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Cong, NCP OK Uddhav as CM

Deliberations to continue on Saturday to fix unfinished Govt agenda

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

As the talks among the Shiv Sena, the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) and the Congress over Government formation in Maharashtra remained "inconclusive" on Friday evening, NCP president Sharad Pawar said that there was "unanimity" among the three parties over Sena president Uddhav Thackeray's choice as the Chief Minister. Senior leaders of the Congress and the NCP said they have reached "conclusions" on many issues.

At the end of a two-hour meeting among the leaders of the Shiv Sena, the NCP and the Congress at the Nehru Centre here, there appeared to be loose ends regarding issues discussed and decisions taken in matters relating to the Government formation.

The leaders of the three parties will meet once again on Saturday to deliberate on the unfinished agenda and decide on when to stake claim for a three-party Government.

Though Pawar said there was consensus among the leaders of three parties that Uddhav would head the "Maha Vikas Agadhi" Government in the State, there was no formal confirmation from the Shiv Sena president.

Emerging out of the meet-



Senior Congress leader Mallikarjun Kharge and others arrive to attend a meeting aimed at giving momentum to install a non-BJP Government in Maharashtra, at Nehru Centre in Mumbai on Friday

ing first, Pawar said, "The leadership issue settled now. There is unanimity over Uddhav Thackeray's choice as the Chief Minister. The discussion is going on other issues. After the leaders are through with the discussions, they will address a joint Press conference tomorrow and announce all the details relating to the Government formation."

On his part, Uddhav did not say anything on Pawar's

announcement about the consensus having been reached on his name as the Chief Minister of the three-party Government.

Later, Shiv Sena spokesperson Sanjay Raut was quoted by a leading Marathi channel as saying that upon the insistence by the leaders of the two alliance partners, Uddhav has agreed to accept the CM post.

Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari, who was to leave for

Delhi, has cancelled his trip, anticipating a meeting with the leaders of the three parties during the weekend.

NCP's national spokesperson Nawab Malik said, "Both the NCP and Congress have obtained signatures of their respective MLAs. We can go with the Shiv Sena leaders any time to the Governor and give our letters of support to the Maha Vikas Agadhi Government."

D/N pink fever pitch at Eden Gardens



Cheteshwar Pujara avoids a rising delivery during the first day of the second test match between India and Bangladesh in Kolkata on Friday

PTI ■ KOLKATA

It was a party in pink at the "City of Joy" as India began its tryst with Day/Night Tests in front of political bigwigs, galaxy of sports stars and a sell-out crowd, which ensured that Sourav Ganguly's promise of a spectacle lived up to its hype.

Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee rang the Eden Gardens Bell ahead of the toss

here on Friday but it was the famously enthusiastic Kolkata fans, who gave the match its character.

After being reluctant for four years, India finally embraced the Day/Night format for Test cricket, following a strong push from new BCCI President Ganguly and Kolkata proved to be the perfect host.

Four days of the game are already sold out. Tickets are also reportedly up for sale in black market

at five times their original prices, which start from Rs 150.

Spectators, a lot of them clad in pink, thronged the iconic stadium, making for the kind of carnival-like atmosphere that is now seen mostly in T20 games. The last memory of such overwhelming response to a Test was the epic 2001 game that India played against Australia and won by 171 runs following-on at the same ground.

At the BC Roy Clubhouse,

it was a pink carpet welcome for the invited dignitaries, which included the two greats of Indian sport — cricket icon Sachin Tendulkar and Olympic hero Abhinav Bindra — among a host of others.

From the 50-odd groundsmen in pink-coloured clothing to a giant pink balloon hovering over the Eden sky, it was a carnival-like atmosphere that greeted anyone who cared to walk in to the Eden Gardens.

50 fold reduction in water, sewer connection charges

Delhi Govt waives development fees, now pay ₹2,310 for 200 sqm plot

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI



Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal during a press conference in New Delhi on Friday

Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Friday announced to waive the development and infrastructure charges for new water and sewer connections in the national Capital.

Kejriwal, who is also the chairman of the Delhi Jal Board (DJB), said people would have to pay just ₹2,310 now to get new water and sewer connections. Earlier, a person having a plot of 200 square metres would have to pay nearly ₹1.14 lakh to get new water and sewer connections.

It has been observed that despite having a water pipeline in a particular area, most residents did not get "formal connection" due to the high development and infrastructure charges, even as they were

using supply water through "illegal" means, Kejriwal said.

"The board (DJB) today decided that it will not take development and infrastructure charges from Delhiites. Despite water pipelines laid in areas, lakh of households have not installed water or sewer connections because of high installation, infrastructural and development charges. Residents resort to illegal means for tapping water, but

refrain from taking a formal water connection because of high charges," he said.

The Government will invest in developing and fulfilling the infrastructural requirements like installing pipelines, water treatment plants, and pumping stations, etc, he said.

The 151st meeting of the DJP cleared many projects related to improving water and sewer networks and to clean the Yamuna River.

No SPG cover for family of ex-PM, Centre to table Amendment Bill

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The family members of former Prime Ministers will not be guarded by the elite Special Protection Group (SPG), as per the amendments approved by the Union Cabinet to the SPG Act which will need to be ratified by Parliament.

The move comes days after the Centre withdrew the SPG security cover accorded to Congress president Sonia Gandhi and her children, Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, almost after three decades.

The proposed legislation — the Special Protection Group (Amendment) Bill — has been listed in the Government's business for next week for introduction in the Lok Sabha, Union Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs Arjun Ram Meghwal announced in the Lok Sabha on Friday.

As per the SPG Act, the force provides security to the Prime Minister and the members of his immediate family.

Will curb Capital's air pollution faster than Beijing: Javadekar

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar on Friday said India is expected to take less time than the 15 years taken by Beijing to improve air quality in the national Capital.

He was responding to a three-day long discussion in the Lok Sabha on the air and water pollution in Delhi. Meanwhile, in the Rajya Sabha, Minister of State for Agriculture Kailash Choudhary accused AAP-led Delhi Government of "creating hype" on the issue of rising air pollution in the national Capital due to "political reasons".

The Lok Sabha witnessed structured debate on the pollution with Speaker Om Birla giving opportunity to all parties and allowing maximum number of MPs to raise questions after Javadekar's speech. Responding to a discussion on "air pollution and climate change", the Minister said a mass movement is needed to tackle the problem. "It took Beijing 15 years (to fight air pollution). We will take lesser



Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar speaks in the Lok Sabha during the Winter Session of Parliament in New Delhi on Friday

time," he said, referring to the air quality in Delhi.

There is a relation between pollution and climate change, the Environment Minister said, adding that 40 per cent of India's total power capacity will come from renewable sources before 2030.

Noting that India's green cover is increasing, the Minister said five times more trees have been planted in Delhi in place of trees cut down for construction of the Delhi Metro. Observing that pollution in Delhi was the topic of discus-

sion in the entire country, he said the "solution to the problem will come only when we recognise the problem."

On measures being taken to control pollution, he said round-the-clock monitoring was taking place.

He also said that a ban has been put on use of furnace oil and emission norms have been enhanced. The Government has formed a task force on Delhi's toxic smog and everyday the monitoring was being done by the Prime Minister's Office.

CAPSULE

3 COPS MARTYRED IN LATEHAR NAXAL ATTACK

Ranchi: Three Jharkhand police personnel were on Friday killed in a Naxal attack in the State's Latehar district, officials said. The attack by armed Maoists occurred around 8.30 pm when a police party was on board an official four-wheeler in the Chandwa police station area.

BILL INTRODUCED IN LS TO OUTLAW E-CIGARETTES

New Delhi: A Bill to ban production, import and sale of electronic cigarettes and similar products was introduced in the Lok Sabha on Friday.

PROTEST ENDS, BHU SANSKRIT DEPT REOPENS

Varanasi: A group of BHU students protesting against the appointment of a Muslim professor ended their "dharna" on Friday.

ALWAR POLICE ORDER TO COPS WITHDRAWN

Jaipur: The police in Rajasthan's Alwar district ordered nine Muslim members of the force to shave their beards, only to withdraw its instructions a day later. The original order on Thursday said the nine policemen were asked to cut their beards so that they acted and looked "unbiased".

Banned notes worth ₹26 lakh seized from Manipur ex-CM Ibobi

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

After filing a case against former Chief Minister O Ibobi Singh and others for allegedly misappropriating ₹332 crore from development funds in Manipur, the officials said on Friday the CBI carried out searches at nine locations in three cities and during searches at Singh's residence, it recovered ₹11.47 lakh in cash and ₹26.49 lakh in old demonetised currency — a crime with may lead to penalty of five times the recovered currency.

Also, the CBI seized ₹10 lakh old currency from another accused and former Project Director of MDS Y Ningthem Singh. The agency searched the

residences of Singh and former IAS officers who were part of the Manipur Development Society in Aizawl, Imphal and Gurgaon, they said.

As many eight luxury cars, including Audi, Mitsubishi, Honda and Hyundai were found during the searches at Singh's residence.

Singh, the then chairman of the Manipur Development Society (MDS), during his tenure from June 30, 2009 to July 6, 2017, in alleged conspiracy with others, misappropriated Government funds to the tune of ₹332 crore out of the total amount of ₹518 crore which was entrusted to them for the purpose of executing development work, the CBI said in a statement.

Mulayam cuts 81st b'day cake, picks son over brother

Shivpal organises separate birthday celebration in SP patron's absence

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

The Samajwadi Party celebrated the 81st birthday of its founder Mulayam Singh Yadav at the party headquarters here on Friday.

Flanked by his son and party president Akhilesh Yadav as well as senior leaders, Mulayam cut the birthday cake amid loud cheers from party workers and leaders.

Shivpal Singh Yadav celebrated Mulayam's birthday separately in absence of the big brother.

On the occasion, an 81-kg laddoo was presented to Mulayam by SP leaders. Sweets were distributed among the



Samajwadi Party founder Mulayam Singh Yadav being offered sweets by his son and party president Akhilesh Yadav during his 81st birthday celebrations, at party office in Lucknow on Friday

workers in presence of Mulayam.

Shivpal, on the other hand, rushed to Saifai in Etawah where he celebrated the birthday of his elder brother as Ekta Diwas and also organised a wrestling competition.

Addressing party workers and leaders after cutting the cake, Mulayam, who arrived here from Delhi on Thursday evening, asked them to celebrate the birthday of the poor party workers.

"You all celebrate the birthday of the poor, and I will also attend it," he told the enthused workers who raised slogans.

The SP patriarch attacked the Governments at the Centre as well as in UP, saying farmers were in distress and youths were unemployed. "Don't tolerate injustice and organise yourself to protest against the prevailing situation as this will strengthen the party," he said. Earlier, it was said Mulayam would be in Delhi on

his birthday due to the ongoing session of Parliament.

In Lucknow, banners and hoardings were put up outside the party office, which wore a festive look with party workers dancing to the tunes of drums and distributing fruit and sweets. The SP leadership had directed all the district presidents of the party to organise birthday celebration in their districts.

A week ahead of Mulayam's birthday, Shivpal, who is president of Pragatishheel Samajwadi Party (Lohia), had softened his stand towards nephew Akhilesh and offered to bury the hatchet and join hands with the SP and support Akhilesh as the Chief Minister candidate in the 2022 UP Assembly polls. He had also suggested joint celebration on Mulayam's birthday.

Shivpal and Akhilesh had parted company in 2016, at the fag end of the SP regime. Akhilesh had later dismissed his uncle from the Cabinet.

HIMACHAL CM IN DELHI Rohtang tunnel likely to open next May: Rajnath



PNS ■ SHIMLA

The Rohtang Tunnel in Himachal Pradesh will be opened to the traffic in May next year, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh told Himachal Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur on Friday in New Delhi.

Thakur called on Singh and urged him to get the work of the Rohtang Tunnel expedited to ensure proper connectivity to the landlocked Lahaul-Spiti district.

Singh assured the Chief Minister that best efforts will be made to make the tunnel operational by May 2020, a statement by the State Government said.

The Chief Minister also requested him to explore possibilities to allow usage of tunnel by residents of Lahaul-Spiti for transportation this winter as the road route has been officially declared closed due to heavy snow.

He also requested for

improving the conditions of roads maintained by the Border Roads Organisation as they are not in good condition and sought release of funds for them.

The Union Minister assured to provide all possible assistance to state and complimented the Chief Minister for holding state's first Global Investors' Summit this month in Dharamshala.

CM DEMANDS EARLY CLEARANCE OF CHINTPURNI PRASAD PROJECT

Thakur also met Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Culture and Tourism Prahlad Singh Patel and requested the Minister to provide funds for virtual reality project for installing digital walls showcasing tourist destinations of Himachal Pradesh at suitable locations for attracting tourists. The Minister asked the State Government to send the project for immediate

clearance. The Chief Minister also requested for speedy clearance of ₹45 crore Chintpurni Prasad project and providing funds for strengthening infrastructure at Rewalsar under religious tourism circuit.

Thakur also demanded funds for erecting gateways at entry points to State and assured the Union Minister that the separate project under Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASAD) for developing the temples and pilgrims near entry points will be sent to the Ministry for consideration. Further, Chief Minister stressed on improved tourism infrastructure in the State.

Member of Parliament Ram Swaroop Sharma, Deputy Resident Commissioner Vivek Mahajan and officers from Tourism Ministry were also present in the meeting.

Two-day Literature festival opens today

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

The 7th edition of the litfest, Literati 2019, will open at the Chandigarh Lake Club on Saturday.

Organised by Chandigarh Literary Society (CLS), Advisor to the Administrator UT Chandigarh Manoj Parida, will be the guest of honour at the inaugural, while Bibek Debroy, Chairman of the Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council shall kick off the Literati with his keynote address.

The team literati including CLS founder members Vivek Atray, C J Singh, Hardeep Chandpur, Saguna Jain, Raavi, Suparna Saraswati, shared the poster of Literati with the media at the Lake Club.

Other highlight of the day would be an afternoon session with engineer and innovator Sonam Wangchuk, who inspired the 3-idiot movie's

character of Aamir Khan, and would speak on "The Heart of the Matter: Innovation Reimagined".

Mint Editor Mihir Dalal who wrote the Flipkart success story, and corporate executive Ankur Bisen whose book on the urban waste management is a hit, would join a panel with Shoolini University's Vice Chancellor Atul Khosla.

The cast of legendary Panjabi movie 'Chann Pardesi' would be back on stage with Raj Babbar, Subhash

Seghal, JS Cheema, Chitratha Singh, Baldev Gill, a n d Manmohan Singh, to relive those moments and share the upcoming remake of the same.

Besides the book launches, the morning would start with children's workshop, culminating with a mushaira, Sham-e-Mehfil.



Army chief visits Western Command HQ

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Army chief General Bipin Rawat on Friday visited Chandimandir military station near here.

He was briefed by Lt Gen RP Singh, General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Western Command, on operational preparedness of the theatre, a defence release said.

During his interaction with the troops, General Rawat commended them for their professionalism and undaunted spirit of executing their assigned tasks.

"He stressed upon the need to continue to train hard and to be prepared to stand up to any challenges coming their way. He emphasised to the soldiers to keep themselves abreast with latest trends in information technology, emerging threats and countermeasures," the release said.

"Chief of Army Staff also reiterated that the ethos, discipline and efficiency of the Army should always serve as an example to the rest of the nation," it said.

IN BRIEF

PUNJAB AND HARYANA HC GETS A NEW JUDGE

Chandigarh: The Chief Justice of Punjab and Haryana High Court Justice Ravi Shanker Jha on Friday administered oath of office to Justice Jaspurpreet Singh Puri as Additional Judge of the high court. Swearing-in-ceremony was organized in the High Court auditorium. Among those present during the oath taking ceremony included all judges of the High Court, Registrar, Officers of the registry, senior advocates and office-bearers of High Court Bar Association.

COACHING CAMP FOR INDIAN KABADDI TEAM STARTS

Chandigarh: The coaching camp of the Indian Kabaddi team, going to participate in the International Kabaddi Tournament 2019, has been started and would conclude on November 30. Sports Department spokesperson said that this coaching camp has been commenced at Sports Stadium Bathinda and 26 players are participating in it. The players were selected on November 19 during the selection trials, camp was being organised under the guidance of international Kabaddi coach Harpreet Singh.

EI TO HOST CONFERENCE IN CHANDIGARH ON NOV 27

Chandigarh: To improve the PISA (Programme for International Student Assessment) ranking, Indian students need to build a strong base of skills and conceptual learning. Having identified this need, Educational Initiatives (EI), India's most preferred education solutions provider, is hosting a conference in Chandigarh on November 27 which will focus on the scope of PISA 2021 and how to leverage the power of asking good questions in getting students PISA-ready.

CHANNI UNVEILS BOOK ON HISTORY OF PUNJABI CINEMA

Chandigarh: Punjab Cultural and Tourism Minister Charanjit Singh Channi, speaking during a function organised to unveil acclaimed film historian Bhim Raj Garg's book 'The Illustrated History of Punjabi Cinema 1935-1985', said that Punjabi cinema has a rich history and has played a pivotal role in bringing forth social and economic lifestyle of the people of the region. Channi said that this book will act as a stepping stone for younger generations to acquaint them with history of Punjabi cinema. Channi also announced ₹5 lakhs for the North Zone Film and TV Artists Association in recognition of its efforts in promoting Punjabi language.

HYDERABADI, MUGHLAI DELICACIES AT JW MARRIOTT

Chandigarh: Savour 'Tempting Beginnings', a rich culinary festival of Hyderabad and Mughlai delicacies by Chef Athar Hussain, the new MasterChef of Saffron, the iconic Indian fine-dining restaurant at JW Marriott Chandigarh. The festival is recreating the culinary creativity of Hyderabad — which was recently being recognized by the UNESCO as the 'Creative City of Gastronomy'. The meal for dinner at Saffron will be available in two set-menus — vegetarian at Rs 1950 plus taxes and non-vegetarian at Rs 2250 plus taxes per person.

OVER 100 EYE SPECIALISTS TO ATTEND EYE FILM FESTIVAL

Chandigarh: One day Chandigarh Eye Film Festival (CEFF-2019) is being organised on November 24 (Sunday) at Hotel Mountview. Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER) director and Head of Advanced Eye Centre Prof Jagat Ram be the chief guest and will inaugurate the event. Over 100 eye specialists from all over the country have registered themselves to attend this unique event, according to Dr Ashok Sharma, Director, Chandigarh Cornea Centre (CCC) which has organised the event.

FIRSTSTEPS HOLDS ANNUAL SPORTS DAY

Chandigarh: Firststeps IB World School, Sector 26, held its Annual Sports Day in collaboration with the Institute for Blind, Sector 26, on Friday at the community Sports Complex, Sector 7. The theme for the event 'Inclusion on Grounds' was blazon to the quintessential event. The occasion was graced by the Institute for Blind principal Jayaraj as the guest of honour. Students of both the schools came together to surpass bounds of physical realm to prove the essence on true sportsmanship with their team work, cooperation, empathy and focus.

LEISURE HOTELS GROUP'S RESORT OPENS IN HIMACHAL

Dharamshala: Leisure Hotels Group, a prominent hospitality chain in northern India having the largest number of properties in Uttarakhand, on Friday announced the launch of its 27th property 'Adivaha' at Dharamshala, Himachal Pradesh. The opening of Adivaha also marks the Leisure Hotel Group's second property in the scenic State of Himachal Pradesh. Adivaha, formerly known as the 'East Home', features viceroy block with over 240 years of heritage. Located in the lap of Dhauladhar range and spread over eight acres, this resort is an all-suite property, surrounded by the tea estate, offers panoramic views of the snow clad Dhauladhar ranges, the lush green Kangra Valley and the picturesque Tea Gardens.



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HIMACHAL PRADESH I&PH DEPARTMENT

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

Online bids on item rate basis are invited by the Executive Engineer, I&PH Division, Dalhousie on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh in electronic tendering system in two covers for the below mentioned work from the contractors/firms of appropriate class enlisted with Himachal Pradesh, I&PH Department.

Sr. No.	Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest Money	Time Limit	Cost of tender
1.	Command Area Development of Flow Irrigation Scheme Khaggaal Shilunta in Tehsil Shilunta Dist. Chamba (HP) (Sub - Head - Construction of R.C.C. 68 Nos. outlets and Construction of R.C.C. pucca field channel 7815 Rmt. at various R.D.s).	Rs. 1,16,23,375/-	Rs. 1,48,734/-	Two Years	Rs. 1500/-
2.	Remodelling of Flow Irrigation Scheme Bhujal Timal in G.P. Kharhatta in Tehsil Shilunta Dist. Chamba (H.P.) (Sub - Head - Construction of R.C.C. Diversion Weir 15 meter long. Construction of R.C.C. pucca main channel 1950 metre. Construction of R.C.C. outlets 4 Nos. Construction of road crossing 2 Nos. Construction of pucca field channel 675 meter. Construction of katcha field channel 450 meter and Construction of retaining wall 25 metre at different R.D.s).	Rs. 46,79,463/-	Rs. 77,692/-	One Year	Rs. 800/-
3.	Remodelling of Flow Irrigation Scheme Bipur to Lower Nagri in G.P. Kharhatta in Tehsil Shilunta Dist. Chamba (H.P.) (Sub - Head - Construction of R.C.C. head weir 12 Rmt. long. Construction of R.C.C. pucca main channel 2571 Rmt. Construction of R.C.C. outlets 4 Nos. Construction of foot path crossing 5 Nos. and Construction of R.C.C. desilting chamber 1 No.)	Rs. 31,89,733/-	Rs. 55,346/-	One Year	Rs. 400/-

- Tender documents and other instructions can be downloaded or viewed online from the portal <https://hptenders.gov.in> by the contractors/firms registered on the website.
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1.	Date of online publication	20.11.2019 at 10:00 AM
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4.	Date of opening of bid.	12:30 AM on 04.12.2019

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IN BRIEF

SJVN'S 'PRATIBIMB-2019' INAUGURATED

Shimla: The Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam Limited (SJVN) chairman and managing director Nand Lal Sharma on Friday inaugurated the second edition of SJVN's annual cultural & literary fest – PRATIBIMB-2019 – at Shimla. PRATIBIMB, an innovative endeavour, is aimed at encouraging Corporate Bonding and Organisational Cohesiveness amongst the employees of the organisation and also to sensitize them about rich Cultural and Folk Heritage of our country.

DISASTER MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP AND MOCK DRILL AT MCM

Chandigarh: In a first of its kind endeavour, the RUSA team of Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, in association with the Disaster Mangement Committee of the college, organized a Workshop and Mock Drill to generate awareness about the techniques and strategies required for disaster management. A team from the National Disaster Response Force 7th Battalion, Bathinda, Punjab appraised the students, faculty and the support staff of various measures which can minimize the catastrophic effects of any disaster. An exhibition of equipment used for disaster management like boats and diving suits used during flood or cyclones, Aska Lights for rescue operations, Victim Location Device and Seismic and Acoustic signal devices along with tools used for detecting radiation was a huge draw. The team described in detail the functioning of all these devices.



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Name of the Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount With NPA date	Description of secured asset (Immovable property)
(LC No. 00004327 of Chandigarh Metro Branch) Jasbir Singh (Borrower) Sukhwinder Kaur (Co Borrower 1)	29-10-2019/ ₹ 5,08,495/- (Five lakh Eight Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Five) NPA (01-09-2019)	Plot No. 89 (As Per Colony Plan) Balaji Enclave Village Kollimajra Laru Patiala Punjab 140506
(LC No. 00000351 of Jalandhar Branch) Indrajit Singh (Borrower) Kulwinder Kaur (Co Borrower 1)	29-10-2019/ ₹ 7,57,694/- (Seven lakh Fifty Seven Thousand Six Hundred Ninety Four) NPA (01-04-2019)	Plot No.1456, Jalandhar Kunj Extension 1, Village Wariyana Near Kapurthala Road Jalandhar Jalandhar Punjab 144003
(LC No. 00041346 of Ludhiana - Stock Exchange Branch) Jaswinder Singh (Borrower) Shingara Singh (Co Borrower 1)	29-10-2019/ ₹ 969360/- (Nine lakh Sixty Nine Thousand Three Hundred Sixty) NPA (01-09-2019)	Plot No 20 Bhal Bala Colony Vpo Daad Ludhiana Ludhiana Punjab 141001
(LC No. 00000735 of Jalandhar Branch) Sukhwinder Singh (Borrower) Satwant Kaur (Co Borrower 1)	29-10-2019/ ₹ 23,25,744 /- (Twenty Three lakh Twenty Five Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Four) NPA (01-09-2019)	Hadbast No- 138 New Gurunanak Nagar Sultanpur Lodhi Kapurthala Kapurthala Punjab 144626
(LC No. 00041523 of Ludhiana - Stock Exchange Branch) Gurdial Chand (Borrower) Pardeep So Gurdial Chand (Co Borrower 1)	29-10-2019/ ₹ 17,20,091/- (Seventeen lakh Twenty Thousand Ninety One) NPA (01-08-2019)	Builtup House In Block C Isher Nagar, Nr Guru Amardass Public School, Ludhiana, Ludhiana-141001, Punjab.
(LC No. 00001227 of Patiala Branch) Manik Kumar (Borrower) Swarna Jagtap (Co Borrower 1)	29-10-2019/ ₹ 25,70,710/- (Twenty Five lakh Seventy Thousand Seven Hundred Ten) NPA (01-09-2019)	Padmni Jewellers Sarafa Bazar Gandhi Ground Patiala Patiala Punjab 147001
(LC No. 00002376 of Jalandhar Branch) Shri Ganesh Industries (Borrower) Lachman Dass (Co Borrower 1) Kamla Devi (Co Borrower 2) Lekh Raj (Guarantor 1) Surjit Kaur (Guarantor 2)	29-10-2019/ ₹ 1,00,57,210/- (One Crore Fifty Seven Thousand Two Hundred Ten) NPA (01-09-2019)	Hadbast No 150 Village Burj Pukhta, Tehsil Phillour Jalandhar Jalandhar Punjab 144410
(LC No. 00002430 of Jalandhar Branch) Shri Ganesh Industries (Borrower) Lachman Dass (Co Borrower 1) Kamla Devi (Co Borrower 2) Lekh Raj (Guarantor 1) Surjit Kaur (Guarantor 2)	29-10-2019/ ₹ 4,75,123/- (Four lakh Seventy Five Thousand One Hundred Twenty Three) NPA (01-09-2019)	Hadbast No 150 Village Burj Pukhta, Tehsil Phillour Jalandhar Jalandhar Punjab 144410
(LC No. 00002592 of Jalandhar Branch) Sushma Devi (Borrower) Arvind Singh (Co Borrower 1)	29-10-2019/ ₹ 12,89,524/- (Twelve lakh Eighty Nine Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Four) NPA (01-08-2019)	Kh No- 41/2/1/2(2-0) Village Kotla Ganspur Near Gurayya Property Dealer, Hoshiarpur, Hoshiarpur-146001, Punjab.
(LC No. 00003375 of Jalandhar Branch) Vishal Kumar (Borrower) Palak Verma (Co Borrower 1) Amit Kumar (Guarantor 1)	29-10-2019/ ₹ 16,19,532/- (Sixteen lakh Nineteen Thousand Five Hundred Thirty Two) NPA (01-08-2019)	Kh No 19/6 Sharma Colony Vill Sherpur, Jalandhar, Jalandhar-144001, Punjab.
(LC No. 00003377 of Jalandhar Branch) Jaswant Singh (Borrower) Gurjit Kaur (Co Borrower 1) Lakhbeer Singh (Co Borrower 2)	29-10-2019/ ₹ 41,22,062/- (Forty One lakh Twenty Two Thousand Sixty Two) NPA (01-09-2019)	Hadbast No 262, Villagetikhawal Gurdaspur Road, Near Axis Bank Mukerian District Hoshiarpur Mukerian Hoshiarpur Punjab 146001
(LC No. 00003370 of Jalandhar Branch) Jaswant Singh (Borrower) Gurjit Kaur (Co Borrower 1) Lakhbeer Singh (Co Borrower 2)	29-10-2019/ ₹ 63,23,694/- (Sixty Three lakh Twenty Three Thousand Six Hundred Ninety Four) NPA (01-09-2019)	Hadbast No 267, Khasra No 23/10-2, 5-16 Village Mana, Gurdaspur Road Tehsil Mukerian Hoshiarpur Hoshiarpur Punjab 146001
(LC No. 00003388 of Jalandhar Branch) Malkinder Kumar (Borrower) Shanti Rani (Co Borrower 1) Komal Rani (Co Borrower 2) Dharminder Kumar (Guarantor 1)	29-10-2019/ ₹ 14,16,117/- (Fourteen lakh Sixteen Thousand One Hundred Seventeen) NPA (01-09-2019)	Khasra No 180(4-4) Kita 1 (4-4), Khata No 330/333, Hadbast No 47 Vill Urmur, Main Bazar Road Tanda Hoshiarpur Punjab 144203
(LC No. 00003781 of Ludhiana Metro Branch) Vishwas Priya Kumar (Borrower) Archana Kumar (Co Borrower 1)	29-10-2019/ ₹ 11,94,020/- (Eleven lakh Ninety Four Thousand Twenty) NPA (01-09-2019)	Plot No 26 Village Partap Singh Wala Madhuban Enclave Kitchlu Nagar Ludhiana Ludhiana Punjab 141002
(LC No. 00004264 of Jalandhar Branch) Sunil Kumar (Borrower) Anjali Rani (Co Borrower 1)	29-10-2019/ ₹ 17,58,080/- (Seventeen lakh Fifty Eight Thousand Eighty) NPA (01-08-2019)	Portion Of H No 11 Wakia Abadi Hargobind Nagar Kalia Colony Jalandhar Jalandhar Punjab 144001

If the said Borrowers shall fail to make payment to DHFL as aforesaid, DHFL shall proceed against the above secured assets under section 13(4) of the Act and the applicable Rules, entirely at the risks of the said Borrowers as to the costs and consequences. The said Borrowers are prohibited under the Act from transferring the aforesaid assets, whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of DHFL. Any person who contravenes or abets contravention of the provisions of the said Act or Rules made there under, shall be liable for imprisonment and/or penalty as provided under the Act.

