

This year's Khel Mahakumbh

Three new sports added

More than 2 lakh participants expected in event expected to start later this month

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Uttarakhand is all set for this year's Khel Mahakumbh. Three new sports—swimming, archery and fencing have been added for the first time. These three new sports will be organised only at the State level. The mega sports event is expected to be held from November 15 onward though the final schedule is yet to be declared. More than two lakh participants from across the State are expected to compete in this event. The competition will be held in sequence at the Nyay Panchayat level, development block level, district level and State level.

According to the officials concerned, the objective of the Khel Mahakumbh is to attract the youth of Uttarakhand towards sports, from electronic culture (e-culture) to playground culture (p-culture).

"One of the objectives of the Khel Mahakumbh is to recognise the best talent among the young players for national level sports events," said joint director of Uttarakhand Youth Welfare department and Prantiya Rakshak Dal, Rakesh Chandra



Dimri.

Girls and boys from Nyay Panchayat level will compete in the under-12 category in sports including kabaddi, Kho-Kho, athletics and football. At block level, girls and boys will play in under-12, under-14, under-17 and under-18 categories.

Sports for women will be organised at district and State levels. Another category is of persons with disabilities which will be organised at State level.

They will compete in athletics and badminton.

Women and persons with disabilities will compete in the 21-25 years age group. The mascot for this year's Khel Mahakumbh will be a musk deer named Dhruv.

"The sports department's goal is to send the selected youth to State-run sports colleges and hostels for higher professional training in their respective sports," said Dimri. Cash awards will be given to

the competitors achieving the top three positions at the block, district and State levels, added the joint director.

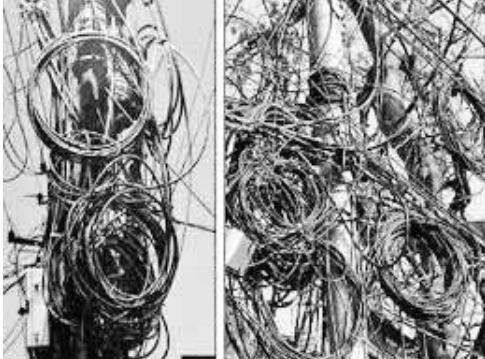
It is pertinent to mention here that the national games are also proposed to be held in Uttarakhand during 2021. The Khel Mahakumbh is expected to not only help in the selection of players from the State for the national games but also help the State prepare better for hosting the proposed national level games.

SSP concerned about illegal web of cable wires

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Following up on an earlier meeting, Dehradun Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Arun Mohan Joshi sent a letter to the Superintending Engineer of Power Distribution Division, Kaulagarh, asking for the details of those institutions and cable operators which are using power poles, so that those who are using these poles illegally can be marked.

It is pertinent to mention here that SSP Joshi conducted a meeting with cable TV operators, internet service providers and other agencies on October 21. During the meeting, officials of the power department claimed that cable operators are using power poles without any



prior permission from the department, because of which it has become difficult to be certain about the legal and illegal consumers. They expressed their concern stating that this can lead to some major illegal activity.

District police plan to initiate technologically advanced team

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To update its criminal database and their technical support system, district police is planning to introduce a new unit in their force. The team will be like an updated version of the already existing Special Operations Group (SOG). Dehradun Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Arun Mohan Joshi said that the unit which is still in the planning stage will be named Crime Intelligence Unit (CIU).

He further explained that this team will be technologi-

Road accidents: This year breaks previous year's record

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With more than one month remaining for the end of the year, the total number of people killed in road accidents in Dehradun district this year is already higher than last year. Senior officials have stated that major cause behind most of the road accidents is violation of traffic rules. They claim that even with warning sign boards put across at certain points, people don't control speed or follow other rules meant for their own safety. Other than that, poor road quality also remains one of the reasons behind road accidents and traffic congestion.

According to the information provided by local police, from the month January to October 2019, total 268 road accident cases have been registered in Dehradun in which 140 people have died while 241 people have been injured. In the year 2018, the total number of accidents reported was 317 in which 137 people lost their lives and 254 were injured.

Superintendent of Police (traffic) Prakash Chandra Arya said that it is routine for the Interceptors to patrol at places which have been marked as accident prone areas. Traffic police have also installed warning boards at several places.

He further said that it is of utmost importance that people abide by the rules. Though police issue challan and conduct drives, it is for the general public to understand that sometimes just wearing helmet can make the

difference between life and death.

About the ongoing awareness drive he said that they are also conducting awareness programmes in educational institutes at district level, as awareness is equally if not more important than enforcement.

Two dead, one injured in road accident

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Two persons died and one was seriously injured in a road accident on Monday. According to local police, the accident happened at about 3:30 pm when a roadways bus coming from Haridwar to Dehradun and three riders on an Enfield Bullet collided near Lacchihwala flyover resulting in the death of two riders on the spot while one is undergoing treatment at a hospital. They have also seized both the bus and the motorbike, and the driver has been detained for questioning.

The deceased have been identified as Rajnish (23), a resident of Sabhawala and Ashish (20), a resident of Umedhpur while the injured has been identified as Akshay (21), a resident of Jogiwal. According to the local police, the hospital is now preparing to refer him to another hospital.

Heavy flow of vehicles results in slow traffic on Monday



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DEHRADUN SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE (SSP) ARUN MOHAN JOSHI HAD MADE TRAFFIC-RELATED PROBLEMS HIS PRIORITY

here that initially, Dehradun Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Arun Mohan Joshi had made traffic-related problems his priority, but even after about four months, the traffic situation in the city remains the same.

According to officials, the existing infrastructure in Dehradun and the poor road quality and potholes have cumulative effect on traffic.

Migratory Brahminy Ducks arrive in Ramnagar

OP AGNIHOTRI ■ HALDWANI

Due to factors like early snowfall in Kashmir, Ladakh and Nepal, the migratory ruddy shelducks (Brahminy ducks) have started arriving at the Kosi barrage in Ramnagar. The numbers of the winged visitors are expected to increase further soon.

The western circle conservator of forests Parag Madhukar Dhakate informed that the ruddy shelducks generally start arriving here in November and start taking their return flights by the end of February.

Apart from the Brahminy ducks, other migratory birds including the bar-headed geese, red crested pochard, gadwall, common pochard, mallard, wigeon, shoveller, common teal and tufted duck



among others also arrive in Uttarakhand during the winter.

The department keeps a watch on the migratory birds from the time of their arrival to the time of their departure.

The watch is also maintained considering aspects like bird flu. Dhakate further informed that the department also keeps a watch to prevent people from poaching. The Brahminy duck is protected under the Wildlife Protection Act, he added.

Wildlife photographer Deep Rajwar said that the ruddy shelducks are known by various names including Chakwa, Nag, Lohit, Chakravat, Kesar and others.

These are the birds often referred to by poets in their verses. Goswami Tulsidas has

Police ready for Kartik Poornima Snan today

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The Haridwar police is ready for the occasion of Kartik Poornima on which a large number of devotees are expected to take a ceremonial dip in the Ganga river here on Tuesday. Guru Nanak Jayanti will also be observed on Tuesday. To ensure the safety of pilgrims and manage various other aspects, the police department has deployed necessary force in various parts of the city. On Monday, the district's senior superintendent of police, Senthil Avoodai, chaired a meeting with officers and personnel of the department to review the preparations.

The SSP said that for the occasion of Kartik Poornima, in view of security and management, the entire area has been divided into nine zones and 32 sectors. To control the large crowd of devotees which is expected to visit Har ki Paudi, the district police have also sought additional force.

As Guru Nanak Jayanti will also be observed on Tuesday, the police are also alert regarding the issue of Gyan Godri Gurudwara. Considering that the Gurudwara issue is sensitive,



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These include more police personnel, four companies of Provincial Armed Constabulary (PAC), three bomb disposal squads, three segments of water police and two teams of dog squad which will be deployed at designated spots for the occasion

the police force will also be deployed on the route to this Gurudwara. The said team will be directed by a deputy super-

intendent of police.

"Har ki Paudi is completely safe and it is being constantly monitored. Route diversion

plan will be implemented when the pressure of the crowd will increase," said the Haridwar SSP.

Grand Sita temple to be built at Falswadi in Pauri

Ram's consort is believed to have taken Bhu-Samadhi here

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Even as the way for building a temple of lord Ram in Ayodhya has been cleared, a grand temple of his consort, goddess Sita, will be built at Falswadi where she is believed to have taken Bhu-Samadhi. The State Government has started work on Sita Mata circuit and it will prove to be a milestone in the development of Pauri district.

With its completion, every person in the world with faith in lord Ram and Sita would definitely want to visit Falswadi village, said Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat while speaking as the chief guest at the Sharadotsav in Pauri on Monday.

Rawat said that for constructing a grand temple of the goddess in Falswadi, every home in each village of the region should donate a stone, a fistful of soil and ₹11 each. He said that he will soon undertake a Yatra from Devprayag for this purpose. Members of the religious fraternity have also expressed their desire to be part of this initiative.

The CM said that the Pauri Sharadotsav should be organised on a larger scale.

He also directed the district magistrate to send a proposal for building parking facility in Pauri. Compensation for land has



been paid to the people for the Lwali lake and work on this project will start soon.

He further said that money has been sanctioned for NCC academy and work on it will be started in the near future. Once the NCC academy is opened, about 36,000 students will arrive here annually.

While stressing on the

need to encourage girls to progress further, he also stressed on the need for youth to stay away from the proclivity for substance abuse. Referring to the prime minister Narendra Modi exhorting the citizens to shun single-use plastic, Rawat said that the people are cooperating in this endeavour.

The State Minister for

High Education, Dhan Singh Rawat, MLA Mukesh Singh Koli, district Panchayat chairman Shanti Devi, municipality chairman Yashpal Benami and others were also present on the occasion.

Earlier, the CM inaugurated a multi-purpose hall, guest house and staff quarters constructed by the Pauri municipality.

Inferior growth monitoring devices bought for Anganwadis

These devices were installed in 20,069 Anganwadi centres under child nutrition programme

GAJENDRA SINGH NEGI ■ DEHRADUN

In what can turn out into a major scam in the women empowerment and child development department, the growth monitoring devices installed in 20,069 Anganwadi centres of Uttarakhand this year are turning out to be of inferior quality and are error prone.

These machines were

purchased with a budget of ₹11.50 crore provided by the Government of India under its child nutrition programme.

After receiving many complaints about these machines, the department has stopped the payment of the firm which supplied these machines.

Under the child nutrition programme, the growth monitoring devices were to be installed in all the Anganwadi centres of the state.

These devices included infantometer, stadiometer, child weighing machines and mother and child weighing machines.

The infantometer is used for measuring babies and infants up to the age of two years. For measuring the height of children above the age of two years, stadiometer is used. The Anganwadi workers are complaining that these machines are giving faulty measurements and the displays of the machines is also not clear.

Each of these machines cost between ₹1,200 to ₹1,650 a piece.

A budget of ₹11.50 crore was earmarked for supply of these equipment in Anganwadi centres of the state.

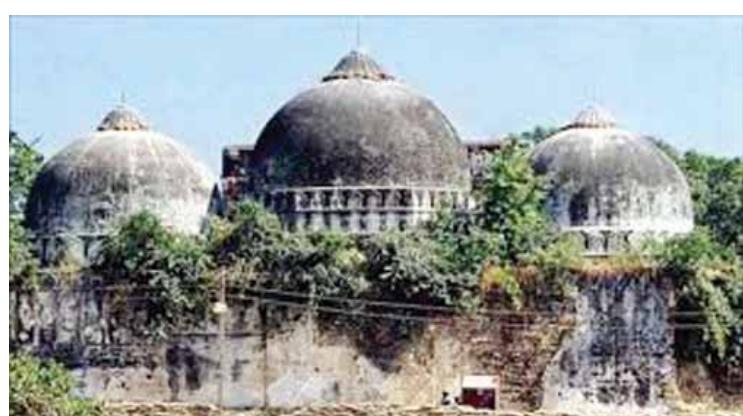
The growth monitoring devices were installed in the Anganwadi centres to get the real time picture of the growth status of the children.

The data of these machines are uploaded in the nutrition monitoring software of the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS)-Common Application Software (CAS).

It is learnt that these machines were supplied by a Gujarat based company, The Apple Weighintra Limited which was awarded the tender of supplying the machines in February this year.

When contacted the women and child development secretary Sowjanya said that following complaints the payment to the firm concerned has been stopped.

Ram Janmabhoomi judgement through the eyes of millennials



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Two days after the Supreme Court announced its judgement in the Ram Janmabhoomi case; youth of Dehradun expressed relief that the issue is over for the good.

Dehradun remained calm after the apex court announced a unanimous decision on Saturday, giving the centre three months to set up a trust to ensure the construction of Ram temple, and ordered five acre land must be provided to Muslims for constructing a mosque in Ayodhya.

Most youngsters in Dehradun are of the opinion that peace should be maintained and the government should now focus more on other pressing issues.

