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Prez Rule in Maharashtra, parties relieved

More time for political manoeuvring to form Govt, feel parties, but Congress, NCP cry foul over Gov's haste; Sena to move SC

PNS ■ NEW DELHI/MUMBAI

Maharashtra was on Tuesday placed under President's Rule, which came as a major relief to all the four stakeholders who now have enough time to outdo each other in the race for Government formation in the State. The Shiv Sena and the NCP admitted this and said they were not in a hurry, while the Congress maintained it will talk to Uddhav's party after discussing threadbare with Sharad Pawar's entry to reach a common ground.

Following the Centre's move, the Shiv Sena said it is readying a petition to challenge the President's Rule decision in the Supreme Court. A final call will be taken on Wednesday, Shiv Sena's advocate said. The SC may hear the petition challenging the Governor's decision on Wednesday.

Except for the BJP, the Shiv Sena, NCP and Congress all have cried foul over the Governor's role. "The way President's Rule was recommended, I condemn it. This Government has violated the SC guidelines on President's Rule on several occasions in the last 5 years," Ahmed Patel said. Sena suffered a setback in its efforts to cobble up a non-BJP Government in Maharashtra with the Congress



Security outside Raj Bhawan in Mumbai on Tuesday after Maharashtra Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari recommended the imposition of President's Rule in the State in view of stalemate over Government formation PTI

at the last moment announcing its decision to hold more talks with ally NCP on supporting the Shiv Sena.

Interestingly, while the BJP, which had given up its claim, appeared once again on the scene to assert it was back in the contention, the Sena still showed signs of willingness to go with its longtime NDA ally if the BJP gave it what it wanted

— the Chief Ministership for two and half years.

"We have six months, we will sit down with the Congress and NCP," Uddhav told reporters after a meeting with his MLAs.

In a Press conference with Congress leaders, Pawar said they were in no hurry and will take a decision after holding further talks with the Congress.



Shiv Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray addresses a Press conference as his son and Yuva Sena chief Aaditya Thackeray looks on in Mumbai on Tuesday PTI

Senior Congress leader Ahmed Patel maintained his party will hold talks with the Sena only after its talks with the NCP culminate. But then, BJP leader Narain Rane came out to say that his party will try to form a Government and that former Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis is putting in all efforts in this direction.

Patel along with KC Venugopal and Mallikarjun Kharge was dispatched by Congress president Sonia Gandhi to hold talks with Pawar to thrash out all niggling issues that could make or mar the prospective alliance with an ideologically opposite party. The political manoeuvring

continued till late evening. Earlier, the Centre imposed President's Rule after Maharashtra Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari recommended it five hours before the expiry of the 8.30 pm deadline given to the NCP to express its willingness to form the Government. The Union Cabinet subsequently met and approved the recommendation before Prime Minister Narendra Modi's departure to Brazil for the BRICS Summit.

The Shiv Sena moved the SC challenging the Governor's decision to not grant it more time for the Government formation exercise.

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NCP's delayed opinion left Cong in two minds on Sena

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

A reluctant Congress, which did not make its mind to back an ideologically different party in forming a Government in Maharashtra, got more confused when a day earlier its long time ally NCP chief Sharad Pawar communicated to Congress president Sonia Gandhi that "he (Pawar) will first assess the situation in joining hands with the Shiv Sena and get back to the party."

This made the grand old party send three top leaders — Ahmed Patel, Mallikarjun Kharge and KC Venugopal — to meet Pawar in Mumbai and comprehend the nitty-gritty further. The Congress has been extremely reluctant to back the Shiv Sena, given the severe ideological mismatch and the fact that the two parties fought bitterly as rivals in Mumbai and other parts of the State in the polls.

The leaders were supposed to visit early in the day to Mumbai but their plan deferred after, according to sources in AICC, Pawar conveyed that State leaders of both the parties will first discuss the "terms and conditions" of the Government formation in the State.



NCP chief Sharad Pawar, Congress leaders Ahmed Patel and Mallikarjun Kharge during a joint Press conference in Mumbai on Tuesday PTI

Both Sonia and Pawar had spoken earlier where both are believed to have discussed on a "common minimum programme" before giving any word to the Shiv Sena. Pawar also informed the Congress central leadership that he would come to Delhi and finalise details with them during the day. When Pawar expressed his inability to visit the national Capital, the Congress decided to send the leaders to meet Pawar.

Though the meeting remained inconclusive, leaders of the two allies said further discussions would be needed to decide on the issue of Government formation in the State. Congress' distrust for

Shiv Sena apart, it also did not want to go the whole hog on the advice of the NCP chief without plugging all loopholes.

NCP leader Ajit Pawar had stopped short of blaming ally Congress for the "delay" in deciding on whether to support the Shiv Sena in a non-BJP Government in Maharashtra. And sources said his uncle, Sharad Pawar, is upset with the Congress for it.

Congress held off on sending its leaders to Mumbai early morning, asking Pawar to come to Delhi instead and speak to Sonia. But Pawar declined, citing a meeting with his party MLAs, and the two then spoke on the phone. Continued on Page 4

Pawar angle common in 3 Prez Rule cases

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Maharashtra is witnessing President's Rule for the third time in its history with the first being in 1980 and the second in 2014. Interestingly, Pawar has always been in the mix of things on all the three occasions, the Shiv Sena being an addition this time around.

It was the Sharad Pawar-led Progressive Democratic Front Government that the Congress had dismissed first in 1980 to impose President's Rule.

In 2014, the Congress Government led by Prithvi Raj Chavan was dismissed by the Narendra Modi dispensation after it lost majority following Sharad Pawar's NCP withdrawing support to it.

The longest duration that Maharashtra was under President's Rule was for 112 days from February 17, 1980, to June 8, 1980, despite then Chief Minister Sharad Pawar enjoying majority in the House. When Indira came back to power in 1980, she dismissed all non-Congress State Governments in Bihar, Gujarat, Odisha, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, besides Maharashtra. She was retaliating for the dis-

missal of eight Congress Governments by the Janata Party dispensation in 1977.

She wanted to ensure the Congress majority in the country after the collapse of the Morarji Desai-led Janata Party Government at the Centre. Pawar was leading the coalition Government in Maharashtra at that time and he had won the majority. The President's Rule came to an end when Abdul Rehman Antulay took over as the Chief Minister of the State.

President's Rule was again imposed for 32 days from September 28, 2014, to October 31, 2014, after then Chief Minister Prithviraj Chavan resigned following the break-up of the 15-year-old Congress-NCP alliance. The NCP had pulled out of the alliance after blaming Congress for stalling talks over seat-sharing.

