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**USUAL SUSPECTS**  
SWAPNA DASGUPTA

## Diplomacy key to India-Lanka ties

By the time this column appears, the trends, if not the results, of Sri Lanka's presidential election should be known. It is always hazardous to anticipate the outcome of an election since voters are often – though not always – inclined to defy conventional wisdom and opinion polls. Not that the Sri Lankan election industry has evolved as much as India's where opinion polls and exit polls have acquired an independent life, sometimes quite distinct from the election itself. Yet, based on a brief visit to Sri Lanka last month and some previous experience of politics in that charming island, some forecasts are in order.

My reading of the polls suggest that the SLPP candidate Gotabaya Rajapaksha, the younger brother of former President Mahinda Rajapaksha, enjoys a distinct advantage over his UNP rival Sajith Premadasa, the son of former President Ranasinghe Premadasa. How clear that advantage is and whether the election will go into the counting of the second preference votes – where the first preference votes of the JVP and an Independent candidate promoted by a few NGOs will matter are difficult to anticipate. However, barring the truly unexpected, it would seem that President Sirisena will be succeeded by another member of the family of the man who was defeated in 2014.

My reading of the presidential election is based on three observations.

First, it was pretty apparent that Gotabaya ran a streamlined, professional campaign. This was in sharp contrast to the UNP campaign that suffered from a relative shortage of resources and internal cohesion. Initially the UNP nomination was supposed to go to Prime Minister Ranil Wickramsinghe. However, the party felt that rather than bear the entire burden of a strong anti-incumbency, it was preferable to go with Premadasa who, despite being a Minister in the Sirisena Government, was not too strongly identified with the regime. The desire to make a fresh start was understandable but Premadasa has not been able to rope in many of the traditional UNP voters.

Secondly, despite being very closely identified with his elder brother's presidency, Gotabaya has an image that is more technocrat than political. He is seen to attach a great deal of emphasis on governmental efficiency, education and technology. Moreover, his plans to slash personal and corporate taxes are quite radical. Indeed, going by the manifesto, Gotabaya seems to be making a big pitch to transform Sri Lanka into another Singapore – originally a dream of President JR Jayawardene that was scuttled by the civil war.

In electoral terms, this suggests that Gotabaya may be able to prevail in Colombo and some of the adjoining Sinhalese-dominated towns that had tilted the balance against Mahinda Rajapaksha in 2014.

Thirdly, the Islamist bombings last April had a devastating effect on Sri Lanka's economy and its tourism industry. The fear of terror attacks reviving once again has put national security back on the political agenda. As the architect of Sri Lanka's military victory over the LTTE in 2009, Gotabaya is seen to be a tough no-nonsense politician. It is an image that will stand him in good stead in this election.

In 2014, the loss of a chunk of the SLFP vote and the huge 80 per cent turnout in the Northern Province where Tamils predominate had contributed to Sirisena's victory by a narrow margin. This time there is no reason to suggest that Tamil regions are sufficiently motivated to turn up in such large numbers. The feedback suggests that there is a palpable mood of disappointment with the Sirisena Government over regional autonomy. This would mean that while Premadasa will win a majority of Tamil votes in the Northern Province, this might not be enough to offset the lead Gotabaya is likely to secure in the traditional Sinhalese area. Indeed, it is nothing short of curious that many of Colombo's Left-liberalists have suddenly begun singing praises of the 'progressive' credentials of the JVP candidate. Earlier, the JVP was debunked as the voice of extreme Sinhala nationalism.

The facile view is that India will be very upset with a Gotabaya victory, in case it happens. This assumption is centred on the post-defeat comments of Mahinda Rajapaksa in 2014 when he accused R&AW of interfering to secure his defeat. Moreover, the Rajapaksas are seen to be pro-China, while the UNP is understood to have good relation with India.

This assumption forgets a few cruel truths. First, the civil war against the LTTE was won in 2009 by the Sri Lankan army thanks to some tacit support from India. Gotabaya was the man who maintained links with the national security establishment in India. Secondly, the generous contracts to China, particularly in Hambantota, followed India's own unwillingness to participate. Thirdly, the sale of the facilities in Colombo and Hambantota were negotiated by the UNP and not the Rajapaksas. In his manifesto, Gotabaya has promised an independent foreign policy that avoids being linked to any of the great powers.

How a relationship is negotiated depends ultimately on diplomacy rather than either the past or stated positions. If the Modi Government can reach out to the winner and persist with an economy-first approach and support for counter-terrorism, relations with Sri Lanka are bound to be healthy. It does not matter if Gotabaya or Sajith Premadasa wins. That is a choice for Sri Lanka's voters.

# DELHIITES IN DEEP WATER

## Capital flunks all 19 potable tests; safest Mumbai doesn't need ROs

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

Delhiites have neither fresh air to breathe nor safe water to drink. The drinking water supplied to residents in the national Capital has failed on all the 19 parameters – odour, iron, calcium, ammonia, chloride, anionic detergent and coliform among others. In contrast, Mumbaiites may not even need to buy water purifiers or reverse osmosis (RO) units. The drinking water in India's commercial capital passed all the tests of quality standards set by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS). The other two metros, Chennai and Kolkata, too didn't fare well, and are at the 13th and 14th place respectively.

Of the 21 capital cities where water quality was tested, Delhi was at the bottom with all samples failing to meet the BIS norms. Hyderabad and Bhubaneswar bagged the joint second spot in the ranking, with Ranchi coming in at third.

Currently, it is mandatory for bottled water manufacturers to meet the BIS quality standard. However, the BIS norm for tap water is voluntary for the public agencies which supply piped water. Unlike Europe and other developed countries, India doesn't have any

certification for potable water. The BIS lifted samples from the Capital cities across the country to test water quality on several parameters. Announcing the findings, Union Food and Consumer Affairs Minister Ram Vilas Paswan said, "All the samples lifted in Delhi have failed, but all samples of Mumbai are clear, and tap water of Mumbai is safest to drink."

In Delhi, the samples were taken randomly from 11 places like Krishi Bhawan, Janpath (residence of Union Food Minister Ram Vilas Paswan), Pitampura, Ashok Nagar, Mukundpur, Burari, Karawali Nagar, Sonia Vihar, Seema Puri and Nand Nagari. In Krishi Bhawan, housing several Central Government offices, the sample failed to meet seven parameters of BIS norms, while water from Paswan's residence failed on three parameters.

All the 11 samples failed to



- In the 1st phase samples of piped drinking water supplied by municipal corporation/local authorities were drawn from various locations across Delhi
- In the 2nd phase, samples from 20 State capitals were drawn. These were: Mumbai, Hyderabad, Bhubaneswar, Ranchi, Raipur, Amravati, Shimla, Chandigarh, Thiruvananthapuram, Patna, Bhopal, Guwahati, Bengaluru, Gandhinagar, Lucknow, Jaipur, Jammu, Dehradun,
- In the 4th phase, it is proposed to test samples from all the district headquarters of the country by August 15, 2020.
- Unlike Europe and other developed countries, India doesn't have any certification for potable water

meet the 19 parameters like odour, colour, turbidity, PH, total dissolved substances (TDS), hardness, alkalinity, aluminium, manganese, iron, calcium, nitrate, phenolic compounds, anionic detergent, ammonia, chloride, sulphide, coliform and e-coli that make up the BIS standard.

The tap water is supplied by the Delhi Jal Board (DJB). In most places, water pipes are running alongside and crossing sewage lines and drains in Delhi, which make the water supply susceptible to sewage contamination, officials said.

In Mumbai, all the 10 samples met the standards set by

the BIS. The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) supplies water to the residents in Mumbai. In Kolkata, nine samples failed 10 quality parameters while in Chennai, all 10 samples failed in nine parameters. The samples in Hyderabad and Bhubaneswar failed in one parameter each —

phenolic compounds and chloramines respectively. In Ranchi, the potable water test failed on four parameters, while in Shimla on aluminium and Chandigarh on two parameters, "aluminium and coliform".

According to officials, testing was conducted for organoleptic and physical tests, chemical test, toxic substances and bacteriological tests in the first stage. In the next phase, they will also undergo virological and biological tests for major disease carriers. The study, conducted by BIS for the Union Food and Consumer Affairs Ministry, tested 10 samples in 21 capital cities to see if they met the Indian Standard 10500:2012 (specification for drinking water).

Paswan said he has written to State Governments asking them to clarify what helps his Government can provide to make tap water drinkable.

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## Sabarimala Day 1: 10 women in barred age group sent back

PTI ■ SABARIMALA

Amid tight security, thousands of devotees offered prayers at the Lord Ayyappa temple when it opened for the annual Mandala-Makaravilakku puja on Saturday, though police said ten women were sent back from Pamba base as they were in the "barred" age group.

The temple has reopened just days after a five-judge Bench of the Supreme Court referred to a larger Bench the matter related to entry of women into the hill temple and other issues related to various faiths.

The State and temple precincts had witnessed protests by right-wing outfits and BJP workers last year after the LDF Government had decided to implement the Supreme Court verdict of September 28, 2018, allowing women of all age groups to offer prayers at the shrine.

Though the apex court did not stay its earlier order allowing entry of women in the Lord Ayyappa temple, the LDF Government in Kerala this time said the shrine is not a ground for activism and made it clear that it would not encourage women who want to visit the temple for publicity.

Police on Saturday evening said at least ten women, who were part of a 30-member



Devotees arrive at the Lord Ayyappa temple that opened for two-month long Mandala-Makaravilakku pilgrimage season in Sabarimala on Saturday PTI

group from Vijayawada in Andhra Pradesh, were sent back from Pamba, five km from the shrine, as they were found to be in the age group of 10-50 years. Females in this age group have traditionally been barred from praying at the temple.

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## RCom chairman Anil Ambani, four directors resign

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Reliance Communications chairman Anil Ambani and four other directors have resigned from the company, which is going through insolvency process, according to a regulatory filing.

The chief financial officer of the debt-ridden company, Manikantan V, too has resigned, the filing said.

Anil D Ambani, Chhaya Virani, Manjari Kacker have tendered their resignation as Director of Company on November 15th, 2019," the filing said.

Ryna Karani and Suresh Rangachar tendered their resignations on November 14 and

November 13, 2019, respectively. The development comes a day after RCom posted a consolidated loss of ₹30,142 crore for July-September 2019 due to provisioning for liabilities after the Supreme Court ruling on statutory dues.

This was the second highest loss posted by any Indian corporate till date.

Ambani was once in the world's top ten rich persons list but now the company is struggling to even sell assets for the recovery of dues.

The company, which is going through insolvency process, had made a profit of ₹1,141 crore in the corresponding three months a year ago.

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## Just breather! Air quality to fall again

### Delhi air improves from severe plus to very poor, relapse likely from Nov 20

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

helped air quality to recover."

The high surface winds in Delhi will continue for the next two days (till Nov 19) to consistently improve the air quality, the forecaster added.

Local factors — temperature and surface winds — play vital roles in dispersion process of suspended particulate matters (SPMs).

On Friday value of AQI on was above 500, which falls under severe plus category.

SAFAR said, "Strong surface winds are flushing out the accumulated pollutants. No drizzling last night greatly



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## Amnesty India got foreign funds in FCRA violation

RAKESH K SINGH ■ NEW DELHI

Amnesty International India Pvt Ltd, booked by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) for alleged violation of Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act (FCRA), used commercial methods and circuitous funding, including funds receipt under the head of FDI, to circumvent the provisions of the FCRA after being prohibited from receiving such funding, sources said here on Saturday.

The revelation has come after scrutiny of the Amnesty account books by the agency investigators a day after it conducted searches at three locations in Bengaluru and the national Capital on the premises of Amnesty International India Pvt Ltd and Indians for Amnesty International Trust in Bengaluru for the violation of the FCRA.

A number of Amnesty entities allegedly received foreign contribution amounting to ₹36 crore from Amnesty International UK through Amnesty International India Pvt Ltd despite denial of permission to Amnesty's trusts to receive foreign contribution by the foreigners division of the Union Home Ministry that oversees FCRA implementation, sources said.

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**SHOW TIME**

# Boring & nothing new to offer

**MARJAAVAAN**

**\*ing: Riteish Deshmukh, Siddharth Malhotra, Tara Sutaria, Rakul Preet Kaur**  
**Rated: 5/10**

**I**t is sad that Bollywood has forgotten to make romantic movies. Gone are the days when a boy met a girl. A villain tried to separate them. But love conquered all and the hero and heroine were united in the end. It was happily ever after. Today, Bollywood is only taking a leaf out of some of the earlier romantic movies made and giving them a twist to fit the 21st Century mood.

Unfortunately, *Marjaaavan* doesn't even have that to offer to its viewers. It could be that director Milap Zaveri failed to see *Ek Villain* which had a similar stacast. The only difference was that instead of Tara Sutaria, the love interest was Shraddha Kapoor.

Those who have seen *Ek Villain* would see the similarity. Siddharth Malhotra is from the wrong side of the society — a goon who does all the bad work for his boss whom he is

indebted to. But falls in love with the girl and wants to turn good for her. In steps the villain. Again Riteish Deshmukh. The least Zaveri could have done is to not take the same starcast and make a movie on similar lines.

However, all is not lost here. Deshmukh instead of doing movies like *Housefull 4* that don't make any sense to those like to watch movies that have some content, should actually switch to doing roles where he plays the bad guy. Like in *Ek Villain*, Deshmukh excels here too as the bad guy somewhat with a twist in his character.

Siddharth Malhotra does what he does best. Play the baddies at the drop of a hat; all this with his bare hands, a tad difficult to digest given that the baddies that he is fighting are all armed with the latest machine guns. And yet, our hero is able to come out as the winner. A total disconnect with reality.

Overall, it is a movie that is not worth a watch.

— Shalini Saksena

**SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE**

**ICICI Home Finance**

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

**Whereas**

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

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

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	Balkar Singh/ Neelam/ NHKTL00000822054	Part Of Plot No-4, Khewat No-230 Vasika No-7303/1, Mu No-23, Killu No-21/22/1, Mu No-24, Killu No-22/23-24-25, Killu No-42, Killu No-1/1/12-10/11/1 Mu No-23, Killu No-11 Mu-41, Killu No-2/3-4-5-6-7-8-13-14-15 Mu No-24, Killu No-4/1-7-12-14-15-16-17/18/1 Mu No-19, Killu No-22/2, Ward No-18 Vaka Rakba Patti Gadar Maya Puri Colony Kamal Road, Kalital, Haryana November 13, 2019	August 17,2019 Rs. 8,66,578/-	Kaithal
1.	Vikas Girdhar/ Mamta/ Beirang Furniture/ NHKTL00000847185	Plot No 148 P. M T Pundri Urban Estate Pundri, Kaithal, Haryana/ November 13, 2019	June 29,2019 Rs. 35,95,343/-	Kaithal

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

Date : 16-11-2019

Place: Kaithal

Authorized Officer

ICICI Home Finance Company Limited

**DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - II, CHANDIGARH**

(GOVT. OF INDIA, MINISTRY OF FINANCE)

**SCO 33-34-35, SECTOR-17A, CHANDIGARH**

Area of Jurisdiction-State Haryana, Punjab & Chandigarh (UT)

**PROCLAMATION OF SALE**

(Proclamation of sale under rule 38 and rule 52(2) of the Second Schedule to the Incomes Tax Act, 1961 read with The Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 as amended from time to time).

Title of Case & R.C. No	Recoverable Amount	Reserve Price	Earnest Money	Date & Time of Auction	Name of Court Auctioneer
Oriental Bank of Commerce Vs. Kuldeep Singh RC No. 339/2019	Rs. 92,75,880/- with costs, current and future simple interest @ 9.45% p.a. from the date of filing of the O.A i.e. 09.12.2017 Bank/Certificate Holder from the Defendants/ Certificate Debtors	Rs. 7,85,53,750/-	Rs. 1,95,38,438/-	24.12.2019 from 11:00 A.M. at the site of property	Sh. Mangat Ram Manager, Oriental Bank of Commerce, R.R.L Karnal Mob. 7027555081

**DETAILS OF PROPERTY TO BE SOLD**

Agriculture land situated at Village Salwan, Tehsil Ballia, Distt. Karnal. Land measuring 285K-13 being 25713/29248 share out of land measuring 1462K-8M comprised in Khetw No. 1207/1124, Kattono No. 1779, 1780, Kittas 206 vide Jamabandi for the year 2007-2008. Owned by Kuldeep Singh S/o Sultan Singh R/o H. No. 43, Faridkot House, Near Kuber Mandir, Kurukshetra. 2nd Address : R/o VPO Salwan, Tehsil Bala, District Karnal.