"The judgement has finally settled a long standing dispute. People need to realise that such disputes only push our country back. We need to rise above these. There should be no politicising of the judgement," said college student

Himanshu Singh.

Another youngster Fozia Ahmed also urged everyone to think about the larger good of the country. She however, opined that Muslims could have received better compensation.

The judges have tried to balance the situation in their judgement. Given the sensitive circumstances prevailing in the country today, people who are disenchanted with the judgement also need to make peace with it for the larger good," she added.

Nidhi Rawat, another youngster said that Lord Ram's statue must stand tall in Ayodhya as it is the birthplace of the deity. She expressed her happiness about the decision.

Many people didn't seem much interested in the verdict or the issue. They were of the opinion that peace is what matters the most. Many believe that instead of politicising such issues, the government and the people should focus on things like

will make the country a better place to live in.

"Though I don't care whether they construct a temple or a mosque, I am proud that peace was maintained before and after the verdict," said Paramjeet Singh.

"It's a verdict from the supreme court, let's all accept, respect it and ignore those who criticise it or use this as a tool to create communal disturbances in our secular nation," said advocate Nishan GK.

"The judgement pronounced in the Ayodhya dispute should be welcomed by all citizens of the country irrespective of their faith," he added.

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Cong raises Gairsain as Capital issue again

Vice president Dhasmana claims that the party would make Gairsain Capital of Uttarakhand once elected to power

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The vice-president of Uttarakhand Congress, Surya Kant Dhasmana has said that Congress party when voted to power would make Gairsain the capital of Uttarakhand. The Congress leader who attended a programme at Gairsain on the occasion of the state foundation day told media persons at the state headquarters of Congress party on Monday that there is a complete una-

nimity in the party on the issue.

He claimed that the party would prepare a roadmap for development of the Gairsain and declare a time bound programme for making it capital of Uttarakhand. Sentiments of whole of Uttarakhand are associated with Gairsain. It has been the cementing force in the statehood movement and focal point of agitation for a separate State.

The view of Congress is crystal clear, Gairsain would

be the Capital of the State," he said. The Congress leader blamed the ruling BJP for doing nothing to develop the infrastructure of Gairsain.

It was during the regime of Congress party that existing buildings like state assembly and secretariat were come into existence in Gairsain. In last two and half years of BJP rule, not even a single brick was laid in Gairsain," he quipped.

Dhasmana further took the State Government to task

for very bad condition of roads in all the mountainous parts of the State.

On the upcoming Pithoragarh by election, the Congress leader said that the party candidate Anju Lunthi is poised for a big victory. He said that many senior leaders including central leaders would campaign for the Congress candidate in the by election. Dhasmana said that the detailed programme of the senior leaders would soon be released.

Ayurveda college fee refund

Implement HC on fee refund: Manish Khanduri

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

Congress leader Manish Khanduri has said that the whole episode in which private Ayurveda colleges are being allowed to have their wilfulness in the fee refund case of students, is ominous for the education system of Uttarakhand. Addressing media persons at the state headquarters of the Congress party, Khanduri said that the manner in which the private colleges are openly defying successive orders of the Uttarakhand High Court (HC) is very distressing and does not augur well for the whole education system of the state. "The issue is not concerned only with the students of the private Ayurveda colleges but the whole education system in the state is related with it. What is happening with these students can happen with other students as well," he said.

Manish Khanduri, the son of former chief minister Major General (Retd) B C Khanduri

caught the attention of everyone when during the Lok Sabha elections when he joined the Congress party and contested from Garhwal parliamentary constituency, said that the State Government should ensure that the orders of the HC are implemented.

The senior Congress leader and former secretary of All India Congress Committee (AICC), Prakash Joshi said that these colleges are charging fees in cash in gross violation of all norms and are now threatening students for participating in the agitation. He said the hike in fee was affected with retrospective effect and without the necessary clearance from fee fixation committee.

Joshi said that that members of the National Students Union of India (NSUI) and Youth Congress have organised protests in all parts of the state to make the students aware on the issue. The Congress workers would now

meet all 70 MLAs of Uttarakhand on November 14 and 15 and request them to put pressure on the government.

The Uttarakhand Government in the year 2015 had released a Government Order (GO) for increase in fees of the private Ayurveda Colleges of the state. This GO was issued without necessary recommendation of the fee fixation committee and was implemented from back date in gross violation of all norms.

On the orders of Supreme Court (SC), a fee fixation committee decides on the fee structure of private colleges.

On July 2018, the HC cancelled the GO and directed that the increased fee should be refunded within 15 days.

The private colleges challenged this order but on October 9, 2018, a bench of HC upheld the earlier decision of single bench. In pursuance of the HC order, the State Government passed the orders for fee refund but the administrators of these colleges are not following the order.

Police nab man accused of issuing threat on CM's phone

PNS ■ HARIDWAR

ily issues.

A call was made to the Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat's mobile phone on Sunday evening from an unknown number.

The phone was being carried by the CM's protocol officer Anand Singh Rawat. The caller threatened to detonate a bomb at Har ki Paudi in Haridwar. He was reportedly frustrated by the delay in getting his Aadhaar card made and was also tense due to fam-

protocol officer, the police investigated the case. They nabbed a suspect identified as Pauri native Keshavanand Naudiyal who works in Haridwar. He revealed that he was angry at the authorities due to the delay in getting his Aadhaar card made.

The police ascertained that earlier during 2016, he had phoned the police and threat-

ened to harm the chief minister. He had been arrested later and spent a year in jail.

According to the police, the family of the accused live in Pauri and he is also under stress due to some domestic issues. Considering him to be mentally disturbed, the police decided to serve a notice to him under CrPC and facilitate counseling for him.

Particulars	Standalone				Consolidated (₹ Lakh)				
	Quarter ended 30.9.19 (Unaudited)	30.9.18 (Unaudited)	Half Year ended 30.9.19 (Unaudited)	30.9.18 (Unaudited)	Year ended 31.3.19 (Audited)	Quarter ended 30.9.19 (Unaudited)	30.9.18 (Unaudited)	Half Year ended 30.9.19 (Unaudited)	31.3.19 (Audited)
1. Total Income from Operations	94,668	75,190	167,117	136,612	265,577	94,571	75,152	167,020	136,574
2. Profit before exceptional items, net movement in regulatory deferral account balance and tax	68,995	45,748	124,178	72,482	166,231	69,389	45,680	124,674	72,390
3. Profit before net movement in regulatory deferral account balance and tax	68,995	44,180	124,178	70,914	160,523	69,389	44,112	124,674	70,822
4. Profit before tax after net movement in regulatory deferral account balance and tax	74,494	56,189	129,459	94,668	179,254	74,888	56,121	129,955	94,576
5. Net Profit after tax from continuing operations	61,990	42,990	104,044	72,350	136,429	62,350	43,021	104,601	72,456
6. Total Comprehensive Income comprising net profit after tax & other comprehensive income after tax	61,579	42,721	103,263	71,849	134,947	61,939	42,752	103,820	71,955
7. Paid-up equity share capital (Face value of ₹10/- each)	392,980	392,980	392,980	392,980	392,980	392,980	392,980	392,980	392,980
8. Reserves excluding Revaluation Reserve					730,898				731,644
9. Earnings Per Share for continuing operations (before net movement in regulatory deferral account balance) (of ₹10/- each) (not annualised) (in ₹)									
- Basic & Diluted	1.47	0.85	2.54	1.36	3.10	1.47	0.86	2.55	1.37
10. Earnings Per Share for continuing operations (after net movement in regulatory deferral account balance) (of ₹10/- each) (not annualised) (in ₹)						1.58	1.09	2.65	1.84
									3.48

Notes : 1. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly/Half Yearly Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Financial Results of the Company are available on the investor section of our website <a href="http://www.sjvn.nic

550TH PARKASH PURAB

Eliminate social evils like corruption, atrocities: Manpreet

PNS ■
CHANDIGARH/SULTANPUR
LODHI

Punjab Finance Minister Manpreet Badal on Monday appealed the people to celebrate the 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev by eliminating the evils like corruption, atrocities, and poverty from the society.

Manpreet, who along with Sultanpur Lodhi MLA Navtej Singh Cheema paid obeisance in 'Guru Nanak Darbar', said that the festive fervor of

Parkash Purab is not only limited to Punjab as it is being celebrated across the world.

"The life and preaching of Guru Nanak Dev have led a new way for the people to live life by following the message of God. The life on the earth could not be imagined without the birth of Guru," he said.

Manpreet said that the first Guru has always motivated the people to help the deprived sections of the society without any discrimination. Guru Nanak's preachings have been well received by the followers of different religions, he added.

At the same time, he said that the Kartarpur Corridor has been opened for the pilgrims in the 21st century which is an indication for Punjab to cope with the heavy loss done to the State in the 20th century.

He congratulated the sanga



ridor as it was being awaited by the devotees of Guru Nanak from several decades. He appealed to the new generation to follow the message of equality given by Guru Nanak Dev.

₹15.90L prize money awarded to winners

PNS ■ DERA BABA NANAK (GURDASPUR)

The winners of Dera Baba Nanak 'Online Youth Festival' were on Monday

honoured with prizes worth ₹15.90 lakhs on the fourth day of the ongoing 'Dera Baba Nanak Utsav' organised on the eve of the 550th Parkash Purab of Guru Nanak Dev and the opening of Sri Kartarpur Sahib Corridor.

On the occasion, various presentations by the young artists on the religious themes held the sangat spellbound.

The Utsav, being organised courtesy all the institutions of the cooperative sector of Punjab, saw 'Online Youth Festival' being held, the results of which were announced on Monday. The winners were given cash prizes worth ₹15.90 lakh by the State Cooperation Minister Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa.

Meanwhile, the Minister also honoured 550 students who had won the block and state level academic competitions.

The overall winner was Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar, which was felicitated with the cash prize of ₹1.01 lakh. The colleges affiliated to the university won 18 prizes while the Panjab University, Chandigarh, came second, and the Punjabi University, Patiala, bagged the third position.

On the occasion, a book penned by eminent scholar Dr Harshinder Kaur titled 'Guru Nanak Diyan Manav Kalyankari Sikhyawan' was also released by the Cooperation and Jails Minister Randhawa and other religious personalities.

'KAVI DARBAR'
ORGANISED

In a series of ongoing celebrations dedicated to 550th Parkash Purab of Guru Nanak Dev, Punjab Government on Monday organised 'Kavi Darbar' which saw the presence of huge gathering of famous poets from all over the country who presented their poems dedicated to the teachings of the great Guru.

The Kavi Darbar was unique in itself as it was on the theme 41 words of Gurmukhi lipi and prominent 41 poets presented poems enlightening the audience about the teachings of Guru Sahib about various fields.

The poets, through their poems, highlighted the love of brother-sister, peace and universal brotherhood, while some of the poets touched the present day serious issue of air, water and soil pollution using the quotes from Gurbani and said that even Guru Sahib, 500 years earlier, was aware of these issues and gave a message to the people.

Punjabi Cabinet Ministers Manpreet Singh Badal and Charanjeet Singh Channi, besides Advisor to Chief Minister Capt Sandeep Sandhu were among the prominent people attending the event.

Punjab Police sets new benchmark for foolproof security arrangements through ICCC

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH/SULTANPUR LODHI (KAPURTHALA)

Punjab Police has set a new benchmark by ensuring foolproof security arrangements in Sultanpur Lodhi through the Integrated Command and Control Centre (ICCC).

Punjab Finance Minister Manpreet Badal, who visited the ICCC on Monday morning, said that unprecedented arrangements have been made by the Punjab Police to keep a strict vigil over the law and order situation in the holy city.

He said that this was laudable initiative, which has gone a long way in streamlining the affairs during the commemorative functions to mark the 550th Parkash Purab of Guru Nanak Dev. Punjab Government has taken several path breaking initiatives to make this mega event a huge success, he added.

Manpreet said that while a viable mechanism has been put in place to facilitate the pilgrims coming at this holy city during the commemorative functions, the Punjab Police has also taken these historic initiatives to maintain law and order in the holy city during these functions besides ensuring safety and security to people.

He said that this was a beginning of new era as the Punjab Police has taken step forward towards modernisation and use of technology to combat crime in an effective manner. He added fulsome support and cooperation to the Punjab Police for this noble cause.

On the occasion, the Inspector General of Police Naunihal Singh briefed the Minister about the salient features of the ICCC. He said that through this centre, the Punjab Police was keeping a strict vigil over each and every thing unfolding in the holy city and its surrounding areas. No stone was being left unturned to maintain law and order in Sultanpur Lodhi, he added.

SPECIAL MOBILE APP ENSURES 24X7 MONITORING OF WATER SUPPLY, SANITATION

To ensure top-class water supply and sanitation facilities, Punjab's Water Supply and Sanitation Department (DWSS) has developed a special mobile



app to keep a tab over the smooth operation of entire system.

Superintending Engineer Kuldeep Singh Saini said that the mobile app has ensured the regular inspection of the system and fixing up the faults well in time.