Article 356, known as President's Rule, deals with failure of constitutional machinery in the State. Under President's Rule, the Governor runs the State with the help of the Chief Secretary. But the Governor cannot take any policy decisions, which can only be taken by the Union Government with the assent of Parliament.



Sikh devotees participate in a religious procession at the birthplace of Sikhism founder Guru Nanak Dev in Gurdwara Nanakana Sahib on the occasion of his 550th birth anniversary in Nankana Sahib district of Pakistan on Tuesday PTI

CJI within RTI Act ambit? SC verdict today

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

A five-judge Constitution Bench headed by Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi will pronounce on Wednesday at 2pm its verdict on petitions challenging the Delhi High Court decision bringing the office of the Chief Justice of India (CJI) under the ambit of the Right to Information (RTI) Act, as per the notice on the SC's official website on Tuesday.

Other members of the bench are Justices NV Ramana, DY Chandrachud, Deepak Gupta and Sanjiv Khanna.

A five-judge Constitution Bench had on April 4 reserved its verdict on the appeals filed in 2010 by the SC secretary general and its central public information officer against the HC and the central information commission's (CIC's) orders. Continued on Page 4

CAPSULE

UK'S LABOUR DISOWNS CORBYN'S ANTI-J&K STAND

New Delhi/London: In a move that is surely going to embarrass Jeremy Corbyn, the Chair of the Labour Party Ian Lavery has outrightly disowned Corbyn's views on Jammu & Kashmir. P4

LJP TO FIGHT ON 50 SEATS IN JHARKHAND: CHIRAG

New Delhi: Lok Janshakti Party president Chirag Paswan announced on Tuesday that his party will contest 50 seats in the Jharkhand Assembly polls. P4

WOMAN KILLED BY MALE FRIEND IN DELHI HOTEL

New Delhi: A 33-year-old woman was allegedly killed by her male friend in a hotel room in North Delhi's Alipur area. P2

ABHINANDAN'S STATUE AT PAK AIR FORCE MUSEUM

Karachi: Pakistan has displayed a mannequin resembling Indian Air Force pilot Wing Commander Abhinandan Varthaman, who downed its jet during an aerial combat and was held captive for three days, at its museum.

Fani feat charms Prince Charles to IMD

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

India will showcase its specialised meteorological skills — especially against the backdrop of the global accolades the country received for its handling of cyclone Fani, which was considered one of the strongest in the last 20 years — to Prince Charles during his two-day visit beginning November 13.

Top sources said Prince Charles will visit the regional specialised Meteorological Centre for Tropical Cyclone at India Meteorological Department (IMD) building at Lodhi Road to see the progress and models of forecast being used for cyclone prediction by India.

Prince Charles will also discuss with IMD about its accurate prediction of cyclone Fani in Odisha this year.

"Prince Charles will witness how India makes use of innovation to respond to natural disasters. What methodology and model is being adopted by it? How it is used to coordinate with disaster management agencies during cyclone predictions and



how its clean technology is helping deal with the challenges of climate change," said the sources.

A low-pressure area is the initial stage of the formation of a cyclone. During Fani, the National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT), Chennai, collected data on rainfall, temperatures below the sea and

above, wind speed and used satellite data in running the models.

"The island observatories also provided data which helped to predict accurate cyclonic storm," said officials. This year, so far India witnessed over five cyclonic storms which include Fani, Kyarr, Titli, Vayu and Bulbul.

Recently, the UN agency for disaster reduction commended the IMD's "almost pinpoint accuracy" of early warnings that helped authorities conduct a well-targeted evacuation plan and minimise the loss of life as the extremely severe cyclonic storm Fani made landfall near the coastal city of Puri.

The powerful cyclone in Odisha had killed at least eight people, damaged properties worth hundreds of crores and displaced over 11 lakh people. Large areas in the seaside pilgrim town of Puri and other places were submerged as heavy rain battered the entire coastal belt of the State.

Last week, the accurate prediction of cyclonic storm Bulbul also helped the State Governments — West Bengal and Odisha — to minimise the damage. The IMD predicted cyclone Bulbul to intensify into "very severe cyclonic storm" and alerted the two State Governments. In the case of Bulbul, the IMD predicted accurate landfall at coastal areas of the two States.

The weather department predicted possible damage to

thatched roofs, embankments and roads in the coastal districts of north Odisha and West Bengal.

The visit by Prince Charles, heir apparent to the British throne, will be his 10th trip to India and his second in two years. Prince Charles and his wife Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall, had visited India in 2017, as part of their 10-day tour to Asian countries, including Singapore, Malaysia and Brunei.

Earlier, Prince Charles' elder son Prince William and wife Kate Middleton had embarked on a visit to neighbouring Pakistan from October 14 to 18 this year.

As per schedule, Prince Charles will participate in a discussion on how to strengthen disaster resilience and tackle the effects of climate change at the IMD. He will visit a Sikh temple to celebrate the 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak and mark the contribution of the Sikh community in the UK. He will then attend a military service to commemorate the sacrifices of soldiers from India, the UK and across the Commonwealth in World War One and World War Two.

Farm fires, sinking mercury may plunge air to 'emergency' today

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Raging stubble fires in neighbouring States, fall in the temperature and wind speed pushed the national Capital's air quality in the "severe" zone on Tuesday with the Government's air quality monitor, SAFAR, forecasting that pollution levels in Delhi-NCR are expected to enter the "severe plus" or "emergency" category on Wednesday.

Meteorologists said Delhi recorded a minimum temperature of 11.7 degrees Celsius, the season's lowest so far on Tuesday morning. It is two notches below normal for this time of the year. "A dip in wind speed and temperature makes the air cold and dense," leading to accumulation of pollutants in the air, said Kuldeep Srivastava, head of the India Meteorological Department's regional weather forecasting centre.

According to the Central Pollution Control Bureau (CPCB), Delhi's overall air quality index (AQI) was 425 at 4 pm on Tuesday. It was 360 at 4 pm on Monday.



Foreign tourists wear masks to save themselves from pollution as they cross a road in New Delhi on Tuesday AP

The levels of PM 2.5 — tiny particulate matter less than 2.5 microns in diameter that can enter deep into the lungs and even the bloodstream — shot up to 292 micrograms per cubic metre, around five times the safe limit of 0-60 micrograms per cubic metre.

