase)
Industry	18.6	17.3	+48 (Increase)
Power	4.9	3.0	+16 (Increase)
Residential	3.0	18.5	-64 (Decline)
Wind Blown Dust	21.5	27.8	-26 (Decline)
Rest Others	11.0	13.0	Additional
			Overall Change = +15%



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Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Number) & Address	Property Address of Secured Asset / Asset to be Enforced	Date of Notice Sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
1.	Sandeep Malik, Babita, H. No. 545/11, Ward No.30, Luxmi Nagar Sonapat, Sonapat Haryana	Residential Plot Measuring 3m x 1.91 Sq Yrds, 3266 Share Of 13K-8M, Khewat No.99, Khata No. 111, Rect And Killa No. 27/27 (13-6), Garhi Brahmmana, Luxmi Nagar, Sonapat	16-Oct-2019 Rs. 1741572/-	07-07 2019

The above borrower/s and/or their guarantors (where ever applicable) are advised to make the payments of outstanding within period of 60 days from the date of issuance of notice U/s. 13 (2) failing which, further steps will be taken after the expiry of 60 days from the date of issuance of notice U/s. 13 (2) dated, mentioned above, as per the provisions of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

Date : 15-11-2019
Place: HARYANA
Authorized Officer
For ICICI Home Finance Company Ltd.

Himachal CM presides over closing ceremony of Lavi fair

PNS ■ SHIMLA

The four-day long international Lavi fair at Rampur Bushahr concluded on Thursday with Himachal Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur presiding over the closing ceremony.

Addressing the gathering on this occasion, the Chief Minister said that international Lavi fair besides being historical was also known for its trade with Tibet, China and other countries and was an inseparable part of the lives of people of the region. He said that since about three centuries this fair was celebrated as trade fair, congratulating the people of the area for upholding the rich culture, traditions and customs of the fair.

Thakur said that the present State Government from the day one was working with a sole objective, which was development without any tendency of vendetta and vengeance. He said that the Global Investors' Meet organised by the State Government was a major initiative to attract investment in the State and it was unfortunate that opposition leaders were criticising this initiative of the State which shows their double standards.

The Chief Minister said that the state government was according top priority to the development of the Rampur area and during the last about two years ₹260 crore were spent on construction of roads, bridges, building and other infrastructure. As many as 15 villages had been connected with roads besides constructing five bridges and 22 buildings and completing the metaling and tarring work of 140 kms roads. In addition to this, 33 DPRs worth ₹133 crore had been approved for roads and bridges in the area and submitted for approval.

Education Minister Suresh Bhardwaj said the Government was



giving special stress on development of those areas which had remained neglected so far. He said that during the last two years 7,500 teachers have been recruited in the State which was a record in itself.

Chief Whip Narendra Bragta said the Global Investor's Meet organised at Dharamshala was bound to transform the economy of the State. MP Ram Swaroop Sharma said that the double engine of the Centre and State Government had ensured that Himachal Pradesh emerges as the front runner State of the country in matter of development.

Deputy Commissioner Shimla and Chairman of the organising committee of the Lavi fair Amit Kashyap gave a brief account of the history of the Fair.

Earlier, the Chief Minister paid obeisance to Goddess Bhimakali at Bhimakali temple at Sarahan. Addressing the people at Sarahan, he said that state government would

open degree college at Jeori as soon as land was made available. He also listened to public grievances on the occasion.

He inaugurated Rai Khhd bridge constructed at a cost of ₹8.20 crore and Aery to Majohli and Swan to Doi roads constructed under PMGSY. He also laid foundation stone of Kharela to Karangla road to be constructed by spending ₹7.15 crore.

He inaugurated Sub Division Office at Nankhari under Electrical Division, HPSEB Ltd, Rampur Bushahr which would benefit 17 Panchayats of the area. He also laid foundation stone of lift water supply scheme Gori to Chamba and Dharunjaya Kungla Balti.

INTENSIVE MISSION INDRADHANUSH 2.0 FROM DECEMBER TO MARCH

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Under the Intensive Mission Indradhanush (IMI) 2.0, an immunisation campaign would be organised from December 2019 to March 2020 in district Mewat and Palwal, for the complete immunization of the new-borns and children up to the age group of 5 years.

A meeting in this regard was held under the Chairmanship of Mission Director, National Health Mission, Haryana, Amneet P Kumar, here in which officials of health, Education and various other department attended the meeting.

Kumar said this is a special campaign of the Central Government, which will be run during all working days. Under this, 90 percent children of both the districts of the state will be immunized so that they can be protected from deadly 7 types of diseases. She further said that for this, the Anganwadi workers, Asha workers, ANM and other health workers have been directed to prepare a list of children in their areas so that no child is left in these districts.

The mission director said that three doses of Pentavalent vaccine and two doses of measles-rubella vaccine will be given to the children. She said that an Inter-Ministerial Committee at the national level has been constituted by the Union Government, which will ensure coordination among various ministries and departments.

Amneet P Kumar said that all the departments concerned have been asked to promote IEC activities at the state level and district level and to ensure the success of the Intensive Mission Indradhanush (IMI) campaign through social mobility. This campaign can be done especially for the distribution of vaccination services in the urban areas.

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Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized officer of the State Bank of India, Gill Road Branch Ludhiana, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002, (54 of 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002. The Bank issued a Demand Notice on the date mentioned against account and stated herein after calling upon the Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s) to repay the amount within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s) having failed to repay the amount in full, notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s) and the public in general, that the Undersigned has taken **Symbolic Possession** of the property/ies described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules, on the dates mentioned against Account.

The Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s) in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property/ies and any dealing with the property(ies) will be subject to the charge of the State Bank of India, Gill Road Branch Ludhiana, for an amount mentioned here below, along with interest and other charges thereon.

The borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s) attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset(s).

Name of the Branch	Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s)	Description of the Immovable Property	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession	Amount Outstanding
GILL ROAD BRANCH LUDHIANA	Borrower: M/s Kuki Dhaba through its Prop. Sh. Bhopinder Ram S/o Sh. Siyaram Ram, Near Central Bank of India, G T Road Salem Tadi Ludhiana.	All that part and parcel of Property measuring 125 Sq. Yards comprised in Khata No. 428/453, Khasra No. 29/16/1, 17/1, 18/1/1 as per Jamabandi for the year 2008-09 situated at H. No. 445, Village Bhattian, Abadi Gandapeed Ludhiana, Tehsil & Distt. Ludhiana in the name of Sh. Siyaram Ram S/o Sh. Tilak Ram vide Sale deed No. 6504 Dated 11.09.2015, bounded as under; East : Neighbor, West : Neighbor, North : Neighbor, South : Gall.	03.05.2019	14.11.2019	Rs. 9,48,693/- (Rupees Nine Lac Forty Eight Thousand Six Hundred Ninety Three and Six Paise) due as on 01.05.2019 plus further interest, other charges and expenses thereon w.e.f. 02.05.2019.

Dated : 14.11.2019 Place: Ludhiana Sd/-Authorized Officer

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NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

Sealed item rate tenders for the following works are hereby invited on form PW 6 and 8 by the Executive Engineer I&PH Division Nahan on behalf of Governor of H.P. from the approved contractors registered in the I&PH Department in the appropriate class. The application for purchase of tender documents shall be entertained up to 3:00 PM on dated 03/12/2019 on payment non-refundable in cash or by money order as per cost shown below. The tender forms shall be issued in the office of the Executive Engineer up to 4:00 PM on dated 03/12/2019. The earnest money as shown below shall be accompanied with tender in the shape of FDR / Deposit at Call from any nationalized bank duly pledged in the name of Executive Engineer, I&PH Division, Nahan. The contractors who do not deposit the earnest money in the prescribed manner at the time of tender submission, their offer shall be summarily rejected and the tender offers received will be processed on the basis of eligibility criteria prescribed for the work that has been tendered for. The draft Notice Inviting Tender can also be downloaded from the departmental website www.hp.iph.org. The conditional offer shall be out rightly rejected. The offer shall be kept open for 120 days. The Executive Engineer reserves the right to reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason. The tenders shall be received up to 11:00 AM on 04/12/2019 & opened on same day at 11:30 AM in the presence of intending contractors or their authorized representatives, who may wish to be present. If the date of opening happens to be a holiday the tender will be open on next working day at the same time.

Sr. No.	Description	Est Cost	Est Money	Time	Cost of Form
1	Providing LWSS to Sher Shog by Augmentation of LWSS Sher Shog in GP Manghar in Tehsil Pachhad Distt. Simour HP (SH - Laying, Jointing, Testing of GMS pipe for house hold connection) (Har Ghar Nal Se Jal)	1,15,779/-	2,400/-	1 Month	250/-
2	Providing LWSS to Tikker Ser Baral in GP Sarahan Tehsil Pachhad Distt. Simour HP (SH - Laying, Jointing, Testing of GMS Pipe) (Har Ghar Nal Se Jal)	1,08,186/-	2,200/-	1 Month	250/-
3	Providing GWSS to PC habitation of CV Kohliwala Aman in GP Kiani in Tehsil Nahan Distt. Simour HP (SH - Laying, Jointing, Testing of GMS pipe for house hold connection) (Har Ghar Nal Se Jal)	2,50,365/-	5,100/-	1 Month	250/-
4	Providing GWSS to PC habitation of CV Panota Kati, Patia in GP Nihar Sawai in Tehsil Nahan (SH - Laying, Jointing, Testing of GMS pipe for house hold connection) (Har Ghar Nal Se Jal)	2,33,520/-	4,700/-	1 Month	250/-
5	Providing LWSS to Malanoo Ki Ber in GP Mehlog Lal Tikker in Tehsil Pachhad (SH - Laying, Jointing, Testing of GMS pipe for house hold connection) (Har Ghar Nal Se Jal)	1,87,257/-	3,800/-	1 Month	250/-
6	Providing LWSS to Daron Devria in GP Daron Devria in Tehsil Pachhad (SH - Laying, Jointing, Testing of GMS pipe for house hold connection) (Har Ghar Nal Se Jal)	1,32,171/-	2,700/-	1 Month	250/-
7	Providing LWSS to NC/PC habitation Banethi, Chakali, Rahore and group of villages in Tehsil Nahan (SH - Laying, Jointing, Testing of GMS pipe for house hold connection) (Har Ghar Nal Se Jal)	2,06,389/-	4,200/-	1 Month	250/-
8	Providing WSS to PC habitation of CV Badhala Bag and Bain in GP Panar in Tehsil Nahan (SH - Laying, Jointing, Testing of GMS pipe for house hold connection) (Har Ghar Nal Se Jal)	1,32,990/-	2,700/-	1 Month	250/-
9	Providing LWSS Shrigudhar and group of villages in Tehsil Nahan (SH - Laying, Jointing, Testing of GMS pipe for house hold connection) (Har Ghar Nal Se Jal)	3,22,330/-	6,500/-	1 Month	250/-
10	Augmentation of GWSS Deed Bagar Charyana in GP Deed Bagar in Tehsil Nahan (SH - Laying, Jointing, Testing of GMS pipe for house hold connection) (Har Ghar Nal Se Jal)	90,033/-	1,800/-	1 Month	250/-
11	Providing LWSS to Khari Shalyar in GP Surta Janot in Tehsil Pachhad (SH - Laying, Jointing, Testing of GMS pipe for house hold connection) (Har Ghar Nal Se Jal)	91,516/-	1,900/-	1 Month	250/-
12	Providing LWSS to Pajerli Madnesi & its adjoining villages in GP Wasni and Surta Janot in Tehsil Pachhad (SH - Laying, Jointing, Testing of GMS pipe for house hold connection) (Har Ghar Nal Se Jal)	3,74,165/-	7,500/-	1 Month	250/-
13	Providing LWSS to Gheen Matiana in GP Lana Banka in Tehsil Pachhad (SH - Laying, Jointing, Testing of GMS pipe for house hold connection) (Har Ghar Nal Se Jal)	3,18,527/-	6,400/-	1 Month	250/-
14	Providing WSS to LOH Village Bhatudi, Jakhani and Solari in GP Dilman in Tehsil Pachhad (SH - Laying, Jointing, Testing of GMS pipe for house hold connection) (Har Ghar Nal Se Jal)	1,16,234/-	2,400/-	1 Month	250/-
15	Augmentation of GWSS Tarapur Dukh (Sa) Road in GP Surta Tehsil Nahan (SH - Laying, Jointing, Testing of GMS pipe for house hold connection) (Har Ghar Nal Se Jal)	1,76,970/-	3,600/-	1 Month	250/-
16	Providing LWSS to Girad Sandrol in GP Tikkeri Kuthar in Tehsil Pachhad (SH - Laying, Jointing, Testing of GMS pipe for house hold connection) (Har Ghar Nal Se Jal)	88,154/-	1,800/-	1 Month	250/-
17	Augmentation of LWSS Chour Kalyan in GP Biria Tehsil Nahan Distt. Simour HP (SH - Laying, Jointing, Testing of GMS pipe for house hold connection) (Har Ghar Nal Se Jal)	96,187/-	2,000/-	1 Month	250/-
18	Improvement and Augmentation of LWSS Biria in GP Biria Tehsil Nahan (SH - Laying, Jointing, Testing of GMS pipe for house hold connection) (Har Ghar Nal Se Jal)	1,14,298/-	2,300/-	1 Month	250/-
19	Augmentation and Improvement of LWSS Shariya Mashriya in GP Shariya Tehsil Pachhad (SH - Laying, Jointing, Testing of GMS pipe for house hold connection) (Har Ghar Nal Se Jal)	1,52,197/-	3,100/-	1 Month	250/-
20	Providing LWSS to LOH Harjan Basti Kujji and its adjoining habitations in GP Dilman in Tehsil Pachhad (SH - Laying, Jointing, Testing of GMS pipe for house hold connection) (Har Ghar Nal Se Jal)	1,02,498/-	2,100/-	1 Month	250/-
21	Providing LWSS to Bag Pashog in GP Bag Pashog in Tehsil Pachhad (SH - Laying, Jointing, Testing of GMS pipe for house hold connection) (Har Ghar Nal Se Jal)	3,18,495/-	6,300/-	1 Month	250/-
22	Providing LWSS to Bag Pashog in GP Bag Pashog in Tehsil Pachhad (SH - Laying, Jointing, Testing of GMS pipe for house hold connection) (Har Ghar Nal Se Jal)	3,18,595/-	6,300/-	1 Month	250/-

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STATE BANK OF INDIA RACPC, ADMIN OFFICE BUILDING PLOT NO. 89, SECTOR 68, MOHALI

VEHICLE FOR SALE

Name of the Borrower & Account	Assets / Make / Type & Owner of the vehicle	Reserve Price	EMD	Date of auction
Borrowers: Mrs. Shreya Sharma W/o Sh. Sh. Nitin Kumar C-704, Tower C, Aditya Urban Casa Sector 78, Noida. Car Loan A/c No. 38031293216	Hyundai i20 ASTA CRDI (Reg. No. CH01BUB8124) Chassis No. 603094, Engine No. 626602	Rs. 5.90 Lacs +9% gst	Rs. 59000.00	22.11.2019

The above vehicle hypothecated with State Bank of India is under sale in its "As is where is condition". Inspection of car address Plot no. 9 Saini Vihar Phase 5 Baltana Zirakpur on 17.11.2019 at 1.00PM to 03.00 PM and Bid date 21.11.2019 till 5.00pm at Racpc, Admin Office Building, Plot No. 89, Sector 68, Mohali

For further details, Authorised Officer Seema Jassi Phone No. 9650296623
Date: 15.11.2019 Place: Mohali Branch Manager

PUBLIC NOTICE

ICICI Bank Branch Office: ICICI Bank 2nd Floor, Videocon Tower, Jhandewalan Ext, New Delhi-110055

The following borrower/s have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the loans facility obtained by them from the bank and the loans have been classified as Non-Performing Assets (NPA). A notice was issued to them under Section 13 (2) of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act-2002 on their last known addresses, however it was not served and hence they are hereby notified by way of this public notice.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address	Property Address of Secured Asset / Asset to be Enforced	Date of Notice Sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
1.	Ram Niwas Sharma, Raksha Devi, House No-616 Sector-6 Urban Estate, Karnal, Haryana. A/c No.-LBKLN0003319765 & LBKLN0003333635	Shop No-3, Property Id-176C736U280, Comprised in Khasra No-13170/4431, 443 2/5-12, 13169/4431-4432/5-16), Kite-2, Rakha 11 Bighe 8 Biswe Its 1-12/50/228 Share I.E. 1-12/50 Biswe, Situated At New Bahadur Chand Colony, Karnal-132001, Haryana	23-Oct-2019 Rs.2423709/- & Rs.677063/-	31-05-2019

The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above borrower/s and/or their guarantors (as applicable) are advised to make the payments of outstanding within period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice else further steps will be taken as per the provisions of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

Date : 15-11-2019
Place: HARYANA
Authorized Officer
For ICICI Bank Limited

SBI STATE BANK OF INDIA
SME CITY CREDIT CENTER -II, CIVIL LINES, LUDHIANA

DEMAND NOTICE

Demand Notice UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002.

A notice is hereby given that the following Borrowers has defaulted in the repayment of credit facilities obtained by them from the bank and said facilities have turned NPA. The notice under section 13(2) of the Securitization of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 were issued to the Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s) on their last known address by the registered post. However the notices have been returned unserved & the authorised officer has reasons to believe that the Borrower /Guarantors are avoiding the service of notice as such they are hereby informed by way of public notice about the same.

Name of Borrowers/ Guarantor/mortgagor	Description of Mortgaged Property/ies	Demand Notice Date	Present sum due
Borrowers: M/s Jaintex Knitwear R/o 2040/16 B/1 Jain Nagar, Shivpuri Road, Ludhiana	Property 1. All the hypothecated Properties, viz current assets including stocks, book debts, receivables, consumable stores and spares lying in the unit premises/godowns elsewhere.	24.10.2019 27.02.2019	Rs. 16,71,724/- (Rs. Sixteen Lacs Seventy One Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Four Only) with interest calculated upto 23.10.2019 as shown in schedule 'A'. You are also liable to pay future interest w.e.f. 24.10.2019 at the contractual rate on the aforesaid amount together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc.
Ram Jain (Partner) of M/s Jaintex Knitwear R/o 2040/16 B/1 Jain Nagar, Shivpuri Road, Ludhiana	Property 2. Equitable mortgage of property measuring 100 sq. yards situated at MC, B-X-2040 Plot No. #47 Soni Nagar, Shivpuri Road, Ludhiana, 519/541 as per jamabandi for the year 2001-2002 wide wasika No. 15749 dated 29.12.2004 standing in the name of Late Smt. Kanta Jain W/o Late Sh. Dharampal Jain.		

The above Borrower /Guarantors are advised to pay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of the publication of this notice failing which further steps will be taken after the expiry of 60 days as per provisions of the Securitisation of financial Assets and enforcement of security interest Act, 2002. Moreover the Borrower/ Guarantors are hereby restrained from dealing with any of the above secured assets mentioned above in any manner whatsoever without our prior consent. This is without prejudice to any other rights available to us under the subject act and/or any other law in force.

DATE: 14.11.2019 PLACE: Ludhiana AUTHORIZED OFFICER

INBRIEF

ECI EXTENDS DATES OF SPECIAL SUMMARY REVISION
Chandigarh: The Election Commission of India announced extension in the dates for final publication of electoral rolls because the special summary revision of photo electoral rolls is under process. A spokesperson said that Elector Verification Program (EVP) and other Pre-Revision Activities including rationalization of polling station, are under process and these will go up to November 30 against the previous announced date of November 18 as per directions of EC. Now, the integrated draft electoral Rolls would be published on December 16. The claims and objections would now be submitted from December 16, 2019 to January 15, 2020. The date of final publication of electoral rolls is February 7, 2020, the spokesperson added.

MCC CELEBRATES CHILDREN'S DAY
Chandigarh: The Municipal Corporation of Chandigarh celebrated Children's day in the office premises here. School Children from Govt. Model Senior Secondary School, Sector 10-A and Strawberry field, Sector 26 visited the MC office and witnessed the proceedings of General House Meeting of MCC. During the visit, the students got information about the functioning of MC and the Role of Mayor, Councillors and Commissioner of MCC. After the visit, the MCC celebrated Children's day with cake cutting ceremony, during which Rajesh Kumar, Mayor, Sh. KK Yadav, MC Commissioner, all the councillors and officers of MCC extended their warm wishes to the children.

SCREENING OF DOCUMENTARIES ON SIKH HERITAGE
Chandigarh: The screening of two documentaries based upon the lost Sikh heritage was organised in a series of ongoing programs devoted to Guru Nanak Dev's 550th Prakash Purab at Punjab University. These documentary films, made by Amardeep Singh, are based on the traces of Sikh Gurdwaras and forts situated in Pakistan which were built by Sikh generals. The event was held at the Evening Auditorium of Punjab University and it was attended by a large number of audience. The program started at 3 pm with a documentary based on the forts built by the Sikh generals during the Khalsa Raaj, followed by a series of questions.

GREEN PRODUCT LAUNCHED TO COUNTER CROP BURNING
Chandigarh: Agri-bio-technology Kan Biosys has launched an eco-friendly product to tackle the problem of stubble burning. The product, Speed Kompost, does not pose any risks to environment and helps in enhancing the soil quality and agricultural yield, said Sandeepa Kanihar, MD, Kan Biosys. She said, "From the last two years, we have been working in Punjab and Haryana to stop the rice stubble burning. The stubble burning not only pollutes the environment causing health hazards but also strips the soil off. The product is a compost accelerating formulation which comprises a unique blend of cellulose degrading, starch degrading, protein degrading bacteria and fungi, she added.

OUT OF 100, 14 PERSONS ARE DIABETIC IN CHANDIGARH
Chandigarh: Chandigarh has got a prevalence of diabetes around 15 per cent, which is the highest among any States and UTs in the country. As per data, out of 100, 14 persons are diabetic and 14 are pre diabetic in Chandigarh, said dietitian Shreya. One don't have to live with this condition forever! Let's make Chandigarh Diabetes Free beginning on World Diabetes Day, an awareness seminar was organised by Dietitian Shreya's NGO Aaharika. She said that there can be complications like sudden vision loss, damaged nerves, affected kidneys and gangrene in the foot or other kinds of dreadful conditions. 90 per cent of all diabetes is type 2 Diabetes, that can easily be brought under control via certain lifestyle changes, she added.

NGO ROUND TABLE INDIA HOLDS PAINTING COMPETITION
Panchkula: A painting competition at Sector 21 Government Middle school marked the NGO Round Table India Week here. The competition was a part of several other community service activities which were a part of the week-long events. A session on Good Touch, Bad Touch was attended by over 150 students of the school. The session was conducted for children aged between 10 to 12 years which was conducted by professional trainers from Prasanachetas Foundation. Also, over 100 students aged 12-14 years participated in the Children's Day theme painting competition.

RCS PRESENTS SCHOLARSHIPS WORTH ₹.20 LAKHS
Chandigarh: Rotary Chandigarh Shivalki (RCS) presented scholarships worth ₹2,20,000 to eleven visually challenged college and university students at a function held at Sip 'n' Dine, Sector 7 here. The funds had been raised through the unique 'fund-raiser "Rotary Dinner in the Dark" held in 2019. Part of the funds also came through a number of people pledging additional support to RCS for ensuring that talented visually impaired students are able to complete their education and achieve success in life.

URBAN DANCE WORKSHOP FROM NOVEMBER 16-17
Panchkula: Ankit Sati, professional dancer and YouTube star and Vedprakash, "Dance Deewane" Season 1 finalist, who made waves with his sensational dance in the 'Dance Deewane' reality show on Colors TV will conduct a two days 'Urban Dance Workshop' at Rajasthan Bhawan, Sector 33 here. The dance workshop will be held from November 16-17 (Saturday-Sunday) from 4-6 pm on both days.

Haryana Cabinet expanded, 10 Ministers sworn in



Manohar Lal Khattar-led Haryana Cabinet expands on Thursday with induction of ten Ministers, including six Cabinet Ministers and four Ministers of State

MANOJ KUMAR ■ CHANDIGARH

After eighteen days of dilly-dallying, Manohar Lal Khattar-led Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)-Jannayak Janata Party (JJP) coalition government in Haryana on Thursday constituted its cabinet with the induction of 10 Ministers comprising eight from BJP, one from JJP, lone woman and an Independent being sworn-in here at Raj Bhawan.

Governor SN Arya administered the oath of office and secrecy at 12.50 pm to the new ministers, including six legislators as Cabinet Ministers and four as Ministers of State (MoS) at a simple but impressive swearing-in ceremony organised at Raj Bhawan that lasted less than half an hour. The State chief secretary Keshni Anand Arora conducted the proceedings of oath taking ceremony.

Barring former hockey player-turned-BJP MLA Sandeep Singh, all the Ministers took oath in Hindi. Singh donning a saffron turban took oath in Punjabi.

Those who were inducted in the 18-day-old Manohar Lal Cabinet as Cabinet Minister are MLA from Ambala cantonment Anil Vij, former speaker Kanwar Pal Gujjar from Jagadhri seat, Mool Chand Sharma from Ballabgarh seat, Independent and former Chief Minister Om Prakash Chautala's brother Ranjeet Singh from Rania seat; Jai Parkash Dalal from Loharu and former Minister of State Dr

MINISTERS	PORTFOLIOS
Anil K Vij	Home, Urban Local Bodies, Health, Medical Education and Research, Ayush, Technical Education and Science and Technology
Kanwar Pal Gujjar	Education, Forests, Tourism, Parliamentary Affairs and Hospitality
Mool Chand Sharma	Transport, Mines and Geology, Skill Development and Industrial Training Department and Art and Culture Affairs
Ranjit Singh Chautala	Power and Renewable Energy and Jails
Jai Prakash Dalal	Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Fisheries and Law and Legislative
Banwari Lal	Cooperation and Welfare of SCs, BCs
Om Prakash Yadav	Social Justice and Empowerment (independent charge), Sainik and Ardh Sainik Welfare (independent charge)
Kamlesh Dhandha	Women and Child Development (independent charge) and Archives (independent charge)
Anoop Dhanak	Archaeology and Museums (independent charge), Labour and Empowerment (attach with Deputy Chief Minister)
Sandeep Singh	Sports and Youth Affairs (independent charge) and Printing and Stationary (independent charge)

Banwari Lal from Bawal seat.

Among those who were inducted as ministers of state are BJP's Om Prakash Yadav from Narnaul, Kamlesh Dhandha from Kalayat seat, Anoop Dhanak from Uklana seat and Sandeep Singh from Pehowa seat. Kamlesh Dhandha, the BJP MLA from Kalayat assembly seat, was the lone woman Minister who took oath.

The Government now has eight BJP Ministers besides Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar who is at the helm for his second consecutive term. The Cabinet can have 14 mem-

bers, including the Chief Minister and the Deputy Chief Minister, with two slots kept for the future expansion.

SENIOR BJP LEADER VIJ FIRST TO TAKE OATH

Senior BJP leader and six-time MLA from Ambala Cantonment, Anil K Vij, took oath first as a Cabinet Minister. He was followed by another senior BJP leader and third-time MLA Kanwar Pal Gujjar, who was also sworn in as Cabinet Minister.

Others who took oath as State Cabinet Ministers include

BJP's Vallabgarh MLA Moolchand Sharma, Independent MLA Ranjit Singh Chautala, younger brother of OP Chautala and former MOS and senior BJP leader Banwari Lal. BJP MLAs Om Prakash Yadav, Kamlesh Dhandha, Sandeep Singh and JJP MLA Anup Dhanak took oath as Minister of State.

The saffron party's post-poll partner and alliance partner JJP, a defector of the State's once prominent regional outfit Indian National Lok Dal (INLD), got lone Minister Anoop Dhanak along with Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala in the Government.

Prominent among those were present on the occasion included Union Minister Narendra Singh Tomar, MPs Dharambir Singh, Ramesh Kaushik, Sanjay Bhatia, Sunita Duggal, Rajya Sabha MPs Lt. Gen DP Vats (Retd), Krishanpal Gujjar, State BJP chief Subash Barala, State BJP incharge Anil Jain, speaker Gian Chand Gupta, JJP State chief Nishan Singh, former Ministers Ram Bilash Sharma, Capt Abhimanyu and Manish Grover.

While Khattar and Anil Vij are from the Punjabi community, Dushyant Chautala, his grand uncle Ranjit Singh Chautala, JP Dalal and Kamlesh Dhandha are Jats. Banwari Lal is the BJP's Dalit face. Anil Vij and Banwari Lal are the only two members from previous Khattar-led Ministry who won the assembly polls again.