Adding a lighting charm to the ongoing celebrations of 550th Parkash Purab of Guru Nanak Dev, Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL) has undertaken a mammoth practice to provide 24X7 uninterrupted power supplies to the holy city by laying a vast underground cable network through the narrow lanes of the city besides setting up new substations and feeders.

PSPCL Superintending Engineer Inderpal Singh said that a plan was chalked out by the Department to provide 24X7 uninterrupted power supply to Sultanpur Lodhi, which needed a mammoth exercise in terms of setting up new sub stations, feeders and transforms to meet the demand of increased load during the celebrations.

"We immediately set up a new 66KC substation at Sultanpur Lodhi to strengthen the existing two substations...The underground cable network was also laid through the narrow lanes of the city to supply the power to every nook and corner of the city, which cost nearly ₹12 crore," he said.

He added that the setting up of new substation ensured reliable and proper voltage to the consumers and the building of the new substation was given a monumental look and the office building was also renovated with the cost of ₹50 lakh.

Inderpal Singh said that earlier the power supply was provided through 22 KV sub Station at village Jhal Laiwal and 66KV substation at village Pandori Jagir.

Grocery trader house burgled with valuables worth ₹3 lakh

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Miscreants targeted a house of grocery trader and escaped with valuables worth ₹3 lakh from Lalaghati on Sunday; Koh-e-Fiza police have started further investigation.

Police said that the victim Vikas Chug along with his family had gone to Delhi and when he returned on Sunday the valuables were found to be burgled.

A complaint was lodged by the victim with the Koh-e-Fiza police and in his complaint, he stated that he along with his family had gone to Delhi on November 6 and when they returned main door was found open and locks were found buried.

The victim claimed that gold and silver jewelry worth ₹2 lakh and ₹1 lakh cash were burgled. The victim has claimed that the total loss in the burglary is around ₹3 lakh.

Based on the complaint

after the preliminary investigation the police have registered a case under sections 454 and 380 of the IPC and have started further investigation.

Police said that the house was not installed with CCTV footage and the nearby installed CCTV camera footages would be investigated in the further investigation.

In the investigation the neighbours told the police that they were not aware of the burglary.

The domestic help and security guard would be quizzed in the further investigation.

The burglary was committed on November 6 or in between the last five days as no neighbor or anyone acquainted has reported the incident of burglary to the police or victim.

Victim's house is in Maya Shree Parivar which has five houses and three flats. The premises is covered but no security guard in deployed.

Devotees visit Sultanpur Lodhi for Prakash Purab celebrations, Gurbani in air

PNS ■ SULTANPUR LODHI

PIgrims in large number

gathered in the town, where the founder of Sikhism spent over 14 years and attained enlightenment, and took a holy dip in "Kali Bein" (rivulet). It is believed that Guru Nanak Dev used to take bath in the "Kali Bein" and then meditate under a "Ber" tree.

The entire state was soaked in religious fervour. Various "nagar kirtans" (religious processions) led by "Pan Pyaras" (five beloved ones) were taken out, with devotees

BY KAMAL NATH

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NOTICE

1. Approval under regulation-86 of CERC (Conduct of Business) Regulations'1999 and CERC (Terms and Conditions of Tariff) Regulations'2019 for i) Truing up of Transmission tariff for 2014-19 tariff block and ii) Determination of Transmission tariff for 2019-24 tariff block for assets under Establishment of Pooling Station at Raigarh (Kota) and Raipur for IPP Generation Projects in Chattisgarh (Sel/A DPR-1).

2. The beneficiaries of the above mentioned Transmission system are ((1) Rajasthan Rajya Vidyut Prasaran Nigam Limited (2) Ajmer Vidyut Vitran Nigam Ltd. (3) Jaipur Vidyut Vitran Nigam Ltd. (4) Jodhpur Vidyut Vitran Nigam Ltd. (5) Punjab State Electricity Board (6) Haryana Power Purchase Center (7) Power Development Dept., Govt. of Jammu & Kashmir (8) Uttar Pradesh Power Corporation Ltd. (9) DELTA Transco Ltd. (10) BSES Yamuna Power Ltd. (11) BSES Rajdhani Power Ltd. (12) North Delta Power Ltd. (13) Chandigarh Administration (14) Uttarakhand Power Corporation Ltd. (15) North Central Railway (16) New Delhi Municipal Council (17) Himachal Pradesh State Electricity Board (18) KPTCL (19) APTRANSCO (20) KSEB (21) TNBEC (22) Electricity Dept. of Goa (23) Electricity Dept. of Puducherry (24) APEDCL (25) APSDCL (26) APCPDC (27) APNPDC (28) BECOM (29) GESCOM (30) HESCOM (31) MESCOM (32) Chandernagore Electricity Supply Corporation Ltd. (33) Transmission Corporation of Telangana Limited (34) TANGEDCO (35) TNTEC (36) NLC (37) Madhya Pradesh Power Management Corporation Ltd. (38) Electricity Department, Administration of Damian & Duan, (39) Gujarat Ura Vikas Nigam Ltd., Vaddoda (40) Electricity Department, Government of Goa, Panaji, (41) Electricity Department, Administration of Dera Sacha Sauda, Silvassa (42) Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company Ltd., Mumbai (43) Chhattisgarh State Electricity Board, Raipur, (44) Machiya Prashad Aycutgiri Kanda Vira Nigam (Indore), Ltd., Indore (45) D. B. Power Ltd. (46) GMR Chhatishgarh Energy Pvt. Ltd. (47) Visa Power Ltd. (48) Bharat Aluminum Co. Ltd. (49) Ksk Mahanadhi Power Company Ltd. (50) Korba West Power Co. Ltd. (51) Sks Power Generation (Chattisgarh) Ltd (52) Jindal Power Limited

3. Tariff details: ₹ in Lakhs

True up Transmission Tariff for 2014-19

2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
29705.89	30105.54	30002.01	29513.97	29012.40

a) 2019-24 Block

Effective DCO	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
01/01/2014	30259.02	29681.64	29104.93	28640.62	28188.01

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PARTIAL RESTORATION OF EARLIER ANNOUNCED CANCELLED TRAINS IN CONNECTION WITH REMODELING WORK OF DEHRADUN YARD ON HARIDWAR - DEHRADUN SECTION

For the convenience of the passengers, Northern Railway has decided the partial restoration of earlier announced cancelled train No. 19019/19020 Bandra Terminus - Dehradun - Bandra Terminus in connection with remodeling work of Dehradun Yard on Haridwar - Dehradun Section published on 06.11.2019. This train will now be short terminated/short originated instead of full cancellation as per following schedule :-

SHORT TERMINATION/SHORT ORIGINATION OF TRAINS

Train No. & Name	Short Terminated at/ Originated from	Partially Cancellation between	Date (from the Originating Station)
19019 Bandra Terminus - Dehradun Express	at Bharatpur	Bharatpur-Dehradun	Up to 06.02.2020
19020 Dehradun - Bandra Terminus Express	from Bharatpur	Dehradun-Bharatpur	Up to 06.02.2020

CYCLONE BULBUL

Didi announces ₹2L to kin of deceased

PTI ■ KAKDWIP (WB)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

restoring normalcy.

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

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

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

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

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

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

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

This was conveyed at a meeting of the National Crisis Management Committee (NCMC), chaired by Cabinet Secretary Rajiv Gauba, which took stock of the relief and restoration works in the aftermath of the cyclone over West Bengal and Odisha.

West Bengal reported seven human casualties, damages to about one lakh houses and standing crops, an official statement said.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Bodies of 4 fishermen missing in capsized trawler recovered



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

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

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

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

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

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

Cyclone 'Bulbul' after its landfall on Saturday midnight

had hurtled northeastwards into neighbouring Bangladesh over the Sunderban delta.

Commandant of NDRF

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

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

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

According to other sources there were 13 fishermen in the trawler and four of them had swum to safety. The whereabouts of the rest nine were not known before the four bodies were found.

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

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

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

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Make Bengali, other languages as JEE exam medium: TMC

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

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

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

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

approach of the Centre will not be tolerated."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Kerala Govt mulling pubs across State, says CM

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

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

Government's policy had resulted in the closure of 712 bars below the five-star category as part of its aim to ensure total Prohibition in 10 years. A majority of the closed bars were later converted into beer and wine parlours.

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The previous UDF

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

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

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

At a recent party meeting, Muniyappa and Hariprasad had hit

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PTI ■ BENGALURU

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

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

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

discuss about the bypolls and the candidates.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Lata Mangeshkar in ICU, sister Usha says she is recovering

PTI ■ MUMBAI

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

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

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

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

Her last full album was "

POST AYODHYA VERDICT UP Cabinet congratulates Yogi

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

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

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

The cabinet approved the opening of the Raja Mahendra Pratap Singh

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

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

UP Govt thanks people for maintaining communal harmony

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

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

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

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

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at the disputed site in Ayodhya.

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

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

The Cabinet approved the establishment of Raja

Mahendra Pratap Singh State University in Aligarh.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Pilgrims make beeline for holy dip on Kartik Purnima

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Amavasya day.

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

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

Milli Council, expressed similar views.

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

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

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

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

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

Khalil Ahmad Khan, General Secretary of All India Mosques Committee, said, "We have enough mosques in Ayodhya to fulfil our religious needs, the apex court has given its verdict in favour of Ram Temple. The issue is closed now," he said. PTI

HYDERABAD TRAIN ACCIDENT

16 injured, ex-gratia announced

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Railway Minister Piyush

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

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

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

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

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

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

he earned the reputation. That started long back, in 1960s when he worked as the district collector of Madurai which saw unprecedented riots as part of anti Hindi agitation.

"My officers were beaten up by rioters in a village. Many government officials were set ablaze and were killed. I went to the village with a police force who cordoned off the area. I had a stick with me and ordered all the villagers to line up outside their houses. I told them if they do not reveal the names of the rioters responsible for the gruesome incident, I would beat them to pulp. The woman began to sing and the men spilled the beans," Seshan had told in an interview.

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

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

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

"Appavukku Charayam, Ammaivukku Sari and namma verpalarkku vote" was the catchword of the political masters, Seshan used to tell. It meant, alcohol for the family head, sari for the women and vote for the candidate picked up by the local ruffian.

But with Seshan assuming office in the Nirvachan Sadan things underwent a drastic change.

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

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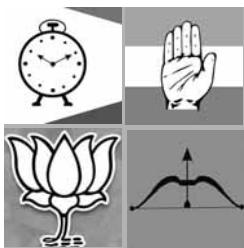
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Mahabhatta of power

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



Maharashtra is no Karnataka, where a hung verdict had led to political machinations and a power surge of convenience. Yet in a shape-shifting scenario of permutations and combinations, Government formation is turning out to be a bizarre prospect despite a decisive electoral verdict. The Congress was desperate then, seized the advantage, was one up on the BJP but could not last even with like-minded partners in a coalition arrangement. It is still desperate for regaining a State that was its strong-hold but in Maharashtra is faced between the devil and the deep sea. It cannot afford to settle with its enemy's enemy, namely the Sena, and put its credibility on the line by supporting the latter's Government from the outside. Nor can it afford to lose the heft of its ally, the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP), and play second fiddle to it, now that the latter has been invited by the Governor to stake a claim, and concede to its chief Sharad Pawar's acceptability among both the BJP and Sena. Predicted to be even more unstable than Karnataka, one hopes the Congress' decision doesn't give more ammunition to the BJP's charge that it is better to be *mukt* of it and a single party rule is the only way forward, be it in Lok Sabha or the States. The pre-poll alliance of the BJP-Shiv Sena, which has crumbled under the destabilising weight of egoistic turf wars, has put a question mark on the efficacy of alliance politics that the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) has so far prided itself in. Particularly, when it loses a 30-year-old ally, that too one which has significantly helped in pushing a core Hindutva plank and Ayodhya. For all talk of development, the granularity of the BJP's fundamental ideology was left to the Sena to manage while the bigger party could bask in the benevolence of the idea of a grand Bharat Parv. In that sense, Sena was the fall guy for doing things with a fringe, parochial mindset and taking the blame for them with a vision limited to Jai Maharashtra. Now that the BJP has appropriated its only comfort zone and relegated it to secondary space, the Sena is making a desperate lunge to be seen and heard, relevant as it still is as a counterweight. With the election of Sena founder Balasaheb Thackeray's grandson Aditya, it now feels it can indeed roar like a tiger than be the whimpering sidekick at a neighbourhood park. The BJP, with its Chief Minister-worthy leader in Devendra Fadnavis, the man who even has the RSS' blessings, knows people trust it for providing a stable leadership. It knows the nakedly ambitious Sena could go around with a shopping bag but would not have a natural proximity, nor the leadership, compromised as it would be by the Congress-NCP conditions. In fact, it is sitting back to expose the Sena as a spoiler. And it wants to reap the spoils knowing that a new anti-BJP coalition could be wobbly without mutual convergence of interests.