The levels of PM10 increased to 436 micrograms per cubic metre, more than four times the safe limit of 100

micrograms per cubic metre. Most of the 37 air quality monitoring stations in Delhi recorded air quality in the severe category. The spike in pollution came on a day when the Delhi Government lifted restrictions under its odd-even vehicle rationing scheme in view of the 550th birth anniversary of Sikhism founder Guru Nanak Dev. Continued on Page 4

Preserve Tis Hazari clash footage: Court to police

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi court has directed Delhi Police to preserve the CCTV footage of the clashes between the police and the lawyers at Tis Hazari court premises that occurred on November 2.

In his order on Tuesday, Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate (ACMM) Jitendra Singh also directed police to file a compliance report stating the action taken by them in connection with the First Information Reports (FIRs) registered after the clashes.

The order comes after an application was filed by Delhi Bar Association in which they had also sought the preservation of the CCTV footage. In its application the association also asked about the status report on the FIRs and issuance of directions for the arrest of the accused persons.

In order the court stated that the investigating agency is



required to preserve all the relevant CCTV footages available in and around the place of incident.

"They are a crucial piece of evidence which can aid in verifying the allegations and counter-allegations of advocates and police," the court observed.

Delhi Bar Association (DBA) President N C Gupta alleged that the probe is not going on in a fair and proper way while Delhi Police had denied the claims of the petitioner and stated that a fair probe is taking place and efforts are also being made to expedite the same.

On November 2 at the Tis

Hazari Courts Complex after a parking dispute between an on-duty policeman and a lawyer erupted, at least 20 security personnel and several advocates were injured. The protests triggered more on November 4 when a police constable was attacked by a group of lawyers outside Saket District Court.

Ordering a judicial inquiry by one of its retired judges into the clash, the Delhi High court at a special sitting on November 3 suspended a police official and transferred two senior police officials during pendency of the investigations.

The Delhi High Court also directed the Delhi Police Commissioner to transfer Special Commissioner Sanjay Singh and Additional Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), Harendra Singh during pendency of the investigation. It had also asked not to take coercive action against the lawyers for the FIRs filed in the Tis Hazari court clash.

Man kills girlfriend on his birthday in N Delhi hotel room

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

A 33-year-old woman was killed by her friend after a quarrel broke out between them over a petty issue. The incident occurred on Monday night at an OYO flagship hotel in Outer North Delhi's Alipur area. Police said the victim, a resident of Khara Kalan, had checked into the hotel with accused on Monday to celebrate his birthday.

Police said the accused identified as Vikki Mann, a resident of Alipur has been arrested. According to Gaurav Sharma, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), Outer North Delhi, on Tuesday around 10.30 am a Police Control Room (PCR) call was received regarding a woman lying in unconscious condition in a hotel room at Delhi's Alipur area.

"Acting on the call, Emergency Response Vehicle (ERV) was dispatched to the

spot. The girl was rushed to hospital where she was declared brought dead," said the DCP.

"During initial investigation, it was revealed that the room was booked in the name of deceased identified as Asha (name changed), a resident of Khara Kalan in Delhi and accused Vikki. As per hotel record both checked in on Monday to celebrate accused birthday," said the DCP.

"During celebration, a quarrel took place between them while they were consuming and in course of quarrel, Vikki hit on woman's throat with some hard object and she became unconscious. However, the accused fled away from the spot leaving the woman inside the room," said the DCP.

"A case under relevant sections of Indian Penal Code (IPC) was registered at Alipur police station and the accused has been arrested," said the DCP adding that further investigation is going on.

Inter-State gunrunner gang busted, two held

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

With the arrest of two men, the Delhi Police on Tuesday claimed to have busted a gang of inter-State guns suppliers active in Delhi and its peripherals. Police said they have also recovered four country-made pistols along with 10 cartridges and a scooter, used in delivering the weapons, from the possession of the duo.

The accused have been identified as Sunil (35), a resident of South Delhi's Mehrauli area and Ankit Saini (28), a resident of Uttar Pradesh Aligarh area. Police said the duo used to buy weapons from Aligarh at cheap price and used to sell them in Delhi-NCR at a good price.

According to Atul Kumar Thakur, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), South Delhi, on November 11, specific inputs were received that an arms supplier would come near Chirag Delhi flyover, Masjid Mod to



deliver arms and ammunition.

"Acting on the specific inputs, a trap was laid and the police team managed to apprehend two persons carrying four country-made pistols and 10 cartridges. Later on, they were identified as Sunil and Ankit Saini. Subsequently, a case under section 25 of Arms Act was registered at C R Park police station," said the DCP.

"During interrogation, the accused Ankit Saini disclosed that he used to buy country made pistols from Aligarh at cheap price and further sell them in Delhi at good price through his accomplice Sunil to prospective buyers," said the DCP adding that interrogation and verification for source of supply in Aligarh and buyers in Delhi is in progress.

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Statement of unaudited financial results for the period ended 30th September, 2019			
Particulars	6 months ended	6 months ended	Year ended
	30 September 2019	30 September 2018	31 March 2019
	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited
Total Income from Operations	3,277	3,151	4,959
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(619)	342	(434)
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(619)	342	(434)
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(523)	486	54
Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	(267)	489	55
Paid up Equity Share Capital	3,799	3,799	3,799
Compulsory Convertible Preference Shares (Refer note 8)	21,639	-	-
Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	70,526	70,982	70,679
Net worth*	95,964	74,781	74,478
Paid up Debt Capital / Outstanding Debt	1,07,678	62,644	77,226
Debt Equity Ratio	1.12	0.84	1.04
Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations)			
1. Basic :	0.49	1.28	0.14
2. Diluted :	0.48	1.26	0.14
Debt Redemption Reserve	1,672	1,667	2,443
Debt Service Coverage Ratio	0.94	1.29	0.84
Interest Service Coverage Ratio	1.20	1.30	1.14

Disclosures pursuant to Regulations 52(4) and 52(7) Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

- Credit Rating : CARE A+
- Change in credit rating : No
- Asset Coverage Ratio : 189% (31 March 2019 : 156%)
- Debt Equity ratio : 1.12
- Debt Service Coverage Ratio : 0.94
- Interest Service Coverage Ratio : 1.20
- Previous due date for the payment of interest/ repayment of principal of non convertible debt securities and whether the same has been paid or not (as on 30 September 2019)
- Previous due date for the payment of interest : 26 August 2019 and the same was paid
- Next due date for the payment of principal : None
- Next due date for the payment of interest/ repayment of principal of non convertible debt securities (as on 30 September 2019)
- Next due date for the payment of interest : 26 November 2019
- Next due date for the payment of principal : 26 February 2021
- Outstanding redeemable preference shares (Quantity and Value) : Not Applicable
- Net Worth* INR : 95,964 (31 March 2019 : 74,478)
- Net profit/(loss) after tax : (523)
- Earning per share : 0.49
- Debt redemption reserve against debentures : 1,672
- There are no material deviation in the use of proceeds of issue of Non Convertible Debentures from the objects stated in the offer document (Regulations 52(7)).