**TERMS & CONDITIONS:-** 1. Property are sold on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS". 2. The prospective bidders should submit a Demand Draft (DD) favouring Recovery Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal-II, Chandigarh as earnest money along with the bio-data giving their Name Address & Identity proof with photograph viz Photo copies of PAN Card, Voter Card etc. before the start of auction. All the bidders to remain present in person on the date of auction. After finalization of bidding, the DD of the highest bidders will be retained by the auctioneer and the DDs. of other bidders will be returned without interest thereon. The successful bidder will have to deposit 25% of highest bid amount after adjustment of earnest money already deposited by way of DD favouring "Recovery Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal-II, Chandigarh" on the spot. The successful bidders shall also deposit poundage fee @ 2% on first Rs. 1000/- and @ 1% on balance of highest bid in the spot by way of DD favouring Registrar-DRT-II, Chandigarh. In case of failure of deposit of balance amount the earnest money deposited will be forfeited. The highest bidder will have to deposit the remaining 75% of the said bid amount within 15 days from the date of auction. In case of failure, entire earnest money plus 25% of the highest bid amount will be forfeited. The sale will be confirmed by the Recovery Officer, DRT-II, Chandigarh after 30 days from the date of auction subject to the conditions laid down in 2nd schedule to the Income Act, 1961 read with RDDB and FI Act, 1993. All the outstanding, statutory dues/takes will be borne by the purchaser. Other terms & conditions will be as laid down in the proclamation of sale and further subject to the Provisions of 2nd schedule to the Income Tax Act of 1961. For any other further information, contact the undersigned or Court Auctioneers Sh. Mangat Ram, Manager, Oriental Bank of Commerce, Cluster, Resolution Recovery and Law, Karnal, Haryana, Mobile No. 7027555081. The undersigned will not be responsible for any error/misstatement omission on the proclamation.

DRT-II, Chandigarh

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# films & tv 02

## No saving this disastrous affair

**MOTICOOR CHAKNACHOOR**  
**\*ing: Nawazuddin Siddiqui, Athiya Shetty, Vibha Chibber, Navni Parikh, Vivek Mishra**  
**Rated: 5/10**

**I**t is unfortunate that an actor, the calibre of Nawazuddin Siddiqui, who has done films like *Sarfarosh*, *Badlapur* and *Manji-The Mountain Man* would actually agree to sign on the dotted line for *Moticoor Chaknachoor*. One doesn't understand the thought that went into him accepting the role. He can't be that desperate to play the lead.

Yes, here Siddiqui plays the hero with Athiya Shetty. There are a few things horribly wrong with this pairing at many levels. First, the two actors have no chemistry; they are awkward at best. Given that Shetty is doing the pursuing while Siddiqui just goes with the flow should have had some laugh out loud moments. The only time when a smile comes is where Siddiqui has been given some funny dialogues. '36 ke hain, kab tak brahmachari bankar baathe raha. Naati, kaali, patali, takli, kisi se bhi byah kar lenge. Hamko moudri hi chahiye bas' the dialogue reeks of desperation but at least it is funny given the context in which it is said.

Then there is the whole loud message that is staring at our faces that of dowry. If that was the intention of the director Debamitra Biswal, to highlight the problem of dowry in the country, he should ensured that the film walked that path and the content suited the purpose.

All that this film managed to do was to show that a 36-year-old man is desperate to get married. A strict no-no.

— Shalini Saksena



## Plan Your Sunday

### Rider Mania

**Venue:** Goa  
**When:** November 22 to November 24, 2019

**R**Royal Enfield owners and enthusiasts come together in Goa. It is the largest gathering of Royal Enfield

motorcycles and riders in Goa to celebrate the spirit of motorcycling. More than 8,000 riders have already registered to be in Goa for this festival. Attendees will also participate in competitions, expert sessions, art and a series of symphonic concerts. This year's Rider Mania is going to be yet another feather in Royal Enfield's passionate endeavour to bring together the perfect mixture of experience and youthful vigor. Some of the main highlights of the festival include motorcycling events and competitions (trials, slow race, arm wrestling and others), dirt track racing, custom motorcycles, motorcycle gear stalls, music and entertainment, art and garage cafe special workshops. Interested participants can register online: <https://onlinebooking.roylenfield.com/ridermania/registrar>

### Wine & Cocktail festival



**Venue:** BOA (Best of Asia) Village, 13, Exchange Store Building, 1st floor, Alipur Road, Civil Lines, New Delhi, Delhi 110054

**When:** Ongoing

**Time:** 11:30 am to 12:30 pm

**B**OA Village (Best of Asia Village) is offering special menu in its quirky Wine and Beer festival to take you on a high along with Winter Special Cocktails like Coffee, Hot Toddy and Sparkling Wines- Dom Perignon Brut French, Chandon Rose and many more. The drinks will surprise and tantalise your palate with extensive food menu. The décor takes its cues from traditional Asian iconography with every small detail meticulously thought of in order to reflect the best facets of Asian art and culture in three levels known earth, sky and heaven.

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#### SME CENTER, ZONAL OFFICE, CIVIL LINES, LUDHIANA

#### [Rule 8-(1)] POSSESSION NOTICE (For immovable property)

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized officer of the State Bank of India, Link 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 date mentioned against Account.

The Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s) in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealing with the property(ies) will be subject to the charge of the State Bank of India, Link 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

As per site As per deed

North : Danda 17'-6 Road North: Plot of Dharampal Tyagi

South : Danda 17'-6 Road South : Plot of Brahma Dutt

East : Danda 110'-4-1/2 Plot No-5 East : Plot of Meena Devi

West: Danda 110'-4-1/2 Plot No-5 West: Plot of Raj Kumar

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STATEMENT OF UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND HALF YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2019

(Rs. In Lakhs, except for Share Data)

Sr. No.	Particulars	Quarter Ended		Half Year Ended		Year

# Air quality remains 'very poor' in Punjab, Haryana

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

The pollution level continued to remain a cause of concern in Haryana and Punjab on Saturday, with several districts reporting air quality indices in the "very poor" and "poor" categories.

Gurgaon and Faridabad in Haryana were the worst-affected cities, reporting air quality index (AQI) at 372 and 369 respectively, according to the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB).

The air quality in Manesar and Faridkot was 338 each, while it was 326 and 311 in Jind and Bahadurgarh respectively. Hisar and Panipat reported their respective AQIs at 287 and 292, the CPCB said.

Punjab reported air quality in the "poor" and "moderate"

categories. The respective AQIs in Amritsar, Bathinda, Jalandhar, Ludhiana and Patiala stood at 251, 103, 158, 158 and 117, as per the data.

Chandigarh witnessed air quality index at 144.

An AQI between 0-50 is considered "good", 51-100 "satisfactory", 101-200 "moderate", 201-300 "poor", 301-400 "very poor", and 401-500 "severe". Above 500 is "severe-plus" or "emergency" category.

The number of incidents of farm fire, considered a major reason for the pollution in the state and neighbouring areas, including Delhi, have dropped significantly in Punjab and Haryana over the past few days, officials said.

On Friday, a total of 91 stubble burning incidents took place, an official of the

Ludhiana-based Punjab Remote Sensing Centre said.

In all, the total stubble burning incidents between September 23 and November 15 in Punjab were 48,780, as compared to 46,545 in corresponding period last year.

Haryana has reported a total of over 6,000 incidents of farm fires in this season so far.

On Friday, the Punjab government had said it disbursed over ₹19 crore to 29,343 non-basmati paddy cultivating small and marginal farmers from across the state, who have not burned the paddy residue.

Punjab government had decided to give ₹2,500 per acre as compensation to those small and marginal farmers who have refrained from burning paddy straw.

In Punjab, more than 1,500

FIRs have been registered against erring farmers for defying the ban and a fine of ₹3,01 crore imposed on more than 11,000 farmers for stubble burning, while 71 harvesting machines had been impounded.

**DUSHYANT WRITES TO HRD MINISTER, WANTS CLIMATE CHANGE IN CURRICULUM**

Haryana Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala has urged the Minister, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Ramesh Pokhrayan Nishank to include Climate Change and Sustainability Classes in the Education Curriculum.

In a letter sent to Nishank, the Deputy Chief Minister said that keeping in view the fact that Climate Change is one of the

major challenges being faced by developing countries including us, which has severe impact on the health of every citizen, therefore Climate Change and Sustainability Classes as a part of curriculum in Education policy should be introduced throughout the country as it would act as the edifice of our "Safe and Healthy".

In the sent letter, Chautala said that the alarming situation even made Prime Minister's office, Apex Court to intervene. He said that now, it is high time that we should make collective efforts to find sustainable solutions.

"The root cause of Climate Change has been enhanced pace of unsustainable development coupled with mass consumption of fossil fuels and deforestation. He said that pertinently, these human triggered activities are usually undertaken haphazardly due to the lack of awareness about the negative impacts of the environment," he said in the letter.

In the sent letter, Chautala said has also raised concern over the recent pollution situation in the NCR mode which had converted the whole region as gas chamber.

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## INBRIEF

### SELECTION TRIALS FOR KABADDI TEAM ON NOV 18

**Chandigarh:** The Indian team, which will participate in the International Kabaddi Tournament 2019, will be selected at the Sri Guru Gobind Singh Sports Stadium, Jalandhar on November 18. A spokesperson of the Sports Department on Saturday said that the International Kabaddi Tournament 2019 will be dedicated to 550th Prakash Purb of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji and the selection trials for Indian team will be held on November 18th morning. First of all, players have to register at 8 am. The players should bring with them 2 passport size photographs and documents showing proof of Indian citizenship. The selection committee for the team has been constituted under the chairmanship of Vice President of Punjab Kabaddi Association Tejinder Singh Midkhura. According to the spokesman, a 15-day coaching camp will also be held for the selected players.

### HIMACHAL SECRETARIAT BEATS ODISHA IN KABADDI

**Shimla:** On the second day of All India Civil Services Kabaddi competition being organised here by the HP Secretariat Services Sports Control Board, the Central Civil Secretariat beat Uttar Pradesh, NCT Delhi beat Tamilnadu, Himachal Secretariat beat Orissa, Karnataka beat Gujarat, Central Civil Secretariat beat Puducherry, Maharashtra beat Andhra Pradesh and RSB Chennai defeated RSB Indore.

### HIMACHAL CM GREETS JOURNALISTS ON PRESS DAY

**Shimla:** Himachal Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur on Saturday felicitated the journalists on the occasion of National Press Day being celebrated throughout the country to signify freedom of press. Taking to reporters on the sidelines of the T-20 cricket match organized by the Himachal Pradesh Sports and Anti Drugs Association here, Thakur said sports activities not only provide some entertaining moments in our busy schedule but also helps in keeping us physical fit. He said that State Government was providing all possible assistance to the youth to upgrade their talent according to their interest in the sports activities.

### VARSITY LAUNCHES DRIVE AGAINST DRUGS MENACE

**Solan:** Solan-based Shoolini University launched a month-long campaign against drugs menace with Superintendent of Police Madhusudan administering an oath to students and staff against use of drugs and other intoxicants. The launch was marked with special sessions by counsellors and psychologists, medical professionals giving tips, nukkad natak and yoga sessions. The month-long mass campaign against drug menace has been launched by the Himachal Pradesh government across the state. Addressing students, the SP said there has to be zero tolerance against drugs and reiterated the government's stand that strict action would be taken against those indulging in peddling of drugs and abuse of drugs.

## Amarinder on 14 days Europe jaunt, Mann dubs him "careless CM"

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh's two-week long foreign sojourn has not gone down well with his rivals back home.

The official spokesperson maintained that the Chief Minister's European tour, from November 14, is official and private as well. For the same, the Chief Minister has also sought permission from Ludhiana court to travel abroad.

It has been learnt that during his visit, Capt Amarinder will first have a week-long private visit to Prague, Czech Republic. After that, he would also be attending the 'Invest Punjab' summit at London and Birmingham.

Besides, he is also scheduled to attend the functions related to Guru Nanak Dev's 550th parkash purb, which are scheduled to be held between November 22 and November 27.

Even as the officials are maintaining a stoic silence over those accompanying the Chief Minister on his 14-day tour, it has been learnt that Capt Amarinder's close aide and "friends" — including Cabinet Minister Rana Gurmeet Singh Sodhi, Punjabi Advocate-General Atul Nanda, MLA and his Advisor Kushaldeep Singh 'Kiki' Dhillon, besides the former MLA Kewal Singh Dhillon, among others.

It was informed that the Chief Minister would be joined by some of the government officials during his visit.

Reacting sharply to the same, Aam Aadmi Party's (AAP) Punjab unit president and Sangrur MP Bhagwant Mann minced no words to say that Capt Amarinder had proved himself to be a "careless" Chief Minister in the country's political history. "The Chief Minister, along with his 'kitchen cabinet', had proceeded

## Haryana Home Minister orders suspension of woman Sub Inspector found absent on duty



PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

In his first major decision against officials of the Police Department, Haryana Home Minister Anil Vij on Saturday ordered suspension of sub-inspector Nirmala who was found absent on her duty, during his surprise inspection at City police station in Panipat.

The Home Minister instructed the police officers in strict terms that any kind of negligence on duty will not be tolerated at any cost. Vij was on his way to Delhi from Chandigarh on Saturday and conducted a surprise inspection of the city police station.

He also inspected all the barracks, rooms, all necessary registers and cleanliness of the police station. He also checked the number of FIRs registered. He spoke to the complainants of their complaints received at the police station and investigated the proceedings of the police.

Vij also inquired about the old complaints received at the police station from the SHO Rajbir. The Home Minister

asked the officials to ensure cleanliness at around police stations. MLA Mahipal Dhandha and Superintendent of Police Sumit Kumar were also present on the occasion.

Earlier in the day, Vij said that just like the previous tenure, this time too the State Government is dedicated to adopt a zero-tolerance policy against Corruption. He said that strict action will be taken against the employees and officials against who do not work sincerely and honestly.

Hearing the grievances of the people in Ambala, he said that it's because of the blessings of the people only that he had got an opportunity to serve them. He said that the work for public welfare will be continued.

The Home Minister said that there are some departments which still needs improvements, a strategy for improving the functioning is being made in collaboration with the department officials.

He further directed the officials to speed up the completion of the ongoing development works.

## Forced to drink urine and thrashed, Punjab dalit man dies in hospital

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

A 37-year-old Dalit labourer, A who was mercilessly thrashed and forced to drink urine in Punjab's Sangrur district earlier this week, succumbed to his injuries Saturday morning at the Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education & Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh.

Sangrur Senior Superintendent of Police Sandeep Garg said section 302 (murder) of the IPC has been added to the FIR registered in this matter.

The dalit construction worker Jagmail Singh was admitted to PGIMER and his legs were amputated but he could not survive.

Condemning the incident, Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) President Sukhbir Singh Badal expressed shock at the death of the 37-year-old.

Stating that the rule of jungle was prevailing in the state, the former Deputy Chief Minister said there were repeated cases of atrocities against Dalits and that the latest case of Jagmail Singh of Sangrur had struck the conscience of every right thinking Punjabi.

He had told police that on November 7, Rinku called him to his house and they discussed the matter. The man had alleged that he was then thrashed by four persons after being tied to a pillar and when he asked for water, he was forced to drink urine.

Four persons were arrested on the charges of abduction, wrongful confinement, and under various sections of the IPC, and the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act at the Lehra police station in Sangrur, police said.

Punjab State Scheduled Castes Commission has also sought a report from Sangrur Senior Superintendent of Police over the incident. Chairperson Tejinder Kaur on Friday said the commission learnt about the incident through media reports and took suo motu cognizance and sought the report.