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

Go for success

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



Purists might argue that it is a bit unfair to compare men's and women's sport even in the same game. But the recent achievement by teenage sensation Shafali Verma, who at two months short of 16 years struck an international 50 in a T20 international against the West Indies, is quite an achievement. Alongside the spectacular success of the Indian women's team in the last cricket world cup as well as the achievements of various members of the team, maybe it is pertinent to pose the question to the new boss of Indian cricket, Sourav Ganguly, on whether it is time for the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) or whatever new name that he wishes to give that organisation, to hold a professional Indian Premier League (IPL)-style contest for the women's game.

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

Historical reconstruction

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



SANDHYA JAIN

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

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

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

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

Father Joseph Tieffenthaler visited India between 1766 and 1771 AD and found in Oudh (Awadh) a famous place called Sita Rasoi on a mud hill. Emperor Aurangzeb got the fortress called Ramcot (Ramkot) demolished and a Muslim mosque, with triple domes, constructed at the same place. Tieffenthaler recounts that some said the masjid was constructed by "Babar" (Babur) and 14 black stone pillars of five span high from the fortress are visible there; 12 support the interior arcades of the mosque. He describes the *bedi* (cradle) of Ram and says Aurangzeb or Babur razed the temple "to deny the noble people, the opportunity of practic-



ing their superstitions". However, the people "go around three times and prostrate on the floor." This is clear evidence that Hindus at the time of Tieffenthaler were worshipping at the *janamsthan* as a deity.

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

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

In 1858, the British Government annexed Awadh,

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

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

Obviously, Prof BB Lal's excavations followed ASI precedents. These accounts prove that Hindus continuously struggled to access and worship the site; hence the Sunni Waqf Board could not establish possessory rights over it. The judgment rests on historical evidence; the gains are civilisational.

(The writer is Senior Fellow, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library; the views expressed are personal)

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SOUND BITE

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

Vice President
—M Venkaiah Naidu



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

Actor
—Jennifer Aniston



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

Chinese official
—Geng Shuang



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

AIMIM leader
—Asaduddin Owaisi



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Accepting the verdict

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

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

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

MC Joshi
Lucknow

Welcoming Kartarpur

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

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

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

Haridasan Rajan
Kozhikode

Stupendous victory

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

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

Tushar Anand
Patna

A true legend

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

of India (ECI) the much-needed spine. He took the electoral body to greater heights of authority, credibility and visibility. It is testimony to his strong character and personality that people can relate with him when it comes to elections. We may not remember him

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

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FIRST COLUMN

Not a coup, just a big blunder

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



GWYNNE DYER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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POINT COUNTER POINT

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

—MAHARASHTRA BJP CHIEF CHANDRAKANT PATIL



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

—SHIV SENA MP ARVIND SAWANT

Time to secure South Asia

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



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

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

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

But, in the wake of World War-II, Europeans realised that what unfortunately remains the status quo in South Asia would no longer serve their shared best, long-term national security and economic interests.

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

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

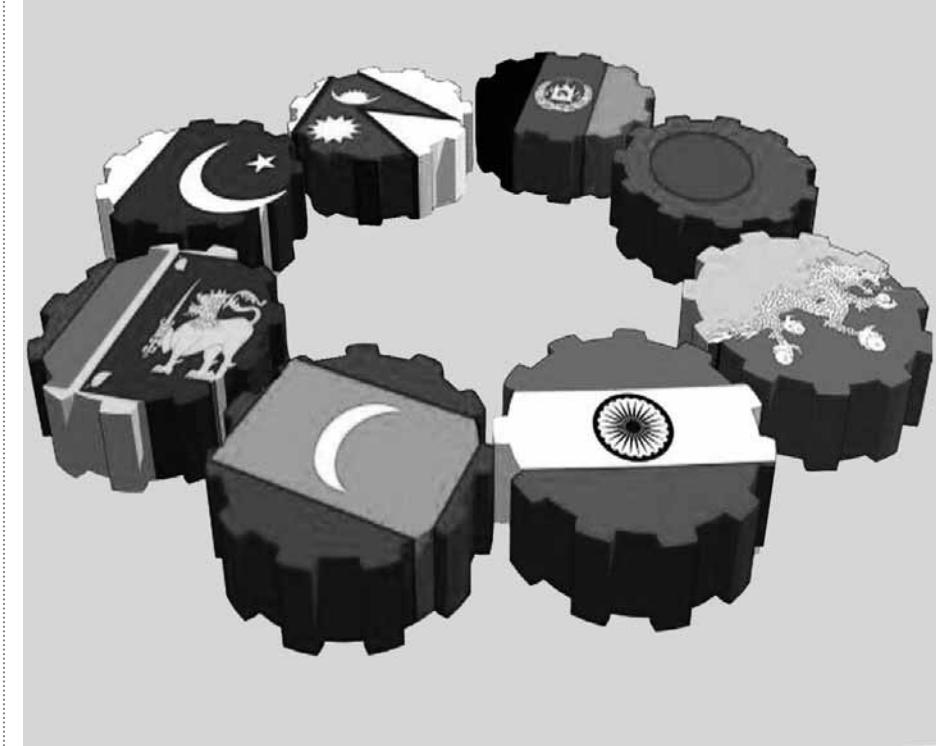
As we know, however, not all these regional groupings have achieved their dreams of meaningful economic integration on a par with Europe associations.

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

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

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

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

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

The Government of Afghanistan has done its part and continues to do so. Despite the imposed security challenges the nation is facing, Afghanistan has put forth a strategic solution for adoption and implementation by its near and far neighbours: The Heart of Asia–Istanbul Process (HOA-IP) on Regional Security and Cooperation for a Secure and Stable Afghanistan and the Regional Economic Cooperation Conference on Afghanistan (RECCA).

These Afghanistan-led processes were established to help secure regional cooperation for Afghanistan's stabilisation and sustainable development, thereby ensuring regionwide stability and prosperity, which SAARC strives to accomplish.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

And this necessary connectivity will undoubtedly benefit the rest of South Asia where the challenges that face our nations and the opportunities that we must exploit to our shared advantage are increasingly intertwined.

That is why others in the SAARC should consider doing away with the prevailing zero-sum approaches and join Afghanistan and Sri Lanka to operationalise the vision of SAARC for the common economic benefit of all of its member-States with increased interdependences.

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

Indians voted for reforms in 2019 LS polls

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Industrial production posts steepest fall in 8 yrs

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

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

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

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

Gross Domestic Product (GDP) data for July-September



is due on November 29.

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

"The Indian economy is presently facing a structural growth slow-

down originating from declining household savings rate, and low agricultural growth."

Low agricultural growth is feeding into low agricultural and non-agricultural wage growth in rural areas, which is impacting rural demand adversely, he said, hoping of a

cut in the interest rate in December.

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

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

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

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

BUSINESS CORNER

NHPC'S NET PROFIT JUMPS 9.93% IN Q2

New Delhi: NHPC Limited has reported

a 9.93% growth in the standalone net profit at ₹1339.46 Crore during second quarter of current fiscal FY 2019-20 against ₹1218.51 Crore of the corresponding period. Profit after tax for the half year is ₹2,220.60 Crore against ₹1956.08 Crore of the corresponding period.

Sales for the second quarter of the current fiscal FY 2019-20 rose 4.25% to ₹2605.43 Crore, as compared to ₹2499.19 Crore reported in the year-ago period. Revenue is higher mainly due to better operational efficiency, operation of Kishanganga Power Station and revenue from Power Trading Business.

GADKARI TO INAUGURATE IITF 2019

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

₹ skids 19 paise amid renewed global trade tiff concerns

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

Investors also played their

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

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

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OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER-1 DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, DELHI

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SALE PROCLAMATION NOTICE

ICICI BANK V/S PARMANAND SING

R. C. No. 251/2017

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

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

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

CD#3 M/s AVJ Developers India Pvt.Ltd. Having its Registered Office at D/237, Vivek Vihar, Phase-I, Delhi-110095. Also At:

M/s AVJ Developers India Ltd, AVJ Heights, Plot No. GH- 13/2, Sector Zeta-1, Greater Noida-201307, UP

1. Whereas Recovery Certificate No. 251/2017 in O.A. No. 685/ 2016 dated 24.08.2017 drawn by the presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal-II for the recovery of a sum of Rs. 12,01,67/- (Rupees Twelve Lacs One Thousand Six Hundred and Seventy One Only) as become due from CDs as per Recovery Certificate drawn in O.A. No.685/2016 dated 24.08.2017 by the Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal-II, Delhi, Rs.11,67,671 (Rupees Eleven Lacs Eight Seven Thousand Six Hundred and Seventy One Only) along with interest @ 13% per annum simple from 01.09.2016 till realization with cost of Rs.14,000/- from the CDs jointly and severally.

2. And whereas the undersigned has ordered the sale of property mentioned in the Schedule below in satisfaction of the said Recovery Certificate.

3. Notice is hereby given that in absence of any order of postponement, the said property shall be sold by e-auction and bidding shall take place through "Online Electronic Bidding" through the website <https://www.bankaeuctions.com> on 30.11.2019 between 11 a.m. to 12 noon with extensions of 5 minutes duration after 12 noon, if required.

4. The sale shall be of the property of the CDs) above-named as mentioned in the schedule below and the liabilities and claims attaching to the said property, so far as they have been ascertained, are those specified in the schedule against each lot.

5. The property shall be put up for the sale as specified in the schedule. If the amount to be realized by sale is satisfied by the sale of a portion of the property, the sale shall be immediately stopped with respect to the remainder. The sale will also be stopped if, before auction is knocked down, the arrears mentioned in the said certificate, interest costs (including cost of the sale) are tendered to the officer conducting the sale or proof is given to his satisfaction that the amount of such certificate, interest and costs have been paid to the undersigned.

6. No officer or other person, having any duty to perform in connection with sale, however, shall directly or indirectly bid for, acquire or attempt to acquire any interest in the property sold.

7. The sale shall be subject to the conditions prescribed in the Second Schedule to the Income Tax Act, 1961 and the rules made thereunder and to the following further conditions.

7.1 The particulars specified in the annexed schedule have been stated to the best of the information of the undersigned, but the undersigned shall not be answerable for any error, his statement or omission in this proclamation.

7.2 "The reserve price below which the property shall not be sold is Rs. 13,44,000/- (Rupees Thirteen Lacs Forty Four Thousand) and the Earliest Money Deposit (EMD) is Rs. 1,34,000/- (Rupees One Lacs thirty four thousand Only).

7.3 The interested bidders, who have submitted their bids not below the reserve prolonging documents including PAN Card, identity proof, address proof, etc., latest by 28.11.2019 before 5.00 PM the Office of the Recovery Officer-I, DRT-II, Delhi, shall be eligible to participate in the e-auction and after adjusting the EMD and send deposit the same in the office of the Recovery Officer-I, DRT-II, Delhi so as to reach within 3 days from the close of e-auction failing which the EMD shall be forfeited.

7.4 The successful bidder shall deposit, through Demand Draft/Pay Order favor Recor! Officer-I, DRT-II, Delhi, A/c R.C. No. 251/2017, the balance 75% of the sale price below the Recovery Officer-I, DRT-II, Delhi on or before 15th day from the date of auction of the property, exclusive of such day, or if the 15th day be Sunday or other holiday, then on the first office day after the 15th day longwith the poundage fee @ 2% upto Rs.1,000 and a 1% on the excess of such gross amount over Rs. 1000/-in favour of Registrar, DRT-II Delhi. In case of deposit of balance amount of 75 through post the same shall reach the Recovery Officer as above).

7.8 In case of default of payment within the prescribed period, the property sad be, after the issue of fresh proclamation of sale. The deposit, after defraying the expenses of the sale, ay, if the undersigned thinks fit, be forfeited to the Government and the defaulting purchaser shall forfeit all claims to the property or to any part of the sum for which it may subsequently be sold.

8. The property is being sold on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS".

9. The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids found unobjectionable or postpone the auction at any time without assigning any reason

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY

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

Given under my hand and seal on 14.10.2019.

(Shiv Kumar)
Recovery Officer
DRT- II, Delhi

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

(SECTION 82 Cr.P.C.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that the accused person **Rajesh Kumar**, S/o, Ajet Singh R/o H.No. 82, Pkt-06, Sector-25, Rohini, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 160/19 u/s 33/58 Ex. Act, P.S. Shahbad Dairy, Delhi and it has been returned to warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said accused person **Rajesh Kumar**, cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Rajesh Kumar**, has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Rajesh Kumar**, Under FIR No. 160/19 u/s 33/58 Ex. Act, P.S. Shahbad Dairy, Delhi, is required to appear before the court on or before 20.12.2019.

Appeal For Identification



General public is hereby informed that this person Name : Unknown, S/o : Unknown, R/o : Unknown, Age : Approx 35 Yrs., Sex : Male, Height : 5'8", Complexion : Shallow, Built : Medium, Face : Round, Wearing : Cream Colour Shirt with Black Dots & Dark Blue Lower and bare footed. has been found dead on 02.11.2019 at 06:13 pm at LNJP Hospital, Delhi. In this regard a FIR / DD No. 07-A Dated 02.11.2019 has been lodged at PS. Bawana, Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this person but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this person may kindly inform to the following.