Notes :

- Ratios have been computed as follows:
- Earning per share = Profit after Tax / Weighted average number of equity shares
- Debt Equity Ratio = Total Debt** / Total Equity*
- Interest Service Coverage Ratio = Cash profit after tax# plus total interest expense* / Total interest expense*
- Debt Service Coverage Ratio = Cash profit after tax# plus total interest expense* / Total interest expense* + principal repayment
- Asset Coverage Ratio = (Total assets less current liabilities) / Total Debt**
- Net Worth/Total Equity represents issued subscribed and paid up capital plus preference share capital and reserves and surplus. Reserve and surplus includes share premium, debenture redemption reserve, share based payment reserve, hedging reserve and retained earnings.
- Total Debt represents long-term borrowings, short-term borrowings and current maturities of long-term debt but excluding unamortized fees and CCPS as explained in note 8 considered as subordinate debt. # Profit after tax plus depreciation
- Interest expense excluding interest on subordinate debt.
- The statement has been prepared in accordance with recognition and measurement principles laid down in accordance with the Indian Accounting Standard 34 "Interim Financial Reporting" (Ind AS 34) as prescribed under Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 ("the Act") read with Rule 3 of the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015 and relevant rules issued thereunder and other recognized accounting practices and policies.
- The company is in the business of development and operation of solar & wind power. There is only one segment (business and/or geographical) in accordance with the requirements of Ind AS - 108 "Operating Segments".
- Pursuant to the Taxation Law (Amendment) Ordinance, 2019 ("Ordinance") issued by Ministry of Law and Justice (Legislative Department) on 20 September 2019 which is effective 01 April 2019, domestic companies have the option to pay corporate income tax at a rate of 22% plus applicable surcharge and cess (New Tax Rate) subject to certain conditions. As of 30 September 2019, considering that the Company has significant amount of income tax losses (including brought forward depreciation) and unutilised balance of MAT credit, the Company is in the process of evaluating as to when it should apply impact of New Tax Rate in its books of accounts. Accordingly, for the current period, no impact of the New Tax Rate has been considered.
- Effective 1 April 2019, the Company has adopted Ind AS 116 "Leases" and applied the standard to all leases contracts existing on the date of initial application i.e. 1 April 2019. The Company has used the modified retrospective approach for transitioning to Ind AS 116 with Right of Use asset (ROU) recognised at an amount equal to the Lease Liability adjusted for any prepayments/accruals recognised in the balance sheet immediately before the date of initial application. Accordingly, comparatives for the year ended 31 March 2019 have not been retrospectively adjusted. On the date of transition, the adoption of new standard resulted in recognition of ROU of INR 500 through recognition of Lease Liability of INR 385 and reclassification of prepayments of INR 115.
- CARE Rating have assigned long term rating for the outstanding non-convertible debentures of the Company to "CARE A+" with stable outlook.
- The shareholders of the Company approved the conversion of Company from Public Limited to Private Limited and conversion application was filed in June 2019. The Company has been converted into Private Limited Company on 8 November 2019 and is not required to constitute an Audit Committee. Further the above unaudited financial results have been reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors at its meeting held on 11 November 2019.
- On 27 June 2019, the Company issued 49,184,611 Series A Compulsorily Convertible Preference Shares "CCPS". Series A CCPS carry a non-cumulative right to receive dividend @ 0.0001%. The Series A CCPS will be converted into variable number of Equity Shares as per the terms of agreement and therefore classified as Long term financial liability. Interest expense based on base discount mentioned in agreement has been charged as finance cost for the half year ended 30 September 2019 amounting to INR 736.
- Previous period figures have been rounded wherever necessary.

Place : Gurugram For and on behalf of ReNew Power Private Limited
Date : 11 November, 2019 (formerly known as ReNew Power Limited)
(Sd./) Sumant Sinha, Chairman & Managing Director, DIN : 00972012

Wanted criminal with ₹1.25L bounty held in G'gram

STAFF REPORTER ■ GURUGRAM

Crime Investigation Agency (CIA), Palam Vihar of the Gurugram police has arrested a wanted criminal carrying a reward of ₹1.25 lakh near Bristol Chowk on Monday night.

The Delhi Police had announced a reward of ₹1 lakh while the Bihar Police had announced ₹25,000 on him. The culprit was involved in dozens of cases of robbery, bank robbery, theft and bomb-making including the Arms Act in Gurugram, Delhi and Bihar. He was also a parole jumper in 9 cases and has been

sentenced to 10 years by the court. The accused was arrested under false names in these 9 cases and has wrongly taken bail from the court.

One country-made pistol and two live cartridges have been recovered from his possession.

According to the police, Ahmed Raza Siddaki alias Javed (45), who hails from Darbhanga district in Bihar, was arrested during a raid conducted by Palam Vihar Crime Unit In-charge Inspector Bijender Huda and his team on the basis of a tip-off.



years in multiple states. He used to make bombs with the help of his accomplices. He studied up to class 12 and is married.

"The accused was involved in dozens of cases of loot, robbery, bank robbery, house theft and bombing including Arms Act in Gurugram, Delhi and Bihar. He was active from the last 20 years. He has also served 27 months jail term in Darbhanga jail and after coming out of jail, he again along with his gang members started

crime," Assistant Commissioner of police (crime) Preet Pal Singh said.

"He is one of the most wanted criminals identified by the Haryana Police. The accused was on police remand and further investigations are on," Singh added.

"During his hideout the accused used to travelled Bangladesh, Kolkata, Bihar, Delhi and Gurugram via a flight. He had also looted a bank in Bihar using a country-made bomb. A case under the Explosion Act had been registered against the accused in Bihar," said Inspector Bijender Huda, In-charge CIA Palam Vihar.

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, CONSTRUCTION DIVISION-1, P.W.D. MORADABAD

No. /E-Tender/19-20 Dated :
E-Procurement Short Terms Notice Inviting Tenders

1. On behalf of the Governor of UP, the percentage rate bids of following works are invited online from the eligible and approved Contractors registered with UP PWD for Class A in Signage Category.