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Jagmail suffered inhuman atrocities at the hands of his tormentors after being tied to a pillar, acid was poured on his legs and when he asked for water, he was forced to drink urine. Jagmail died a horrible death after both his legs had been amputated earlier," he was said in a statement.

Badal said it was condemnable that the Chief Minister had proceeded on a 14-day holiday to Europe at a time when all sections of society were suffering. "This apathy towards the people is shocking," the SAD President said, adding that the government had failed to take prompt action against Jagmail's tormentors and that he was not provided prompt medical attention.

The delay in giving treatment to Jagmail amounts to criminal negligence and action should be taken against officials responsible, he added.

## Cleanliness drive in Sultanpur Lodhi after 550th Parkash Purb

**Department has deployed one joint Dy Director, six Executive Officers, two Chief Sanitary Inspectors and 6 sanitary inspectors**

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

that a deadline of November 20 has been fixed for cleaning the entire city and the teams have been asked to complete the work within the stipulated deadline. He said that adequate arrangements have been made for disposing the solid waste besides ensuring that the entire city was thoroughly cleaned in a professional manner. He said that no stone would be left unturned for this noble cause.

The Deputy Director said that during the heavy influx of the devotees at Sultanpur Lodhi the department had given top priority to maintain cleanliness and hygiene. He said due to meticulous planning and effective implementation by the department the city had remained clean and green, which was highly appreciated by one and all.

Barjinder Singh said that there were around 80 langars in the city and now when most of these langars have been winded up, the department has taken the responsibility of work in the holy city. Singh said that around 300 sanitary workers have been deployed for accomplishing this task in a highly professional manner.

The Deputy Director said

## Welfare of last person of society is my priority, says OP Yadav

MANOJ KUMAR ■ CHANDIGARH

On Prakash Yadav, who is a Minister of State (MoS) for Social Justice and Empowerment (Independent charge) and Sainik and Ardh Sainik Welfare (Independent charge) in the newly formed Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) — Janayank Janata Party (JJP) coalition Government in the State says the welfare of the last person of the society in the queue is his priority.

Thanks. It is a great responsibility for me. I understand the seriousness of it. I will try my best to meet the expectations of the common people. Welfare of last man of the society is the priority. All government benefits must reach the last person in the queue. In my social and political life, my priority always has been for the poor. Government run schemes will be delivered effectively for the needy persons of the society.

You became a minister after winning the assembly election for the second time. How do you view this new role?

I am second time MLA and a first time minister. This is an opportunity to work for the people that I will use to the best of my ability. Haryana's development is paramount and I want to ensure that everyone's progress at any cost.

You retired as an agricultural development officer and joined politics. You have a vast experience of public service. What is your action plan?

I will chalk out plan after meeting officers and deploy their expertise effectively. All stakeholders need to feel important and valued for the State to really make a mark. I will meet officials and implement the best practices. It is only after holding detailed meeting with all stakeholders that I will be able to unveil my roadmap.

You worked as an MLA in your constituency during BJP-led government in the State. How do you view your government's last five years performance? What are challenges ahead?

All round development took place at a rapid pace in last five years of BJP-led government in the State. Our government has done a lot but there is always scope for improvement. BJP-JJP-led coalition government will run five years smoothly. Both the parties have same goal of working for the people and betterment of the State. I see this as an opportunity to work for holistic development of the people of the State. Our government had reached each individual during five years of its tenure and will do the same in the next five years. As a minister I will also work hard on improving the delivery for the intended beneficiaries. I will examine all issues pertaining to the social justice and empowerment department and handle these

keeping everyone's interest in mind. I will focus and emphasis on redressing concerns of all the section of societies including farmers, traders and youth of the State. Our government will work for the people under the visionary leader Manohar Lal Khattar with only agenda of development in the next five years.

When did you think of joining politics? How has been your political journey so far?

I completed B.Sc in Agriculture from Hisar Agriculture University and have been actively participating in social activities since long.

You must have made some promises during election for your constituency people. What are your priorities for defence constituency?

I thank people of my constituency for showing faith and electing me for the second time. It is true that politics is a 24

hours job. I have given maximum time to public life. I believe that if your intention is good and work unbiased, people will support you and send you in the Assembly. Work for public welfare will be continued.

A strategy for improving system based on effective delivery will be made in collaboration with the department officials. The officers will be directed to speed up the completion of the ongoing development works.

Large numbers of youth of State are in defence forces. Being a MOS (sainik) and ardh sainik welfare, what are your priorities for defence constituency?

Lots of works were being done by the central government for the welfare of defence forces. In Haryana too, all the works

related to defence forces will be completed. Facilities will be provided to all the defence forces and their families. It is true that one out of 10 forces in the Indian defence services is from Haryana state. Large of youths

of Mahendragarh and neighbouring districts are in defence forces. Being a minister of state (sainik and ardh Sainik welfare), all the possible steps will be taken for the welfare of the defense personnel of the State.

**ADMISSION PROCEDURE**

- Eligibility: Graduation or equivalent degree in any discipline from a recognized university. Students graduating in 2020 may also apply. Refer Institute for more details.
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- PLACEMENT: Consistent strong placement record from the inception of the institute.
- HOTEL: Lal Bahadur Shastri Hostel available separately for boys and girls.

## Tip off Noida admin via WhatsApp about stubble burning, get rewarded

**NEW DELHI:** People in Noida and Greater Noida can now tip off the district administration about stubble burning, inappropriate disposal or burning of waste material via WhatsApp and email, and also get rewarded ₹1,000 for sharing such information, officials said on Saturday. The information should be

sent to the administration within 12 hours of the incident, they said. People can now send pictures, date, location and names of offenders on WhatsApp number 9871428532 or email the information at dmgbnwarroom@gmail.com, official said, adding that the identity of informers would be kept confidential.

## Classifieds

### LOST AND FOUND

I, Chirag Walia S/o Sh. Satyaparkash Walia R/o 787/22, Gokul Nagar, Sonipat declare that my 10th and 12th class Marksheets of Sr No. 44068 has been lost anywhere.

### CHANGE OF NAME

मेरे सुमन पती श्री गोरी लाल रेणी विवाही मकान कं-1309 नहावर कठावारी, दिल्ला धांवा कर्मी हूं कि मेरे भविष्य मेरी उदयों के लिए, अपना नाम सुमन रेणी से बदलकर सुमन रख दिया है। मुझे भविष्य मेरे सुमन के नाम से जाना पहचान विचार जाए।

I, Bhupinder Singh S/o Sh. Nachhatar Singh R/o Vill. Odhan Teh. Kalianwali Distt. Sirsa declare that my daughter Eshabjot school 10th mark sheet my name (Father) is wrongly mention as Bupinder Singh correct name is Bhupinder Singh and mother name is Manpreet Kaur.

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I, Paramjit Kaur Jakhami W/o Krishan Kumar R/o Pritivi Vihar, Near Sugar Mill, Karnal, have changed my name to Paramjeet Kaur.

I, Devi Chand S/o Ram Singh R/o Village Barsu Distt. Karnal, declares that my wife's name in my Passport No. J0845843 is wrongly mentioned as Neelam Kumar, while her correct name is Meena Kumar, in all documents related to her.

I, Kuldeep S/o Diwan Singh R/o Lehran, cast jaat, Distt. Fatehabad have changed my name Kuldeep Singh to Kuldeep.

I, Vivek Sachdeva S/o Shantilal, House-403, Ward-19, Moh Missarwara, Narauli, Haryana inform that in my son's Passport No. K2304828 his name wrongly recorded Yuvraaj and address wrongly recorded Mohindergarh Haryana. Correct name & address Yuvraaj Sachdeva House-403, Ward-19, Moh Missarwara, Narauli, Haryana.

I, Bohiti Devi W/o Sukhvinder Singh R/o Village Bhukhali Tehsil Ladwa, Distt. Kurukshetra, have changed my name to Banto Devi, after marriage.

I, No. 3006736L Rank NK Madan Kumar presently residing at Vill. Barsi Teh. Bawani Khera, Distt. Bhiwani declare that I have changed my daughter name from Payal Devi to Payal for all future purposes and her date of birth is 30 Aug. 2003.

I, Sukhwinder Kaur @ Sukhwinder Kaur W/o Inderjeet Singh, Mohalla Mehtian Wala, Sunami Gate, Malerkota (Sangrur) Declare that both Names are mine.

I, Anish Alias Anish Kumar Alias Anish Bansal S/o Sh. Raj Kumar, R/o H.No.335/15, Krishna Colony, Tehsil & Distt. Jind (Haryana)inform that Anish Alias Anish Kumar Alias Anish Bansal S/o Sh. Raj Kumar are the names of same person and I am known by all these names.

I, Neha Mehta W/o Ramandeep Sharma # 51, 5th floor Tower No 5 Home Land Height Sector 70 SAS Nagar (Mohali) have changed my name to Neha Sharma.

I, Mani Verma D/o Deepa Verma R/o 33, Pink Avenue Majithia Road District Amritsar have changed my name from Mani Verma to Manisha Verma.

I, Madhu Rakeshwar Sharma S/o Ram Dass Sharma R/o Village Matija Ram Tirath Road District Amritsar have changed my name to Madhu Rakeshwar Sharma.

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We M/s FUGLEMAN APPAREL IMPEX partnership firm (GSTIN-06AAFF6712R1ZU), provide notification to the public that we are no longer operating this firm from 7th November 2019 Wednesday with mutual consent of the parties. This is due to either to each other or to any other party. In future we will never claim any benefit related to this Firm i.e. PAN, GST, Current Account and E Code etc.

Surinder Siddhart Sen & Manisha Ranji Partners

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We, Manjinder Singh S/o Davinder Singh R/o Vill. Manpur Po. Ahirappi PS Tanca Teh-Dasuya Hoshiarpur, Pin-144204, Punjab, India, present address: P. Box 21555 Dubai, UAE and Miss. Amitpal Kaur D/o Bhopinder Singh R/o Vpo. Usman Shahid Teh-Dasuya Hoshiarpur Pin-144205, Punjab, India, present address: P. Box 1981, Ras Al Khaimah, UAE, have given notice of intended marriage between them under the foreign marriages Act, 1969. If any one has any objection to the proposed marriage he/she should file the same with the undersigned according to the procedure laid down under the auctries within thirty days from the date of publication of this notice.

Jitender Singh Negi Marriage Officer & consular (Consular & Labour) Consulate General of India P.O. Box: 737, Dubai (UAE) Fax No: 009714-3970453 Email:cons1.dubai@mfa.gov.in Homepage: www.cgidubai.org

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It is notified for the information that (I) Original Sale Deed No.3293 Date 02-11-2005 executed by Rajesh Wadhawan S/o Bhagat Ram in favoring Indar Pal Sharma & Joginder Pal Sharma both S/o Baru Ram (2) Transfer Letter No.520572 Dated 22-11-2005 favoring Indar Pal Sharma & Joginder Pal Sharma (3) Original Transfer letter No.752921 Dated 03-12-2007 favoring Joginder Pal Sharma S/o Baru Ram (4) Original Sale Deed No.5738 Dated 14-03-2008 executed by Sh. Joginder Pal Sharma S/o Baru Ram in favoring Karanpreet Datt S/o Kundan Lal (5) Transfer letter No.809783 Dated 27-03-2009 favoring Ravi Datt S/o Kundan Lal (6) Original Sale Deed No.1711, Dated 25-06-2008 executed by Ravi Datt in favor of Jaspreet Dogra S/o Jagdev Dogra & Sushma Dogra (7) Jagdev Dogra & Sushma Dogra Dated 21-11-2019 at market of Sector-30 Chandigarh, Vide DDR No. (s) L.A.R. No. 053748/19, Dated 2-11-2019 & L.A.R. No. 05375/2019, Dated 2/11/2019, has been made in my favour.

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I, Bhag Singh S/o Hari Singh, house 32282, Sector 44-D, Chandigarh. My son Barinder Singh out of my control. I disown him from my moveable/immovable properties. Anybody deals with him at their own risk.

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I, Gurjeet Singh S/o Nirmal Singh R/o Vpo. Ferozepur Tehsil, Treh Dist. Ferozepur Have Changed My Name To Gurjeet Singh.

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I, Devi Chand S/o Ram Singh R/o Village Barsu Distt. Karnal, declares that my wife's name in my Passport No. J0845843 is wrongly mentioned as Neelam Kumar, while her correct name is Meena Kumar, in all documents related to her.

I, Kuldeep S/o Diwan Singh R/o Lehran, cast jaat, Distt. Fatehabad have changed my name Kuldeep Singh to Kuldeep.

I, Vivek Sachdeva S/o Shantilal, House-403, Ward-19, Moh Missarwara, Narauli, Haryana inform that in my son's Passport No. K2304828 his name wrongly recorded Yuvraaj and address wrongly recorded Mohindergarh Haryana. Correct name & address Yuvraaj Sachdeva House-403, Ward-19, Moh Missarwara, Narauli, Haryana.

I, Bohiti Devi W/o Sukhvinder Singh R/o Village Bhukhali Tehsil Ladwa, Distt. Kurukshetra, have changed my name to Banto Devi, after marriage.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Anish Alias Anish Kumar Alias Anish Bansal S/o Sh. Raj Kumar, R/o H.No.335/15, Krishna Colony, Tehsil & Distt. Jind (Haryana)inform that Anish Alias Anish Kumar Alias Anish Bansal S/o Sh. Raj Kumar are the names of same person and I am known by all these names.

I, Neha Mehta W/o Ramandeep Sharma # 51, 5th floor Tower No 5 Home Land Height Sector 70 SAS Nagar (Mohali) have changed my name to Neha Sharma.

I, Mani Verma D/o Deepa Verma R/o 33, Pink Avenue Majithia Road District Amritsar have changed my name from Mani Verma to Manisha Verma.

I, Madhu Rakeshwar Sharma S/o Ram Dass Sharma R/o Village Matija Ram Tirath Road District Amritsar have changed my name to Madhu Rakeshwar Sharma.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Gurjeet Kaur W/o Atma Singh R/o VPO Mahisupura Khurd Tehsil Baba Bakala District Amritsar have changed my name to Gurjeet Kaur.

I, Rubina Mogla W/o Sumit Chawla R/o Mohala Uppan Sultanpurdi Tehsil Kapurthala Have Changed My Name To Rubina Chawla.

I, Gurjeet Singh S/o Gurmit Singh R/o Vpo. Bassi Gulam Hussain District Hoshiarpur Have Changed My Name To Singh Gurjeet.

I, Rupinder Kaur W/o Jaspreet Singh R/o Village Ramgopal P.O. Jalandhar Tehsil Dasuya District Hoshiarpur Punjab Have Changed My Name To Kaur Rupinder.

I, Jitinder Singh S/o Mahinder Singh R/o Ferozepur Tehsil, Treh Dist. Ferozepur Have Changed My Name To Jitinder Singh.

I, Jaspmeet Kaur D/o Nirmal Singh R/o Vpo. Ferozeshah Tehsil, Treh Dist. Ferozepur Have Changed My Name To Jaspmeet Kaur Nirmal.

I, Balvir Singh S/o Sh. Nirmal Singh R/o Vpo. Ferozeshah Tehsil And District Ferozepur Have Changed My Name To Balvir Singh Nirmal.

I, Gurjeet Singh S/o Nirmal Singh R/o Vpo. Ferozeshah Tehsil And District Ferozepur Have Changed My Name To Gurjeet Singh Nirmal.

I, Ajmer Singh S/o Kewal Singh R/o Vill. Santa Wala, Distt. Ferozepur, Dist. Ferozepur Have Changed My Minor Daughter's Name Miss. Anupreet Kaur Gill.

I, Rupinder Kaur W/o Jaspreet Singh R/o Village Ramgopal P.O. Jalandhar Tehsil Dasuya District Hoshiarpur Punjab Have Changed My Name To Kaur Rupinder.

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# Speaker chairs all-party meeting

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

**A**head of Parliament's Winter Session, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla on Saturday appealed to all political parties for cooperation for ensuring smooth functioning of the House and add to the legislative productivity of the session.