Date : 23-11-2019
Place: Punjab
Sd/-
(Authorised Officer)
Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Limited

सर्व हरियाणा ग्रामीण बैंक
Sarva Haryana Gramin Bank
(भारत सरकार का उद्योग) (Govt. of India Undertaking)
प्रायोजक : पंजाब नेशनल बैंक Sponsored by: Punjab National Bank
Branch: Gurgaon Main Branch Phone No. 8570006124

PHYSICAL POSSESSION NOTICE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)
Notices are hereby given under the Securitisation 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 the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued demand notices on the dates mentioned below in the notice and stated hereinafter calling upon them to repay the amount within 60 days from the date of receipt of said notices.

The borrowers and guarantors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and guarantors and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said Act on the date mentioned below in the table.

The borrowers and guarantors in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealing with the properties will be subject to the charge of Sarva Haryana Gramin Bank for the amount and interest thereon.

Name of Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s)	Description of the properties mortgaged	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession	Amount O/s
Borrower M/S Mehta Sales Corp. Prop. Smt Balvinder kaur w/o Sh Balwant Rai Mehta R/O 662/11 Rattan Garden, Gurgaon	All that part and parcel of the Property bearing House No.255 (33 Sq.Yds) bounded towards East aam rasta, west Digar malik,north digar malik and south digar malik at Bheem Nagar District-Gurugram in the name of Smt. Balvinder kaur w/o Sh Balwant Rai Mehta R/O 662/11 Rattan Garden Gurgaon	09.01.2019	18.11.2019	Rs. 2043715.24/- (Rupees Twenty Lakh forty three Thousand Seven Hundred fifteen and paise twenty four Only) and interest thereon w.e.f. 01.11.2018 together with further interest, expenses, costs charges,less recoveries if any .

Date : 22.11.2019 Place: GURGAON Authorised Officer (Sarva Haryana Gramin Bank)

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

ICICI Bank 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 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.	Navnisha Singh Saajan / Davinder Kaur / LBLUD00003459543 / LBLUD00003461009 / LBLUD00003461013	Plot No 6, Khasra No- 29-30-31/5, Khata No- 701/804, H.B. No- 166 Wakia Taraf Gehelwal Abadi, Laxmi Colony Near Radha, Swami Satsang Ghar, Ludhiana Punjab / November 21, 2019	August 16, 2019 Rs. 17,77,307/-	Ludhiana

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

Date : 23-11-2019 Place: Ludhiana Authorised Officer ICICI Bank Limited

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

A notice is hereby given that the following borrower/s have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the loans facility obtained by them from the secured creditor and the loans have been classified as Non Performing Assets (NPA). The notice dated, were issued to them under Section 13 (2) of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act-2002 on their last known addresses as provided to the secured creditor by them, that in addition thereto for the purposes of information of the said borrowers enumerated below, the said borrowers are being informed by way of this public notice.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address	Property Address of Secured Asset / Asset to be Enforced	Date of Notice Sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
1.	Dharamraj, Nirmla Devi, S/o Rampal Village Mirzapur Kheri, 87 Sonapat, Gohana Haryana A/C No:- NHGH00000848800	Property No- 385/21, Part No- Killa No-270/20/2, Ward No- 21, Gautam Nagar, Sonapat, Haryana	08-Nov-2019, Rs. 618983/-	05-06-2019
2.	Suresh Kumar, Monika, Plot No-93, Ward No-7, Shiv Nagar Hissar, Hissar Haryana A/C No:- NHHS00001245437	Plot No-93 Khasra No-137/116 Vasika No- 3533, Intkal No- 9618, Hissar, Haryana	08-Nov-2019, Rs. 601627/-	07-03-2019
3.	Manoj Kumar Mehta, Taruna, House No-386 Near Main Chowk, Nang Thalia 138 Nangthala, Hissar Aryana A/C No:- NHHSR00000818861	House No-500, LIG-I, Housing Board Colony, Sirsa Road, Hissar, Haryana	08-Nov-2019, Rs. 659299/-	11-01-2019

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

Date : 23-11-2019 Place: Haryana Authorised Officer For ICICI Home Finance Company Ltd.

JJP to get one more ministerial berth: Dushyant

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH/SIRSA

With two Cabinet berths yet to be filled in the State, Haryana Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala on Friday said that Jannayak Janta Party (JJP) will get one another ministerial berth in next Cabinet expansion.

To assuage the sentiments of the other Members of Legislative Assembly (MLAs), he said they will get major responsibilities to usher in a new era of development in the State.

Only one JJP MLA out of 10 was inducted as Minister in the Cabinet expansion held on November 14. JJP's Uklana MLA Anoop Singh Dhanak was inducted as Minister of State and given the charge of Archaeology & Museums (independent charge) and Labour & Employment (attached with Deputy Chief Minister).

The BJP had on October 27 formed the Government with



the support of 10 JJP MLAs.

While many senior BJP leaders did not make it to the list of 10 council of ministers on the basis of their seniority, the final

list of Ministers also did not go down well in the JJP camp.

Among other party MLAs, senior JJP leader Ram Kumar Gautam, who had defeated Capt

Abhimanyu to win Narnaund assembly seat, was ignored for a Cabinet berth despite his seniority and political standing. On being asked about the

common minimum programme of BJP-JJP, the Deputy CM on Friday said that the all developmental announcements made in the programme will be completed for which a committee has been set up. Cabinet Minister Anil Vij, Minister of State Anoop Dhanak and three former MLAs will chalk out the programme.

This committee will prepare a roadmap to give further impetus to the announcements of the common minimum program of BJP-JJP, he added.

On the issue of liquor ban in panchayats, Dushyant said that the decision of State Government to empower the village panchayat to ban the sale of liquor in its jurisdiction will show revolutionary results in the coming days.

He further said that the State Government has successfully organised the exam of Haryana Teacher Eligibility Test (HTET) within a radius of 50-

km as JJP had promised in its manifesto. He called it just the beginning of a new era and said that the government will ensure unprecedented development in Haryana.

Responding to the opposition's allegation on paddy procurement, the Deputy CM said that the State Government has procured the paddy more than its set target. We have successfully procured 63 lakh tonnes of paddy whereas the target was 50 lakh tonnes of paddy.

The State Government has also prepared a loan waiver programme and farmers have given an overwhelming response to the scheme, he added.

Dushyant further said that on Union Government's insistence, a special session of Haryana Assembly will be convened on November 26 to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the adoption of Constitution of India.

'Very poor' air quality in many dists of Hry

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Several districts in Haryana on Friday reported air quality indices in the "very poor" category.

Palwal, Ballabhgarh, Rohtak, Yamunanagar, Hisar, Jind reported the "very poor" air quality as their AQIs stood at 374, 317, 319, 311, 332 and 346 respectively, as per the data provided by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB).

Among other Haryana districts, Ambala (AQI 230), Bahadurgarh (286), Bhiwani (298), Panipat (297), Gurugram (288) and Fatehabad (256) reported air quality in the "poor" category, according to the CPCB data.

In Punjab, Mandi Gobindgarh recorded the air quality (AQI 323) in "very poor" category.

Among other places in the state, Jalandhar's AQI was 259, while Bathinda and Amritsar were comparatively better with AQIs of 148 and 119, respectively, the CPCB data said.

The air quality index in the Union Territory of Chandigarh was recorded at 271, which is considered as "poor".

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.

Even though the number of stubble-burning incidents have significantly dropped now in the two agrarian states, the air quality, which had slightly improved during the past few days, again deteriorated on Friday at many places.

Cong, SAD leaders spar over Sarpanch killing in Punjab

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

The Congress and the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) leaders on Friday entered into a war of words over the allegations leveled against Punjab Cabinet Minister Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa by Akali MLA Bikram Singh Majithia following the former Akali Sarpanch Dalbir Singh Dhillwan's killing.

A day after Majithia accused Randhawa of executing a "political murder" in connivance with the police and gangsters, the Minister dismissed the allegations while blaming the Akali leader of politicizing the matter.

To support Randhawa, senior Congress leaders from

Gurdaspur issued a joint statement dubbing Majithia as the "godfather of crime, drugs and gangsters".

Dismissing Majithia's allegations, Randhawa said that Akali leader was trying to divert the public attention from the issues of his involvement in drugs and that of the Badals in the sacrilege of the Guru Granth Sahib "for which the Punjab will chase them right to their grave and I promise, I will chase them to the jail".

Declaring that he was "ready for an independent judicial probe", Randhawa asked Majithia if he was also "prepared for a similar probe against himself for his involvement in drugs and patronizing the gangsters".

"Bikram Majithia is a failed and a frustrated man and he is trying to politicize a murder," said Randhawa.

"Majithia should explain to people of Punjab that how can he justify visiting and supporting the family of a terrorist who had killed eight members of a Hindu community after dragging them out from a bus," said Randhawa, adding that the terrorist happened to be the brother of the slain Akali leader Dalbir Singh.

The law will take its own course and investigations will reveal the motive and the culprits behind the murder of Dalbir Singh, said the Minister while condemning Majithia for trying to politicize it.

Congress leaders from Gurdaspur, including Cabinet

Minister Aruna Chaudhary, MLAs — Fateh Jang Singh Bajwa, Barindermit Singh Pahra, Balwinder Singh Ladi, and former MLA Ashwani Sekhri, said that it was strange that a person who is the "godfather of crime, gangsters, peddlers and smugglers in Punjab" has the audacity to level such baseless allegations against Randhawa who has launched a vigorous campaign against gangsters.

"Randhawa and his family do not need any certificate of patriotism from someone like Majithia. Randhawa family has a history of patriotism right from S Santokh Singh Randhawa onwards and everyone knows it," they reminded the Akali leader, while asking him not to stoop too low in

failure and frustration.

Congress leaders said that the culture of gangsters and drugs was created by Majithia whose links with the drug mafia, criminals and the gangsters are too well known. "The notorious criminal Jaggu Bhagwanpuria was patronized by Majithia only. No matter how hard Majithia and the Akalis may try to deflect the public attention from their sins of omission and commission, people of Punjab will never forgive them," they said.

RANDHAWA HAVE TO PAY FOR POLITICAL MURDER: SAD

Asking Punjab Jails Minister Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa not to deflect attention from the grave charges lev-

eled against him by the family of slain former Akali Sarpanch Dalbir Singh Dhillwan, the SAD on Friday said that he would have to answer for the "political murder".

"The family of Dalbir Dhillwan has already exposed the Jails minister. They have proved how you implicated 10 members of the family in a false case in 2004 immediately after your turban was toppled when you tried to indulge in booth capturing in Dhillwan village during the parliamentary election. You have not denied this fact," said the former minister Daljit Singh Cheema.

Cheema said that it was also a proven fact that the victim family is not getting justice. "Gurdaspur police is not reg-

istering an FIR on the basis of the victim's son's statement who has openly claimed that his father's killing was a political murder and was committed by Congressmen under your direct patronage.

"The district police is not registering the FIR because of undue pressure being exerted by you. If you are so confident that you are innocent, why are you afraid of letting the police register an FIR against you as per law?" he asked.

Cheema also asked the Jails Minister to disclose how many times he had talked to gangster Jaggu Bhagwanpuria who was his ardent supporter and whose family was patronized by him.

"How do you account for the fact that Bhagwanpuria's

extortion racket has grown manifold as per the top most officials of the Punjab Police? Since you are the Jails minister does it not prove a nexus between the two of you?" Cheema asked while asserting that Randhawa was directly responsible for the increase in drug trade in Punjab jails.

Stating that Randhawa's days were numbered, Cheema said: "You cannot run away from the law now. You will be arrested once the statement of the victim family implicating you directly in the murder of Dalbir Dhillwan is recorded."

Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh will have no option but to sack you from the Ministry but will also have to go to jail as per the law of the land, he said.

Int'l Gita Mahotsav from November 23

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The International Gita Mahotsav will start from November 23 in Kurukshetra and the Festival will continue till December 10 in which several programs including arts, crafts, culture, heritage and spirituality will be organised.

A Government spokesperson on Friday said that joint performances of national and international artists and craftsmen will be seen in this craft fair which will be held on the banks of Brahma Sarovar at Kurukshetra.

On December 3, Sampuran Gita Paath and Gita Yajna Inauguration of Exhibition and State Pavilion Inauguration of International Gita Seminar will be done. On the same day Maha Aarti, Bhajan Sandhya Inauguration of Water Laser Show, Inauguration of Cultural Programmes Cultural Performance by Partner State-Uttarakhand and Performance by renowned Punjabi singer Gurdas Maan will also be organized.

On December 4, International Gita Seminar,

Cultural Programme by Artists of North Zone Cultural Centre, Water Laser Show, Maha Aarti and Bhajan Sandhya and Krishna Leela by renowned film actress Ameesha Patel will be organised.

On December 5, the valedictory session of International Gita Seminar along with Gita Paath Cultural Programme by Kurukshetra University Water Laser Show Maha Aarti and Bhajan Sandhya Performance by singer Daler Mehndi will be organised.

On December 6, complete recital of Srimadbhagavadgita in group Cultural Performance at Haryana Pavilion, Water Laser show, Maha Aarti and Bhajan Sandhya Kavi Sammelan will be organised in the evening.

On 7 December, the collective entire Gita recital, Art and Culture Department Haryana will perform cultural presentation, Sant Sammelan, sound and light show, Aarti and Bhajan Sandhya and in the evening by famous singer Abhijit Bhattacharya.

Conduct survey to check drugs trade: Hry Chief Secy to officials

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Haryana Chief Secretary Keshni Anand Arora on Friday directed the official to conduct a survey in the State on the illegal production, consumption of drugs and management and rehabilitation in Haryana so that a strong mechanism can be devised to protect the younger generation from the increasing drug abuse problem.

"The survey should be conducted on the lines of the National Survey conducted on drugs," she said.

The directions came in a meeting with the officials of the Excise and Taxation Department, Police, Social Justices, Higher Education, School Education and Northern Region Narcotic Bureau. The Chief Secretary directed the officials to strengthen the institutional mechanism for the prevention of illicit production of drugs across the State.

Arora directed the officials to prepare a detailed

report on the survey main points so that the permanent solution can be found for the drug problem and further steps can be taken for its prevention.

She said a Central Management Information System should also be set up, on which the information related to drugs should be uploaded by the concerned departments including Police, Health, Social Justice and Empowerment and Education and after which the State can easily formulate and implement the actual strategy in this regard.

Additional Chief Secretary Home Department, Navraj Sandhu, Additional Chief Secretary Excise and Taxation Department Sanjeev Kausal, Principal Secretary Higher Education Department Ankur Gupta, Director General of Police Manoj Yadava, Deputy Director General of North Regional Narcotics Control Bureau SK Jha and other senior officials were present in the meeting.

Special drive to check plying of illegal buses by private bus operators in Punjab

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Punjab Transport Department would soon launch a special drive to check plying of illegal buses in the State by the private bus operators which in turn adversely affecting the revenue collection targets of the public transport.

Stating this while presiding over a high-level meeting with all the regional transport authorities, General Manager of all the depots of PRTC, PUNBUS and Punjab Roadways to review its working, the state Transport Minister Razia Sultana on Friday asked the officials concerned to increase surveillance through flying squad teams on all the routes to identify illegal plying of buses by private bus operators.

Directing all the RTAs and GMs to meet all the targets of revenue generation in specified timeline, the Minister asked them to take stern legal action against such fraudulent and illegal practices by private bus operators.

She categorically asked the

officers to ensure the implementation of 'one bus one permit' policy across the State.

The Transport Minister also reviewed the income receipts, total income, profit and revenue loss of each depot separately.

She asked the General Managers to put in extra efforts to increase the revenue collection by identifying and blocking all illegal tacit ways of pilferage and theft.

The general managers were also instructed to put up all the outstanding bills of payment towards various departments in lieu of providing free or concessional bus travel pass to various categories in Punjab Roadways and PUNBUS.

Officers were also asked to make an inventory of all the condemned buses and other out of use items lying in various depots and to start the auction of such waste material. "Transport Department would soon put up a proposal before the Finance Department to purchase new buses to increase the existing fleet of PUNBUS," she added.

VOLTE-FACE: Two of the advisors seek Govt accommodation

MONIKA MALIK ■ CHANDIGARH

Just over a fortnight after the six newly-appointed advisors to the Punjab Chief Minister declared that their appointment would not be any burden on the State exchequer, two of them have formally applied for Government bungalows at Chandigarh.

Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh's Political Advisor Sangat Singh Gilzian and Planning Advisor Kuljit Singh Nagra have written to the State General Administration Department seeking allotment of a kothi.

Notably, the Punjab Government, over two months back, had appointed six legislators as advisors to the Chief Minister, giving Cabinet-rank to five of them, and the rank of Minister of State to the remaining one.

Four MLAs — Kushaldeep Singh Dhillon (Faridkot), Amarinder Singh Raja Warring (Gidderbaha), Sangat Singh Gilzian (Urmur) and Inderbir Singh Bolaria (Amritsar South) — have been designated as political advisors. Fatehgarh Sahib MLA Kuljit Singh Nagra has been designated as planning advisor in the cabinet rank, while Attari MLA Tarsem Singh DC has been appointed as planning advisor but with the rank of Minister of State.

To bypass the technical and legal tangles and saving them from facing disqualification for holding the 'office of profit', Punjab Vidhan Sabha had, early this month, also passed "The Punjab State Legislature (Prevention of Disqualification) Amendment Bill" excluding these six MLAs from the 'office of profit'.

The Opposition parties have all along been taking on the Government accusing it of circumventing the constitutional cap on the Cabinet size and "daylight robbery" of the State exchequer.

However, these advisors had declared not to accept any additional facilities or perks, besides the MLAs salary, while serving the Government on the advisor's post.

"We would have our salary as MLA and would not take anything as advisors," Warring had declared while retorting to the Opposition's attack in the Vidhan Sabha session on

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November 7 during the discussion on the Bill. Warring had then accused the opposition of hogging the limelight.

Endorsing Warring, Nagra had also boasted of being the only MLA to fill his own income tax, while maintaining that he had even given up the power subsidy on his tubewell.

He had even suggested that every MLA should decide that no one would claim any single benefit from the State Government "if they are so concerned about the state's coffers".

In a volte-face, Nagra claimed that he was seeking Government accommodation as he did not have any house at Chandigarh, and not even an accommodation for which he was eligible to get as an MLA.

Nagra maintained that being an advisor, he need to stay at Chandigarh so that he could work for the Government.

At the same time, Gilzian maintained that he had applied for the accommodation as he was given a Cabinet rank and he was making the demand accordingly, which is "not wrong".

It has been learnt that soon, these six advisors will be allotted accommodation in Sector 39.

On the other hand, the appointment is also facing a legal trouble. An advocate Jagmohan Singh Bhatti had challenged the appointments in the Punjab and Haryana High Court arguing that the appointments of six MLAs was a violation of the provisions of the Constitution (91st amendment) Act, 2003, which stipulate that the strength of Cabinet ministers could not exceed 15 percent of total strength of members of the House.

Tribune Flyover project in limbo, alternatives to be explored

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With the ambitious Tribune flyover project in limbo after the Punjab and Haryana High Court stayed the axing of trees for the project, the Chandigarh Administration, which earlier ignored red flags raised by the UT Urban Planning Department, may have to consider the feasible alternatives for the project now.

The UT Department of Urban Planning and other experts had last year raised objections on the Tribune flyover project and also suggested alternative proposals to the UT Engineering Department.

While observing that the project is being implemented in violation of Chandigarh Master Plan 2031, the High Court had on Wednesday had put a stay on cutting of trees for the project, virtually putting brakes on the project.

According to the Chandigarh Master Plan 2031, over bridges or flyovers are not recommended to be construct-

ed in entire city of Chandigarh due to heritage considerations, since they impact the visual city scape, and cause inconvenience to the pedestrians.

To alleviate the traffic congestion at the Tribune Chowk, the master plan had in fact recommended construction of underpass, as proposed in the RITES (Rail India Technical And Economic Services) report.

The master plan had also suggested that to meet future demands in the city, the RITES proposal of three intercity bus terminals including one at Sector 31 near Tribune Chowk to cater to inter-state buses coming from different directions to Chandigarh Urban Complex could be explored.

To ease the traffic congestion at the Tribune Chowk, the UT Urban Planning Department had suggested that alternative routes or bypasses from Industrial Area, Phase-II for right turning cars and buses towards ISBT, Sector 43 may be explored. Apart from this, pro-

vision of lane markings, directional arrows, intersection controlled markings and bus boxes were recommended.

Among other suggestions included were the possibility of provision of tapered median U-turns to avoid right turns at the roundabout, reserving or demarcating extreme left lanes segregated by yellow painted solid 10 mm thick line for both city bus services and ambulances, trucks going towards Mohali via Tribune Chowk coming from Zirakpur side may be diverted strictly to Aero City road, and the possibility of connecting slow carriageway directly with the existing slip roads near Tribune Chowk.

It was also recommended that to decrease volume of congestion on Dakshin Marg caused by the state transport buses going towards ISBT-43 coming from Zirakpur side, existing 80 feet wide road in Industrial Area Phase 2 having direct connectivity with the slow carriage way functioning

along Dakshin Marg may be explored as a bypass after making certain amendments.

It was also stated that the proposed ring road, in the periphery of Chandigarh, will divert the traffic going to Mohali from Zirakpur previously via Tribune Chowk which will reduce the existing traffic volume load on Dakshin Marg.

The UT Urban Planning Department had also suggested reducing private vehicles on roads by implementing shared mobility concept on the pattern of MNCs in Delhi, Noida and Gurugram and other IT hubs.

However in response to the UT Urban Planning recommendations on ring road, the UT Engineering Department had stated, "The proposed ring road in the periphery of Chandigarh is quite far away from UT Chandigarh boundary. It is even far away from Mohali. Therefore, the ring road whenever is constructed have very little impact on this stretch of road," (Dakshin Marg).

As per the Indian Road Congress (IRC), a decision to provide a flyover shall be based on examination of different alternatives and only after all other avenues of efficient management of traffic through grade treatments are exhausted.

Notably, in the Comprehensive Mobility Plan submitted to the UT Administration in the past, the RITES had stated that Tribune Chowk exhibit high traffic volumes (more than 100,000 Passenger Car Units). The daily traffic volume (16 hours) of total vehicles of 143170 including 135805 PCUs (passenger car units) was observed at Rotary of Dakshin Marg and Purv Marg near Sector-31 Tribune Chowk.

The construction of the flyover and underpass at Tribune Chowk is aimed at making traffic steady and smooth at the most busy junction of the city, where there is the highest concentration of vehicular traffic.

It was in the month of

March this year when the Punjab Governor and Chandigarh Administrator VP Singh Badnore had laid the foundation stone of the much awaited and desired flyover and underpass at Tribune Chowk.

To ease out the traffic on the Tribune Chowk, which falls on National Highway (NH-5), Chandigarh Administration had taken up the matter with Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.

Post reviewing various proposals prepared by the consultant, the Ministry had accorded approval amounting to Rs 183.74 crore for grade separated intersection at Tribune Chowk. The flyover was proposed to start right after the Medical Chowk and cover the entire Tribune Chowk along Dakshin Marg.

In addition to this, an underpass along Purv Marg and an elevated rotary at Tribune Chowk with slip roads along all the sides is also planned.

Army issues WhatsApp advisory

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

With Pakistan resorting to social media to trap Indian services personnel to gather sensitive intelligence, the Army has issued an advisory to all its personnel to change their WhatsApp settings to make sure they are not automatically added to any group. This caution comes weeks after the Army warned its officers and men to be beware of fake spiritual gurus trying to entice them through social media.

The latest advisory comes after an Indian Army officer was reportedly added to a group by a Pakistan based mobile number. As per the advisory, the alert officer showed the presence of mind, took a screenshot of the group and exited it. It noted that there had been attempts to target Army personnel on messaging

apps such as WhatsApp in the past. Thereafter, it listed the steps to change the WhatsApp settings to avoid such incidents in the future, sources said here on Friday.

Some days back the Army had warned officers holding sensitive posts in operational areas, all headquarters, divisions and brigades to stop using WhatsApp for official communication as it was vulnerable platform.

The advisory also noted that social media website Facebook could be used for collecting intelligence and personnel were advised to refrain from using their Facebook accounts, sources said here on Friday.

Amongst other precautions to be taken, officers and men were advised not to upload their pictures in uniform or discuss about their posting, officials said adding even the families of those post-

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ed in sensitive areas were also cautioned to refrain from talking about the whereabouts of their family members serving in the armed forces.

Moreover, the armed forces have been asked not to link their Gmail accounts to multiple applications as that could compromise information on the email account.

Recently, the Army warned its jawans and officers to be alert as fake spiritual gurus and

babas are reaching out to personnel in an attempt to seek military information. The Army has also issued an advisory to its personnel cautioning them about fake social media sites as nearly 150 such sites used by Pakistan Intelligence Officers has come to light.

Issuing this warning, the Army also alerted its personnel from refraining unknown social media sites that are being used by adversaries for honey trap to extract sensitive information, sources said.

Elaborating upon the threat posed by fake spiritual gurus and babas, they said these persons through the social media try to trap gullible and vulnerable soldiers undergoing some issues thereby depressed and their families. After gaining their confidence over a time, these so-called gurus then try to seek information about movement of

troops and other sensitive military information.

Explaining the modus operandi about the Pakistani intelligence officers using the fake sites, officials said families of the soldiers are also targeted and sometimes they may inadvertently given information about the posting of their relatives.

The threat is more prominent in civil areas with the army coming in contact with the public and the men in uniform may give out sensitive information.

Some of the fake identities pose as nurses or claim to be from the Army Headquarters seeking details about the whereabouts of the personnel from their families.

The fake profiles are generally 2-3 years old. So, they do not raise suspicion and appear to be authentic. It is then that they started targeting, officials added.

Shah holds meeting with PSMC over onion price hike

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

With onion prices showing no signs of decline, the Modi Government on Friday brainstormed over the issue to get root cause to the problem which giving sleepless night to the people.

The Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday chaired a meeting of Price Stabilization Management Committee (PSMC) involving all stakeholders to discuss the strategies to cool down onion prices. Union Ministers Ram Vilas Paswan, Piyush Goyal and Narendra Singh Tomar and senior officials of ministries and intelligence agencies were also present.

Currently, retail onion prices across the country have been hovering around ₹80 to ₹90 per kg, even crossing the

₹100-mark in some places. The wholesale onion price has increased to ₹79.50 per kg at Lasalgaon and ₹82 per kg at Pimpalgaon in Maharashtra on Friday. Daily onion arrivals have dipped to barely 10-15 percent of arrivals a year ago. Traders say the situation is expected to remain till December end due to shortage of onion.

Onion prices have come under pressure due to 26 per cent fall in the production to 52.06 lakh tonnes during the kharif output late-kharif seasons of 2019-20. The Government is also facilitating private imports and also relaxed phytosanitary and fumigation norms till December. PSMC reviews prices of essential commodities whenever they shoot up and figures out the reason behind

the surge and then decides on measures to be taken to rein them in. Since August, these officials have become a regular fixture at the meetings of the government's PSMC Officials of intelligence, enforcement and income tax department work in tandem with the agriculture, commerce and consumer affairs ministries to ensure that onion prices are kept under check.

The central Government has been holding regular meetings on ways to check the rise in the price of onions. The Union Cabinet had on Wednesday approved import of 1.2 lakh metric tonnes onion in view of high prices of the essential commodity in the market. The Government has been trying to tackle the issue since August when prices first touched ₹40 per kg.

FROM THE PARLIAMENT

Opp says BJP receiving crores from firm being probed by ED

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Opposition on Friday accused the BJP of receiving crores in donation from a company being probed by the ED for allegedly buying properties from Iqbal Mirchi, an accused in the 1993 Mumbai bomb blasts, and asked whether or not it was a case of "treason".

Parliament witnesses uproar over electoral bonds issue with Congress attacking the Government and asking Prime Minister Narendra Modi to come clean on the allegations surrounding the electoral bonds scheme and accused the Government of legalising corruption.

Opposition parties led by the Congress, which protested in Parliament premises and described the issue as a "threat to democracy", sought to raise the matter in the Rajya Sabha but were not allowed to do so by the Chair. The CPI(M) along with the CPI also hit out at the government over the issue of electoral bonds and said it was "legalised political

corruption".

Several senior Congress leaders, including leader of opposition in Rajya Sabha Ghulam Nabi Azad, Congress leader in Lok Sabha Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, Anand Sharma, Shashi Tharoor and Manish Tewari, protested against the Government inside Parliament House premises.

The MPs held placards asking the prime minister to break his silence on the issue, raised slogans against the government and called for ending the electoral bonds scheme. The issue of electoral bonds has snowballed into a political flashpoint following a report by a news portal that the Reserve Bank of India and the Election Commission had reservations against them but were overruled by the Modi government.

Citing the same report, Congress general secretary



Priyanka Gandhi Vadra said it has made four disclosures in the case of donations through electoral bonds. CPI(M) general secretary Sitaram Yechury also attacked the government on the matter.

Congress' chief spokesperson Randeep Surjewala cited a media report claiming the BJP took a large donation from a firm being probed by the Enforcement Directorate for carrying out transactions with and buying properties from the late Iqbal Mirchi, an accused in the 1993 Mumbai bomb blasts and a close aide of global terrorist Dawood Ibrahim. There was no response from the BJP on the allegations.

Govt introduces Bill to ban e-cigarettes

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Ignoring the demand for reconsideration of the ban imposed on e-cigarettes and Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS), the Government on Friday introduced a Bill in this regard in the Parliament.