Sl. No.	District	Name of work	Estimated cost (Rs. in Lacs)	Bid Security (Rs. in Lacs)	Time of completion of the work (Including rainy season)	Cost of tender documents including GST	Category of eligible
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	Moradabad	Road Safety work on Bilari Sirsi Road.	22.50	2.25	1 Month	854.00	"A" Signage category
2	Moradabad	Road Safety work on Bilari Jargaon Chandausi Road.	28.50	2.85	1 Month	854.00	"A" Signage category

Bidding documents shall be available online on website <https://etender.up.nic.in> from 21-11-2019 to 27.11.2019 up to 17:00 hrs and the same can be downloaded submitted from 10:00 Hrs of 21-11-2019 to 17:00 Hrs of 27-11-2019. Technical bid shall be opened online on 28-11-2019 at 12:00 Hrs in the office of undersigned.

More Information's of Tender are available at website <https://etender.up.nic.in>.

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UP: 145363, Date : 08.11.2019
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OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE ENGINEER CONSTRUCTION DIVISION-1, P.W.D MATHURA

Short Term E-Tender Notice

Letter No. : 2327/A-9/2019-20 Date : 06-11-2019

1- The Executive Engineer, Construction Division-1, P.W.D, Mathura on behalf of Governor of Uttar Pradesh invites the Percentage rate bids from the eligible and approved Contractors registered with UP, PWD, road work. The Bidder may submit bids for any or all of the works. Bidders are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in Clause 4 of the Instructions to Bidders to qualify for the award of the contract.

Sl. No.	Dist.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (Rs. in Lacs)	Bid Security (Rs. in Lacs)	Cost of bid Documents (In Rs.)	Times of Completion	Address of Executive Engineer Executing the Work	Address of Superintending Engineer	Address of Chief Engineer	Category of Contractor
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1	Mathura	Special Repair work of Patel Chowk to PWD Godown Road (ODR)	34.50	3.45	836.00	Three Months	Ex. Enr. Construction Division-1 P.W.D Mathura	Superintending Engineer Agra Circle PWD, Agra	Chief Engineer Agra Zone PWD Agra	Class A to D
2	Mathura	Special Repair work of Naighel Raypur to Firgipur Road (VR)	22.80	2.28	836.00	Three Months	Ex. Enr. Construction Division-1 P.W.D Mathura	Superintending Engineer Agra Circle PWD, Agra	Chief Engineer Agra Zone PWD Agra	Class A to D
3	Mathura	Special Repair work of PBM to Suraj Road (VR)	11.50	1.15	752.00	Three Months	Ex. Enr. Construction Division-1 P.W.D Mathura	Superintending Engineer Agra Circle PWD, Agra	Chief Engineer Agra Zone PWD Agra	Class A to D

2 Time allowed for completion is including Rainy Season.
3 Bid document with detailed terms and conditions will be available online on website <http://etender.up.nic.in> from 15-11-2019 to 21-11-2019 upto 12:30 Hours. Bids must be submitted online only at e-tendering portal of <http://etender.up.nic.in> on or before 12:30 Hours on 21-11-2019. Technical Bid received online will be opened 21-11-2019 at 03:30 Hours.

4 The prospective bidders who do not possess Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) must get the same issued from approved agencies before submission of bids.

5 Contractor should Quote their rates without GST, Which shall be paid extra as per applicable at the time of payment.

6 The bidders are required to submit Original receipt of Internet Banking of E-tender portal Account as per G.O. No.-742/78-2-2018-42 I.T./2017 T.C., I.T. & Electronics Section-2 Dated-03-12-2018 follows as :
(1) Online Tender Cost towards the cost of bid document (As per Column 6) by Internet Banking of E-tender portal Account (Non Refundable).
(2) Online Bid security (As per Column 5) in favour of designation of Column 8 by Internet Banking of E-tender portal Account.

(Brijesh Kumar Deepak)
Executive Engineer Construction Division-1, P.W.D Mathura

UP- 145441 Date 11.11.2019 बिज्ञापन वेबसाइट www.up.gov.nic.in पर उपलब्ध है।
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5,000 litres of smuggled liquor seized in Gr Noida

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Over 5,000 litres of liquor worth around ₹25 lakh that was being smuggled from Punjab to Madhya Pradesh has been seized from a truck in Greater Noida, police said on Tuesday.

The person transporting the liquor was arrested after the truck was intercepted along the Peripheral Expressway under the Dadri police station area late on Monday night, officials said.

"The truck was intercepted for checking and 610 cartons of liquor were found hidden under boxes of kinnow fruit. The truck had started from Ropar district in Punjab and was bound for Gwalior in Madhya Pradesh," a police spokesperson said.

PCR reunite 5-yr-old boy with family

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Police Control Room (PCR) unit of Delhi Police has reunited a five-year-old boy, who went missing, from his parents in South Delhi's Gautam Nagar area.

According to Sharat Kumar Sinha, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), PCR, on the early hours of Tuesday, at around 1:36 AM a PCR call was received in which the caller told police that a boy around 5-6 year-old is sitting under a people tree in Gautam Nagar area.

"A police team on Multi Purpose Vehicle (MPV) reached the spot where the caller handed over child to the police. The police team started searching the parents nearby the locality of Gautam Nagar and surrounding area by announcing about the child on PA system," said the DCP.

Department on Tuesday arrested a man near the Sector 50 metro station in Noida and seized 13 cartons of liquor meant for sale in Haryana, officials said.

On Monday, the Gautam Buddh Nagar police had arrested two alleged liquor traffickers in Jewar area for illegally transporting alcohol in their car. Twenty cartons of Haryana-marked liquor, worth an estimated Rs 1.5 lakh, was seized from their car, the police said.

In another incident, the Gautam Buddh Nagar Excise

FORM A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT
(Under Regulation 6 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Insolvency Resolution Process for Corporate Persons) Regulations, 2016)

FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE CREDITORS OF M/s. V.A.M. RESORTS AND HOTELS PRIVATE LIMITED

RELEVANT PARTICULARS

1 Name of corporate debtor	V.A.M. Resorts And Hotels Private Limited
2 Date of incorporation of corporate debtor	18-12-1998
3 Authority under which corporate debtor is incorporated / registered	Registrar of Companies-Kanpur
4 Corporate Identity No./ Limited Liability Identification No. of corporate debtor	U55101UP1998PTC024082
5 Address of the registered office and principal office (if any) of corporate debtor	Opp. Appex College Ved Vyas Puri, Meerut- Dehradun By Pass Road Meerut 250103 (UP)
6 Insolvency commencement date in respect of corporate debtor	24-10-2019 (Copy of order received by IRP on 12-11-2019)
7 Estimated date of closure of insolvency resolution process	20-04-2020
8 Name and registration number of the insolvency professional acting as interim resolution professional	Mr. Ashish Singh (IBBI/PA-002/IP-ND0416/2017-18/11230)
9 Address and e-mail of the interim resolution professional, as registered with the Board	Fiat No. 515, Baghban Apartment, Pocket Gh-2 Sector-28, Rohini, New Delhi, National Capital Territory Of Delhi, 110042. E-mail id: ashishsinghcs@gmail.com
10 Address and e-mail to be used for correspondence with the interim resolution professional	407, 4th Floor, Indraprastha Building Barakhamba Road, New Delhi-110001 Email id: vamesorts.irs@gmail.com
11 Last date for submission of claims	26-11-2019
12 Classes of creditors, if any, under clause (b) of sub-section (6A) of section 21, ascertained by the interim resolution professional	Not Applicable
13 Names of Insolvency Professionals identified to act as Authorised Representative of creditors in a class (Three names for each class)	Not Applicable
14 (a) Relevant Forms and (b) Details of authorized representatives available at:	(a) www.ibbi.gov.in (b) Not Applicable