After an all-party meeting, which was also attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Speaker said floor leaders of different parties mentioned various issues that they wished to be discussed during the Winter Session, beginning November 18. "I told them that after discussing these issues in the business advisory committee, we will try to take up as many as possible," he said.

"Appealed to floor leaders of all parties for their cooperation in smooth functioning of the House. As the House is answerable to the people and I hope parties will raise issues of public interest. There should be debate in the House, and for that it should function," he said.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, Union Minister for Parliamentary Affairs Prahpal Joshi, MoS Parliamentary Affairs Arjun Ram Meghwal, TMC's Sudip Bandopadhyay and others leave after an all-party meeting at Parliament in New Delhi on Saturday

added.

There will be 20 sittings in this session.

Birla said, "All parties have assured me that the ses-

sion will be smooth and will be as fruitful as the first session of the 17th Lok Sabha." After the all-party meeting, TMC MP Sudip Bandopadhyay told

reporters that he raised the matter of the West Bengal Governor running a "parallel administration", which should not be allowed to function.

"Issues of unemployment and economic conditions should be discussed. Opposition should be given space," he said.

BSP leader Kunwar Danish Ali said the House should discuss the issue of air pollution in north India, including Uttar Pradesh.

The session, beginning Monday, is taking place in the backdrop of a spate of Supreme Court decisions on key issues,

including Ram temple and Rafale deal as also major decision of the government to do away with the autonomy provision of article 370 relating to Jammu and Kashmir and hence expected to figure prominently in the month-long proceedings of the two houses.

Besides, Constitutional amendment bill for Citizenship, the other key bills which may be tabled during the session include regularisation of 1728 unauthorised colonies in Delhi. Government will also bring bills to replace two ordinances on corporate tax rate cuts and ban on e-cigarettes.

The Congress held a meeting of its general secretaries, chiefs of its frontal organisations, department heads, State unit chiefs and Congress Legislative Party leaders on Saturday. "The meeting was called to discuss the agitation programme... Against the Central Government's anti-people policies, especially economic slowdown, farmers distress, huge unemployment and other issues," Congress General Secretary KC Venugopal said.

He said that the party has decided to hold a mega rally against the anti-people policies of the Central government on November 30 in Delhi's Ramlila Maidan. The meeting has decided to name it as 'Bharat Bachao Rally' because people are suffering very much.

Venugopal said that the party has planned to hold agi-

tations in various parts of the country from November 5 to 15, during which it would take out protests to highlight the failures of the BJP-led Government.

"We decided that the agitations at district and state levels will be completed before November 25," he said.

The Congress also lashed out at the Government Union Minister Suresh Angadi's statement on Friday dismissing the Opposition's criticism over the state of economy, asserting that "airports and trains are full and people are getting married" and this indicates that the country's economy is "doing fine".

Noting that the economy slows down every three years but it will pick up soon, the minister of state for railways said "some people" were trying to malign the image of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Hitting out at the minister's remarks, Congress' chief spokesperson Randeep Surjewala in a tweet said that it seems such bizarre statements are made or are prompted to be made in a planned manner to divert attention from the reality and prevailing circumstances.

Airports are full, trains are full, people are getting married. Some people are doing this for nothing else but to malign the image of Narendra Modi," Angadi had told reporters during an inspection of the soon-to-be commissioned Tunda Khurja eastern dedicated freight corridor.

"Every three years there is fall in demand in economy. It is a cycle. Then the economy picks up also," he had said.

## BJP holds nationwide protest, demands apology from Rahul

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

**A**rmed with the Supreme Court's clean chit to the Modi Government on the Rafale deal, the BJP on Saturday held countrywide protests against the Congress, demanding an apology from its leader Rahul Gandhi for making "baseless" allegations.

The BJP said in a statement that its workers held protests in district headquarters across the country while its national general secretary Arun Singh led the stir in Bhubaneswar, Maharashtra party chief Chandrakant Patil in Mumbai and Bihar unit president Sanjay Jaiswal in Patna, among other places.

It also organised demonstrations in Lucknow,



Delhi BJP workers stage a protest seeking an apology from Congress leader Rahul Gandhi after SC ruling on the Rafale issue in New Delhi on Saturday

Chandigarh, Shimla, Jaipur, Varanasi and Thiruvananthapuram, the statement said.

The BJP has also referred to the Supreme Court's deci-

sion to let off Gandhi in a contempt case for attributing false remarks to it after he tendered an apology. The party demanded that he also offer an apology to the country.

### BY STARTING THEIR OWN NEWSPAPERS

## Parties, Business groups promoting their vested interests: V-P Naidu

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**V**ice President M Venkaiah Naidu on Saturday said political parties and business groups are promoting their vested interests and compromising the values of journalism by starting their own newspapers.

Highlighting the perils of fake news, he said may be it is time for media bodies to come up with a code of conduct for journalists.

Naidu was speaking at an event organised by the Press Council of India to observe the National Press Day and confer National Awards for Excellence in Journalism. Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting Prakash Javadekar also attended the event.

With business groups and even political parties setting up newspapers and TV channels to further their interests, the core values of journalism are getting eroded, the vice president said.

He stressed that if a newspaper is run by a political party, it should clearly mention so.

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Sensationalism has become order of the day, sensational news means senseless news," he said.

The cardinal principle of journalism is to present fair, objective, accurate and balanced information to the readers and viewers without journalists assuming the role of gatekeepers, he said.

Instead of giving expression to the popular feeling, some newspapers these days are giving expression to coloured and partisan views, he added.

Naidu said times have changed in such a way that one has to now read a minimum of four to five major newspapers to get a complete sense of the current developments.

"Same is the case with the news channels. Earlier, that was not the case," he remarked.

Stressing on the need to maintain objectivity, fairness and accuracy, the vice president said neutrality and sanctity of newsrooms should be upheld at all times.

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## Govt leading country to starvation-like situation: Congress on NSO data

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

**A**day after an official survey reportedly pointed to a fall in consumer spending for the first time in four decades in 2017-18, the Congress on Saturday said there is a perception that the Government is leading the country towards a "starvation-like situation".

On Friday morning, a media report cited the latest consumption expenditure survey by the National Statistical Office (NSO) to claim that consumer spending fell for the first time in more than four decades in 2017-18, primarily driven by slackening rural demand.

On Friday evening, the Statistics and Programme Implementation Ministry said it

has decided to not release the Consumer Expenditure Survey results of 2017-18 due to "data quality" issues.

"Can you cover up onset of poverty and penury by hiding data, Mr Modi? You should have come forward, released the data and told the nation, these are the steps we propose to take, but this government only seeks to hide employment data, farmer's suicide data, poverty data, slowdown data, consumption data, export and import slowdown data," Congress general secretary (organisation) KC Venugopal said.

"Hiding data is not a solution, finding a solution is the way forward, but, the government refuses to do so," he added.

## NAVY MIG TRAINER CRASHES IN GOA VILLAGE, BOTH PILOTS SAFE

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area, he said.

The aircraft is attached to INS Hansa located near Dabolim in Goa.

Taking to Twitter, the Indian Navy spokesperson said, "During a training mission, after take-off from INS Hansa at Dabolim a MI29K trainer aircraft suffered an engine fire. The pilots Capt M Sheokhand and Lt Cdr Deepak Yadav ejected safely."

The pilots were provided first-aid and shifted to hospital in Vasco.

The Indian Navy and the Goa Police have cordoned off the site of the mishap and are in the process of clearing the wreckage.

## BJP attacks Congress over I-T tribunal order on Young Indian

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**T**he BJP on Saturday hit out at the Congress alleging that family and commerce run hand-in-hand and are integrally linked for the party after the Income Tax Appellate Tribunal rejected Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's plea to consider Young Indian (YI) as a charitable institution.

Briefing media, Union Minister and senior party leader Ravi Shankar Prasad said that ₹90 crores were given to the National Herald paper and Government properties worth ₹2,000 crores were handed to the Associated Journals Limited which used to run the paper, even after the newspaper ceased operations in 2008.

Prasad said, in 2010, Young India Limited was formed and was exempted from Income Tax in the name of a charitable trust. He alleged the Congress has hidden the facts for tax exemption. "There is a judicial affirmation... That family and



commerce go hand in hand and you (family) invoke dubious methods for enrichment," he added.

The Law Minister said, the BJP condemns this palpable, dubious transaction of undue enrichment which is corruption.

There was no immediate reaction from the Congress but it has earlier rejected a similar charge by the BJP and termed the probe as a case of political vendetta.

Congress president Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi and others have been accused of paying just ₹50 lakh through which YI, a not-for-profit organisation, had obtained the right to recover ₹90.25 crore that the AJL owed to the

Congress.

In July last year, the Income Tax department asked the YI to pay tax of around ₹145 crore.

"In ₹50 lakh, you became the owner of property worth ₹2,000 crore. What kind of model is this? This should be investigated," Prasad said.

"When BJP used to discuss Robert Vadra and his doings earlier, it used to say that there are various models of development - one of it is Vadra model of development," Prasad said.

"Under it (Vadra model of development), you invest ₹20-₹25 lakh, and you become the owner of big real estate properties in Gurgaon," he said.

The minister said that after Vadra model of development, he used to think that a new model of development would not come.

"But this (Young Indian matter) is family model of development. Pariwar model of development. Invest ₹50 lakh and become the owner of property worth ₹2,000 crore," Prasad said.

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**D**elhi's air pollution has made the foreign diplomats also worried.

Dean of the Diplomatic Corps Ambassador Hans Dannenberg Castellanos has expressed concern over the poor air quality in Delhi and said the odd-even road rationing scheme is a good start, but working closely with farmers in Punjab on the issue of crop residue burning should also be strongly considered.

Delhi was blanketed by a thick smog for four consecutive days till Friday as unfavourable weather hampered dispersion of pollutants.

The national Capital witnessed a dip in pollution levels on Saturday morning even as

Nafed apple procurement in Kashmir failed miserably: Farmers body

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

**T**he Centre's initiative to procure apples in Kashmir through cooperative Nafed has "failed miserably" as only 0.01 per cent (1.36 lakh boxes) of 11 crore boxes has been purchased directly from growers so far.

Returning from a field visit to the valley, the All India Kisan Sangharsh Coordination Committee (AIKSCC) demanded that the Centre should provide compensation to apple and other horticulture crops growers in Kashmir who have incurred losses due to unseasonal heavy snowfall as well as from lack of transport and cold storage assistance due to the political turmoil in the newly formed union territory.

The Centre decided to procure apples in the region in the wake of terrorists threatening some apple growers not to sell their produce in the market following abrogation of the special

status given to Jammu and Kashmir under Article 370 and bifurcation of the state into two Union Territories.

"The Government authorised Nafed to carry-out procurement but this operation failed miserably. Lack of experience and infrastructure meant that Nafed has procured 0.01 per cent of the estimated produce (1.36 lakh boxes out of more

than 11 crore boxes)," the AIKSCC said in a statement.

Farmers have complained that the Nafed procurement had disruptive effect since it has sold apple in the sale market at lower prices that brought down the wholesale apple prices in the procurement market, it noted.

Kashmir produces 75 per cent of the country's total apple production and the horticulture industry of Kashmir has a turnover of Rs 10,000 crore annually.

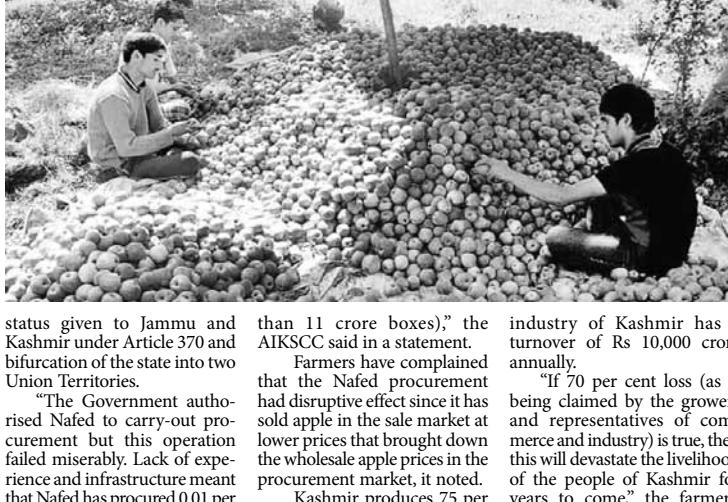
Between apple growers, transporters and traders was snapped, causing a disruption in the demand-supply chain, it said.

Further, farmers could not bring apples to the procurement markets since trucks were not allowed to go to the villages and farmers were forced to bring their produce to the Highways.

This caused delays, inconvenience and additional costs, it added.

As a result, transport cost almost doubled due to prevailing security threat and unavailability of trucks. Frequent transport blockades and closure of highways resulted in further delays and loss of quantity and quality of apples during transportation, the AIKSCC noted.

AIKSCC, a nationwide platform of 250 farmers' organisations, urged the government to assess the actual level and provide relief to apple growers as well as growers of saffron, pear, grape, cherry and sheep breeders.



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## TRUMP IMPEACHMENT

# POTUS: Double standard never seen in US history

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President Donald Trump on Friday dubbed the impeachment proceedings against him as a "double standard never seen" in US history as former US Ambassador to Ukraine Marie Yovanovitch deposed before a Democrats-controlled Congressional panel on the second day of public hearings against him.

"A double standard like never seen before in the history of our Country?" Trump tweeted as Democrat lawmakers members of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence grilled Yovanovitch on president's interaction with Ukrainians.

Ahead of the hearing, Trump also released transcripts of his first phone to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky after his electoral victory, which, the US president said, is reflective of his stand that he has done no wrong.

Yovanovitch deposed before the committee about the big "threat" she felt on suddenly having been sacked from the ambassadorial position and after coming to know how the president had denounced her in his July phone call with Zelensky.



'I have right to speak, freedom of speech'

"I would say when you go into a meeting with somebody and they ask, are you going to be leaving, that is concerning. So that probably—I don't know exactly when that started happening—but (it was) in that timeframe," the former US envoy to Ukraine said.

During the hearing, she said Trump's tweet about her diplomatic performance is very intimidating. "I can't speak to what the president is trying to do, but I think the effect is to be intimidating," she said when she was shown the presidential tweet.

Everywhere Marie Yovanovitch went turned bad. She started off in Somalia, how did that go? Then fast forward to Ukraine, where the new Ukrainian president spoke unfavorably about her in my second phone call with him. It is a US President's absolute right to appoint ambassadors," Trump asserted.

Trump made the assertion while accusing the opposition Democratic party of denying the Republicans the due process in the House-initiated impeachment proceedings against him.

In the history of our country, there has never been a disgrace like what's going on right now. So, you know what, I have the right to speak. I have the freedom of speech just as other people do have. But they (Democrats) have taken away the Republicans rights (to ask questions)," Trump told reporters in a media interaction at the White House.

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Washington: The White House on Friday said "zero evidence" of any wrongdoing by President Donald Trump was presented at the impeachment hearing by a Congressional panel, asserting that the former US envoy to Ukraine deposed she was unaware of any criminal activity involving the President.

"The second public hearing of Speaker Pelosi and Congressman Schiff's impeachment charade was as useless and inconsequential as the first. Zero evidence of any wrongdoing by the President was presented," White House Press Secretary Stephanie Grisham said after the conclusion of the second public hearing on impeachment against Trump.

The public hearing of the probe kicked off on Wednesday as William Taylor, the acting ambassador to Ukraine and George Kent, the deputy assistant secretary of State for European and Eurasian affairs, testified for more than five hours before the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence as part of the House-initiated impeachment hearing against Trump.

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Referring to her testimony, Grisham said Yovanovitch deposed under oath that she was unaware of any criminal activity involving President Trump.

"She was not on the July 25 phone call and had no knowledge about the pause on aid to

Ukraine. It is difficult to imagine a greater waste of time than today's hearing, and yet unfortunately, we expect more of the same partisan political theater next week from House Democrats," Grisham said.

On Friday, Yovanovitch was the third witness to appear before the House Committee headed by Congressman Adam Schiff in the Democrat's impeachment against Trump.