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PS. Bawana, Delhi

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China's Jingye forges rescue deal for British Steel

AFP ■ LONDON

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

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

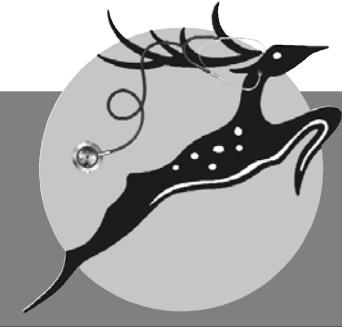
"The Official Receiver and Special Managers from EY can confirm that a sales contract has been entered into with Jingye

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

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

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

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BATRA HOSPITAL, NEW DELHI



The unnerving dilemma

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

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

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

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

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Avoid chewy foods.

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

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

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

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

The following tests may help them to find out more about the cause of jaw pain, including:

■ Physical exam, including assessment of the nerves, neck bones, jaw, mouth and muscles.

■ Certain laboratory tests, such as an erythrocyte sedimentation rate blood test, used in the diagnosis of conditions involving pain.

WARM FOODS

CHILI: Chili, commonly known as chili pepper are widely used in many cuisines as a spice to add heat to dishes. Capsaicin, the chemical in chili peppers that makes them hot, is used as an analgesic in topical ointments, nasal sprays, and dermal patches to relieve pain.

It also aids the circulatory system and prevents heart disease by lowering blood serum cholesterol and reduces lipid deposits, and therefore, reverses excessive blood clotting. It also dilates the

blood vessels to aid in blood flow.

Hot peppers are full of beta carotene and antioxidants that support your immune system and will aid in fighting off colds and flu.

Research has found that nasal sprays containing capsaicin reduce congestion. Increased body temperature from the ingestion of hot peppers triggers the immune system into action in fighting the norovirus (cold) and flu viruses.

Take a bath with this. It will help to wash off the pollutants that stick to your skin and hair. Though the leaf is bitter to taste, try eating four-five leaves daily after washing them properly.

Consumption of peppers fights against 16 fungal strains by reducing fungal pathogens.

don't have a plant buy it today, it absorbs pollution. Also, drink 10 ml of *tulsi* juice.

Eat garlic and onions. You can cook your veggies with it to help you boost immunity.

Include ginger in your diet. Add grated ginger to your cup of tea or chew a fresh piece with a pinch of salt.

Eat plenty of citrus fruits like oranges. The Vitamin C not only helps boost immunity, it lessens the effects of air pollution as well.

However, early diagnosis and timely



NOT A SWEET DEAL

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Doctors use the following blood tests to diagnose prediabetes and diabetes:

- The fasting plasma glucose (FPG) test measures your blood sugar after you've fasted for eight hours.
- The HbA1C test provides a snapshot of your blood sugar levels over the previous three months.

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

■ Glycation is an enzymatic reaction in which glucose molecule attached non-covalently to the Hemoglobin molecule. Generally the percentage of glycosylated hemoglobin remains less than 5 per cent of total hemoglobin in normal population. In diabetic people, as the glucose level increases, percentage of glycosylated Hb rises in a linear fashion.

Since the RBCs have a life span of around 120 days so HbA1c stays in the blood till old RBCs are replaced by new one. So HbA1c will give us an approximate idea of blood glu-



Diagnosis

cose levels maintained by patient in past few months.

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

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

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

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

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

Prevention



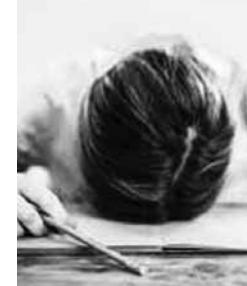
Don't stress out

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

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

There are various stressors which can increase a person's risk of developing diabetes, including:

- Stressful life events or disturbing experiences



- Anger
- Work stress
- Distressed sleep

The writer is Technical head N&E and Director — Lab Operations (Gurugram Reference Lab), SRL Diagnostics

TIPTOP

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

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

However, early diagnosis and timely

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

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

SLIMLINE

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

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

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

STUDYCENTRE

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

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

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

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

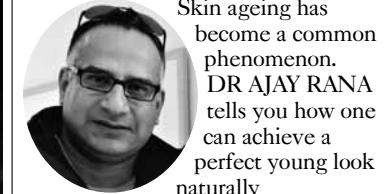
The study suggests these procedures could be considered in older adults as an effective intervention to aid weight loss and associated complications.

Clock It

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



TIPS FOR YOUTHFUL SKIN



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

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

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

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

There are few ways which can help you slowdown your ageing.

■ Try drinking two-three liters of water per day. Hydrating keeps one's skin looking young, bright and glowing.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The writer is Founder-Director, ILAMED



How Trump's impeachment will unroll

AFP ■ WASHINGTON

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

The hearing before the House Intelligence Committee

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

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

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

But the Republicans hold a

majority in the Senate, a bulk

walk against him being con-

victed and removed from office

— unless they turn against him.

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

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

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

ceivably find political dirt

against the Democrats and

Trump's possible 2020 election

rival Joe Biden.

Donald has not done anything to be impeached, says Haley

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

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

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

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

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MS. SEEMA RAJAN

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

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1. Whereas Recovery Certificate No. 137/2018 in O.A. No. 854/2016 dated 17.04.2018 drawn by the Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal-II for the recovery of a sum of **Rs.67,56,071/- (Rupees Sixty Seven lacs Fifty Six Thousand Seventy One Only)** as become due from CDs as per Recovery Certificate drawn in O.A. No. 854/2016 dated 17.04.2018 by the Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal-II, Delhi, Rs.66,87,071/- (Rupees Sixty Six Lacs Eight Seven Thousand Seventy One Only) along with interest @ 13% per annum simple from 23.09.2016 till realization with cost of **Rs.69,000/-** from the CDs jointly and severally.

2. And whereas the undersigned has ordered the sale of property mentioned in the Schedule below in satisfaction of the said Recovery Certificate.

3. Notice is hereby given that in absence of any order of postponement, the said property shall be sold by e-auction and bidding shall take place through "Online Electronic Bidding" through the website <https://www.bankeuctions.com> on 30.11.2019 between 11 a.m. to 12 noon with extensions of 5 minutes duration after 12 noon, if required.

4. The sale shall be of the property of the CDs above-named as mentioned in the schedule below and the liabilities and claims attaching to the said property, so far as they have been ascertained, are those specified in the schedule against each lot.

5. The property shall be put up for the sale as specified in the schedule. If the amount to be realized by sale is satisfied by the sale of a portion of the property, the sale shall be immediately stopped with respect to the remainder. The sale will also be stopped if, before auction is knocked down, the arrears mentioned in the said certificate, interest costs (including cost of the sale) are tendered to the officer conducting the sale or proof is given to his satisfaction that the amount of such certificate, interest and costs have been paid to the undersigned.

6. No officer or other person, having any duty to perform in connection with sale, however, either directly or indirectly bid for, acquire or attempt to acquire any interest in the property sold.

7. The sale shall be subject to the conditions prescribed in the Second Schedule to the Income Tax Act, 1961 and the rules made thereunder and to the following further conditions.

7.1 The particulars specified in the annexed schedule have been stated to the best of the information of the undersigned, but the undersigned shall not be answerable for any error, his statement or omission in this proclamation.

7.2 The reserve price below which the property shall not be sold is Rs. 72,82,000/- (Rupees Seventy Two Lacs Eighty Two Thousand Only) and the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) 15 Rs. 7,28,000/- (Rupees Seven Lacs Twenty Eight Thousand Only).

7.3 The interested bidders, who have submitted their bids not below the reserve price along with documents including PAN Card, identity proof, address proof etc. latest by 28.11.2019 before 5.00 PM the Office of the Recovery Officer-I, DRT-II, Delhi, shall be eligible to participate the caution to be held from 11.00 AM to 12.00 Noon on 30.11.2019. In case bid is placed in the last minute the deadline of the auction, the closing time will automatically get extended for 5 minutes

7.4 The bidder(s) shall improve their offer in multiples of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand Only).

7.5 The unsuccessful bidder shall take the EMD directly from the Office of Recovery Officer-I, DRT-II, Delhi/CH, i.e., ICICI Bank, immediately on closure of the e-auction sale proceedings

7.6 The Successful / highest bidder shall have to prepare Demand Draft/Fay Order for 25% of the bid/sale amount favoring Recovery Officer-I, DRT-II, Delhi, A/C R.C. No. 137/2018 within 24 hours after close of e-auction and after adjusting the EMD and send/deposit the same in the office of the Recovery Officer-I, DRT-II, Delhi so as to reach within 3 days from the close of e-auction failing which the EMD shall be forfeited.

7.7 The successful/ highest bidder shall deposit, through Demand Draft/Pay Order/fay Recor! Officer-I, DRT-II, Delhi, A/C R.C. No. 137/2018, the balance 75% of the sale proceeds below the Recovery Officer-I, DRT-II, Delhi on or before 15th day from the date of auction of the property, exclusive of such day, or if the 15th day be Sunday or other holiday, then on the first office day after the 15th day longwith the poundage fee @ 2% upto Rs. 1,000 and a 1% on the excess of such gross amount over Rs. 1000/-in favour of Registrar, DRT-II Delhi. In case of deposit of balance amount of 75 through post the same should reach the Recovery Officer as above).

7.8 In case of default of payment within the prescribed period, the property shall be sold, after the issue of fresh proclamation of sale. The deposit, after defraying the expenses of the sale, ay, if the undersigned thinks fit, be forfeited to the Government and the defaulting purchaser shall forfeit all claims to the property or to any part of the sum for which it may subsequently be sold.

8. The property is being sold on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS".

9. The undesignated reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids found unobjectionable on postpone the auction at any time without assigning any reason

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY

Description of the property to be sold	Revenue assessed upon the property or any part thereof	Details of any encumbrance to which property is liable	Claims. It any, have been put forward to the property Other known partur bearing on its nature and value
Property bearing Flat No. Unit Not known A-2-GF-04, Ground Floor, Garedenia Gateway, Plot No. 10, Sector-75, Noida-201305	Not known	Not known	Not known

Given under my hand and seal on 14.10.2019.

(Shiv Kumar)
Recovery Officer-I
DRT-II, Delhi.

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Karnataka Bank Ltd APPLICANT
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To, DEFENDANT

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Whereas the above named applicant (s) has/have instituted a case for recovery of Rs 3,52,87,715/- (Rupee Three Crore Fifty Two Lakh Eighty Seven Thousand Seven Hundred And Fifteen Only) against you and where as it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in the ordinary way therefore, this notice is given by advertisement directing you to make appearance in the Tribunal on 20.12.2019 At 10.30 A.M.

Take note that in default of your appearance on the day before the mentioned, the case will be heard and determined in your absence.

By Order Of The Tribunal
Section Officer, DRT-II, New Delhi.

Hong Kong Police shoot protester; man set on fire

AP ■ HONG KONG

Elsewhere, a man was set on fire following an apparent dispute over national identity in the semi-autonomous Chinese territory, which has been wracked by five months of protests. The man was in critical condition in a city hospital.

A Hong Kong anti-government protester was shot by police on Monday in a dramatic scene caught on video as demonstrators blocked train lines and roads in a day of spiraling violence fueled by demands for democratic reforms.

Cops probing videos of man set alight

Hong Kong: Hong Kong police said on Monday they are investigating reports that a man was set alight following an argument on a day of widespread protests across the city, as videos of the purported attack surfaced online.

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Turkey begins deporting foreign jihadis

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

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

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

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

Interior Minister Suleyman

Soylu said last week that Turkey had nearly 1,200 foreign members of ISIS in custody, and had captured 287 during its recent operation in northern Syria.

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

Particulars	(₹ in Lakh Except per Share Data)			
	Quarter Ended	Half Year ended	Year Ended	
30.09.2019	30.06.2019	30.09.2018	30.09.2019	31.03.2019
Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited
Total income from continuing operations (Net)	53.67	20.30	-	73.97
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period from continuing operations (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items#)	(3.22)	(50.66)	-	(53.88)
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period from continuing operations before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items#)	(3.22)	(50.66)	-	(53.88)
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period from continuing operations after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items#)	(3.22)	(50.66)	-	(53.88)
Net Profit / (Loss) from discontinued operations for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items#)	-	-		

Trend Blazer

I am always my worst critic: Anil

After four decades in Bollywood, actor **ANIL KAPOOR** feels he needs to learn how to go easy on himself, and that is his biggest challenge. The actor says he has always been his worst critic.

"I've always been hard on myself and I'm always my own worst critic. So my biggest challenge continues to learn to go easy on myself and to let go when I need to," Anil said.

He says his career goals continue to be the same as they were all those years ago, when he was starting out.