SIDELIGHTS

- Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar, deputy chief minister Dushyant Chautala and chief secretary Keshni Anand Arora reached the venue at 12.50 pm
- Governor Governor Satyadeo Narain Arya reached the venue at 12.52, the oath swearing-in ceremony started with national anthem
- Chief secretary Arora conducted the proceedings of oath taking ceremony and read the names of six cabinet ministers who took oath of office and secrecy
- Governor administered oath of office and secrecy to Anil K Vij followed by Kanwar Pal Gujjar, Rajeev Singh Chautala, JP Dalal, Banwari Lal
- Arora again read the names of Minister of State (MoS) who took office and secrecy
- Om Prakash Yadav took oath of office and secrecy followed by Kamlesh Dhandha, Anup Dhanak and Sandeep Singh
- Sandeep Singh took oath in Punjabi
- All the Cabinet Ministers and State Ministers took oath in Hindi
- Oath ceremony which was started at 12.50 pm concluded at 1.20pm

Eight Ministers, including veterans Ram Bilash Sharma, OP Dhanak and Capt Abhimanyu, lost the polls.

Ministers assert that it would be smooth functioning of coalition Government

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

With the first Cabinet expansion of the BJP-JJP coalition government in Haryana, Ministers who took oath on Thursday said the government will run smoothly and undertake all-round development in the state.

After taking oath, six-term MLA Anil Vij said, "This Government will perform well. We will provide a stable government. We will undertake all-round development of the state. We will accelerate the development work."

Replying to a question on the opposition claiming that the BJP-JJP coalition will not last long as they have different ideologies, Vij said, "Both parties are opposed to Congress and they (JJP) have always fought against them (Congress)."

Former Speaker Kanwar Pal, who took oath as minister on Thursday, said providing better education and medical facilities and bettering the lives of various sections, including farmers, will be priority of the government.

Banwari Lal, who was also a minister in the previous term, said education, health and security will be priority areas. "We will speed up the ongoing development work," he said.

On Haryana having a coalition government this time, he said, "Both parties will work together to fulfil the wishes of people who have elected us."

Former hockey captain Sandeep Singh said, "We have to take our state forward. Whatever duty is assigned to me, I will discharge it to the best of my abilities like I have been giving my best

when I played hockey. We will bring new things in sports field," said the first time BJP legislator, now a minister.

JJP's Anoop Dhanak, who took oath as minister of state, said the priority will be to undertake development of the entire state. "Whatever responsibilities I am entrusted by the chief minister and deputy chief minister, I will fulfil those," he said.

Speaking to reporters after the swearing-in ceremony, Union Minister and Faridabad MP K P Gurjar said Haryana will make fast progress under the leadership of Chief Minister Khattar and priority of the new government will be to undertake all-round development.

Asked about the opposition claim that the coalition government will not last its full five-year term, he said, "They have no issue. They have to pass time for five years and they will keep saying this government will not last full term, but their wish will never come true."

On the aspirations of those who could not find a berth in the council of ministers, Gurjar said, "There is a limited number who can be inducted as ministers and we had to strike a balance that includes accommodating senior leaders, striking caste and regional balance. There could not have been a better Council of Ministers than this."

The induction of 10 members -- six of cabinet rank and four ministers of state -- takes the strength of council of ministers to 12, leaving out two slots for future expansion as total of 14 can be inducted including the chief minister.

Dhaner walks out of jail after pardon

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Farmer activist Manjit Singh Dhaner, who was undergoing life imprisonment in the 2001 Barnala murder case, on Thursday walked free from Barnala jail.

Punjab Governor VP Singh Badnore signed the orders pardoning Dhaner in 18 years old murder case, following the orders were released by the state government which reached the Barnala jail late in the evening. Following this, Dhaner was released in the presence of farmers.

Punjab Jails Minister Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa had earlier that orders signed by the Governor in this regard pardoning Dhaner, whose appeal against conviction with life imprisonment was dismissed by the Supreme Court in September earlier this year, were received.

An order in pursuance of orders passed by Punjab Governor has been issued by

the state Principal Secretary Jails R Venkat Ratnam, said Randhawa.

Notably, Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh had recommended Dhaner's life sentence in a murder case for remission to the Governor.

Dhaner, the senior vice-president of the farmer organization Bharatiya Kisan Union (Eka-Dakaunda), was awarded life sentence by Barnala district and sessions judge in 2005.

On September 3 this year, the Supreme Court had upheld Dhaner's life sentence after which he surrendered before the Barnala court on September 30 as he was out on bail.

Farmers' unions had protested at many places across the State claiming that he was innocent and had no role in the murder. A week-long protest was held by these farm unions at Capt Amarinder's home town Patiala from September

20 to put pressure on the State Government to take up Dhaner's case for pardon with the Governor.

Even several farmers' unions had also met the Chief Minister seeking repeal of Dhaner's conviction and life sentence. The farmers' unions had lifted the dharna only after the State Government's assured to take up their demand of pardon with the Governor.

Punjab Governor had earlier granted pardon to Dhaner and two other accused -- Narain Dutt and Prem Kumar -- in this murder case on July 7, 2007. But the Punjab and Haryana High Court had on March 11, 2008, set aside the Governor's order granting pardon to Dhaner and acquitted Dutt and Kumar, giving them benefit of doubt.

The High Court had remanded the case back to the Governor for reconsideration as per law. But thereafter, the Governor did not take any

fresh decision on the pardon. Under Article 161 of the Constitution, the Governor has the power to grant pardons, reprieves, respites or remissions of punishment. The Governor

THE CASE

A farmer activist Manjeet Singh Dhaner was given life sentence in 2001 murder case by Supreme Court on September 3, 2019, while dismissing his over eight years old appeal, upholding Punjab and Haryana High Court's decision of life imprisonment. Farmers' organizations held statewide protest seeking pardon for Dhaner.

The case pertains to the death of an 85-year-old man in 2001 during a protest by farmer outfits in Barnala court complex over a 1997 rape and murder case. The protest was being led by Dhaner, and the 85-year-old Dalip Singh belonged to the family of the

can suspend, remit or commute the sentence of any person convicted of any offence against any law relating to a matter to which the executive power of the state extends.

accused in the rape and murder case wherein a 17-year-old Class XII student was abducted, gangraped and murdered. Dhaner was one of the witness in this case. A quarrel took place between two groups in court premises and Dalip Singh was injured and died after 10 days.

Three action committee members who were leading struggle -- Dhaner, Dutt and Prem Kumar -- were named. In March 2005, session court convicted Dhaner, Narain Dutt and Prem Kumar and sentenced them for life on March 30, 2005. The trio remained in jail for about one and a half year each.

Air quality 'poor' in several Haryana districts

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Several districts in Haryana on Thursday reported air quality in the "severe" and "very poor" categories, far worse than many towns in Punjab.

Even though the number of stubble-burning incidents have dropped in the two agrarian states over the past few days, the air quality in many places has remained extremely poor.

Haryana's Palwal, Faridabad, Hisar, Fatehabad, Gurgaon, Jind and Bhiwani reported the worst air quality as their air quality index (AQI) stood at 461, 441, 425, 413, 414, 410 and 406, as per data provided by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB).

Among other Haryana districts, Rohtak (387), Sirsa (385), Bahadurgarh (372), reported air quality in the "very poor" bracket, as per CPCB data.

'Information Centre' to display story of creation of Sukhna Lake

NISHU MAHAJAN ■ CHANDIGARH

The untold story behind the creation of city's prime tourist spot—Sukhna Lake—will be displayed through pictures, letters, maps, documents among other records at the man-made lake itself. For, the Chandigarh Administration is developing an "Information Centre" at Sukhna Lake to apprise the visitors about the history and creation of this artificial lake.

The "Information Centre" about the Sukhna Lake is being developed inside the "Tower", infamously known as suicide point at the man-made water body. The "Tower" basically measures the water level in the lake and following several suicide cases from this place, the entry to it was closed permanently for the visitors.

A small room inside the "Tower" is now being developed as the "Information Centre" to tell the story of the history of Sukhna Lake, created by French architect Le Corbusier, who had also designed Chandigarh.



Sukhna Lake having an area of three sq km is developed at the foothills of the Shivalik Hills and forms part of the Capitol Parc designed by Le Corbusier. The rainfed lake was created in 1958 by damming the Sukhna Choe, a seasonal stream coming down from the Sukhna Hills and was created as a gift to the citizens of Chandigarh for enjoyment of peace and tranquility.

The city planners were stated to be deeply attached to the Lake. So much so that the ashes of architect Pierre Jeanneret, who had assisted Le

Corbusier on Chandigarh project, were immersed in the Lake in 1970s at his niece's request.

"A room measuring around 12 x 12 feet inside the Tower is being developed as the Information Centre to inform the visitors about various facts related to the Sukhna Lake," said a senior officer of Tourism Department, Chandigarh Administration.

Pictures, maps, documents, sketches related to the creation of Sukhna Lake and dating back to 1950s will be displayed at the Information

Centre. We want to apprise the visitors about renowned architect Le Corbusier's idea behind the creation of Sukhna Lake, the officer added.

Notably, the UT Administration had last month introduced replica of Pierre Jeanneret's paddle boat at Sukhna Lake. Since Le Corbusier clearly prohibited the use of motor boats on the Lake to maintain its peace and tranquility, the first paddle boat for the Sukhna Lake was designed by his cousin designer Pierre Jeanneret in 1954. The boat introduced last month was made using drawings on the basis of archival pictures and was constructed by a local carpenter.

Sukhna Lake is also a home for many species of migratory birds during the winter season.

Recently, the UT Administration had released draft notification for declaring Sukhna Lake as a wetland under the Wetland (Conservation and Management) Rule, 2017 to preserve the man-made water body and conserve its ecological and biodiversity.

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2nd clean chit on Rafale blunts Cong attack plank

DEEPAK K UPRETI ■ NEW DELHI

The second-time clean chit on Thursday by the Supreme Court to the BJP Government on the purchase of 36 Rafale fighter jets from French company Dassault Aviation and rejection of petition for registration of an FIR by the CBI for the alleged kickbacks in the deal like that in the Swedish Bofors howitzer Gun case, has seemingly knocked the bottom of the Congress plank of attacking the Narendra Modi dispensation on 'big-ticket' corruption and taken away its shine built on its anti-corruption pitch against the UPA regimes.

The verdict coming days after the court had put a lid on the decades-old dispute on the title suit of 'Mandir-Masjid' dispute paving way for the construction of a temple for 'Lord Ram' at Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh, has come as a major political boost for the BJP which had promised to the effect at its Palampur (Himachal Pradesh) convention in 1989, when it had adopted a resolution to build a temple at the birth place of 'Bhagwan Ram'.

The BJP had reacted with obvious glee over the judgment which would only add further polish on the anti-corruption plank of the party and the claim that its leadership was "without a blemish".

The party leaders including BJP President Amit Shah also latched on to the court's admonition to Congress leader Rahul Gandhi for saying "Chowkidar Chor hai" (alluding to Modi) and closing the contempt

Congress to take issue in PAC

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

As the doors of Rafale issue are closed in Court, the Congress is expected to take up the matter in Parliament's Public Accounts Committee (PAC), headed by its leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury. The PAC was constituted in the last week of August this year and has shortlisted the Rafale issue for examination in the coming days, which could lead to a fresh Congress-BJP face-off. The Committee is first expected to examine the CAG officials who prepared the report on Rafale and later, call the Defence Ministry top officials and senior Air Force officials.

It is likely that the PAC Chairman would prefer to call the PMO officials who dealt the files of Rafale negotiations

against the latter with a warning that he should be careful in future. They demanded an apology from the former Congress president for his misdeed and "lies".

The BJP is now certain to convert the 'opportunity' to put the Congress on the backfoot on the issue in the coming winter session of the Parliament, beginning November 18, and insist that its image is spot clean.

The judgment has given a blow to the Congress efforts to turn the Rafale deal into a Bofors saga which had in the past derailed the successive Congress regimes. But given

with the French authorities. This might be the triggering point between the Congress and BJP MPs inside the PAC.

It is learned that the MPs opposing the Rafale deal are determined to raise demand for summoning PMO officials engaged in Rafale negotiations. The Congress MPs in the Committee may also demand summoning of Anil Ambani, whose company got offset contracts in the Rafale deal, which is the main controversy in the purchase of 36 fighter jets.

The PAC will not summon Ministers and need Lok Sabha Speaker's clearance.

The PAC Chairman is selected from the Opposition parties and the ruling party has a majority. The PAC has 21 Members of which 15 are from Lok Sabha and six from

Rajya Sabha. In the PAC, the Congress is having only three MPs including the Chairman, who has major decision-making powers. This exercise by the PAC would lead to a face-off between Congress and BJP similar to the one they had in 2011, when then PAC Chairman Murli Manohar Joshi examined 2G scam, summoning all top officers from PMO, Telecom, Attorney General and all telecom corporate including Ratan Tata, Anil Ambani, Sunil Mittal and controversial lobbyist Nira Radia.

The PAC meetings of 2G Scam led to the members almost coming to blows with the ruling Congress MPs having majority then even occupying the chair of Joshi and declaring a parallel PAC.

for registering an FIR, which Rahul said "has opened a huge door into investigation of the RAFALE scam".

The apex court contended that the review applications cannot be entertained unless there is an "error apparent on the face of the record".

The petition seeking re-examination of the December 14, 2018 verdict was filed by former Union Ministers Yashwant Sinha, Arun Shourie and activist lawyer Prashant Bhushan. Other review petitions were filed by lawyer Vineet Dhandha and Aam Aadmi Party lawmaker Sanjay Singh.

Shah said the decision reaffirms Modi Government's credentials as a dispensation that is transparent and corruption-free. "Now, it has been proved that disruption of Parliament over Rafale (issue) was a sham. The time could

have been better utilised for the welfare of people. After today's rebuke from SC, Congress and its leader, for whom politics is above national interest, must apologise to the nation," Shah said in a swipe at Rahul.

The Rahul and the entire Congress leadership have carried out an aggressive campaign before the last Lok Sabha elections against the multi-billion dollars deal to buy 36 Rafale fighter aircraft from France.

Hitting hard at Rahul, BJP working president J P Nadda said the Congress leader had tried to mislead the country on the issue and should now apologise.

Asserting that truth has prevailed, Nadda said, "From road to Parliament, Rahul Gandhi and his party tried hard to mislead the country on this issue but truth prevailed. I wish Rahul would be in country and should apologise to nation. Addressing a press con-

BJP seeks RaGa apology for 'lies'

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The BJP lost no time to launch a blistering attack on the Congress on Thursday describing the Supreme Court judgment on Rafale as 'victory of truth' and demanding an apology from the party and its leader Rahul Gandhi for telling a spate of "lies" on the entire issue.

Soon after the SC verdict, the BJP fielded its top Ministers and party leaders to launch an all-out attack on the Congress and Rahul.

Leading the attack, Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Thursday termed the Supreme Court verdict on Rafale deal a befitting reply to the leaders and parties who rely on "malicious and baseless" campaign, and sought apology from them.

In a series of tweets, Shah said the judgement of the apex court has proved that the disruption of Parliament over the Rafale fighter aircraft deal was a "sham". "Supreme Court's decision to dismiss the review petition on #Rafale is a befitting reply to those leaders and parties who rely on malicious and baseless campaigns," he said.

Slamming the Congress, Shah said the decision reaffirms Modi Government's credentials as a dispensation that is transparent and corruption-free. "Now, it has been proved that disruption of Parliament over Rafale (issue) was a sham. The time could

draw the normal HRA for the original place of posting. "The issue of grant of additional HRA to Central Armed Police Forces personnel posted in Kashmir Valley has been considered in the Ministry and it has been decided by Competent Authority that those personnel who are posted in Kashmir Valley and compelled to leave their families at their last place of posting will be eligible for drawing additional HRA."

The move has come days after the new Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir formally came into existence on October 31 after the Centre on



ference at the party office, Union Law Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad said the Congress and in particular its former president Gandhi must apologise to the country. Hailing the Supreme Court's order on the Rafale deal as a victory of the country's national security, Prasad said, "It is recognition of the honest decision making process of the Narendra Modi Government... Satayamav Jayate. The Congress party must apologise and Rahul Gandhi in particular must apologise to the country."

Pointing to Rahul's "Chowkidar chor hai" slogan ahead of the Lok Sabha election, Prasad said the Congress leader has not only called the Prime Minister a thief, but he lied about the former French Prime Minister's statements and misquoted the Supreme Court.

"Today the people of the country want to know which powers were backing Rahul Gandhi. All I can say is that the whole campaign is extremely suspicious. He ran a sponsored political programme that masqueraded as a quest for justice. Today, Rahul Gandhi, you need to apologise. Today even the review petition is rejected. You apologised to save yourself from the court. But will you apologise before the people of India?" Prasad said.

Hitting at Gandhi family, he said, "People having saga of corruption from Jeep scandal

to Bofors to submarine to AugustaWestland, where undertaking a political programme masquerading at the quest of justice. With the Congress insisting on a high-level probe into the deal after the court's order, the law minister said it was really "shameless" of the opposition party to continue to push for an investigation despite losing the battle in courts as well as in elections.

Asked that former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi was also let off by a court order in the Bofors case, Prasad said that was a "highly questionable" order of the Delhi High Court when the Congress government at the Centre did not challenge.

In Tawang in Arunachal Pradesh, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said the allegations of corruption in the Rafale deal were aimed at maligning Modi's image of a clean and honest leader and demanded an apology from the Congress.

Hailing the judgement, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman tweeted the SC verdict on Rafale shows Government's decision was right on the price, the process and on the offsets.

"PM Modi put #NationalSecurity on top. Indian Air Force needed to be strengthened without any further delay. #NationFirst. Motivated propaganda defeat-ed: Sitharamn tweeted.

ED arrests ex-Fortis chief, other

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Thursday arrested former Ranbaxy and Fortis promoter Malvinder Singh and former CMD of Religare Enterprises, Sunil Godhwani in Religare Finvest Ltd (RFL) in connection with a money laundering case relating.

The duo was arrested from the Tihar jail where both are currently lodged in a case related to funds misappropriation of Religare Finvest Ltd. (RFL) being probed by the Delhi police.

The agency's lawyer Nitesh Rana informed a designated court about the duo's arrests and pleaded for issuance of a production warrant against the accused for seeking their custodial interrogation.

However, the court directed the ED's counsel that the accused be produced before a



metropolitan magistrate in the Tihar jail itself as trial prisoners are not being produced in the Saket District court due to the ongoing lawyers' strike.

"The court is informed that accused Malvinder Mohan Singh and Sunil Godhwani are lodged in central jail numbers 8 and 7 respectively at Tihar Jail. Accordingly, the applications filed by the ED be put up before the concerned duty MM, Tihar jail tomorrow, i.e. November 15, for disposal in accordance with law," Special Judge Sandeep Yadav said in response to the ED's plea.

Both Singh and Godhwani have been charged by the ED for offences under provisions of Prevention of Money Laundering Act.

The duo is undergoing judicial custody and lodged in Tihar jail along with Singh's brother Shivinder and two other accused persons -- Kavi Arora and Anil Saxena -- in a criminal case being probed by the Economic Offences Wing (EOW) of the Delhi Police.

These accused allegedly transferred an amount of approximately Rs 1,000 crore to various persons from entities linked to

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the corporate loan book and finally, the money was siphoned off and invested in other companies, according to the ED.

The Delhi Police had registered an FIR in March after it received a complaint from RFL's Manpreet Suri against Shivinder, Godhwani and others, alleging that loans were taken by them while managing the firm but the money was invested in other companies.

The money laundering case was filed by the ED after taking cognisance of the Delhi Police FIR as money laundering is a predicate offence.

Govt grants additional House Rent Allowance to forces serving in J&K

RAKESH K SINGH ■ NEW DELHI

Union Home Ministry has granted additional House Rent Allowance to the tune of 16 per cent of basic pay in addition to normal HRA at the original place of posting where paramilitary forces personnel left behind their families to undertake duties in Jammu and Kashmir.

The facility under Kashmir Valley Package will come as a relief for paramilitary personnel as many of them have to bear expenses of running two residences.

The benefit will not sure be applicable to such personnel who have availed government accommodation at their original posting.

In addition to the additional HRA, the paramilitary personnel will be entitled to

draw the normal HRA for the original place of posting. "The issue of grant of additional HRA to Central Armed Police Forces personnel posted in Kashmir Valley has been considered in the Ministry and it has been decided by Competent Authority that those personnel who are posted in Kashmir Valley and compelled to leave their families at their last place of posting will be eligible for drawing additional HRA."

The move has come days after the new Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir formally came into existence on October 31 after the Centre on

August 5 abrogated Article 370 of the Constitution that granted special status to the erstwhile State. The move benefit nearly one lakh personnel of the paramilitary forces' personnel posted in the Valley.

Special allowances have been a major relief for paramilitary personnel who have been at the forefront of countering terrorism and maintaining law and order in the Valley.



INSHORT

RS BYPOLLS TO BE HELD ON DEC 12

New Delhi: The EC on Thursday announced that bypolls in two Rajya Sabha seats in Karnataka and Uttar Pradesh, which fell vacant recently, will be held on December 12. The Karnataka seat fell vacant after Congress member KC Ramamurthy resigned to join the BJP. The seat from Uttar Pradesh fell vacant after Samajwadi Party member Tazeen Fatma resigned to contest the Rampur assembly bypoll, the seat once represented by her husband Azam Khan. The counting of votes will take place on December 12.

TWO ADVISERS TO J&K GUV APPOINTED

New Delhi: Retired IPS officer Farooq Khan and former bureaucrat KK Sharma have been appointed as the advisers to the Lieutenant Governor of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. According to an order of the Union Home Ministry, the appointments of Khan and Sharma will be effective from the day of their joining in their respective posts. The advisers will assist LG Girish Chandra Murmu in the administrative work.

JAISHANKAR FOR 'HONEST REVIEW'

New Delhi: Delivering the fourth Ramnath Goenka Memorial Lecture in the national Capital, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar Thursday called for "an honest review of our performance" in the seven decades since independence in a "visibly changing global order". Our past handling of Pakistan, a society which we are supposed to know well, also raises many questions. These are not exactly hypothetical situations and are cited to underline the contention that emergence as a leading power requires great pragmatism," Jaishankar said.

TWO ARRESTED FOR SMUGGLING GOLD

New Delhi: Two men have been arrested by the customs officials for allegedly trying to smuggle gold into the country by hiding it inside their wrist watches. The accused were intercepted after their arrival from Bangkok at the IGI Airport on Tuesday. The gold, weighing Rs 25.85 lakh, has been seized and the duo have been arrested.

AMIT SHAH TO VISIT CRPF HEADQUARTERS

New Delhi: Union Home Minister Amit Shah will visit the CRPF's headquarters here on Friday and review its operational preparedness. This is the first time Shah, who became Home Minister, will visit the head office of the country's largest paramilitary force.

FCRA CASE

SC issues notice to Grover, Jaising on CBI plea against HC order

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Thursday sought a response from the Lawyers Collective and its founding members Anand Grover and Indira Jaising on a plea by the CBI challenging the Bombay High Court order granting them protection from coercive action in an alleged FCRA violation case.

A bench comprising Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi and Justices Aniruddha Bose and Krishna Murari issued notice to the senior lawyers and the NGO.

The top court also refused to stay the Bombay High Court order.

The CBI had registered a case against Grover and the NGO over alleged violation of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act (FCRA) in the use of foreign funds received by Lawyers Collective.

The probe agency contended that the high Court had neither rendered any finding as to how the FIR registered against the accused parties was "unsustainable and bad in law" nor referred to any finding as to how the continuance of the investigation against the accused would be contrary to law.

Grover and his wife had approached the high court in July seeking that the FIR registered by the CBI against the



NGO and them in June be quashed.

The CBI registered the FIR following a complaint by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) in May alleging violation of FCRA provisions.

While the FIR did not name Jaising as an accused, the MHA complaint, which is part of the FIR, mentioned her name and made specific allegations against her.

The CBI alleged that the NGO received foreign funds between 2009 and 2015, but failed to disclose a major part of it. It said that Grover and Jaising used foreign funds for "personal benefits". According to the MHA complaint, during her tenure as Additional Solicitor General, Jaising continued to draw remuneration from the

NGO, the CBI said, adding that this came from foreign

contributions received.

The petitioners also pointed out that the MHA complaint was based on an inspection report from 2016 that had pointed out a single violation of non-disclosure under the FCRA. At the time, following the inspection report, the MHA had issued an order cancelling the registration of Lawyers Collective for receiving foreign funds. This cancellation order was challenged in the high court by the NGO in 2017, and is currently pending before a single judge, the petitioners said.

While granting interim relief, the division bench took note of the petitioners' submission that the CBI's act of filing an FIR on the basis of a two-and-a-half-year old report, when the matter had reached the court, was questionable.



President Ram Nath Kovind meets visually-impaired students on the occasion of Childrens Day, at Rashtrapati Bhavan Cultural Centre, in New Delhi

'Waqf should not accept the 5-acre plot'

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Maintaining that the SC judgment on Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid title dispute was "beyond understanding", the head of prominent Muslim body Jamiat Ulema-e-Hind (JUEH) Maulana Arshad Madani on Thursday said the Sunni Waqf Board should not accept the 5-acre plot which the apex court directed the Centre to allot for a mosque.

He said the Jamiat had asserted that the Supreme Court verdict in the Ayodhya case, based on evidence, will be respected by it.

Maulana Madani, however, said the judgment was

"beyond understanding". The court accepted that placing idols in a mosque and demolishing it is illegal. "But the court gave its decision in favour of those responsible for it," he said.

The JUEH president also said the court has accepted that the Babri mosque was not built by demolishing a temple during Babur's rule.

Madani said a decision on whether a review petition in the Ayodhya case should be filed will be taken in a meeting of the working committee of the JUEH which would sit till late evening to deliberate on the matter.

Settling a fractious issue that goes back more than a cen-

tury, the Supreme Court, in its verdict in the Babri Masjid-Ram Janmabhoomi title case on Saturday, said the entire 2.77 acres of disputed land should be handed over to the deity Ram Lalla, who was one of the three litigants in the case.

The five-judge Constitution bench also directed the Centre to allot a 5-acre plot to the Sunni Waqf Board in Ayodhya to build a mosque.

Asked about his views on whether the land should be accepted by the Muslim side, Madani said, "The land has not been given to us. They have given the land to the Sunni Waqf Board."

"Our opinion is that the

Sunni Waqf Board should not accept the land, but finally it is up to them," said the head of JUEH, which was also a litigant in the case. "The issue is about rights not about land. We don't want land. Muslims don't need land," he said.

Madani said that according to religion, a mosque remains a mosque irrespective of 'namaz' is being held or not.

"The SC said it was mosque and not made by destructing a temple. For us, according to religion, it is still a mosque," Madani said.

Responding to a question, he asserted that whatever they have to say on the verdict they will say only within the country.

16 rebel Cong-JD(S) MLAs join BJP

13 get bypoll ticket

PTI ■ BENGALURU

BJP on Thursday fielded 13 disqualified Congress-JD(S) legislators as its candidates for the December 5 Assembly by-elections in Karnataka hours after the rebels joined the ruling party in the State.

The party aiming to win a majority of the 15 seats that will go for the bypolls announced a list of 14 candidates with the nominee for Ranabennur constituency yet to be named.

A day after the Supreme Court paved the way for them to contest the bypolls, as many as 16 disqualified MLAs on Thursday joined the BJP at the

party office here. The disqualified MLAs, whose rebellion led to the fall of the Kumaraswamy Government and the return of the BJP to power in July, were inducted in the presence of Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa, State BJP president Nalin Kumar Kateel and National General Secretary in charge of Karnataka P Muralidhar Rao among others.

The Supreme Court on Wednesday had upheld the disqualification of 17 Congress-JD(S) MLAs in Karnataka by then Assembly Speaker K R Ramesh Kumar but allowed them to contest the bypolls necessitated by the action against them.

The court had set aside the portion of the Speaker's order by which the MLAs were disqualified till the end of the



Karnataka Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa, BJP State president Nalin Kumar Kateel and BJP national general secretary Muralidhar Rao with disqualified MLAs, in Bengaluru on Thursday

current Assembly's term in 2023.

While, the 13 disqualified MLAs have been fielded again from their respective seats, M Saravana, a former corporator, has been given the ticket from Shivajinagar, denying it to R Roshan Baig, a disqualified Congress legislator from the constituency.

Baig, a seven-time MLA, has not been inducted into the party, unlike 16 other disqualified legislators who were welcomed into the BJP fold.

BJP sources cited "reservations" expressed by party leadership over Baig, who faced inquiry in the IMA ponzi scam, among the reasons for his non-induction and denial of

ticket. Interestingly, Baig, a former Minister, on Wednesday had claimed he will join BJP along with the other legislators.