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Yovanovitch told lawmakers that she advocated the US position that the rule of law should prevail, and Ukrainian law enforcement prosecutors and judges should stop wielding their power selectively as a political weapon against their adversaries and start dealing with all consistently and according to law.

"Untrue are unsourced allegations that I told unidentified embassy employees or Ukrainian officials that

President's Trump's orders should be ignored because he was going to be impeached or for any other reason. I did not and I would not say such a thing. Such statements would be inconsistent with my training as a foreign service officer and my role as an ambassador," she said.

The previous Obama administration, she said, did not ask her to help the Clinton campaign or harm the Trump campaign, she said.

"Nor had I taken any such steps if they had. Partisanship of this type is not compatible with the role of a career foreign service officer," she said.

The former diplomat said she never met Hunter Biden, the son of former Vice President Joe Biden, nor she had any direct or indirect conversations with him.

"And although I have met former Vice President Biden several times over the course of our many years in government service, neither he nor the previous administration ever raised the issue of either Burisma or Hunter Biden with me," she said.

Responding to questions, Yovanovitch said fighting corruption in Ukraine was a key element of US policy. PTI

## HONG KONG PROTEST

### Protesters defy Xi with pro-democracy rallies



A woman tries to hold back riot police from approaching the Hong Kong University in Hong Kong on Saturday

## Clean-up begins after week of chaos, destruction

Hong Kong: A clean-up began across Hong Kong Saturday with pro-government groups removing bricks and debris from roads after a week of widespread disruption and violence as pro-democracy protesters changed tactics to sink the city deeper into chaos.

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pro-democracy protesters, whose demonstrations have rocked Hong Kong for more than five months. AP

## China deploys PLA troops

Beijing: China on Saturday deployed its troops in Hong Kong for the first time since the unprecedented pro-democracy protests began in the former British colony more than five months ago over a proposed extradition law, with soldiers in plain clothes clearing the roadblocks.

Soldiers from the Hong Kong Garrison of People's Liberation Army (PLA) — the world's largest military — have been deployed for the first time in more than five months of civil unrest in Hong Kong.

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Then it will bring calamity on itself."

Thousands of mainly office workers took to the streets of the Chinese territory, many chanting "Stand with Hong Kong" and raising an open hand with five fingers splayed — a reference to the five protester demands which include the right to freely elect Hong Kong's leaders and an independent inquiry into alleged police brutality.

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## Bolivia's growing crisis turns deadly as 5 killed in clash



Mourners gather around coffins of backers of ex-President Evo Morales killed during clashes with security forces in Sacaba, Bolivia on Friday

Sacaba (Bolivia): Bolivia's political crisis turned deadly after security forces opened fire on supporters of Evo Morales in a central town, killing at least five people, injuring dozens and threatening the interim government's efforts to restore stability following the resignation of the former president in an election dispute.

Most of the dead and injured Friday in Sacaba near the city of Cochabamba suffered bullet wounds, Guadalberto Lara, director of the town's Mexico Hospital, told The Associated Press. He called it the worst violence he's seen in his 30-year career.

Angry demonstrators and relatives of the victims gathered at the site of the shootings, chanting: "Civil war, now!"

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# Work on to push MSME exports: Gadkari

PTI ■ NAGPUR

The Government is working on two policies to increase MSME exports and bring down imports by encouraging local production, Union MSME and Road Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari said on Saturday.

While addressing the gathering at Small Micro Enterprise (SME) conference at Nagpur, Gadkari mentioned that the

MSME sector has 29 per cent contribution in country's growth and 48 per cent of export is done through MSMEs. Similarly, about 10-11 crore jobs have been created in MSMEs.

"The Government is working on two policies. Firstly on the industries which are into export business — how to support and increase their export," the minister said.

The leather industry has a total turnover of ₹1,40,000 crore of which ₹80,000 crore is domestic and around ₹45,000-50,000 crore is from export.

"I have suggested them on working on modernisation, upgradation, product designing and how to reduce the cost of production and improve quality, so that our share increases in the international market. We are in talks with the commerce ministry on these two policies and

are working on a policy on how to strengthen export business," Gadkari said.

He added secondly, the government is working on policy to increase indigenous production of products that are being imported. "The products that being particularly important should get manufactured in the country itself. We are in talks with the commerce ministry on these two policies and

it is in the final stages," said Gadkari. Gadkari emphasized on three important factors — reducing capital cost, power cost and logistic cost — to become competitive in international market and these factors have also been discussed while making the new policy.

Gadkari also spoke about contribution of MSMEs in the defence sector.

Overcome outstanding issues to get India into RCEP: Singapore Min

**Singapore:** A senior Singapore Minister has expressed hope that outstanding issues with India can be overcome by other countries to get the large South Asian market into the Regional Comprehensive Economic

Partnership (RCEP). "We hope that India and the other 15 countries can overcome the outstanding issues so that India can come on board eventually. We look forward to the region, includ-

ing India, moving ahead together as one," Singapore's Senior Minister and Coordinating Minister for National Security, Teo Chee Hean, said on Saturday.

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In terms of the **Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002**, and **Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002**, and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(2) & 13(4) thereof, the Bank has taken over the possession of the under mentioned property.

The Bank intends to sell the property **DETAILED HEREUNDER** on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" THROUGH "BY INVITING TENDERS", as per brief particulars given hereunder. Sh. Jagbir Singh Sir, Sh. Jeet Ram R/o. H.No.1/120, Top Floor, Right Side, Govind Pur, New Delhi-110019. Also at: Mrs. Samral Car Rental, Shop No.38, Mini Market, DDA Flats Kalakaj, New Delhi-110019, (Borrower & Mortgagor)

(Govindpur Branch) Amount Recoverable: ₹10,30,120/- together with further interest, penal interest and other charges as are applicable in the Loan account from time to time, from 30-06-2018 till the date of payment.

Characteristics of Property: Right side terrace rights of third floor (top floor), consisting of two bed rooms, drawing/dining, one kitchen, two toilet/bathrooms and balcony of built-up area no.1125, gali no. 11, out of khasra no. 93, measuring 75 sq. yds. (62.7 sq. mtrs.) out of total measuring 150 sq. yds., situated at Govind Pur, Kalakaj, New Delhi-110019. Reserve Price : Rupees Twenty Lakh Twenty Five Thousand Only (₹ 20,25,000/-) Earnest Money Deposit: 10% of the Reserve price i.e. Rupees Two Lakh Two Thousand Five Hundred Only (₹ 2,02,500/-)

\* The above mentioned property(s) shall be sold on "as is where is basis" and "as is what is basis" except, all the costs and expenses relating to pending electricity, water and house tax bills regarding the above mentioned properties from the date of its possession by the Bank till the same are being sold by the Bank, shall be borne by the Bank, the afore mentioned cost and expenses before the date of possession shall be borne by the concerned borrower(s)/mortgagor(s).

\* The aforesaid property(s) shall not be sold below the Reserve Price as mentioned above.

\* The successful bidder/lender shall deposit 25% of the amount of sale price, adjusting the Earnest Money Deposit paid already, immediately after the acceptance of Bid/Tender to the Authorised Officer in respect of the sale, failing which the earnest money deposit given/paid already shall forfeited, and in default of such deposit, the aforesaid property(s) shall forthwith be sold again.

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\* The provisions of Private Treaty as provided in Law may be resorted to in case of need or if warranted so.

\* The Authorised Officer is not bound to accept the highest offer or any or all offers and reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders/bids/offers without assigning any reasons thereof.

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\* This publication is also 30 days' notice to the above named borrower/mortgagor/surety.

Bid/tenders along with Bank Draft/Pay order of the Earnest Money Deposit amount as mentioned in this Sale Notice, are invited in sealed covers by the undersigned from the intending buyer(s), for purchase of the above mentioned property(s), at the Head Office, C-29, Community Centre, Pankha Road, Janakpuri, New Delhi-110058.

The intending buyers/purchasers may inspect the property(s) on 02-12-2019 between 11.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m., Bank Draft/Pay Order for EMD should be in favour of "The Kangra Co-operative Bank Ltd., account Sh. Jagbir Singh Sir Sh. Jeet Ram R/o GP/1567, Membership No. 39171.

The other terms and conditions of the sale can be obtained from the AGM/Authorised Officer or the Manager (Legal) of the Bank, from Head Office at C-29, Community Centre, Pankha Road, Janakpuri, New Delhi-110058.

**RAMESH CHAND KAWANIA**  
AGM/AUTHORISED OFFICER

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## FM holds meet on GST simplification

**New Delhi:** Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Saturday held meeting with chartered accountants, traders and other stakeholders as part of efforts to further simplify Goods and Services Tax (GST) forms and make the filling process more user friendly.

To highlight the problems faced by GST filers, the stakeholders attempted to file specific returns on a real-time basis in the meeting and tried to show where they are facing difficulties.

The Finance Minister assured stakeholders that their suggestions on simplification of GST filing will be implemented soon.

Revenue Secretary Ajay Bhushan Pandey said after the meeting.

New GST return is available on the portal for trial and consultations will be held across the country on December 7 to get feedback on the new system, he said.

"Whether the growth decel-

## NCAER cuts Q2 GDP growth forecast to 4.9%

**PTI ■ NEW DELHI**

The country's GDP growth is likely to decline to 4.9 per cent in the second quarter of this fiscal due to sustained slowdown in virtually all the sectors, economic think-tank National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) said on Saturday. India's economy grew at 5 per cent in the first quarter of 2019-20 — the slowest pace in over six years.

For the full fiscal 2019-20, the Delhi-based National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) has pegged GDP growth at 4.9 per cent as against 6.8 per cent in 2018-19.

Going forward, NCAER said the monetary policy measures are unlikely to revive growth at this juncture and suggested providing fiscal stimulus, which too can be challenging unless it can be financed through better revenue generation.

There are ways of doing it, he said, adding, "We have a bold leader. There is a huge fiscal space which has not been used. It is myth that there say there is no fiscal space." Mundle said revenue foregone is 5 per cent of the country's GDP and about 1.5 per cent of GDP is locked up in excess appropriation of the budget which has not been spent, he said.



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### TENDER NOTICE

Office of the Manager (A&S), UJJWAL, Maharanji Bagh, Dehradun invites sealed tenders from interested parties. Brief summary of tender is given below:

Tender No. 06/Manager (A&S)/2019-20

Name of work	Miscellaneous civil maintenance work at corporate office, UJJWAL, Maharanji Bagh, G.M.S. Road, Dehradun
Estimated cost	Rs. 12,18,540.00 (exclusive of GST)
Ernest money deposit	Rs. 32,100.00 only
Tender Fee	Rs. 1180.00 (Incl. of GST)
Date of availability of bid document on website	14:00 hrs on 15.11.2019
Last date for submission of tender	16:00 hrs on 11.12.2019
Date of opening of Part-I	16:00 hrs. on 12.12.2019
Date of opening of Part-II	16:00 hrs. on 13.12.2019

For fuller & further details, kindly visit our website. The tender documents can be downloaded from the Nigam's website "[www.ujjwalm.com](http://www.ujjwalm.com)".

Manager (A&S)

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"Avoid wasteful use of Electricity"

**PRESS E-TENDER NOTICE**

The executive engineer, Civil Division No.VII, Irrigation & Flood Control Deptt., Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Sector-15, Rohini, Delhi invites online item rate E-tenders on behalf of the President of India from approved and eligible contractors of I&FC Deptt. The contractors who are registered with other Departments but granted provisional permission by the Chief Engineer (I&FC) are also eligible for participation of e-tendering for the following works:-

Sr. No.	Name of work	Head of Account	Estimate Cost (In Rs.)	Ernest Money (In Rs.)	Time Allowed	Tender IN No.	Last date & time for submission of Price bid.
1	Construction of Double Storey Building of Jatav Basti Chopal at village Alipur in Distt. North.	DVDB Works	26,56,929/-	53,139/-	04 Months	2019 IFC_183525_1	26.11.2019 up to 15.00 Hrs
2	Demolition & reconstruction of double story building of Balmiki Chopal at village khera kalan in Distt. North.	DVDB Works	96,72,858/-	1,93,457/-	09 Months	2019 IFC_183604_1	26.11.2019 up to 15.00 Hrs
3	Improvement of Cremation Ground and Construction of open RCC Shed in Cremation at Libaspur in Badli AC.	MLALAD Works	34,80,532/-	69,611/-	06 Months	2019 IFC_183612_1	26.11.2019 up to 15.00 Hrs
4	Improvement of Main Road in Jeevan Park Siraspur by laying Mastic in Badli AC.	MLALAD Works	93,42,116/-	1,86,842/-	01 Months	2019 IFC_183644_1	26.11.2019 up to 15.00 Hrs
5	Supply & Installation/ fixing of floating trash barrier near RD. 13560m RD. 15570m RD. 16635m RD. 17617 RD. 19100m and RD. 19500V at Bawana Escape drain for collecting floating material hyacinth etc. from water surface of the drain and its disposal to nearby Dhalao by Rickshaw to maintain free flow of water for months.	A/R& M/O Drains	15,91,331/-	31,827/-	06 Months	2019 IFC_183615_1	26.11.2019 up to 15.00 Hrs
6	Supply & Fixing of Steel Chair and RCC Chair Bench in Badli AC.	MLALAD Works	24,98,100/-	49,962/-	02 Months	2019 IFC_183616_1	26.11.2019 up to 15.00 Hrs
7	Civil and Electrification work at Godown of DSCSCL at Siraspur.	DSCSCL Works	51,98,093/-	1,03,962/-	45 Days	2019 IFC_183619_1	26.11.2019 up to 15.00 Hrs

1. The enlistment of the contractors should be valid on the last date of opening of tenders. In case, the last date of opening of tender is extended, the enlistment of contractor should be valid on the original date of opening of tenders.
2. Earnest money in physical form and self attested copy of Registration of enlistment & other documents (eg. ESI & EPF registration, copy of PAN card, Copy of GST documents) should be submitted in the Office of Executive Engineer, Civil Division-VII, I&FC Deptt., Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Sector-15, Rohini, Delhi-110085 upto 3.00 PM on the last date of submission of technical bids for obtaining the deposition slip for uploading.
3. The details of above mentioned work(s) can be seen and downloaded from the website <http://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>
4. The agencies who do not fulfill eligibility criteria/ do not submit required documents upto the stipulated time, their tenders shall be rejected summarily at technical bid stage.
5. Tenders submitted through e-procurement portal shall only be considered and no manual tender shall be accepted.
6. Intending tenders participating in tendering process in EE CD-VII, I&FC shall furnish ESI & EPF registration along with other required documents and the same shall be uploaded while bidding. Moreover the ESI & EPF registration documents of all contractors shall be kept on records and ESI & EPF registration documents of lowest tenderer to whom the work awarded shall form the part of the agreement. (I&FC department office order No.1417-48 dated 29.01.2016).

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# Pacers engineer another innings win

## India demolish Bangladesh for sixth successive Test win

PTI ■ INDORE

India annihilated Bangladesh inside three days for a resounding innings and 130 run-victory in the first Test, riding on one of the most hostile fast bowling performances in recent times.

The quick victory was on predicted lines.

Having bowled Bangladesh out for 150 in the first innings, India bundled them out for 213 in the second essay after declaring their first innings on their overnight score of 493 for six.

The victory also gave India 60 points, and they strengthened their position in the World Test Championship table with 300 points in their kitty.

The thrashing also completed a hat-trick of innings wins for them, having beaten South Africa in the second and third Test in the previous series.

The gulf was huge between the two teams and it could only get worse for Bangladesh from here onwards as the Indian pace attack, in the upcoming Day/Night Test with pink ball, is expected to cause more damage to their batsmen's psyche.

It was a game where Mohammed Shami (match haul of 7 wickets), Umesh Yadav (4 wickets overall) and Ishant Sharma (3 wickets) scared the hell out of an opposition that showed little stomach for a fight, save senior player Mashfiqur Rahim (64, 150 balls, 7x4), who delayed the inevitable.

Ravichandran Ashwin (match haul of 5 wickets) complemented the pacers, chipping in with wickets at regular intervals.