The proposed Prohibition of Electronic Cigarettes (Production, Import, Export, Sale, Distribution, Storage and Advertisement) Bill, 2019, prepared by the Ministry of Health and Family aims to replace the Ordinance that was promulgated in September 18.

Introduced by Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan, the bill makes the manufacturing, production, import, export, distribution, transport, sale, storage or advertisements of such alternative smoking devices a cognizable offence, attracting a jail term and a fine.

First-time violators will face a jail term of up to one year and a fine of ₹1 lakh. For subsequent offences, a jail term of up to three years or a fine of ₹5 lakh, or both.

The storage of e-cigarettes shall also be punishable with imprisonment of up to six months or a fine of up to ₹50,000, or both, it said.

The government had cited health risk to people, especially youth and issued an ordinance to ban such products.

The bill authorised officials to conduct searches in premises, stating that where such searches were not permissible, authorities might attach properties, stocks of e-cigarettes or records maintained by the manufacturer, producer, exporter, transporter, importer, stockist against whom a complaint had been made. It said the owner or occupier of the place that stocks e-cigarettes should voluntarily prepare a list of such stock in his possession and without delay submit the stock to the nearest authorised officer.

However, e-cigarettes promoting trade bodies, users and other stakeholders have been opposing government's move to ban "alternative" smoking device, alleging it was a "draconian" step taken in haste to protect the conventional cigarette industry.

'Notices will lapse if RS gets disrupted'

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Rajya Sabha Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu on Friday said that notices given by MPs for raising issues of public importance during Zero Hour will lapse if the proceedings of the House in the morning session are adjourned due to disruptions.

Usually, notices are carried over to the next day in case of adjournment of proceedings of the House during Zero Hour, which is scheduled every day from 1100 hrs to 1200 hrs. However, Naidu said some notices can be allowed the next day after taking special permission.

"Some people have developed a habit of disturbing the House in making their point of view and insisting it beyond a point and thereby stalling the House for a variety of reasons. Then the Chairman adjourns the House because I don't want ugly scenes to be seen by the people," he said.

"Members think that automatically if they (notices) are

not taken up today, they will be taken up tomorrow. Hereafter, except by taking special permission, they will not be repeated again," he ruled.

The Chairman also directed that no placards, newspaper articles, air purifiers or masks should be displayed in the House. "Nothing should be displayed in the House," he said, and warned of action against it.

Naidu objected to letters written to him being leaked in the media even before he receives it and said the Chair would not come under such pressure tactics. He warned against running commentary by MPs and defying the Chair, saying he will "name" such members.

Naidu said it is the Chairman's prerogative to allow or disallow discussions under a particular rule. Observing that Rajya Sabha is currently holding its 250th session, the Chairman said members should cooperate in running proceedings of the House in a smooth manner.

Left, BJP spar over JNU fee hike in RS

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Members of Left parties and the BJP on Friday clashed in Rajya Sabha over the issue of Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) students' protest against a hike in hostel fees and a draft hostel manual which imposes dress codes and curfew timings.

At the backdrop of issue rocking in the Parliament ever since the Winter session started, HRD Ministry appointed three-member panel to recommend ways to restore normal functioning in JNU, concluded its meetings on Friday and will submit its recommendations next week.

Through a Zero Hour mention in the upper house, K K Ragesh of the CPI (M) raised the matter and sought a judicial probe into police action against agitating students. Immediately after this, Prabhat Jha of the BJP raised the issue of "defacement" of a yet-to-be-unveiled statue of Swami Vivekananda on the JNU campus.

Modi Govt plans to merge 2 UTs

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

After reorganization of J&K, the Narendra Modi Government has decided to merge two Union Territories - Daman and Diu, and Dadra and Nagar Haveli into one and a Bill to this effect is expected to be tabled in Parliament next week. The merged UT is likely to be named as Dadra, Nagar Haveli, Daman and Diu and its headquarters could be Daman and Diu.

The move comes three months after reorganization of J&K into two UTs - J&K, and Ladakh. Union Minister Arjun

Meghwal on Friday said in the Lok Sabha that Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu (Merger of Union Territories) Bill 2019 is part of the proposed Government business for the next week.

Officials said the merger of the two UTs, located along the western coast near Gujarat, will be done for better administration and check duplications of various work.

So far, both the UTs have separate budgets and different secretariats even though they are just 35 km apart. Dadra and Nagar Haveli has just one district while Daman and Diu has two.

India, China to hold 70 celebratory activities

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

India and China will jointly hold 70 celebratory activities to mark the 70th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic ties between the two countries.

The modalities for celebration was agreed to during last month's informal summit meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping. The activities, including parliamentary exchanges, will demonstrate the historic connect between the two civilisations as well as their growing bilateral relationship over the

years, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said in a statement on Friday.

They will further deepen people-to-people exchanges between the two countries at all levels, including between their respective legislatures, businesses, academics, cultural and youth organisations as well as the defence forces, the MEA further said.

The two sides will also engage in cooperative projects in studying ancient maritime links between India and China through the establishment of sister-state relations between Tamil Nadu and Fujian Province, it added.

RTI applications increase by 11% in PMO

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Prime Minister's Office (PMO) received a slight drop in receiving RTI applications during 2018-19 compared to 2017-18 - from 12,500 to 12,143. And the ministries of Tribal Affairs and Home Affairs topped the list in rejecting the most number of RTI applications filed by the public to seek information from the Government.

However, the overall number of applications has increased by 11 per cent in 2018-19 as compared to previous year 2017-18. According to the Central Information Commission's (CIC) annual report 2018-19, 64,334 applications, which come to 4.70 per



cent of the 1.37 million applications received during 2018-19, were rejected.

The report says of the total 12143 applications, 2000 applications went to the first appeal while only 259 preferred to go to the second appeal. As per report, a total of 12,787 applications were filed with the PMO in 2016-17 as against 11,138 in 2015-16 and 12,674 during 2014-15.

As many as 7,077 such queries were raised in 2013-14 and 5,828 during 2012-13.

According to report, of the total applications, 26.54 percent applications rejected was reported by Ministry of Tribal Affairs and 16.41 per cent by the Home Ministry.

The report says as many as 13.70 lakh RTI applications were received by the registered Central Public Authorities (PAs). This is higher by 1, 36,922 or 11 per cent than the previous year 2017-18. A total 64,344 applications processed during 2018-19 showing a downward trend in rejections which have come down by 0.43% from the 5.13% reported in 2017-18.

The report shows highest number of application was received by Ministry of Finance (2.11 lakh), followed by

Ministry of Communication and Information Technology (1.47 lakh), UT of Delhi (1.28 lakh) and Ministry of Railways (1.28 lakh).

The RTI Act allows Indian citizens to seek governance-related information from Government departments in a time-bound manner. The Act has provisions to raise appeal in case the applicant is not satisfied with the response provided by the Government department concerned.

The CIC disposed of 17,188 Second Appeals and Complaints cases in 2018-19. A total of 22,736 cases were registered during the same period. At the end of the year the Commission had 29,655 cases pending before it.

25,000 tonnes of plastic waste generated every day

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Increasing use of plastics by the Fast-Moving Consumer Goods (FMCG) sector among others is posing huge environmental hazards with more than 25,000 tonnes of plastic waste being generated every day. More alarmingly, 40 per cent of this plastic waste remains uncollected and littered in the environment, the Government informed the Lok Sabha on Friday.

In a written response to a question in the Lower House, Union Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar also talked about a study conducted by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) in 60 major cities of India, which estimated that around 4,059 tonnes per day of plastic waste is generated from these cities.

The Minister said the demand of plastic has increased significantly due to its increased use in the FMCG sector, which has indirectly resulted into the challenge of plastic waste management.



"With continued economic development, the demand for consumer goods is increasing. Among the various factors driving this growth, one of the most significant factor is increasing use of plastics by FMCG sector.

"Due to its durability, strength, inert behaviour and low cost, plastic emerged as one of the most reliable packaging material for the industries. As an outcome, the increase in demand for plastic has indirectly resulted into the chal-

lenge of plastic waste management," Javadekar said.

The Government aims to rid the country of single use plastic by 2022 as part of the Clean India (Swachh Bharat) part two campaign. Replying to another question on developing green alternatives to plastic, the Minister said due to its cheap cost, finding an alternative was a "challenging task".

"Due to various positive factors including cheap cost associated with plastic packaging, finding an ecologically sustainable and green alterna-

tive to plastic is a challenging task.

It is estimated that around 25,940 tonnes/day of plastic waste is generated in India. There are 4,773 registered plastic manufacturing/ Multi-Layer Plastic manufacturing / recycling units in the country.

Approximately 15,384 tonnes/day, which is 60 per cent of the total plastic waste is collected and recycled. This recycled plastic is used in manufacturing of several products. The remaining 10,556 tonnes/day of the plastic waste, which is estimated to be approximately 40 per cent of plastic waste generation, remains uncollected and littered in the environment," Javadekar said.

The Minister informed that an expert group has been constituted by Central Institute of Plastics Engineering and Technology (CIPET) with respect to research and development for compostable or biodegradable technology on plastic.

MEA: Ayodhya judgment explained to other countries

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

India has satisfactorily explained the Ayodhya judgment to other countries and the engagement with them on this matter has been "largely successful", Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Raveesh Kumar said on Friday.

"It is the job of the MEA that if there is any important development in India, then we should engage others on that, and if there is any request from the diplomatic community - asking us what happened and why did it happen - then it is our job to engage them and put our perspective," Kumar said. Kumar said India engaged with some countries in Delhi itself or through Indian missions abroad on the matter of the Supreme Court's Ayodhya judgment.

SC to examine validity of amended law allowing private firms to use Aadhaar data

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday decided to examine the constitutional validity of amended Aadhaar law and the regulations allowing private entities to use the 12 digit unique number as proof of identity of consumers for opening bank accounts and getting mobile phone connections.

A bench of Chief Justice S A Bobde and Justice B R Gavai issued notices to the Centre and the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) on a PIL which alleged that the amended law and the regulations were violative of fundamental rights such as right to privacy of the citizens.

A 5-judge Constitution bench, by a majority verdict of 4:1 in September last year, held the Centre's Aadhaar law as "constitutional" with certain caveats.

It held however that Aadhaar would not be manda-



tory for opening the bank accounts, mobile connections or school admissions.

The government then brought the amended Bill which was passed on July 8 by Parliament and the amendments provide for use of Aadhaar number for KYC authentication on voluntary basis under the Telegraph Act, 1885, and the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002.

The amendment and the regulations allow voluntary use of Aadhaar number for authentication and identity proof in

opening bank accounts and procuring mobile phone connections. The fresh PIL filed by S G Vombatkere, a former Army officer and Bezwada Wilson, a social activist has challenged the validity of the Aadhaar and Other Laws (Amendment) Act, 2019 and the Aadhaar

(Pricing of Aadhaar Authentication Services) Regulations, 2019 on grounds including that they are violative of fundamental rights of privacy, equality and freedom of speech and expression.

Protest ends in BHU, Sanskrit dept reopens

PTI ■ VARANASI (UP)

A group of Banaras Hindu University students protesting against the appointment of a Muslim professor at the Sanskrit literature department ended their 'dharna' on Friday.

The university had announced on Thursday that classes at the department would resume, indicating that the stir against the appointment of assistant professor Feroze Khan had ended.

"The Faculty of Sanskrit Vidya Dharma Vigyan, Banaras Hindu University, has reopened," the BHU tweeted on Thursday.

But the protest by a small group, mostly from the RSS-affiliated student's union ABVP, continued for some hours for the 15th day on Friday till an announcement by the agitating students themselves. The group had insisted that a Muslim cannot teach Sanskrit, a stand opposed by other students.

The dharna was called off following an assurance by the dean of the Sanskrit literature department.

According to BHU student and Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) leader Chakrapani Ojha, the dean of the Sanskrit literature department met the students on



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Friday and assured them of an inquiry.

Ojha said they would again resume their protest if no action was taken within 10 days into the "irregularity" in the appointment process of the assistant Sanskrit professor in the SVDV.

Meanwhile, the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh said it did not agree with the students' protests.

In a statement, RSS leader Jai Prakash Lal said a meeting

was held with organisation leaders in Varanasi, in which they held that the opposition by a section of BHU students was wrong.

Lal added that they do not support the students staging dharna in the campus on this issue. A BHU spokesperson said several rounds of talks were held on Thursday in the vice chancellor's office by students, teachers, chief proctor.

It was decided to open the classroom and hold classes from the next day. Soon after the meeting, the classroom's locks were opened, the spokesperson said.

Earlier, some of the students also burnt the effigy of the vice chancellor to protest against the appointment of Khan. The protesters had demanded for a high-level probe of CBI in the matter.

Unlike his BHU brother, new Sanskrit teacher of Belur college enjoying job

Kolkata: At a time when students of the Banaras Hindu University are up in arms over appointment of a Muslim Sanskrit teacher, a man from the minority community selected as an Assistant Professor of Sanskrit by a city-based college on Friday said he was overwhelmed by warm welcome from students as well faculty members.

Ramzan Ali has been chosen to teach Sanskrit at Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira in Belur, on the outskirts of the Bengal's capital. He joined his new assignment on Tuesday last. He earlier taught at a college in north Bengal for nine years.

Ali said he was overwhelmed by the kind reception he received from the students

and faculty members. "I was welcomed by principal Swami Shastrinandaji Maharaj, and everyone... Maharaj told me that my religious identity was not important, what mattered was my grasp over the language, my indepth knowledge and my ability to share it with the students," Ali told PTI.

The Belur based institution is a fully residential degree college for boys affiliated to the University of Calcutta. It was founded in 1941 by the Ramakrishna Mission.

It got the 11th NIRF (National Institutional Ranking Framework) in the college category in 2018-19 academic session from Union HRD ministry.

Asked about the agitation

in Uttar Pradesh based BHU, Ali said he would not like to make any comment about another educational institution, but "I believe Sanskrit embodies India's inclusiveness, its rich culture. Don't forget Sanskrit is the mother of all languages. How can anyone bar people from other religions from learning and teaching Sanskrit?"

A section of students at BHU has been demonstrating against the appointment of Feroze Khan as the assistant professor of the varsity's Sanskrit department.

Although the BHU authorities backed him, Khan has not been able to take classes.

The university tweeted on Thursday that the faculty of Sanskrit vidya dharma vigyan

has reopened after days of protests.

Unlike the BHU professor, Ali, who is in his early 40s, said he never faced any discrimination as a Sanskrit teacher.

"I never felt that I was out of place or unwanted while studying or teaching Sanskrit. Here, at the Belur college, the management has arranged for my accommodation and ensured that I do not face any inconvenience," the assistant professor maintained.

A student of the Sanskrit department at Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira said he was looking forward to attending Ali's classes.

It is "unfair" to question the religious identity of a teacher, he said.

"Ali sir has just joined, so

far I haven't had the opportunity to attend any of his classes. I am looking forward to it," the student added.

The principal of the college could not be contacted for his comment.

Ali said since the time of joining the college on November 19, he is liked by students and has even joined their 'adda' after class hours.

"I have already taken classes of first and second years and the students have showered me with love. Some of them have even commented why I did not join before the Teachers' Day on September 5 so that they could have shown me their love and respect. And I tell them my greatest reward will be if they follow teachers' words." PTI

Country united on temple construction: Shah Nawaz Hussain

Jaipur: BJP national spokesperson Shah Nawaz Hussain said here on Friday that the entire country is united in supporting the construction of a Ram Temple in Ayodhya.

The former Union Minister said two big issues — the removal of Article 370 from Kashmir and the case of the Ayodhya Temple — that were going on since independence have been resolved after the Modi government came to power at the Centre.

"Today the whole country is united to build Ram temple," he said.

"Iqbal Ansari, who was fighting in Supreme Court on the issue of construction of the Ram temple, has also accepted this decision.

But Asaduddin Owaisi is not ready to accept the court verdict. There has been solidarity with the temple construction in the country, brotherhood has increased. PTI

Alwar police asks 9 Muslim cops to shave beards, withdraws order day later

PTI ■ JAIPUR

The police in Rajasthan's Alwar ordered nine Muslim members of the force to shave their beards, only to withdraw its instructions a day later.

The original order on Thursday said the nine policemen were asked to cut their beards so that they acted and looked "unbiased".

As the news spread, on Friday Alwar SP Anil Paris Deshmukh withdrew own order.

Police said they had earlier given permission to 32 Muslim personnel to sport beards. Thursday's order withdrew this permission for nine of them.

The remaining 23 policemen were allowed to continue

with their beards, police said. "Policemen should not only work in an unbiased manner but they should also look unbiased," the SP initially told reporters.

"There is a provision of the State Government which allows the HoD (head of department) to permit policemen to keep beards," he said.

"Under the provision, 32 policemen were given permission. The permission for nine policemen has been cancelled while for the rest of them it stands unchanged," he added.

Deshmukh had said the decision can be reconsidered and those dissatisfied with it can approach the department.

Telangana HC rejects plea against privatising bus routes in State

Hyderabad: In a breather to the K Chandrasekhar Rao-led TRS Government, the Telangana High Court on Friday dismissed a petition challenging the State Cabinet decision of privatising over 5,000 bus routes.

A Division Bench, comprising Chief Justice Raghendra Singh Chauhan and Justice A Abhishek Reddy, dismissed the petition of PL Vishweshwar Rao, vice-president of the Telangana Jana Samithi, challenging the cabinet's November 2 decision to privatise permits of 5,100 TSRTC (Telangana State Road Transport Corporation) routes.

Advocate General BS Prasad said he gave an under-

taking to the court saying that due procedure would be followed by the Government while awarding the routes to private parties. The court said the State Government has the authority to take a decision on privatising the routes.

After the cabinet meeting on November 2, KCR had said the cabinet decided to award as many as 5,100 bus routes to private operators to maintain healthy competition and also warned that the rest of the routes would also be given to private operators if the RTC employees do not join duty.

Employees and workers unions of TSRTC started the indefinite strike from October 5 across Telangana on a call given by the JAC of TSRTC,

demanding merger of the RTC with the Government and recruitment to various posts, among others.

Later the unions said they were willing to drop the merger demand if it becomes a hurdle for the government to hold talks with them.

The Telangana High Court on November 18 directed the Commissioner of Labour to take a call on whether the ongoing strike by the unions of TSRTC should be referred to the Labour Court or not, in two weeks to decide the legality of the strike.

Two days ago, the unions said they were willing to join duty if the government provides a congenial atmosphere. PTI

Cong wants a 'grand temple' to be built in Ayodhya: Pilot

Jaipur: The Congress wants a "grand temple" to be built in Ayodhya, Rajasthan Deputy Chief Minister Sachin Pilot said on Friday, days after the Supreme Court cleared the way for the construction of the shrine in the Hindu holy town.

He also said the court's decision was acceptable to all and people should now stop doing politics on the issue.

In its verdict announced on November 9, the Supreme Court backed the construction of a Ram temple by a trust at the disputed site in Ayodhya, and ruled that an alternative five-acre plot be allotted for building a mosque in the town. "Everyone has welcomed the Congress

party wants a grand temple to be built there (Ayodhya)," Pilot told reporters in Dausa district.

"We have to happily respect and maintain that decision. Now we have to stop doing politics on this issue; the world is moving forward," he said.

People who had been doing politics over the case for the past 30 years understand now that no one will benefit politically by raising the issue again and again, he added, without naming anyone.

Speaking about the Congress' performance in the recent civic body polls in Rajasthan and assembly elections in some states, Pilot said there is a change in the country's atmosphere. PTI

KERALA SNAKEBITE CASE — Principal, Vice Principal suspended, protests mount

Wayanad: Amid mounting protests, the Kerala Government on Friday suspended the principal and vice-principal of the school where a 10-year-old girl had died of snake bite inside the classroom, as students hit the streets vowing not to enter their classrooms till justice was delivered to their schoolmate.

Various student organisations also took out protest marches to the district collectorate at Kalpetta demanding action against those responsible for her death.

Protests were also held at Thiruvananthapuram. The state education department suspended principal AK Karunakaran and vice-principal KK Mohan of the Government vocational higher secondary school at Sulthan Bathery in Wayanad district.

After a preliminary probe, a teacher, Shijil, was suspended for alleged lapse on Thursday. PTI



The school authorities came under attack after teachers failed to ensure that the fifth standard student, Shehala Sherin, who was bitten by a snake inside her class on November 20, was rushed to hospital.

Though her parents rushed her to four hospitals, no anti-venom was administered and they were told to take the child to the Kozhikode Medical college hospital, which is about 90 km from Sulthan Bathery. Shehala's father said she died before reaching the medical college.

The deputy director of the education department has dissolved the school's Parent Teacher Association (PTA). PTI

AXIS BANK PUBLIC AUCTION NOTICE FOR SALE OF VEHICLE

Whereas pursuant Order dated 02.11.2019 passed by Ld. Arbitrator (Sh. S.C. Rajan) in the Arbitration proceedings bearing ARB Case No. 4290/2019, M/s Axis Bank Ltd. proposes to sell the below mentioned vehicle/secured assets in the name of the Corporate Debtor i.e. M/S Shipli Cable Technologies Ltd. (Company under liquidation proceedings) on 'As is where is' and 'As is what is' and 'Whatever There is' and 'No recourse' basis for realization of Bank's dues by inviting Bid proposal Form/offer document on public at large latest by 30-November-2019 between 9:30 AM to 5:30 AM at Axis House, 2nd Floor, Tower-2, I-14, Sector-128, Noida Expressway, Landmark Jaypee Greens wish town, Noida (U.P.)-201301 for inviting Bids in an open public auction to be conducted on 02-Dec-2019 at 11.00 A.M. having same venue.

Borrower/Co-Borrower Name	NPA Date	Description of Vehicle	Reserve Price (in Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit (in Rs.)	Outstanding dues as on 30-May-2019 (in Rs.)	Last date and time for submission of bids	Date and Time of opening of bids.
M/S Shipli Cable Technologies Ltd.	04-Aug-2017	Registration No.: DL1CX4219 Engine No.:CYC007079 Chassis No.:5CBEN53W8FC050093 Model: BENTLEY CONTINENTAL FLYING SPUR V8	Rs. 1,21,21,000/-	Rs. 12,12,100/-	1,15,82,668/-	30-NOV-2019 between 9:30 A.M to 5:30 P.M.	02-DEC-2019at 11:00 PM

Terms and conditions of the said open public auction:-

1. Offerors shall have to give complete offer.
2. Each bid offer shall be accompanied by and Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) equal to 10% of the Reserve Price amount, by D.D. / Pay Order drawn on a Scheduled Bank in favour of 'Axis Bank Limited' payable at Delhi. D.D. / P.Os should be purchased by the Auction bidders on his/her/their behalf only.
3. The offers in the prescribed Bid proposal Form/offer document shall only be considered and free copy of the same can be obtained from the Authorised Officer of the Bank. This Bid proposal form duly completed shall be put in an envelope which should be sealed and super scribed with "Offered from Mr/Ms/ M/s. for purchase of the Secured Asset(s)/Vehicle of "M/S Shipli Cable Technologies Ltd.", I-14, Sector-128, Noida Expressway, Landmark Jaypee Greens wish town, Noida (U.P.)-201301 or before 30-Nov-2019 between 9:30 AM to 5:30 PM. Bid proposal Form/offer document received after the due date & time shall not be considered under any circumstances.
4. The successful bidder(s) shall deposit 100% of the bid amount (including 10% deposited before bid) immediately or on next day of the sale being knocked down in his/her/their favour. Remaining payment to be made only in the form of Cheque/DD/PO drawn in favour of 'Axis Bank Limited' payable at Delhi. Cash payment shall not be accepted. In case of default in payment, entire amount so deposited shall be forfeited without any further reason and notice and the vehicle shall be resold forthwith. In such case the successful bidder shall forfeit all claims in regard to the vehicle or to any part of the sum for which it may be sold subsequently. Further, all costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Bank on account of such resale shall be borne and paid by the defaulting purchaser who shall also be bound to make good any deficiency arising on such resale and he/she/they shall not be entitled to make any claim in the event of the secured asset(s)/vehicle realising higher price on such resale.
5. Inter-se Bidding to all the eligible bidders is allowed.
6. The Bank reserves its right, solely at its discretion and on such terms & conditions it may stipulate, to extend the aforesaid time limit.
7. Bid proposal Form/offer document will be opened by the Authorised Officer of the Bank on 02-DEC-2019 at 11:00 A.M. at Axis House, 2nd Floor, Tower-2, I-14, Sector-128, Noida Expressway, Landmark Jaypee Greens wish town, Noida (U.P.)-201301 in the presence of the borrowers, Co-borrowers, mortgagors (if available) and the prospective buyers or their authorized representatives who may choose to remain present to the day and time as aforesaid, inter alia, for negotiations, for raising / revising their respective offers.
8. Respective Offerors, and/or their authorized representatives, may remain present at the time of opening of the Bid proposal Form/offer document. The offerors will have an opportunity to increase their offers at this time if they so desire. They are, therefore, advised to remain present themselves or through their duly authorized and empowered representatives. The amount by which the biddings are to be increased shall be determined by the officer conducting the sale.
9. Any disputes/differences arising out of sale of the vehicle/secured asset(s) offered for sale shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of Courts / Tribunals at Delhi only.
10. The secured Asset(s)/vehicle is/are offered for sale on "As Is Where Is", "As Is What Is", "Whatever There Is" and "No Recourse" Basis. The Bank does not undertake any responsibility to procure any permission/license etc. in respect of the secured asset(s)/vehicle offered for sale or for any dues/charges including, dues of the RTO and/or any other dues of the authority, taxes, if any, in respect of the said movable secured asset (s) / Vehicle.
11. The Authorised Officer of the Bank reserves his right to accept or reject highest, any or all offer (s) without assigning any reason and in case all the offers are rejected, either to hold negotiations with any of the Offerors or to sell the secured asset(s)/vehicle through private negotiations with any of the Offerors or any other party / parties. The Bank's decision in this behalf shall be final.
12. The amount by which the biddings are to be increased during negotiations held, if any, shall be determined by the Authorised Officer conducting the sale. It is to be noted that against the said corporate debtor, liquidation proceeding has been commenced pursuant Order dated 01.05.2019 passed by Hon'ble NCLT, Principal Bench, New Delhi in the case No. CA 1144(PB)/2018, titled as 'Macquire Bank Ltd. Vs. Shipli Cable Technologies Limited' and during the pendency of the said liquidation proceedings, Axis Bank Ltd. had realized its security interest and accordingly, Ld. Liquidator has and/or physical possession of the said Vehicle to the Bank. However, in view of Regulation 37 (2) of 'The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code of India (Liquidation Process) Regulations, 2016', Axis Bank Ltd. had to inform the Ld. Liquidator about the highest bidding price and in turn, Ld. Liquidator will inform the Axis Bank Ltd. within next 21 days if any other person is willing to buy the said vehicle higher than the intimated price, therefore confirmation of sale by Axis Bank Ltd. shall be subject to confirmation of Ld. Liquidator and highest auction purchaser have to mandatorily wait till next 30 days for confirmation.
13. It is also to be noted that in such cases where, bidding will not confirm during the said 30 days' period, The highest auction purchaser (s) will not be entitled to claim any interest on EMD and balance sale consideration already paid by him/her/their.
14. Final sale conclusion shall be subject to confirmation by the Authorised Officer of the Bank.
15. For inspection of the vehicle, the intending bidders may contact Mr. Kamendra Kumar Rajput @ 9811890880 / Mr. Tarun Parashr @ 7840025009 / Mr. Manish Jain @ 8475001008 at Axis House, 2nd Floor, Tower-2, I-14, Sector-128, Noida Expressway, Landmark Jaypee Greens Wishtown, Noida (U.P.)-201301 during office hours from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. It is advisable that intending bidders should take prior appointment before reaching to the said Office. The bid is not transferable.
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Date : 23-11-2019, Place : New Delhi

Sd/-, Authorized Officer, Axis Bank Ltd.,

Notice Inviting e-Tender

No.SSA/TT&P/EPB/351/2019/10280 Date : 22.11.2019

Mission Director, Axom Sarba Siksha Abhijan Mission, Kahilipara, Guwahati-19, Assam (under Samagra Siksha Abhiyan) invites tender through e-Tendering process from reputed exercise book manufacturers for the supply of Evaluation and Practice Books for class -I & II (Four Line and Square Line).

To participate in this tender process through e-procurement document, bidder should have valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) of class-II (minimum) and have to register in the portal <https://assamtenders.gov.in> by themselves.

The Bidder who have downloaded the tender schedules containing the tender details, terms and conditions, from the website shall submit their tender on-line on the website <https://assamtenders.gov.in>, with proof of payment of non refundable tender fee of Rs. 5000/- (Rupees five thousand) only in the form of demand draft/Bankers Cheque drawn in favour of Mission Director, Axom Sarba Siksha Abhijan Mission, Kahilipara, Guwahati-19, Assam, from any nationalized/scheduled Bank and payable at Guwahati. The tender should be submitted on-line as per date and time of submission as per prescribed schedule.

Sd/- Mission Director,
SSA, Assam, Kahilipara, Guwahati-19

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD (R&B) CONST. DIVN. NO. II, JAMMU

EXTENSION - IST

Subject : (i) Providing and laying Wet Mix, 50mm thick Bitumen Macadam and 25mm semi dense bituminous concrete on Jagti Tanda and allied links. (under Langushing Programme). (ii) Providing and laying Wet Mix, 50mm thick Bitumen Macadam and 25mm semi dense bituminous concrete on Nandani Tara to Madrasa road in Km Ist RD 0-1000 and km 2nd RD 0-500. (under Langushing Programme).

Reference :- Short e-NIT No. 99 of 2019-20/Div-2 dated 11-11-2019.