According to sources close to Baig, he met Chief Minister and expressed his displeasure and also was contemplating contesting as an independent candidate after consulting his supporters.

The other disqualified Congress MLAs who have been given ticket by the BJP are: Mahesh Kumtalli in Athani constituency, Shrinanthagouda Patil (Kagwad), Ramesh Jarkiholi (Gokak), Shivram Hebbar (Yellapur), B C Patil (Hirekerur), Anand Singh (Vijayanagara), K Sudhakar (Chikkaballapura), Byrati Basavaraj (K R Puram), S T Somashekar (Yeshwanthpur) and MTB Nagaraj (Hoskote).

Didi attacks Maha, West Bengal Guvs for 'crossing limits'

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Thursday lashed out at two Governors for playing partisan role and "acting like a BJP agent."

Hitting out at Maharashtra Governor Bhagat Singh Koashyari for recommending President's Rule in Maharashtra "defying" constitutional provisions and Bengal Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar for "acting like BJP's mouthpiece" the Chief Minister said federal structure of the country was in peril.

"I generally do not say anything on constitutional posts but there are some people who are behaving just like BJP's mouthpieces," she said pointing out at "what is happening in my State," she told reporters at the State secretariat. Without naming anyone she said, "they (the Governor) are running parallel administration in the State."

Referring to the constitutional provisions Banerjee said "both the Central and State Governments are elected Governments and both have their jurisdictions defined. This the beauty of federal structure. And the federal structure of the country must be respected. (But) there are some people who are dominating too much. They are working just like the BJP's mouthpieces. They are even superseding the central government. And the Centre must take some decision on this."

Attacking the Central Government Banerjee said Delhi was yet to release ₹17,000 crores to West Bengal. She said, "as the Centre did not release devolution component (central tax 42 per cent) till October, we suffered a loss of



₹ 640 crores. Moreover, Centre is supposed to release ₹ 17,000 crores which the state has not yet received. Economic growth is so low that every State is suffering."

The relation between the Raj Bhavan and Nabanna (state secretariat) had been anything but cordial in Bengal with regular run-ins between senior Bengal Ministers and the Governor.

On the visit of Union Minister Babul Supriyo at Namkhana post cyclone Bulbul Banerjee said "some people are trying to play politics at this hour of crisis. They are trying to cash in on the people's distress which will not be allowed."

The tussle between Governor and Government started on September 21 when the Governor ignoring the advice of the State administration went to rescue Babul Supriyo blocked by a section students at Jadavpur University. Things kept worsening after that with Dhankhar regularly taking administrative tours in districts allegedly ignoring federal norms.

Recently he went to a block office at Singur leading a massive uproar in the ruling party circles who questioned his "unconstitutional demeanour." TMC leaders and Ministers said, "a Governor had no business in poking his nose in administrative issues without the advice of the State Government."

11TH BRICS SUMMIT

Modi meets Putin, gets invitation for annual Victory Day celebrations

PTI ■ BRASILIA

Russian President Vladimir Putin has invited Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the Victory Day celebrations in May next year as the two leaders had an "excellent meeting" during which they reviewed the progress made in the bilateral ties and discussed ways to further expand the special strategic partnership.

Modi, who is in Brazil for the 11th BRICS Summit which will focus on building mechanisms for counter-terrorism cooperation and strengthen India's ties with the world's five major economies, met Putin on Wednesday on the sidelines of the meeting and reviewed the full range of India-Russia relations.

"Had an excellent meeting with President Putin. During our talks, we reviewed the full range of India-Russia relations. India and Russia are cooperating extensively in areas such as trade, security and culture. The people of our nations will benefit due to close bilateral ties," Modi said in a tweet.

During the bilateral meeting, the fourth between the two leaders this year, prime min-

ister Modi said the "frequent meetings have strengthened our relations."

"Our bilateral relations are growing. You have invited me to visit Russia in May for the Victory Day celebrations. I am happily waiting that I will get an opportunity to meet you once again," the Prime Minister said.

Both leaders reviewed the progress made in the bilateral relationship since the Prime Minister's visit to Vladivostok in September. The two leaders noted with satisfaction that the USD 25 billion target of bilateral trade by 2025 had already been achieved. They decided that the first Bilateral Regional Forum at the level of Russian Provinces and Indian States be held next year to dismantle the barriers of trade at regional level. The two leaders noted the stability and progress made in imports of oil and natural gas. They also reviewed the progress made in the field of infrastructure, particularly railways in context of raising the speed of the Nagpur-Secunderabad sector railway line.

The leaders also



China's President Xi Jinping, Russia's President Vladimir Putin, Brazil's President Jair Bolsonaro, India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi and South Africa's President Cyril Ramaphosa pose for a photo at the BRICS emerging economies at the Itamaraty palace in Brasilia, Brazil on Thursday

Brazilian President Bolsonaro to be chief guest at next R-Day

PTI ■ BRASILIA

Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro has accepted Prime Minister Narendra Modi's invitation to be the chief guest at India's Republic Day celebrations in 2020.

Prime Minister Modi met Bolsonaro on Wednesday on the sidelines of the 11th BRICS Summit held here to focus on building mechanisms for counter-terrorism cooperation and strengthen India's ties with the world's five major economies.

During his meeting with Bolsonaro, Prime Minister Modi invited the President of Brazil to be the chief guest at the Republic Day in 2020. Bolsonaro accepted the invitation with pleasure.

India, China agree to hold next round of border talks after Modi-Xi meet in Brazil

Brasilia/Beijing: India and China have agreed to hold another meeting on matters relating to the boundary question after Prime Minister Narendra Modi met Chinese President Xi Jinping on the sidelines of the BRICS Summit here, according to an official statement.

The 21st round of India-China border talks, led by Special Representatives (SR) National Security Advisor Ajit Doval and his Chinese counterpart and Foreign Minister Wang Yi, were held at Chengdu in China in November last year.

According to a statement by the Ministry of External Affairs, Prime Minister Modi and President Xi "noted that the Special Representatives will have another meeting on matters relating to the boundary question and reiterated the importance of maintaining peace and security along the border areas."

Telangana RTC strike: Will temporarily drop merger demand, say unions

Hyderabad: Alleging that the Telangana Government was misleading the public and the courts, the agitating TSRTC employees on Thursday said they were willing to drop their main demand of merger of the corporation with the transport department, for time being.

"When talks were held earlier we had indicated that we were willing to drop some demands. However, the government kept sending messages that the employees were adamant on their demands. So the JAC decided to temporarily drop the merger demand. Now the Government should hold discussions on other demands," Ashwathama Reddy leader of the RTC unions said.

Poll process in J&K to begin 'soon': LG

Jammu: Hinting at holding Assembly polls in Jammu & Kashmir in the near future, Lieutenant Governor (LG) Girish Chandra Murmu on Thursday said the election process will begin soon.

"Election will come. It is a Union territory with a legislature, it will not continue like this (LG's rule)," he said, while addressing a function of the police department.

"The process for holding the election will come soon," Murmu said, speaking at the Attestation-cum-Passing out Parade of the 14th batch of Constables, held in the Talwara area of Reasi district.

Markets open for hours, public transport back on roads in Srinagar

Srinagar: Signs of normalcy were visible in Srinagar as most modes of public transport have started plying, while markets at some places remained open for longer hours, officials said on Thursday.

The intra-district connectivity in Srinagar has been restored as cabs have started plying in several areas of the city, the officials said.

There are reports of movement of intra-district cabs and other modes of public transport in most other district headquarters of the valley as well. With this, most modes of public transport have started plying in the valley, especially in the city here, as inter-district cabs, auto-rickshaws and few minibuses were already plying.

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N K Textile Industries Limited						
Regd. Office: Omaxe Square, Plot No. 14, 5th Floor, Jasola District Centre, Jasola, New Delhi-110025						
CIN:- L17299DL1983PLC163230, Tel:- 011 61119313						
Email ID:- n.ktextiles123@gmail.com, website:- www.nktil.com						
Extract of Unaudited Standalone Financial Results for the quarter and half year ended on 30.09.2019						
Standalone (Rs. in lacs)						
Sl. No.	Particular	Quarter Ended on			Half Year ended on	
		30.09.2019	30.09.2018	30.06.2019	30.09.2019	30.09.2018
Year ended on 31.03.2019						
(Unaudited) (Unaudited) (Unaudited) (Unaudited) (Unaudited) (Unaudited)						
1	Total Income from operations	2.63	56.15	0.97	3.6	3045.86
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and /or Extra-ordinary items)	313.47	55.07	(779.16)	(465.69)	3042.72
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	313.47	55.07	(779.16)	(465.69)	3042.72
4	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	240.78	42.39	(597.84)	(357.06)	2333.94
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	-	-	-	-	-
6	Paid up Equity Share Capital (Face value Rs. 10 each)	83.98	83.98	83.98	83.98	83.98
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the audited Balance Sheet of accounting Year 2018-19	-	-	-	-	4185.37
8	Earning Per Share (Rs) (Face Value Rs. 10)	28.67	5.06	(71.19)	(42.52)	277.92
1	Basic	28.67	5.06	(71.19)	(42.52)	277.92
2	Diluted	28.67	5.06	(71.19)	(42.52)	277.92

By order of the Board For N K Textile Industries Limited Balbir Singh Director Place: New Delhi Date :14.11.2019

Premium Merchants Limited						
Regd. Office: Omaxe Square, Plot No. 14, 5th Floor, Jasola District Centre, Jasola, New Delhi-110025						
CIN: L51909DL1985PLC021077, Tel: 011 61119658						
Email Id: premiummerchants123@gmail.com, website: www.pmltd.in						
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Year ended on 31.03.2019						
(Unaudited) (Unaudited) (Unaudited) (Unaudited) (Unaudited) (Unaudited)						
1	Total Income from operations	42.94	6.15	2.40	45.34	16.68
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and /or Extra-ordinary items)	43.79	5.08	-3.17	40.62	12.83
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	41.66	5.08	-3.17	40.62	12.83
4	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	41.23	3.58	-1.04	40.19	10.33
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	-	-	-	-	-
6	Paid up Equity Share Capital (Face value Rs. 10 each)	99.80	99.80	99.80	99.80	99.80
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the audited Balance Sheet of accounting Year 2018-19	-	-	-	-	-
8	Earning Per Share (Rs) (Face Value Rs. 10)	4.13	0.36	-0.10	4.03	1.04
1	Basic	4.13	0.36	-0.10	4.03	1.04
2	Diluted	4.13	0.36	-0.10	4.03	1.04

By order of the Board For Premium Merchants Limited Balbir Singh Director Place: New Delhi Date :14.11.2019

SPECIAL TRAIN

In order to clear extra rush of passengers during the Nirankari Sant Samagam at Bhodwal Majri from 15.11.19 to 20.11.19, one pair of Special EMU train will be run as per the following schedule:-

04071/04072 Delhi - Panipat - Delhi EMU Special Train					
Train No. 04071	Arr.	Dep.	STATIONS		Train No. 04072
			Arr.	Dep.	
-	09.00	-	Delhi Jn.	00.25	-
09.18	09.20	-	Subzi Mandi	00.03	00.05
10.20	10.40	-	Bhodwal Majri	23.00	23.05
11.00	-	-	Panipat	-	22.40

Days of Run: 04071 Ex. Delhi from 15.11.2019 to 20.11.2019 & 04072 Ex. Panipat from 15.11.2019 to 20.11.2019.

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1. Name of Work with its location	Provision of "Divyang friendly Toilets" along with septic tank and soakpit at 36 nos. under Sr. DEN-IV.
2. Approx. Cost of work	(1) Rs. 59,57,0

50:50 FORMULA

Sena wonders if PM was kept in loop

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

Contesting Amit Shah's claim that the BJP had not promised rotational Chief Ministership to his party, Shiv Sena leader Sanjay Raut on Thursday charged that Shah had kept Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the loop about the 50:50 power sharing agreement reached with his party president Uddhav Thackeray ahead of the Lok Sabha polls.

In a hard-hitting response to the BJP president's rejection of the Shiv Sena's claim about the promise of rotational chief ministership purportedly made by the former ahead of the Lok Sabha polls, Raut said: "The fact remains that our beloved Amit Shah had not informed as to what transpired between him and Uddhav Thackeray at a closed door meeting ahead of the Lok Sabha polls. He should have informed the Prime Minister about whatever transpired at a closed door meeting between him and Uddhavji."

"If you (Amit Shah) had reconciled to whatever had been decided ahead of the Lok Sabha polls and kept the Prime Minister in the loop, Modi would have cognisance of this and we would have not arrived at such a sit-

uation that we are witnessing today," Raut said.

Raut's remarks came a day after Shah wanted to know as to why the Sena had not objected to the repeated statements by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and him at election meeting that Devendra Fadnis would be the next Chief Minister if the saffron alliance returned to power in the state.

"At all meetings, Narendra Modi used to say Devendra Fadnis would be the next chief minister. At all meetings, Uddhav Thackeray also used to say that the Shiv Sena man would be the next Chief Minister. When the alliance was formed between the two parties, Uddhavji used to say that they would be 50:50 sharing of power and positions. At that time why did Amit Shah not say that this kind of agreement had not been reached? He should have taken objection to Uddhavji's statement then," Raut said.

"You (Amit Shah) did not say any such thing till the Lok Sabha polls. This issue has come up only after the State Assembly poll. We expect and practise morality in politics. We expected minimum mortal ethics (from the BJP)," the Sena spokesperson said.



Raut said that he had not heard Amit Shah saying that Devendra Fadnis would become the next Chief Minister of Maharashtra. "I had not heard Amit Shah say anything in this regard. I had heard Prime Minister Narendra Modi saying that Devendra Fadnis would become the next Chief Minister. We did not contest Modi's statement keeping in mind his standing and stature of the Prime Minister and left it like that thinking that we would deal with it after the polls," he said.

Interestingly Raut, while ripping into Amit Shah, had good things to say about Modi. At one stage, he said: "After all, we have sought votes in the name of Modi's Modi is a tall leader. We have along respected Modi and will continue to do so. After all, he is the Prime Minister, he was a Chief Minister earlier and a leader. We love Modi as much as BJP workers do."

Alluding to Amit Shah's statement that "it is not the BJP's tradition to disclose what transpires in close-door meetings", Raut said: "If something is decided at a closed door meeting but not implemented later, then things will definitely come out. Whatever transpired in the closed door meeting between Amit Shah and Uddhav is not small thing. It involves the self-respect of Maharashtra. For us, it is like Pran jaye vachan na jaye. It involves the future of Maharashtra. If you say that whatever transpired at the meeting did not happen, then definitely this issue will come out."

Raut said that the Shiv Sena had not converted politics into a business. "We are not traders, we are Maharashtrians. This is the land of Chhatrapati Shivaji, Mahatma Phule, Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar and Shahu Maharaj. Whatever we do comes from the inspiration of Chhatrapati Shivaji. The persons whom I referred to had never indulged in business. They sacrificed their lives for the country. For us politics is not business," the Sena leader said, while taking indirect dig at Shah.

Giving an emotional spin to the issue, Raut said: "The venue where Amit Shah and Uddhavji held talks

was not an ordinary room. It was a room that belonged to late Balasaheb once. It was the same room from where late Balasaheb championed the cause of Hindutva and blessed Modi on several occasions.... For us, the venue where the discussion between Amit Shah and Uddhavji is not just a room but a temple"

"If someone says such agreement had not take place in that room, it is an insult to that temple and late Balasaheb. It is also an insult to Maharashtra as well. We take the pledge in the name of Balasaheb and say we do not lie. If you still feel bad about whatever happened inside the temple, then please come out and tell the people what transpired at the meeting. We have never used lies to practise politics nor will we do. The Thackeray family has sacrificed for the country," he said.

The stand-off the two saffron alliance partners should be seen in the context of what transpired at the meeting that BJP president Amit Shah and Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis had with Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray on February 18 this year when the two parties formalised the seat-sharing pact for the Lok Sabha polls.

Sena, NCP, Cong cross CMP hurdle; Pawar may meet Sonia

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

As part of their ongoing efforts to form a Government in Maharashtra, the Shiv Sena Congress and NCP on Thursday crossed the first hurdle — of jointly preparing a draft of Common Minimum Programme (CMP) for a three-party Government — after detailed tripartite talks among their leaders.

With the vetting and formalisation of the CMP by the central leaders of the three parties having become a mere formality now, the talks on power-sharing arrangement among the leaders of Shiv Sena, Congress and NCP may begin from Friday.

In another major development, the Congress and NCP are understood to have agreed in principle to give the Chief Minister's post to the Shiv Sena which won as many as 56 seats as against 54 and 44 seats bagged by the NCP and Congress respectively in the State Assembly.

It remains to be seen if the NCP will share the post with

the Sena for a period of two and a half years and the Congress will in lieu get the deputy Chief Minister's post for the entire five years' period, as is being speculated.

Though the three parties are coming out in the open, the senior leaders of the Shiv Sena, NCP and Congress are developing the contours of the proposed three-party Government which may take full shape by the week end. "The power-sharing formula will comprise CMP and the distribution of ministerial portfolios among the three parties," a senior Congress leader said.

The rapid pace in which the three parties are moving should be light of a request reportedly made by the Shiv Sena leadership to wrap up all the nitty-gritties before the Saturday evening so that it Sena can submit the letters of support received from the Congress and NCP to Maharashtra Governor Bhagat Singh Koshiyari on the death anniversary of late Bal Thackeray on November 17.

Received no communication from AIMPLB on reviewing Ayodhya verdict: Ansari

Ayodhya: Ahead of the All India Muslim Personal Law Board's meeting to decide whether to seek a review of the Supreme Court verdict in the Ayodhya case, the main litigant Iqbal Ansari has said he does not wish to be a party to that and the Board can do whatever it wants. He also said he has "not received any communication" from the AIMPLB about its meeting.

Ansari, 53, along with several other local Muslim leaders had recently said the five acres of land to be allocated for building a mosque as per the landmark verdict in the Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid dispute should be within the 67 acres of land acquired by the Government in Ayodhya.

"I know the Muslim Board (AIMPLB) is holding a meeting on Sunday to take a decision on seeking a review of the Supreme Court judgement. I have not received any communication in this connection," he said.

Wasim Rizvi donates ₹51,000 for Ram temple

Lucknow: Uttar Pradesh Shia Central Waqf Board chairman Wasim Rizvi on Thursday announced he is donating ₹51,000 for the construction of a Ram temple in Ayodhya.

Rizvi said the Board favoured the construction of a Ram temple in Ayodhya and the Supreme Court judgment on the decades-old issue is the "best verdict" that could have been possible.

In a unanimous verdict, the Supreme Court last week cleared the way for the construction of a Ram temple at the disputed site in Ayodhya and directed the Centre to allot a separate five-acre plot to the Sunni Waqf Board to build a mosque. "Now preparations are on for the construction of a grand temple at the Ram Janmasthan," Rizvi said.

SC SABARIMALA VERDICT Focus shifts to Left Govt in Kerala

PTI ■ THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Ahead of the pilgrimage season at the Lord Ayyappa shrine commencing on November 17, the focus has now shifted to the LDF government in Kerala over allowing women in the 10-50 age group to offer prayers at the Supreme Court has decided to keep pending the pleas seeking review of its verdict.

The left Government would consult legal experts to get more clarity on the Supreme Court's Sabarimala verdict but it seems that the earlier order on allowing entry of women of all age groups still stands, Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan said. Vijayan, who met the media here to explain the government stand in the backdrop of the apex court's decision to refer the case to a larger bench, said the

state government was always ready to implement the court order, whatsoever it may be.

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RSS welcomes SC ruling: says issue is not about discrimination

PTI ■ THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Nagpur: Welcoming the Supreme Court's decision to refer Sabarimala case to a larger bench, the RSS on Thursday said the restrictions on women's entry in the famous Kerala shrine have nothing to do with gender discrimination.

Arun Kumar, Akhil Bhartiya Prachar Pramukh of the RSS, said on the organisation's Twitter handle that "matters related to traditions and customs are issues of faith and belief."

"We welcome the Supreme Court decision to accept the review Petition and refer the matter to a larger Constitutional Bench," he tweeted. "Matters related to traditions and customs are issues of faith and belief. Restriction of women belonging to a particular age-group to the Sabarimala shrine has nothing to (do) with gender inequality or discrimination, and that is strictly based on the speciality of the deity," the senior RSS leader said. PTI

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1.	Replacement of water line i/c cutting of road, excavation of trench, sluice valve, specials & shifting of water connections back filling etc at Bhikaji Cama Place under SW-III	Rs. 31,47,435/- Rs. 63,000/- and Rs. 500/-	13.11.2019 Tender I.D. NO. 2019_DJB_183719_1	29.11.2019 at 2:00 P.M.

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EXTRACT OF UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER / HALF YEAR ENDED ON 30 SEPT., 2019 (Rs. in Lacs)

S. No.	Particulars	Standalone Results					
		Quarter Ended		Six Month Ended		Year Ended	
		Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited	Audited
		30.09.2019	30.06.2019	30.09.2018	30.09.2019	30.09.2018	31.03.2019
1	Total Income from Operations	631.09	789.56	801.26	1420.65	1438.51	2843.79
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before tax, exceptional items)	119.65	192.11	230.93	311.76	385.64	570.59
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after exceptional items)	119.65	192.11	230.93	311.76	385.64	570.59
4	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax	79.65	167.11	215.93	246.76	360.64	441.02
5	Paid up Equity Share Capital	494.82	494.82	494.82	494.82	494.82	494.82
6	Earnings/(loss) per share (of Rs. 10/- each) (not annualised, in Rs.) for continuing and discontinuing operations						
	(a) Basic	1.61	3.38	4.36	4.99	7.29	8.91
	(b) Diluted	1.61	3.38	4.36	4.99	7.29	8.91

NOTE: The above is an extract of the financial results for the quarter / half year ended on 30th Sept. 2019 filed with the stock exchanges under regulation 33 of SEBI (LODR) Regulation, 2015. The full Financial results for the quarter ended 30th Sept. 2019 are available on www.mseil.in, www.cse-india.com and www.rampurfert.com.

By order of the Board
Sd/- Anshuman Khaitan
(Managing Director)

Place: New Delhi
Date : 14.11.2019

RLF LIMITED
Regd. Office : 14Kms, Gurugram Patnudi Road, Village Jhund Sarai Veeran, Dist. Gurugram, Haryana.
CIN : L74999HR1979PLC032747, Website: www.rfltd.com, Email id: investorrelations@rfltd.com, Phone: 011-49075251
Statement of Unaudited Financial Results for the Quarter and Half Year Ended September 30, 2019

(Rs. in Lacs, except per share data)

Sl. No.	Particulars	Quarter Ended					
		30.09.2019		30.06.2019		30.09.2018	
		Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited
1	Total Income from Operations	14.35	1.23	0.17	16.18	13.15	100.90
2	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before tax and exceptional & extraordinary items	(40.67)	(10.90)	(32.25)	(51.57)	(58.71)	4.47
3	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax and exceptional & extraordinary items	(40.67)	(10.90)	(32.25)	(51.57)	(58.71)	4.47
4	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax	(40.67)	(10.90)	(32.25)	(51.57)	(58.71)	4.47
5	Total Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-	-	-
6	Paid-up equity share capital	980.08	980.08	980.08	980.08	980.08	980.08
7	Earning Per Share of Rs. 10/- each (not annualised)						
	a) Basic	(0.41)	(0.11)	(0.33)	(0.53)	(0.60)	0.06
	b) Diluted	(0.41)	(0.11)	(0.33)	(0.53)	(0.60)	0.06

Notes:
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For RLF Limited
Sd/- Aditya Khanna
Managing Director
DIN : 01860338

Place : Gurugram, Haryana
Dated : November 13, 2019

PUBLIC NOTICE
The general public is hereby informed that Allotment Letter and Possession Letter in respect of Flat No.16-F, Block CC, Hari Nagar, New Delhi-110064 issued by Delhi Development Authority are missing. With whomsoever, is advised to return the same to Mrs. Ravathi H. Wo Sh. M. Rama Subramonyam at above mentioned address. Anybody dealing with these documents, will be at his/her own risk and responsibility.

O.P. Tanwar (Advocate),
74/B-7, Sector-4, Rohini, Delhi-110085

WESTERN RAILWAY
CORRIGENDUM
TO SAUCION SALE PROGRAM MATERIAL MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT
Please refer to this office e-Auction Sale Notification No. S438/e-Auction 2019-20 Dt. 12/09/2019. E-Auction Sale Program scheduled to be held in the month of November 2019 at Pratapnagar Depot on 23.11.2019, will be reschedule and held on 22.11.2019. All other terms and conditions will remain unchanged. Please visit Western Railway Website of material Management Department i.e. www.wr.indianrailways.gov.in as well as on www.ireps.gov.in e-auction portal for further information.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to inform public in general that Kotak Mahindra bank ltd has organized an auction in below mention respect of Vehicles. **VEHICLES FOR SALE**
1) ECHER_5031 REG. NO. HR38X3990
YOM 2018
UNDER HYPOTHECATION WITH M/S KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK IS UNDER SALE IN ITS "AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION"
INTERESTED PARTIES CAN GIVE THEIR QUOTATIONS WITH IN 7 DAYS AT
BRANCH ADDRESS:
3RD FLOOR, PLOT NO 7, SECTOR 125, NOIDA-201313 OR
CONTACT : AVINASH SAURAV KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK LTD.
CONTACT NO. 9643805296

Information Technology Development Agency (I.T.D.A.)
(Department of IT, Government of Uttarakhand)
I.T.D.A. IT Bhawan, Plot No. 11/07, IT Park, Sahasrabudha Road, Dehradun - 248001
Ph: 0522-2605930, email: itda@itda.gov.in

Tender Notice No. 11/ITDA-471(A)/2019 dated 14/11/2019
Request for Proposal (RFP) for Supply of Hardware at Uttarakhand Secretariat
Request for Proposal (RFP) is being issued by ITDA, Department of IT, Uttarakhand to the reputed companies meeting the qualification criteria for selection of system integrator for Request for Proposal (RFP) for Supply of Hardware at Uttarakhand Secretariat.
The RFP document can be downloaded from www.itenders.gov.in from 15/11/2019 from 10.30 AM onwards. The parties willing to participate in the RFP will have to apply through the Electronic Tendering Procedure (e-Tendering) as per the guidelines issued by Government of Uttarakhand available on the above mentioned web site under the link "Bidders Manual Kit".
Director ITDA reserves the right to cancel the RFP at any point of time, without assigning any reason thereof.

DIRECTOR

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED
General public is hereby informed that a boy namely **Laxmi Kant, S/o: Ompal Sharma, R/o: J-86, Gali No.-14, Bhatta Road, Swaroop Nagar, Delhi has been missing/kidnapped since 01.11.2019 from the area of P.S. Swaroop Nagar, Delhi.** In this regard DD No. 18-A, dated 03.11.2019 has been registered at P.S. Swaroop Nagar, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing/kidnapped boy but no clue has come to light so far. The description of missing/kidnapped boy is as under:
Name: Laxmi Kant, Age: 19 Years, Height: 5'7", Face: Round, Complexion: Fair, Built: Medium.
If anyone have any information about this missing/ kidnapped boy please inform P.S. Swaroop Nagar, Delhi.
Web: <http://cbi.nic.in>, Email: cic@cbi.gov.in
Ph.: 011-24368638/24368641, Fax: 011-24368639
SHO
Police Station, Swaroop Nagar, Delhi
Ph: 011-27811415, 27811738

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EXTRACT OF UNAUDITED STANDALONE AND CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND HALF YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 2019 (Rs. in Lakhs)

PARTICULARS	STANDALONE			CONSOLIDATED		
	Quarter Ended	Half Year Ended	Quarter Ended	Quarter Ended	Half Year Ended	Quarter Ended
	30.09.2019	30.09.2019	30.09.2018	30.09.2019	30.09.2019	30.09.2018
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Total income from operations (net)	3,878.32	7,730.70	3,574.42	4,126.20	8,181.52	3,983.52
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before tax, exceptional and extraordinary items)	86.27	237.59	39.33	60.19	163.52	56.19
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after exceptional and extraordinary items)	86.27	237.59	39.33	60.21	518.74	56.19
Net Profit for the period after Tax (After exceptional and extraordinary items)	65.30	169.97	25.78	39.24	451.12	41.78
Total Comprehensive Income for the period	65.30	169.97	25.78	39.24	451.12	41.78
Paid Up Equity Share Capital (face value of Rs. 10/- per share)	2,216.00	2,216.00	2,216.00	2,216.00	2,216.00	2,216.00
Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve as shown in the Balance Sheet of previous year)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 10/- each) (not annualised)						
Basic:	0.29	0.77	0.12	0.18	2.04	0.19
Diluted:	0.29	0.77	0.12	0.18	2.04	0.19

NOTES:
1. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly/Half yearly Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly/Half yearly Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchange websites (URL of the filings)
2. The above unaudited financial results were reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors on 13th November, 2019 and limited review of the same has been carried out by the statutory auditors of the company.
3. Figures of the previous have been regrouped / rearranged, wherever necessary.