"Strangely enough, my goals haven't changed much! I'm a simple man with a simple plan — to be better than I was yesterday. So that's what I continue to strive towards," said he.



'My character in House Arrest belongs to a well to do family. He somehow has not come out of his house for the last nine months. The story starts at that point. He is not trapped. He is not psycho or a murderer. It's a voluntary house arrest and there are interesting reasons behind this, which is what the film is all about. The film is an out and out comedy.'

—Ali Fazal

Veteran actor-director **AMOL PALEKAR** will be returning to the stage after 25 years with a Hindi play *Kusur*.

Palekar will be performing on the stage as retired ACP Dandavate.

"The fast pace story whirls us through the twists and turns disturbing our complacency and overturning our assumptions. The deep subtext will linger in our minds beyond the curtain drop," Palekar said.

"As an actor, the role poses an enormous challenge, demanding tremendous emotional and physical energy at my age," added Palekar.



I am because of Friends: Aniston

Actor **JENNIFER ANISTON**, who won the People's Icon Award at the 2019 E! People's Choice Awards this year, says she has earned the title of being an icon because of her fans and the still popular sitcom *Friends*.

Aniston said, "This town doles out a lot of awards but the People's Choice, this was always something special to me. As actors, we don't do this for the critics or for each other or to make our families proud, we do this for the money."

"I am kidding... we do it for you guys. Come on seriously, we really do," she added.



SWEET NO MORE

Diabetes, a lifestyle disease, has been regarded as an incurable and chronic ailment which requires lifelong management through medication and insulin, till now. Only a few people are aware that it is curable.

A recent concept called Diabetes Reversal means that people with type 2 diabetes (when your body cells are not able to respond to insulin the way they should) are able to regulate the disease by changing their lifestyle or food patterns without taking medication. This is also known as putting diabetes into remission.

Dr Anoop Misra, chairman, Fortis C-DOC Centre of Diabetes, Metabolic Diseases and Endocrinology says, "As lifestyle improves, medication can slow down the progression of diabetes and prevent complications. Being obese and overweight are the biggest risk factors among Indians. But if we begin to ensure dietary restrictions, the rate of diabetic occurrence will decrease profoundly. Adopting a sustainable healthy diet that is low in carbohydrates and high in proteins and vegetables can help one to control and reverse diabetes." However, this must be done keeping in mind the weight of the patient and their Body Mass Index (BMI). Another intervention which can help in a diabetes diagnosis is to exercise every day as it boosts metabolism.

Akansh Khurana, CEO and co-founder at THB India also attributes lifestyle modification and balanced diet to diagnose and reverse diabetes. "Reversing impaired blood sugar control in diabetes is particularly troublesome when it remains undiagnosed and untreated for a long time. It remains asymptomatic for longer durations before any clinical signs and symptoms manifest due to impaired glucose levels or associated complications. In such a case regular blood glucose monitoring is therefore, necessary," says he.

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IN DURYODHANA'S VOICE

PUNEET ISSAR's retelling of Mahabharata through the eyes of its antagonists, though bleak in its representation due to the TV soap-like execution of its script, raises the right questions against the unjust society and challenges the idea of how history has always belonged to the victors, says CHAHAK MITTAL

Every story has a protagonist and an antagonist. And the latter is usually the flawed one, who is eventually defeated by the former and mostly called the 'villain'. The protagonist, on the other hand, is always praised and looked at as an example of the ideal human being. But ever wondered why the antagonist is an antagonist after all? And why not a hero? Who decides what is wrong or right? How are the two terms defined? What if even the protagonist did something wrong initially? And what if what he did was even worse than the actions of the one portrayed as the negative character?

Actor-director Puneet Issar's retelling of the Mahabharata through Karna and Duryodhana's (the so-called antagonists of the great epic) perspectives makes one ask these questions. The play challenges the notion of history, which has always been written through the eyes of the victors rather than those who were defeated. It questions as to why he has always been looked at as such a bad character



in the epic while he was so generous with his countrymen and loyal to his friend. Despite that, even though Karna is seen as the tragic hero, Duryodhana came to be known as the villain.

The play, divided into different scenes, begins with young Duryodhana's soliloquy where he laments how the Kauravas have always been neglected as compared to the Pandavas due to their father and blind king Dhritarashtra. He calls out, 'Jo adhikar mila na pita ko, mujhe kyun na mile? Main toh andha nahi hun,' and swears to be the one who is the first one to be remembered by the generations to come when they speak of the Mahabharata. Even though the narration lacks elements of some subtlety due to its

very direct though powerful narration by Meghna Malik, Puneet makes Duryodhana the centre of the epic brilliantly, without justifying any of his wrong or misguided deeds. His reasons, 'Jab mujhme ghrina ka beej boyai hai bappan se, toh mere phal bhi toh ghrina ke hi honge na. Main likhunga itihasa naya, mujhe yaad rakhegi dunia,' presenting an idea that even though he and his brothers have always been despised, there's a reason for their behaviour which lies in their treatment.

The second scene showcases Karna's coronation by Duryodhana as the Angaraaj and a clash between Arjun and Karna where the other people in the court, including Vidura and

Dronacharya, put him down by calling him a Sutputra and asserting that only Kshatriyas are allowed to fight in the court of Bharatvansha. The act introduces a number of characters in the play as Arjun and Karna's confrontation is always interrupted by some or the other character, including (orderwise) Duryodhana, Bheem, Yudhishtir and Nakul and Sahdev. And each one of them, emerge from the back of the auditorium and make their way amidst the audience. The act, however, was the most powerful of all as it did bring across a message when Duryodhana questions the discrimination being done against Karna. From questioning the 'dasi-putra' Vidura to reminding Drona of Eklavya's sacrifice,

he says, 'Sir pe swarnmukut, bheetar se kaale kaale!' and makes a point that one's destiny is decided by one's actions (karma) and that caste cannot determine it. He then honours Karna as the king of Anga and his friend.

The next act takes one to Draupadi's *swayamvar* where Karna is all set to hit the fish's eye with his arrow. He is interrupted by Draupadi who insults him by calling him a Sutputra and hence, ineligible of being her husband. Full marks to Draupadi's (played by Urvashi Dholakia) acting skills, however, unfortunately, the woman who has symbolised power and femininity has been shown in a very dark light in the play. The director's rendition of her showcases her as a woman who was just arrogant and proud of her wealth and beauty rather than depicting her as the epitome of justice and feminism. She was a woman of substance and her strong personality and will power made her attractive. Furthermore, while the play says that it tells Mahabharata through the eyes of Duryodhana and Karna both, I wished there was more of Karna as much as it was of the former's. Even after Draupadi walks off the stage and Karna is left alone, he does not voices opinion.

Duryodhana's insult by Draupadi is the next act and what I said about Draupadi's representation in the previous scene continues here as well. She calls Duryodhana as 'Andhe ka putra andha,' and laughs out loud like the villainous women in Indian TV soaps. Though Duryodhana's brilliant monologue after

Draupadi exits the stage saves the act, which is followed by Sakuni's entry and his plotting of the dice game against the Pandavas. The scene makes for laughs too when Sakuni delivers some humourous dialogues. After the Pandavas lose all that they had, including themselves and their wife, Panchali is dragged to the stage by Dushasan by her hair. Well, the most striking thing that I observed here is that even though Karna is anguished by this behaviour against Panchali and wants Duryodhana to take back his order of stripping her in the court, he never says anything. In other versions, it is said that Karna at least tried to stop Duryodhana but is shunned due to his loyalty and promise to his friend of never going against him. However, here, especially when the play was said to be told through both of their perspectives, I wished Karna's misery came across at least once. The scene got a round of applause as Draupadi questioned all the men in the court who turned blind during her assault, reflecting upon society's reality and how it has turned its back towards women during the time when it needed the most. The act also makes space for the audience to explore what Duryodhana felt about how Panchali's five husbands stayed silent to their wife's harassment. He says that it was wrong of Dushasan to have held her by her hair and thrown in the court but why did nobody question Yudhistira who didn't utter a word. 'Main galat kyun? This is not the way Bharatavansha's bahu (or daughter-in-law) should have been treated and you know that, Pitamah Bhishma!

Certainly, the play makes for a great visual representation of the epic with its vibrant costumes and stage set-up; however, there isn't anything new that the audience would find here. The attempt of presenting the story by making its antagonists the heroes is commendable but the perspectives given by the characters doesn't present a lot of new things. The over dramatised scenes and repetition of certain punchlines remind one of the various TV soaps based on the epic. And the extremely loud dialogue delivery definitely reminds one of *Mahabharata* that became every household's Sunday breakfast show during the 90s.

550 years of Nanak

Artist ARPANA CAUR says that it is very hard to capture 'a being as elevated as the Sikh Guru' on canvas with a painter's limited skills. By UMA NAIR



HIS ENDURING LEGACY

A new exhibition on GEORGE ORWELL seeks to remind people how the author's premonitions about fake becoming the gospel have shaped the minds of generations



War is Peace. Freedom is Slavery. Ignorance is Strength. Those were the slogans of the Party in George Orwell's 1949 novel 1984 that allowed the superstate of Oceania to keep its population under control. The Thought Police thwarted dissent. The Ministry of Love tortured lovers. Those dystopian warnings about the fake becoming the gospel have shaped the minds of generations since they appeared in print more than a half-century ago. And now a new exhibit on Orwell at the University of New Mexico's Zimmerman Library in Albuquerque, New Mexico seeks to remind people about the author's premonitions amid a new — yet very familiar — era.

George Orwell: His Enduring Legacy, which runs to April, features posters and material related to 1984 and his 1945 allegorical novella, *Animal Farm*. It also contains rare Orwell books in different languages to highlight his reach and evolution as a writer. Orwell, who died in 1950, was known for *Animal Farm* and 1984, both of which tackled totalitarianism. Orwell's 1984 has become a best-seller in the US again during the Trump administration.

The exhibit was sparked after a longtime advocate and employee of the University of New Mexico University Libraries donated his collection of rare Orwell books. For years, Russ Davidson, a University of New Mexico professor and curator emeritus, amassed rare Orwell books from around the world.

Those rare works included first editions of *Animal Farm* and 1984 in

Icelandic, Ukrainian, Swahili, French, Urdu, German, Hungarian and Spanish. He also obtained first, early and other scarce editions of many of Orwell's other books, essays and reportage. Such unique books are on display in the exhibition. Yet, the most captivating aspect of the small but powerful exhibit is the art and objects connected to themes and Orwell's life. Artifacts and posters from the Spanish Civil War are shown to illustrate how the conflict played a role in Orwell's intellectually formation. Orwell fought against a right-wing military coup in Spain but fled after he was shot in the throat and officials sought his arrest.

The campy book cover art also is seductive, offering commentaries about the eras the editions were produced rather than the work inside. In one edition of 1984, for example, the cover features characters for the Sen. Joseph McCarthy Era 1950s with the words 'forbidden love... fear... betrayal.' It's almost as if novel was merely a pulp fiction soap opera found at Route 66 gas stations, except it's not.

Then, there are the portrayals of Napoleon, the authoritarian pig in Animal Farm. Red posters show Napoleon in military gear of communist Eastern Europe. Other images show his celebrating his abundance at the sake of others, since, 'all animals are equal, but some animals are more equal than others.'

Journalists, academics and political observers of every succeeding generation since Orwell's untimely death have argued that Orwell remains relevant in

their time. And, yes, the same could be said of today. Orwell's concepts of doublespeak (deliberately euphemistic, ambiguous or obscure language), newspeak (doublespeak for political propaganda) and thoughtcrimes (thoughts deemed illegal by a mob or a government) continued to be cited in response to current events.

President Donald Trump's practice of blurting falsehoods — like saying, "The Kurds are much safer right now" after Turkey invaded Kurdish strongholds — have been called Orwellian. The same has been noted for some Democrats. California Gov. Gavin Newsom claimed in August that the "vast majority" of San Francisco's homeless people came from Texas. (A 2019 report found 70 percent had previously lived in the city). Even in New Mexico, the most Hispanic state in the US that sits along the US-Mexico border, Orwellian concepts in practice have emerged.

In 2016, for example, a left-leaning immigrant rights group denounced then-Republican Gov. Susana Martinez and her attempts to revamp a state law that allowed immigrants in the country illegally to obtain driver's licenses. The group called a potential compromise to create a "two-tier" system to issue two types of licenses — one compliant with the federal REAL ID Act — nothing but a "scarlet letter." After New Mexico Democrats said it would support the compromise and the bill passed, the group changed course and publicly and proudly claimed Martinez lost. But she won. —AP

MODERN MINIATURES

She was the only contemporary artist at that time, who was creating modern imagery of characters with miniature formats entwined. Ajanta, Ellora and Pahari miniaturists flow through my veins, just like many other stories that have always stayed in my mind. Whenever I think of Nanak, it's a journey that goes deep into the roots of my own existence. It's like finding a fragrance."