The following changes to the critical dates of the above said works are hereby made as under:-

Please read	Instead of
Bid submission end date 27-11-2019 (1800 hours)	Bid submission end date 22-11-2019 (1800 hours)
Bid opening date 28-11-2019 (1400 hours)	Bid opening date 23-11-2019 (1400 hours)

All other terms and conditions remains same. Sd/- Executive Engineer
No. DIP/J-9555/19 PWD (R&B) Const. Divn. No. II Jammu
Dated:- 21.11.2019

SOUTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

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TENDER NOTICE No: 30/19 dt.22.11.19 SUPPLY OF STORES ITEMS e-Procurement Tender Notice

The following Tenders have been floated online. Tenderers are requested to visit the website www.ireps.gov.in and submit their offers online. The Tender Description, Qty, EMD, SD may be seen in website. Offers submitted manually will not be accepted. Offers by post will not be entertained. Tender Closing time is 14:30 hrs of the Due date of the Tender. For all indigenous offers, EMD will be accepted only via online system as available on www.ireps.gov.in

Sl. No.	Item Description	Quantity	Unit
75.18.1252B	THINNER		
82.19.0069	SECUKINUMAB 150MG INJ		
82.19.1391	CITICOLINE 500MG TAB		
38.19.1016A	Yoke for CBC		
84.19.1169	Nature Flore THERMOSET COMPOSITE		
30.19.1301	Silent Block for anchor link		
83.19.1537	Pre-Printed Thermal (Automatic Ticket Vending Machine)		
83.19.1531C	PRS Ticket with Advertisement		
Money Value Item	Running Contract for Machine Numbered Money Value Books & Forms		
30.19.1801	Mirror Assembly		
30.19.1211	Hydraulic shock absorber		
30.19.3460	Lavatory door arrangement		
33.19.5011	Supply, Installation & Commissioning of pressurized flushing system in LHB Coaching		
25.19.1003	Brake shoe complete		

Note:- Due dates of Tender Opening: S.Nos. 01 to 03 on 13.12.19; S.No. 04 on 16.12.19; S.No. 05 on 17.12.19; S.Nos. 06 to 09 on 20.12.19; S.Nos. 10 to 13 on 23.12.19; S.No. 14 on 01.01.2020.

Beside above mentioned tenders there are other tenders having value below Rs. 25 lakhs. For details, please visit Railway website above.

Principal Chief Materials Manager, A1914 Secunderabad

For further tender conditions / details and for downloading the tender documents, please visit website at www.ireps.gov.in <http://www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in>

Sharad Pawar outwitted Chanakya of politics, NCP takes a jibe at BJP

Mumbai: NCP chief Sharad Pawar has finally "outwitted" the "so-called Chanakya of the Indian politics", the party said on Friday, as it inches closer to forming a Government with Shiv Sena and Congress in Maharashtra.

The NCP's chief spokesperson Nawab Malik also reiterated that the throne of Delhi could not make Maharashtra bow before it.

"@PawarSpeaks Sahab has finally outwitted the so-called Chanakya of Indian politics. The throne of Delhi could not make Maharashtra bow down before it. Jai Maharashtra," Malik tweeted, without naming anyone.

It is believed that Malik's jibe was directed at Union Home Minister and BJP president Amit Shah, who is often credited for being instrumental in the BJP's victories in several polls and Government formations in the country.

The BJP and the Uddhav Thackeray-led Shiv Sena had contested the October 21 Maharashtra Assembly polls jointly and won 105 and



56 seats respectively.

However, the saffron partners fell out after the Sena persisted with its demand for sharing the Chief Minister's post on rotational basis.

Now in a bid to form a Government, the Sena is in talks with the NCP and Congress, who have won 54 and 44 seats respectively in the 288-member Maharashtra Assembly. Maharashtra has been under the President's rule since November 12, after no party came forward with enough numbers to form a Government.

Sena won't side with BJP even if offered Indra's throne: Raut

Mumbai: Shiv Sena won't side with the BJP even if offered Lord Indra's throne, Sena MP Sanjay Raut said here on Friday.

Talking to reporters, Raut reiterated that his party will get the Maharashtra CM's post when the three-party alliance with Congress and NCP assumes power.

"The time for offers has ended," Raut said, when asked about reports that the BJP had agreed to share the CM's post with the Sena.

"People of Maharashtra want Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray to become the CM," he said.

Asked if the three non-BJP parties would meet the State governor on Friday itself, Raut quipped, "Why meet the governor when the President's rule is in place?"



MAHA MAYORAL POLLS Sena-Cong-NCP get the better of BJP

Mumbai: The BJP was outsmarted on Friday by emerging political combinations in Maharashtra and lost mayoral polls in Latur and Ulhasnagar despite having a majority in both civic bodies.

The Shiv Sena managed to win the posts of mayor and deputy mayor in Mumbai and neighbouring Thane.

The BJP, however, managed to keep its flock together and got the support of the Maharashtra Navnirman Sena to win the posts of mayor and deputy mayor in Nashik.

In Latur, the Congress' Vikrant Gojamunde was elected mayor, in what is being seen as a setback for former BJP Minister Sambhaji Nilangekar. In Ulhasnagar, the BJP, despite having a majority in the municipal corporation, was beaten by former saffron ally Shiv Sena which won the mayor's post after it got the support of the NCP, Congress and a local outfit called Team Omi Kalani (TOK).

In Mumbai, the Sena's Kishori Pednekar and Suhas Wadkar were

Whoever forms Govt, we will get farmers' work done: Gadkari

Nagpur: Irrespective of whose Government is formed in Maharashtra, we will get the work done in the interest of farmers, Union Minister Nitin Gadkari said on Friday.

The Minister for Road Transport and Highways was speaking at the inauguration of Agrovision, an expo showcasing a wide range of agricultural products, here.

He said instead of taking so much interest in covering who is forming the next Government in Maharashtra, the media should focus on farmers' issues.

"Whoever forms the government, work will be carried out in a good manner. Irrespective of whose Government comes to power in Maharashtra, we will get the work done in farmers' interest. Farmers are more important...Who is part of the government is insignificant," the Minister said.

Marathwada gets ₹819 crore relief for unseasonal rain

Aurangabad: The State administration has sanctioned ₹819.59 crore relief for Marathwada farmers who suffered losses due to unseasonal showers, an official said on Friday.

The fund has been sanctioned for farmers in eight districts of the region.

"The State administration has sanctioned ₹819.59 crore as aid for post-monsoon showers that hit farmers in Marathwada," deputy divisional commissioner Parag Soman said. The drought-prone region didn't receive adequate rainfall during monsoon, but farmers suffered more when ready crops were damaged due to unseasonal showers that hit the State, a State official said.

"This damage was surveyed by Government agencies and a demand of ₹2,909.36 crore was earlier presented to the State administration," he added.

NC, Cong workers join BJP in Jammu & Reasi

PTI ■ JAMMU

Raina said the BJP's commitment to work for the welfare of the people and the strong belief on "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas and Sabka Vishwas" policy has touched the lives of people living in the remote areas of the region.

"The BJP believes that there is lot of work to be done for the welfare of the common masses and hence we need committed party activists who can serve the nation and the society without any self interest," he said.

The new entrants assured the BJP leadership that they would promote the party's policies with their "dedicated and selfless" working, the spokesman said.

Welcoming the new entrants into the party fold,

Shops, businesses shut for third consecutive day

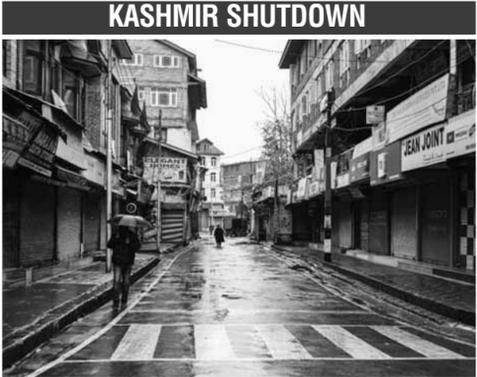
Srinagar: Most shops and other business establishments in Kashmir were closed on Friday, the third consecutive day of a Valley-wide shutdown following a brief semblance of normalcy.

On Wednesday, posters warning shopkeepers against opening their shutters as well as public transport operators appeared at several places in the city and elsewhere in the Valley, officials said.

This ended the sense of the last few weeks that life was getting back to normal.

Main markets in the city and most other areas in the Valley were shut and shops did not open even for a few hours in the morning as they had been doing for the last few weeks.

Public transport was also largely off the roads and there were fewer private vehicles



than usual, officials said. However, some auto-rickshaws and inter-district cabs were plying.

Jamia Masjid, the grand mosque of Kashmir, was closed for prayers for the 16th consecutive Friday — ever since August 5 when the Centre announced the revoking of Jammu & Kashmir's special status under Article 370 and its bifurcation into two union territories.

Madras HC stays order on TN Govt's efforts to legalise temple land encroachments

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ CHENNAI

Tamil Nadu Government's efforts to meddle with the encroached lands measuring thousands of acres belonging to the temples in the State administered by the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department came to a nought on Friday as the Madras High Court stayed the Government Order issued on August 30 in this regard.

A Bench consisting of Justices M Sathyanarayana and N Seshasayee stayed the sections of the GO which had empowered the State to buy the encroached land from the encroachers and sell it back to them with pattas.

The contention of the petitioner T R Ramesh was that the GO was issued by the Government to circumvent the court order of February 2018 in which it had asked the HR&CE Department to furnish the details of more than 50,000 acres of prime land owned by the temples that had vanished.

Though the Court had asked the HR&CE Dept to furnish the details in six months, nothing has come out even after 18 months. Meanwhile the misappropriation of the temple lands continued with the active connivance of the officials of the HR&CE Department, pointed out Ramesh, president, Temple Worshipers Society, the main petitioner.

In Friday's order the judges asked the Department to collect the details of the encroached lands and the action taken report to retrieve the same from the encroachers.

"While staying the section of the GO in the interim verdict, the bench directed the Commissioner HR&CE to file a detailed report regarding Hindu temple lands, extent, encroachments and the steps taken to clear the encroachments. We will soon see skeletons tumbling down from the cupboards of the Government," said Ramesh.

It may be noted that the HR&CE Department is already in the eye of a controversy regarding the thefts of nearly 5,000 antique temple idols from the temples under its jurisdiction.



Akhil Gogoi-led KMSS stages protest against CAB in Assam

Guwahati: RTI activist Akhil Gogoi-led Krishak Mukti Sangram Samiti (KMSS) on Friday staged a protest here against the proposed tabling of the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2019 during the Winter session of the Parliament.

The KMSS organised its 'Raj Bhavan Chalo' agitation to submit a memorandum to the governor against the Bill for forwarding it to the President.

The Indigenous Forum, Assam led by ULFA (pro-taliban) faction leaders Anup Chetia and Mrinal Hazarika and human rights activist Lachit Bordoloi staged a separate sit-in against the Bill.

Speaking to reporters, Gogoi said, "Under no circumstance can the anti-indigenous people CAB be accepted



drop of blood, we will oppose CAB which is against the interest of the indigenous people of the State."

Protests against the Bill have been raging in Assam over the past week, with activists of the All Assam Students' Union (AASU) along with 30 ethnic students' organisations organising rallies across the state on Thursday evening.

Speaking to reporters, AASU Chief Advisor Samujjal Bhattacharya had asserted, "Assam is not a dustbin for illegal Bangladeshis. Under the Assam Accord, 1985, we have already accepted the Bangladeshis who came here illegally till March, 1971. Now, attempts are being made by the Centre to divide Assam on religious lines...Till our last

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Why scrap final NRC after taking credit of draft: Gogoi

PTI ■ GUWAHATI

Veteran Congress leader Tarun Gogoi on Friday asked the BJP-led Central Government to make it clear why the final NRC would be scrapped, when the saffron party had taken all the credit and promised to deport 40 lakh illegal immigrants after its draft was published.

Gogoi, former Chief Minister of Assam, also alleged that Union Home Minister Amit Shah's announcement to carry out the National Register of Citizens (NRC) process across India is a tactic to divert people's attention from the real issues of the country.

"The Centre should clarify on what basis the updated final NRC in Assam will be scrapped. When the first draft of the NRC was published, the BJP had taken all the credit and promised to detect and deport 40 lakh illegal foreigners," he told a press conference here.

The part publication of draft NRC was done on the midnight of December 31, 2017, and the complete draft was published on July 30, 2018. The names of 40.07 lakh applicants did not find a place in that document. The exercise was carried out under the supervision of the Supreme Court.

Notice Inviting e-Tender
No. SSA/Esst/TT&P/EPB/2020/378/2019/10284 Date :22.11.2019
Mission Director, Axom Sarba Siksha Abhijan Mission, Kahilipara, Guwahati-19, Assam (Samagra Siksha Abhijan) invites tender through e-Tendering process from reputed exercise book manufacturers for the supply of Evaluation and Practice Books for class -VII (Single Line and Plain).

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Sd/- Mission Director,
SSA, Assam, Kahilipara, Guwahati-19

**GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PHE DIVISION UDHAMPUR**

NOTICE INVITING TENDER 2ND CALL
Date of Issue : 18-11-2019
Dead line of submission of Bids : 03-12-2019
Bid Identification No. e-NIT No: 128 of 2019-20 dated 16.11.2019 under endorsement No. PHEU/10751-779 dated 16/11/2019

The Employer [Executive Engineer, PHE Division Udhampur] on behalf of PRESIDENT OF INDIA invites bids from bidders [Class A / Special Class] registered with the State Governments/Central Government / MES / Railways for the construction of work as detailed in the table below.

SI. No. 1 Name of Work : Construction of GI Rising main, Gravity main and Distribution system and Construction of Anchor Blocks under "Upgradation of Water Supply Infrastructure in IIO Battal Ballian Udhampur Phase I&II" under Languishing projects. **SI. No. 2** Bid Identification No. (BIN) : ENIT NO : **SI. No. 3** Estimated Cost of Bid : **Rs. 347.07 lacs SI. No. 4** Earnest Money (EMD) : **Rs. 694140.00** Earnest Money should be in the form of CDR/FDR/BG pledge to Superintending Engineer Hydraulic Circle Udhampur payable at Udhampur and valid for **06 months** from the last date of submission of bid. **SI. No. 5** Tender Fee : **Rs. 5000/- (Non refundable)** Tender fee in shape of e-challan/Treasury Receipt to be deposited in MH-0215-WSS (Revenue Head) or through RTGS in J&K Bank Branch Udhampur bearing Bank Account No. **0028010200000047, IFSC code JAKA00DMPUR in favour of Executive Engineer PHE Division Udhampur SI. No. 6** Bid Validity : **60 days** from the last date of submission of online Bid. **SI. No. 7** Period of Completion : **06 Months SI. No. 8** Availability of Bid Document on e-Procurement Portal : From **18-11-2019 To 03-12-2019 upto 18.00 Hrs. SI. No. 9** Pre Bid meeting : **On 26-11-2019 at 12.30 PM** in the Office of the Superintending Engineer Hydraulic Circle Udhampur. **SI. No. 10** Date and Time for Submission of Bids online : **On or before Date 03-12-2019 upto 18.00 Hrs. SI. No. 11** Date and Time for Submission of Hard copy of Bids : **Hard copy shall have to be submitted by 11** within three days after opening of Financial Bid. **SI. No. 12** Time and Date of Opening of Bids : **Date 04-12-2019 Time 11:00 Hrs. SI. No. 13** Place of Opening of Bids : **Office of the Superintending Engineer Hydraulic Circle Udhampur. SI. No. 14** Bid Inviting Officer (BIO) : Executive Engineer PHE Division Udhampur

1. The Bid documents consisting of instructions to Bidders (ITB), Bid Data Sheet (BDS), Qualification Criteria and Documents to be furnished with the Bid, General & Special Conditions of Contract, Contract Data, Drawings, Specifications, the schedule of quantities and set of terms and conditions of contract and other forms will be uploaded on the website: www.iktenders.gov.in on or before **03-12-2019 upto 18.00 Hrs** last date. Bidders can download the bid documents after the due date upto last date for submission of online bid.

Position of T/AAA: Accorded
Position of funds: Approved under Languishing Projects

Signed for and on behalf of the **PRESIDENT OF INDIA**
Sd/- Executive Engineer
PHE Division Udhampur

No. DIP/J-9588/19
Dated: 22.11.2019

BJP takes strong view of Bache Gowda supporting son for K'taka bypoll

PTI ■ BENGALURU

BJP MP BN Bache Gowda seems to be in trouble as the party has taken a strong view of his support to his son Sharath Bache Gowda who is contesting the December 5 Assembly bypoll from Hoskote segment as an independent against the party's official candidate.

We have received information that Bache Gowda is calling people seeking their support for his son.

People have told us that he is also holding meetings with them in favour of his son, Revenue minister R Ashoka told reporters on Friday.

Replying to a query on non-cooperation to the party's candidate M T B Nagaraj, Ashoka said, "We have brought all these facts to the notice of our Central leadership.

The minister emphasised that the party will not tolerate any anti-party activities and such people will be expelled.

We have already expelled Sharath Bache Gowda. Leaders, irrespective of how big they are, will meet the same fate if they indulge in damaging the party, Ashok warned.

Notice Inviting e-Tender
No. SSA/Esst/TT&P/EPB/2020/376/2019/10282 Date :22.11.2019
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SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

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1.	28/S/DEE/GMB/2019: Provision of Web Based Pump Automation at Various Stations over Moradabad Division.	38,38,117.32	3,000/-	Divisional Railway Manager's office, Northern Railway, Moradabad	76,800/-	36 (Thirty Six) Months	Tender will be received upto 15:00 hrs shall be opened at 15:00 hrs on 20.12.2019	Website www.ireps.gov.in Notice board is located in the Electrical Branch, Divisional Railway Manager's office, Northern Railway, Moradabad
2.	29/S/DEE/GMB/2019: Electrical General Service works in connection with Provision of 2 Nos. Escalator at Dehradun, 2 Nos. Escalator at Bareilly and 04 Nos. Escalator at Moradabad Railway station over Moradabad Division.	22,29,407.01	3,000/-	Divisional Railway Manager's office, Northern Railway, Moradabad	44,600/-	06 (Six) Months		

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Clean campaigns

Electoral bonds are deeply flawed and more than debate, we need to create a transparent module of political fund-raising



The opacities about funding through electoral bonds have been discussed for quite some time now, benefitting almost all political parties in varying degrees, though the latest expose, courtesy transparency activists accessing RTI documents, has stirred up a big storm in the ongoing Parliament session. That the bonds would further institutionalise the politico-corporate nexus has long been established through the Opposition, which has clearly received the thinnest slices of such donations, is now crying foul. What was under the table is just legitimate now, allowing any corporation, trust, NGO or individual to donate unlimited amounts of money to our political parties. The lies have been piling up ever since the electoral bonds were introduced. For example, while it was claimed that the secret alphanumeric code would insure the donor from being tracked or identified, documents have proven that the State Bank of India (SBI) not only knows who bought how many bonds for whom, it is even required to furnish the information to probe agencies when they need them. The blackout of information has only been in the public domain. Latest documents have proven a more insidious link and a cavalier dismissal of objections. The bond movements, it appears, were closely watched by the Finance Ministry and the protests by SBI and Reserve Bank of India (RBI) over grey areas were turned down. The Election Commission was summarily dismissed as well. And while the ruling party indeed sought the Opposition's views on the scheme and assured transparency to them, it had set up a clandestine architecture. Yet all internal communications on the subject were denied by several Ministers when grilled in the Parliament. In short, the Government of the day successfully firewalled any criticism and set up a system which implied crony capitalism. Donors, by virtue of the guarantee of anonymity, could route kickbacks to parties and the latter would have to reward the largesse of the former with "friendly" policy-making and trading off favours. The poll panel had earlier claimed that electoral bonds made its job of tracking donations from overseas and Government companies difficult. The Government had consistently defended itself saying since the bonds were purchased through banking channels, there was no question of slush money being in circulation, and there was an in-built accountability. But fact of the matter is that accountability is for a few privileged eyes only to decide whether the funds are ethically intended or a backdoor form of wheeling-dealing. Remember, apart from a sealing on cash donations, there is no upper limit for donations. The bonds may be issued by banks but they can never gauge the larger understanding between donor and recipient that drives such transactions.

Real transparency demands that the haze of doubts be eliminated once and for all. Else, the electoral bonds scheme will poison the electoral process rather than cleansing it. Both the donor and political recipient must be identified clearly. Some reformists have suggested State funding, at least at the candidate level, but that would involve an estimated outlay of ₹2,000 crore, something, experts say, can be achieved by truncating the MPLADS (MP Local Area Development Scheme) allocations from five to four years. Direct funding will undoubtedly encourage entrants to participate in elections, clean up the system, reduce dependency on parties to call the shots and dilute the bargaining strength of criminal candidates with muscle and money power. More people in the fray will further motivate the bigger parties to democratise themselves. In the end, elections and their management are an expensive affair and streamlining campaign funding is a work in progress. The main purpose for which electoral bonds were introduced, the need to remove ambiguous sources of money coming into the electoral process and stash cash, has still not been achieved, if seizures during the May Lok Sabha elections are anything to go by. The Election Commission, too, has to set realistic limits of electoral spending, the sum of ₹70 lakh per candidate too little to make good. A workable budget per Lok Sabha constituency, coupled with full disclosure of corporate donations, should be the way forward. Former Chief Election Commissioner SY Quraishi had once suggested creating a National Electoral Fund to which all donors could contribute. The allocations to political parties would then be in proportion to the votes they got. Not only would this protect the identity of donors, it would also weed out black money from politics. But neither the corporate nor the political class believes in such altruism or accountability. So a sustained push by the citizenry may take long but is the only way to drive change.

Kolkata turns pink

Pink-ball cricket is upon us. Is it going to just be a gimmick or a reality of the modern game?



The lights that shine across all major monuments of Kolkata had changed their hue from blue, which is Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's favourite colour, to pink. This to acknowledge India's first day-night Test match and its uniquely coloured pink ball. It was appropriate that this new format was being played in India's greatest cricket ground, Kolkata's Eden Gardens, and the crowds included the likes of Banerjee and Bangladeshi Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. Unfortunately, for the latter, even though Indian cricketers were polite with her while being introduced, they were nothing like that to Bangladesh's batsmen, bundling them out for just 106. Watching India bat under the lights at the end of a Friday is a good way to begin the weekend, according to most Indian cricket fans and therein lies the greatest attraction of pink-ball cricket. The Test format might be the longest and most challenging of all and the most adaptable of major sports but it is unwieldy both for fans at the stadium and even those watching on television. The shorter variants of the game, both one-day internationals and T20, are played in the evenings and afternoons to attract more spectators into the stadium. Moving Tests towards the evening should help get both working-age people and students in droves.

However, what would really make the game interesting is a viable opponent. Taking nothing away from the stellar performances of India's outstanding pace battery away, Bangladesh has barely put up a fight. Our neighbour has improved tremendously over the past few years but this is clearly a team in strife, thanks to corruption allegations that have cost them their best player, Shakib Al Hasan. Success on the field and a good game are what ensure the long-term viability of a sport or format. India was initially aghast at T20 cricket and commentators called it a travesty. Then, it won the inaugural T20 World Cup in South Africa in a thrilling contest with Pakistan. And well, we know the rest. Would better competition have made a major difference? One could argue that there are few good teams in the sport right now. But at least India has made a start and the best part of pink-ball cricket may be when our boys tour — no more early morning starts to watch when they travel to Australia and New Zealand and morning cricket when India is in the Caribbean. As for us fans, there is a long way to go.

opinion

Forget the brag, get real

Like in J&K, where the Government's decision to split the former State into two Union Territories has led to resentment, undemocratic methods are allegedly under way in Nagaland, too



ASHOK K MEHTA

On November 20, Union Home Minister Amit Shah stated in the Rajya Sabha that after more than 100 days, the situation in Jammu & Kashmir was "normal" and that not a single bullet was fired, nor a death reported in Kashmir ever since the abrogation of Article 370. The normalcy claim was, however, debunked by a total shutdown the very next day. Shah must know that the absence of violence should not be construed as peace. Lockdown in the region has not been lifted: Political leaders and activists are still in detention and internet and cell phone services are totally or partially shut. It is, perhaps, too early to celebrate the mirage of normalcy.

Now, rewind to last month. October 31 will be remembered for more than one reason. It marked the deadline for converting the former State of Jammu & Kashmir into two Union Territories — Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh — following the abrogation of Article 370. It was also for the first time in the history of India that a full-fledged State anywhere in the country was reduced into two Union Territories, whose security would be managed centrally. Two Lieutenant Governors were sworn in on the same day as Sardar Patel's 144th birth anniversary and Indira Gandhi's 35th death anniversary, the latter becoming coincidental but meaningful.

October 31 was also the deadline set by Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the closure of the Naga identity issue, following the Nagaland Framework Agreement of August 2017. Like in Jammu & Kashmir, undemocratic methods are allegedly under way here, too, to achieve a political solution to India's oldest and mother of all insurgencies in Nagaland.

Ironically, the National Socialist Council of Nagaland (Isak-Muivah) or NSCN (IM) — demand for a separate flag and Constitution — both done away with in Jammu & Kashmir — has created a flutter among the Northeastern States, who enjoy special status under Article 371 of the Constitution. The opening up of two fronts is never a wise option with adversaries like Pakistan and China scouting for opportunities.

Still, the Government can rejoice for achieving its long-standing nationalistic agenda of terminating Jammu & Kashmir's special status and integrating it with the Union of India, though without pondering over the long-term consequences, as premature self congratulations indicate. The aim of the political surgery is to end terrorism, corruption and dynastic rule, which will put Jammu & Kashmir on the path of development — these ills, the Government feels, have been the result of its special status. Lockdown in Jammu & Kashmir has crossed the 100-day mark despite the international community urging us to restore human rights currently being denied to the people. The Supreme Court, too, had asked the Government to come up with a plan by November 10 to relax restrictions.



On November 14, Constitutional issues relating to Article 370 and Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019, came up for a second hearing but was moved to a new date, December 14. In the first hearing on October 4, the Constitution bench had overruled a plea for an interim order, staying the implementation of the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019, by October 31. It said that "we can always turn the clock back."

The independence of the judiciary against a strong executive and legislature is faced with a test. Business and trade are at a standstill. The president of the Kashmir Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Sheikh Ashiq, pegged the loss to the business sector at over ₹10,000 crore. But the overall damage to Kashmir's economy could be double this figure.

Delhi has been preparing younger, new political actors, most of who have been vetted by Shah to replace the old leadership. Prime Minister Modi praised the Block Development Council (BDC) elections as a democratic exercise though it was anything but that. Elections were held before October 31 under the Jammu and Kashmir Panchayati Raj Act and not the Indian Panchayat Act, so that polls could be indirect and "managed." Elected Panches and

Sarpanches selected one among them as the head of the block councils. Many of the elected Panches were confined to hotels in Srinagar, removed from their regions. The elections were farcical as 60 per cent of the Panches and Sarpanches' seats were vacant and winners were elected unopposed.

All political leaders, except the BJP, were in detention. Still, it was the Independents who won the maximum seats. The aim is to create a political class owing allegiance to New Delhi, preferably from Jammu. With the Legislative Council abolished, Legislative Assembly seats have been increased effectively from 83 to 90, excluding 24 for Pakistan-occupied Kashmir. It is still not clear as to who will do the delimitation: The Election Commission of India or a delimitation panel. Any tinkering with the demography will be outright dangerous.

The new Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, GC Murmu, has said that elections will be held soon. Managing Srinagar by remote control from New Delhi will not be easy given the decades of trauma generations of Kashmiris have suffered. A 11-member team, comprising mental health specialists, which visited Kashmir after scrapping of the special status, reported "marked increase in psychological distress

in the region." A report titled, *Imprisoned Resistance: 5th August and its aftermath*, was released in New Delhi last week. No meaningful political outreach will be feasible when Kashmiris are stripped off their identity. Their hearts and minds, won over the years by the Army, are now largely lost.

Three security issues will continue to cross-fertilise: Existing alienation, which has turned into resentment; mounting radicalisation and Islamisation; and home-grown and cross-border terrorism dormant at present due to the lockdown. Kashmiris are less angry about deprivation of the special status than their land being downgraded to a Union Territory. The insult to their identity is palpable and will remain even when statehood is restored. The largely spontaneous civil disobedience movement will breed more radicalised youth, who will take to street violence and join the ranks of insurgency. The contours of a new insurgency will likely appear by next summer. Unlike in the past, Kashmiris will more readily support insurgents than the security forces.

In the short-term, once the passes close and snow sets in the hinterland by the end of November, insurgents will be forced to take refuge in villages and towns. The pause in secu-

city forces' operations due to the lockdown has undermined the counter-insurgency and intelligence grids considerably.

Troop density in the Valley is at the highest levels since "Operation Parakram" (2001-02) when nearly 2,000 terrorists were killed. Pakistan will remain constrained due to the fear of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF), which will review its actions in blocking terrorist financing in February 2020. Pakistan has not launched a single big attack after Pulwama, in fact, after Mumbai. But the 250-300 terrorists in the Valley, radicalised youth and overground workers will keep the security forces busy for long. Disaffected Kashmiris are hurt when Modi brags at home and abroad about having abrogated their special status while chasing the mirage of turning Kashmir into a land of milk and honey. "We have tried other ways and failed... so let's give abrogation of Article 370 a chance", is the contention.

Emotional integration of Kashmir has been put off even as North-eastern States, enjoying special status, are getting restive. Shah must get real.

(The writer, a retired Major General, was Commander IPKF South, Sri Lanka and founder member of the Defence Planning Staff, currently the Integrated Defence Staff.)

SOUNDBITE

This is now a fight for the dignity and self-respect of Maharashtra. Now, even if we are offered the throne of (Lord) Indra, we are not interested.



Sena MP —Sanjay Raut

The truth is that no discussion about the Indian-Afghan relationship would be complete without a mention of Bollywood and cricket.