For and on behalf of Board
BARAK VALLEY CEMENTS LIMITED
Sd/- Kamakhya Chamarla
Vice Chairman & Managing Director

Place : New Delhi
Date : 13th November, 2019

Sabarimala takeaways

By referring its order that allows women entry into the shrine to a larger Bench, SC is buying time, not giving in



Faith over women's rights? A regressive over a progressive society? Religion justifying patriarchy or not? The Supreme Court needs more time, investigations and a larger bench to give answers on who can pray at Sabarimala, knowing that its ruling will become a precedent for all time to come and should, therefore, be well-considered. That it will affect 50 per cent of the nation's population, namely women, who could always interpret justice as hostage to a brute majoritarian force. Till then, its earlier order allowing women of reproductive age into the shrine holds.

There were assumptions that the Supreme Court's verdict on Ayodhya, which relied heavily on the faith of believers and their continued practice of it, would influence it to review its own order. Simply because the patriarchal servitors of the house of Lord Ayyappa, the celibate God, had codified belief that women of a certain age group would bring temptation to a sacred space, if not the lord himself. As if menstruation and procreation were sins rather than the law of the universe. With their early hold on interpreting religion, they appropriated primacy by unequal means and solidified it as an ordained custom. They monopolised godliness when faith is a soul concern, irrespective of gender. They even equated the deity's rights to that of Ram *lalla's*, humanising the claims of the God-kings to be treated as private individuals in their own homes. Such has been the sanctity of this practice in the public domain that even Judge Indu Malhotra, during the earlier ruling, had wondered if the ban should be respected as the ritualistic right of a sect to keep to its customs as a secular allowance. The apex court doesn't usually admit a review plea but given the confusion, it did so despite a 3:2 verdict, with justices Rohinton Nariman and DY Chandrachud against another relook. Though petitioners may claim an admission of oversight is implicit in this decision, there are layered takeaways. One, it is intended to defer another ruling of landmark proportions so soon after the Ayodhya verdict and control the fallout. Second, the top court has suggested widening the ambit of a woman's devotional rights across religions, including the entry of women into mosques and Parsi shrines and the practice of female genital mutilation in the Dawoodi Bohra community. This could work both ways. For one, the localised appeal by a sect could be circumvented and made a subset of a larger ruling on democratic rights of women across religions. Or the Hindu sect could be treated at par with the other groups with a right to practise their socially sanctioned faith and attendant rituals. Last but not the least, the deferment helps most mainstream political parties, which do not want to deal with the ramifications before the Kerala elections in 2021. For the BJP, which has thrown its weight behind a review of the order allowing women inside the shrine, its stance has so far not yielded results, the party failing to win either a seat or increase its vote-share during the Lok Sabha elections. The Congress, in fact, has gained for endorsing the same line, that the hill shrine be entitled to its own traditions. So the court's need to study the objections raised is a reprieve for all parties concerned.

Yet it raises a vital question. Why do we need the highest judicial authority of the land to lay down the code of societal evolution and dynamism when we should be reforming practices and executing them ourselves? Why are we still hesitant to acknowledge that we need to look at women as they are without being referenced by the patriarchal gaze, be it social or religious. Lord Ayyappa himself as a fountainhead of divinity would not have discriminated between his people. The Hindu pantheon has always prided the sacredness of both the masculine and feminine as essential attributes of spiritual enlightenment and has made women the originator of *shakti*. Our early Vedic texts are replete with examples of women scholars and priests. Believers maintain that Lord Ayyappa had sworn not to marry till his earthly mission was fulfilled and women devotees who understand empathise with the woman who still waits for him. But Ayyappa is also the most democratic god there is. Devotees dress uniformly in black, symbolising a renunciation of worldly pleasures and donning a garb of equality beyond caste and other social hierarchies. A Dalit can lead the prayers if he is the group leader and a Brahmin follower must touch his feet, too. Nowhere in Hindu rituals is such liberalism on display. So lord Ayyappa himself would not turn away the genuine seeker, be it a woman or man. When will we understand this?

Setback for Congress

The SC dismissal of the Rafale plea has given the BJP fresh ammunition to target the party



Now that the Rafale jets have made their way to India and their indispensability has been proven to our forces, the Supreme Court was expected to dismiss a review petition against their acquisition. Politically though, it gave the BJP, weather-beaten by the latest round of Assembly results, some ammunition to beat the Congress with all over again. The latter was in for some embarrassment, not because its poll plank on the questionable nature of the Rafale deal was battered electorally, but because the court warned the party's former chief Rahul Gandhi for justifying his "*chowkidar chor hai*" jibe, citing court observations that were never made. While the court exempted him from a contempt case, the BJP used the severity of its warning to demand a national apology from the Gandhi scion for insulting Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The "*chowkidar chor hai*" slogan wasn't just in bad taste but gave the BJP an opportunity to crest public opinion by taking a high moral ground. It, in fact, turned the slogan on its head to make its most effective brand slogan of "*Main bhi chowkidar*." The Congress, therefore, will have no manoeuvring space in its self-defence now and the BJP won't let go of a chance of cornering Rahul on this. Union Law Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad lost no time in reminding that not only did Rahul call the Prime Minister a thief, he lied about the former French Prime Minister's statements and misquoted the Supreme Court.

Without a cogent defence on the sliding economy and other pressing issues, the BJP is expected to use the Rafale ruling to animate much of the discussions in Parliament. The Congress may want to shy away from being reminded about its follies but cannot walk away from them either, considering that Rahul continued with the Rafale bandwagon in the run-up to the Maharashtra polls. He may be now demanding a JPC probe and the Congress, as chairman of the Public Accounts Committee, may keenly vet the CAG (Comptroller and Auditor-General) report on Rafale but there's no political capital to be made. Already facing a crisis of confidence, the Congress now needs to be careful in choosing its target and subject. It needs to work on specifics and choose issues that impact everyday life rather than blustering against the monolithic consistency of Modi. It has an existing grassroots matrix to revive its local presence in States first, championing local issues. That seems to be working. Anti-Congressism is now a convenient excuse for everybody and the party must now think whether it really wants to be an excuse in Indian politics or be something else.

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Pay heed to warning signs

It is unfortunate that the Government has failed to take cognisance of the deteriorating law and order situation in the country when one expected it to act responsibly



AJOY KUMAR

A little less than two weeks ago, the national capital witnessed unprecedented protests by hundreds of policemen. The personnel gheraoed their headquarters, demanding intervention and support of senior officers with respect to the clash that took place between them and the lawyers at the Tis Hazari district court complex. On their part, the lawyers have been on a strike and have threatened to continue with it unless their demands are heard to protect them from what they call the high-handedness of the police.

While the origin of the dispute is unclear, it has been reported that the clash was over a parking dispute. Whatever be the reason, the scuffle between them escalated into something much more serious. It was reported that three lawyers were shot and as a result of the struggle, more than 30 people were severely injured. Police vans and vehicles were set on fire and the lawyers' chambers were ransacked. The dispute continues to linger till the date of writing this article and peaceful ground between the police and the lawyers looks far away. Both sides have stuck to their guns, holding the other side responsible for the scuffle.

Almost a year ago, a similar dispute had erupted, which had led to the breakdown of the law and order situation. Again, a Central Government agency was involved. In October last year, an internal rift between the then Director of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) Alok Verma and his number two, Rakesh Asthana, had become a public spectacle. Both Asthana and Verma hurled corruption charges against each other and approached the courts to ensure protection against legal action. In an extraordinary move, the Union Government sent both officers on leave and with effect, divested the CBI Director of all duties. This move was extraordinary because the CBI Director enjoys a tenure of two years after his appointment by a high-profile committee, which includes the Leader of Opposition.

However, this committee was bypassed to remove Verma, who among other voices, had cast aspersions on the Government for subverting investigations into significant cases. While I have written about the crisis of credibility in the past, the reason I want to recount this incident is because both the present crisis involving the police and lawyers as well as the last incident involving the CBI have two things in common: First, both situations make a mockery of the law and water down safeguards that are essential for a democracy to thrive. Second, in both cases no one from the Government took responsibility for the mess or showed interest to ensure that the situation is diffused in a responsible manner.

The failure to maintain law and order is unfortunately becoming more frequent over the last few years in the country. The law has been abused by individual lawmakers in power. It seems the rule of law has now changed to the law of rulers.



Therefore, I will not go through these details again.

The fact, however, is that we now live in a country where we have been immunised against impropriety in general. This is not necessarily always in the form of cases like Swami Chinmayanand and the Uttar Pradesh Police's handling of the rape case against the said BJP leader. Sometimes, mockery takes different forms. For example, the unilateral manner in which demonetisation was pressed upon the citizens and the lack of scientific examination into it that has had a tectonic impact on the country's economy.

Another example is how the Right to Information (RTI) Act was watered down or how fake news and hate speech have been allowed to thrive on social media. All of these instances, while completely unconnected at the first blush, have a disconcerting common thread running through them: They are all symptoms of a weakening democracy. The clash between the police and the lawyers is only the latest symptom of a more serious problem.

Now let's talk about the second issue, which relates to the fact that no one from the Government has taken responsibility for or ensured that the stand-off between the Delhi Police, which comes under the Union Home of Ministry, and the lawyers, is settled responsibly. It is here that questions about

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leadership arise. Through the entire dispute we saw senior police officials stepping in. We have seen numerous voices throw their inputs into the mix. But what we did not see was the intervention of the Union Home Minister on this issue. We have seen the Lieutenant Governor of Delhi in the front and centre but none from the Union Government intervened. This is especially disappointing because it follows a trend where during the good times — typically election victories — we get to hear many representatives of the Government speaking on television for great lengths.

However, just as often, during times when the Government is faced with a crisis, we do not see any official offer an explanation or provide reassurance. In a few instances, where we have seen Ministers taking questions during difficult situations, we have been left a little concerned than reassured. One example of this was how the Finance Minister responded and reacted to the economic crisis. While taking questions on the slowdown of the auto industry, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman deflected the blame to cab aggregators like Ola and Uber for the plummeting sale of cars. A response like this seems to be disconnected from reality and displays a desire to deflect blame rather than taking responsibility to fix the situation. Not one person can be

held completely responsible for a crisis. In an economic/job crisis, for example, external factors matter, too. However, as things stand today, there should be little debate on the fact that there are internal governance issues, which have exacerbated the problem further. It would have been nice to see the Finance Minister talk about redressing these issues rather than worrying about image management. The former is the kind of leadership that can help India steer itself through crisis.

The showdown between the police and lawyers calls for a brand of leadership where people are reassured that the Government is capable of taking steps to ensure that the crisis is averted with minimum loss and with maturity. I am fortunate to see the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) at work. I have seen it taking steps while at the same time encouraging brand of leadership. No doubt, there will be instances where we may fall short, too, but I am optimistic that we will not shy away from the problem, no matter how uncomfortable.

I will instead face the problem head-on. This is frankly what our voters expect from us. Similarly, I think we should not be shy of demanding same standards from other political leaders, too.

(The writer is a former IPS officer, an MP and currently a member of the AAP)

SOUNDBITE

I generally do not comment on constitutional posts, but a few people (Governors) are acting just like BJP mouthpieces.



West Bengal CM — Mamata Banerjee

I have certain responsibilities as a filmmaker. I don't want to make mindless entertainment. As a filmmaker, I have to be socially relevant.



Filmmaker — Ananth Mahadevan

Kashmiris, who came to Pakistan for training, received a hero's reception. We used to train them and support them.



Ex-Pakistan President — Pervez Musharraf

Some of the top court's recent verdicts must be studied studiously. If somebody says some verdicts are in favour of an ideology, he cannot be blamed.



CPI(M) general secretary — Sitaram Yechury

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Being watchful

Sir — Post the news that the Israeli spyware, Pegasus, targeted over 100 members of civil society, including journalists and human rights activists, WhatsApp, the Facebook-owned messaging app, is now banning global users if they are found to be part of group chats with malicious or suspicious names, in some cases permanently.

It's welcome that at least some action is being taken to address the problem of the spread of false information. Further, the social media giant must roll out an upgraded version of its app that is secured from the spyware. This way, it can be stopped from affecting more phones.

It is a matter of grave concern that Pegasus has had an impact on around 1,400 devices globally. The violation of one's privacy is a grievous offence. People may start feeling compelled to use other messaging apps if WhatsApp proves to be vulnerable to the malware. Something is better than nothing at all.

Tushar Anand
 Patna

Maharashtra saga continues

The riveting turn of events in Maharashtra politics since the Assembly poll results has been a study in the possibility of political realignments. The fast-paced developments have validated the proposition that "politics is the art of the possible." The "divorce" between the Shiv Sena and the BJP — after "cohabiting" as ideological peers for more than a quarter century following their inability to hammer out a mutually acceptable power-sharing formula — has given the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) and the Congress to try and form a three-party coalition Government. The imposition of President's Rule has attracted criticism that it presaged "Operation Kamal" by the BJP to outwit its opponents and "manufacture a majority" for itself. The BJP cannot claim itself to be "a party with a difference" since it is not against horse-trading if it helps in seizing power. By the way, turncoats betray a staggering contempt for decency in public life. The Assembly is now kept "in suspended animation"; it means the doors for revocation of Central rule and the formation of a new State Government are wide open. There is now ample time for parties to try out all sorts of manoeuvres in the game of politics.

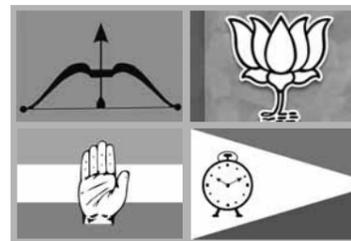
Talks are now said to be under way among the Shiv Sena, the NCP and the Congress on the contours of the Government, terms of power-sharing and a common minimum programme. Interestingly, the NCP is now said to ask for "rotational chief ministership", something that caused

Prepare an action plan

Sir — With air quality index breaching the 900-mark, bad air is severely affecting the health of

the residents of Delhi and the National Capital Region (NCR). It is sad that though the reasons that contribute to air pollution are well-known, we have

been unable to alter the situation. One of the causes for such high level of pollution is the burning of crop residue by farmers in the neighbouring States of Punjab,



the severance of Shiv Sena-BJP ties. It is evident from the non-committal positions of the NCP and the Congress over joining hands with the Shiv Sena and the speculation over the remote possibility of reconciliation between the erstwhile saffron allies that the current political scenario in Maharashtra is in a state of flux. We will watch with keen interest how things take shape. There is never a dull moment when news breaks split second by split second. However, how long will it take for the denouement of the political thriller in the "great State" is hard to tell.

G David Milton
 Maruthancode

Haryana and Uttar Pradesh. The lack of seriousness on part of the respective State Governments as well as the Central Government to devise an action plan has led to the present saga of people suffering from "severe" category of air pollution. The Government must proactively work with all stakeholders concerned to bring down air pollution levels.

Devendra Khurana
 Bhopal

Piecemeal measures

Sir — The problem of air pollution is not new to the capital city. It is also a fact that policy measures kick in at the nick of the time when health is at stake. Besides, much of the policies do little to address the heart of the problem, which is stubble burning. Bans, incentives and targeted subsidies are only temporary solutions. If indeed we intend to tackle the problem, behavioural changes are needed.

Sunita
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Clear roadblocks to innovation

India and the US must address key digital issues and help their trade relationship reach its full potential



JASON OXMAN

Innovation does not happen in a vacuum. The constant free flow of ideas and data across the globe fuels the development of the new chip that powers our smartphones and the apps we use to learn, play and connect with loved ones. But to ensure that these advancements and technological breakthroughs not only continue but thrive, nations must embrace an environment of cross-border cooperation and competitiveness. And few trading relationships hold as much promise as the partnership between the United States (US) and India. The US and India are positioned to gain more than all other markets from a significant reduction in global barriers to services trade, according to a study recently cited by the World Trade Organisation (WTO). Further, the strengths of India and America's technological sectors are complementary and allow both countries to innovate and excel. The Indian Information Communications Technology (ICT) sector employs around 3.5 million workers and contributed 9.5 per cent to the country's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in 2014. India is the second-largest exporter of IT services and now has over 550 million internet connections and over 500 million smartphone users, making it the fastest-growing telecom market in the world. In addition, India has a vibrant start-up ecosystem, which is growing at a rate of 12-15 per cent annually. In fact, the nation saw the emergence of 1,200 startups in 2018 itself.

Similarly, the technology sector is essential for America's innovation, job creation and economic growth. Technology companies account for 10.2 per cent of the US economy and 7.6 per cent of its workforce, with application of technology products and services spanning all sectors. Every day, US companies work with partners and research hubs in cities around the world to create and bring to market new products and services that drive commerce and support jobs in the country.

By leveraging these strengths through international cooperation, both nations can pursue a meaningful digital future together. However, current policies in India challenge that growing relationship. Even where well-intentioned, Indian Government measures may inadvertently cut off Indian companies from collaborating with and benefiting from US partners. High tariffs, coupled with regulatory barriers, limit companies from importing products and components that drive local business and innovation. Potential digital barriers, such as restrictions on the movement of data and data localisation requirements, would compound investment uncertainty. The ongoing US-India trade talks provide an important opportunity for both countries to find solutions to long-standing technology trade issues, thus encouraging a robust, integrated and mutually beneficial trade relationship. As negotiators work toward a trade package, there are two essential issues to raise, which would elevate the promise of the bilateral innovation partnership. First, India's import barriers must be eased. ICT products are a key enabler of technology adoption and utilisation and an essential element of India's development as a technological leader. Reducing burdensome testing and conformity assessment programmes and high tariffs on ICT products would not only facilitate US sales, but would also allow India to buy the best equipment at the lowest cost. Additionally, breaking down these barriers would support job growth in both the US and India, and push the country further up the World Bank's Ease of Doing Business Index, a key objective of the Indian Government. This would be a win-win for both the countries.

Second, the US and India must create a concrete and continuing dialogue to discuss digital issues. The Indian Government is considering a range of new policies, including a potential data protection law with restrictive elements and a broad framework for data governance. These are valid issues to consider and India is asking many good questions about how data should be handled to ensure that the economic benefits can be realised by all, including through finding ways for the Government to access data across borders to enforce the law and protect national security. However, if data policies in both the countries diverge so significantly that companies are unable to operate across borders, this will stifle innovation and economic benefits on both sides. A standing dialogue would provide a regular forum to discuss and inform digital strategies and help both sides avoid unintended consequences of new policies. The value of increased US-India trade is clear. Already, greater Indian openness to trade has led to economic growth and higher rates of economic inclusivity and educational attainment. The path to greater innovation starts with clearing existing roadblocks and ensuring that new ones do not emerge. The Information Technology Industry (ITI) council hopes that both Governments capitalise on the important opportunity of bilateral trade talks to address key digital issues and help the US-India trade relationship reach its full potential.

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POINTCOUNTERPOINT

THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER RAMESH KUMAR HAD CONSPIRED ALONG WITH SIDDARAMAIAH. THE APEX COURT HAS GIVEN A CLEAR DECISION ON IT. —KARNATAKA CHIEF MINISTER BS YEDIYURAPPA



THE SC'S DECISION HAS EXPOSED BJP'S 'OPERATION KAMAL.' KARNATAKA GOVERNMENT IS ILLEGITIMATE IN LAW AND MUST BE DISMISSED IMMEDIATELY. —CONGRESS SPOKESPERSON RANDEEP SURJEWALA

Understand the burning issue

With a robust combination of the right policies, economic incentives and awareness campaigns, the problem of managing crop residue in an environment-friendly manner can be addressed



SPOORTHY RAMAN

Delhi, one of the world's most polluted cities, is in the news again for its worsening air quality as the Government has been forced to close schools and declare a health emergency. The much-loved winter months in other parts of the country are a nightmare for the residents of Delhi-NCR as the area gets enveloped in a blanket of toxic haze.

With the Air Quality Index (AQI) reaching new levels each year and going as high as 1,200+ (classified 'Hazardous') this month, the city is suffocating, literally. Apart from coal and construction dust, vehicular emissions and smoke from Diwali firecrackers, stubble burning by farmers in the States of Punjab, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh (UP) are cited as the primary reason for this crisis.

While the Delhi Government has been trying to bring down pollution levels through its vehicle rationing odd-even scheme and by closing polluting factories and coal-based power plants among other things, biomass burning is something it has failed to stop. For this, it needs the cooperation of its neighbouring States and has no control over the farmers there.

Crop residue burning is a practice where farmers set their entire fields on fire after harvesting the rice crop, to make way for the next i.e. wheat. The sowing of rice is timed such that its intense water needs are met by the monsoon rains in the Indo-Gangetic plains and the crop is harvested just before winter starts. However, the result is a whopping 23 million tonnes of paddy residue in the fields that need to be cleared in a short span of 10 to 20 days, before the farms are ready for sowing wheat. If the farmers had more time between crops, they could have just left this biomass lie in the fields and let it turn to mulch, which is an excellent fertiliser. However, with such a short gap between the two crops, setting fields afire seems to be the easiest way to get rid of the stubble. This however severely degrades the ambient air quality of Delhi-NCR.

Taking cognisance of the consequences of stubble burning, the Government banned it in June, imposing fines on those who defied the diktat and recently the Supreme Court (SC) even pulled up the chief secretaries of the three neighbouring States and ordered them to ensure that farmers don't burn crop residue anymore.

Nevertheless, the practice seems to have continued as growers contend that feasible, affordable and scalable alternatives are lacking. In an effort to encourage farmers to find alternatives to burning the residue, the SC had also directed the three States to pay ₹100 per quintal of paddy straw to growers, but it doesn't seem to have worked.

The atmospheric factors at play: People often wonder how a practice followed a few 100 km from Delhi-NCR has big implications. Here is the science behind this phenomenon. During winter, the region sees low wind speeds and temperature inversion — an atmospheric phenomenon where the temperature of the air near the surface is lower than that of the air higher in the atmosphere. Hence, when the pollutants from vehicular emissions and crop burning are released into the air, they are not dispersed but trapped in the lower layers of the atmosphere. As a result, the air quality takes a deep dive.

“IT ISN'T DELHI-NCR ALONE THAT TAKES THE HIT; OTHER TIER-2 CITIES IN THE REGION ALSO SEEM TO BE AFFECTED BY BIOMASS BURNING. A 2019 STUDY, WHICH INVESTIGATED THE SOURCE OF POLLUTANTS IN 20 INDIAN CITIES OTHER THAN DELHI, FOUND THAT IN PLACES LIKE AMRITSAR, CHANDIGARH AND LUDHIANA, CROP RESIDUE BURNING, ALONG WITH EMISSIONS FROM POWER PLANTS AND SEASONAL DUST STORMS CONTRIBUTED TO ABOUT 50-52 PER CENT OF PARTICULATE MATTER



"Air pollution in cities like Delhi may be attributed to the growth of the metro and the pollutants from sources far away that get carried to the national Capital by the moving air or environmental conditions, which are unfavourable for the dispersion of pollutants," said Prof Vinoy V from the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Bhubaneswar, talking about his study published in 2018. The study, among other things, had found that crop burning has been increasing at an alarming rate of 25 per cent since 2000.

It isn't Delhi alone that takes the hit; other tier-2 cities in the region also seem to be affected by biomass burning for similar reasons. A 2019 research, which investigated the source of pollutants in 20 Indian cities other than Delhi, found that in places like Amritsar, Chandigarh and Ludhiana, crop residue burning, along with emissions from power plants and seasonal dust storms contributed to about 50-52 per cent of particulate matter.

In essence, the timing of winter-related atmospheric phenomena, coupled with the surge in emissions when the fields are set on fire, is a perfect pollution cocktail.

The health and economic costs of stubble burning: It is well-known that inhaling polluted air can lead to severe health conditions like lung cancer, diabetes, cardiovascular diseases, asthma, bronchitis and dementia. Not just this, air pollution also adversely affects crop yields in India. But, what really is the economic cost of stubble burning in these malades?

A study, published by researchers at USA's International Food Policy Research Institute and Oklahoma State University, pegs that number at \$30 billion, including the economic loss and associated health costs. It found that about 14 per cent of acute respiratory infections, recorded in Haryana, Punjab and Delhi in 2013, could be attributed to stubble burning. Researchers estimate that living in areas where there is intensive crop burning increases the chance of acute respiratory infections three-fold, with children under the age of five being the most affected.

Crippled policies adding to woes: As most studies have pointed out, a robust combination of the right policies, economic incentives and awareness campaigns are the need of the hour to curb the "burning" problem of air pollution. Badly-designed policies could have unintended effects on air quality, as shown by a research from the International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center in India and Mexico and the Cornell University, USA. It showed that groundwater conservation policies, introduced in 2009 in Punjab and Haryana, could have contributed to the rise in stubble burning.

Although rice is a lucrative crop for farmers, it is water-intensive. Hence, the 'Punjab Preservation of Subsoil Water Act' and the 'Haryana Preservation of Subsoil Water Act' banned the transplantation of rice before monsoon to conserve groundwater. As the monsoon arrives in these States in July, the crop is harvested in early November, forcing farmers to clear their fields as soon as possible for wheat sowing. Using satellite data, the study found that prior to 2009, about 40 per cent of rice was harvested by late October and this number declined to 14 per cent after the law was enforced. The number of fires went up from 490 per day during late October prior to 2009, to 681 per day, peaking

around early November. The average daily PM2.5 concentrations in November were also found to be 29 per cent higher after the groundwater Acts were passed.

With the clamour for alternatives to stubble burning increasingly being heard, science may have solutions, as shown by a 2019 study. It analysed 10 alternatives to stubble burning and found that contrary to what farmers believed, these methods were not only environment-friendly, but also profitable. Among them is using Happy Seeder, a machine that can sow wheat despite the presence of rice straw in the fields. This yielded nearly 10-20 per cent increase in profits or about ₹11,498 per hectare on an average. The profits come from lower land preparation cost and the reuse of the crop residue, which increases soil moisture and benefits the long-term health of the soil.

However, these benefits come at a cost of ₹2.4 billion — necessary to produce about 16,000 Happy Seeders to cater to 50 per cent of the rice — wheat cultivation areas. With a meagre subsidy of ₹2,000 provided by the Government for purchasing machines to manage crop residue, machines like Happy Seeders are unaffordable to many farmers, leaving them with no options but to set fields on fire.

As most of these studies have pointed out, with a robust combination of the right policies, economic incentives and awareness campaigns, the pressing problem of managing crop residue can be addressed. It is about time that policymakers took note of such insights and acted to provide us all with clean air to breathe — a basic necessity of life.

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The nuttiness of history in a nutshell

In analysing historical events, context provides uncomfortable perspectives that challenge simplistic versions of our understanding



NADEEM PARACHA

Histories, when confined to nutshells, become absolute facts devoid of context. They are turned into miniature caricatures, paraded as stripped actualities that anyone can dress in the manner they deem fit. This is particularly true in the age of social media, that only allows the exhibition of historical facts as end results. It completely ignores the complex historical processes which led to the end results.

For example, as miniaturised history, the 18th century French Revolution was an uprising of the poor against the rich. Just recently I heard someone say this in a podcast, positioning it as a "historical fact" which the podcaster said was aiming

at a "privileged, middle-class" foe. Indeed, the poor did rise up in France but the uprising was largely instigated and navigated by the middle-classes against common foes: The aristocratic/landed elite and the powerful clergy. The well-known historian Henry Heller, in *The French Revolution and Historical Materialism*, roots the revolution in the gradual growth of the middle-class in France.

According to Heller, by the 18th century, the political and economic aspirations and interests of the French middle class began to clash with those of the *ancien régime*, i.e., the monarchy, the feudal class and the church. This friction saw the middle-class intelligentsia strongly propagate the ideas of democracy, secularism and nationalism, which became the main ideological engines of the revolution. Another example is the American Civil War (1861-1865). In a nutshell, it is often explained as an armed conflict between the pro-slavery South and the anti-slavery North in the US. American economists M Thornton and RB Execlund write, in *The Economics of the Civil War*, that the

conflict was mainly due to economic tensions between the "industrialised North" and the "agricultural South." Prominent in this respect was the perception in the South that tax revenues collected there were largely being transferred to strengthen industrial interests of the North.

The anti-slavery position was adopted by the North and President Lincoln only after the Southern states declared their secession. Lincoln's original stance on slavery, which he displayed a year before the Civil War, was rather different. He had said: "I have no purpose to interfere with the institution of slavery where it exists. I believe I have no lawful right to do so, and I don't intend to."