Bangladesh may have lost a lot of Test matches but the one in Indore has left them with scars that will remain for a long time. An international team looked frightened in the face of relentless hostility.

There were no angry gestures or over-the-top celebrations but scorch-



India's Ravichandran Ashwin, center, and teammates celebrate the dismissal of Bangladesh's Mashfiqur Rahim during the third day of the first cricket test match

## Arun lauds Indian pace unit

PTI ■ INDORE

got the wicket, he was very happy that he could do that.

"Each time you try to explore new avenues in your bowling, you constantly look to improve. And this would give him the much-needed fillip to experiment more and try out," he added.

It's Ishant's experience that has made him the bowler that he is.

Ishant is probably the most experienced bowler we have. He has played over 90 Test matches. He felt that he needs the batsmen to play a lot more.

In another fabulous fast bowling performance without injured pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah, the Indian troika of Ishant Sharma, Umesh Yadav and Mohammed Shami collected 14 wickets in an innings and 130 runs victory over Bangladesh in the first Test.

But more than the wickets, it's the impact that the pacers have created over the last 20 months has left a lasting impression.

"I think at present we are the no. 1 team in the world. Getting there is difficult, staying there is even more difficult. I think to do that over a period of three years, you need to stay constantly hungry," Arun said after the match.

India's most successful bowling coach Arun then spoke about each of the three pacers.

On Ishant coming round the wicket to left-hander (Shadman Islam dismissal), Arun said: "Actually started working on that variation from yesterday. So if you look at the way he signalled after he

just bowled one fuller on the off-stump channel. The ball held its line and all the veteran did was to offer a training session slip catch to Rohit Sharma.

Amid the ruins, Rahim, after get-

ting pace, mesmerising swing and the red cherry rearing at the throat from good length.

It created a spectacle and Bangladesh didn't have the wherewithal to handle it.

The best part about this Indian attack is that its intensity is same even in the third session as it was in the morning. Mehidy Hasan Miraj (38 off 55 balls), despite sharing a 59-run stand with Rahim, being bounced out by Umesh, was a case in point.

Shadman Islam may have been a heavy scorer in domestic cricket but he has never faced a bowler of Ishant's calibre in his short Test career.

So when young Shadman got one from Ishant to nip back from length, he couldn't react in time to bring his bat down, as the ball clipped the top of the middle stump.

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However, when Shami angled one into the opposition skipper, he was adjudged plumb in-front even though Virat Kohli had to take a review, which

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## FROM THE KEHWA KHANAS TO THE SOCIALS

What do millennials want from restaurants in India? Do they appreciate quality, instead of chatpata, "buzzing" flavours? The answers lie in the history of restaurant retail in India and cultural habits of how people eat different foods at home and in restaurants, writes ANOOTHI VISHAL in her book, *Business on a Platter: What Makes Restaurants Sizzle or Fizzle Out*. But first, a taste of history... An edited excerpt:

If professional chefs run restaurants today, history has come a full circle. In medieval India, the moneyed nobility employed the highest-paid chefs and not the *bazaar* chefs who cooked the common man's *chaat*, kebabs and breads. Several accounts of Lucknow, including the early 20th-century *Guzista Lucknow* by Abdul Halim Sharar, talk of highly paid *rikabdars*, or professional cooks, who specialised in unique dishes that left their diners amazed.

Shaikh Fida Ali was a *rikabdar* during the reign of Wajid Ali Shah, the last nawab of Awadh. He once placed a transparent lampshade on a table before a British dignitary. He placed a lit candle inside the lampshade, then blew it out, broke what appeared to be the glass of the shade and started eating it. It was later learnt that the entire lampshade was made out of sugar candy, wrote Aslam Mahmud, an old *Lucknauwallah* and bureaucrat, in his superbly researched *Awadh Symphony*, which talks about life under the nawabs. Centuries before molecular gastronomy began to beguile us with its presentations, the *rikabdars* were already practising food as an art form.

Restaurant cooks, on the other hand, traditionally didn't know how to cook these nuanced dishes, and restaurant cooking has therefore always been distinct from home cooking in India. This fact is crucial to any understanding of the country's food- and restaurant-scape. For the first time, really, in the history of food retail in India, we are at a point where at least some restaurant food cooked by chefs is being considered more evolved and more desirable than home food. Experience-led dining that was confined to moneyed homes (as opposed to restaurants that were more functional and catered to mass needs) has only relatively recently shifted out of that private zone and into a public, social one.

After the British assumed power in India and Mughal might was lost, cooks who had till then laboured in the kitchens of aristocrats found themselves out of work. Some of them found work with new employers but discovered that these new sahibs and brown sahibs of the Raj did not understand the elite art. Chef Mujeeb-ur-Rehman, a well-known chef from Lucknow popular for his high-end wedding catering, tells me this delicious story behind the popular Lucknow idiom, 'Yeh moonh aur masoor ki dal', used to be dismissive about someone.

According to him, a chef who found employment after having served a nawab for a long time asked his new employer what he would like to eat that day. The employer told him to make something simple like *masoor dal*. The chef in turn handed the employer a long list of ingredients to be bought for the preparation, looking at which the employer's face fell and he complained of the expense. The cook walked out, scoffing, 'Yeh moonh aur masoor ki dal' (loosely translated as 'How can you, with this face, appreciate my *masoor dal*?).

Used to a lavish, no-expense-spared way of cooking, the talented cooks must have been at a loose end. Some of them and their descendants set up small restaurants where they refashioned the elaborate and exquisite foods of their former masters as bites for common men. *Qormas* (hitherto cooked only within homes, *nihari* being the street dish), *dal* and *pulaos* were thus tweaked to become part of Mughlai menus at a few restaurants in cities such as Delhi, Calcutta, Lahore and Lucknow.

We find an example of this kind of shift in the story of Karim's, the iconic Mughlai restaurant in Delhi. According to his descendants' retelling of their restaurant's history, in 1913, Haji Karimuddin set up Karim Hotel in Gali Kababian near Jama Masjid, contending he was serving the 'food of royalty to the common man'. Haji Karimuddin traced his ancestry to a family of Mughal cooks in Shahjahanabad that had to flee the capital after the last Mughal emperor, Bahadur Shah Zafar II, was exiled. The family relocated to Meerut. However, when India came under the British crown and the Delhi Durbar was being held in 1911, Karimuddin moved back to the city with the idea of opening a small restaurant to take advantage of the crowd that would be descending on the city for the *durbar*. Karim Hotel in the beginning served just *aloo gosht*, a home-style gravy of meat and potatoes, and *dal* to its patrons. The food was meant to be a substitute for home food.

In Calcutta, another cosmopolitan melting pot, dishes of Mughal origin were reinvented by small restaurants to cater to the needs of workers and daily-wage earners. Anadi Cabin on Esplanade is reputed to be almost a hundred years old. It has been around most certainly since before Partition, and remains unchanged till today, including in its use of the same iron *tawa* on which the cook shallow-fries Mughlai *porotas* (the Bengali term for *paranthas*), a beloved Calcutta street snack and Anadi's signature dish.



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The tiny restaurant turns out 400 *porotas* from 20 kg of flour daily in a kitchen visible to all. The *porotas* could be covered in duck egg (which were considered vegetarian by traditional meat-eating Hindu Bengalis who did not prefer chicken) or chicken egg, filled with *keema*, folded and shallow-fried. These *keema porotas* are an innovation often credited to this restaurant. Mughlai *paranthas* almost certainly existed in Lucknowi and Awadhi homes before Wajid Ali's exile to Calcutta along with cooks who brought Nawabi dishes to the City of Joy. The simple egg-coated Mughlai *parantha* of Awadh, made with many layers or *parat*, underwent a metamorphosis to become the *keema*-filled substantial snack of Calcutta, which could be picked up easily and eaten on the go by daily-wage earners in the new city.

Many of these early restaurants thus came up as businesses that were seeking not to provide recreation but instead to cater to a need for cheap, filling meals as people moved from villages and smaller towns to the cities to work for their colonial masters. However, colonialism in India brought with it more upscale restaurant and leisure experiences, catering to the elite.

The first passenger train in India started running between Bombay and Thane in April 1853, pulled by three steam engines Sahib, Sindh and Sultan on a 34 km broad-gauge line. As British India's rail network grew and the railways began to cover longer distances (Bombay to the capital in Calcutta was a much publicised route for first-class tourists), there was need for refreshments and restaurants en route.

Several British or Anglo-Indian travellers' accounts speak of impeccable crockery, turband waiters and formal service, and food that was fairly similar all across the railways — thick soups, cutlets and bread and butter. It was, however, only Europeans or Anglo-Indian travellers who were entitled to travel in first-class carriages and who could enjoy the catering in the dining cars. Conditions in the third class, in which the bulk of Indians travelled, were terrible. A 1929 *Times of India* report said that the Great Indian Peninsular Railways was trying out a separate dining car for Indians: 'It would probably not have allowed the third class passengers who made up the bulk of travellers, and who had to either eat food they had brought or buy at station halts on the way.'

Since the catering was primarily for Europeans, European-inspired dishes started

appearing on the menus in these restaurants along the rail network — things like chops, cutlets, omelettes, tea and custard. These dishes would eventually get absorbed as restaurant and club food in India, and we continue to eat some of this 'continental' food even today. The crockery and cutlery used were of the highest quality and the service by liveried waiters was impeccable, in keeping with the expectations of the sahibs of the Raj. Even after India became independent, upscale dining would imitate this pattern of deferential service.

While the dining cars were available only to first-class European travellers, from 1901, separate refreshment rooms for Indians started appearing at a few stations. This resulted in the emergence of other dishes that are now part of old-fashioned or nostalgic restaurant food centred around the Raj — for instance, the railway mutton curry (which clearly was never a single recipe) or the egg curry.

Till much after Independence, railway refreshment rooms were thought to be fairly high-standard restaurants, and railway catering would be relied upon for banqueting needs when dignitaries visited. My grandfather, who was in the catering division of the Northern Railways for some time in the 1970s, had amusing stories of catering to the Nehru-Gandhis — delicious anecdotes that we savoured as all restaurateuring tales must be.

But not all history is appetizing. The history of restaurants in India is fraught with caste and religious segregation — one reason that may have prevented a food retail boom earlier in the country's history. Once they started catering to Indians, railway refreshment rooms were segregated not just as those meant only for Europeans but also as those meant for Hindus versus Muslims. Even water from taps in the railway stations was marked Hindu or Muslim in British India. There were 'pure' Hindu meals cooked by brahmins, and those offering Muslim food like *gorma*, *kebab* and *pulao*.

In the south, similarly, vegetarian brahmin hotels and 'military hotels' serving meat (with the suffix 'Hindu' added to signify that no beef or pork was served, though mutton was) came up as well as Udupi restaurants serving 'pure veg' food run by brahmins from the region, to cater to students and officers who worked in the Madras Presidency.



## Lauriya Nandangarh and Araraj Ashoka:

# THE MYSTIC PILLARS THAT UNVEILED A GREAT KING

The decoding of the two Ashokan pillars with edicts near Bihar-Nepal border in the 18th century tells the tale of how India first came to know of the existence of Ashoka and his conquest through Buddhism, writes SOMEN SENGUPTA

**A** major unpardonable pitfall of India's pre-Islamic era was its apathy of recording political chronology in a systematic way. On top of that, non-stop destruction of its monuments, architecture, literature and centre of cultures thereafter in the hands of Islamic invaders from 12th century, a major part of Indian history was once deleted, fragmented, obscured and finally fictionalised with legend and folklore.

From 18th century onward, when European traders started exploring the country, they were astonished to see several archaeological ruins prevailing under massive dilapidation in isolated places, attracting no attention from common people.

India of that time was a country with little sense of heritage of its pre-Islamic era, though the country's civilization dates back 5000 years. This was a matter of great perplexity to Europeans who were clearly excited to find amazing archaeological relics, one after another, with mind blowing engineering marvel and excellent craftsmanship. However, none of those seemed to connect with any ready reference of written history.

For instance, in 1616, an Englishman named Thomas Coryat found an eccentric monolithic stone pillar at Delhi's Firoz Shah Kotla. The pillar had some mystic inscription written in an unknown language. The thrill of this discovery was extended when on July 30, 1670, inside a pestilential jungle frequented by wild animals in Bihar near the Nepal border, John Marshal (not to be confused by famous John Marshal of ASI) found a similar circular sand stone pillar with mysterious edicts on its body. The pillar had a beautiful stone lion seated on an abacus crowned on its top as capital.

From the local people, John came to understand that this amazing engineering marvel was called "Bhim ka lath" or the walking stick of Bhima, a character of Hindu epic *Mahabharata*. The place, where this pillar was found, was 23 km from Bettiah town.

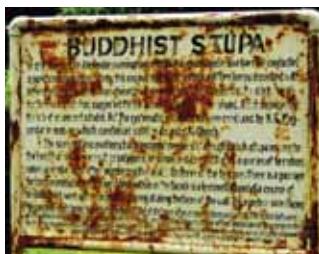
The place was then known as Mathia and today is known as Lauriya Nandangarh. *Lauriya* in local language means stick.

The two major victories against two Indian rulers — one in 1757 in Bengal and another in 1799 in Mysore — cemented the position on East India Company in political theatre of India. They became the ruler in almost every sense over a vast geography. This attracted many Europeans to India in the next 200 years. Many of them were ordinary office bearers and yet they proved to be extraordinary researchers with an acute interest in India's history. In next 100 years or so, some of them gave Indian history a new insight with their exceptional hard work and outstanding academic brilliance.

By the end of 18th century, many such mysterious stone pillars and rock stones with edict written on them in an unknown language were found from Peshawar to Mysore. European officials working in India, and having keen interest in oriental history, were excited to discover a new light of wisdom in these mystic pillars. Groping in the dark, many of them speculated these as conquests of some victorious king, or boundary pillars of dominions, or edicts of religious nature. The widest speculation was that these were secret codes of Greek treasures once owned by Alexander. However, these were soon discarded with the logic that the pillars were found in places like Delhi, Allahabad and Bihar, where Greek never could invade.

In November of 1780, Charles Wilkins sent a report to the Asiatic Society of Bengal about a finding of another mysterious decapitated pillar with similar alphabets carved on its surface at Buddal in north Bihar. This place was 28 km from Bettiah town, now known as Lauriya Araraj. This pillar, though not found with a capital, created more excitement as its edicts were more prominent and bold.

In 1783, Thomas Law, collector of Gaya district drew sketches of both the pillars and sent a report to William Jones in Calcutta. After years of hard work, in 1837,



The report heading read: "A short Account of Two Pillars to the North of Patna". In March 1814, while marching with 34th Regiment of East India Company to take part in Anglo-Nepal war, Lieutenant J Horris saw Lauriya Araraj pillar and drew some important sketches.

Now two stone pillars — one with a lion capital on top and another broken at top, found in north Bihar near Nepal border with mysterious inscriptions on them — started to rouse curiosity of the antiquarians. Such inscriptions on similar kind of pillars found in Delhi and Allahabad were already being discussed. More people started exploring the places with an objective to decode the language. It was clear that the mystery would only be unfolded once the edicts were decoded.

At the beginning of 19th century, James Prinsep, a young man came to Calcutta to join Calcutta mint. Out of sheer passion, he started serving Asiatic Society of Bengal as journal editor. The journal was a class by itself and very popular across the world. Soon Prinsep built a fantastic network with people across India who started sharing information and documents with him on every single archaeological findings. Prinsep was confident enough to think that a new chapter of history would be uncovered if the edicts written on the pillar could be decoded.

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Out of these two pillars, the crown-less pillar of Lauriya Araraj, erected in 349 BC

Prinsep managed to decode the script of the edict and opened the doors of knowledge to India's glorious past that remained hidden for so long.

In 1820, Brian Hodgson, a British resident in the royal court of Kathmandu, sent a copy of the inscription on Lauriya Nandangarh pillar edict to Calcutta. This document was reported lost. Prinsep and Hodgson started frequent correspondence and soon became good friends, though it is assumed that they never met. Hodgson again sent him the copy of the inscription that he once found in Lauriya Nandangarh and in October 1834, he sent him an eye copy of Lauriya Araraj pillar edict.