One look at the many artworks of Nanaks that she has done over the years show that she always sought to achieve near perfection. Khushwant used to say that Caur's Nanak was like a reminder to invoke Lord's blessings for strength. Caur's images have graced many books. The finest being *Nanak: The Guru* in collaboration with author Khushwant's daughter Maya Dayal. Apart from that — *Hymns of the Sikh Gurus*, which unfortunately is now out of print.

SO MANY NANAKS

Caur explains her oeuvre over more than four decades. "It

is very hard to capture 'a being as elevated as Nanak' on canvas with a painter's limited skills. My solo on Him was almost 20 years ago. There were 'Baba Nanak, Guru Nanak, Peer Nanak, Lama Nanak'. I have been to many of the innumerable places he went on foot, (Baghdad, Sri Lanka, Dhaka, Kashmir, South India, Leh and Sikkim). He, of course, went to many many more."

SURREAL AND STARK

In most of her paintings, Caur's depiction of Nanak in a minimal, organic form, is what excels. Her backgrounds are surreal and stark. She plays with different backgrounds but it is the darker ones that have a deeper

resonance. The stark black backgrounds draw attention to the contemplative expression on his face and the prayer beads in his hands even as she lines the silhouette with grace. Surrounding him are lined details in blue and white and these trace abstractions and reflect perhaps his many journeys as well as his thoughts. She creates a metaphor of the many journeys that he undertook during his lifetime not only around the India but also to Afghanistan, Iraq, China and Tibet.

According to Caur, she added shards of colour and light, in white, grey and blue to create a transient feel of spirituality. Each Nanak in Caur's hands is unique and deeply contemplative.

Those rare works included first editions of *Animal Farm* and 1984 in



Pandies' Theatre presents *Medea*, a story of heartbreak and after. It follows the life and tragedy of an ancient Greek sorceress whose jealousy and passion drive her to commit unimaginable crimes. **TIME:** 7 pm **WHEN:** November 23 **WHERE:** Amaltas, India Habitat Centre.



Bardha-based artist Neelkanth Choudhary presents a solo show titled *Feminine Divine* in which he creates Madhubani art with a twist by using a stylised, contemporary form that uses a global iconography. **WHEN:** November 7 to December 3 **TIME:** 11 am to 6 pm **WHERE:** Gallerie Ganesh, Greater Kailash-II.



India Art Festival, a contemporary art fair presents 30 galleries, 124 booths, 450 artists and 4,500 artworks. Art galleries and independent artists participate with wide range of artworks that include paintings, sculptures, installations, photographs, digital prints, video art and all other forms of visual art done in various mediums. **WHEN:** November 14 to 17 **TIME:** 11 am to 8 pm **WHERE:** Thyagaraj Stadium.

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India leave for World Cup qualifiers



Indian players train during practice session ahead of FIFA World Cup qualifier against Bangladesh at Salt Lake stadium in Kolkata

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

He saved India the blushes against Bangladesh and centre-back Adil Khan said on Monday Afghanistan also can pose the Blue Tigers a "heavy challenge" in their upcoming FIFA World Cup qualifier.

Khan, whose last-gasp equaliser salvaged a draw for India against Bangladesh in their last qualifier, said that he'll be happy "scoring a few more goals" for the Blue Tigers

in the future.

The team is leaving for its upcoming World Cup qualifying assignments against Afghanistan and Oman. "Afghanistan beat Bangladesh in their only home game so far and they are a respectable side. They can impose a heavy challenge on us," Khan said.

Recalling his strike, he said, "It was the moment of truth for us, and thankfully, I could contribute. It could have been anyone actually. Now, I don't want to look back and

reminisce about the goal. I would rather like to score a few more for India."

India are scheduled to clash swords with Afghanistan in Dushanbe, Tajikistan on November 14, before flying to Muscat where Oman will host the Blue Tigers five days later.

On being asked how challenging would the tie against Afghanistan be, he said: "Very tough actually. Afghanistan have always been a juggernaut for us. We

have to be very cautious and stay on our toes throughout to garner a positive result against them."

"We have heard from Sunil-bhai, Gurpreet-bhai and others how gruelling and taxing it was in the SAFF Tournament final in 2016."

"As I heard, a few Afghan players ply their trade in different European leagues and it underlines how threatening their players can be."

Adil had made his debut for the

Blue Tigers in 2012 before making a comeback seven years later under Igor Stimac in the King's Cup 2019.

"It's a dream-come-true occasion for any footballer to represent his country and I'm no different. I still remember my first match back in 2012 and again getting the national team call-up in 2019 was something like my reincarnation as a footballer."

India will have a session in Dubai before flying to Dushanbe, and Stimac said it will "immense-

ly benefit the squad".

"We wanted to fasten the recovery process. The morning session in Dubai will also help us in a way or two before reaching Dushanbe," Stimac said prior to departure from the capital.

Sunil Chhetri, the talismanic striker felt, "A good sleep, proper diet and recovery are very important to stay in the right shape before we face Afghanistan on 14th. The rest in Dubai will help all shrug off the fatigue."

To win more games, we need to score more: Gurpreet

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India goalkeeper Gurpreet Singh Sandhu feels the team has moulded itself into a battle-hardened unit but it still needs to find the back of the net consistently to improve its winning ratio in top-flight football.

"I think, of late, we have turned ourselves into a team which is tough to beat. We just have to add something more to it which is scoring to get the points on the table and we have that quality," Gurpreet said.

Skipper Sunil Chhetri had promised to put their best foot forward in the upcoming qualifiers against Afghanistan and Oman, Gurpreet also said they will have to get something substantial out of the two matches.

"Both games are difficult. Oman are a very good side and have quality players, whereas Afghanistan will be tough to play against in Tajikistan. But we have to go there with a strong approach to get something out of the two games," the country's first-choice goalkeeper said.

Gurpreet said coach Igor Stimac has been smart in introducing a host of new faces.

"We have grown stronger with the introduction of the young players who will improve with time."

While Chhetri felt the team is still far from fully implementing coach Stimac's vision, Gurpreet said they are gradually getting accustomed to his philosophy.

"Yes, the team is getting accustomed with the system but most importantly getting used to each other as well playing with the ball."

India endured a disastrous campaign in the 2018 World Cup qualifiers, including a shock loss to tiny Pacific nation Guam, and Gurpreet said the team has come a long way from those days.

"I think if we compare it with the 2015 qualifiers that we played, we have come a long way since then. We have two points on the table and have only lost one game which also we could have won. I am happy but not satisfied because I know we have the potential to do more."

SINGLES

TONALI REPLACES VERRATTI IN ITALY SIDE

ROME: Paris Saint-Germain midfielder Marco Verratti, AS Roma defender Leonardo Spinazzola and Sassuolo striker Domenico Berardi have all been ruled out of Italy's final Euro 2020 qualifiers, the country's football federation (FIGC) confirmed on Monday. Brescia's 19-year-old midfielder Sandro Tonali comes in for Verratti, but Spinazzola and Berardi have not been replaced. Italy, who have already qualified for next year's European Championship, face Bosnia and Herzegovina on November 15 before hosting Armenia three days later.

SUNDAR DEFENDS WORLD TITLE IN JAVELIN

DUBAI: Sundar Singh Gurjar overcame a shoulder injury to defend his World Para Athletics Championships title in the men's F46 javelin throw event while also securing Tokyo Paralympic Games quota, along with the Bronze winner Ajeet Singh and Rinku. Gurjar came up with his season's best effort of 61.22m to claim the top spot. Singh sent the spear to a distance of 59.46m to clinch the Bronze while Rinku finished fourth. Under International Paralympic Committee rules, the top four ranked athletes at the 2019 World Para Athletics Championships in each of the individual medal events on the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Programme (excluding Marathon) will each obtain one qualification slot for their respective country.

PAES DROPS OUT OF TOP-100 BRACKET

NEW DELHI: Veteran tennis star Leander Paes on Monday dropped out of the top-100 bracket for the first time in 19 years, slipping to 101 after losing five places in the ATP doubles chart. With 856 points, Paes is now fourth-highest ranked Indian player behind Rohan Bopanna (38), Divij Sharan (46) and Purav Raja, who re-entered the top-100 by jumping eight places to 93. The last time the 46-year-old Paes was placed outside top-100 was in October 2000 when he was ranked 118. Meanwhile, in the singles, Prajesh Gunnswaran continues to be India's top-ranked singles player though the Chennai left-hander dropped a rung to 95 and was followed by Sumit Nagal (127, +2), Ramkumar Ramanathan (190, +9), Sasi Kumar Mukund (250, +2) and Saketh Myneni (267, -1).

NAVAS OUT FOR AT LEAST 2 WEEKS

PARI: Paris Saint-Germain goalkeeper Keylor Navas has been ruled out of action for at least two weeks with a thigh injury, the Costa Rican football federation (FEDEFUT) announced on Sunday. The former Real Madrid number one pulled out of PSG's 2-1 win at Brest on Saturday after injuring himself during the warm-up. The problem will rule him out of Costa Rica's upcoming CONCACAF Nations League games against Curacao and Haiti, on November 15 and 18, and faces a race to be fit in time for PSG's Champions League match at Real Madrid on November 26. PSG coach Thomas Tuchel has an extremely lengthy injury list, with Navas joining Kylian Mbappe, Neymar, Ander Herrera, Thomas Meunier and Thilo Kehrer on the sidelines.

GHOSAL IN LAST 16 AT PSA WORLD C'SHIP

DOHA: India's Saurav Ghosal put up a fine performance to get past seasoned Frenchman Lucas Serme 11-8, 11-5, 11-5 and enter the pre-quarterfinals of the PSA Men's World Squash Championship. The Indian No 1 controlled everything from rallies to strokes and subdued Serme in the Qatari capital on Sunday night. He saved one game ball in the first game but was outplayed in the next. Having grabbed the first two games, Ghosal won the first five points in the third game to extend his dominance and seal it in his favour. In the pre-quarterfinals today, the tenth seeded Ghosal will face Egyptian world No 2 and top seed Mohamed El Shorbagy.

Xhaka ready to battle for Arsenal place

AFP ■ LONDON

Granit Xhaka may have been stripped of the Arsenal captaincy due to his public run-in with the club's fans but he says he will be staying and fighting for his place in the team.

The volatile 27-year-old Swiss international midfielder has not played since he mouthed an obscenity at a section of Gunners fans jeering him when he was substituted in the Premier League match with Crystal Palace a fortnight ago.

However, despite manager Unai Emery deciding he could not carry on as skipper — a role he was given after a secret

ballot of the players — he told Swiss newspaper *Blick* he would not be leaving.

"You can be sure that I'll keep fighting and putting myself out there in every training session," Xhaka said.

"I feel last week has been dealt with and I'm ready."

"My time at Arsenal has been very positive for a long time."

"After a difficult start, I played a lot and overall I've had a great time at Arsenal."

Xhaka, who has been linked with a move to struggling Newcastle in the January transfer window, said the boos and jeers has not altered his views of the city or the club.

"I'll continue to stay positive," he said. "(To) give my all to an even greater extent and prove that I am an important part of this great team."

AFP ■ LONDON

Roger Federer faces an uphill task to qualify for the last four of the ATP Finals after defeat by Dominic Thiem on Sunday following a masterclass by Novak Djokovic.

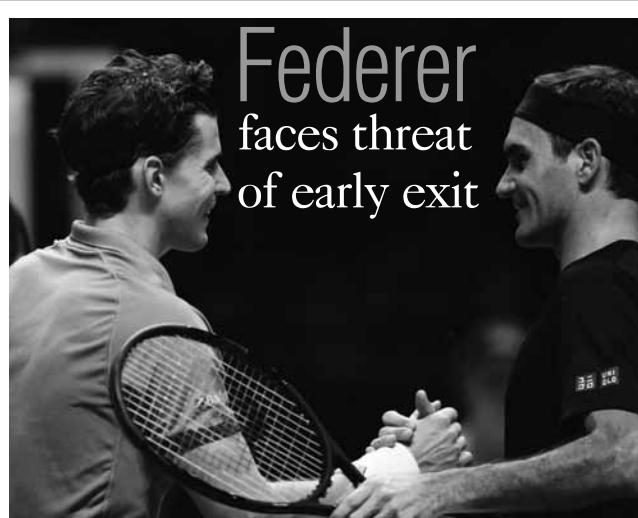
Six-time champion Federer was beaten 7-5, 7-5 in the evening match on the opening day after Djokovic had swatted aside debutant Matteo Berrettini in the earlier Group Bjorn Borg contest in London.

Federer and Djokovic

will meet later in the week in a repeat of this year's epic Wimbledon final, with two players advancing from the four-man group.

The Swiss 20-time Grand Slam winner recovered quickly from being broken in the first game of the match but the Austrian fifth seed repeated the dose in the 11th game and took the opening set 7-5.

Federer faces threat of early exit



Roger Federer shakes hands with Dominic Thiem after he lost the match during ATP World Tour Finals AP

Federer, uncharacteristically wayward, squandered an early chance to break in the second set and the games went with serve after the third seed dumped a forehand into the net.