There are numerous such examples from world history which, when carefully studied outside their nutshell versions, often add a deeper dimension to the end result. Many such examples are also present in Pakistan's history. Take for instance, the 1974 Second Constitutional Amendment and the 1986 Article 295-C in the country's penal code. The first ousted the Ahmadi community from the fold of Islam and the

second introduced the death penalty for those found to have committed blasphemy.

When explained in a nutshell, the Second Amendment is elucidated as the sole doing of the "socialist" regime of ZA Bhutto. Unlike various conventional religious groups that had opposed the creation of Pakistan, Punjab's Ahmadi community had backed Jinnah's call. They then became prominent in the country's State and Government institutions.

The Iranian-American author and academic Vali Nasr, in *The Vanguard of Islamic Revolution*, writes that soon after Pakistan's creation, radical religious groups in Punjab often "articulated economic grievances in Islamic terms." This contributed to the 1953 anti-Ahmadi movement when the provincial Government, headed by Mumtaz Daultana, failed to address an economic crisis. As a distraction, Daultana went on to tacitly support the movement. He was dismissed by the President after the movement was crushed by the military.

The 1973 international oil crisis badly hit world economies and Pakistan was no exception. Urdu

newspapers of this period are full of statements by religious parties expressing economic grievances in 'Islamic' terms. Then, an episode in Rabwah, in which a group of Ahmadi youth clashed with the student wing of Jamaat-i-Islami, suddenly triggered a brand new anti-Ahmadi movement in Punjab.

In his 1997 study of the Bhutto regime, Rafi Raza writes that Bhutto refused to allow the Opposition to discuss the issue in the Parliament. And when violence increased, he publicly threatened to crush the protests with the help of the military. However, with the army already engaged in fighting an insurgency in Balochistan, Bhutto demurred. On the insistence of some of his party's members in the Punjab Assembly, the religious parties were finally allowed to table a Bill.

In an essay for *Political Power and Social Theory*, Sadia Saeed writes that the 1953 movement had largely been crushed on the insistence of the military and the bureaucracy but that, by the 1970s, both had been weakened and distanced from politics. She also writes that the pressure to allow the Opposition to table the

anti-Ahmadi Bill also came from the Left and liberal quarters. For example, Wali Khan's National Awami Party did not oppose the Bill, and a June 7, 1974 editorial in *Dawn* explained the Bill as the Opposition's "democratic right."

Now, to Article 295-C. In the nutshell version of its history, this Article was introduced by the reactionary General Zia dictatorship. It is true that this dictatorship introduced various controversial laws in the name of faith, but the fact is, Zia was actually not in favour of introducing the death penalty in this context.

According to a February 11, 2011 article by Khalid Ahmad in *The Express Tribune*, some journalists and lawyers from Punjab approached the Federal Shariat Court in 1984, petitioning it to introduce stern laws against blasphemy.

On June 8, 1986, some members of the National Assembly — which was formed after the 1985 elections — agreed to table a private Bill that would include the death penalty for blasphemy.

The Zia-backed Government of Mohammad Khan Junejo pre-empt-

ed the move and tabled a Bill that did not include the death penalty. However, during a debate, which included no more than six legislators, the death sentence was added. As a last-minute addition, the Government hastily added "death penalty or life imprisonment" in the Bill that was passed.

Upon emotional appeals, especially by those who had demanded the death penalty, Zia, as President, signed the Bill into law in October 1986.

The addition of the words "or life imprisonment" was challenged by the same politicians in 1987 in the Shariat Court. In 1990, the court ruled that the death penalty alone should be mandatory for blasphemy. It asked the then sitting Government of Nawaz Sharif to remove the words "or life imprisonment" from the law. The Government planned to challenge the decision in the Supreme Court but since those who had originally demanded the death penalty were by then part of Sharif's party and coalition Government (the Islami Jamhoori Ittehad), the regime withdrew the challenge.

(Courtsey: Dawn)

Moody's lowers GDP forecast to 5.6 per cent

FIANS ■ MUMBAI

After cutting India's sovereign ratings recently, Moody's Investor Services on Thursday also cut India's growth forecast to 5.6 per cent for the calendar year 2019 for reasons of subdued consumer demand, along with sluggish liquidity supply.

The US ratings multinational revised downwards its growth forecast for India to 5.6 per cent in 2019, from 7.4 per cent in 2018.

"We expect economic activity to pick up in 2020 and 2021 to 6.6 per cent and 6.7 per cent, respectively, but the pace to remain lower than in the recent past," Moody's said in Global Macro Outlook 2020-21.

"India's economic growth has decelerated since mid-2018, with real GDP growth slipping from nearly 8 per cent to 5 per cent in the second quarter of 2019 and joblessness rising."

In the current slowdown consumption demand has "cooled" notably, the ratings agency said.

Besides, the agency noted the government's measures like the cut in the corporate tax rate, bank recapitalisation, support for the auto sector and plans for infrastructure spending, among others, to arrest the growth slowdown.

"However, none of these measures directly address the widespread weakness in consumption demand, which has

been the chief driver of the economy," Moody's Outlook report said.

On monetary policy, the ratings agency said that more rate cuts are "likely" on the back of benign domestic inflationary pressures and subdued oil prices.

However, transmission of lending rates continues to be hindered by the "credit squeeze" caused by disruption in the non-bank financial sector, it said.

"While our baseline forecasts assume that economic momentum will pick up, there are risks to the downside. Slow employment growth is weighing on consumption," the Outlook report said.

"The interest rate cutting cycle is not adequately being transmitted, which is hampering investment as companies' borrowing costs remain elevated."

Last week, Moody's had changed the outlook on India's sovereign ratings to negative from stable and affirmed the Baa2 foreign-currency and local currency long-term issuer ratings.

Moody's had also affirmed India's Baa2 local-currency senior unsecured rating and its P-2 other short-term local-currency rating.

India's credit rating at Baa2 is the second lowest investment rating and Moody's has warned that India could be heading towards a debt trap and recessionary phase.

Deadline for filing GST annual returns extended; forms simplified

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

In a relief to taxpayers, the Government on Thursday extended the due dates for filing GST annual returns for 2017-18 to December 31 and for the financial year 2018-19, to March 31 next year.

The dates for filing the reconciliation statement has also been extended accordingly.

In another relief, it has also decided to simplify the two GST forms by making various fields of these forms as optional, the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) said in a statement.

"The Government has decided today (Thursday) to extend the due dates of filing of Form GSTR-9 (Annual Return) and Form GSTR-9C (Reconciliation Statement) for 2017-18 to December 31, 2019 and for 2018-19 to March 2020," it said.

The earlier deadline for filing of GSTR-9 and GSTR-9C for 2017-18 was November 30, 2019, while that

for 2018-19 was December 31, 2019. Notifications regarding the extension of the dates have been issued.

The CBIC in the revenue department has also notified the amendments regarding the simplification of the annual return and reconciliation statement forms.

A reconciliation statement allow taxpayers to not provide split of input tax credit availed on inputs, input services and capital goods for 2017-18 and 2018-19.

CBIC added it is expected that with the simplifications in the two forms and the extension of deadlines, "all the GST taxpayers would be able to file their annual returns along with reconciliation statement in time".

Various representations regarding challenges faced by taxpayers in filing of GSTR-9 and GSTR-9C were received on which by the Government has "acted in a very responsive manner", the CBIC statement added.

Bharti Airtel posts staggering ₹23,045 crore net loss in Q2 after AGR provisioning

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Telecom operator Bharti Airtel on Thursday posted a staggering ₹23,045 crore net loss for the second quarter ended September 30, due to provisioning of ₹28,450 crore in the aftermath of the Supreme Court ruling on statutory dues.

The Sunil Mittal-led company said the apex court judgement — which had upheld government's way of calculating revenue of telcos (on which statutory liabilities like licence fee and spectrum usage charges are computed) — has "significant financial implication for the company". Last

month, Bharti Airtel had postponed the release of its full Q2 earnings to November citing the uncertainty in the sector in the wake of the court ruling on definition of telecom revenues.

Airtel's colossal net loss for just-ended September quarter was on account of exceptional charge pertaining to provisioning of ₹28,450 crore towards the AGR dues, that included principle of ₹6,164 crore, interest of ₹12,219 crore, penalty of ₹3,760 crore, and interest on penalty of ₹6,307 crore.

Announcing its Q2 earnings scorecard, Airtel said its consolidated net loss before exceptional items (the one time charge) for the quarter was ₹1,123 crore, and that the net loss (after exceptional items) was ₹23,045 crore.

Govt eases norms for opening bank account for migrants with Aadhaar KYC

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Government has eased KYC norms for migrants to open bank account by allowing them to give a self-declared local address as sufficient proof of residence in case it is different from one mentioned in Aadhaar document.

Migrants face difficulties in having proof of residence as address on Aadhaar is different from their current location.

The Department of Revenue on Thursday said its notification is with regard to easing of Aadhaar KYC use for opening of the bank account for the convenience of people who often migrate from place to place for jobs or any other reason.

The changes were made by amending the Prevention of Money-laundering (Maintenance of Records) Rules, as per a gazette notification issued on Wednesday.

This amendment has been issued to allow people who have used Aadhaar KYC to open bank account and want to give an address different from the address in Aadhaar as current address on a self-declaration basis. "The amended PMLR applies only to Aadhaar KYC purposes for opening of bank account and not for the change of Address in Aadhaar card."

BUSINESS CORNER

MMTC'S FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE OF HALF-YR FY 2019-20

New Delhi: The Company declared its financial results for half year ended on September 30, 2019. The company has achieved Revenue from Operations of Rs 13,176 crore as against the Revenue from Operations of Rs 12,511 crore during the corresponding period last year registering a growth of 5% over the same period last year. The Company posted a Net Profit of Rs 43.28 crore during the period as compared to the Net Profit of Rs 41.62 crore during the same period last year registering an increase of 4 per cent over the same period last year.

DHARMENDRA TAKES OATH AS NDMC CHAIRMAN



New Delhi: Dharmendra, Indian Administrative Service (1989 Batch-AGMUT cadre) officer took the oath of office as Chairman, New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) on Thursday. Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, Delhi & Presiding Officer, NDMC administered the oath of faith and allegiance to the Constitution of India to Shri Dharmendra as Chairman, NDMC in a special meeting of the Council at Palika Kendra, New Delhi.

AGR hit: Vodafone Idea Q2 loss at ₹50,921 cr

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Hit hard by the unpaid statutory dues, telecom operator Vodafone Idea on Thursday posted a colossal ₹50,921 crore loss for the second quarter ended September 30, and said it is in the process of filing a review petition on the adjusted gross revenue matter.

This is the highest ever quarterly loss posted by any Indian company in recent memory.

Vodafone Idea said its ability to continue as going concern is dependent on obtaining relief from the government and positive outcome of the proposed legal remedy.

The SC order on Adjusted Gross Revenue (AGR) matter "has significant financial implications for the industry", VIL said in a statement. Its total loss stood at ₹50,921 crore in September quarter, against ₹4,874 crore loss in the year-ago period.

Its revenue rose 42 per cent to ₹11,146.4 crore during the second quarter this year. The company has estimated

liability of ₹44,150 crore post the apex court order, and made provision of ₹25,680 crore in the second quarter this fiscal.

Airtel, Vodafone Idea and other telecom operators have to pay the Government a whopping ₹1.4 lakh crore following the recent Supreme Court order that has sent shock waves through the industry which is already grappling with losses and billions of dollars in debt.

The Supreme Court, last month, upheld Government's position on including revenue from non-telecommunication

businesses in calculating the annual AGR of telecom companies, a share of which is paid as licence and spectrum fee to the exchequer.

As per latest estimates by the telecom department, Bharti Airtel faces a liability of around ₹62,187 crore (including share of Tata Group of companies and Telenor India), while Vodafone Idea may have to pay about ₹54,184 crore.

The remaining liability is with state-owned BSNL/MTNL and some of the shut/bankrupt telecom companies.

Promoters' feud has 'zero impact' on IndiGo: CEO

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

New Delhi: Amid ongoing feud between the airline's promoters, IndiGo CEO Ronojoy Dutta on Thursday said there is "zero impact" on the carrier right now as they are on the same page over the airline's strategic direction.

Differences between co-founders and co-promoters — Rakesh Gangwal and Rahul Bhatia — came to fore in July after Gangwal sought market regulator Sebi's intervention to address alleged corporate governance lapses at the company.

Raids on BMC contractors unearth ₹735-crore financial irregularities: I-T dept

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Income Tax Department has detected alleged irregularities to the tune of ₹735 crore after it conducted searches on civil contractors who work for the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC), the CBDT said on Thursday.

The search and survey operation was started at 44 locations in Mumbai and Surat on November 6, on entry providers and beneficiaries who have been engaged in execution of civil contracts mainly in BMC, it said.

The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) is the policy-making body for the tax department. "There were reports that certain contractors had taken entries in the form of loans among others from entry providers and also inflated expenses in the books of accounts to suppress income."

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EXTRACT OF STATEMENT OF STANDALONE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND HALF YEAR ENDED 30.09.2019 (Rs. in Lacs)							
Sl. No.	Particulars	Quarter Ended		Half Year Ended		Year Ended	
		30.09.2019	30.06.2019	30.09.2018	30.09.2019	30.09.2018	31.03.2019
		Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited
1	Total Income from Operations	0	0	0	0	-0.40	0.69
2	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or extraordinary Items#)	8.21	89.34	-6.31	97.55	33.68	24.29
3	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or extraordinary Items#)	8.21	89.34	-6.31	97.55	33.68	24.29
4	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or extraordinary Items#)	6.50	70.76	-6.31	77.26	33.70	19.29
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit/(Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax))	49.48	-43.31	3.73	6.17	47.87	44.12
6	Equity Share Capital	300.89	300.89	300.89	300.89	300.89	300.89
8	Earning per Share (of Rs. 1/- each) (not annualised)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	1. Basic	0.22	2.35	0.12	2.27	1.59	0.29
	2. Diluted	0.22	2.35	0.12	2.27	1.59	0.29

NOTE: 1. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly/Annual financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly/Annual financial Results are available on the Stock Exchange website www.bseindia.com. The same is also available on the Company's website www.jlfd.co.in

2. The above results duly reviewed by the Audit Committee, were approved by the Board of Directors in their meeting held on 14.11.2019.

For Jindal Leasefin Limited
Sd/-
Sunder Kumar Jindal
Managing Director

Place : New Delhi
Date : 14.11.2019

SEARCH FOR KIDNAPPED

General public is hereby informed that this person (depicted in the photo) namely: **Kailash Chand S/o Vishav Nath R/o F-16-B, Jain Colony, Narela Enclave, Barwala, Delhi** has been missing/kidnapped from the area of P.S. Shahbad Dairy, Delhi since 30.10.2019. In this regard a DD No. 98-A dated 30.10.2019 has been lodged at P.S. Shahbad Dairy, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the person but no clue has come to light so far.

His physical description is as under:-
Sex: Male, **Age:** 64 years, **Height:** 6' ft., **Complexion:** Shallow, **Face:** Long, **Built:** Thin, **Wearing:** Safari Suit with khadi Jacket and Shoes in feet.

Any person is having information or clue about this missing/kidnapped person may kindly inform to the following:-
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CBDT mops up ₹6L cr in direct tax collection so far

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Government has so far mopped up ₹6 lakh crore or less than 50 per cent of the total tax collection target of ₹13.35 lakh crore for the current fiscal, a senior official said.

Efforts are being made to achieve the target set in the Budget, Central Board of Direct Taxes Chairman P C Mody said after inauguration of the Taxpayers Lounge at Pragati Maidan here.

"During the beginning of the year, we were given the tax collection (target) of ₹13.35

lakh crore. Of this, we have already collected ₹6 lakh crore so far," he said.

Refunds due to the taxpayers are done swiftly, he said, adding the refunds have gone up 20 per cent compared to the last fiscal.

"Efforts are made towards tax collection and I have full confidence that we will reach the target set in the Budget," Mody said. He also said the taxpayer services is one of the focus area of CBDT. Keeping this in mind, a member has been appointed for taxpayer services.

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Extract of Unaudited Financial Results For the Half Year and Quarter ended on 30th September 2019 (₹ IN LAC)

S. NO.	PARTICULARS	Quarter ending on	Quarter ending on	Quarter ending on	Period ending on	Period ending on	Year ending on
		30-09-2019	30-06-2019	30-09-2018	30-09-2019	30-09-2018	31-03-2019
		(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
1	Total income from operations (Net)	1,331.70	978.62	1,158.88	2,310.32	2,182.45	5,310.73
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	35.62	14.65	25.87	50.27	48.50	103.62
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	35.62	14.65	25.87	50.27	48.50	103.62
4	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	26.71	10.99	19.40	37.70	36.37	53.04
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit/(Loss) for the period (after tax) and other Comprehensive Income (after Tax))	26.71	10.99	19.40	37.70	36.37	53.04
6	Equity Share Capital	462.42	462.42	462.42	462.42	462.42	462.42
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve as shown in the Balance Sheet of previous year)	-	-	-	-	-	801.40
8	Earning Per Share (For continuing and discontinued operations and before extraordinary items) (of ₹ 5/- each)						
	Basic:	0.29	0.24	0.42	0.41	0.79	1.15
	Diluted:	0.29	0.24	0.42	0.41	0.79	1.15
9	Earnings Per Share (For continuing and discontinued operations and after extraordinary items) (of ₹ 5/- each)						
	Basic:	0.29	0.24	0.42	0.41	0.79	1.15
	Diluted:	0.29	0.24	0.42	0.41	0.79	1.15

NOTE: 1. The above results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors at their meeting held on 14th November, 2019 in terms of Regulation 33 of SEBI (Listing Obligations & Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

2. The Statutory Auditors have carried out limited review of the Accounts for the Quarter ended on 30th September, 2019.

3. Figures of the previous corresponding period(s) have been regrouped/rearranged wherever considered necessary.

4. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of Quarterly Financial Result is available on the Website of Stock Exchange (www.bseindia.com).

5. In accordance with 'Green Initiative in Corporate Governance' by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Company will be sending future communications through electronic mode. All those members who have not got their email ID recorded or updated with the company or with the depository are requested to register their e-mail address and changes therein with Company/depository as the case may be.

For P G Industry Ltd.
Sd/-
Saket Dalmia
Managing Director (DIN: 00083636)

Date : 14th November 2019
Place : New Delhi

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED GIRL

General public is hereby informed that one girl namely **Namrta Pandey, D/o Dinesh Chand Pandey, R/o Gali No. 06, Gautam Colony, Narela, Delhi, Age 18 years, Height 5'5", Complexion Fair, Long Face, Wearing Orange colour suit, skin colour jagin and red colour sandal in feet** has been missing / kidnapped from the area of PS Narela, Delhi since 01.11.19. In this regard a vide DD No. 44-A dated 02.11.19 has been lodged at PS Narela, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about this missing/kidnapped girl may kindly inform to the following.
E-mail ID: cic@cbi.gov.in
SHO
Tele: 011-24368638, 24368641 PS : Narela, Delhi
Fax: 011-24368639 Ph.: 27282350, 27285839
DP/774/ON/19

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of a male namely **Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown was found on 12.11.2019 on the patri near Taj Hotel Motor Market, Jama Masjid, Delhi and was taken to LN Hospital, Delhi.** Dead body has been preserved in the mortuary of MAMC for 72 hrs. for identification. In this regard DD No. 23, dated 12.11.2019 has been lodged at Police Station, Jama Masjid, Delhi. Identification of unidentified dead body of male is as under:

Name: Unknown, Age: 50-60 Years, Height: 5'6", Complexion: Shallow, Face: Long, Built: Medium, Wearing: White color kurta and payjama & slippers.

If anyone have any information or clue about this male deceased may kindly be inform undersigned.
SHO
Police Station, Jama Masjid, Delhi
DP/6726/CD/19 Ph.: 011-23261625, 23269777

SEARCH FOR MISSING FEMALE

General Public is hereby informed that one female (depicted in the photo) namely **Pinki W/o Sukh Lal R/o H.No. 3467, Daribapan, Pahar Ganj, Delhi Aged-30 Years** has been reported missing since 29.10.2019 vide DD No.79-A Dated 31.10.2019 Lodged at Police Station Paharganj, Delhi. Her physical description is as under:-
Complexion: Shallow, **Height:** 5'2", **Face:** Round, **Built:** Medium, **ID:** A mole on nose, **Clothing:** White blue coloured suit, orange coloured salwar, pink coloured hand bag, green coloured hawai slipper in feet.

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

Tele No. : 011-24368638 or 24368641 Sd/-
FAX No. : 011-24368639 SHO, Paharganj, Delhi
DP/6722/CD/19 Tel.: 011-23520787, 23524746, Mob.: 8750870427

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that one unknown dead body of male, Age about 45/50 years, Height 5'5", Complexion Wheatish, Oval Face, Thin Built, Normal Long Black & Grey Hair, Grey and Black Bearded with Mustache, Wearing Blue colour checkar shirt, orange colour jacket and black colour pant was found daed at Patri Near Rain Basera, Opposite Gate No. 9, GB Pant Hospital, JLN Marg, Daryaganj, Delhi on 11.11.19. In this regard a DD No. 16-A dated 11.11.19 has been lodged at PS Daryaganj, Delhi. The dead body has been preserved in Maulana Azad Medical Collage Mortuary for 72 hours.

Any person having any information or clue about this male deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned.
SHO
PS : Daryaganj, Delhi
Ph.: 23274683, 23279331

Wholesale inflation slowed to 0.16% in October

Lowest in three-and-a-half years

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Wholesale inflation slipped to about three-and-a-half-year low of 0.16 per cent in October on account of a decline in prices of manufactured goods though food products remained dear, government data showed on Thursday.

The previous low was in June 2016 when the Wholesale Price Index (WPI)-based inflation was a negative 0.1 per cent.

In September this year, the WPI-based inflation was at 0.33 per cent, while it stood at 5.54 per cent in October 2018.

The rate of price rise for food articles was 9.80 per cent during the month, while for non-food articles it stood at 2.35 per cent, showed the latest data released by the commerce and industry ministry.

The wholesale inflation in potato remained in the negative zone at 19.60 per cent (from 22.50 per cent in September).

However, for vegetables, the inflation jumped to 38.91 per cent in October from 19.43 per cent a month ago, while that for pulses, it remained elevated at 16.57 per cent as com-

pared with 17.94 per cent.

For fruits, it eased to 2.72 per cent during the month as against 6.67 per cent in September. While wholesale inflation in manufactured products was (-)0.84 per cent in October 2019.

"The sequential dip in the WPI inflation in October 2019 was led by core items, fuel and power, minerals, and crude petroleum and natural gas, whereas inflation for primary food and non-food articles, and manufactured food products recorded an uptick," said Aditi Nayar, economist at ICRA.

Among other articles in the WPI basket, the inflation for the fuel and light category declined further to 8.27 per cent.

Rahul Gupta, currency research head, Emkay Global Financial Services, said, "The data in wholesale prices signals that there is still lack of demand in segments such as manufacturing, metals, and chemical products. While only a surge in vegetable prices led to a rise in WPI from the market forecast.

The continued weakness in WPI along with slowing growth will induce the RBI

Retail inflation may average at 4% in FY20: SBI report

Mumbai (PTI): Surplus rainfall in August and September is likely to keep food and vegetable prices elevated going forward, and retail inflation may average at around 4 per cent in FY20, an SBI research report said.

In October, inflation based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) spiked to a 16-month high of 4.62 per cent on costlier food items. In 2019 five states — Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Gujarat, and Karnataka — bore the brunt of excess rainfall and were affected by severe floods. The surplus rainfall during August and September seriously damaged many Kharif crops.

"Going forward, thus, food and vegetable prices could remain elevated and

inflation prints in November still may be on a higher side due to the low base in 2018. We expect FY20 CPI to now average closer at 4 per cent," SBI research report Ecwrap said. The report said even as food CPI will remain elevated, core CPI will go below 3 per cent in this fiscal.

According to the report, RBI may cut repo rate in the upcoming December monetary policy meeting and may pause thereafter on concerns over inflation.

"We expect a December rate cut, but beyond December it will be a close decision (as inflation prints beyond October will remain elevated). Thus, it will be better if the rate cut is front loaded in December," the report added.

(Reserve Bank of India) to cut repo rate again in December."

The retail inflation for the month hit a 16-month high of 4.62 per cent due to soaring prices of food articles, including fruit and vegetables, according to data released by

the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation on Wednesday.

The RBI takes into account the retail inflation data to decide on its bi-monthly monetary policy announcement, which is due early next month.

Benchmark indices close in green on rate cut hopes

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Market barometers Sensex and Nifty on Thursday ended higher after swinging between gains and losses during the day as participants hoped for further easing of repo rate to boost consumer sentiment amid macro-economic challenges. At the closing bell, the 30-share BSE Sensex settled 170.42 points, or 0.42 per cent, higher at 40,286.48. The index swung between a high of 40,348.61 and low of 40,026.99 during the session.

While the NSE gauge Nifty ended with a gain of 31.65 points, or 0.27 per cent, at 11,872.10. The market underwent bouts of volatility during the day as investors fretted over a host of negative factors like higher retail inflation print, weak IIP data and worries over US-China trade deal.

On the Sensex chart, ICICI Bank, Infosys, Bajaj Finance, Maruti and HDFC Bank were among the top gainers — rising up to 2.67 per cent. On the other hand, IndusInd Bank, Vedanta, Tata Motors, ONGC and HUL fell up to 2.90 per cent.

Sectorally, BSE IT, consumer durables, finance, bank, tech and auto indices rose up to

1.07 per cent. While BSE telecom, metal, capital goods, power, FMCG and energy indices fell up to 2.76 per cent.

Broader BSE midcap and smallcap indices ended on a flat note. After weak set of government data indicated deepening of economic slowdown, Moody's Investors Service lowering India's GDP growth forecast further hit investor sentiment.

Gadkari suggests leather export industry to develop clusters in backward areas

New Delhi: Union Minister Nitin Gadkari on Thursday suggested the leather export industry to develop clusters in backward areas as they can get land and manpower at affordable prices, with a view to boost shipments.

The Road Transport and Highways and MSME Minister said the government can think of giving incentives to such clusters, which will have all the facilities like labs and design centres, for the leather industry.

"You plan a policy for next 50 years. Develop clusters in backward areas because there, you will get land and manpow-

er at cheap rates. We can give power, and logistics cost will be less there. We will try our level best for low taxation because the area is backward," he said.

He was speaking at the CLE National Export Excellence Awards here. The Minister suggested the industry to explore options of buying land and develop clusters around the 22 new green expressways.

Citing example of the Delhi-Mumbai highway, he said that this will pass through economically backward and tribal areas in Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, and Haryana. PTI

Rupee logs 1st gain in 6 days; recovers 13 paise

Mumbai: The Indian rupee on Thursday clocked its first gain after five sessions, closing 13 paise higher at 71.96 against the US dollar in line with domestic equities.

A day after plunging below the psychological 72-level in over two months, the domestic currency opened on a positive note. As forex market par-

ticipants weighed a range of macroeconomic factors posing challenges, the Indian currency turned volatile traded in the range of 71.85 to 72.24 the US dollar.

It finally settled at 72.93 — showing a gain of 15 paise over its previous close.

Meanwhile, stronger US currency against its key rivals

and surging crude oil prices capped the rupee's gains to some extent. The dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, rose by 0.01 per cent to 98.38.

Global crude oil benchmark Brent Futures surged 1.17 per cent to trade at USD 63.10 per barrel. PTI

Vedanta Q2 profit rise 61% to ₹2,158 crore

New Delhi (PTI): Mining baron Anil Agarwal-led Vedanta Ltd on Thursday posted a 60.6 per cent rise in consolidated profit to ₹2,158 crore for the quarter ended September 30.

The company had posted a consolidated profit "attributable to owners of Vedanta Ltd"

of ₹1,343 crore in the year-ago period, Vedanta said in a BSE filing.

However, the consolidated income in the July-September period dropped to ₹2,814 crore from ₹23,279 crore in the year-ago period, the filing said.