Afghan Ambassador to the US —Roya Rahmani



India faces many regional and geopolitical threats. Islamic insurgents are a constant threat, spreading terror throughout J&K and elsewhere in India.

Congressman —Francis Rooney



We hope Pakistanis will ask the Chinese Government why it is pursuing a development model in Pakistan that deviates from what brought it its own economic success.

Top American diplomat —Alice Wells



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Deeper malaise

Sir — Amid vigorous efforts to tackle non-performing assets (NPAs), the revelation of ₹95,760 crore being ripped off from Government banks in April-September reflects deep systemic disorder. The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) was rolled out to sort things out but none factored in the time-frame of resolution, thus making the entire process ineffective. The focus of every segment of governance is on being seen to be doing something rather than on when, how and in what time-frame.

R Narayanan
Mumbai

Clear the air

Sir — The Supreme Court's decision on the ambit of the RTI Act will serve as a precedent to usher in greater transparency, especially on the part of organisations that have hitherto been reluctant to comply with the Act, such as the Board of Control for Cricket in India and Mother Dairy. This judgment contradicts the opinion of former Chief Justice of India

All is not lost for the telecom industry

This refers to the editorial, "Turmoil in telecom" (November 21). The telecom industry is turning out to be another aviation business because of the kind of returns it is giving. Vodafone-Idea's spectrum dues to the Government reached ₹88,000 crore and those of Bharti Airtel stood at ₹45,000 crore. However, it's not just the Indian telecom that is witnessing a decline. This trend is to be seen worldwide as growth rates have taken a setback in the face of declining average revenue.

The two-year moratorium given by the Government will bring partial reprieve. Unless return on capital employed for global telecom services is raised, this industry cannot revive. Higher operating costs have squeezed margins for telecos. And while Vodafone has threatened to leave the Indian market, if indeed it were to shut shop, the biggest sufferers could be the consumers as this would lead to the duopoly of Reliance and Airtel. There could be a possibility that these two firms may take end users for granted, knowing it well that competition is



all but over, with little incentive or pressure to reduce prices. It is, therefore, essential that the Government offers them incentives to induct newer technologies so as to make the shift to 5G technology at the earliest, invest more in R&D and better customer experience.

Bal Govind
Noida

Sad reality

Sir — The recent trend of the IFS losing ground to the IAS as a career choice is alarming. IFS officers enjoy the privilege of global appointments along with diplomatic immunity — enjoyed only by a niche segment in bureaucratic circles. With the growing importance of geopolitics and trade

bodies like the World Trade Organisation (WTO), BRICS and Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RECP), an IFS officer's career is much more exciting now. The External Affairs Ministry has not expanded much by establishing more embassies and consulates and, hence, the number of candidates designated for the IFS has hardly gone up.

Varun Dambal
Bengaluru

Take lessons

Sir — This refers to the editorial, "Breathing new life" (November 22). All the five public sector undertakings (PSUs), which have been put on strategic sale by the Government, had been performing quite well. Some were even role models for private firms. The Government should have taken corrective steps when they started registering losses. Even now, a comprehensive examination must be done to find out the causes for their debacle.

Rati
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FIRST COLUMN

Reap the AI benefit

Soon job seekers will be sifted by algorithms and exercises that test problem-solving skills, creativity and how people respond to stress



KUNAL GUPTA

For years, the biggest challenge in the recruiting industry was manually testing applicants. Now, thankfully, Artificial Intelligence (AI) is a reality and its use for recruitment is rapidly evolving. Soon, the days of reading endless resumes and covering letters, then holding interviews, will give way to AI-led candidate assessment. Job seekers will be sifted by algorithms and exercises that test everything, from problem-solving skills and creativity, to how they respond to stress. AI will enable Human Resource (HR) professionals to reach the right candidate in the least possible time, with low-cost inclusion.

According to a recent study, 52 per cent of talent acquisition leaders say the hardest part of recruitment is identifying the right candidates from a large applicant pool. While, 56 per cent say their hiring volume will increase this year, 66 per cent of recruiting teams will either stay the same size or contract. This means that recruiters are being tasked to do more with lesser resources.

Business leaders looking to hire or HR managers should consider fast-rising employment solutions that provide AI-enhanced recruitment. It is crucial for any company to not merely hire employees but recruit the most qualified person.

In today's business climate, firms with first-mover advantage usually lead the way and soon, talent acquisition in India will undergo a paradigm shift. So, to keep up with advancements in the industry, HR professionals should become part of the AI revolution as the benefits of doing so are many. AI-enhanced HR solutions are becoming the backbone of the industry, especially for companies that need to recruit thousands of employees in a short time.

A recruitment system based on AI is capable of screening candidates in a more systematic way while looking out for a particular skill set, without any human intervention. It has algorithmic power to conclude the performance of job applicants.

It can even track online interviews on a real time basis and if an applicant faces difficulties in a particular sphere, then the AI will ask similar questions, repeatedly, to gauge how the candidate reacts to pressure. The only thing left for the recruiter is to provide the AI with a database to work on and to check the final list of the candidates before the recruitment system sends out emails for an interview. AI recruiting systems are designed to tremendously improve the recruiter's efficiency to ensure that companies don't miss the best candidates and they are the first ones to be selected for the interview.

Today's business leaders are always looking for people who perfectly fit the skill set they are looking for and there is tremendous pressure on recruiters to match and hire the candidates who can meet the management's expectations. AI-optimised hiring helps recruiters match the right employees with the right company. Plus, the AI recruitment software delivers solutions at a low cost so that it reduces a firm's cost per hire. Companies have to invest in the AI system once unlike the recurring costs of recruitment agencies that charge firms per employee hired.

However, there are many challenges to leveraging AI's full potential. First is competence, as the AI ecosystem, like its most important subfield, machine learning (ML), is still very small. It's difficult to find and hire good talent. The simple way to solve it is to hire an agency which has highly-skilled professionals familiar with AI technologies that will give HR teams training on fixed intervals. Non-adoption is another major risk. Any challenge in the world and especially in business, is an opportunity for AI. Adopting AI will require patience and a willingness to learn and will be complex and lengthy, so firms need to start now. Between the ongoing development of AI to recruit applicants and the understandable lag in implementation at this early stage, many of the features that it can bring to the hiring process are still to be completely implemented.

Like every new computing technology, AI still has a long way to go and there are some serious concerns which need to be addressed. As is obvious, AI has been invented to replace the human workforce and if it is adopted on a large scale, this will result in huge unemployment. There is no doubt that adopting AI will enhance the work culture and productivity, but it will also create economic imbalance in most sectors.

The second big concern is privacy, as we have seen various AI-infused web platforms like Facebook and WhatsApp lacking in this sphere. So along with adopting AI, organisations should equally give importance to the protection of the privacy of their staff and prospective employees.

To conclude, AI is a very new and unexplored segment and it will require major infrastructure to educate people about it before we let it come into our lives in a major way.

(The writer is MD of a talent consulting firm.)



ABHAY RAJ MISHRA

The recent Supreme Court (SC) verdict on Ayodhya has again established that law cannot be detached from the interests of the people it serves. There is a raging debate whether the judgment was based on credible evidence or influenced by the faith of the majority. Irrespective, the ruling has been accepted by all factions, not necessarily for its veracity but for bringing to an end a painful impasse. What is undebatable is that it has brought peace to the nation.

This ethos of acting in public interest must now be extended to end pain in other areas as well. Take the case of Goa, the only State where mining rights were granted to citizens by the Portuguese Government in perpetuity. These rights were later revoked by the Centre and now, lakhs of Goans

are staring at a major employment crisis. Over 300,000 people are dependent on mining in the State and they have become the face of massive livelihood loss triggered by judicial intervention. Ever since the SC cancelled 88 mining leases in Goa on February 7, 2018, life has come to a grinding, tragic halt for these workers and their families.

This is no longer just an economic crisis — which is severely debilitating in its own right — but a grave humanitarian crisis as well.

Livelihoods disappearing overnight as a result of judicial intervention, because the Executive and the corporate masters did not do their jobs properly, is painful particularly at a time when the country is going through the worst employment crisis in its history. According to the National Sample Survey Office (NSSO), unemployment in 2017-2018 was at a four-decade high of 6.1 per cent. New job seekers are not able to find sustainable employment and August 2019 saw the highest rate of unemployment in India at 8.4 per cent.

The most recent example of mass job losses as a result of the collapse of

a big organisation is Jet Airways. Due to poor management of funds, the founder himself led one of India's best airlines into bankruptcy and closure. However, employees of the airline were aware of the unfolding situation and had braced themselves for the layoffs. But in the case of Goa, the miners and other workers were unprepared.

This, when there was no financial crisis in the mining sector. Rather it was booming, with iron ore being an exportable produce of the State.

Goa could have generated three times more revenue from iron ore mining but has not only lost this opportunity but is dealing with the extensive collateral damage that has followed the cancellation of the leases. The ban has taken a toll on the State's revenue stream and its social fabric has been ripped apart. Not just the mining sector but all other stakeholders and the supportive infrastructure, comprising equipment suppliers, the logistics and ancillary industry and the transport sector, have flourished.

Goa is the only State with a unique logistical arrangement for

movement of iron ore from the mines to the ports, unlike other States which rely on Indian Railways for the same. Iron ore is carried by trucks and barges from the mines to the ports.

The ban on mining has resulted in unemployment for workers hired by 12,000 truck owners, 150 barge owners and 150 ancillary units and has spelled doom for them. Not only have they suffered from livelihood loss, there is a larger crisis looming as the families have near about exhausted their meagre savings and have been subsisting on loans and handouts from well-wishers.

Even banks and Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) in the State have been drawn into the slide. When the going was good, these institutions eagerly extended credit lines to the truckers and storage providers. Now, in the absence of a running business concern, the ability of people to repay has vanished and a huge Non-Performing Asset (NPA) crisis is looming in the State.

Added to this is the loan and money-recovery trauma being faced by those dependent on the mining sec-

tor and the burgeoning tragedy begins to hit uncomfortably home.

In any economic ecosystem, one segment aids and benefits from the other. The interdependency, which the Goan mining industry had so healthily created with respect to the State's other revenue driver, internal tourism and food industry, is also hit as people don't have the money to spend anymore. As individual economies of families waste away and die, the State is suffering from a socio-economic disaster. It is imperative that mining restarts to provide livelihoods in the mining sector and ancillary industries to lakhs of people of the State.

There is enough research available to indicate a direct link between crime and lack of livelihood. Studies have established that India's Maoist movement is deeply rooted in the poor socio-economic conditions prevalent in parts of the country with large tribal populations. It has mostly affected areas where there is a conflict between the State and the populace on the economic derivation of forest produce and mining such as in Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand, and agriculture in parts of

Andhra Pradesh and Odisha. Such aggressive posturing by citizens has huge direct and indirect costs. In Goa there were only two major sources of livelihood — mining and tourism. Without these, Goa has nothing. Any social unrest and spikes in crime rate can spell doom for Goa's tourism economy too, which so far has been characterised by friendly service by the Goans, discipline, cleanliness and law and order.

Laws are meant to create a conducive environment for the citizens of the State. Goa, however, has become a case where the law and its interpretation has spelled doom for its residents. This cannot become a precedent and must be addressed immediately. Situations like these need more complex solutions. It is simplistic to penalise lakhs of people for the actions of a few with the stroke of a pen. Stakeholders must come together to rescue these lives and livelihoods before it is too late.

(The writer is president of a Delhi-based not-for-profit organisation dedicated towards finding solutions to the problems of the helpless.)

POINT COUNTERPOINT



—CONGRESS SPOKESPERSON
RANDEEP SURJEWALA



THE CONGRESS SEEMS TO HAVE LOST ITS FAITH IN DEMOCRACY AND FORGOTTEN THAT PRAGYA THAKUR IS AN ELECTED MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT
 —BJP MP
MEENAKSHI LEKHI

Too little and a little too late

The Govt has put a moratorium on pending spectrum payments for telecoms without altering the overall timeline of clearing all dues by 2030-31. But, given the huge amount to be paid, this won't be of much help



UTTAM GUPTA

Vodafone Idea Limited (VIL) — a joint venture between UK-based Vodafone and KM Birla-owned Idea Cellular — and Bharti Airtel have reported a staggering loss of ₹51,000 crore and ₹23,000 crore respectively for the second quarter of the current financial year ending September 30, 2019. This is primarily due to a recent order of the Supreme Court (SC) directing telecom companies to give "unpaid" dues towards licence fee and spectrum usage charges (SUC).

The order is the culmination of a long-drawn court battle between the Department of Telecommunication (DoT) and service providers. While the former insisted that for determining the licence fee and SUC — which is charged as a percentage of adjusted gross revenue (AGR) (at eight per cent and three-five per cent respectively), apart from telecom services revenue — AGR should also include revenue from non-telecom services viz. rent, profit on sale of fixed assets, dividend, interest and so on, the latter opposed it. The SC upheld the DoT's view.

As a result, service providers will now have to pay excess of the amount calculated on the basis of total revenue i.e. from telecom services plus non-telecom activities over the amount already paid based on revenue from telecom services only. Together with interest on excess amount, plus penalty, interest on penalty, this would be ₹53,000 crore for VIL and ₹36,000 crore for Airtel.

However, with a view to avert the crisis for the telecoms, the Government has put a moratorium on pending spectrum payments during 2020-21 and 2021-22 (without altering the overall timeline of clearing all payments by 2030-31). But, considering the magnitude of the unpaid dues (as per the SC's order), this won't be of much help. For instance, in case of VIL, against total liability of ₹53,000 crore, the relief from suspension of spectrum payments is only ₹24,000 crore. In the case of Airtel, the quantum of relief works out to ₹11,000 crore against a liability of ₹36,000 crore. The Government has also alluded to exonerating them from payment of interest and penalty on dues as per the apex court's order but that is no consolation as this would be available only when the SC allows it, which is unlikely.

So, the three big firms are staring at a bleak future. Vodafone has opined that "the future of the Indian JV is in doubt and we won't be infusing any further equity into the venture." The Birla Group too, has echoed similar views, hinting that the company could be taken to insolvency. Bharti Airtel, too, is on the brink.

VIL has a customer base of 320 million whereas Bharti Airtel has 265 million. At 585 million, they account for nearly 50 per cent of the total subscribers in India. If, these two companies go into liquidation, this could have catastrophic implications, not just for banks who have an exposure of over ₹200,000 crore to the duo, but also for subscribers, who would be left high and dry.

They are looking to the Government for relief by way of reduction in licence fee and SUC, reduction in Goods and Services Tax (GST) from the existing 18 per cent to five per cent and so on. Even as the Government considers this, it needs to ascertain as to how the sector landed in the current morass.

In September 2016, in a bizarre move rarely seen before, greenfield 4G operator Reliance Jio



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(RJio) entered the Indian telecom market with "free" and "unlimited" voice calls and low-cost data. After launching an introductory offer for free — both data and voice for six months, from April, 2017, it charged data at a throwaway price of ₹50 per GB, even as voice calls continued to be free ad infinitum. For a conglomerate (RJio) investing thousands of crores in laying infrastructure, an attempt to sell services virtually for free was a brazen case of "predatory" pricing with the sole intent to snatch customers from incumbent players. The latter were forced to reduce their tariff drastically to match the former. Post-revision, the tariff in India at less than \$1 per GB is a fraction of what customers in other countries pay (\$30 in Japan; \$18 in Korea; \$15 in UK, China and Germany and \$10 in the USA).

As a result, incumbent operators, who were making profits prior to RJio's entry, are incurring losses. Several operators downed shutters while others were bought over (e.g. Tata Teleservices was acquired by Bharti Airtel). Today, there are only three private operators viz. VIL, RJio and Airtel, down from a dozen earlier. When, predatory pricing happens, it is for the sector regulator, in this instance the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI), to intervene. The TRAI should have nipped the problem in the bud. But it saw nothing wrong and adding insult to injury, in February 2018, it came out with fresh amendments to the Telecom Tariff Order (TTO) to define predatory pricing in a manner so as to give legitimacy to the actions of RJio.

As per the amended order, a tariff is considered predatory if in a relevant market (circle), an operator, who is a significant market player (SMP), offers services at a price that is below its average variable cost (AVC) with a view to reduce competition or eliminate competitors in that relevant market. An operator will be

considered SMP if "it controls 30 per cent of the market share or above," which is calculated on the basis of gross revenue and subscriber market share. Further, AVC is defined as the cost that is calculated by identifying those expenses, which change with output, adding them and then dividing the result with total number of units produced.

Simply put, the regulator prescribed a two-fold criterion for a firm to be a predator. First, it offers services at less than AVC. Second it has market share over 30 per cent. During the relevant period, 2016-18, even as all firms were selling below the AVC, incumbent operators had market share more than 30 per cent (natural as they have been around for over two decades) whereas, RJio had share of less than 30 per cent. So, in the eyes of the regulator, the former were predators even as the latter was not. In other words, a company which started it all (RJio) was termed innocent even as others who suffered due to its onslaught were charged with indulging in predatory pricing and scuttling competition.

The amended order was "one-sided" and "discriminatory", aimed at favouring RJio and unfairly targeting incumbent players. The order was challenged before the Telecom Disputes Settlement Appellate Tribunal (TDSAT), which set aside TRAI's order and even observed that it was "non-transparent." However, by the time TDSAT pronounced its verdict on December 13, 2018, the damage was already done.

Other actions of the TRAI, such as a steep cut in the Interconnect Usage Charge (IUC) (it is a charge the telecom service provider of a caller pays to the telco on whose network the call terminates) in September 2017 from the existing 14 paise per minute to six paise per minute also impacted the incumbent operators. This drastically reduced their revenue from IUC even as RJio was increasing its market share by leaps and

bounds (courtesy, free voice calls).

TRAI has also prescribed adopting the "Bill and Keep" (BAK) regime from January 1, 2020, thereby reducing the IUC to zero. This will give a further jolt to the incumbent operators. The only reason (unsaid) behind the powers that be letting RJio continue with its bizarre practice may have something to do with Modi's grandiose plans for pan-India broadband connectivity. Low tariff (even free voice call) which RJio had promised, helped increase coverage, especially for a majority of the poor. But, what it ignores is that public interest is not served merely by keeping price low/free. Providing services on a "sustainable" basis and maintaining "quality" is no less important.

This won't be possible if, service providers are in dire financial straits. To some extent, incumbent operators are themselves to blame. For instance, they ought to have factored in a negative outcome of court proceedings (these have gone on for over a decade) and made contingency provisions in their books. They have also lagged behind in embracing new technologies (they are still glued to 2G/3G) even as RJio has latched on to 4G. But, at the core of the crisis is the freebies cult, which RJio has implanted and was glossed over by the powers that be. There is urgent need to get rid of this cult.

The initiative has to come from service providers only. Even as VIL and Airtel have decided to raise tariff, RJio's intent to follow suit is a good sign. TRAI must not abdicate its responsibility. It should promptly order a "floor price" and ensure that no operator sets tariff below it. It should watch out for an act of predation and deal with it sternly.

However, there is no getting away from the fact that the service providers have to set their house in order.

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Is judicial action divorced from public interest?

In Goa, livelihoods of 300,000 people associated with the mining industry disappeared overnight after judicial intervention. This is painful, particularly when the country is going through the worst employment crisis and has no alternative



FOREIGN EYE



DON'T EXTRADITE ASSANGE TO USA

Sweden's decision to drop an investigation into a rape allegation against Julian Assange has illuminated the situation of the WikiLeaks founder and made it more pressing. He must be defended against extradition to America in a case that digs at the foundations of freedom and democracy and could see him sentenced to a total of 175 years. It is a matter of Press freedom, and the public's right to know. It's unclear if it would be safe to extradite Assange to the US. It is certain that it would not be right.

(The Guardian editorial)

Tata Motors, Yes Bank to move out of Sensex from Dec 23



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Among other changes, Indiabulls Housing Finance, Yes Bank, InterGlobe Aviation, SBI Life Insurance Company and Info Edge (India) will make entry in the S&P BSE Sensex Next 50, while Cadila Healthcare, Dabur India, Glenmark Pharmaceuticals, UPL Ltd and Edelweiss Financial Services will be dropped from the index. The changes will be effective from Monday, December 23, 2019, Asia Index said.

Apart from these, changes have been made in several indices including S&P BSE 500, S&P BSE 200 and S&P BSE 100.

Govt looking at gold policy: Fin Min official

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Government is working on an integrated gold policy, which is expected to be released soon, a senior finance ministry official said on Friday.

The policy is aimed at promoting growth of the yellow metal industry and exports of jewellery.

Niti Aayog has submitted a detailed report on gold policy and it is being examined, Joint Secretary in the Department of Economic Affairs Surinder Pal Singh said at an event here.

"Government is definitely looking into it. Definitely there will be a gold policy," he said.

The domestic industry has demanded a cut in import duty on gold to 4 per cent from the current 12.5 per cent.

Currently, there is no gold policy despite the fact that India is the largest consumer and importer of the precious metal. The then finance minister Arun Jaitley had announced formulation of a comprehensive gold policy to develop the yellow metal as an asset class.

Mehul Choksi's company tops RBI's list of wilful defaulters

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has for the first time released a list of top 30 wilful defaulters in response to an RTI application. The list contains the names of usual suspects with absconder Mehul Choksi's Geetanjali Gems topping the list, followed by REI Agro, Winsome Diamonds, Ruchi Soya, Rotomac Global, Kingfisher Airlines, Kudos Chemie, Zoom Developers, Deccan Chronicle and ABG Shipyard in the top 10.

The RBI's response to an RTI application came four years after the Supreme Court had first directed the central bank to disclose a list of India's wilful defaulters.

In response to a Right to Information (RTI) application filed by a private digital media outlet, RBI released the list of 30 major wilful defaulters. For many years, RBI had declined to give this information arguing that it would be against the economic interests of the country and that its regulatory powers over banks disallowed it from doing so.

RBI fast-tracks DHFL resolution

Appoints 3-member advisory panel

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After superseding the board of the crippled mortgage lender DHFL, the Reserve Bank on Friday constituted a three-member panel to advise its administrator to help recover nearly ₹84,000 crore that the troubled company owes to the system.

The panel constitutes a veteran banker, the head of a leading insurer and also representation from a lobby grouping of asset managers.

The RBI had on Wednesday used recent changes in the laws to supersede the board of DHFL, announced to resolve the issue under the provisions of the



bankruptcy code and appointed R Subramaniakumar as the administrator.

Subramaniakumar, the ex-DM of the state-run Indian Overseas Bank, will be helped by the advisory committee consisting of IDFC First Bank non-executive chairman Rajiv Lall, ICICI Prudential Life Insurance chief executive NS Kannan and the mutual funds body Amfi chief executive NS Venkatesh, an official statement from the central bank said.

The panel will be assisting

the administrator in "discharge of his duties", it added.

The Insolvency and Bankruptcy (Insolvency and Liquidation Proceedings of Financial Service Providers and Application to Adjudicating Authority) Rules, 2019 provide for appointing such a panel to advise the administrator "in the operations of the financial service provider during the corporate insolvency resolution process", it said.

The city-headquartered pureplay mortgage lender is the first NBFC/HFC to go for bankruptcy resolution.

Last Friday, the government had notified Section 227 of the IBC empowering RBI to refer financial sector players like NBFCs and HFCs, but excluding banks, with assets worth of at least ₹500 crore to

insolvency courts.

As of July 2019, the home financier owed ₹83,873 crore to banks, the National Housing Board, mutual funds and bondholders, including retail bondholders. Of this, secured debt is ₹74,054 crore and ₹9,818 crore is unsecured.

Most banks have or are going to declare DHFL account as NPA in the third quarter.

DHFL defaulted on its payment obligations in respect of bank borrowings and market borrowings, which reveals serious concerns about the conduct of the affairs of the company, the RBI said.

DHFL lenders were working on a resolution plan to pick up 51 percent in the company by converting a part of their debt into equity. But the plan was yet to be formally cleared.

RBI mulling new rules on corporate governance

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The Reserve Bank is looking at introducing new rules on corporate governance for banks in sync with global ones, and would also like lenders to disclose more. Deputy Governor NS Vishwanathan said on Friday.

Vishwanathan also urged banks to recognise losses because of NPAs as early as possible and not to defer the same.

The comments from the top central banker come at a time when the system continues to go through the issues of asset quality, even though the new additions have slowed down. Speaking at an event organised by Business Standard, a business daily, Vishwanathan listed out a slew of initiatives the RBI has undertaken, with the compensation structures for key management personnel and whole-time directors being the latest additions, and hinted that it is looking at more.

Das: Need to institutionalise State finance commissions

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Mumbai: Reserve Bank Governor Shaktikanta Das on Friday said there is a "great need" to institutionalise State finance commissions and helping the local bodies enhance their revenue generation capacities.

He said fiscally strong states and Centre is the "essence" of Indian federalism and weakness at either end poses a slew of challenges for the country.

"There is a great need to strongly institutionalise the state finance commissions and empower the third tier of governance by enhancing their revenue-generating capacity," Das said.

He was speaking at the central bank headquarters before the 17th LK Jha Memorial Lecture which was given by 15th Finance Commission chairman NK Singh. Das said local bodies deserve more attention and is an aspect that needs to be looked into.

Finance commission chief blasts frequent tinkering with GST rates

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Fifteenth finance commission chairman NK Singh on Friday called for major changes in the GST structure, including reducing the cumbersome compliance procedures and also doing away with frequent rate changes, to improve collection.

He also pitched for a rationalisation in Centrally-sponsored schemes, and blamed the government for not clearly defining the role of the Niti Aayog, which as of now does not have any powers to take financial decisions.

The comments from the chief of the commission that decides on the revenue distribution between the Centre and the states, come amidst concerns about the continuous fall in GST collection which has not touched the targeted ₹1 lakh crore every month barring one month.

"If you do not simplify GST, you will be defeating the very purpose and intention of why we took this far reaching step," Singh told SBI chairman

BUSINESS CORNER

NTPC GETS AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN POWER GENERATION

New Delhi: NTPC Ltd, India's largest power generation company, has been bestowed with the "Best Performing Power Generation Company" 2019 award, at the Dun & Bradstreet Infra 2019 awards, held in New Delhi.



General (retd) VK Singh, Union Minister of State for Road Transport and Highways, GOI presented the award to Prakash Tiwari, Director (Operations), NTPC during the function. The best Performing Power Generation Company award has been awarded to NTPC for its robust operational performance. NTPC's five power stations were among India's top ten best performing power stations in the country in the year 2018-19. NTPC has established itself as the dominant power major with presence in the entire value chain of the power generation business. From fossil fuels it has forayed into generating electricity through hydro and renewable energy sources. NTPC has been operating its plants at high efficiency levels with about 15 per cent of the total national capacity, NTPC contributes nearly 22 per cent of total power generation with its focus on high efficiency.

Fitch: Moratorium on spectrum payment, tariff hike insufficient to offset SC ruling impact

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

A two-year moratorium on payment of spectrum dues and hike in mobile call and data tariffs from next month may not be sufficient for Bharti Airtel and Vodafone-Idea to offset the impact of the Supreme Court ruling on payment of past statutory dues, Fitch Ratings said on Friday.

The Supreme Court had on October 24 ruled that non-telecom revenues will be included while calculating statutory dues towards the government.

"The decision by all three private Indian telecommunication companies (Airtel, Vodafone Idea and Reliance Jio) to raise tariffs from December 2019 and a two-year moratorium on payment of spectrum dues (announced by the government this week) are positive for the industry," Fitch said.

"However, these are unlikely to be sufficient to offset the impact of a recent Supreme Court judgment for incumbents Bharti Airtel and Vodafone Idea Ltd," it added.

Reliance Jio, a subsidiary of Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL), is not affected by the ruling and is likely to continue to gain revenue market share, which will support RIL's deleveraging plans, it said.

Fitch said it has a negative outlook on the telecom sector for 2020 primarily due to heightened financial risk associated with the large unpaid statutory dues.

On November 20, the government announced plans to suspend the payment of deferred spectrum dues for two years, which will ease cash flow pressure on all three telcos.

Vodafone Idea and Bharti will benefit the most as their negative free cash flow will reduce by USD 1.7 billion and USD 850 million a year, respectively, for the financial year ending March 2021 (FY21) and FY22, it said.

FSSAI slaps notice on McDonald's for disparaging 'ghiya-tori' in its ad

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Food regulator FSSAI has slapped a show-cause notice on McDonald's for disparaging freshly cooked food and vegetables in its advertisements to promote fast food.

In its notice, the FSSAI referred to a full-page advertisement by McDonald's in newspapers earlier this month that had said, "Stuck with Ghiya-Tori (bottle gourd-sponge gourd) Again? Make the 1+1 Combo you love".

The food sector watchdog issued a show-cause notice to Hardcastle Restaurants and Connaught Plaza Restaurants and Connaught Plaza Restaurants Ltd — the franchise that operates McDonald's fastfood chain in India — seeking response on why action should not be initiated against them, a statement by the FSSAI said.

McDonald's had over the last weekend carried advertisements in newspapers seeking to get traffic at its outlets by allegedly disparaging home cooked food and healthy vegetables. The regulator has "noted with concern incidence of irresponsible advertising by some food companies to promote sales of their own foods often considered unhealthy as substitute for healthy foods", the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)



said. McDonald's has been asked to give explanation in stipulated timeframe.

Violation of FSSAI's advertisement code attracts a penalty up to Rs 10 lakh.

"Central licensing authority and FSSAI's designated officer at New Delhi and Mumbai have taken cognizance of this and issued show cause notices for contravening the provisions of Food Safety and Standards (Advertising and Claims) Regulations, 2018 as to why further action should not be initiated against McDonald's for this," the statement said.

Hardcastle Restaurants Private Limited (HRPL) said in a statement that it "operates restaurants in west and south India and the print ad in question was not issued by us. We have already written to the FSSAI clarifying the same".