The Austrian stuttered while serving for the match, forced to save two break points, but he held his nerve to take the set 7-5 and seal a deserved victory on his second match point.

played a tough first-round performance today, and my game was probably just not good enough, and the start didn't help."

"It's a normal tournament from here on forward," added the 38-year-old, who may now have to beat Djokovic to progress.

"Not allowed to lose anymore for me. That's how it is every week of the year for the last 20 years, so from that standpoint there is nothing new there."

Thiem came into the match with a 4-2 winning record against his illustrious opponent but the result is still a surprise. The only time Federer has failed to progress to the knockout stages was in 2008.

"We had a good and close match, and it's always special to beat Roger, who is a legend," said Thiem, who impressed with his clean hitting.

"It's amazing to play against probably the best player of all time, but luckily I have a pretty good record against him."

Chahar happy to repay captain's faith



Deepak Chahar celebrates with his Indian teammates after completing his maiden five-wicket haul against Bangladesh in T20s PTI

IANS ■ NEW DELHI

It almost looked like Bangladesh would run away with the third T20I in Nagpur on Sunday and with it register their maiden series win over India as Mohammad Naim and Mohammad Mithun looked to be in cruise mode. With dew not helping matters, skipper Rohit Sharma handed the ball to pacer Deepak Chahar, hoping for the youngster to rise to the occasion. And that is exactly what he did.

Chahar, who had earlier scalped for Liton Das and Soumya Sarkar, delivered instantly in the 13th over and started the collapse. The rest as they say is history. Chahar finished with figures of 6/7 — the best in T20Is — and also became the second Indian to pick a hat-trick in the format.

Speaking after game, Chahar said that while everyone is talking about him picking the hat-trick and winning India the game in conditions

not suited for bowlers, it is the faith that skipper Rohit showed in him that makes him happy.

"He told me I will use you as a Bumrah today, I will bowl you in the crucial overs and that was motivating for me. I love it when I am given responsibility under pressure because that makes me feel that I am being trusted. I feel bad when nobody trusts me. To get that confidence from the captain felt good at that stage of the game," he smiled.

It is not often that you have players liking the fact that he is compared to a teammate, but Chahar says there is no doubt in the fact that Bumrah is the No 1 bowler at present in the format and it is a matter of pride to be compared to the pacer.

"Imandar hona chahiye" (You should be honest)...I know where he stands and I also know where I stand. He is the No 1 bowler in the format and as a T20 bowler, he has everything, be it pace or con-

trol. He is the No 1 bowler for me and saying that is not a shame. I am not competing with him and my job is to do well. You need to focus on the game and the team should win and that has to be the priority.

"When they were cruising at the end of 12 overs, I wanted to walk up to him and ask for the ball from the captain, but I didn't because I knew the captain would have his plan and give me the ball. The whole thought was that we shouldn't lose the game and the series. What matters when you play for the country is to perform and win matches," he explained.

Pundits have often spoken about how he is more of a new-ball bowler, but Chahar silenced all with his performance on Sunday. And the pacer says that it was more about people assuming things because he always had variations up his sleeves.

"People assumed that and didn't give me a chance to

bowl at the death. Whenever I got a chance, I bowled well. I have bowled before as well, even for my state. Generally you don't bowl those bowlers at the death who bowl at less than 130kph, but I don't have that issue. I have bowled around 135kph even in the IPL and say in CSK I wasn't used because Mahi bhai had other bowlers.

"It depends also on the captain. Team requirement is also something that you need to look into. Like on Sunday we had only two fast bowlers in Khaleel Ahmed and me. Shivam Dube isn't a proper fast bowler. So, Rohit bhaiya used me in the death. When I played before, the set-up needed me to bowl at the top," he pointed.

Every player is preparing keeping the World T20 in mind and while Chahar too wants to go ahead and represent the country in the showpiece event in Australia in 2020, he wants to keep working on his game and get better with each passing day.

"World T20 is about 11 months away and that is a long time. Obviously I have that in the mind and we are looking to win the trophy, but as a sportsman you can't think so far as there is a lot of international cricket before that as well as the IPL. I want to gain more trust from the management till then and there will be times where I will get hit and I want to still gain the trust of the team so that they support me. Performing in every match is the goal.

"I take every game as the last as the competition is very high and the fast bowling unit is doing really well. Cementing your place in this team is very tough, so I look to perform every time I get an opportunity," he signed off.



Deepak Chahar celebrates with MS Dhoni after taking wicket during IPL PTI20.com

'CSK stint taught me to counter dew & sweat factor'

PTI ■ NAGPUR

Countering the dew in the sultry Chennai heat has been a big part of Deepak Chahar's cricket education and he said it showed during his world record figures of 6 for 7 against Bangladesh in the series-deciding third T20.

Chahar, who also became the first male cricketer from the country to take a T20 International hat-trick, has been one of the Chennai Super Kings' successful new ball bowlers, used judiciously by franchise captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni.

"Playing in Chennai, I have now realised how to counter dew and sweat. How to keep my hands clean. At times, rub dry soil in your hands and then bowl (so that hands don't get slippery)," the 27-year-old Rajasthan seamer said during

an interview on 'Chahal TV'.

Asked what was his strategy considering that there was no nip in the air and the ball wasn't swinging a lot.

"Since the side boundaries (at VCA Stadium) were big and that was the plan that we will have to force the batsman to play shots on the sides. I also wanted to vary the pace as the ball was getting wet because of the dew and it was difficult to grip," Chahar explained.

For the 27-year-old, never even in his wildest of imaginations, he could have thought about incredible figures of 6 for 7 in 3.2 overs.

"Came to know in the end that I got a hat-trick since I got the first wicket off the last ball of previous over. Even if you sit back at home and dream, you will not think that in four overs, you will get six wickets for 7 runs," said a beaming Chahar.

Given heads up to be India's No 4: Iyer

PTI ■ NAGPUR

The talented Shreyas Iyer has been given a "heads up" by the Indian team management that he will be the designated No 4 batsman in white-ball format after a string of impressive performances in the past few months.

India tried umpteen players at the number four spot in the lead up to the 50-over World Cup but none of them could cement their place in the team and it was used as a floating position during the mega event as the experiment with Vijay Shankar fell flat.

"For me personally, they (team management) have given me a heads up that 'You'll be there at No 4. So just back yourself and believe in yourself,'" Iyer, who smashed 62 off 33 balls including five sixes in the T20 series decider against Bangladesh, told media persons after the match.

"It has been a really important last few series for me to set the benchmark at the No 4 position, which all of us are competing for at the moment," said Iyer, who scored a couple of half-centuries batting at No 5 in the ODIs against the West Indies.

Iyer will have to be one of the "finishers" in case team's top two batsmen — skipper Virat Kohli and deputy Rohit Sharma — are dismissed cheaply.

"Even if Kohli and Rohit get out, we need someone to finish the game and bat till the end. That is a No 4's role. That's what I was trying to replicate today and it worked out really well for me," said the 24-year-old, who has overcome the disappointment of missing out on ODI World Cup berth.

Asked how significant his knock was considering that team is trying out fringe players like him ahead of the World T20

next year, Iyer said: Yes, obviously there is lot of competition going in the team. I personally feel that I compete with myself. I don't want myself to be judged with anyone or when you say that this position is empty in the team.

While he will be batting at number four for some time now, Iyer is flexible and ready to bat at any position that the team wants him to.

"I am really open-minded and can bat at any number. So I just like to back myself in tough situations and today's innings showed that I can bat under pressure as well."

In the final T20, Iyer went ballistic after being cautious at the beginning. Four of his five sixes came against the spinners and his knock allowed India to put up a defendable 174 for five.

"The support staff have given me the freedom — not just me but all the batsmen — that you need to have that intent when you go in there. And you should feel very positive when you're batting. If the ball pitches in my area, I am not going to control myself.

I'll bat according to my instincts."



Deepak jumps 88 places in rankings

PTI ■ DUBAI

India fast bowler Deepak Chahar, who returned a world record haul of six for seven against Bangladesh on Sunday, has moved up 88 slots to 42nd in the latest ICC T20 rankings for bowlers.

The list, however, continued to be led by slow bowlers. The top five and eight of the top nine are spinners, with Mitchell Santner reaching second place — his best position since he topped the table in January 2018, behind Afghanistan's Rashid Khan.

Rohit Sharma continued to remain India's top-ranked batsman at seventh position while K L Rahul moved up a place to eighth after his half-century on Sunday.

England's Dawid Malan has made a grand re-entry to the batting chart, grabbing third position in the list led by Pakistan's Babar Azam, while Aaron Finch of Australia has taken second spot after gaining two positions.

England captain Eoin Morgan and New Zealand opener Martin Guptill have also made notable movements to take joint ninth place while Jonny Bairstow has reached a career-best 498 rating points and is in the top 40 for the first time.

Bangladesh batsman Mohammad Naim's 143 runs in three matches saw him at joint-38th position along with Bairstow.

Ashton Agar's fine performances against Sri Lanka and Pakistan have seen him move up 57 places to ninth in the bowling list.

In the all-rounders' table, Glenn Maxwell's continued absence has enabled Afghanistan's Mohammad Nabi to move above him to take the top spot for the first time.

In the team rankings, Pakistan continued at the top with 270 points but Australia were only one point behind them after winning their three-match series 2-0. England, South Africa and India occupied the next three positions and were within five points of each other.

Long way to go in T20s: Mahmudullah

PTI ■ NAGPUR

Bangladesh captain Mahmudullah feels his team still has a long way to go in Twenty20s as it is neither learning from its mistakes nor has the big-hitters essential to the format.

Bangladesh have come close to victory on many occasions but failed to cross the line, especially against top teams like India losing the just-concluded T20 series 1-2.

"We have a long way to go in T20 cricket. We don't have big hitters. We have to be dependent on our skill hitting. So we are working on our game sense and become more consistent mentally," said Mahmudullah following the 30-run loss in the series-decider. "As a batting unit, if we



can improve then we will have more chances to win," he added.

Needing 50 runs off the last 30 balls with six wickets in hand, Bangladesh were on course for a memorable series win but lost wickets in a heap to blow it all away.

"I am not sure whether it

was composer or not. But if you see, we did similar kind of mistakes probably in few games in recent times. That's where I think big teams are quite good and very consistent in these situations and they can chase down this sort of total.

"Having said that, the wicket was very good to chase on. Our bowlers did a very good job to restrict them to 174. We just didn't finish well."

"If you analyse these three games, I think we played good cricket. But T20 cricket is such a format, if you lose momentum it's very hard to get it back. We were very close in this game but as we lost three-four wickets in six or seven balls and that's the crucial part of that game," said the skipper.

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PTI ■ GROS ISLET

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led by Deepti, who registered career-best figures of 4 for 10, managed to restrict the West Indies for a paltry 103 for seven in the stipulated 20 overs.

Deepti accounted for the four wickets in the last four overs.

Later Mandhana, who had also smashed a half-century in the series-opener, played second fiddle to Shafali in guiding the team home. The 23-year-old's innings was laced with four boundaries.

West Indies captain Anisa Mohammed had no answer to the Indian duo and used seven bowlers, including herself, with no success.

The combined effort saw India reach their target in 10.3 overs.

The third T20I will be played at Providence Stadium in Guyana on November 14.

Shooters continue medal rush



PTI ■ DOHA

Teen shooter Saurabh Chaudhary claimed the Silver medal in men's 10m air pistol event to continue India's surge at the 14th Asian Championship on Monday.

Gurnihal Garcha also won an individual Silver with a score of 50 in the finals. Abhay Sekhon, who had topped qualification with a solid 120, was the second Indian in the final but finished fourth, narrowly missing out on a medal.

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However, Verma had to be satisfied with a fifth-place finish in the eight-man final, having managed 181.5. The trio of Chaudhary, Verma and Sharvan Kumar bagged the team Bronze with a total of 1740 in the qualifying, finishing behind China (1745) and Korea (1744).

Shreya Agrawal and Dhanush Srikanth won the Gold medal in the 10m air rifle mixed team junior competition, while Gurnihal Garcha, Abhay Singh Sekhon and Ayush Rudraraju claimed the team Gold in the junior men's skeet.

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Mumbai makes it three in a row

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Domestic giants Mumbai continued its winning run in the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy thrashing Madhya Pradesh by nine wickets on Monday.

This is Mumbai's third win on the trot after they beat Mizoram and Haryana in the first two league games of Group D.

In the game at the Wankhede Stadium, Mumbai rode on blistering half centuries by openers Jay Bista (68 off 36 balls) and Aditya Tare (74 not out off 48 balls) to chase the 160-run target with ease.

Electing to bat, Madhya Pradesh ride on skipper Naman Ojha (22 off 17 balls) and one down Rajat Patidar (25 off 17 balls) before two down Parth Sahani made a quick fire 47 off 36 balls.

An unbeaten 31 off 29 balls from Anand Bais and 19-ball 24 from Venkatesh Iyer helped MP

breach