NIFTY 50

SCRIP	OPEN	High	LOW	LTP	CHANGE
NIFTY 50	11858.75	11895.65	11802.65	11870.45	32.00
ICICIBANK	489.75	499.85	483.75	498.05	13.30
INFY	696.35	702.00	696.35	705.05	13.70
BAIFINANCE	4158.00	4218.00	4120.40	4218.90	74.35
HDFCBANK	1263.80	1277.00	1257.20	1275.00	17.45
MARUTI	7160.00	7200.00	7160.00	7246.00	91.40
BAIAHINDNG	8979.95	9091.00	8900.00	9000.00	111.65
ECHERMOT	21508.00	21725.00	21355.00	21560.00	207.80
HCLTECH	1114.50	1157.40	1135.10	1149.00	10.40
CIFLA	445.20	458.20	442.65	451.95	4.40
TITAN	1164.00	1176.30	1162.00	1169.20	10.15
BAJAJ-AUTO	3205.00	3244.35	3191.10	3232.50	26.50
YESBANK	68.85	70.80	67.10	68.75	0.55
MRM	575.20	579.65	567.75	579.00	4.30
AXISBANK	711.00	721.80	707.25	716.25	5.05
HDFC	2207.90	2232.85	2190.20	2222.80	15.35
ICICI	133.20	140.00	131.40	134.65	0.80
TCS	2187.50	2200.00	2146.70	2190.00	11.40
TECHM	756.00	763.50	748.30	760.90	3.85
BPCL	507.00	520.05	503.80	511.80	1.70
NTPC	118.50	119.15	117.15	118.20	0.20
WIPRO	254.00	254.75	251.40	253.45	0.35
ITC	254.10	255.90	253.25	253.85	0.00
ASIANPAINT	1778.00	1800.00	1766.45	1770.20	-0.25
NESTLEIND	14250.00	14300.95	14100.00	14224.75	-8.50
HEROMOTOC	20295.00	20688.15	20577.00	2087.00	-2.10
SBIN	306.95	309.50	299.70	306.25	-0.55
GRASIM	713.10	756.85	712.00	738.00	-1.55
KOTAKBANK	1606.00	1610.40	1584.05	1602.25	-3.35
SUNPHARMA	413.20	417.35	407.55	410.50	-1.50
POWERGRID	190.00	191.05	186.90	188.50	-0.70
LT	1397.00	1405.95	1376.95	1385.00	-8.00
ADANIPOWER	371.90	374.10	365.85	368.20	-2.90
GAIL	124.50	125.00	119.60	122.90	-0.60
BHARTIARTL	357.90	367.10	350.30	365.60	-3.00
RELANCE	1476.00	1610.40	1455.80	1458.25	-14.05
HINDUNILVR	2090.60	2090.60	2061.45	2069.00	-22.00
JSWSTEEL	248.00	249.00	247.25	246.00	-2.75
UPL	541.55	544.20	531.10	535.15	-6.15
DRREDDY	2775.00	2775.00	2724.95	2730.55	-32.60
BRITANNIA	3274.90	3274.90	3200.00	3229.00	-40.75
TATASTEEL	396.10	398.70	389.40	392.50	-5.40
ONGC	138.20	139.25	135.65	136.00	-2.20
TATAMOTORS	170.20	170.30	165.00	167.00	-3.60
COALINDIA	208.50	208.20	201.75	202.55	-0.65
ULTRACEMCO	4130.00	4130.00	3993.10	4012.95	-102.60
HINDALCO	193.35	193.40	187.80	188.20	-4.95
VEDL	150.00	150.00	142.75	144.50	-3.90
ZEEL	292.35	299.70	281.00	282.65	-7.90
INDUSINDBK	1399.70	1399.70	1353.20	1373.00	-41.20
INFRAEL	205.00	211.25	198.75	209.60	-8.60

BSE 500

SCRIP	OPEN	High	LOW	LTP	CHANGE
NIFTY 50	11858.75	11895.65	11802.65	11870.45	32.00
NH	307.95	309.35	285.00	304.85	11.25
CIPLA	445.00	458.00	444.00	451.50	11.25
YESBANK	68.75	70.80	67.15	68.75	11.25
IBULSHGFIN	222.90	224.95	208.40	211.20	11.25
CHOLAFIN	298.15	310.70	293.85	309.15	11.25
ULTRACEMCO	4120.00	4120.00	3992.75	3996.80	11.25
ICICIBANK	490.30	499.80	483.55	498.75	11.25
RELANCE	1475.00	1481.00	1456.05	1463.40	11.25
HDFCAMC	3694.80	3770.00	3538.25	3601.65	11.25
INFY	695.00	709.75	695.00	705.35	11.25
BANDHANBNK	567.90	576.85	552.10	557.15	11.25
SBIN	306.80	309.35	299.85	306.10	11.25
LICHSGFIN	422.50	423.25	412.50	420.20	11.25
POWERGRID	190.00	190.00	187.10	188.25	11.25
MARUTI	7163.80	7272.70	7163.80	7247.10	11.25
RBANK	336.00	336.00	314.35	319.50	11.25
AUROPHARMA	414.00	414.00	389.70	395.55	11.25
BHARTIARTL	358.00	368.00	350.50	362.65	11.25
TATAMOTORS	170.90	170.90	165.00	167.10	11.25
IDEA	3.33	3.44	2.90	2.95	11.25
VEDL	152.80	152.80	142.80	143.95	11.25
TCS	2181.00	2199.55	2145.35	2195.60	11.25
TATASTEEL	396.00	396.00	389.40	391.95	11.25
JINDALSTEEL	142.05	144.35	138.60	139.75	11.25
RNAM	378.10	378.10	353.00	357.95	11.25
APOLLOPHOS	1414.90	1440.85	1387.60	1417.95	11.25
ZEEL	291.00	295.35	281.00	281.00	11.25
BAIFINANCE	4125.00	4222.50	4120.40	4211.95	11.25
INDUSINDBK	1404.80	1404.80	1356.00	1374.40	11.25
JUSTDIAL	515.00	522.40	505.00	513.60	11.25
HDFCBANK	1259.50	1277.40	1257.00	1273.70	11.25
ADANIANT	197.50	203.25	194.00	201.95	11.25
SIEMENS	1610.05	1650.95	1608.05	1611.90	11.25
MUTHOOTFIN	664.90	716.60	664.90	711.65	11.25
BANKBARODA	93.40	94.00	90.60	93.30	11.25
AUBANK	813.45	847.10	778.30	822.20	11.25
RELANCE	1395.70	1405.60	1377.00	1381.05	11.25
DLF	202.90	209.80	202.55	208.05	11.25
JSWSTEEL	248.00	249.00	247.25	246.00	11.25
UPL	541.55	544.20	531.10	535.15	11.25
DRREDDY	2775.00	2775.00	2724.95	2730.55	11.25
BRITANNIA	3274.90	3274.90	3200.00	3229.00	11.25
TATASTEEL	396.10	398.70	389.40	392.50	11.25
ONGC	138.20	139.25	135.65	136.00	11.25
TATAMOTORS	170.20	170.30	165.00	167.00	11.25
COALINDIA	208.50	208.20	201.75	202.55	11.25
ULTRACEMCO	4130.00	4130.00	3993.10	4012.95	11.25
HINDALCO	193.35	193.40	187.80	188.20	11.25
VEDL	150.00	150.00	142.75	144.50	11.25
ZEEL	292.35	299.70	281.00	282.65	11.25
INDUSINDBK	1399.70	1399.70	1353.20	1373.00	11.25
INFRAEL	205.00	211.25	198.75	209.60	11.25

NIFTY NEXT 50

SCRIP	OPEN	High	LOW	LTP	CHANGE
NIFTY NEXT					

Battle lines harden as US President impeachment inquiry goes public

AP ■ WASHINGTON

With historic impeachment hearings underway, Democrats and Republicans are hardening their arguments over the actions of President Donald Trump as they set out to win over a deeply polarised American public.

Democrats say Wednesday's extraordinary public session in the House revealed a striking account of Trump abusing his office by pressuring the newly elected president of Ukraine for political investigations of rival Democrats, all while holding up needed military aid. "Bribery," they said, and "extortion." Republicans counter that the hearing showed none of that.

They say the two seasoned diplomats at the witness table had, at best, secondhand accounts of Trump's July 25 call that's central to the impeachment inquiry. There was no pressure on the young Ukraine leader, they argue, and eventually the aid flowed, though only after Congress intervened.

Day One of the rare public hearings in the House — part of only the fourth formal impeachment effort in U.S. history — set the contours for a once-in-a-generation political struggle. Images and audio from the hearing popped up on television, in earbuds and on the partisan silos of social

PORN ACTRESS FIGHTS TRUMP REQUEST FOR SETTLEMENT DOLLARS

Columbus: Attorneys for porn star Stormy Daniels are challenging a request by President Donald Trump's lawyers to stake claim to a settlement between her and Ohio's capital city. A federal judge last year said Daniels, whose real name is Stephanie Clifford, must pay Trump nearly USD 293,000 for his attorneys' fees and another USD 1,000 in sanctions after her defamation suit against him was dismissed. Earlier this year, the city of Columbus reached a USD 450,000 settlement with Daniels over the porn actress' arrest at a strip club in 2018. Trump's lawyers noted in a filing to the court involved in the Columbus judgment last week that Clifford owes him USD 293,052. Daniels' attorneys said in a Wednesday filing that Clifford has an active appeal in her defamation suit and Trump's request should be deemed "null and void".

media, providing the first close-up look at the investigation.

"The president sought to advance his political and personal interests at the expense of U.S. National security," said Rep. Adam Schiff of California, the Democratic chairman of the House Intelligence Committee leading the probe.

"Is this now going to be the new normal?" Schiff asked. Hosting the president of Turkey at the White House, Trump insisted he was too busy to watch the hearings being broadcast live across the country and the world. He denied a fresh detail from one of the witnesses about a phone call in which he was overheard asking about "the investigations." "First I've heard of it," Trump told reporters during a news conference.

A different conversation sparked the impeachment investigation, Trump's July 25 phone call with Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, heard by several government officials and detailed in a partial transcript released to the public weeks ago. The core moment came when Trump asked the newly elected leader for "a favor."

House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif., said Wednesday that the Democrats' first witness "wasn't on the phone call, never met with the president, never talked to the chief of staff. And he's their star witness?" Trump wanted Ukraine's government to investigate Democrats' activities in the 2016 election and his potential 2020 rival Joe Biden — all while the administration was withholding military aid for the Eastern European ally as it confronted an aggressive neighbor, Russia.

Hong Kong police say protesters out of control, deny curfew

AP ■ HONG KONG

Hong Kong police warned protesters on Thursday that they were moving "one step closer to terrorism" by sinking the city into chaos, as riot squads skirmished with militant students at major universities.

Police spokesman Tse Chun-chung denied his department had been asked to enforce a possible curfew this weekend. A Chinese state media outlet later removed its tweet saying authorities were considering a weekend curfew that cited unidentified sources.

"We are aware of the relevant report circulating online," Tse said at a daily briefing, referring to the report as "false."

He said the authority to order a curfew lies with Hong Kong's leader, Chief Executive Carrie Lam, and "that's why police are not in a position to comment."

"The force is certainly capable and determined to control Hong Kong's social unrest at the moment. We welcome any new measures that can help us to achieve the goal of restoring the public safety and order in Hong Kong," Tse added.

"In unusually harsh language, he said students were turning university campuses into 'weapons factories' and a 'hotbed' of crime.

Whites still earning three times more than blacks in SA

AP ■ PRETORIA

Pretoria: Whites in South Africa earned three times more than blacks on average, two decades after the demise of apartheid, the statistics authority said on Thursday.

In a report touching on the highly sensitive issue of inequality, research found that the wage gap between South Africa's groups increased between 2011 and 2015.

It said the average monthly earning among blacks -- who account for 80 per cent of the population -- was 6,899 rand (USD 464/422 euros), while the figure was 24,646 (USD 1,659/1,506 euros) for whites.

Income earnings in South Africa remained "heavily racialised", the statistics authority said.

It added that women earned roughly 30 per cent less on average than males. Africa's most industrialised nation has struggled to bridge the gap between racial and gender groups since the fall of apartheid in 1994.

For decades, the apartheid system legally divided South Africans into groups of whites, blacks, Indians and "coloureds", a term designating people of mixed race.

Int'l court judges authorise Rohingya investigation

AP ■ HAGUE

The Hague: International Criminal Court judges on Thursday approved a request from prosecutors to open an investigation into crimes committed against Myanmar's Rohingya Muslim minority.

The court said it has jurisdiction over crimes partially committed in Bangladesh, which is a member state of the court.

Myanmar, which is not a member of the global court, has been accused of committing widespread abuses in a campaign against the Rohingya.

Myanmar's military began a counter-insurgency campaign in August 2017 in response to an insurgent attack. More than 700,000 Rohingya fled to neighbouring Bangladesh to escape what has been called an ethnic cleansing campaign involving mass rapes, killings and the torching of homes.

The court said in a statement that a panel of judges who studied Prosecutor Fatou Bensouda's request to open an investigation concluded that there are grounds to believe widespread acts of violence were committed "that could qualify as the crimes against humanity of deportation across the Myanmar-Bangladesh border and persecution on grounds of ethnicity and/or religion against the Rohingya population."



A Palestinian youth stands amid the crater of a destroyed house following overnight Israeli missile strikes, in Al-Qarara, east of Khan Younis, southern Gaza Strip on Thursday.

Israel, Palestine Islamic Jihad truce appears holding despite rockets

Gaza City: A cease-fire between Israel and Gaza's Palestine Islamic Jihad (PIJ) militant group appeared to be holding Thursday despite an earlier barrage of rocket fire that briefly disrupted a truce to end two days of intense fighting that killed at least 34 Palestinians, including three women and eight children, and paralyzed parts of Israel.

Before the truce was announced, a pre-dawn Israeli airstrike killed eight members of the same family in Gaza. Among them were five children, the youngest being 7 years old.

It was the deadliest single attack since a bruising 2014 war between Israel and Hamas, the larger militant group that rules Gaza. PIJ claimed no link to the family and the Israeli military offered no details on the strike.

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Extract of Standalone Un-Audited Financial Results for the Quarter and Half Year Ended on 30th September, 2019			
PARTICULARS	QUARTER ENDED		HALF YEAR ENDED
	30.09.2019	30.09.2018	30.09.2018
	Un-Audited	Un-Audited	Un-Audited
Total Income from operations	15330.72	26579.97	36459.11
Net Profit/(Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	22.34	48.03	55.36
Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before Tax (after tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	22.34	48.03	55.36
Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	14.84	33.03	33.77
Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit/(Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)	14.84	33.03	33.77
Equity Share Capital	3345.63	3345.63	3345.63
Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of the Previous Year	-	-	-
Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations)			
1 Basic :	0.04	0.10	0.10
2 Diluted:	0.04	0.10	0.10

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Managing committee of the society has resolve and decided to submit the list of members for clearance for allotment of flats to the registrar of coop. societies Delhi. As required by the office of the RCS the list of resigned members in the society is published inviting objection if any from the concerned within fifteen (15) days from the date of publication.

Name of the Resigned Members (MR. / Ms.)	Membership No.	Address as per Record
HARCHARAN SINGH	04	5/48 Punjabi bagh N. Delhi
AMAR JEET SINGH	95	A-1/16 Panchsheel enclave, N. Delhi
GURINDER KAUR	97	A/15/20 Vasant Vihar, N. Delhi
BALJIT KAUR	21	5/48 Punjabi bagh N. Delhi
B.P. MISHRA	88	115, Kalka J. N. Delhi
SUB. DHIRAJ SINGH	35	Kanya Gurukul Narela Delhi
MINI SONI	56	G.T. Road Shandra Delhi
GURBACHAN KAUR	70	8/69, Punjabi bagh N. Delhi
MANDEEP SINGH	105	F-10/12, Vasant Vihar, N. Delhi
VIRENDER KAUR	96	8/69, Punjabi bagh N. Delhi
MANINDER KAUR	13	8/69, Punjabi bagh N. Delhi
SURAJYA TABBUSUM	20	587, Gaijulewali, Churuliaan, Delhi
ANJU	26	121-D, Kamla Nagar, Delhi
SOM DUTT SHARMA	86	247-4A, Panchkuian Road N. Delhi
LAXMI	101	27/22, Rly. Flats, Kishanganj, Delhi
GULSHAN SINGH	52	594/6, Govind Puri N. Delhi.
INDER MOHAN SINGH	99	N-3, Ring Road, N. Delhi
INDER MOHAN BHATIA	72	36-C Pocke-L, Sheikh Sarai, N. Delhi
ANJU AHLUWALIA	60	51, Mayfair Garden, N. Delhi
R.S. AHLUWALIA	54	51, Mayfair Appnts., Mayfair Garden, N. Delhi
PAVNEET SINGH	92	1-A, Sardar Patel Marg N. Delhi
NAVJIT MADHU	42	E-104, Pragati Vihar, N. Delhi
GURDEEP SINGH	55	S-208, Panchsheel Park N. Delhi
RAMANDEEP SINGH	62	S-208, Panchsheel Park N. Delhi
BELMATTI PAL	109	K-155, Sarojini Nagar, N. Delhi
GURDEEP MINHAS	82	6/600, R.K. Puram N. Delhi.
DARSREET G. SINGH	106	C-4/130, SDA, N. Delhi.
MULAKHRAJ	65	I-A/54C, Ashok Vihar, Phase-1, Delhi
LAJWANTI	28	VIII, & PO - Mehpalpur Delhi
SUNITA	63	D-121, Kamla Nagar, Delhi
SAVITA	64	99, State Bank Colony, Delhi
LAXMI DUTT JOSHI	89	C-4/67, B- Lawrence Road, Delhi
RAJ KALI	98	112, Saini Enclave, Vikas Marg, Delhi
PHOOLVATI	41	13, Suraj Nagar, Azad Pur, Delhi
MANJU	84	32/2526, West Patel, Nagar, N. Delhi
USHA	104	E-530, Greater Kailash-II, N. Delhi
AMTUL MATIM	39	577, Gaijulewali, Delhi
A.H. ANCHAN	03	A-294, Defence Colony, N. Delhi
J.K. GANDHI	14	B-138, Amar Colony, Lajpat Nagar, N. Delhi
SHAKUNTLA	103	I-A/54C, Ashok Vihar, Phase-1, Delhi
SANJAY	100	BL-100, Shalimar Bagh, N. Delhi
ARUNA MAHAJAN	15	14, Savitri Nagar, N. Delhi
ANIL KUMAR MAHAJAN	57	T-517/D-52, Baljeet Nagar, N. Delhi
AJAY CHAUDHARY	05	13, Suraj Nagar, Delhi
SANTOSH DAHIYA	08	67, Suraj Nagar, Delhi
VIJAY KUMAR	19	VILL. & P.O. - Khyalya, Tilak Nagar, Delhi
DEWAN SINGH	16	Traders Bank Ltd., Uttam Nagar, Delhi
PREMWATI	29	13, Suraj Nagar, Azad Pur, Delhi
R.R. CHAUDHARY	01	7/20, Darya Ganj, N. Delhi
PARMANAND	18	VILL. & P.O. - Khyalya, Tilak Nagar, Delhi
RAVINDER SINGH	23	VILL. & P.O. - Khyalya, Tilak Nagar, Delhi
JAWAHAR SINGH	31	VILL. & P.O. - Khyalya, Tilak Nagar, Delhi
RAJ SINGH	30	Municipal Quarters, Azad Pur, Delhi
CHOTO	37	VIII, & PO - Mehpalpur Delhi
USHA SINGH	40	VILL. & P.O. - Bhalaswa, Delhi
LAXMAN SINGH	45	VILL. & P.O. - Khyalya, Tilak Nagar, Delhi
PREM SINGH	59	Municipal Quarters, Azad Pur, Delhi
JANAK RANI	69	3205, Katra Shivajee Basti, Punjabi Bag Delhi
SURAJ BHAN	25	VILL. & P.O. - Khyalya, Tilak Nagar, Delhi
HAWA SINGH	36	VIII, & PO - Mehpalpur Delhi
KALAVATI	33	VIII, & PO - Mehpalpur Delhi
PARVEEN BHUTANI	91	Y-2, Naveen Shahadara, Delhi
SHIKSHAMAN	34	Kawal Park, P.O-Panchvati, Delhi
GIRDHARI	80	B-203/2, DDA Flats, East of Kailash, N. Delhi
Dr. S.K. SONI	111	R-17, MCDC Sarojini Nagar N. Delhi
RANJAN KUMAR	124	R-23, Nehru Enclave, N. Delhi
AJAY KUMAR	125	G-737, SangamVihar, N. Delhi
VIJAY KAPOOR	133	A-2A, Munirka, N. Delhi
RAKESH NARANG	168	114-115, Vipin Garden Najafgarh Road, Delhi
MOHD. ILYAS	156	18/17/17, Old GovindPura, Delhi
ANU	128	E-2/11, Kalindi Colony, N. Delhi
ABHIMANYU MAHAJAN	126	47, Friends Colony (E), N. Delhi
SUDHA	132	R-2, 2nd Floor, Nehru Enclave, N. Delhi
A.PAL	130	R-2/182, Kalkaji Ext., N. Delhi
SUDESH KUBA	123	27, Pusa Road, N. Delhi
NTI	122	C-44, Press Enclave, N. Delhi
KAMAL KHANNA	119	14-A, Dhruv Appnt., Rohini, N. Delhi
BLOSSOM	121	U-23/30, 1st Floor, Qutab Enclave, N. Delhi
AASEEM CHAWLA	127	D-22, Kalkaji N. Delhi
NAUSHABA ZAFAR	142	26-G, Pocke-L, Sheikh Sarai, N. Delhi
F. SIDDIQUI	136	H.NO.-428, PushpVihar, Sect.-07, N. Delhi
SHAMBHOO NATH VERMA	81	Sitaram Bazar, Delhi
ASHOK KUMAR SAXENA	87	B-78, Kalkaji N. Delhi
ANIL AGARWAL	102	D-70, Kalkaji, N. Delhi
Dr. S.S. RASTOGI	68	26, Todarmal Road, N. Delhi
SUBHASHKUMAR DHINGRA	77	25-E, Pocke-L/JD, Area, C-8 Opp. Maya Puri LIG Flats, Rajoun Garden, N. Delhi
SUDHANSHU ARORA	120	Q-39, Dilsaad Garden, N. Delhi
ANOP TIWARI	150	B-32, AditiAppnts., 16-A, Patparganj, Delhi
EVA SWAROOP	140	F-1174, C. R. Park, N. Delhi
R.S. ANAND	151	BC-11/G, Munirka DDA Flats, N. Delhi
MOHIT MALIK	93	B-59, Vivek Vihar, Delhi
SHIBANI MALHOTRA	146	245, Double Storey, New Rajinder Nagar, Delhi
ANAND DEWAN	182	Bunglow No.-2, H.R. Flats, INA, N. Delhi
RASHMI NANGIA	179	K-43A, Kirtinagar, N. Delhi
INDRA KAPOOR	156	B-570, Salford Jung Enclave, N. Delhi
ABHA SHARMA	134	H. NO.-234, Sector-4, Gurgaon
ROHIT KUMAR	186	D-12/14, Sector-8, Rohini, N. Delhi
SURINDER MALHOTRA	175	C-73, B.K. DUTT Colony, N. Delhi
KULDEEP KUMAR	131	A-109, SangamVihar, N. Delhi
GULNAZ BEGUM	162	587, G.F. Gaijulewali, churuliaan, Delhi
NARAIN SINGH	157	33-A, Rameshwari Nagar, Azad Pur, Delhi
AMIT MALHOTRA	180	A-95, Shivalik, N. Delhi
ZAHEDA	152	587, Gaijulewali, churuliaan, Delhi
VAISHALI	129	K-43A, Kirtinagar, N. Delhi
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Extract of Un-audited Standalone and Consolidated Financial Results for the Quarter & Half-year ended 30 th September, 2019													
(Rupees in Lakhs except per share data)													
Sr No	Particulars	STANDALONE						CONSOLIDATED					
		Quarter ended		Half-year Ended		Year Ended	Quarter ended		Half-year Ended		Year Ended		
		Sep 30, 2019	Jun 30, 2019	Sep 30, 2018	Sep 30, 2018	Mar 31, 2019	Sep 30, 2019	Jun 30, 2019	Sep 30, 2018	Sep 30, 2018	Mar 31, 2019		
1.	Total income from operations	14,980.42	13,400.39	16,260.39	28,494.84	28,051.37	69,906.54	16,483.67	15,821.04	16,533.05	32,304.71	28,680.96	70,789.51
2.	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period (before tax and Exceptional Items)	639.56	328.00	(26.07)	967.56	(304.38)	840.80	(520.54)	(754.56)	(166.19)	(1,275.10)	(519.28)	319.53
3.	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period/year before tax (after Exceptional Items)	639.56	329.03	41.64	968.59	(366.65)	749.17	(520.54)	(753.53)	(98.48)	(1,274.07)	(581.54)	198.93
4.	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period/year after tax and Exceptional Items	250.75	168.38	88.56	419.13	(238.51)	222.57	(830.29)	(646.25)	(51.56)	(1,276.54)	(453.41)	(384.19)
5.	Total Comprehensive Income for the period/year (Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period/ year (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)	251.66	169.59	93.17	421.24	(229.09)	227.38	(629.19)	(644.84)	(46.76)	(1,274.03)	(443.60)	(378.60)
6.	Equity Share Capital	144.29	144.29	144.29	144.29	144.29	144.29	144.29	144.29	144.29	144.29	144.29	144.29
7.	Other Equity	-	-	-	-	-	44,945.95	-	-	-	-	-	43,941.89
8.	Earnings per share of Rs 10 each												
(a) Basic (Rs)		17.38	11.67	6.14	29.05	(16.53)	15.43	(18.36)	(21.36)	(3.57)	(39.72)	(31.42)	(19.52)
(b) Diluted (Rs)		17.38	11.67	6.14	29.05	(16.53)	15.43	(18.36)	(21.36)	(3.57)	(39.72)	(31.42)	(19.52)

Notes: 1. The above is an extract of the detailed format of the un-audited financial results for the quarter & half-year ended September 30, 2019, filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the un-audited financial results for the quarter & half-year ended September 30, 2019 alongwith Review report of the Statutory Auditors is available under Investors section of our website at www.hindusthanurban.com and under Financial Results at Corporate section of www.bseindia.com.

2. The above un-audited financial results were, subjected to limited review by the Statutory Auditors of the Company, reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors at its meeting held on 14th November, 2019. The review report of the Statutory Auditors is being filed with the Bombay Stock Exchange.

By Order of the Board For HINDUSTHAN URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE LIMITED

(S. S. BHUWANA) VICE CHAIRMAN & MANAGING DIRECTOR

DIN: 01017171

Place : New Delhi Date : 14th November, 2019

GLOBE TROTTERING

TEAR GAS GRENADES KILL 4 PROTESTERS IN IRAQ

Baghdad: Four protesters were killed by tear gas canisters in Baghdad on Thursday, medics told AFP, the latest deaths from what rights groups have slammed as a "gruesome" misuse of the weapon. The medical sources said the protesters were hit near Tahrir Square, the epicentre of the weeks-long movement for political reform.

BEFORE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - II, DELHI 4TH FLOOR, JEEVAN TARA BUILDING, PARLIAMENT STREET, NEW DELHI-110001. O.A.No.: 885/16 DATE: 05.10.2019 CORPORATION BANK Applicant VERSUS SH. MOHD. NASIR KHAN & ORS. Respondent		BEFORE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - II, DELHI 4TH FLOOR, JEEVAN TARA BUILDING, PARLIAMENT STREET, NEW DELHI-110001. O.A.No.: 880/19 DATE: 18.10.2019 CORPORATION BANK Applicant VERSUS SH. ABHISHEK JAIN & ORS. Respondent	
To, DEFENDENT	1. M/s. Newtech La Palacia Pvt. Ltd.-218, 2nd Floor, Vignandhra Enclave, Plot No. 1, Vardaan Sunrise Plaza, I.S.C. Delhi-96	To, DEFEND	

Trend Blazer

Sonam to play blind character

Actor **SONAM K AHUJA** will play a blind character in the Hindi remake of the 2011 South Korean crime thriller film *Blind*.

Filmmaker **Sujoy Ghosh**, who will be the creative producer of the film, said, "Shome Makhija, my friend, is directing the film. It's an out-and-out female-hero story." The *Kahaani* director feels that Sonam is the right fit for this role.

Sonam was last seen on the big screen in *The Zoya Factor* this year. The film failed to receive much critical or commercial impact upon release.

She said, "I haven't done any action and horror films, so these are the two genres I would love to explore."



'I was lucky to be part of a team who made me feel comfortable with what I was doing. It was amazing to be among such hardworking people as Sonakshi (Sinha), Playing Gabru in Khandaani Shafakhana was both, difficult and easy for me. The complete transition in the last courtroom scene was the challenge.'



—Badshah

Actor **RAKUL PREET SINGH** is excited about her forthcoming cross-border romantic-comedy. She reveals shooting for the yet-untitled film will start later this month.