Notice is hereby given that the National Company Law Tribunal, Allahabad, has ordered the commencement of a Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process of the V.A.M. Resorts And Hotels Private Limited on 24-10-2019 (copy of Hon'ble NCLT, Allahabad order received on 12-11-2019).

The creditors of V.A.M. Resorts And Hotels Private Limited are hereby called upon to submit their claims with proof on or before 26-11-2019 to the interim resolution professional at the address mentioned against entry No. 10.

The financial creditors shall submit their claims with proof by electronic means only. All other creditors may submit the claims with proof in person, by post or by electronic means.

A financial creditor belonging to a class, as listed against the entry No. 12, shall indicate its choice of authorised representative from among the three insolvency professionals listed against entry No. 13 to act as authorised representative of the class (NA) in Form CA.

Submission of false or misleading proofs of claim shall attract penalties.

Sd/-
Ashish Singh
Interim Resolution Professional
Date: 12-11-2019
Place: New Delhi
Reg No- IBBI/PA-002/IP-ND0416/2017-2018/11230

Man shoots athlete for rejecting marriage offer

STAFF REPORTER ■ GURUGRAM

A 25-year-old district-level woman taekwondo player was shot dead on Tuesday morning, allegedly by a man identified as Sombir for rejecting his marriage proposal. The accused is yet to be arrested. The police said that they have registered a case of murder at Vilaspur police station and a manhunt has been launched to bring the accused to justice.

The deceased has been identified as Sarita from Bhora Khurd village in Pataudi area of Gurugram district. She had completed her diploma in Physical Education (DPED) and was looking for a job. The accused was a wrestler and had quit his job as a coach recently.

According to the police, the incident occurred at 4 am on Tuesday when the accused came to meet Sarita, at her residence and allegedly shot her from point-blank range in her chest with a country-made pistol after she refused to marry him. The victim was reportedly died on the spot.



Taekwondo player Sarita

After hearing the gunshots, the family members rushed to the spot and found her lying in a pool of blood and the accused fled the spot. The victim's brother alleged that the accused

had been harassing his sister for a long time and the victim had earlier filed a complaint against the culprit, the police said.

On the other hand, the relatives of the victim told the police that Sombir wanted to marry Sarita and was pressuring her but since he had no job she refused to marry him. He often visited them and tried to convince the victim. The accused had also threatened the deceased mother with dire consequences, police official's privy to the investigation said. "Soon after the incident, the woman was rushed to the hospital where doctors declared her brought dead. The body has been handed over to the family members after an autopsy.

A case of murder was registered at Bilaspur Police Station and hunt is on to nab the accused," said Assistant Commissioner of police (crime) Preet Pal.

Eye problems rise as air pollution dips to severe

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

As air pollution continues to be in severe category, hospitals in the national Capital have witnessed a surge in number of patients suffering from eye related problems like allergies, itching in eyes.

Dr Rajesh Sinha, Professor of Ophthalmology, AIIMS said "The rising pollution in Delhi is a great concern for eyes. Due to increasing pollution, there is rise in the incidence of dry eye and ocular allergy. This is not just causing discomfort in vision but also aggravating dryness and allergies. There could be huge damage if care is not taken immediately."

Dr Ikeda Lal, Ophthalmologist at Delhi Eye Centre and Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi said, "We are observing an increase in number of patients coming to us with complaints of redness, itching, watering in the eyes. Patients with pre-existing dry eyes are experiencing exacerbation due to high pollution. We are observing almost increase of 30-35 per cent in

number of patients coming to us with eye related problems. Pollutants and dust in the air is one of the major reasons for causing related problems"

After Delhi's air quality worsened again and slipped into the 'severe' category on Tuesday, making it difficult for residents specially children and elderly to breathe. Many of collage going students complained about itching in their eyes and headache due to pollution.

Minakshi Sachdeva, a second year student of Delhi University said that she visited doctor after her eye turned red. "I left collage early as my eyes start itching. I started feeling uncomfortable and even vomit. Soon after I left collage and reached home," she said. There are many like Sachdeva who has decided not to attend lectures until the situation improve.

"My parent has banned outdoor activity. I am doing collage project sitting home and waiting to get the situation improved," Vinit Aggarwal, a second year DU student said.



Foreigners wear masks in Walled City's Sadar Bazar market to beat Delhi pollution

Dimri | Pioneer

On Monday, most of the 37 air quality monitoring stations in Delhi recorded air quality in the 'severe' category. With the winter setting in, a dip in the minimum temperature makes the air cold and heavy leading to accumulation of pollutants close to the ground.

Dr Ikeda further said, "People with complains of itch-

ing in the eyes are likely to suffer from allergic eye disease. Patients with pre-existing dry eyes may experience excessive dryness, irritation and burning due to ocular surface inflammation.

In case of any eye related problems, consulting an ophthalmologist is recommended and exposure to polluted air

should be minimized".

Doctors advised people to avoid going out without mask to deal with allergy caused due to pollution. They suggest not rubbing eyes and visit doctor if it continues itching, keep washing eyes with clean water. They also said that cold compresses help in relieving mild itching.

On 550th Gurupurab, devotees throng gurdwaras

Political leaders visit Sikh shrines

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Gurupurab was celebrated with a religious fervour in the national Capital on Tuesday as devotees thronged gurdwaras to pay obeisance to Guru Nank Dev Ji, the founder of Sikhism, on his 550th birth anniversary.

People from different faiths offered early morning prayers at the shrines that were decked with bright lights and flowers and also took part in 'langars' and 'shabad kirtans'.

A number of programmes were organised on the occasion. Volunteers also set up a free health checkup kiosk and some stalls having spiritual books in the premises of the Gurudwara Rakab Ganj Sahib.