In a letter to the regulator,

88% of Indians use mobile to make purchases: Study

PTI ■ MUMBAI

As many as 88 per cent of Indians surveyed use a mobile device to make payments, way above the global average, according to a study.

The PayPal and IPSOS 'mCommerce Report', based on a survey conducted across 11 countries with about 22,000 consumers and 4,000 business respondents, examined how people shop and sell online.

In India, the respondent pool comprised of 2,000 consumers aged 18-74, who owned or used a smartphone and over 300 business influencers or decision makers who sell or accept payments online.

"88 per cent of the surveyed Indians use a mobile device to make payments, way above the global average of 71 per cent," the survey said.

It also said 45 per cent of merchants have made mobile optimisation a business priority in the next 12 months.

"Time saving and ease of transacting is the main drivers for mobile commerce," it said and added social commerce adoption is led by the young.

According to the study, apps are a popular way of transacting, wherein 98 per cent of Indian mobile shoppers pay through apps as against 90 per cent of the global average.

Report: Economic insecurity of youths to shape India's politics

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Mid a growth slowdown, India's politics will be increasingly shaped by the economic insecurity of its vast youth population, the Economist Intelligence Unit said in a research note on Friday.

The issue of unemployment and underemployment has been an unavoidable topic in India's politics and slower economic growth has translated to poor employment numbers.

"Although Prime Minister Narendra Modi successfully won re-election for the Bharatiya Janata Party earlier this year on a platform of strong leadership and emphasis on social and security issues, politics will increasingly be shaped by the economic insecurity of India's vast youth population," the research note by the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) said.

Citing Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy data, the EIU said that in October 2019, the unemployment rate rose to a three-year high of 8.5 per cent, up from 7.2 per cent in September.

Defence Ministry plans product testing facilities for MSMEs

IANS ■ CHENNAI

The Ministry of Defence plans to set up 6-8 product testing facilities to enable the micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME) to test their products for defence supplies, said a senior official here.

The first testing facility, likely for drones, is to come up soon, he said on Friday.

"In order to provide MSME's a level playing field in defence supplies and also expand the vendor base, the Ministry of Defence has come up with a scheme to set up 6-8 product testing centres in the defence industrial corridors," Rear Admiral A. George, Additional Director General Quality Assurance (Warship Projects), directorate general, quality assurance (DGQA), told reporters.

He was here to participate in the Quality Assurance-Industry Conclave South Zone.

The government has allocated about ₹400 crore for this scheme whereby it would provide a grant-in-aid of up to 75 per cent of the cost of equipment for the product testing facility.

Notice Inviting e-Tender
No. SSA/Esst/TT/P/EPB/2020/379/2019/10285 Date :22.11.2019
Mission Director, Axom Sarba Siksha Abhijan Mission, Kahilipara, Guwahati-19, Assam (Samagra Siksha Abhijan) invites tender through e-Tendering process from reputed exercise book manufacturers for the supply of Evaluation and Practice Books for class -VIII (Single Line and Plain).
To participate in this tender process through e-procurement document, bidder should have valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) of class-II (minimum) and have to register in the portal https://assamtenders.gov.in by themselves.
The Bidder who have downloaded the tender schedules containing the tender details, terms and conditions, from the website shall submit their tender on-line on the website https://assamtenders.gov.in, with proof of payment of non refundable tender fee of Rs. 5000/- (Rupees five thousand) only in the form of demand draft/Bankers Cheque drawn in favour of Mission Director, Axom Sarba Siksha Abhijan Mission, Kahilipara, Guwahati-19, Assam, from any nationalized/scheduled Bank and payable at Guwahati. The tender should be submitted on-line as per date and time of submission as per prescribed schedule.
Sd/- Mission Director,
SSA, Assam, Kahilipara, Guwahati-19

SEARCH FOR MISSING
General public is hereby informed that one male namely **Pankaj S/o Late Krishan Lal Sharma** R/o H.No. 6/22 B Tilak Nagar, Delhi, has been missing from the area of P.S. Tilak Nagar, Delhi since 8.11.2019. In this regard, a case **DD No. 26A dated 09.11.2019** has been registered at P.S. Tilak Nagar, Delhi. The description of the missing male is as under.
Age: 38 Years, **Complexion:** Shallow, **Height:** 5'7", **Face:** Round, **Built:** Normal, **Wearing:** black colour T-shirt, blue colour jeans and black & white colour shoes in feet. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out him but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone has any information about the missing male then please inform P.S. Tilak Nagar, Delhi at following Tel No. / e-mail: **cic@cbi.gov.in** and Website: **http://cbi.nic.in**
Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641
Fax No. 011-24368639
Sd/- S.H.O.
P.S. Tilak Nagar, Delhi
Ph.-011 25407800
DP/8502/WD/19

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED
General Public is hereby informed that one boy namely **Salman S/o. Mohd. Balal, R/o H. No. 356, Indira Vikas Colony, In front of 17/4 Hostel, Delhi** has been missing/ kidnapped from the area of P. S. Mukherjee Nagar, Delhi since **17.07.2013**. In this regard a case vide **FIR No. 279/13 u/s 363 IPC, dated 17.07.2013** has been lodged in P. S. Mukherjee Nagar, Delhi. The description of missing/ kidnapped boy is as under:-**Age:** 6 year, **Height:** 3'1", **Complexion:** Fair, **Face:** Round, **Built:** Normal, **Wearing:** Brown colour pant, white colour T-shirt & ladies slipper. If anyone having any clue/information, kindly inform the undersigned.
Website: http://cbi.nic.in
E-Mail ID - cic@cbi.gov.in
Fax No. 011-24368639
SHO P.S. Mukherjee Nagar, Delhi
Ph. Nos.: 011-24368638, 24368641
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SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED MALE
General Public is hereby informed that one male (depicted in the photo) namely **Arvinder Singh S/o Sukhvinder Singh R/o RZT-493, Nihal Vihar, Delhi Aged-32 Years** has been reported missing/kidnapped since 06.09.2019 from the area of P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi vide **DD No.43A Dated 02.11.2019** registered at Police Station Nihal Vihar, Delhi. His physical description is as under:-
Complexion: Fair, **Height:** 5'7", **Face:** Round, **Clothing:** Green coloured t-shirt and black coloured pant and white coloured shoes in feet.
Any person having any information/Clue about this missing/kidnapped male, may inform SHO, Nihal Vihar, Delhi at E-mail: **cic@cbi.gov.in** or website: **http://cbi.nic.in**
Sd/-
Tele No. : 011-24368638 or 24368641
SHO, Nihal Vihar, Delhi
FAX No. : 011-24368639
Tel.: 011-25946700, 25946710
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Sbi Organises Town Hall Customer Meet Across The Country
Chandigarh: 22.11.2019: State Bank of India, country's largest Bank organized Town Hall Meeting all over India, across more than 500 centres on 22nd of November 2019 to understand customers' grievance and enhance service. It was an open invitation for customers to participate in the meeting and share their experiences and expectations from SBI which would help the bank to further enhance and improve its customer service.



150th State Level Bankers' Committee Meeting, Haryana
150th meeting of State Level Bankers' Committee Haryana was held today at Hotel Shivalki View, Sector 17, Chandigarh. Shri TVSN Prasad, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary to Govt. of Haryana, Finance & Planning Deptt was the Chief Guest of the Meeting. Shri L V Prabhakar, Executive Director, Punjab National Bank presided over the meeting.

63rd Special Revival Campaign
Life Insurance Corporation Of India

To help our policy holders to revive their lapsed LIC policies, LIC had launched "63rd Special Revival Campaign" for two months from 16.9.2019 to 15.11.2019 in which special concessions are given in exempting Late fee interest and health requirements. Due to the overwhelming response to the Campaign, it has been decided to extend the Campaign till 30.11.2019 so that maximum customers can avail the special benefit of easy revival of their lapsed policies and enjoy continued benefit of risk cover and future savings.



ICICI Bank organises 'Maha Loan Dhamaka' camp at Barnala
Barnala: ICICI Bank organised 'Maha Loan Dhamaka' in Barnala at college road, near bus stand, on November 20, 2019 to give individuals, including non-customers, access to a comprehensive bouquet of exciting offerings and special packages on two and four wheelers, trucks, farming equipment and tractors, gold loan and Kisan Credit Card. Speaking on the initiative, Mr. Anup Bagchi, Executive Director, ICICI Bank said, "We are hosting the 'Maha Loan Dhamaka' with the objective of providing easy access to loans to people across the country."

PRESS NOTICE TO BE PUBLISHED IN NEWS PAPERS FOR E-TENDERING

On line e-tender on item rate basis are invited by the Executive Engineer, I&PH Division Palampur on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh in electronic tendering system in two covers for the under mentioned work from the Contractor/Firm of appropriate class enlisted with Himachal Pradesh I&PH Department.

Name of work	Estimated cost	EMD	Cost of tender
Work No. 1:- Augmentation and Improvement of water supply scheme Andretta Agojar Baira &LVSS Tikker Indora in Tehsil Palampur Distt. Knagra HP. (SH) - Drilling, lowering assembly and development of tube well 80 meter deep at Govt. Primary School 80 meter.	Rs. 961725/-	Rs. 19035/-	Rs. 250/-
Work No.2:- Construction of Lift Irrigation Scheme Mungal Ropa Gadara in Tehsil Jaisinghpur Distt. Kangra HP. (SH) - Construction of outlet chamber & distribution system. - Estimated Cost. Rs. 558037/-, Earnest money Rs. 11161/-, Time limit:- Six months, Cost of form:- 250/-, Form No. PWD 6&8	Rs. 558037/-	Rs. 11161/-	Rs. 250/-
Work No.3:- Augmentation of lift water supply scheme Noura Chakal in Tehsil Baijnath Distt. Kangra HP. (SH) Drilling, lowering assembly and development of Tube well 90 meter deep at Vill. Ustehar near Shitta Chowk towards Kunsal near Transfer.	Rs. 961725/-	Rs. 19035/-	Rs. 250/-

Last date of filing/uploading the tender through e-tendering 5/12/2019 upto 11.00 AM and the same will be opened on 5/12/2019 at 11.30 AM. The tender forms and other detailed conditions can be obtained from the website www.hpiph.org and www.hptenders.gov.in.

CHANDIGARH HOUSING BOARD
(A Chandigarh Administration Undertaking)
8, JAN MARG, SECTOR 9-D, CHANDIGARH PHONE : 0172-4601826

PUBLIC NOTICE



Subject: - Transfer/Mutation of Allotment/ Registration D.U.No. 5713 of Category HIG (L) in Sector 38 West Chandigarh in the names of Smt.Prem Rastogi W/o Sh.Ved Parkash Rastogi and Sh.Sanjay Kumar Rustogi S/o Sh.Ved Parkash Rustogi on the intestate Demise of allottee/transferee Sh.Ved Parkash Rustgi S/o Sh.Ram Kishore Rustgi

It is hereby notified for the information of the General Public and all concerned that transferee Sh.Ved Parkash Rustgi S/o Sh.Ram Kishore Rustgi owners of Dwelling Unit No. 5713 of Category HIG (L) in Sector 38 West Chandigarh expired on 13-1-2017 at Faridabad (Haryana) as informed by his legal heirs. Smt.Prem Rastogi W/o Sh.Ved Parkash Rastogi and Sh.Sanjay Kumar Rustogi S/o Sh.Ved Parkash Rustogi have requested for transfer of ownership of Dwelling Unit No. 5713 of Category HIG (L) in Sector 38 West, Chandigarh in their names on the basis of intestate demise of Sh.Ved Parkash Rastgi S/o Sh.Ram Kishore Rustgi. They have further stated that no other legal heir has been left out and they are the only legal heirs of deceased owner of the above said Dwelling Unit. In case anybody has any objection regarding the claim/right/interest in the dwelling unit which is proposed to be transferred by the Chandigarh Housing Board in favour of Smt.Prem Rastogi (wife) and Sh.Sanjay Kumar (Son) he/she may submit the objection in writing to the undersigned within 30 days of the publication of this notice. failing which the registration and allotment of the said dwelling unit shall be transferred in favour of the above claimants.

Secretary,
Chandigarh Housing Board,
Chandigarh.

HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
Annexure "A"

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

The Executive Engineer, Chamba Division, HPPWD Chamba H.P. on behalf of Governor of H.P. invites the items rate bids, in electronic tendering system, from the eligible class of contractors registered with HPPWD for the works as detailed in the table.

Sr. No.	Name of work	Estimated cost (Rs.)	Earnest Money (Rs.)	Cost of tender Form (Rs.)	Class	Completion Period
1	A/R & M/O of various road under Chamba Sub Division No. II, HPPWD, Chamba (SH) - Hiring of excavator cum loader for removal of slips)	2,20,000/-	4,400/-	350/-	D&C	Three Months
2	A/R & M/O of various road under Chamba Sub Division No. II, HPPWD, Chamba (SH) - Hiring of excavator cum loader for removal of slips)	2,20,000/-	4,400/-	350/-	D&C	Three Months
3	A/R & M/O of various road under Chamba Sub Division No. II, HPPWD, Chamba (SH) - Hiring of excavator cum loader for removal of slips)	2,20,000/-	4,400/-	350/-	D&C	Three Months
4	A/R & M/O of various road under Chamba Sub Division No. 1, HPPWD, Chamba (SH) - Hiring of excavator cum loader for removal of slips)	2,20,000/-	4,400/-	350/-	D&C	Three Months
5	A/R & M/O of various road under Chamba Sub Division No. 1, HPPWD, Chamba (SH) - Hiring of excavator cum loader for removal of slips)	2,20,000/-	4,400/-	350/-	D&C	Three Months
6	A/R & M/O of various road under Chamba Sub Division No. 1, HPPWD, Chamba (SH) - Hiring of excavator cum loader for removal of slips)	2,20,000/-	4,400/-	350/-	D&C	Three Months
7	Restoration of damages of various roads by J/O infocom under Chamba Division (SH) - removal of slips and construction of earthen drain on various roads under Chamba Sub Division No. 1	2,20,000/-	4,400/-	350/-	D&C	Three Months
8	Restoration of damages on Rajera Gudda Bogga road Km. 00 to 5/335 (SH) - Hiring of Crawler excavator for rem oval of slips)	1,85,000/-	3,700/-	350/-	D&C	Three Months
9	Restoration of damages on Link road to village Sirna Km. 0/0 to 4/307 (SH) - Hiring of Crawler excavator for removal of slips)	1,85,000/-	3,700/-	350/-	D&C	Three Months

- KEY DATES:**
Date of Online Publication: 26-11-2019 10.00 Hours.
Document download Start and End date: 26-11-2019 10.00 Hours up to 10-12-2019 17.00 Hours.
Bid Submission Start and End date: 26-11-2019 10.00 Hours up to 10-12-2019 17.00 Hours.
Date of Technical Bid Opening: 11-12-2019 11.30 Hours.
- Submission of original Documents:** The original instruments in respect of cost of documents and EMD should and other Technical Documents be submitted to the tendering Authority i.e. Executive Engineer, Chamba Division, HPPWD Chamba on or before the date of opening of tender i.e. 11-12-2019 at 10.30 Hours and thereafter no documents will be entertained. This office is not responsible for any postal delay /Courier services and any other type of Transportation services.
- BID OPENING DETAILS:** The bids shall be opened on 11-12-2019 11.30 hours in the office of the Executive Engineer, Chamba Division, HPPWD Chamba by the authorised officer. In their interest the tenderer are advised to be present along with original documents at the time of opening of tenders. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.
- The Tender for the work at Sr. No. 1 to 7 will be accepted of those Contractors /Firms who possess own Excavator-Loader, documentary proof for the same will have to be furnished by the contractor/firm. No affidavit/transfer of machinery through the process of sale/purchase will be entertained. To & For charges to be born by the contractors/ Firms for transportation for the machinery. Machine is to be deployed at Chamba Sub Division No. 1 & Chamba Sub Division No.II as per the different locations during the course of time as given above as per the direction of Engineer-in-charge. The machine shall remain under the control of Assistant Engineer/ Junior Engineer-in-charge as per the period mentioned above.
- The Tender for the work at Sr. No. 8 to 9 will be accepted of those Contractors /Firms who possess own Pock Lane, documentary proof for the same will have to be furnished by the contractor/firm. To & For charges to be born by the contractors/ Firms for transportation for the machinery. Machine is to be deployed at Chamba Sub Division No. 1 & Chamba Sub Division No.II as per the different locations during the course of time as given above as per the direction of Engineer-in-charge. The machine shall remain under the control of Assistant Engineer/ Junior Engineer-in-charge as per the period mentioned above.
- Machine will be immediately be deployed at site of work after the issue of award letter.
- The contractor who have already recently awarded /executed similar type of work will not be eligible to participated in the above to tender subject to the condition he has more than one required Excavator-cum-loader/Pocklane.

The bidders are advised to note their details of tenders from the department website www.hptenders.gov.in. The undersigned has right to extend or cancel the bids without declaring any reasons there-of.

Executive Engineer,
Chamba Division,
HPPWD Chamba Pin-176310
Tel.01899-222229
Email:- ee-cha-hp@nic.in

RO 3033/19-20 Dt. 22-11-2019

On behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh

DHFL DEWAN HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION LIMITED
National Office: HDIL Towers, B-Wing, 6th & 8th Floor, Anant Kanekar Marg, Bandra (East), Mumbai - 400 051.
Branch office: DHFL, Dreams Mall, first Floor, L.B.S Marg, Bandhup, (West), Mumbai - 400078

DEMAND NOTICE
Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Rule 3 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. The undersigned is the Authorised Officer of Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Ltd.(DHFL) under Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the said Act). In exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, the Authorised Officer has issued Demand Notices under section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the following Borrower(s) (the "said Borrower(s)"), to repay the amounts mentioned in the respective Demand Notice(s) issued to them that are also given below. In connection with above, Notice is hereby given, once again, to the said Borrower(s) to pay to DHFL, within 60 days from the publication of this Notice, the amounts indicated herein below, together with further interest as detailed in the said Demand Notice(s), from the date(s) mentioned below till the date of payment and/or realization, payable under the loan agreement read with other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said Borrower(s). As security for due repayment of the loan, the following assets have been mortgaged to DHFL by the said Borrower(s) respectively.

Name of the Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount With NPA date	Description of secured asset (Immovable Property)
(LC No. 00003162 of New Delhi Branch) Amba Sharan (Borrower) Shweta Sharma (Co Borrower 1)	26-09-2019/ ₹ 31,64,881/- (Thirty One lakh Sixty Four Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty One) NPA (01-03-2015)	Unit No. 1806 Block A-1, 18th Floor Era Landmark Faridabad, Faridabad- 121001
(LC No. 00000361 of Faridabad Branch) Varun Chakravarty (Borrower) Saroj (Co Borrower 1)	26-09-2019/ ₹ 7,35,333/- (Seven lakh Thirty Five Thousand Three Hundred Thirty Three) NPA (01-08-2019)	Unit No. P-84, Ground Floor Era Green World Sector-8, Palwal, Faridabad-121002
(LC No. 00000381 of Faridabad Branch) Satish Kumar (Borrower) Dharwati Tanwar (Co Borrower 1)	26-09-2019/ ₹ 14,67,491/- (Fourteen lakh Sixty Seven Thousand Four Hundred Ninety One) NPA (01-08-2016)	Villa No. Pw/1-32 Era Green World Palwal, Palwal, Faridabad-121102
(LC No. 00000016 of Hisar Branch) Ashok Kumar (Borrower) Rukmani (Co Borrower 1)	26-09-2019/ ₹ 11,45,322/- (Eleven lakh Forty Five Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Two) NPA (01-07-2019)	Khasra No 854/1/8(0-3) Near Girls College, bhuna, Distt. Fatehabad, Fatehabad, Fatehabad-125111
(LC No. 00001140 of Rohini Branch) Achievers Builders Pvt Ltd (Borrower) Vijay Bhardwaj (Co Borrower 1) Jagdish Lal Bhatia (Co Borrower 2) Isha Bhardwaj (Guarantor 1) Meenu Bhardwaj (Guarantor 2) Sakshi Bhardwaj (Guarantor 3) Anita Bhatia (Guarantor 4)	29-10-2019/ ₹ 32,91,519/- (Thirty Two lakh Ninety One Thousand Five Hundred Nineteen) NPA (01-09-2019)	H.No.1950 (P. No. 44 Ka Southern Park) Kila No.171/1/4, Ns, Street No-8, Near-Zym Ram Gopal Colony, Rohtak Haryana 124001
(LC No. 00004621 of Karnal Branch) Vishal Saini (Borrower) Dilbag Saini (Co Borrower 1) Pooja Ram Niwas (Co Borrower 2)	29-10-2019/ ₹ 23,21,419/- (Twenty Three lakh Twenty One Thousand Four Hundred Nineteen) NPA (01-09-2019)	Khwat No. 208 Min Khatoni No. 238 Waka Mouja Taraf Afganabad Abadi Known As Luxmi Nagar, Panipat Haryana 132103
(LC No. 00004650 of Karnal Branch) Birender Singh (Borrower) Kuljit Kaur (Co Borrower 1) Ritu Devi (Co Borrower 2)	29-10-2019/ ₹ 12,16,314/- (Twelve lakh Sixteen Thousand Three Hundred Fourteen) NPA (01-09-2019)	Vasika No. 1865/1, Vasant Vihar, Near Jeevan Jyoti Hospital Near Jeevan Jyoti Hospital, Karnal Haryana 132001
(LC No. 00042381 of Chandigarh -Madhya Marg Branch) Jaswant Singh (Borrower) Sukhwinder Kaur (Co Borrower 1)	29-10-2019/ ₹ 13,14,435/- (Thirteen lakh Fourteen Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Five) NPA (01-09-2019)	Hadbast No. 244 Khatoni No. 1540/1974, Prem Nagar Vpo Ugala, Barara Barara Ambala Haryana 133201
(LC No. 00005599 of Karnal Branch) Saraswati Education Society (Borrower) Sukender Singh (Co Borrower 1) Ashish Kumar Amrichand (Co Borrower 2) Ajay Attar Singh (Guarantor 1) Jyoti Yadav (Guarantor 2) Puja Rani (Guarantor 3)	29-10-2019/ ₹ 50,56,858/- (Fifty lakh Fifty Six Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Eight) NPA (01-09-2019)	Saraswati Sr. Sec. School, Barsi Road, Tehsil Bawani Khara, Barsi Near Bus Stand Milk Bhiwani, Haryana 127032
(LC No. 00002348 of Gurgaon Branch) Mauria Udyog Limited (Borrower) S K D Estates Private Limited (Co Borrower 1) Vishnu Kumar Sureka (Co Borrower 2) Navneet Kumar Sureka (Guarantor 1) Prem Lata Sureka (Guarantor 2) Deepa Sureka (Guarantor 3) Pramod Kumar Agarwal (Guarantor 4)	29-10-2019/ ₹ 19,82,97,667/- (Nineteen Crore Eighty Two lakh Ninety Seven Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Seven) NPA (01-09-2019)	Farm House No. F-28, Known Floris Bansal Mustil No.18, Killa-20 Min (1-0), 21(6-14) 23(1/4-16), VIII Samalkha Bandh Road, New Delhi 110037
(LC No. 00002444 of Gurgaon Branch) Vardey Education Society (Borrower) Dhivat Bhushan (Co Borrower 1) Asha Rani (Co Borrower 2) Hari Kishan Sharma (Guarantor 1)	29-10-2019/ ₹ 80,96,882/- (Eighty lakh Ninety Six Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Two) NPA (01-09-2019)	Murba No 22,29 Killa No. 1,2,9,10,11,12 20,22min,21, Khawat No 165, 175, Khat-204 208,216,220, VII Bhranama Julana Road, Jind Haryana 126101
(LC No. 00006205 of Karnal Branch) Rajiv Gaur (Borrower) Shalini Sharma (Co Borrower 1)	29-10-2019/ ₹ 2,05,31,270/- (Two Crore Five lakh Thirty One Thousand Two Hundred Seventy) NPA (01-09-2019)	Kalavati Market,mezban Hotel Railway Road, Hdfc Bank Kurukshetra Kurukshetra, Haryana 136118
(LC No. 00006226 of Karnal Branch) Salochna Kumar Chaudhary (Borrower) Asachna Rani (Co Borrower 1) Saurabh Chaudhary (Co Borrower 2) Barkha Kumari (Guarantor 1)	29-10-2019/ ₹ 2,85,23,871/- (Two Crore Eighty Five lakh Twenty Three Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy One) NPA (01-09-2019)	M/S Chaudhary Ipsat Udhog Near Jai Ambeey Timber Store On Udhog Marg Kathal Kathal Haryana 136027
(LC No. 00002125 of Netaji Subhash Place Branch) Jai Bhagwan Gupta (Borrower) Uma Rani (Co Borrower 1) Shubham Gupta (Co Borrower 2) Nikhil Gupta (Guarantor 1)	29-10-2019/ ₹ 80,02,468/- (Eighty lakh Two Thousand Four Hundred Sixty Eight) NPA (01-09-2019)	Commercial Shop Building, Waka Old Ana Ward No.5, Old Anaj Mandi, Gohana Sonipat, Haryana 131301

If the said Borrowers shall fail to make payment to DHFL as aforesaid, DHFL shall proceed against the above secured assets under Section 13(4) of the Act and the applicable Rules, entirely at the risks of the said Borrowers as to the costs and consequences. The said Borrowers are prohibited under the Act from transferring the aforesaid assets, whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of DHFL. Any person who contravenes or abets contravention of the provisions of the said Act or Rules made there under, shall be liable for imprisonment and/or penalty as provided under the Act.

Sd/-
(Authorised Officer)
Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Limited

Date : 23-11-2019
Place: Haryana

ICICI Bank Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd., Videocon Tower, Jhandewalan, New Delhi - 110055

PUBLIC NOTICE - TENDER CUM AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET

[See proviso to rule 8(6)]
Notice for sale of movable asset
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of movable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Ltd. will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" as per the brief particulars given hereunder;

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
1.	Mr. Deepak (Borrower) Mr. Raju (Co-Borrower) LAHIS0034624275	Make/ Model : Tata Zest XMRT Registration No- HR21L4838 RC Status-Available	Rs. 5,37,928/- (as on Oct 14, 2019)	Rs. 2,51,000/- Rs. 25,100/-	All working days, from 11:00 AM to 05:00 PM	Dec 11, 2019 from 11 A.M.

The online auction will be conducted on website (URL Link- <https://www.cartradeexchange.com>) of our auction agency Car Trade Exchange. The Mortgagors/noticee are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till Dec 10, 2019 before 5.00 PM else these secured asset will be sold as per schedule. The Prospective Bidders(s) must submit their offer along with the earnest money deposit (refer column E) in a sealed envelope that mentions "Offer for purchase of property" to ICICI Bank Ltd., Videocon Tower, Jhandewalan, New Delhi - 110055 or to our marketing agent Shiram Automall India Ltd. 201, 2nd Floor Best Sky Tower F- 5, Netaji Subhash Place, Pitampura, New Delhi- 110034 on or before Dec 10, 2019 before 5.00PM. The marketing agency has also been engaged as auctioneer for proper conduct of auction. Earnest Money Deposit DD/PO should be from a Nationalised/Scheduled Bank in favour of "ICICI Bank Limited" payable at Delhi.
For any further clarifications with regards to inspection, terms and conditions of the auction or submission of tenders, kindly contact ICICI Bank Limited on 9599281817/9650193259. Tenders which are acknowledged by the Bank/e-auction vendor official and registered before the cut-off time with complete details shall only be considered for auction.
The Authorised Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please visit www.icicibank.com/n4p4s
Date: November 23, 2019
Place: Haryana

Authorised Officer
ICICI Bank Limited.

Department of Horticulture, Shimla, HP, 171002.

E- Procurement Notice

Online bid are invited for purchase of Plastic Crates (Fruit & Vegetable crates) by the Director of Horticulture, Himachal Pradesh, Nabhahar, Shimla 171002, under e-tendering system in two cover for the under mentioned Goods eligible and approved contractor/suppliers/firms.

Sr. No.	Item Description	Specification	Delivery Location	Earnest Money Deposit	Bid Cost	Delivery Period
1.	Plastic Crates (Fruit & Vegetable Crates)	Weight: 1.5 KG (Min) 542 L x 360 W X 290 H (OD) (+/- 0.25 to 0.5%)	Different locations in Himachal Pradesh	8,00,000	1,000	Within 60 Days

1. Availability of bid document and Mode of submission: -
The bid document is available online and bid should be submitted online on website <http://hptender.gov.in>. The bidder would be required to register in website which is free of cost. For submission of the bids, the bidder required digital signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized certifying Authorities (CA) Aspiring bidders who have not obtained the user ID and password for participating in e-tendering in the Director of Horticulture, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-2 may obtain the same from the website <http://hptender.gov.in>. Digital signature is mandatory to participate in the E- tendering. Bidder already possessing the digital signature issued from authorized CA can use the same in the tender.

- Date of online publication:- 7th November 2019
- Document Download start and end date:- 7th November 2019, to 28th November 2019
- Physical submission of EMD and cost of tender Document- up to 28th November 2019 till 1:00 PM
- Date of Technical Bid opening will be 28th November 2019 till 1:00 PM at 02:00 PM, evaluation of technical bid opening and financial bid opening will be accordingly.
- The tender document shall be uploaded online in 2 cover (Technical bid & financial bid).
- The bidder may also contact the office for any clarification personally, telephonically or via email.
- The contact details are as below:
Landline No: 0177-2841360
Email ID: horticult-hp@nic.in

(Dr. M. L. Dhiman)
Director of Horticulture,
Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-2.

RO 3032/19-20 Dt. 21-11-2019

HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
Office of the Executive Engineer, Electrical Division No.1, HPPWD, Shimla-9
Web. www.hppwd.gov.in. E-mail: ee-eled1-hp@nic.in
Phone/Fax No.0177- 2621398.