"The film is in the rom-com space and it is the story of characters who belongs to India and Pakistan, so it's a cross-border, coming-of-age rom-com," Rakul said about the film, which sees her team up with **Arjun Kapoor** for the first time.

The film will be directed by debutant **Kaashv Nair** and produced by **Bhushan Kumar**, **Nikkhil Advani** and **John Abraham**.

Pink confirms she is taking a break

Singer **PINK** has confirmed that she will be taking a break from music for at least a year.

The 40-year-old singer has spent the past two years on the road with her successful *Beautiful Trauma* World Tour and she is now looking in a different direction for her future. **Pink** arrived at the Country Music Association Awards for 2019 with her kids in tow as she and husband **Carey Hart** made the event a family affair.

Speaking about her future on the red carpet, **Pink** said, "It's time to do something else for a minute."

Ahead of the ceremony, **Pink** posed for pictures with **Hart** and their two kids, daughter **Willow**, 8, and son **Jameson**, 3.



EMOTIONS MAKE FOR AN UNENDING DRAMA

Theatre directors tell **CHAHAK MITTAL** that till the time a play offers distinct aesthetics and addresses contemporaneity, it cannot stay relevant

Even though the written language of classics might appear foreign and old-fashioned, initial readings might leave one feeling confused and unsure of what's being exactly said. However, themes and incidences of human behaviour in plays like that of Shakespeare and Rabindranath stay as relevant, irrespective of the number of scientific or industrial developments over the time. The very fact that we still read these classics is itself an evidence of how important they are to the present times. And why then will they not be a part of modern theatre? One such example is that of *Mahabharata*, which has been reinterpreted a number of times and not even once made the audience feel like it's dated. Each of its episode brings a certain narrative which is true to our lives. The issues that it highlights stand as a mirror to the present-day society.

So how is it that classical plays and writings are made relevant to the contemporary times? **Prakhar Gautam**, theatre director and founder of Delhi-based theatre group *Parindey Storytellers*, believes that classics have stood the test of times, which is why they hold such an importance. "The predominant example is William Shakespeare. His plays have stayed relevant for centuries and the biggest reason for that is their focus on emotions. *Othello*, for example, deals with power and jealousy. *Hamlet* deals with the conflict of a man and a child. Such plays are going to be relevant as long as the person who is interpreting the play can understand the emotion behind the script," he says. Giving Indian examples, he adds, "Vijay Tendulkar and Girish Karnad's plays have stayed relevant as the framework of our society is more or less the same as they depicted. Plays by Molière, Dario Fo and Anton Chekhov still maintain the fragment of human emotions and even

though times have changed, the emotions can be interpreted in the modern schema."

Theatre director and founder of *Dreaming Stage*, **Nikunj Wadhwan** argues that plays and stories don't have to be "made relevant" to contemporary times because even though the current environment and surroundings might have evolved, human beings stay the same. He adds, "Just like previous times, fewer men have chivalry. Women had more duties and limitations than men and though it is changing now, it is still prevalent to an extent. And the ones who rule us take decisions based on their mindset rather than on the basis of right or wrong."

Recalling **Mohan Rakesh's** *Ashadh Ka Ek Din*, which talked about Kalidas and how his lover had waited for him for years, he says, "This has certainly changed but only because today's woman and lover are more evolved people, who use social media and eat through apps. However, the lover would still feel the same pain and longing for one's beloved." Theatre director **Bharti Sharma**, who is set to bring her play, *Chhaya-Hindol*, at the Delhi Government's art and culture wing *Sahitya Kala Parishad's Mohan Rakesh Natya evam Samman Samaroh*, also agrees to the point that it is human emotions which are universal and they will react in the same way to different plays, regardless of the language or era the classic has been written in. While experts argue about how human behaviour has been similar, **Prateek Kumar**, director of *Arcus en Ciel Theatre*, believes that classics are important because they have a certain sense of "aesthetics" and a socio-political relevance. "The aesthetics offered by them is unmatched when they are performed with a particular form," he says and recalls the theatre directors like **KS Rajendran**, who had directed *Pratimanatkam* (based upon *Ramayana*) and *Priyadarshika*, in which he took *mudras* (gestures) from the *Natyashastra*. He adds, "The performances have had

long-lasting imprint on the audience because of the visuals offered by classical theatre. There is also experimental theatre director **Suresh Anagalli**, who had directed Sanskrit classic *Bhagwat Ajukam* in an abstract and modern form. It has mesmerised the audience in a similar manner."

Once a play is read, the reader is impacted by its character for some time but soon, the chapter ends. When the story is reimagined after 50 years and brought on the stage, the director re-explores the moral fibre of each character, revealing his/her demons and strengths in a more nuanced way. And this has become a trend. More theatre directors are picking up old classics and adapting and re-interpreting them in their own ways to make it relatable to the current audience.

Prateek says that the trend is also because of the fact that the Indian audience has evolved to understand the vision of a director and take onus to understand the art form which director chooses to display his/her story. Giving example of one of his directions, "When I adapted *Andha Yug* (based on the last day of *Mahabharata*), it gave me a broader understanding of relationships, human instincts and violence. I could understand them better because the play offered me a parallel image of today's world and showed the issues which still haunt us. Till the time a play offers distinct aesthetics and addresses the contemporary times, it cannot stay relevant."

Prakhar also takes *Mahabharata* as an example and points out that it explores every possible human emotion in its story, "which is why it is always going to be relatable. Wherever a director's imagination or creativity takes him/her to... it will."

However, when the story is already known to the audience, why bring it over and over again? **Nikunj** points out that even though the sto-

ries might be known to people, there still could be a number of angles which have never been explored or thought about in their first readings. "Pick up a mythological story, be it *Mahabharata* or *Ramayana*, we have always known it through the eyes of one of the protagonists and now, with the evolution of society, we can hear the other side of the story too. *Duryodhana* and *Ravana* have been called the most evil souls but there might have been a side to them that we haven't been pen to hearing. Villains have always been and will remain bad but they were not born like that. Which is what new adaptations are highlighting today. Evolution of the audience is also another reason here. There is a shade to these negative characters which people are interested to know. *Ashadh Ka Ek Din* has an evil character that is loved by everyone. *Dhruvswamini*, a play written by **Jaishankar Prasad** has **Ramagupta**, brother of **Chandra Gupta** who is again a villain but somewhat relatable."

For **Kaushik Bose**, director of theatreworms productions, it also helps the newer generations to understand the classics, which were penned ages ago. "It helps in bringing some aspects of life which we can still relate to. *Mahabharata* and *Ramayana* bring so many aspects which we are living even today. Other such examples are old Bengali plays *Katha Amrita Saman*, *Nathabati Anathbat*, which were written in the 80s and 90s and are based on Indian women. A recent interpretation of these plays were *Karappu*, in which the story was retold in a way where body movements were profoundly used."

It certainly is a good trend, which should continue. However, experts feel that we should also look at newer languages, plays and stories, which can talk about the present phenomenon.

'Education is important'

Ahead of Children's Day, veteran actor **Boman Irani** used the occasion to draw attention to the fact that every child in the country should have access to formal education, although that is not the only way to educate an individual. "In my opinion, basic education should be accessible to every child in this country. Later, they should practice their choice on higher education, and things should not be imposed on them. I am not a big believer in formal education because I am a self-taught actor and photographer. I do not believe that one can only educate himself between the age of five to 25. But I say that because formal education did not work for me that well," **Boman** said.

"Having said that I think when children go to school, they get a sense of childhood (later in their lives) because that is how society looks at children who are cared for. What they learn in school, and how much they are educated by attending class, is a different discussion. But access to education, the whole thing of wearing uniform, walking together with classmates and going to school, such things give them a structure in life," he said.

Boman plays a pivotal role in the new film *Jhalki*, which addresses the issue of child labour. He essays the character of **Shyam Singh** in the film, which is broadly based on the Nobel Peace Prize winner **Kailash Satyarthi**, who is known for his relentless work for children's rights and **Bachpan Bachao** movement.

Jhalki is one of the releases in the Children's Day weekend. The film revolves around the struggle of a young girl from an underprivileged background. She is in search for her brother who is employed as child labour and has gone missing. The film is directed by **Brahmanand Singh**, and features two child artistes, **Aarti** and **Goraksha** along with **Sanjay Suri**, **Tannishtha Chatterjee**, **Divya Dutta** and **Govind Namdev**.

"When a child wishes to go to school but doesn't get the chance to do so owing to poverty, he or she feels like an outcast. That is almost criminal," said the actor.

Interestingly, **Boman** has played characters like **Vishnu Sahastrabudde (3 Idiots)**, **Dr JC Asthana (Munna Bhai MBBS)** that show another extreme side of higher education and how it can suffocate young minds. The actor mentions he has treated each of these characters differently, keeping his personal opinion aside.

"I reserve my opinion and never impose it on the character I portray in the film because every character serves to tell a story and I am just an actor there. I am not judging the character. Personally, I do not support such imposition on students," said he. —JANS



Survival and betrayal

Actors **JUSTIN HIRES** and **LUCAS TILL** say that their series *MacGyver* is popular because it is about family, something that everyone is related closely with. By **TEAM VIVA**



What do you like the most about your character? And what are the things that the audience might not know about it?

Justin Hires: What I love the most about Bozer is that he's funny and smart. So I resemble him in my real life because I am pretty much the same. The only difference is that Bozer is more of a book worm. He is sincerely smart and I am smart in terms of common sense. However, I graduated from college with Honours. Something that the audience may not know about Bozer is that in every episode he wears the same two bracelets on his left wrist.

Lucas Till: My favourite part is Mac's ability to *macgyver*. He always tries to improvise his way out of difficult situations. I love him for this quality.

How was your experience shooting for the series? What were some of your most interesting scenes?

Justin: My experience with the series has been exceptional. I worked with an amazing cast and crew in every episode. Also, while working on it I realised that I have grown as an actor. An episode of season 3, where Bozer is trapped inside a SUV with a bomb underneath it was very fascinating.

I went from telling jokes in a scene to literally crying in the next. It's really been a terrific challenge for me artistically as it has allowed me to hone my craft as an actor.

Lucas: It was challenging at some point as the sequences were not easy. They demanded a lot of preparation, not only physically but mentally too. But it was also rewarding as I have evolved so much as an actor throughout.

If we talk about the interesting scenes of the show they are

never-ending. I've used a flamethrower, I get to do comedy and drama, the opportunities with this character and show are endless.

What kind of research did you do for your role as the master mask maker?

Justin: I watched the *Mission Impossible* films. They gave me a deeper insight about my role. I learnt the nuances of my role from it.

What do you think are the reasons behind the show's popularity?

Justin: The show is about family. And family is something that everyone connects and relates closely. So the show provides a universal connection for everyone.

Lucas: There's something for everyone. The whole family can watch the show — grandparents, parents, and the kids.

How has your character developed throughout the seasons?

Justin: It has developed a lot. I went from just being a cook at a fast food restaurant to a secret government agent. Even the audience has been able to see

Bozer endure several obstacles throughout the series and come out on top as an unsuspecting hero.

Lucas: Mac started off beautifully naive in certain things initially. But as the seasons unfold you will see him discovering herself. Even with this latest season, he figures out that the world is just not black and white, it has various shades of grey too.

Are you a fan of detective shows? What makes a great detective show according to you?

Justin: I love detective

shows. And the best sequences are the ones where the detective is tracking down a great villain. That's why I love **David Dastmalchian's** character, **Murdoc**, on the show so much.

Lucas: According to me, a great detective show should make you look things differently. It should leave the scenes to be interpreted by the audience in the way they want to. Also it should allow the viewer to think like a detective.

What are your current and future projects?

Justin: I have just released

my hip hop music under the name, **J Hires**. My first song *Fire Flame* has got over five million views and streams online so far. I'll be putting out my first full mixtape soon entitled — *Chapter 1: I Do This Too*.

Lucas: I recently completed a film based on the life of **Robert Zeller** called *Son of the South* directed by academy award winner **Barry Brown** and executive produced by **Spike Lee**.

Where is Mac's relationship with his father headed in Season 3?

Lucas: It is like an arc which swings back and forth. Sometimes it is good and sometimes it's not. The relationship heads slowly taking baby steps.

Why does the Phoenix Foundation need Mac back?

Lucas: They need him back because Jack is in trouble. Jack has been spotted with a former dictator who's been deposed and trying to get his throne back. It looks like he's doing bad stuff and I've got to figure out whether he's gone rogue and bad, or he just needs my help. So I had to rescue him from a situation which I thought he was getting into.

And Mac's dad thought that he's gone rogue and he is doing wrong things. But I was like, 'no that's not the case.'

Tell us more on Mac returning to the Phoenix Foundation?

Lucas: He goes along with his dad to save Jack, out of respect for him. But it's funny because Mac and his dad still don't get along.

(*MacGyver* Season 3 premieres every Friday at 10 pm on AXN.)



By the time we clocked the end of our dinner, Jonathon Gold's remark, "You can't fake hummus. It is either on point or your grandmother goes home," was incessantly resonating in my mind. Only instead of the Middle East, I was in the lap of Rampur cuisine, and in place of the hummus, I was fussing over *Baigan achari*, which seemed to be a proud favourite of mas-

SACRED TASTE

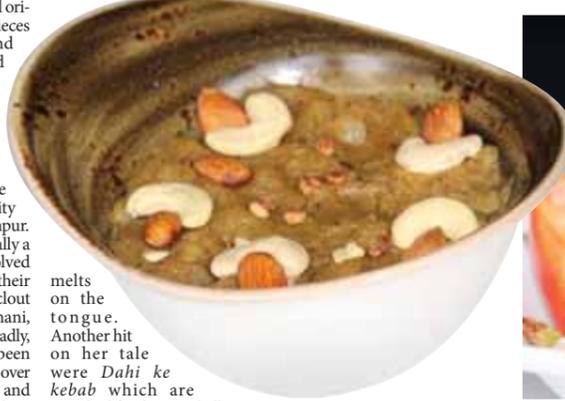
terchef Suuroo Khan. Among our conversations about the place, nawabs, creating jobs for cooks from Rampur, he mentioned that their *Baigan achari* is somewhat of an indisputable force against all other brinjal oriented dishes. It has small pieces of brinjal marinated and cooked in tangy gravy. I had never been more excited to try a vegetarian dish.

The menu is curated following an extensive hands-on research to create dishes that are not only eclectic but are on the same wavelength of authenticity that one would find in Rampur. Rampuri cuisine is essentially a 'courtly cuisine' that evolved along with its sultans and their taste buds. It is a blending clout of Mughlai, Awadhi, Afghani, Rajput and other cultures. Sadly, these recipes have not been chronicled and are thus lost over the years. It is a few chefs and hotels who are doing their best to revive Rampuri cuisine.

If you find yourself at Blooms restaurant, Eros Hotel, Nehru Place, with a plate of *Tar Korma*, one of the signature dishes and *Mirch ka saalon* which is lightly spiced and slightly tangy curry cooked in green chilli, just know that this is as authentic as it can get. Quite literally though since chef Suuroo belongs to the lineage of royal cooks or *khanasas* of nawabs of Rampur. Taste is sacred in the city and uncompromised, believes chef Sudarshan. He said that the cuisine is a nice combination in terms of taste, texture and presentation.

Mewa mave ka shaami became another of my favourites, it is kebab made with condensed milk and filled with dry fruits. It is slightly sweet, courtesy of the mewa and

Blooms at Eros Hotel celebrates the city's regional cuisine and DHRUVIKA BHANOT finds that its dishes are not only eclectic but on the same wavelength of authenticity



melts on the tongue. Another hit on her tale were *Dahi ke kebab* which are crumbed fried yogurt balls seasoned with Rampuri spices, a mixture of 35 to 40 spices. The food is flavourful for one, no surprise there but it is also neutral and balanced in taste, so fortunately there won't be the risk of hot flashes or hike in diabetes.

One of my personal favourites till the next day remains *Kache gosht ki tikki*, a traditional lamb patty seasoned with homemade spices. Chef Suuroo shared an interesting anecdote behind this dish. In earlier days, while on hunt, the nawabs would cook meat by themselves with whatever spices they could get hold of. The dish on the menu is reflective of that time, the meat is lightly marinated and slightly raw.

Chef Suuroo's *Saans-e-dum pulao* is magnificent, a traditional preparation of Rampur, basmati rice, lamb and chicken prepared as a Yakhni pulao. And

'Chef Suuroo shared an interesting anecdote behind Kache gosht ki tikki, a traditional lamb patty seasoned with homemade spices. In earlier days, while on hunt, the nawabs would cook meat by themselves with whatever spices they could get hold of. The dish is reflective of that time'



as you scrape through the spoonfuls, the dish becomes a sonnet of flavour, texture and aroma. As both the chefs mentioned, half the taste of the cuisine is in its smell. The people who used to find refuge in Rampur brought their own flavour to the kitchens and it still remains diverse in taste.

One of the desserts, with the most interesting name, *Mirch ka halwa*, needs an honorary mention. The spice quotient of the green chillies and capsicum is eclipsed by sweetening them and this might seem the most uniquely created desserts to someone who's been living under the rock but you might also want to try *Gulathli*. It is their signature dessert, sweetened and reduced milk, thickened with rice and garnished with kernels and sil-

ver leaf. True to the chef's words, it is definitely not the sweetest. However, what it is not is something to be missed on. Something to be missed? Because Rampuri cuisine has a taste but no name, is what chef Suuroo shared. And even though Delhi is a hub of cultures, this cuisine has found itself aloof and hidden in kitchens at home. The chefs want it to reach to as many people. Not only this, jobs are being created. Chefs from Rampur are here, so there is exposure and experience on both sides of the spectrum, the chefs and the diners.

This experience of dining would remain unparalleled, from the food to the service to the bits of history of Rampur that was shared in conversations, a few phrases would certainly lack justice to an evening of amiability and warmth.

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EXTRACT FROM STANDALONE FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND HALF YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2019. (Rs. in Lakhs)							
S. No.	Particulars	Quarter ended			Half year ended		Year Ended
		30.09.2019	30.06.2019	30.09.2018	30.09.2019	30.09.2018	31.03.2019
		(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
I	Revenue from operations	-	-	-	-	-	-
II	Other income	18.00	18.00	18.00	36.00	36.00	72.01
III	Total Revenue(I+II)	18.00	18.00	18.00	36.00	36.00	72.01
IV	Expenses						
a)	Cost of materials consumed	-	-	-	-	-	-
b)	Purchases of stock-in-trade	-	-	-	-	-	-
c)	Changes in inventories of finished goods, work-in-progress and stock-in-trade	-	-	-	-	-	-
d)	Employee benefit expense	3.93	4.58	5.34	8.51	10.55	24.00
e)	Finance costs	0.02	-	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.04
f)	Depreciation and amortisation expense	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.70	0.71	1.41
g)	Other Expenditure(Any item exceeding 10% of the total Expenses relating to continuing operations to be shown separately)	11.76	11.53	12.08	23.29	23.57	42.61
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE(IV)	16.06	16.46	17.79	32.52	34.85	68.06
V	Profit before Exceptional Items and Tax(III-IV)	1.94	1.54	0.21	3.48	1.15	3.95
XI	Total Comprehensive Income For the period	1.94	1.54	0.21	3.48	1.15	3.95
XII	Paid up equity share capital	599.50	599.50	599.50	599.50	599.50	599.50
XIII	Earning Per share (For continuing operation)						
a)	Basic	-	-	-	-	-	-
b)	Diluted	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01

NOTE: The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly and half yearly financial result are available on the website of the Stock Exchange (s) viz www.bseindia.com and the listed entity (www.scagrotech.com).
By Order of the Board For SC Agrotech Limited
Place: New Delhi
Date: 14.11.2019
Executive Director (DIN: 03459767)

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EXTRACT FROM STANDALONE UN-AUDITED FINANCIAL RESULT FOR THE QUARTER AND HALF YEAR ENDED 30 TH SEPTEMBER, 2019 (₹ in Lacs)					
PARTICULARS	(Unaudited)				(Audited)
	Quarter ended 30.09.2019	Quarter ended 30.09.2018	Half year ended 30.09.2019	Half year ended 30.09.2018	Previous Year ended 31.03.2019
Total income from operations (net)	7.84	8.68	15.69	17.32	32.20
Net Profit/(Loss) for the period (before tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	1.07	3.22	2.72	6.38	10.93
Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	1.07	3.22	2.72	-4.15	0.40
Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	0.50	3.12	1.49	-5.68	0.30
Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit/(Loss) for the period (after tax) and other comprehensive income (after tax)]	0.50	3.12	1.49	-5.68	0.30
Equity Share Capital	287.67	287.67	287.67	287.67	287.67
Reserves (excluding revaluation reserve as shown in the balance sheet of previous year)	-	-	-	-	66.16
Earnings per share (before extraordinary items) (of ₹ 10/- each) Basic & Diluted:	0.02	0.11	0.05	-0.20	0.01
Earnings per share (after extraordinary items) (of ₹ 10/- each) Basic & Diluted:	0.02	0.11	0.05	-0.20	0.01

Note:
1. The above financial results have reviewed and recommended by the audit committee and approved by the Board of Directors at its meeting held on 13.11.2019
2. The Company has not received any complaint from investors during the quarter ended on 30.09.2019
3. As the source of income comes from single segment of finance and investment, hence the segment reporting as under AS-17 is not applicable.
4. This Statement is as per Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulation, 2015.
5. Figure of previous period are re-grouped/re-classified/re-arranged, wherever necessary to corresponded with current period.
For and on behalf of the Board
Place: Delhi
Date: 13.11.2019
Vinod Gupta
(Whole Time Director)
DIN: 00381782

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UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2019 (Rs. in million)				
S. No.	Particulars	Half year ended 30 September 2019	Half year ended 30 September 2018	Year ended 31 March 2019
1	Total Income from Operations	15,365.49	12,111.79	23,813.78
2	Net (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	(3,315.63)	(2,308.79)	(4,239.89)
3	Net (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	(1,208.36)	(2,308.79)	(4,239.89)
4	Net (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	(1,208.36)	(2,308.79)	(4,189.80)
5	Total Comprehensive (Loss)/Income for the period [Comprising Profit/(Loss) for the period (after tax) and other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	(1,208.80)	(2,297.17)	(4,170.48)
6	Paid up Equity Share Capital	1,303.24	912.62	912.62
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	(34,994.43)	(31,780.88)	(33,633.92)
8	Net Worth	(33,691.19)	(30,868.06)	(32,721.31)
9	Paid up Debt Capital / Outstanding Debt	62,340.04	57,072.92	58,502.80
10	Outstanding Redeemable Preference Shares	-	-	-
11	Debt Equity Ratio	(1.85)	(1.85)	(1.79)
12	Earning / (Loss) Per Share (in Rupees) (Basic & Diluted)	(9.15)	(3.39)	(10.30)
13	Capital Redemption Reserve	-	-	-
14	Debture Redemption Reserve	738.13	738.13	738.13
15	Debt Service Coverage Ratio	0.31	0.03	0.07
16	Interest Service Coverage Ratio	0.66	0.14	0.21

Notes:
1. The above is an extract of the detailed format of half yearly financial results filed with the stock exchange under regulation 52 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosures Requirements) Regulation, 2015. The full formats of half yearly financial results are available on the website of the stock exchange www.bseindia.com and on the Company's website www.emaar-india.com.
2. The above financial results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors of the Company at their meeting held on November 11, 2019.
3. Ratios have been computed as follows:
(i) Debt/Equity Ratio = Paid up debt capital/equity, where,
* Equity represents issued, subscribed and paid up equity share capital and other equity
* Paid up debt capital represents long-term and short-term borrowings excluding deferred payment liabilities and finance lease obligations.
(ii) Debt Service Coverage ratio = Earnings before finance costs, tax and depreciation / [finance costs + principal repayment of paid debt capital during the period/year]
(iii) Interest Service Coverage ratio = Earnings before finance costs, tax and depreciation / finance costs
(iv) Net worth represents total equity.
(v) Paid up equity capital represents issued, subscribed and paid up equity share capital.
For and on behalf of Board of Directors of Emaar MGF Land Limited
Hadi Mohd Taher Badri
Director
DIN - 08101969
Date: November 11, 2019
Place: Gurugram

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India Cocktail Week presents diverse cocktail menus at special prices by 30+ leading Delhi bars. It will culminate into a two-day Cocktail Village on the weekend. The week features brand showcases, entertainment, secret bars, restaurant pop-ups and much more. International and homegrown brands like Absolut, Bacardi, Baileys, Bira, Bombay Sapphire, Caorunn, Grants, Greater Than, Hendricks, Jameson, JW Gold, Kahlua, Kettle One, Monkey 47, Monkey Shoulder, Simba, Singleton and Talisker will be there. **Date:** Till November 15 (Cocktail week) November 16 and 17 (Cocktail village) **Price:** ₹499 (ticket price) (Cocktail village) **Time:** 2 pm to 10 pm (Cocktail village) **Venue:** 30+ bars across Delhi and Gurugram (Cocktail week) 1AQ, Mehrauli, Delhi (Cocktail village).

Foodhall Celebrates Buon Appetito this November. It presents a range of Italian dips like pesto, aglio olio, fresh hand-rolled pastas, and a range of Italian cheeses beyond parmesan and burrata. They have also conceptualised an Italian farmers' market across their stores in DLF Promenade and Two Horizon Centre. **Date:** Till November **Venue:** Foodhall (all outlets.)

WESTERN RAILWAY

TENDER FOR BULK ADVERTISING RIGHTS FOR DISPLAY OF ADVERTISEMENTS

Sr. No.	Tender Notice No. & Date	WORK AND LOCATION	Approx. Tender value for 5 years	EMD in ₹
1	CA_11_Bulk Station BVI_pf (Part-I)_2019 dtd. 11.11.2019	Tender for Bulk Advertising Rights for display of Advertisements at Borivali station (Part I) for a period of 5 years over Mumbai Division of Western Railway.	₹ 60742858/-	₹ 1214900/-
2	CA_11_Bulk Station BVI_FOB (Part-II)_2019 dtd. 11.11.2019	Tender for Bulk Advertising Rights for display of Advertisements at Borivali (FOB) (Part II) for a period of 5 years over Mumbai Division of Western Railway.	₹ 25049463/-	₹ 501000/-
3	CA_11_Bulk Station BVI_Circulating (Part-III)_2019 dtd. 11.11.2019	Tender for Bulk Advertising Rights for display of Advertisements at Borivali Circulating (Part III) for a period of 5 years over Mumbai Division of Western Railway.	₹ 18770352/-	₹ 375500/-
4	CA_11_Bulk Station MM 2019 dtd. 11.11.2019	Tender for Bulk Advertising Rights for display of Advertisements at Mahim station for a period of 5 years over Mumbai Division of Western Railway.	₹ 7689120/-	₹ 153800/-

Sr. No. : 1 to 4 : Date & Time of Opening : 10.12.2019 at 15.30 hrs. Regarding detailed tender conditions please visit our www.reps.gov.in Manual offers will not be considered.
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ABRIDGED FORM OF TENDER NOTICE

Sr. No.	Name of Area	ECL HQ, Santoria
1	Name of Area	ECL HQ, Santoria
2	Name of Deptt.	CMC
3	Tender Notice No. & Dtd.	ECL/HQ/CMC/e-tender/Dringline SBA/607 Date: 12.11.19
4	Name of the work	"Hiring of HEMM for Removal & Transportation of 227.00 Cum of OB and 32.20 T of coal from the parting of R-V (T) & R-V (B), R-V (D) & R-V (T), R-V (T) & R-V (B) and coal seams R-V (B), R-V (T) & R-V (D) Dringline Patch in Sector-I of Sonapur Bazarri project.
5	Estimate Cost	Rs. 229.82,36,000
6	Document download start date & time	20.11.2019 at 11.00Hrs.
7	Document download end date & time	11.12.2019 at 17.00Hrs.
8	Bid opening date & time	13.12.2019 at 11.00Hrs.