A number of stalls serving a variety of foods, ranging from chhole bhaturas to gulab jamuns, were set up outside the gurdwara as well.

Candies and chocolates were also given to devotees entering and leaving the premises of Gurudwarb Rakab Ganj Sahib and Bangla Sahib Gurudwara here.

Several political leaders visited the Sikh shrines across the city. While Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia paid



Gurudwara Bangla Sahib presents a magnificent spectacle on the auspicious occasion of Guru Nanak's 550th birth anniversary

Ranjana Dimri | Pioneer

tributes at the Bangla Sahib Gurudwara, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, Yoga guru Ramdev and Shiromani Akali Dal MLA Manjinder Singh Sirsa offered prayers at Gurudwara Rakab Ganj Sahib.

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla and Delhi BJP chief Manoj Tiwari also visited Gurudwara Rakab Ganj.

Kejriwal said the Delhi government had decided to make free arrangements for elderly pilgrims visiting Gurudwara Darbar Sahib Kartarpur. Sirsa highlighted the programmes that had been

held to mark the occasion. "From six months, the Sikh community was carrying out processions to mark the 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev Ji. Today at many gurdwaras of the national capital, programmes were held which were attended by lakhs of people," he said.

According to Dharminder Singh, the general manager of the Delhi Sikh Gurudwara Member Committee, the celebration of Guru Nank Dev ji's birth anniversary had started in June on the 135th birth anniversary of Master

Tara Singh. "In August, a blood donation camp was organised at Gurudwarb Rakab Ganj Sahib with the help of Deen Dayal Upadhyay, Guru Teg Bahadur Hospitals and one private blood bank," Dharminder said.

A Nagar Kirtan was organised on Monday, he said, adding that the committee also planned to felicitate the witnesses of the 1984 anti-Sikh riots whose testimony got the victims justice. Gurpreet Singh (30), who runs a transport business here, said that he

meditated on the teachings of the Sikh gurus in the morning and then went to Bangla Sahib with his family to offer prayers.

Sandeep Singh, a 30-year-old employee of Punjab and Sindh Bank, said, "Today is a holy day for Sikhs so I met my parents at Rakab Ganj Sahib and from here, we will go to Bangla Sahib."

Police in the national Capital managed the crowd converging at gurdwaras and also cleared the traffic for the smooth passage of the vehicles.



Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal pays obeisance at Gurudwara Rakab Ganj Sahib on Gurupurab, Guru Nanak's 550th birth anniversary. Pioneer photo



Deputy CM Manish Sisodia performs 'Sewa' at Bangla Sahib Gurudwara on Gurupurab

Pioneer photo

Subhash meets Sonia on Sikh festival

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Congress president Subhash Chopra on Tuesday called on Congress president Sonia Gandhi at 10 Janpath and presented her a sword on the occasion of the 550th Prakash Parv of Guru Nanak Dev.

Chopra visited at several Gurdwaras in Delhi and also participated in the Guru Ki Langar. "Guru Nanak Dev Ji is not only known all over the world, but also practices his preaching," he said.

Chopra extended his wishes to the Sikh community on Gurpurab and praised their valour and courage. He said that the Sikh community has played a very important role in the development of the country.



Congress president Subhash Chopra presents sword to party president Sonia Gandhi on the 550th Prakash Parv of Guru Nanak Dev on Tuesday. PTI

AAP demands rollback of JNU hostel fee hike

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

A day after students of Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) clashed with police on Monday after protest over fee hike, Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader Sanjay Singh demanded a rollback, saying that the hike in hostel fee is unexpected.

Singh said that the move is gross 'injustice' to students. He demanded Human Resource Minister and Vice-Chancellor to accept the demand of the student and take the decision to hike fee back.

"The unexpected increase in hostel fees in JNU is gross injustice to the students.



Human Resource minister and Vice Chancellor sir, accept the demands of the students and withdraw the fee hike," Singh tweeted in Hindi.

A row erupted on Monday as thousands of students came on streets and clashed with police during their protest against a steep fee hike and demanded withdrawal of the decision.

Students of other institutions stand in solidarity with JNU counterparts over fee hike

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

A day after a dramatic protest had broken out outside the Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) campus over several issues including the recent hostel fee hike, several students from various institutions in the national Capital on Tuesday raised slogans against the 'commercialisation' of education and the police's intervention in democratic protests. The students alleged that Delhi Police had attacked protesting students brutally.

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

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

On Tuesday, the protesters



demanding withdrawal of the draft hostel manual, which they claimed has provisions for fee hike, dress code and curfew timings.

Shreya Singh, the secretary of All India Democratic Students' Organisation (AIDSO), said the new hostel manual passed on October 28 will disrupt the financial life of around 50 per cent JNU students who belong to economically weaker sections and depend upon a Rs 2,500 grant under the 'means-cum-merit scheme'.

"The Delhi Police attacked the protesting JNU students. Their intervention in the democratic protest was uncalled for," she said.

Suman from the AIDSO said, "The JNU is one of the few affordable institutions. The provision of fee hike is the most dangerous part...Till now, students would get a bill of Rs 2,500 per month. After the changes, their monthly expenses will increase to Rs 6,000 to 7,000."

Warrant issued against Tharoor for 'scorpion on Shivling' remarks

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi court has issued a bailable warrant against Congress leader Shashi Tharoor for not appearing in a criminal defamation complaint against him over his alleged 'scorpion on Shivling' remarks referring to Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Naveen Kumar Kashyap issued the warrant against the Congress leader for November 27, noting that neither Tharoor nor his counsel appeared before the court.

The magistrate also imposed a fine of ₹500 on the complainant, Delhi BJP leader Rajiv Babbar, who was also did not appear before the court. However, Babbar was represented by a junior counsel.

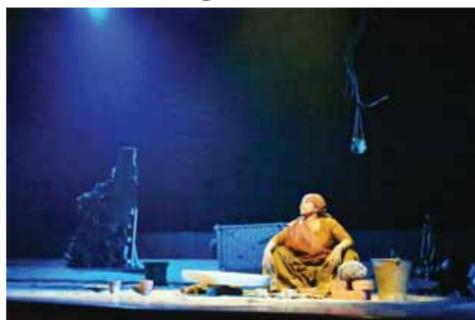
"Neither complainant nor his main counsel is present. An exemption application is moved on behalf of the complainant. The same is vague in nature. It is stated in the application that he is in personal difficulty but what is such 'difficulty' is not explained at all in the application," the court said.