Now armed with the information pertaining to all the four edicts, Prinsep managed to decode a name — "Devanamapya Piyadasi" — that seemed to appear in all edicts. Meanwhile, a discovery of an ancient book by someone in Sri Lanka at almost the same time revealed that "Devanamapya Piyadasi" meant — "The beloved to the God and his name was Ashoka". Overnight, India got a colossal king whose transformation to a humanist after accepting Buddhism was known and the name Ashoka became a cult chapter of history.

Once the language was decoded, it was easy to understand that these pillars were not victory monuments, but a new and effective way of communication. Much to their astonishment, it was found that these were a public declaration of a king to come forward in acceptance of Buddhism and his transformation.

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pas made of mud, yellow clay and brick in three levels in the shape of polygonal with three flights of stairs. The 26 metre high structure has a circumference of 460 metres and the dome is missing. It is imagined that when intact, this would be one of the biggest stupas of India built in 300 BC.

Cunningham did very little excavation and later, Henry Garrick did a great job of excavating more mounds. In 1905, T Block did further excavation and found a gold leaf, a female statue and a small deposit of burnt human bones with charcoal. These findings are common with Buddhist stupa where bone remains of Buddha are said to be found. However, till now, no solid evidence has been found that tells us who these remains belonged to. Many think that this was a pre-Mauryan structure and may be a burial ground. Nani Gopal Majumdar and Amalendu Ghosh, who excavated the site from 1935 to 1939, are of an opinion that this stupa is very similar to the Buddhist stupa found at Piprahakot on UP-Nepal border.

The circular abacus of Lauriya Nandangarh lion is again decorated with image of geese. The face of the lion is broken due to vandalism. In design, it is very similar to that of the lion capital which was later found in Rampurva in 1876 by Archie Carlyle, inside the deep forest of Tarai. Rampurva lion capital is now preserved in Indian Museum of Calcutta.

The six edicts in a single block found on the pillar of Lauriya Araraj, revealed Ashoka the beloved of the God's declaration of Buddhist teachings of morality through kindness shown to all subjects and animals. It also talks about the restriction of animal slaughter. However, in both the pillars found in Bihar, nowhere do the edicts talk about Ashoka's conquest of Kalinga and his repart. This is very interesting to note.

The lion capital found on Ashoka pillar of Lauriya Nandangarh is one of the oldest samples of Indian stone sculptures, influenced by Persian archaeology, whereas the discovery of Ashoka Bramhi is the first tangible evidence of Buddhism that finally cemented the existence of Shakyanami Buddha as a human being and discarded the theory of him being a mythological figure as per many Hindu legends.

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Cutting to present, it is sad to note that two hundred years ago, when this site lay undiscovered inside a dense forest with no human habitation around, a group of Europeans risked their lives to uncover the hidden treasures of India, uncovering a glorious part of our history, our present generation attaches no value to these findings.

Today, Bettiah is a dusty, over populated and unplanned town, situated very close to the Nepal border. The locals hold no pride in India's rich history. Marks of vandalism are clear on the pillars and unrestricted entry is palpable. Bettiah now has Americanised pizza restaurants, which get over crowded every evening, whereas it's a struggle to get the auto drivers to take you, or for that matter even seek directions, to Lauriya Nandangarh or Araraj.

It is sad indeed that we never knew our heritage back then two centuries ago, and today, it seems we still haven't learnt the lesson to protect it.

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Restaurants like The New Woodland Hotel came up in the Madras Presidency, and can be credited as popularising the Udupi-style food that continues to thrive today. Woodland, as it was popularly called, was set up in 1938 by K. Krishna Rao, a man from a poor family of priests from near Mangalore. Its customers then were primarily brahmins who worked for the government, or upper-caste religious travellers who were vegetarians. As we can see, for so much of their history, restaurants in India were not the inclusive businesses we see them as today.

Partition changed much of that. It rent India's social fabric in more ways than we can imagine. It unleashed bloody, religious violence, but with the old order being torn apart, space for the new was created. For the first time, as I argued in a 2017 article, we got eateries that catered newly invented restaurant food to all manners of people — rich and poor, Hindu and Muslim. Butter chicken, *dal makhani* and *naan* became the first restaurant foods to escape the

## From the Kehwa Khanas to the Socials

tag of religious identity.

Refugees from Punjab had arrived with less than nothing in Delhi. They brought with them a hardy spirit of survival and enterprise, but also one very important tool — the *tandoor*. A clay oven used to bake bread in villages, the *tandoor* made its foray into Delhi with refugees carrying memories of the *sanhia chulha* (the common village oven used to bake breads for all households) into this new harsh city where they had to fashion life afresh.

In 1947, an enterprising refugee from Peshawar, Kundan Lal Gujral, opened a restaurant called Moti Mahal in Delhi's Daryaganj area, in a building that had suffered badly during the rioting. Here, he set up a *tandoor*, in which the restaurant baked *naan*, a bread popular in old Peshawar eateries, and eventually chicken. The fowl was not a meat



that Delhi was familiar with or fond of. "Neither Hindus nor Muslims ate it, and initially there was some resistance to *tandoori* chicken," says Anil Chandra, one of Moti Mahal's early patrons.

As food historian K.T. Achaya notes in his authoritative *Indian Food: A Historical Companion*, the chicken, as a scavenger, was thought to be 'unclean', and since the oldest of times, there has been resistance among brahmins and other upper-caste Hindus to eating its meat. Delhi and Uttar Pradesh's composite culture meant that these biases were ingrained in upper-class Muslim culinary cultures too.

Goat meat was prized and Mughlai dishes like *shabdegh*, *silken qormas*, *gola* and *dil* (heart) *ke kebab*, that required much dexterity, were made of goat meat within homes by specialist cooks for weddings and special functions.

Specialist cooks like Hakim in old Delhi, whom old-timers told me about for my article for the Wire, and restaurants like Flora cooked these and catered to *shaukeen*, gastronomically indulgent *Dilliwallahs*, both Muslims and meat-eating Hindus like the Kayasths. This courtly culture, however, waned after Partition as the Muslim elite moved away and refugees poured in.

The new *tandoori* chicken was

India's original fast food. Simply done and fresh. Moti Mahal also takes the credit for inventing butter chicken: *tandoori* chicken pieces dunked in a tomato, yoghurt and butter laden sauce, and perhaps India's most famous restaurant creation.

The advent of this new kind of

food served by Punjabi restaurateurs was to have a big impact on restaurant food everywhere in the

country. In Delhi, restaurants such as Kwality, which had come up around the time of World War II and served ice cream and simple continental eats to American soldiers posted in Delhi, gradually incorporated this new Punjabi food into their menus. Other similar restaurants came up, also run by migrants, serving bold Punjabi flavours with tomato and cream, dishes that had been concocted within restaurants, and dishes such as *pindi chana* (a style of dry chickpeas popular in Rawalpindi) that came to Delhi and have been part of the city's most famous street dish since then — *chole bhature*.

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# It's time to wrap up Naga peace process



In this October 30, 2019 photo, a poster with a Naga flag is seen on the entrance of a shop in Kohima

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A fortnight has already gone by since the deadline, fixed by the Union Government, for the Nagaland peace pact lapsed on October 31, 2019. Even as the peace talks are inconclusive, the good news is that the both sides — Union Government's interlocutor and Nagaland Governor RN Ravi and Naga groups, including the NSCN factions — have not stopped negotiations for a peace pact.

The ongoing Naga peace process, which was started in 1997, turned 22 this year. It could happen only after a ceasefire agreement was signed between the National Socialist Council of Nagalim-Isak-Muivah (NSCN-IM) and the Government of India.

Interestingly, the Naga insurgency has its roots in 1918. Against the backdrop of the First World War the Nagas had decided to form Naga Club to bring Naga tribes under a single umbrella. The seed for the unique identity was germinated outside India — when various members of the scattered Naga tribes, recruited in the British Labour Corps, thought of forming a group of their own. And this Club approached the Simon Commission and informed it in 1929 "to leave us alone to determine for ourselves as we did in ancient times".

It simply indicated that the Nagas did not want to surrender themselves either to then British imperial regime in India or any future Government of India. Also it showed its desire to live as they want. All these indicate that the Nagas never wanted themselves to be subservient to any non-native "foreign" domination. This precisely demonstrates the very idea of "Naga self-determination", alive for a century now.

Later, when the struggle for India's independence moved towards its final stage, the Nagas under the leadership of charismatic AZ Phizo formed the Naga National Council (NNC). And eventually, the NNC declared independence for the Nagas on August 14, 1947, just one day before India achieved hers. The NNC conducted a referendum in May 1951 which it claimed to have the backing of almost 99.9 per

cent of the Nagas for full independence.

On record, the peace process with the Nagas started before independence in June 1947. Then Assam Governor Sir Akbar Hydri signed a Nine Point Agreement with the moderate leaders in the NNC, but the hard-core leaders like Phizo refused to accept the agreement. Almost a year later, Phizo, not seeing any further cooperation from the Government of India, formed an underground Naga Federal Government (NFG) and the Naga Federal Army (NFA). But then the Government responded with armed power and enacted the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act in 1958. In July 1960, the basis of a Sixteen Point Agreement led to the creation of a separate State in the Union of India for the Nagas.

This actually came into existence on December 1, 1963. Here it must be noted that the peace agreement was signed between the Naga Peace Convention, a group of moderate Naga leaders, and the Government of India. The NNC refrained from signing and agreeing to form a separate State under the Indian Union.

After the formation of the State of Nagaland, a Peace Mission was constituted in 1964 to advance talks with the NNC, but this could not produce any result despite series of six rounds of historic negotiations. Finally, the mission was cancelled in the year 1967.

In the midst of this turmoil, the NNC split in 1975 during the heyday of the Indira regime. And the breakaway group from the NNC formed the NSCN. Unfortunately, this happened during the period of a peace deal between the Government and the NNC in Shillong. As per the Shillong Accord, the NNC leadership agreed to give up arms. But then, many of its front-line leaders, including Isak Chishi Swu, Thuingaleng Muivah and SS Khaplang did not accept the terms and conditions of the peace deal and hence they together established the NSCN in 1980. But after more than a decade of the formation of the NSCN, differences cropped up among the leaders. As a result, the NSCN broke into two factions in the year 1988, one led

by Isak and Muivah, named as NSCN-IM and other led by Khaplang, known as NSCN-K.

Later on these two groups fought fiercely, even killing their own cadre and damaging the chances of coming together. In fact this schism between the NSCN factions helped different political establishments at the Centre to deal with them separately. Further, NSCN-K made its operational area mainly restricted to Arunachal Pradesh and the NSCN-IM based its activities in Nagaland and Manipur. In later years, the NSCN-IM took the centre stage and held the centre of the "Naga sovereignty" movement.

In year 1997, the NSCN-IM leadership signed a ceasefire agreement with the Government, preceding rounds of talks since 1995. The key principle of the agreement was that there would be no counter-insurgency operations against the NSCN-IM and in turn it would not attack Indian security forces. And this truce has survived for long.

Finally, the historic Nagaland Framework Agreement, popularly known as Nagaland Peace Accord, was signed between the NSCN-IM and the Narendra Modi Government in August 2015. The accord was inked after over 80 rounds of talks between the Government and various stakeholders of the Nagaland movement. The Nagaland Peace Accord brought lots of hope to the Naga people across the region and they thought a lasting solution would soon emerge. Interestingly, in 2017, after two years of signing the Nagaland Peace Accord, other Naga armed groups joined this peace process under the banner of Naga National Political Groups (NNPGs). All of them now form one single group and take part in the ongoing discussions with the Government.

The 2015 Framework Agreement says: "The Government of India recognises the unique history, culture and position of the Nagas and their sentiments and aspirations. The NSCN understood and appreciated the Indian political system and governance."

Though details of the Nagaland Peace Accord are

not available in the public domain, it has been understood that the Naga leadership has accepted the broad terms and conditions to live under the Indian Union. With this, their demand for an independent Nagaland diminishes for now.

Interesting turn in this entire saga of struggle is that the senior-most leaders of the NSCN — Isak and Khaplang — died in 2016 and 2018 respectively. This left only Muivah to deal with the Indian Government for any future negotiations.

After the demise of Isak, who was the only Naga leader from Nagaland, the support for a Greater Nagaland has gradually waned within the region. (Khaplang was a Naga hailing from Myanmar).

However, among a few side effects of this disenchantment is the wavering commitment of the Nagas from Nagaland towards the peace process. And finally, Muivah, a Naga belonging to Manipur, might face hurdles in negotiating the last remaining details of the truce.

Today, Centre's interlocutor and Governor of Nagaland RN Ravi, who has been handling the Naga peace process for long, says that the protracted attitude of the NSCN-IM is simply delaying the inkling of the deal. It is because the organisation is now insisting on a separate flag and a constitution for Nagaland.

Surely, the Union Government will not accept it and the NSCN-IM may handle such controversial issues too carefully. If NSCN-IM is sidelined at this moment and other groups take the centre stage, its efforts of nearly half a century will result in fiascos.

Since the Naga issue has been regarded as the oldest insurgency in the country, it is worth noting the thorny problems that may unfold violence in the North East.

First of all, the Naga National Political Groups (NNPGs) are advocating a solution for the Nagas within the State of Nagaland, whereas as the NSCN-IM wanted to include all the Naga-inhabited areas across the region in the Nagaland or Greater Nagaland wherein it thought their problems could be addressed.

Second critical aspect of the truce between the Nagas and the Government is the territorial issue in regard to the Greater Nagaland. As the Naga groups desire and demand to include all Naga-inhabited areas into the Greater Nagaland, it has been increasingly making some of the States such as Assam, Arunachal Pradesh and Manipur restive.

Already Arunachal

Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu has welcomed the Centre's initiative to solve the decades-old Naga problem, but categorically stated that there will be no compromise on the territorial integrity of the State. "We are clear in our stand and we want that Naga peace process should not affect the State at any cost," Khandu said on November 16.

Also the Union Home Ministry has assured that before any settlement is arrived at with Naga groups, all stakeholders, including the States of Assam, Manipur and Arunachal Pradesh will be duly consulted and their concerns will be taken into consideration. Earlier during a "lengthy discussion" with Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal had urged the Centre to take into consideration the interests of the people of Assam while going for any accord.

The core issue is that a future Nagaland could redraw the boundaries of these three Naga-inhabited States. It is reported that the proposed Nagaland includes 1,20,000 sq kilometre area which expands beyond the territorial limits of the North East into Myanmar. Even before the signing of the Framework Agreement in 2015, the Nagaland State Assembly itself endorsed the demand of the "integration of all Naga-inhabited areas on five occasions: December 1964, August 1970, September 1994, December 2003 and July 2015".

This shows how the popularly elected Nagaland Assembly is in full support of the demand for a Nagaland.

Third, though the Union Government had simply fixed October 31 this year just to conclude the Naga peace process, it completely failed to do the same. To be precise,

finalising such imaginary deadlines would not help bringing various Naga groups to agree to some watertight solutions.

Already differences are emerging between the NSCN-IM and the NNPGs.

Today, the Nagas are on a roller-coaster ride. Whatever may be the outcome of the current peace process, it would certainly not satisfy all the stakeholders involved in the process, particularly, the NSCN-IM.

The Government must take maximum caution as any attempt at sidelining or ignoring the NSCN-IM may force its cadre to take up arms or may help regrouping majority of the Naga tribes in the long run. Also playing any trick to divide the leadership of the NSCN-IM may fuel anti-India sentiments once again in the Naga dominated areas across the North-Eastern region.

The moot point is whether the Government can accept the Naga demand for a separate flag and a Constitution? Is it possible to say "yes" to a shared notion of "sovereignty" as quickly as it was lit. Sustaining a revolution, however, is like starting a fire, and ensuring that it has the fuel to burn as long as necessary. As an agent of change, I need that fire for as long as it takes for results to emerge. Otherwise, I risk burn out." (Stephanie Van Hook).

Precisely, looking at the current political strength of the Union Government, Prime Minister Modi will definitely say no to both these demands. The Government has already made it clear that these demands are not acceptable.