NB: Details of tenders can be seen in ECL Website & Govt. Portal www.easterncoalfields.com or www.tenders.gov.in and tender request. General Manager (CMC)
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STATEMENT OF UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND HALF YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2019

SL No.	Particulars	Standalone (Rs. in Lakhs)			Consolidated (Rs. in Lakhs)		
		Quarter ended 30.09.2019	Half year ended 30.09.2019	Quarter ended 30.09.2018	Quarter ended 30.09.2019	Half year ended 30.09.2019	Quarter ended 30.09.2018
		Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited
1	Total income from operations (net)	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.06	0.06	2.43
2	Net Profit for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and / or Extraordinary items)	(2.05)	(2.95)	(2.04)	(2.36)	(3.61)	-
3	Net Profit for the period before Tax (after Exceptional and / or Extraordinary items)	(2.05)	(2.95)	(2.04)	(2.36)	(3.61)	-
4	Net Profit for the period after Tax (after Exceptional and / or Extraordinary items)	(2.05)	(2.95)	(2.04)	(2.36)	(3.61)	-
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit for the period (after tax) and other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	(4.24)	(8.42)	(2.04)	(10.49)	(24.24)	(12.41)
6	Equity share capital (Face Value of Rs. 10/- each)	24.00	24.00	24.00	24.00	24.00	24.00
7	Earnings Per Share (before extraordinary items) (Face Value of ₹ 10/- each)	(1.77)	(3.51)	(0.85)	(4.37)	(10.10)	(5.17)
	(a) Basic (Rs.)	(1.77)	(3.51)	(0.85)	(4.37)	(10.10)	(5.17)
	(b) Diluted (Rs.)	(1.77)	(3.51)	(0.85)	(4.37)	(10.10)	(5.17)

NOTE:
1) The above is an extract of the detailed format of Unaudited Quarterly Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Unaudited Quarterly Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchanges website www.sei-india.com
2) The above result have been prepared in accordance with principle and procedures of Indian Accounting Standards (Ind AS) as notified under the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015 as specified under section 133 of Companies Act, 2013.
3) The above Unaudited Standalone and Consolidated Financial Results were reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors of the Company in their meeting held on 14th November, 2019.
By order of the Board
For Saneh Industrial Investments Limited
Sd/-
Vivek Gupta
(Director)
DIN 00035916
Place: Delhi
Date: 14th Nov, 2019

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PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to inform the Public that Auction of pledged Gold Ornaments will be conducted by Small Business Finance India Pvt. Ltd. (erstwhile Mape Finance Pvt. Ltd.) on 20th November 2019 at 10 AM at K-17, 2nd Floor, Near DTC Bus Pass Centre, Lajpat Nagar-2, New Delhi - 110044, Faridabad Branch: 28/1, First Floor, N.I.T. Near Bhawanee Sweet Corner, Faridabad, Haryana-121001 and Gurugram Branch: 1st Floor, Property No. 342/9, Subhash Nagar, 1st Floor, New Railway Road, Gurugram 122001 and Panipat Branch, Plot No. 946, 1st Floor, above Vodafone Store, Near Railway Road Main GT Road, Panipat-132103, Haryana.
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Injury-time goal saves India



PTI ■ DUSHANBE

India escaped with a 1-1 draw after an injury-time goal saved them the blushes against lower-ranked Afghanistan in their FIFA World Cup Qualifier match here on Thursday.

The result meant the 106-ranked India remained winless in their qualifying campaign so far.

When the visitors seemed headed for their second defeat, substitute Seiminlen Doungel (90+3) provided India with a lifeline, outjumping his markers to head one into the far post.

Afghanistan had taken the lead through Zelfagar Nazary's strike (45+1), putting India on the backfoot.

India remained at the fourth position in Group E with three points from four

matches, while Afghanistan continued to be on the third with four points.

Starting the away game, being played in extremely cold conditions at the Central Republican Stadium, on a bright note, India conceded a goal in the first half's injury time (45+1).

Afghanistan went into lead after a fine move saw David Najem play a square ball to Zelfagar Nazary at the centre of the box, and the mid-fielder's attempt breached the Indian defence before finding the back of the net.

It wasn't really a home match for Afghanistan either, but wins here against Cambodia and B'desh, followed by draws with Tajikistan and Jordan have given them much-needed confidence ahead of the clash against Igor Stimac's 106-ranked India.

And the 149-ranked Afghanistan car-

ried that confidence into the game on a chilly evening when the temperature dropped to nine degree celsius.

The hosts looked the better of the two sides in the first half and the goal, in the added time of first session, was not inappropriate.

On and off, Afghanistan managed to put pressure on the Indian defence manned by Mandar Rao Desai, Adil Khan, Rahul Bheke and Pritam Kotal. With their enterprise, the likes of striker Ahmad Omran and mid-fielder Faysal Shayesteh kept India on their toes, forcing Bheke and Adil to make a few clearances in the first quarter.

India looked to take on the opposition but they could not create any clear chances, and the couple of half chances in the opening minutes failed to test the Afghan custodian.

There was a change straightaway for India after the break as Stimac substituted Mandar Farukh Choudhary.

The visitors showed urgency and looked desperate for an equaliser. They had a chance in the 58th minute but skipper Sunil Chhetri's header off a cross from right back Pritam Kotal was saved by Azizi. At the other end, Gurpreet Singh Sandhu made a diving save.

While he will be disappointed to end the match in a stalemate, Stimac's decision to bring in Doungel in place of Kotal paid dividends.

Stimac made three changes to the lineup that drew against Bangladesh last month, starting with Kotal, Brandon Fernandes and Proney Halder in place of Anas Edathodika, Anirudh Thapa and Manvir Singh.

Henry to coach Montreal Impact

AFF ■ MONTREAL

Former Arsenal star Thierry Henry was Thursday appointed coach at MLS franchise Montreal Impact on a two-year contract as he gets a new chance of management after a disastrous spell at Monaco.

"Welcome to Montreal @ThierryHenry!" the Major League Soccer (MLS) club tweeted.

Henry, whose baptism by fire as a manager ended in his firing by French club Monaco in January, will coach Impact for a minimum of two seasons.

"Henry signed a two-year deal, with an option for 2022," the club said on its website.

Henry, 42, who helped France win the World Cup in 1998, is familiar with the MLS, having played from 2010 to 2014 with the New York Red Bulls.

He scored 51 goals and had 42 assists in 122 games with the club.

"It's an honour to coach the Montreal Impact and return to MLS," said Henry. "It's a league I know well, in which I had some very nice moments. 'I've always kept an eye on the club and now I'm here."

Henry becomes the seventh coach of the Montreal Impact in just eight years, succeeding Colombian Wilmer Cabrera, who was acting coach for two months after the dismissal in August of French coach Remi Garde after 10 months in charge.

Henry made his name as a world-class player at Arsenal where he scored 228 goals in 377 appearances, making him the English club's record goalscorer.

After winning the World Cup on home soil in 1998, he played in three further World Cups in 2002, 2006 and 2010.

He is also France's all-time leading scorer with 51 goals in 123 games, in front of Michel Platini.



Paes, top-players return for Pak tie

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India on Thursday picked an unprecedented eight-member Davis Cup squad for the tie against Pakistan, including most of the top stars who refused to travel to Islamabad along with those who made themselves available irrespective of the venue.

Seasoned veteran Leander Paes returned to the Indian team after more than a year along with top players Sumit Nagal, Ramkumar Ramanathan, Sasi Kumar Mukund and Rohan Bopanna for the tie to be held at a yet-to-be-finalised neutral venue on November 29 and 30.

Nagal, Bopanna, Ramanathan and Mukund had reservations about travelling to Pakistan due to security concerns, the basis of the International Tennis Federation's decision to change the venue.

"It's a special case this time. We do not pick such a big travel party but we did not want the players who were ready to go Pakistan, to feel left out. So we had to create a balance," Zeeshan Ali, who is on the selection panel and is also the India coach said.

In the squad announced by the All India Tennis Association (AITA) selection committee, Jeevan Nedunchezhiyan, Saketh Myneni and Siddharth Rawat also found a place in the team. All these players were willing travel to Islamabad when the others had refused.

AITA usually names five-member main squads along with one or two reserve players.

While the ITF is still considering the Pakistan Tennis Federation's appeal against the decision to shift the tie out of Islamabad, AITA has gone ahead with the team selection.

Tsitsipas reaches ATP Finals semis



Stefanos Tsitsipas celebrates winning a point against Alexander Zverev AP

AFF ■ LONDON

Stefanos Tsitsipas coasted past defending champion Alexander Zverev in straight sets to advance to the last four of the ATP Finals on Wednesday after Rafael Nadal came back from the dead to keep his title hopes alive.

The Greek tyro, 21, broke his big-serving German opponent three times in the Group Andre Agassi match to seal a 6-3, 6-2 win at London's O2 Arena.

The straightforward victory, which took Tsitsipas's head-to-head record against Zverev to 4-1, was in sharp contrast to the earlier match, in which Nadal produced an astonishing comeback to beat Daniil Medvedev.

The Spanish top seed was on the brink of defeat when facing a match point at 5-1 down in the deciding set but stormed back to win 6-7 (3/7), 6-3, 7-6 (7/4).

"Today is one of those days that one out of 1,000 you win and it happened today," said a delighted Nadal.

The 19-time Grand Slam champion, who also beat Medvedev in the US Open final, said earning a break back in the deciding set had infused him with confidence.

Both players were under intense pressure after losing their opening round-robin matches on Monday.

6 TEAMS UNVEILED FOR ATP CUP

SYDNEY: A Grigor Dimitrov-led Bulgaria was among the final six teams announced on Thursday for the ATP Cup in Australia.

Chile, Poland, Uruguay, Moldova and Norway were the other countries to make the grade, based on the ranking of their number one singles player at the second entry deadline of November 13.

The rest of the 24-nation field was announced in Sept, although Switzerland later pulled out after Roger Federer opted to skip the tournament. The field will be split into six groups across Sydney, Brisbane and Perth.

As the highest-qualifying country at the second deadline, Bulgaria replace the Swiss and join Belgium and the Andy Murray-led Great Britain in Group C in Sydney. The championship takes place from January 3-12 in the lead-up to the year's first Grand Slam, the Australian Open in Melbourne.

Eight teams — with up to five players each — will emerge from the round-robin stage to compete in the knock-out phase in Sydney until one is left standing with ties comprising two singles and one doubles match.



Bryan brothers to retire in 2020

AFF ■ LOS ANGELES

US men's doubles duo Bob Bryan and Mike Bryan said on Wednesday they will retire at the end of the 2020 season, bringing the curtain down on one of the most successful pairings in tennis history.

The 41-year-old twins said in a statement they planned to hang up their racquets after taking part in next year's US Open, where they made their Grand Slam championship debut in 1995.

Since that first Slam appearance, the Bryans have racked up a record 118 trophies including 16 Grand Slam doubles titles. They also won Olympic Gold at the 2012 London Games.

Bob Bryan said the duo had opted to end their 2019 season after the US Open in order to remain fresh for next year.

"We decided that it would be best to rest our minds and strengthen our bodies in preparation for 2020 which will be our final season on the ATP Tour," Bob Bryan said in a statement.

"It has truly been a magical ride," he added. "However, we want to end this great ride while we're healthy and we can still compete for titles."

At their peak, the Bryans were a formidable doubles duo, rising to No 1 in the rankings for the first time in 2003. They spent a total of 438 weeks at the top of the rankings and ended 10 seasons as the No 1 team.

'Go back to baseball' Ibrahimovic confirms LA Galaxy exit

AFF ■ LOS ANGELES

Swedish star Zlatan Ibrahimovic confirmed his departure from the Los Angeles Galaxy on Wednesday, but gave no clue over his future plans or possible retirement.

The 38-year-old striker's departure from the Galaxy had been widely expected following the club's elimination from the Major League Soccer playoffs last month.

Ibrahimovic, who joined the Galaxy in the opening months of the 2018 campaign, announced the end of his Californian sojourn in a characteristically enigmatic post on Twitter.

"I came, I saw, I conquered. Thank you @lagalaxy for making me feel alive again," Ibrahimovic wrote. "To the Galaxy fans — you wanted Zlatan, I gave you Zlatan. You are welcome."

"The story continues... Now go back to baseball." The Galaxy said in a brief statement the club had parted company with Ibrahimovic by mutual agreement.

"We would like to thank

Zlatan for his contributions to the LA Galaxy and Major League Soccer," said LA Galaxy President Chris Klein.

"Since his arrival in 2018, Zlatan has positively influenced the sport of soccer in Los Angeles. We are grateful for his work ethic and passion. We thank Zlatan for his professionalism and immeasurable impact on the Los Angeles community and the soccer community in North America as a whole."

Ibrahimovic has been strongly linked with a return to Italian club AC Milan, where he played for two seasons between 2010 and 2012, scoring 42 goals in 61 league appearances.

Although Ibrahimovic was unable to help Los Angeles Galaxy return to the pinnacle of Major League Soccer, the Swede has been one of the most successful foreign players ever to grace the league, scoring 53 goals in 56 regular season appearances.

Sindhu's poor show continues

PTI ■ HONG KONG

World champion P V Sindhu exited the \$400,000 Hong Kong Open in the pre-quarterfinals but Kidambi Srikanth made the quarters for the first time in seven months after claiming a thrilling win in men's singles here on Thursday.

It was also curtains for H S Prannoy and Parupalli Kashyap after they suffered contrasting losses in the second round.

World number 6 Sindhu went down 18-21, 21-11, 16-21 to world number 18 Busanan Ongbamrunphan of Thailand in 69 minutes to continue her recent dismal

run in international circuit. It was Sindhu's first loss to the Thailand player in 11 meetings.

Earlier, former world number 1 Srikanth, who slipped to the 13th spot in the latest BWF rankings this week, emerged as the only Indian survivor after notching up a 21-11, 15-21, 21-19 win over compatri-

ot Sourabh Verma in the men's singles second round. Srikanth had last reached the quarter-finals at the Singapore Open in April. The Guntur shuttler, who received a first-round bye from world number 1 Kento Momota of Japan, will face Olympic champion Chen Long of China next.

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COURT NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF Ravipal Singh Judicial Magistrate First Class-1, Phagwara
CNR NO. PBKPA1-000397-2016
Next Date: 11-12-2019
M/s Sampurna Feeds (Proprietorship Concern), Opp. Mauli Gate, G.T. Road Phagwara, Distt. Kapurthala through Proprietor Ashish Gupta S/o Sh. Yogash Chander Gupta R/o 200 Hargobind Nagar Phagwara, Distt. Kapurthala its Attorney Sh. Charan Dass S/o Sh. Gurmit Ram R/o Nathwal P.O. Sarhauil Tehsil Phillaur Distt. Jalandhar.

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In above titled case, the accused could not be served. It is ordered that accused should appear in person or through counsel on 11-12-2019 at 10:00 a.m.
For details logon to https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&district=Kapurthala.
Ravipal Singh Judicial Magistrate First Class-1 Phagwara

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IN THE COURT OF Sh. Jaginder Singh Judicial Magistrate First Class-2, Phagwara
CNR NO. PBKPA1-000330-2017
Next Date: 19-12-2019
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(Jaginder Singh) Judicial Magistrate First Class-2 Phagwara



India's captain Virat Kohli, center, and teammates celebrate the dismissal of Bangladesh's Mehidy Hasan, right, during the first day of first Test between India and Bangladesh in Indore

Lacked mental strength to counter pace attack: Mominul

PTI ■ INDORE

Bangladesh captain Mominul Haque on Thursday admitted his team lacked the mental strength required to counter India's formidable pace attack on the first day.

Ishant Sharma, Mohammed Shami and Umesh Yadav shared seven wickets between them to bundle visitors for 150 runs. More importantly, Bangladesh's lower-order batsmen looked scared to face the Indian pacers.

"The wicket wasn't playable at all or else myself or Mushfiqur (Rahim) wouldn't have scored the runs that we scored. The problem is that when you are playing the world's No 1 Test team, you have to be mentally far more stronger," Mominul said at the end of the day's play. Asked about the match situation, Mominul made it clear that it will be very difficult to save the game from here on.

"Let's be practical. They have already scored 80 plus. We are lagging far behind and it will be very difficult to save the game from this situation."



Very few world class bowlers in Test cricket now: Tendulkar

PTI ■ INDORE

A dearth of quality pace bowlers has all but added to the charm of Test cricket, said the iconic Sachin Tendulkar, who is worried about the traditional format's health.

A Sunil Gavaskar vs Andy Roberts, Dennis Lillee or Imran Khan was worth the wait during the 1970s and '80s. Similarly a Tendulkar vs Glenn McGrath or Wasim Akram used to be a connoisseur's delight.

But not anymore, feels the man, who played 200 Test matches in his illustrious 24 years in international cricket.

"Rivalries which people invariably looked forward to are no longer there because there are very few world-class fast bowlers right now. That element I am sure is missing. The quality of fast bowling can surely be better without any doubt," Tendulkar said while analysing how cricket has evolved in the past 30 years (15th November, 1989) since he made his debut.

Asked if the competitiveness, as far as Test cricket is concerned, is confined to only three countries (India, Australia and England), the maestro agreed.

"The standard of cricket has gone down which is not great news for Test cricket. The standard needs to go up and for that, I would again say that the root cause is the playing surfaces," he said.

"I think it has also got to do with the kind of pitches that are provided. If we provide fair pitches where fast bowlers as well as spinners get help, then balance between bat and ball will be restored."

"If the balance is missing then the contest becomes weak and it fails to grab eyeballs. Test cricket must have good wickets," added the man, who has scored 15,921 runs with 51 hundreds.

For Tendulkar, the model pitches are the ones on which the Ashes was played in England.

"I feel this year's Ashes had some of the best Test pitches in recent times. Magnificent I would say. The only time they moved to Old Trafford, you saw that Test wasn't as exciting as the ones at the Headingley, or the Lord's Test or for that matter even the one at the Oval. I thought those Test matches were exciting," he said.

For someone, who has seen the evolution of the game from Test cricket to T20s, Tendulkar remains a purist at heart, who would never endorse an IPL performance as being good enough to merit selection in the ODI and Test team.

Unless, of course, the player in question is as exceptional as Jasprit Bumrah.

GET SET GO

Ishant, Shami & Umesh combine together and blast Tigers out for 150

PTI ■ INDORE

India's pace trio was at its menacing best against an under-confident Bangladesh, helping the home team seize control of the first Test at Holkar Stadium on the opening day itself.

On one of the bounciest tracks in recent times, Bangladesh were bundled out for 150 in 58.3 overs, lasting barely two sessions and a few overs more on Thursday.

With ample time at their disposal, India ended the day at 86 for 1 in 26 overs, losing Rohit Sharma's (6) wicket to Abu Jayed.

The notable aspect during the Indian innings was Cheteshwar Pujara (46 batting) outscoring the more flamboyant Mayank Agarwal (37 batting) during their unbroken 72-run stand, leaving ominous signs for the four-man Bangladesh attack.

The first day's proceedings starkly highlighted the gulf between world's No 1 and No 9 Test sides.

Umesh Yadav (2/47 in 14.3 overs), Ishant Sharma (2/20 in 12 overs) and Mohammed Shami (3/27 in 12 overs) made life difficult for a team whose batsmen lacked both in technique and temperament.

A luckless Ravichandran Ashwin (2/43 in 16 overs), let

FASTEST TO 250 WICKETS AT HOME

Bowler	Tests	Innings
Muttiah Muralitharan (Sri Lanka)	42	72
Ravichandran Ashwin (India)	42	81
Anil Kumble (India)	43	77
Rangana Herath (Sri Lanka)	44	82
Dale Steyn (South Africa)	49	93
Harbhajan Singh (India)	51	94

MOST TEST WICKETS IN INDIA

Bowler	M	Wkts	SWI	Best
Anil Kumble	63	350	25	10-74
Harbhajan Singh	55	265	18	8-84
Rav Ashwin	42	251	21	7-59
Kapil Dev	65	219	11	9-83
Ravindra Jadeja	32	157	7	7-4

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down by Ajinkya Rahane in the slips cordon, also had a couple of clean-bowled dismissals in his kitty in the post-lunch session.

The three Indian pacers consistently bowled at 140 kmph, with seam, swing and bounce making life miserable for Bangladeshi batsmen.

Each of the three displayed different qualities and it was evident from the manner of dismissals.

Ishant's bowling was about disconcerting bounce from length

that had opener Shadman Islam caught behind and the occasional fuller delivery holding its line that forced Liton Das to edge one to Virat Kohli in the slips.

For Umesh, it started with brisk pace and getting it to seam into other opener Imrul Kayes and making him expect more incoming deliveries. Just when Kayes was getting used to a pattern, Umesh produced away going deliveries for the left-hander, squaring him up and the edge flew to slips.

They attacked relentlessly and it didn't matter that India weren't

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He again came in the post-tea session during which the tailenders looked scared, retreating towards square leg in fear of getting hurt. Mohammed Shami, probably the craftiest among the contemporary Indian pacers, showed there is no one better when it comes to getting reverse swing with 50-over old SG Test ball.

Mushfiqur Rahim (43), Bangladesh's top-scorer, who led a charmed life and was dropped twice, didn't have a clue when one swung back to knock the stumps back after he was beaten by away going deliveries.

The next one by Shami swung even more as Mehidy Hasan Miraj (0) was adjudged leg-before although a DRS call could have saved him had he opted for one.

In the first session, Shami had dismissed Mohammed Mithun with conventional inswing. Even without Jasprit Bumrah, who is nursing a stress fracture, the unit looked so formidable that one could sympathise with Bangladeshi batsmen facing their combined might.

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Indian pace attack is one of most lethal in world cricket: Ashwin



PTI ■ INDORE

The current Indian pace attack is "one of the most lethal" in world cricket since it has the ability to create openings in every spell, reckons senior off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin.

There was no Jasprit Bumrah but Mohammed Shami, Ishant Sharma and Umesh Yadav were ruthless and unplayable as Bangladesh batsmen danced to their tunes.

"I think Shami, Ishant and Umesh have been bowling well as a pack and if you add Bumrah to it over the last few months or a year

exactly having a great day as far as slip catching was concerned. Umesh could have got Mushfiqur early had Kohli latched on to one in the third slip.

Ashwin had both Mushfiqur and Mahmudullah Riyad dropped by Rahane at first slip.

in Test cricket, I think it's one of the most lethal pace attacks going around in the world if not the best," Ashwin said at the end of play on the first day. "And I am saying that as a disclaimer, I don't want people judging me on that comment. But it's right up there and one of the best bowling attacks I have seen in recent times," he said.

"Sometimes you feel that every spell they bowl, something is happening or they make it happen," the off-spinner added.

He however denied that he and Ravindra Jadeja will be changing their approach because the pacers have started taking the lead.

"As a bowler, I personally never looked at it that way. It's my job to pick up a wicket and try and capitalise if the pacers don't pick a wicket then get a breakthrough."

"Having said that, I am taking nothing away from the fast bowlers. They have been exceptional, especially if you look at Umesh over the last few years since 2016 when the home season happened. He has always given us an early breakthrough. Ishant has been splendid and Shami has probably in his best rhythm in his entire career," said the man, who completed a feat of 250 Test wickets at home.

It didn't cost the team much but the frustrated bowler then decided that breaching the defence was the best option as Mominul Haque (36) and Mahmudullah were dismissed due to poor judgement and shot selection respectively.

Bancroft, Burns back for Pak Tests



AFP ■ SYDNEY

Cameron Bancroft and Joe Burns got the nod on Thursday for Australia's Test squad to face Pakistan, with Usman Khawaja and Marcus Harris axed after flopping during the Ashes series against England.

Bowling allrounder Michael Neser was also included as a back-up to the formidable pace attack of Josh Hazlewood, Pat Cummins, Mitchell Starc and James Pattinson.

Bancroft was only rushed into the Australia A team at the last minute this week when Nic Maddinson pulled out to deal with mental health issues.

But he made the most of his opportunity, top-scoring with 49 in their first innings total of 122 all out to put himself in the reckoning after failing to make an impact in the Ashes.

He is one of three specialist openers, along with Burns

and Warner, but is more likely to play down the order if selected for the two Tests starting in Brisbane next week, followed by a day-night clash in Adelaide.

Burns was unlucky to be overlooked for the Ashes having scored a century in the last Test he played against Sri Lanka in February.

National selector Trevor Hohns suggested he would open with Warner, pointing out that "he has Test hundreds on the board and has combined very well with David in the past."

Harris and Khawaja miss out after failing to impress in England or in the Australia A match, which was seen as a "bat-off" for the Test slots up for grabs.

Middle-order batsman Travis Head, who was dropped for the last Ashes Test, was given another chance after young prodigy Will Pucovski, pulled out of contention citing his "mental wellbeing".

Hohns said Neser was included due to "his ability move the ball both ways, giving the team another bowling option depending on the conditions."

Australia Test squad: Tim Paine (capt), Cameron Bancroft, Joe Burns, Pat Cummins, Josh Hazlewood, Travis Head, Marnus Labuschagne, Nathan Lyon, Michael Neser, James Pattinson, Steve Smith, Mitchell Starc, Matthew Wade, David Warner.

Test cricket returns to Pakistan Sri Lanka confirm two-match series next month

PTI ■ LAHORE

Test cricket will return to Pakistan after more than a decade with Sri Lanka on Thursday agreeing to a two-match series in December, which will be a part of the traditional format's ongoing World Championship.

Sri Lanka played a bilateral One Day International and Twenty20 International series in Pakistan in September-October earlier this year despite 10 of its top players, including ODI captain Dimuth Karunaratne and Twenty20 skipper Lasith

Malinga, opting out due to security concerns.

The upcoming series' first Test will be played in Rawalpindi from December 11-15, while the second Test will be held in Karachi from December 19-23.

"This is a fabulous news for Pakistan cricket and its reputation of being as safe and secure as any other country in the world. We are thankful to Sri Lanka Cricket for agreeing to send their team for the longer version of the game," PCB Director (International Cricket) Zakir Khan said in a statement.

Khan said the confirmation will contribute in the PCB's efforts towards ensuring a regular resumption of international cricket in the country. Incidentally, Sri Lanka was also the last team to play Test cricket in Pakistan, back in 2009.

Sri Lanka were originally scheduled to play Tests in October and then return in December for a limited-overs' series but the matches were swapped to "provide them the opportunity to assess the situation before deciding on the Test venues."

"Now that the itinerary

has been confirmed, we will shift our focus on series preparations to ensure we deliver arrangements as per our very high standards," Khan said.

Sri Lanka Cricket chief executive Ashley de Silva said based on an earlier visit, the SLC is comfortable and convinced that conditions are suitable and conducive for Test cricket.

TOUR SCHEDULE

December 11-15 1st Test, Pindi Cricket Stadium, Rawalpindi
December 19-23 2nd Test, National Stadium, Karachi.

Dhawan out for duck Delhi stunned by Jammu and Kashmir in Mushtaq Ali T20



PTI ■ SURAT

Shikhar Dhawan failed to score in his first game of the Syed Mushtaq Ali T20 Trophy as Delhi suffered a shock eight-wicket defeat at the hands of Jammu and Kashmir for their first loss of the tournament.

Nitish Rana took Delhi to 165 for seven with 55 off 30

balls, a quickfire innings that included half a dozen sixes. This was after Delhi decided to bat at the Patel International Stadium.

Jammu and Kashmir made short of the 166-run target, racing to victory in 15.5 overs with eight wickets in hand. The flying start to the chase was provided by openers Shubham Khajuria (49 off 22) and Jatin Wadhawan (48 not out off 33) before Manzoor Dar smashed 58 off 24 balls.

It was not an ideal start to the tournament for India opener Dhawan, who is not in the best of form. His stay in the middle lasted nine balls.

Ranjane keeps Mumbai on high

PTI ■ MUMBAI

All-rounder Shubham Ranjane Ashone with both the bat and ball, as his unbeaten 30 helped Mumbai defeat Bengal by three wickets in a last ball thriller of the Syed Mushtaq Ali tournament here on Thursday.

Chasing a modest 154-run target, Mumbai were teetering at 105/5 at a stage. And then thanks to Ranjane's heroics with the bat, Mumbai chased the target on the final ball to remain unbeaten.

This was Mumbai's fifth win and they are on top of the points table in Group D and have almost sealed their place in the knockout stage.



the Mumbai camp. Mumbai opener Jay Bista (48 off 41 balls; 5x4 and 1x6) and Aditya Tare (37 off 27 balls) added 78 for the first wicket before the team's middle order collapsed.

Shreyas Iyer (15), Siddhesh Lad (0) and Shivam Dube (0) fell in quick succession after Bista departed as Mumbai slumped to 105-5 from 102-2.

Then Ranjane did the rescue act in company of skipper Suryakumar Yadav (22 off 18 balls), as the two took the hosts near the target. However, Surya fell with three balls to left, putting the onus on Ranjane, who finished the match in style.

Earlier, invited to bat, Bengal failed to capitalise on the start provided by openers Vivek

Singh (56 off 45 balls) and Shreevats Goswami (43 off 28 balls) to post a below-par 153/4 on the board.

In the first match at Bandra Kurla Complex, Haryana defeated Pondicherry by six wickets, while in the second game at the same venue, Assam thrashed minnows Mizoram by nine wickets.

In the second game at Wankhede, Madhya Pradesh got better of Meghalaya by 85 runs.

RAJASTHAN BEATS UP THIRUVANANTHAPURAM: Medium-pacer Deepak Chahar (3 for 46 and 13 not out) starred in Rajasthan's five-wicket win over Uttar Pradesh in a Group B match.