"NOTICE INVITING TENDER"

Sealed Item rate tenders on form No. 7 & 8 are invited by the Executive Engineer, Electrical Division No.1, HPPWD Shimla-9 for the following works on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh from approved and eligible firms, so as to reach in this office on or before 21-12-2019 up to 10.30 AM and will be opened on the same day at 11.00 AM in the presence of the intending contractors or their authorized representatives. The eligible firms shall means the contractor registered with HPPWD in appropriate Class and discipline. The tender form can be had from this office against cash payment (Non-refundable) up to 1.00 PM on dated 19-12-2019.

The earnest money in the shape of National Saving Certificate/Time Deposit Account/Saving Account in any of the Post Office in HP duly pledged in favour of XEN must accompany with each tender at the time of issue of tender form. Conditional tenders and the applications for tender received without earnest money will summarily be rejected. The offer of the tender shall be kept open for 90 days. The undersigned reserves the right to reject the tender without assigning any reason. It is further added that the rates be quoted both in words and figures for proper checking to avoid any complications. No tender form will be issued to those contractors who are not registered under HP GST Act 1968. The contractors shall show their registration/renewal of enlistment to the undersigned before issue of tender forms. If the date of opening of will be holiday, the tender will be opened on the next working day at the same time.

Sr. No.	Name of work	Estimated cost	EMD	Time	Cost of tender
1	Providing servicing & Refilling of Fire Extinguishers in HP Judicial Academy at Ghandal for the year 2019 -20	Rs. 2,08,973/-	4200/-	One year	350/-
2	Replacement of damaged cable and providing LT cable joints at Armsdale Building H.P Sectt. Shimla -2	Rs. 1,34,525/-	2700/-	Three Months	350/-
3	C/O 6 Nos Class rooms & 1 Nos. Examination hall at Govt. Senior Secondary School Habton Tehsil Raghgar, Distt. Sirmour HP (SH) - Providing E.I therein)	Rs. 4,12,693/-	8300/-	Six Months	350/-
4	Providing Addition/alteration to E.I in New Branch Block -C Directorate of Higher Education Lalpani, Shimla -1	Rs. 1,16,745/-	2400/-	Three Months	350/-
5	Providing Rewiring in type -VI set No. 3, at Rich Mount under ESD-I	Rs. 3,26,782/-	6600/-	Three Months	350/-
6	R/O of Fire Fighting & Fire Alarm in HP High Court Shimla for the year 2020 - 2021 (w.e.f. 01-01-2020 to 31-12-2021)	Rs. 3,57,603/-	7200/-	One year	350/-
7	Providing servicing & Refilling of existing Fire Extinguisher in HP High Court at Shimla.	Rs. 1,32,828/-	2700/-	Three Months	350/-
8	Replacement of damaged & outlived fan coil units in central heating system at HP High Court Shimla -1.	Rs. 4,49,820/-	9000/-	Three Months	350/-
9	Replacement of convention CFL fitting with energy efficient led lights and damaged street light cable in the residence of Hon'ble deputy speaker at Kothi No. 5 and mainfield lodge at benmore Distt. Shimla H.P.	Rs. 1,07,704/-	2200/-	Three Months	350/-

GLOBE TROTTER

10 KILLED IN B'DESH ROAD ACCIDENT Dhaka: A microbus packed with wedding guests collided head-on with a bus in central Bangladesh on Friday, killing at least ten people including two children, according to media reports.

COMBAT EVIL THROUGH COOPERATION: POPE Bangkok: The pope on Friday urged religious leaders to cooperate and foster mutual respect to face the complex challenges of today in a speech in a Thailand university.

PAYPAL DECLINES TO EXTEND SERVICES TO PAK Islamabad: Pakistan Govt officials on Friday said that as of now PayPal, an American company which operates a worldwide online payment system that supports online money transfers, has refused to extend its services to Pakistan.

SMOG PUTS LAHORE AT RISK: AMNESTY New Delhi: The Imran Khan Government has been slammed in an international report for the inadequate response to the hazardous level of smog in the Pakistani city of Lahore that has put people's health at risk.

BRAZIL CREATES 8.41,000 JOBS IN 10 MONTHS Rio De Janeiro: Brazil created 8,41,589 jobs from January to October, a 6.4% increase year-on-year, the Brazilian Ministry said on Thursday. According to the ministry's labour secretariat, the Brazilian economy generated 70,852 jobs in October, the best figure for the month since 2016.

TRUMP IMPEACHMENT

Witness attacks 'fictional narrative propagated by Russians'

Washington: A former top White House adviser on Russia on Thursday said the "fictional narrative" pushed by Donald Trump and the Republicans about Ukraine's role in influencing the 2016 US election was propagated by Russia, as he testified before the House Intelligence Committee's impeachment probe. Fiona Hill, the former top Russia expert on the National Security Council, was testifying before the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence as part of its series of public hearings on its impeachment proceedings against President Donald Trump. The impeachment inquiry centers on the accusation that

Trump withheld a White House visit for Ukraine's president and security aid for the country as leverage to push the government to announce investigations into former Vice President Joseph Biden and the claim that Ukraine conspired to help Democrats in the 2016 election. Hill said that such a fictional native is being perpetrated and propagated by the Russians. "Based on questions and statements I have heard some of you on this committee appear to believe that Russia and its security services did not conduct a campaign against our country and that perhaps somehow for some reason Ukraine did. This is a fictional narrative that is being perpetrated and propagated by the Russian security services themselves," Hill said. "The unfortunate truth is that Russia was the foreign power that systematically attacked our democratic institutions in 2016. This is the public conclusion of our own intelligence agencies confirmed in bipartisan congressional reports. It is beyond dispute even if some of the underlying details must remain classified," she said. The impact of the successful 2016 Russian campaign remains evident today, Hill said. "Our nation is being torn apart. Truth is questioned. Our highly professional expert

Hearings highlight immigrants' stories

AP ■ WASHINGTON One came from northeast England. Another came from the former Soviet Union. A third was born in Canada to parents who fled the Soviet Union and Nazi Germany. Several witnesses who testified in the House impeachment inquiry this week chose to highlight their immigrant backgrounds, sharing their families' stories in highly personal opening statements. They drew a connection to how those experiences led them to public service and a strong desire to safeguard US national security. Their stories offered a sharp counterpoint to President Donald Trump, who has often derided immigrants as a threat to American national security. "I can say with confidence that this country has offered for me opportunities I never would have had in England," former National Security Council official Fiona Hill testified Thursday. She spoke in what she called a "very distinctive working-class" British accent that would have impeded her professional advancement at home, but that "never set me back in America." On Tuesday, Lt Col Alexander Vindman, an Army officer who works with the National Security Council, testified that his family fled to the US from the Soviet Union when he was 3.



Trump doubles down on debunked Ukraine conspiracy theory

Washington: President Donald Trump is still promoting a debunked conspiracy theory that Ukraine interfered in the 2016 election, a day after a former White House security adviser called it a "fictional narrative." Trump called in to "Fox & Friends" on Friday and said he was trying to root out corruption in the Eastern European nation when he withheld aid over the summer. Trump's July 25 call with Ukraine's president is at the center of the House impeach-

US short-term spending Bill passed

Washington: The US Senate has passed a short-term spending Bill that could keep the federal Government funded through December 20, avoiding a possible Government shutdown. The legislation, which was passed by the House earlier this week, will be sent to President Donald Trump, who is expected to sign it. The Senate passed it by a vote of 74-20 on Thursday, Xinhua news agency reported. In early August, the US Congress passed a bill that will increase the federal budget and

HK would have been 'obliterated in 14 minutes' if not for me: Trump

AFP ■ WASHINGTON US President Donald Trump claimed on Friday that were it not for him, Hong Kong "would have been obliterated in 14 minutes" by Chinese troops. In an interview with Fox News, Trump said President Xi Jinping refrained from sending in the military against pro-democracy demonstrators in the semi-autonomous city only because he asked him to. "If it weren't for me, Hong Kong would have been obliterated in 14 minutes," Trump said. Xi "has a million soldiers standing outside of Hong Kong, are not going only because I asked him. Please don't do that. You will be making a big mistake. It will have a tremendous negative impact on the trade deal."

UN, other international bodies should take up Dalai Lama succession issue: US

Washington: Rejecting China's claim on deciding the 84-year-old Dalai Lama's successor, the US on Thursday said the issue should be taken up by the international bodies, including the UN. China has been asserting that its ascent to the Dalai Lama's successor is a must. "There are many people who follow the Dalai Lama and don't live in China. He is a well-known spiritual leader throughout the world and deserves respect and deserves the succession process picked by his faith community..." US Ambassador at Large for

US working with Taiwan to combat China election interference

Taipei (Taiwan): The top US representative in Taiwan said Washington is working with it to combat efforts by Beijing to influence upcoming elections on the island. The US is "aware that China is attempting to apply pressure through various means on Taiwan ... To influence Taiwan's democratic process," Brent Christensen told reporters on Friday. "We believe that malign actors are using disinformation campaigns to make people lose faith in democratic institutions," said Christensen, who serves as the de facto US ambassador to Taipei. The US and Taiwan have been "working very closely to combat these disinformation efforts" by sharing information and experience and mobilising

Rajapaksa appoints interim Cabinet, brothers take major portfolios

Colombo: Sri Lankan President Gotabaya Rajapaksa on Friday appointed a 16-member interim Cabinet, including two of his brothers, and gave the major portfolios of defence, finance and trade to them while inducting two Tamils as a sign of reaching out to the minority community. Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa, 77, got the key portfolios of defence and finance while the President's eldest brother Chamal Rajapaksa, 77, got trade and food security ministries. "This is an interim government," Gotabaya Rajapaksa, who took over as the country's President on Monday, said during the swearing-in ceremony of the ministers. He said the ministers of state would be appointed next week.

Iran says 'world war' against it foiled

AFP ■ TEHRAN Iran's Basij militia said the unrest sparked by fuel price hikes amounted to a "world war" against Tehran that was thwarted, pointing the finger of blame at Washington, Riyadh and Israel. The protests erupted across the sanctions-hit country on November 15, after the price of petrol was raised by as much as 200 per cent. Authorities said some of the protest leaders in which police stations were attacked, petrol pumps torched and shops looted had been arrested. "A full-fledged world war against the system and the revolution was born and fortunately the child died at the moment of birth," said Brigadier General Salvar Abnoosh, a deputy head of the Basij, an Islamic volunteer militia. Quoted by semi-official news agency ISNA late Thursday, Abnoosh said interrogations had revealed a "coalition of evil" made up of "Zionists, America and Saudi Arabia" was behind the "sedition". The United Nations human rights office, for its part, has said it was alarmed by reports that live ammunition used by security forces to quell the unrest had caused a "significant number of deaths". Officials have confirmed five deaths, while Amnesty International said that more than 100 demonstrators were believed to have been killed and the real death toll could be as high as 200. Iran's Revolutionary Guards said that during the unrest, "incidents ... Caused by the rise in petrol price took place in (a little) less than 100 cities". The "incidents were ended in less than 24 hours and in some cities in 72 hours" as a result of the "armed forces' insight and timely action", it said. Internet remained mostly blocked in Iran on Friday for a sixth day, with officials and news agencies saying the blackout was gradually being rolled back. Iran's telecommunications minister told ISNA that connectivity had returned in some provinces but did not give a date for full coverage. "Other places will also be reconnected" upon orders of the Supreme National Security Council, said Mohammad-Javad Azari Jahromi, adding the ministry was still assessing damage done to businesses. Access via ADSL was partially restored in a number of provinces and for some universities in Tehran as of Thursday, according to ISNA, although mobile data connections could still only access local websites. NetBlocks, a website that monitors net shutdowns, showed Iran's connectivity to be at only 14 per cent at mid-Friday.

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UK election: Tories plan stamp duty hike on non-UK residents

London: Foreigners buying properties in England will be forced to pay three per cent more in stamp duty than the UK residents, if the Conservatives win the general election. The party claims it will help people get on the housing ladder by taking the heat out of the property market, the BBC reported. The government was already planning a one per cent hike for foreign buyers. Labour is also proposing a levy on "overseas companies buying housing", and wants to give local people "first dibs" on homes built in their area. Currently, foreign individuals and companies can buy homes as easily as the UK residents, but there are longstanding concerns about properties being bought as investments and standing empty, particularly in upmarket areas of London. Conservatives quote a study saying 13 per cent of homes in London were bought by overseas buyers between 2014 and 2016. Research last year by the King's College Business School suggested foreign buyers did not just push up prices at the high-end of the property market, but there was a "trickle down" effect to less expensive properties, and that cities outside London also felt the effect, said the BBC Report. The Conservatives are now proposing a surcharge of three per cent to be paid in addition to all other stamp duty charges. IANS

S Korea salvages military pact with Japan at 11th hour

Seoul: South Korea decided on Friday against scrapping a critical military intelligence-sharing pact with Japan, in a dramatic 11th-hour U-turn that will come as a relief to the United States. The pact was due to expire at midnight amid a sharp deterioration in ties between the two democracies and market economies that has alarmed Washington as it seeks to curb the threat from nuclear-armed North Korea. But after a flurry of last-ditch diplomacy, Seoul announced it would "conditionally" suspend the expiry of the agreement with just six hours left on the clock. Kim You-geun, a national security official at Seoul's presidential Blue House, confirmed the accord, known as GSOMIA, would not be allowed to lapse at midnight. AFP

Israel braces for bitter fight after Netanyahu indictment

Jerusalem: Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's indictment is expected to sharpen the battle lines in Israel's already deadlocked political system and could test the loyalty of his right-wing allies, Israeli commentators said on Friday. The serious corruption charges announced Thursday appear to have dashed already slim hopes for a unity government following September's elections, paving the way for an unprecedented repeat vote in March, which will be the third in less than a year. In an angry speech late Thursday, Netanyahu lashed out at investigators and vowed to fight on in the face of an "attempted coup." His main opponent, the centrist Blue and White party, called on him to "immediately resign" from all his Cabinet posts, citing a Supreme Court ruling that says indicted ministers cannot continue to hold office. Netanyahu also serves as minister of health, labor and Diaspora affairs, as well as acting minister of agriculture. He is not legally required to step down as PM, but Netanyahu faces heavy pressure to do so, and it is unclear whether an indicted politician could be given the mandate to form a new government. Netanyahu has already failed to form a majority coalition of 61 seats in the 120-seat Knesset after two hard-fought elections this year. AP

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SHORT CIRCUITS



DEV PATEL

For us, we lived in the siege for 3 months and everytime we see a hotel entry and exit, it takes us back to the series of events. It was traumatising. But as an artist you invest whole heartedly in these characters. You give a part of yourself in these roles. I hope that when people watch me on screen, they are able to see that.



ARSHAD WARSI

I think when I started, things were simpler, people were less complicated and baggage was less. Now it is a bit more complicated. Earlier, you were an actor, now you are a product. You are a commodity, which needs to be sold. So, you have to dress in a certain way, you have to walk and talk a certain way, look a certain way.



SAJID KHAN

Basically, the entire team thought about the strategy but Salman *bhai* is the person who takes the final decision when it comes to music of the film. He is, Masha Allah, a very talented and musical man. He has the knack to bring his own personality into music and he advises us.



RANI MUKHERJEE

My favourite cricketer has always been Sunil Gavaskar. The reason behind this is, when I was young, my parents watched a lot of cricket, and I have seen him play from those days. When I used to watch him play, there was some enigma around him when he used to walk to the ground; it was electrifying.

JACK BLACK

Jumanji is a great game in the world. And when you play you often think who made this extraordinary game... a possible plotline for the third part. I had a ball playing my new characters. I don't know about which one is my favourite as when I am doing it at the moment.



ENCOUNTER 45 MINUTES

SONGS OF THE HEART

Singer MOHIT CHAUHAN gives voice to characters while establishing an invisible connect that cannot be broken, says TEAM VIVA

Sajra Savera Mere Tan Barse Kajra/ Andhera Teri Jalti Lau Katrina Mila/ Jo Tere Dar Par Se, O Maula... Maula... Mohit Chauhan's voice wafted softly across the screen and then soared as Ranbir Kapoor looked up at the dome of Hazrat Nizamuddin's dargah for salvation and inspiration. While creating an iconic cinematic moment where the audience connected with the despair that the singer Janardhan, who would soon metamorphosis into Jordan, felt, Chauhan became inseparable from the film that firmly established him in the realm of songs that were ethereal and could not be replicated. In ephemeral times, *Rockstar's* music still continues to feature in the playlists of millennials and Generation Z (as well as their parents) despite the passage of eight years.

The voice, which expressed the emotions effortlessly, connected with thousands of others who failed to bring out the same emotion and wanted to. He, sort of, gave words to everybody's feelings. While Imtiaz Ali, AR Rahman and Irshad Kamil created the cult film, it was only Chauhan who could have expressed each of the emotions that Jordan goes through, whether it is the unattainable love that he felt for Heer or the anguish he feels at her death or the rage at the system. Mohit, who is in the capital to perform at the *Mayur Utsav*, feels that *Rockstar* is one of the most important milestones in his musical career. He met Imtiaz for the first time, when music composer Pritam Chakraborty to sing in *Jab We Met*. But it almost did not happen. He shares, "I had disappeared into the mountains and they were not able to contact me because I am not fond of using phones too much. A couple of months went by and I got a call from Imtiaz saying, 'where have you been? We have been trying to get in touch with you desperately for almost three months'. Then I came to Mumbai and sang that song. I am still very thankful that he waited for me. There were so many singers, he could have easily approached someone else but he didn't." And that's where their relationship started. Gradually they were on the same wavelength. Interestingly, Mohit says that right from *Tum Se Hi* to every song that he has sung for Imtiaz's film is written by Irshad Kamil. And they have been all very successful songs. "It's so great to spend time with him. He's an amazing director as well as a great friend," says he.

Mohit says that it's almost like a



spiritual experience to be able to sing about 10 to 11 songs in one film. I sang *Sadda Haq, Tum Ho, Kun Faya Kun* and *Phir Se Ud Chala* in the same film, which is extremely unheard of. A playback singer usually sings one or two songs in a single film. People use six music directors and then 10 different singers for 10 songs. But to be able to sing all of them in just one album is an indescribable feeling. I went through all the emotions that an artist can go through and express. Also, the character that I was singing for was like really close to me. Almost like me as the story is that of a contemporary musician and his journey. How he learns music all by himself, so all the emotions and expressions were so real for me," says he and narrates how he met AR Rahman. He says, "I was a part of the band called Silk Route. We sang songs like *Dooba Dooba* and *Boondein*. There was this huge music award festival in Delhi in November, 1998. That evening we won four awards. We got the best songs, best debut and best band of the year award. I met him there for the very first time. I paid my respects to him and he complimented me saying, 'Your band has a beautiful sound'. He, later, asked me if I have every tried singing



in films. I replied in the negative. Then almost after five years later, I got a call from him for *Khoon Chala* for *Rang De Basanti*. That was my first song. And that's when my musical journey started. It has been really amazing since then to work with him. I really consider myself fortunate to record with him, under his guidance."

The singer has always been keen on promoting arts and culture. He believes that it's a natural process that when you

value art, you feel the urge to promote it more and why not? "Folk music should be heard by people and especially by the younger generation, so that they understand, absorb and enjoy our roots and culture. I have always promoted folk music because it's related to our tradition and culture. It's great to be a part of art and make it a part of you," feels Mohit.

The most important change that has happened over the years, according to him, is the advent of technology. It has become much easier for individuals of all kinds to be able to showcase their talents. "A lot of people have gained acclaim just because of the internet. That's something huge and good, especially for the artistes," says he.

It was in 2017, when the singer himself started his online show, *CoHear*, on YouTube. "I did it for a year. I am a traveller. I always travel to hills. The idea came from my wife. She said that 'you hang out so much in the mountains, why don't you do this live concert show?' And then I thought about it. People love to come to concerts but not everyone is able to attend them. I got a really good response for that. Nobody was doing it at that time," says he.

Mohit has also been conducting var-

ious workshops in colleges. He feels that it's great to inspire someone with your own story. He says, "I was made the ambassador for the Skill India initiative. I really feel, it's about turning your passion into your skill. It's, in fact, a theory — if you are passionate about something you spend so much time on it that it becomes a skill, which you can use to reach out to people and make things better. I have learned from artists who are senior to me or people that I have read about in their biographies. I loved hearing how they made their music, what came in their mind and everything, so that inspires me to do my work. In the same manner I can help youngsters understand that they can do it too. After all, they are the future."

Just like 'I Love New York', every city has a campaign. Ask Mohit what does he think can be done to brand Delhi, and he will tell you that Delhi is a great city with a greater history. "The capital will always remain, '*Dilvalon ki Dilli*'. Delhiites are filled with love. Their hearts are pure and the amount of energy they have is unbeatable. Each and everything adds colour to this beautiful city," says the singer.

(*Mayur Utsav is on November 24 and 25.*)

Hollywood girl gang in Dubai



An eight-minute short film titled *A Story Takes Flight*, starring Hollywood stars Gwyneth Paltrow, Zoe Saldana and Kate Hudson, has captured the imagination of netizens with its vivid portrayal of landscapes in and around Dubai.

Dubai's Department of Tourism and Commerce Marketing launched the film, shot by Emmy and Director's Guild award-winning director Reed Morano. In the film, the three Hollywood stars are seen embarking on three journeys of exploration through Dubai, filled with inspiration, discovery, and human connections.

This global campaign resolves the mystery of the last edition of Dubai's popular #BeMyGuest series. In the last video, Shah Rukh Khan bumped into Hollywood actress Gwyneth Paltrow on a beach.

The campaign showcases unique locations spread across the Emirate that include the old souks, the Dubai Creek and the vast expanse of sand dunes.

Sharing her travelling experience in Dubai, Gwyneth Paltrow said: "One of my favorite parts of traveling is to truly connect with a city, its people and the local culture. Dubai is special because it's a melting pot. Both the ones born here, who are so proud of their heritage, and those who are recent transplants, bringing with them their own values and traditions, contribute to writing the future story of the city. My time in Dubai was beyond anything I expected and there's still so much more to see."

Kate Hudson spent a lot of time exploring the winding streets of Old Dubai. "It's incredible to find such a vibrant art and music community in the heart of such a modern, futuristic city — which is what most people think Dubai is. But really, the friendliness of the people is what made my visit amazing, and it's why I'll come back," Hudson added.

Said Issam Kazim, CEO, Dubai Corporation for Tourism and Commerce Marketing (DCTCM) said: *A Story Takes Flight* is unlike any other film in that it speaks to this defining character of our city. It is a story of each person's discovery through their interaction with Dubai. Regardless of who you are or where you are from, your journey with us also has no finish line — and the paths to explore are endless."

STUDIO CHAT 15 MINUTES

Experience matters

Executive producer and author of *His Dark Materials*, PHILIP PULLMAN tells us how CGI is just a value-addition to story-telling



How did this TV series of *His Dark Materials* come about?

It was a few years ago. There had been various attempts to make adaptations of this story and in all sorts of different media. It's been on the stage. It's been on the radio, it's been a film, but I was always attracted to the idea of long-form television, as we now call it. It gives the opportunity to tell a long story in full. When you adapt a long novel to a movie, which can only be realistically about two hours in length, you have to lose a great deal,

but TV does allow a story to be unfolded in more or less real-time.

Why do you think now was the time to do it? Was it the advance of CGI technology?

I'm not sure that the CGI argument is the best one for doing it now. Yes, CGI is extraordinarily effective now and it's possible to create demons, animals, all sorts of things and put them on screen as if they're alive, but there's a storytelling problem with that. Which



has to do with the fact that you mustn't crowd the screen. If we had a demon in the shot every time there was a person in the frame, it would be very cluttering and it would be a terrible job for the script writer and director. What you want to do is focus the viewer's attention on the important thing. In most cases, it's the person not the demon. We don't find it difficult in the book because the narration only draws attention to the demon when they say something or when they do something. But if they're not doing anything, as they're not for quite a lot of the time, we don't need to have them around. So, it's a storytelling problem really rather than a CGI problem.

How protective of your story were you?

In any adaptation, the story has to suit the nature of the medium into which it's going. If a story goes from a novel onto a stage, for example, you'd have to arrange the story in such a way that every element in it is clear, both to the person on the front row and the person on the back of the stalls.

Also, there's a matter of getting on and off stage; you have to adapt the story. It's the same thing for television, same thing for films, same thing for radio, so it's inevitable. I wasn't going to be insistent that every single item in the story had to be exactly presented as it was on the page.

Why do you think your novels have proved so popular and enduring?

I think the thing that keeps most people reading once they've started reading is the fact that they're intrigued by what's going to happen to the main character. This

is why children follow along stories through all sorts of complexities, enigmas and mysterious passages. They want to know what happens to Lyra. She doesn't know what's going to happen to her, she's in a state of mystery and doubt for some of the time. The kind that reassures the reader because they know that if they follow Lyra there'll be alright. I think that's one of the things that's kept people's imagination going.

I also think it's because the story as a whole concerns something that every one of us experiences, goes through in our life. That's the change from childhood to adulthood, from innocence to experience, in terms of William Blake. The meaning of puberty, not under the obvious physical, sexual changes, but the changes in the way we apprehend things, the way we think of things, the way we see the world. That's the heart of the story and because that's something that happens to all of us, I think that's where people have related to us.

(*His Dark Materials* will soon premiere in India on Star World.)

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International Gita Mahotsav

November 23 - December 10, 2019
Kurukshetra, Haryana



PROGRAMME



Tuesday, 3 December

11:00 AM, Purushottampura Baag, Brahma Sarovar
Sampuran Gita Paath & Gita Yajna
Inauguration of Exhibition and State Pavilion
12:00 Noon, Srimadbhagavadgita Sadan, Kurukshetra
University
Inauguration of International Gita Seminar
5:00 PM, Cultural Pandal, Mela Ground, Brahma Sarovar
Inauguration of Cultural Programmes
Cultural Performance by Partner State - Uttarakhand and
Performance by Renowned Punjabi Singer, Gurdas Maan
6:00 PM, Purushottampura Baag, Brahma Sarovar
Maha Aarti & Bhajan Sandhya
6:30 PM, Brahma Sarovar
Inauguration of Water Laser Show

Wednesday, 4 December

10:00 AM, Senate Hall, Kurukshetra University
International Gita Seminar
11:00 AM, Purushottampura Baag, Brahma Sarovar
Cultural Programme by Artists of North Zone Cultural Centre
5:00 PM, Cultural Pandal, Mela Ground, Brahma Sarovar
Rashmirathi - Cultural Performance &
Krishna Leela by Renowned Film Actress Ameesha Patel
5:30 PM, Brahma Sarovar
Water Laser Show
6:00 PM, Purushottampura Baag, Brahma Sarovar
Maha Aarti & Bhajan Sandhya

Thursday, 5 December

10:00 AM, Senate Hall, Kurukshetra University
Valedictory Session of International Gita Seminar
10:30 AM, Jyotisar - The Birthplace of Gita
Gita Paath

11:00 AM, Purushottampura Baag, Brahma Sarovar
Cultural Programme by Kurukshetra University
5:00 PM, Cultural Pandal, Mela Ground, Brahma Sarovar
Bhajan Performance &
Performance by Renowned Singer Daler Mehndi
5:30 PM, Brahma Sarovar
Water Laser Show
6:00 PM, Purushottampura Baag, Brahma Sarovar
Maha Aarti & Bhajan Sandhya

Friday, 6 December

10:30 AM, Jyotisar - The Birthplace of Gita
Complete Recital of Srimadbhagavadgita by Devotees
11:00 AM, Purushottampura Baag, Brahma Sarovar
Cultural Performance by Multi Art Cultural Centre
5:00 PM, Cultural Pandal, Mela Ground, Brahma Sarovar
Bhajan Performance and Kavi Sammelan
5:30 PM, Brahma Sarovar
Water Laser Show
6:00 PM, Purushottampura Baag, Brahma Sarovar
Maha Aarti & Bhajan Sandhya

Saturday, 7 December

10:30 AM, Jyotisar - The Birthplace of Gita
Complete Recital of Srimadbhagavadgita by Devotees
11:00 AM, Purushottampura Baag, Brahma Sarovar
Cultural Programme by Department of Art & Cultural Affairs,
Haryana
2:00 PM, Cultural Pandal, Mela Ground, Brahma Sarovar
Sant Sammelan
5:00 PM, Cultural Pandal, Mela Ground, Brahma Sarovar
Sajda - An Event of Poetry & Live Music & Performance by
Renowned Singer Abhijeet Bhattacharya

5:30 PM, Brahma Sarovar
Water Laser Show

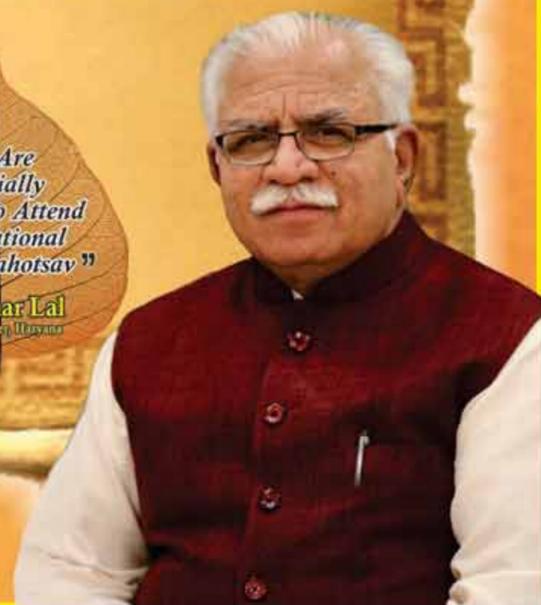
6:00 PM, Purushottampura Baag, Brahma Sarovar
Maha Aarti & Bhajan Sandhya

Sunday, 8 December

10:00 AM, Jyotisar - The Birthplace of Gita
Gita Yajna
10:00 AM, Theme Park, Kurukshetra
Recital of Ashtadash Shloki Gita by 18,000 Students
11:00 AM, Purushottampura Baag, Brahma Sarovar
Cultural Programme by North Zone Cultural Centre
12:00 Noon, Theme Park and Jyotisar Tirth
Global Gita Chanting
2:00 PM, In front of KDB Office (Departure Venue)
Gita Shobha Yatra
5:00 PM, Cultural Pandal, Mela Ground, Brahma Sarovar
Vrindavan Phoolon ki Holi - Cultural Performance &
Performance by Renowned Punjabi Singer Satinder Sartaaaj
5:30 PM, Brahma Sarovar
Water Laser Show
6:00 PM, Purushottampura Baag, Brahma Sarovar
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Special one to rescue Spurs?