Considering the Modi Government's resolute decision to abrogate Article 370 — which had long guaranteed a special status, flag and a separate Constitution to the State of Jammu & Kashmir — the NSCN-IM and the NNPGs should not be too hopeful about their demand for a shared sovereignty.

However, the Union Government should take utmost caution to ensure the patience the Nagas have shown towards a amicable solution should not go in vain.

Today, most of the ultras of the region have either laid down their arms or some of them are in talks with the Government for the peaceful solution. That's why a region which was encountering fierce violence accompanied by anti-India sentiment has witnessed relatively calm and quiet

atmosphere recently. But, with globalisation and proliferation of global terrorism widening the net wide, the Government must not take any chance with the NSCN-IM and other Naga terror groups.

Much beyond external financial support and arms supply from our neighbouring countries, the global jihadi elements such as the ISIS and the al-Qaeda may pitch into such troubled spots to recreate disturbances for the country.

Considering the favourable geopolitical scenario for Delhi at the moment, a global consensus to fight the menace of terrorism, and friendly neighbouring regimes on India's eastern front, the Modi Government has an absolute advantage to deal with the NNPGs and the NSCN-IM. It's time to wrap up the Naga peace process.

While talking about shared sovereignty for the Nagas, the NSCN-IM must remember: "Starting a revolution is like lighting a match; it risks becoming extinguished as quickly as it was lit. Sustaining a revolution, however, is like starting a fire, and ensuring that it has the fuel to burn as long as necessary. As an agent of change, I need that fire for as long as it takes for results to emerge. Otherwise, I risk burn out." (Stephanie Van Hook).

However, the grit and determination that has been displayed by the Naga leadership is truly commendable. Succinctly, its survival for the last 100 years bears this testimony. But then a revolution to sustain for such a long duration must have to encounter its course of ups and downs. And, the Naga revolutionaries have faced a number of contradictions, both violent and non-violent in the long history of their movement.

The common people in Nagaland still hope for the best as the peace negotiation is going on. What makes sense for them today is the promise for an early solution even as the October 31 deadline has lapsed. Unnecessary intransigence would make the long road to freedom not only difficult but purely unattainable.

**It is over a fortnight since the deadline, fixed by the Union Government, for the Nagaland peace pact lapsed on October 31, 2019. However amid hopes and apprehension, the good news is that the peace talks have not stopped**



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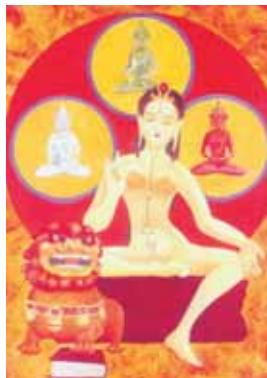


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**ARIES** March 21-April 19

It is advisable to start the week with a resolution to live a healthy and enjoyable life. This is possible through regularising your routine and disciplining your senses. Yoga, exercise, and nutritious diet will be important for you. Your career shows a good indication this week and you will experience a sudden financial gain out of the blue. The change is positive, the business will grow and those with jobs can expect promotions, increment or the desired transfer. Some of you may travel abroad for project work. Relationship wise, some of you may receive a message of love or a marriage proposal. Singles, chances of finding someone special is indicated for you. Married couples may go on a pleasure trip and their bonding will become stronger.

Lucky number 39  
Lucky colour Red  
Lucky day Wednesday

**LEO** July 23-Aug 22

You will do anything to achieve good health. You should decide whether you want to follow your mind or your heart. The first approach would be to scrutinise your innermost needs and expectations. Your career may be at a standstill and you may feel stagnated. This is the time to make cordial relations with your senior authorities. Your positive outlook towards life will keep you motivated and open doors to new opportunities. In terms of wealth, the result will be discouraging. Hard earned money will be spent on expenses and you will be left with no money in hand. Relationship wise, you are trustworthy and reliable. Singles will get a message of love. Romance with a desired partner is on the cards. Your commitment and loyalty will strengthen your relationship.

Lucky number 12  
Lucky colour Black  
Lucky day Tuesday

**SAGITTARIUS** Nov 22-Dec 21

You need to find a positive environment where you can relax. You are likely to encounter mental conflict and nervousness that may cause your BP to fluctuate. Focus on balancing your untamed energy. A disciplined lifestyle, balanced diet, regular medical checkup and exercise are unavoidable. Stay away from arguments and aggression. In career, you will prove yourself trustworthy. Those who have their own business will enjoy financial gains. For those in a job, favour of a senior will boost their confidence. Your amicable behaviour and communication will work in your favour. In the matters of love and emotions, you may feel blessed. People will like you for your affectionate and romantic nature. You will be concerned about the feelings of others around you.

Lucky number 17  
Lucky colour Golden  
Lucky day Sunday

**TAURUS** April 20-May 20

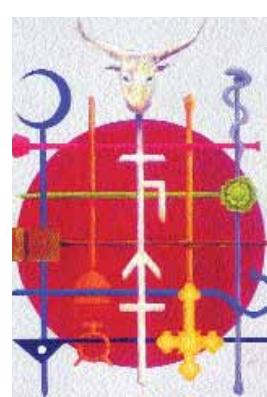
Healthwise, this week is good. You will feel an abundant flow of energy and creativity. A female influence, either your mother or spouse, will help you meet the needs of your health and be the motivating factor to maintain a balance between physical and mental levels. You may slow down in your career as you are under the constant scrutiny of competitors and rivals. You will feel restricted. Your addiction to alcohol, overspending or unhealthy relationship may become a hurdle in the path of success. Shield yourself from all these negativities. In love, you need to accept and surrender to your present circumstances. It is advisable to leave instant temptation of gratification for the higher cause. Singles wait for some time before committing to a relationship.

Lucky number 18  
Lucky colour Indigo  
Lucky day Friday

**VIRGO** Aug 23-Sep 22

This week you are full of energy, creativity and positive energy. Your health will be good. You need to utilise this energy in constructive pursuits. Make sure you maintain balance within yourself. On the career front, you will prove to be a genuine leader. You will win hearts with your kind and honest nature. Support from someone from opposite sex will help you achieve your desired goals. Those who are appearing for an interview or competitive exams this week, success is assured. In matters of love, you have to be a little careful. You should respect and understand the feelings of your partner. You can achieve success in a relationship by showing generosity. Presenting a gift to your partner may create the magic and strengthen your love.

Lucky number 11  
Lucky colour Orange  
Lucky day Tuesday

**CAPRICORN** Dec 22-Jan 19

This week you are filled with positive energy. Recovery from illness and leading a healthy life are indicated. An emotional issue concerning the care or treatment of someone close will be discussed. Follow a healthy routine like physical exercise and a balanced diet to stay fit. Career-wise, this is the best week. You will get an opportunity to change your destiny. You need to be positive and spontaneous. You will win the trust of your seniors. Promotion is likely. There could be a new beginning such as a new job, or a new residence. In terms of love life, a manifestation of desire, good fortune, and contentment are on the cards. Some of you might plan for a date or a romantic trip. Married couples may have a mutual understanding.

Lucky number 14  
Lucky colour Pastel Green  
Lucky day Friday

**GEMINI** May 21-June 20

In order to maintain good health, you need to derive positive energy from the five elements. You will feel highly ignited and need to adopt a balanced approach to life. Control your cravings and keep your anger in check. At work, you are meticulous and hard-working. You are willing to learn new skills, and techniques. Your dedication and focus will work in your favour. Financially, there is a need to bring change in your lifestyle to increase overall gratification. The best part is that you are committed to getting those changes done. You will be lucky in love and have a high level of emotional contentment. You will see the perfection all around you and experience the emotionally fulfilling situation. Joy and happiness are within your reach.

Lucky number 21  
Lucky colour Grey  
Lucky day Saturday

**LIBRA** Sep 23-Oct 22

This week you will enjoy good health, vigour and stamina. You will not only be able to care for yourself but for your family as well. You will take a rock-solid resolution for a healthy family, and will leave no stone unturned to achieve your goal. On the career front, you must maintain a practical approach and need to take some important decisions in regards to your work. There are high chances of you being emotionally blackmailed at the workplace. A female counterpart may play a significant role in enhancing your career. You will experience one-sided love. Have a lot of patience and strength. Otherwise, you will lose your mental peace. Those in a committed relationship may have to stay apart on account of important responsibilities. Married couples, you will have a mutual understanding.

Lucky number 13  
Lucky colour Navy Blue  
Lucky day Tuesday

**AQUARIUS** Jan 20-Feb 18

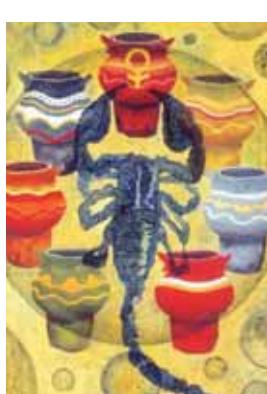
This week you will be surrounded by anxiety and tension. You are extremely worried about the future. This will cause tension. Health issues like headache, insomnia, or BP may trouble you. You should not allow negative emotions like fear, frustration and uncertainty to immobilise you. Focus on your present. On the career front, stay away from flatterers as you may be deceived by inaccurate information. You may face frequent mood swings and insecurity. Hidden forces at play may unravel your success. The good part is that you are positive and know how to control the situation. In your love life, you will feel strong and established. You are balanced and caring towards your partner. Love relations may turn into a marriage.

Lucky number 31  
Lucky colour Turquoise  
Lucky day Thursday

**CANCER** June 21-July 22

This week, it is important that you look after your health. A visit to a doctor is a must. Be open and discuss all matters because appropriate medical advice and treatment is the need of the hour. Your spirituality and faith in God is good and will help you have a peaceful personality. You have good news waiting on the career front. This can either be a promotion or a salary hike. Due to a sudden change, you may get transferred to a desired place. Your perseverance and hard work will pay you well. In love, you may be deceived or feel disheartened. You are forced to sacrifice or surrender to be with your partner. This is not the right time to start a relationship or have high expectations from an existing relationship.

Lucky number 28  
Lucky colour Peach  
Lucky day Saturday

**SCORPIO** Oct 23-Nov 21

In the matters of health, the change is for good. Your positive outlook will bring further improvement. Mental tension and fatigue due to the fast moving life will go away and you will feel relaxed. Physical exercise and being with nature will be best for you. In your career, you are likely to find new job opportunities with better prospects. Those who have appeared for competitive exams, success is assured. A good news in terms of promotion or salary hike is on the cards. Your hard working and goal oriented attitude will pay you well. Friendship with juniors will bring you benefits. In love, your orthodox nature will lead to separation and leave you disheartened. Leave the old school thinking and form a modern outlook towards your partner.

Lucky number 19  
Lucky colour White  
Lucky day Friday

**PISCES** Feb 19-March 20

This week you will be moody and irritated. This may cause concern for your physical health. You need to control the wild aspect of your mind and trust your instincts. Walk the path of enlightenment and stay focused. In career, you need to take action towards developing your greater good. You will be able to confront any unfinished business in your life, clear up any misunderstanding. Extra hard work is needed before you see results. Give your best efforts, the rewards are assured. The abundance of happiness is in store for you in terms of a relationship. Balance and stability in love are on the cards. Unmarried people may get marriage proposals. You will be soulful, passionate, and romantic and will leave no stone to make your partner happy.

Lucky number 29  
Lucky colour Sky Blue  
Lucky day Tuesday

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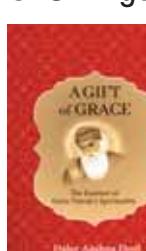
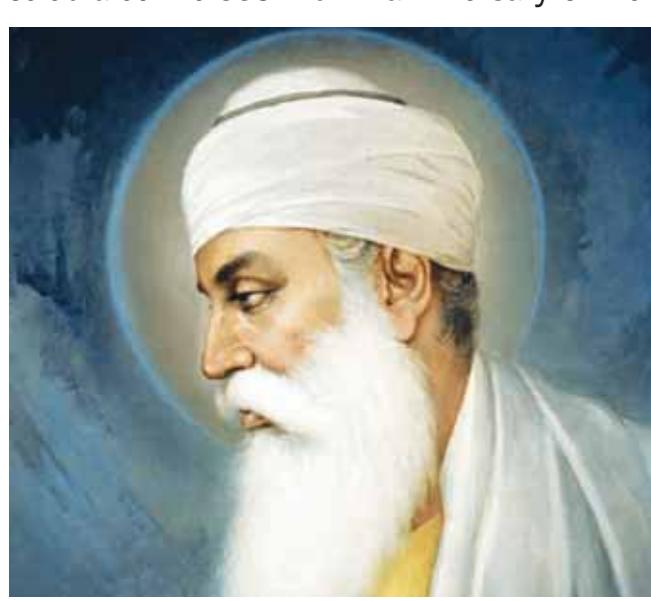
# Guru Nanak's guide to leading a virtuous life

Guru Nanak's spiritual beliefs and practices were profoundly transformational and cut across the lines of religion, writes DALER AASHNA DEOL in her book, *A Gift of Grace*. The world celebrated the 550th birth anniversary of the first Sikh guru on November 12. An excerpt:

Guru Nanak divides our spiritual path into five distinct stages: moral living and righteous actions, search for divine knowledge, spiritual unfoldment, divine grace, and the final entry into the realm of Eternal Truth. Each stage is unique and vital. These stages appear as part of a sequence, and it is not possible for us to bypass any of these steps. For example, moral living is a precondition for the search of divine knowledge. A person who leads a morally decadent life will inevitably see no need to search for experiences of any kind, let alone spiritual knowledge. Also, our spirit cannot unfold unless we have accumulated sufficient spiritual energy during the first two stages. Any movement from this point onward is possible only when we receive divine grace, which is not our right but a 'reward' for good deeds. Leading a virtuous life is the very foundation of our spiritual quest. To go any further on the spiritual path, we need to make truthful and moral living an essential part of our life. It is only through such living that we make ourselves worthy of God's compassion and grace.

Growing up in a world where money can buy more comforts than it was possible at any other time in human history, how can we agree on a set of values and behaviours that would provide a reliable guide to a virtuous life? We need to acknowledge that there are some things which are moral, ethical, doable, and right under any circumstances. We may have a difference of opinion on whether it is moral to charge interest. But there should be no controversy on things like violence, falsehood, and exploitation of the poor and helpless. We need to identify some core values based on themes that cut across societal and cultural boundaries. The seven core values, based on Guru Nanak's teachings, are:

- Non-violence** Avoiding violence that hurts the innocent, kills, or insults (in the form of rape or other degrading actions) the victim, mass killings of innocent people in a war or a political conflict.
- Truth** Letting reality appear in its purest form, separating facts from opinions, not using falsehood of any kind to deceive other people, treating honest living as a sacred obligation.



**Love** Showing sympathy and compassion for a victim of oppression, having a sense of justice, keeping a charitable spirit, sharing one's wealth and good fortune with the poor and the needy.

**Virtue** The pursuit of highest personal morality in one's daily life, respecting the honour and integrity of one's partner, taking responsibility for one's children, catering to their material, emotional, and intellectual needs, caring for the needs of elders in the family.

**Communitarianism** Being a good citizen, participating in electoral processes, raising voice against misdeeds of those in authority, using public office for public good, protecting the natural environment, giving one's employer a fair share of one's time, talent, and ability.

**Equality** Treating all people as equal

despite differences of colour, race, gender, or ethnic origins, respecting cultural and spiritual traditions of other people.

**Theism** Having faith in the unbounded love, mercy, and compassion of the Creator for all things and all beings. It is not an attempt to define a new morality. It has not been easy for moral philosophers, who have struggled with these issues over the ages.

We can look at various opinions, or what our belief system has to say about these matters, but, in the end, we need to have an objective look at how we are coping with difficult moral and ethical choices in our life. This freedom for self-evaluation is not a blank cheque, meaning whatever serves our needs or purposes is acceptable. We need to cultivate, in the words of Albert Einstein, a moral attitude in and towards life based on the totality of our being-body, mind, and soul. Not doing this self-evaluation in a seriously mindful way would indicate our reluctance to follow a spiritual path.

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