Mourinho seeks quick fix to win over Lilywhites doubters

AFP ■ LONDON
Jose Mourinho believes the quality of players he has at Tottenham do "not belong" down in 14th in the Premier League as he tries to salvage Spurs' season. Mourinho starts his tenure at a third English club after grossly different experiences at Chelsea and Manchester United hoping to inspire Tottenham's first away win in the league



regulars and eventually paid for his own success in raising the bar of expectations. It also paved the way for a marriage of convenience. Tottenham needed to make a statement with Pochettino's successor to prove their growing status, and so turned to Mourinho. Similarly, the Portuguese needs a project that will rebuild his reputation after an unhappy two-and-a-half years at Manchester United. "In the short term we have to try to get results," said Mourinho on Thursday. "It is important in the Premier League we need to disappear from the area



Manchester City teammates Kevin De Bruyne and Sergio Kun Agüero chats during team's practice session ahead of home game

where we do not belong." Spurs start the weekend 11 points adrift of the top four having taken just 25 points from their last 24 Premier League matches. However, Mourinho insisted he will not make big changes in personnel or to the team's style of play amid concerns from supporters that the manner in which he has won so much silverware in his career is not an easy fit with Spurs' traditional brand of attacking football. "The style of play has to be always adapted not just to the club culture, but especially to the players' qualities," he added. "These are the players, they have the qualities, adapted to a certain way of playing football, and that's the way I want to do it."

Mourinho has spent 11 months out of the game since being sacked by United in December. And he cut a far more introspective figure as he briefed the media on Thursday than the man who announced himself as "the special one" during his first press conference as Chelsea manager 15 years ago. "I always thought that these 11 months were not a waste of time. These 11 months were months to think, to analyse, to prepare and anticipate

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things," added Mourinho. "I had time to think about many things. Don't ask me what are the mistakes, but I realise that during my career I made mistakes. I am not going to make the same mistakes, I am going to make new mistakes.

"From an emotional point of view I'm relaxed, I'm motivated, I'm ready and I think the players they felt that in these two days. "They felt that I'm ready, I'm ready to support them. This is not about me. In your career but also in your life, you go through moments and periods and I am

in a period where it's not about myself at all. It's about my club, my club's fans, my players." Even if Mourinho claims to be a changed man, his reputation precedes him. There was no love lost in many clashes with Tottenham in his Chelsea days and that allied to the joy Pochettino brought the

Spurs fanbase leaves many unconvinced this managerial change is one for the better. In his glory days at Chelsea, Porto, Inter and early in his spell at Real Madrid, Mourinho could always rely on results to win over the doubters. That is what he needs to provide Spurs' supporters with, starting today.

Juve take Atalanta in Serie A battle

AFP ■ TURIN

Cristiano Ronaldo conceded he is not '100 percent' despite his goal spree for Portugal but always ready to play as injury-hit Juventus head to Atalanta today looking to extend their unbeaten run this season to stay top of Serie A. Juventus visit fifth-placed Atalanta before hosting Atletico Madrid in the Champions League next week.



Maurizio Sarri's side are just one point ahead of Antonio Conte's Inter Milan after 12 matches, with Lazio and Cagliari eight points adrift of the leaders in joint third. Atalanta have gone three league games without a win and will be eager to get back into the Champions League berths, as they sit two points off fourth place, before next week's trip to Shakhtar Donetsk.

Their fortunes have slipped following the high injury suffered to Colombian star Duван Zapata, who scored six goals in six Serie A matches before being sidelined for their last five league games.

As Atalanta sweat on Zapata's return, Juventus will be without full-back Alex Sandro, who picked up a thigh problem playing for Brazil, with Blaise Matuidi recovering from a rib injury. Full-back Danilo, who scored his first goal for Brazil during the international break, warned: "The games after the interna-

tional break are never easy, let alone against Atalanta, a team who are doing well. "We can't make mistakes or underestimate them." Inter will be looking to make it a perfect seven league games on the road this season as they travel to Torino, before their European trip to Slavia Prague. Conte's side face a tough task against the Andrea Belotti-powered Torino, who ended their six-match winless run against Brescia last time out, and are in 11th position. Serie A runners-up Napoli are in crisis, having slipped to seventh, and desperately need a result at 14th-placed AC Milan, who are themselves floundering. Cagliari and Lazio will look to continue their strong form at lowly Lecce and Sassuolo respectively.



Atalanta vs Juventus
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INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

The Executive Engineer, HPPWD Kangra Distt. Kangra H.P. on behalf of Governor of H.P. invites the item rate bids, in electronic tendering system from the eligible class of contractors registered with HPPWD for the works as detailed in the table.

Sr. No.	Name of work	Estimated Cost	Starting date for downloading Bid	Earnest Money	Deadline for Submission	Time Limit
1.	C/O 110.00 mtr. Span Stiffened Suspension Bridge Over Gaj Khad between Village Spail & Kalu under NABARD RIDF - XXIII (SH - C/O 155.00 mtr. PSC Box Girder Bridge Over Gaj Khad on Spail & Kalu road at RD 1452 (HP) (SH - C/O RCC Slab culvert at RD 1552.90 to 1563.30, C/O R/Wall approaches of the Bridge Both side & Earth filling).	83,88,739/-	28.11.2019	1,16,400/-	16.12.2019	Six Months
2.	Annual Maintenance Plan (AMP) of Kangra Sub. Division for the year 2019 -2020 (Rural Road) Zamanabad to Mehalu (HP0406/R049) km. 0/0 to 0/260, Link road to Baba Balak Nath Mandir (HP0406/R131) km. 0/0 to 0/360, Link road to Village Nalehar (HP0406/R139) and Link road from Zamanabad to Govt. Middle School Nandehar (HP0406/R141) km. 0/0 to 0/750. (SH - P/I, 30mm thick bituminous concrete pavement).	16,71,869/-	28.11.2019	32,600/-	16.12.2019	One Month
3.	C/O of examination hall in 1 st floor over existing Bul. liding at Govt. High School in Praie in Tehsil Shahpur Distt. Kangra (HP) (SH - C/O Building portion).	7,49,873/-	28.11.2019	15,000/-	16.12.2019	Four Months

The bidders are advised to note other details/Terms and conditions of tender from the department website www.hptenders.gov.in. The contractors/firms should submit the hard copy of document as required in the bid of the above mentioned works. The contractors/firms should submit all the documents a/w original FDR & Demand Draft before opening the technical bid, otherwise no document will be entertained after opening the technical Bid. So that the same can be open well in time Please Note. The undersigned has right to extend or cancel the bids without declaring any reasons there of.

HIM SUCHNA AVAM JAN SAMPARK
RO 3042/19-20 Dt. 22-11-2019

ORIENTAL BANK OF COMMERCE E-AUCTION NOTICE
(A Government of India Undertaking)
RRL Cluster, SCO 13-14, Sector 8, KARNAL 132001, TEL: 0184-2230035/36, E-mail: rrl_7641@obc.co.in

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
LAST DATE & TIME OF SUBMISSION OF EMD (Earnest Money) AND DOCUMENTS 10.12.2019 UPTO 4.00P.M.
"APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to rule 8 (6)] Sale notice for sale of immovable properties

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor and constructive/physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Oriental Bank of Commerce, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" as per below mentioned details:-

Name of the Branch & Borrower	Description & owner of property	Possession With Bank	Demand Notice Date Outstanding Amount as on date with Interest and other Charges w.e.f. 01.11.2019 (Secured debt)	EMD REMITTANCE ACCOUNT DETAILS		Date/ Time of e- Auction
				Reserve Price	Date/ Time of e- Auction	
(MCB)KARNAL M/S Deep Timbers Pvt. Ltd	1) Plot measuring 7 marlas bearing Khata no.698/667,Khasra No.230/4/1/2/0-7,situated within the revenue estate of Dirba,tehsil Sunam,Distt. Sangrur,vide sale deed no.1775 dated 28-12-2010,bounded as under; North:Sanju Bala etc. South: Street, East:Jagpal Mittal, West:Sham Kumar in the name of Sh Jagpal Mittal ,Surinder Pal sons of sh Lachman Dass	Physical	02-06-2018 Rs 7,27,06,190.33 (seven crore twenty seven lakh six thousand one hundred ninety & paise thirty three only)	11761181000192 E - Auction A/C Deep Timbers Pvt. Ltd. B/O Sec -12 Karnal IFSC Code: ORBC0101176	Rs.21,00,000/- Rs.2,10,000/- Rs20,000.00	13.12.2019 between 11.00AM to 1.00PM With unlimited extension of 5 minutes
	2) Shop cum house measuring 272 Sq. Yards bearing Khata no.698/667,Khasra No.211/24/1/1-13,230/4/1/2 min/0-3,total land measuring 1 kanal 16 Marlas to the extent of ¼ share i.e.9 Marlas,situated within the revenue estate of Dirba,tehsil Sunam,Distt. Sangrur ,vide sale deed no.10 dated 05-04-2010,bounded as under; North:Sangrur Patran road South:Satgur Singh East:Surinder Pal etc. West:Sham Lal in the name of Smt Darshana Rani W/o Sh Surinder Pal and Smt Sanju Bala W/o Sh Jagpal Mittal	Physical	02-06-2018 Rs 7,27,06,190.33 (seven crore twenty seven lakh six thousand one hundred ninety & paise thirty three only)	11761181000192 E - Auction A/C Deep Timbers Pvt. Ltd. B/O Sec -12 Karnal IFSC Code: ORBC0101176	Rs.45,30,000/- Rs.4,53,000/- Rs. 20,000.00	13.12.2019 between 11.00AM to 1.00PM With unlimited extension of 5 minutes

TERMS & CONDITIONS: Last date for submission of E-auction bids/RTGS 10.12.2019 up to 4.00 PM. Date & Time of E-Auction 13.12.2019, 11.00 AM to 1.00 PM. The sale shall be subject to the conditions prescribed in the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 and to the following further conditions:
i) E-Auction is being held on "AS IS WHERE IS", "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS", and "WHATEVER THERE IS" basis
ii) The E-Auction will take place through web portal Website: www.bankeactionwizar.com On the time specified in the E-Auction notice published in the newspaper
iii) The intending purchaser/bidders of any of the above property are required to submit amount of EMD by way of NEFT/RTGS in the account as mentioned above against the account's On or before the last date mentioned in the E-Auction advertisement notice, register their Name at Website: www.bankeactionwizar.com and get user ID and password free of cost and Get training on E-Auction from our service provider- Company Name: m/s Antares system ltd. Address- M/s Antares Systems Ltd. Mr. Vinod Singh (Ph. No. 9718227288, e-mail: vinodsingh@antaresystems.com Website: www.bankeactionwizar.com
iv) After their Registration in the web-site as mentioned in para (iii) above, the intending Purchaser/bidder is required to get the copies of following documents uploaded in the Website before last date of submission of the Documents -- a). Copy of the NEFT/RTGS Challan; b). Copy of PAN card and c). Copy of proof of address, along with the offer amount. (Kindly take note that offer amount cannot be less than the reserve price mentioned in the Advertisement released in this regard.)
v) If the dues of the Bank together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by it or part thereof as may be acceptable to the Bank are tendered by or on behalf of the borrower or Property holder/s or guarantor/s at any time on or before the date fixed for sale, the sale of Assets may be cancelled.
vi) The particulars specified in the Schedule herein below have been stated to the best of the Information of the undersigned, but the undersigned shall not be answerable for any error, Misstatement or omission in this proclamation.
vii) The property shall not be sold below the reserve price.
viii) The EMD of unsuccessful bidders will be refunded to their respective A/C No. shared in e- Auction Portal Website: www.bankeactionwizar.com. The bidders will not be entitled to Claim any interest, costs, expenses and any other charges (if any).
ix) The minimum amount by which the offers are to be increased shall be as mentioned against Each account as above. The offer so submitted shall be opened online and inter-se bidding shall be permitted online during the period of auction.
x) In case of any dispute arising as to the validity of the E-Auction, amount of bid, EMD or as to the eligibility of the bidder, authorization of the person representing the bidder, the Interpretation and decision of the Bank shall be final. In such an eventuality, the Bank shall in its sole discretion be entitled to call off the sale and put the property to sale once again on Any date and as such time as may be decided by the Bank.
xi) Inspection of property will be permitted at sites to the intending Offerors on 05-12-2019.
xii) The successful purchaser shall deposit 25% of the amount of sale price, adjusting the EMD, Paid already, immediately/within 24 hours of the acceptance of offer by the Authorised Officer in respect of the sale failing which the earnest deposit shall be forfeited. The balance 75% of the sale price is payable on or before 15th day of confirmation of the sale by the Authorised Officer or such extended period as agreed upon in writing by and solely at the discretion of the Authorised officer. In case of failure to deposit this balance amount within the prescribed Period, the amount deposited shall be forfeited and the defaulting purchaser shall forfeit all Claims to the property or to any part of the sum for which it may be subsequently sold.
xiii) 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 offers without assigning any reasons thereof.
xiv) Offer with conditional may be treated as invalid. Likewise correspondence about any change in the offers will not be entertained. If any offer wishes to give a fresh offer on or before the last date prescribed for submission of the offer in the concerned advertisement, he may file a fresh offer with appropriate EMD.
xv) The purchaser will be required to bear all the necessary expenses like Stamp Duty, Registration expenses, etc. for transfer of the property in his/her name and also all the statutory/non statutory dues, taxes, rates, assessments, charges, fees etc. owing to anybody.
xvi) The sale certificate shall be issued on the receipt of entire sale consideration and it shall be issued by Authorised Officer in the same name in which the offer is submitted.
xvii) To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorised officer, no other encumbrance exists on the property. However, the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of property/ies & to inspect & satisfy themselves.
xviii) Bank also reserves the right to sell the property through Private Treaty, in the event of failure of the e-auction.
xix) In case bid is placed in the last 5 minutes of the closing time of the e-Auction, the closing time will automatically get extended for 5 minutes for unlimited times till the e-Auction is closed/ concluded.
xx) Special Instructions: Bidding in the last moment should be avoided. Neither the Bank nor Service provider will be responsible for any technical lapse/ power or internet failure etc. in order to avoid such contingent situations bidders are requested to ensure that they are technically well equipped and has all alternatives such as power supply back-up etc., so that they are able to circumvent such situation and are able to participate in the online Inter-se Bidding, successfully.

STATUTORY 15 DAYS SALE NOTICE U/RULE 8 (6) OF THE SARFAESI ACT

The borrowers/guarantors/mortgagors stated above are hereby advised to pay the Bank dues as mentioned above along with up to date interest together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc. before the date of E-auction failing which the property/ies will be auctioned/sold and balance dues, if any shall be recovered as per provisions.
(FOR DETAILED TERM AND CONDITIONS PLEASE REFER TO OUR WEBSITE www.obcindia.co.in OR Website: www.bankeactionwizar.com, on the government portal ie. www.eprocure.gov.in)

Place: Karnal Date: 22.11.2019 Authorised Officer, ORIENTAL BANK OF COMMERCE

Corporation Bank कापोरेशन बैंक MEGA E-Auction Sale Notice
Zonal Office : Recovery Department, Zonal Office Chandigarh, Sector 5, Panchkula, Haryana. Ph: 0172-2587286, 2587292, e-mail id: cb8818rec@corpbank.co.in

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR MEGA E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES | LAST DATE & TIME OF SUBMISSION OF EMD AND DOCUMENTS 07-12-2019 UPTO 05.00 P.M.

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged / charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/physical possession (as mentioned hereunder) of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Corporation Bank (Secured Creditor), will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" on dates mentioned below, for recovery of dues as mentioned hereunder to Corporation Bank from the below mentioned Borrower(s) & Guarantor(s). The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit are also mentioned hereunder.

Date of E-Auction: 09.12.2019 at 11:45 AM to 01.15 PM
(with unlimited extension of 10 minutes duration each till the conclusion of the sale) E-auction website- <http://bankauctions.in>

Sr. No.	Name of the Branch Address, Phone Number and E-mail ID	Name of the Borrower & Guarantor/s	Property Details	Amount Dues	Reserve Price
1.	BO: Wazir Devi Colony, Near Gulshan Tent House, Bus Stand Road, Uklana Mandi, Distt: Hisar, Haryana BM: Mr. Sumit Kumar (M): 9466912599 Ph: 1693-233260 cb3155@corpbank.co.in	1. M/s Delhi Art Glass Prop.Mr. Malkit Singh (Borrower) R/O Approach Road, Opp. PNB, Uklana 2. Mrs. Gurjeet Kaur W/o Sh. Malkit Singh (Guarantor) H. No. 229, Indira Colony, Uklana Mandi	All that part and parcel of the property bearing Plot No. 15 measuring 117.33 sq yards, situated at Madanpura Road, Near New Ram Vihar, Uklana Mandi, District Hisar Bounded : On the North by : Road On the South by : Plot Of Bal Singh On the East by : Plot NO. 14 On the West by: Plot No. 16 Type of Possession: Symbolic	Rs. 3,03,990/- (Rs. three lakhs three thousand nine hundred & ninety only)	Rs.1,71,000/-
2.	BO: SCF-13 & 14, HUDA Complex, Civil road, Rohtak, Haryana-124001 CM: Mr. Kanwar Pratap .Tomar (M): 08368470918 Ph:01262-256682 cb0569@corpbank.co.in	1.Sh. Krishan Kumar S/o Sh. Kehar Singh (Borrower) R/O House No. 1238, Ward No. 31, Kamla Nagar, Rohtak 2. Sh. Satish Kumar S/o Sh. Ram Kumar (Guarantor) R/O House No. 722/4, Ward No. 20, Prem Nagar, Rohtak	All that part and parcel of the property in the name of Sh. Krishan Kumar S/o Sh. Kehar Singh consisting way of Equitable Mortgage of House/property bearing House No. 1274/31b, Ward No. 27, Kamla Nagar, Rohtak, Haryana measuring 50.15 Sq. Yards. (Property description as specified in the 13204 Deed dated 17/11/2014) On the North by House of Others On the South by Street On the East by House of Others On the West by House of Others Type of Possession: Symbolic	Rs. 6,62,572/- (Rs. Six lakhs sixty two thousand five hundred & seventy two only)	Rs.12,00,000/-

Earnest money to be deposited in the account of Corporation Bank, Transient Account, Uklana Mandi, by way of Demand Draft / NEFT / RTGS or through Internet payment to Account No. 510101001744258 and IFSC Code- CORP0003155, at the same time bidder has to submit the e-bid form available on www.bankauctions.in website/ before the date and time mentioned above and shall obtain written receipt there of from the branch / Authorised Officer. The intending bidders shall mention the property item, i.e. "M/s Delhi Art Glass" for which the EMD has been tendered.
For detailed terms and condition of the sale, please refer to the link provided in https://corpbank.com/sites/default/files/corpbank-page-files/tender/delhi_art_glass_1.pdf

Earnest money to be deposited in the account of Corporation Bank, Transient Account, Rohtak, by way of Demand Draft / NEFT / RTGS or through Internet payment to Account No. 510101005304503 and IFSC Code- CORP0000569, at the same time bidder has to submit the e-bid form available on www.bankauctions.in website/ before the date and time mentioned above and shall obtain written receipt there of from the branch / Authorised Officer. The intending bidders shall mention the property item, i.e. "Sh. Krishan Kumar" for which the EMD has been tendered.
For detailed terms and condition of the sale, please refer to the link provided in https://corpbank.com/sites/default/files/corpbank-page-files/tender/sh._krishan_kumar.pdf

Date: 20-11-2019 Place: Uklana Mandi/Rohtak Authorized Officer

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Ishant in Pink mode

Senior pacer's 2nd 5-wicket haul in India (first in 12 years) help all-round India lord over Bangladesh, hype beats cricket hands down

Bangladesh won the toss and India everything else against a ball they are not acquainted with on the first day of their maiden Day/Night Test, the quality of contest spectacularly failing to match the manic pre-match hype.

First the Ishant Sharma-led Indian pace unit terrorised the visitors, bundling them out for 106 in just under 31 overs even before twilight set in.

With two of their batsmen concussed, the mentally-scarred Bangladesh attack then found itself at the receiving end of a masterclass from the Indian captain Virat Kohli, who remained unbeaten on 59 off 93 balls, as India reached 174 for three at stumps on the opening day.

The stodgy Cheteshwar Pujara, with two pink ball hundreds under his belt in first-class cricket, scored a chiselled 55 as India took a 68-run lead. It looks like the cricket loving Kolkata public will not have an opportunity to witness even three full days' action.

The city turned pink, the crowd responded to the brainchild of its favourite son Sourav Ganguly, who arranged a first-of-its-kind match in less than a month's time.

However, the gulf in standards along with the singular lack of intent from the visitors took some sheen away from the game.

Earlier, Ishant grabbed his first five-wicket haul on Indian soil after a good 12 years, finishing with 5 for 22 in 12 overs after a brave decision by opposition captain Mominul Haque to bat first on a seamer-friendly pitch.

Umesh Yadav hurried the Bangladeshi batsmen for pace with 3 for 29 in 7 overs while Mohammed Shami was deadly bowling the cutters wide off the crease with figures of 2 for 36 in 10.3 overs.

He also bowled two sharp bouncers, leaving Liton Das (24) and Nayeem Hasan (19) concussed.

Bangladesh lasted just 30.3 overs in their first innings with specialist spinners Ravindra Jadeja bowling a solitary over and Ravichandran Ashwin wasn't even required to roll his arms over.

Clearly the menacing Indian pace attack exposed Bangladesh's lack of technical finesse as the 'Pink Ball Test' was agreed upon three days before their tour departure on the initiative of newly-elected BCCI president Sourav Ganguly.

Bangladesh batsmen looked unsteady by the capacity crowd, something they have never encountered even in their home Tests and the world-class bowling made it even more difficult.

Such was their plight that for the first time in the subcontinent, batsmen Nos 3, 4 and 5 (skipper Mominul Haque, Mohammad Mithun, and senior-most player Mushfiqur Rahim) were all dismissed for a duck.

Pushed into the unknown territory without any practice back home, Bangladesh opening duo of Shadman Islam and Imrul Kayes survived some anxious moments in the first six overs before Ishant Sharma trapped the latter.

Umesh then triggered the collapse in his second spell with two wickets in three balls, first being skipper Mominul who was dismissed by a beautiful diving one-handed catch by Rohit Sharma. Next was Mohammed Mithun



Ishant Sharma celebrates after taking wicket of Bangladesh batsman during first day of first Day/Night Test between India and Bangladesh at Eden Gardens in Kolkata

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beating him by pace as it sharply cut in with the batsmen playing on to his stumps.

Despite the catching scepticism surrounding the pink ball, Saha looked a class act behind the stumps as usual as the ball was swinging a lot after moving the batsman.

His low catch of Mahmudullah, outstretched and dragged across Virat Kohli at the first slip, was the highlight of his keeping as he also completed a milestone of 100 dismissals in longest format.

While Bangladesh captain Mominul had a point when he spoke about lack of preparation but when Kohli with barely one and a half net session hit those elegant boundaries under light, one knew why a solid basic technique made such a difference.

With a quick trigger, Kohli would cover the line and negate the seam movement hitting those languid cover drives with grace.

Left-arm spinner Taijul Islam, who was not supposed to play this game, came in as a concussion substitute for Nayeem Hasan, was driven down the ground as if it was net session.

Pujara on the other hand also looked solid after quick departure from Mayank Agarwal and Rohit Sharma, adding 94 runs for the third wicket with his captain.

Das, Nayeem concussed

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Two Bangladesh batsmen — Liton Das and Nayeem Hasan — were retired hurt from the ongoing Day/Night Test, forcing the visitors to bring in as concussion substitutes players who had been dropped from the team. Both Das and Nayeem were hit by Mohammed Shami snorters and were replaced by Mehidy Hasan and Taijul Islam at the Eden Gardens.

Bangladesh wicketkeeper-batsman Das was taken to a city hospital for a scan before another Shami delivery hit Nayeem, who was interestingly attended to by Indian team physio Nitin Patel.

Bangladesh, thus, became the first team to make two concussion substitutes in a Test match.

Mehidy came in as concussion substitute after Das was hit.

However, Mehidy, an off-spinner, will not be allowed to bowl as per the concussion substitute rule. Mehidy, though, did not last long as he was dismissed by pacer Ishant Sharma for just eight runs.



Nayeem Hasan stands as physiotherapists look into the helmet after he was injured

Das was retired hurt after being hit on his head at the stroke of lunch.

Trying to play a pull short off a Shami bouncer, the heavily-lacquered pink ball blazed in and hit his helmet in the forehead region in the third ball of the 20th over. He was batting on 16 then.

The physio rushed in, conducted a test and he continued batting, responding with a boundary in the next delivery.

Das hit another boundary in the next over off Ishant and

added nine runs before complaining of discomfort. He was next seen walking off the field after a long conversation with the umpire, forcing the end of the first session.

Das' like-for-like substitute Saif Hassan is down with a (split webbing) injury, forcing the visitors to opt for Mehidy as concussion substitute.

According to the protocol, a proper medical report has to be submitted to the match referee for a concussion substitute.

Hasina, Mamata ring bell



Bangladesh's Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, center right, and Chief Minister of West Bengal Mamata Banerjee, center left, stand to ring the Eden Bell to start the 2nd Test

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Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee rung the customary Eden bell in the presence of BCCI President Sourav Ganguly, Bangladesh Cricket Board chief Nazmul Hasan Papon and batting legend Sachin Tendulkar among other dignitaries.

Hasina and Mamata met the teams before the national anthem was played by the Army Band in front of a packed house. Union Home Minister Amith Shah, who was supposed to be in attendance, however could not make it.

The historic match was supposed to kickstart with Army paratroopers flying into Eden to hand over a pink ball each to the two captains just before the toss. But due to security reasons, that

had to be cancelled at the last moment by the Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB).

The other former cricketers present were S Ramesh, Saba Karim, Sunil Joshi, Ajit Agarkar, Venkatesh Prasad, Kapil Dev, Dilip Vengsarkar, Mohammed Azharuddin, Kris Srikkanth, Farokh Engineer and Chandu Borde.

Athletes from other sports like Abhinav Bindra, P. Gopichand, PV Sindhu, Sania Mirza and Mary Kom were also there.

Naimur Rahman, Mohammed Mahmudul Hasan, Maharab Hossain, Mohammed Hasibul Hussain, Shahrir Hossain Biddut, Kazi Habibul Bashar and Mohammed Akram Khan were the former Bangladesh cricketers who were present.

Captain Kohli fastest to 5K

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Virat Kohli on Friday became the fastest to 5000 runs as captain, completing the feat in 86 innings during day one.

As captain, Kohli was also the quickest to 4000 Tests runs (65 innings). He is the sixth captain to reach the 5000-run mark.

Australian great Ricky Ponting had taken 97 innings to complete 5000 runs as captain, ahead of West Indian legend Clive Lloyd (106 innings), South African Graeme Smith (110), Australian Allan Border (116) and New Zealand's Stephen Fleming (130).



LEGENDS RELIVE GLORIOUS EDEN GARDENS MOMENTS

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Indian cricket legends including Sachin Tendulkar and Anil Kumble on Friday revisited their glorious on-field moments at the Eden Gardens.

In a special programme during the lunch break on the opening day, Tendulkar, Kumble, Harbhajan Singh and VVS Laxman relived some of the iconic moments at the famous venue here, including the 1993 Hero Cup final versus West Indies and the 2001 Test versus Australia.

All of them thanked their captain and BCCI president Sourav Ganguly for bringing them together. Ganguly, too, was supposed to be part of the 40-minute discussion on Star Sports but could not make it as he was understandably caught up with administrative issues.

"We have not had a chance to sit like this since our playing days. It is a special day and there could not have been a better venue for this historic game," said Kumble, whose sensational spell of six for 12 helped India to a famous win over West Indies.

The Kolkata crowd is probably the most passionate in the country and they showed all their love for Tendulkar by chanting 'Sachin Sachin', taking the master blaster back to his playing days.

While Laxman and Rahul Dravid produced a match-win-

ning 376-run stand after India followed on against Australia, Harbhajan and Tendulkar came up with stellar bowling performances. Harbhajan even took a hat-trick in his match haul of 13 wickets.

"The game changed so quickly because of that hat-trick. The way we won the game ushered in a new phase for the Indian team. Bhajji was sensational, got Ricky Ponting out so many times and Laxman and Dravid partnership did wonders for the confidence of the dressing room," said Tendulkar.

The electric atmosphere at the Eden Gardens reminded Harbhajan of his playing days. "The atmosphere here takes me back to 15 years ago. Test cricket was different back then. It is a special feeling and I feel so much love every time I come here. Hats off to Ganguly for doing this. Even if I play under 100 captains, he will always be my captain," said the champion off-spinner.

Tendulkar had heard good things about Harbhajan from the local officials during a game in Mohali and, subsequently, asked for the spinner to bowl to him in the India nets. Harbhajan, a teenager then, was in awe of Tendulkar.

"The first time I met Bhajji was in Mohali. The people there were talking about him, 'he is a good spinner who bowls a good doosra,'" said Tendulkar.

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