Mohan Rakesh Natya Samaroh organised

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Government's art and culture wing Sahitya Kala Parishad organised an annual theatre festival 'Mohan Rakesh Natya Samaroh' which was attended by several eminent artists on Tuesday.

Talking about the festival, Manish Sisodia, Deputy Chief Minister of Delhi said, "It is a matter of immense joy that the Mohan Rakesh Samaroh ceremony is being organised by Sahitya Kala Parishad Delhi. "In addition to honouring the playwrights of the four dramatics selected for the ceremony, these plays are also being organised by reputed theatre directors," he said. "I extend my heartiest con-



A scene from Mohan Rakesh's award winning play 'Krita' Pioneer photo

gratulations to the respected theatrical artists and the participating directors. For this event that encourages original Hindi theatrical writing, along with Sahitya Kala Parishad

Delhi," he said. "This year the top four artists who were selected for the Mohan Rakesh Natya Lekan Competition are Dr Sanjeev Kumar for Kritha,

LJP to contest 50 seats in Jharkhand: Chirag

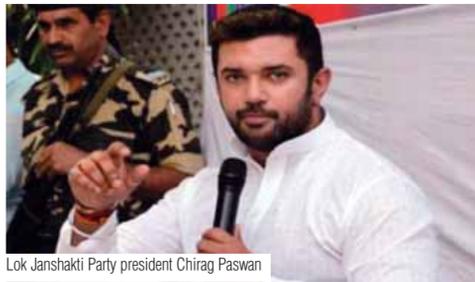
PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Lok Janshakti Party president Chirag Paswan announced on Tuesday that his party will contest 50 seats in the Jharkhand Assembly elections on its own after his efforts to ally with the BJP, its senior partner in Bihar, went in vain.

The LJP also named its five candidates for the polls, scheduled to be held in five phases between November 30 and December 20, to the 81-member Assembly.

"The State unit of the party had to take a decision on fighting the Jharkhand Assembly polls. It has decided that the Lok Janshakti Party will contest 50 seats on its own," Paswan said.

Though the LJP was keen for an alliance with the BJP, the saffron party was reluctant as its leaders believed that the regional party did not have much to offer electorally in the state. The BJP and the LJP are



Lok Janshakti Party president Chirag Paswan

allies in neighbouring Bihar.

Paswan said he had reached out to senior BJP leaders, including party president Amit Shah, with an offer of alliance and was going solo after finding no response.

Another BJP ally in Bihar, the Janata Dal (United), has already announced that it would contest the Jharkhand polls alone.

The BJP received a setback on Monday when its Jharkhand ally AJSU unilaterally announced a number of can-

didates, including against senior saffron party leaders.

BJP leaders are working to defuse the crisis as the party begins its campaign to retain power in the state, which has 81 assembly constituencies.

Paswan also termed as unfortunate the imposition of President's rule in Maharashtra and took a dig at the Shiv Sena, saying people's mandate was for the NDA but the regional party's ambition prevented formation of Government in the State.

Very appreciative of India's gift of solar panels: UN spokesperson

PTI ■ UNITED NATIONS

The UN is very appreciative of India's gift of solar panels to it, a spokesperson for the Secretary General has said, amid suggestions that their energy can be used to run escalators in the world body's headquarters that have been partially shut as part of austerity measures implemented due to a severe liquidity crisis at the organisation.

The United Nations is facing a "severe liquidity crisis", reaching its deepest deficit of the decade.

Several emergency measures have been put in place by the world organisation to tide over the financial crunch.

Official travel will be limited to the most essential activities, air conditioning and heating in the UN Secretariat has been reduced outside official working hours and catering facilities are being operated with reduced hours.

"The issue with the escalators, as we pointed out, is an issue having to do with our

budget. We are using solar panels.

As you know, India had donated that, and we're very appreciative for the donation. But when it comes to our cost-cutting measures, we'll keep reviewing them and probably bring more services online once the money comes in," Farhan Haq, Deputy Spokesman for the Secretary-General, said at the daily press briefing here Monday in response to a question.

Secretary General Antonio Guterres' spokesperson Stephane Dujarric was asked about the escalator situation last week and a suggestion was made that the energy generated from the Gandhi Solar Park, installed on the roof of the UN Headquarters, can be used to power the escalators.

On the suggestion that energy from the solar panels could be used to power the shut escalators, Dujarric had said "I don't think I'm an electrical engineer, but I will see where that electricity goes."

In response to a question,

Dujarric had said that the UN was saving about USD 14,000 a year by keeping the escalators closed.

Another suggestion to tide over the liquidity crunch was to get sheep to mow the lawns in the UN Headquarters just as they were being used to mow the lawns in the UN offices in Geneva.

"Well, we could talk to our friends at the Permanent Mission of New Zealand to see if they have anything to offer," Dujarric had said.

India is among the initial group of over 30 UN Member States who paid their regular budget dues in full and on time to the world organisation as of October 11, 2019.

India paid USD 23.25 million in regular budget assessments by January 31, 2019, the 30-day due period specified as per UN's Financial Regulation rules.

Total arrears for the UN are USD 1.385 billion. Officials at the world organisation said that seven countries owe 97 per cent of the USD 1.385 billion.

India, China good example of varying threats posed by free, unfree Govts, says Haley

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

India and China, the two largest and fastest growing economies of the world, are a good example of the difference between the threat posed by free versus unfree governments, according to a new book by Indian-American Nikki Haley that hit the stores on Tuesday.

Former US Ambassador to the UN Haley, in her latest book "With All Due Respect", said that in contrast of the US growing partnership with India, the greatest foreign threat America faces today is China.

"China is working strategically to spread its financial and military presence across the globe-and not in a good way. China steals intellectual property. It helps North Korea cheat on sanctions," Haley said.

"The Chinese manipulate their currency in ways that poison our trade relationship," she said, adding that they are enlarging their military at a rapid pace.

"A good example of the difference between the threat posed by free versus unfree governments is two of the largest- and fastest-growing economies in the world: India and China," Haley wrote in the book.

In her book, that is being promoted by US President Donald Trump on Twitter, the two-term Governor of South Carolina said that in addition to being a bad economic actor and a strategic threat, the Chinese government is one of the greatest human rights abusers in the world, she alleged. In their own country, it has created "re-education" camps against an ethnic and religious minority, and an Orwellian surveillance state to protect Communist Party control over its people," she said. "It was high time to take a more aggressive approach to US trade with China," she said.

Haley said that the US is committed to seeing that Iran never gets a nuclear weapon, because it would be catastrophic for the world.

Manipur students' body flays flawed profiling of Meitei Pangal community

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Association of the Manipur Muslim Students (DAMMS) organised an emergency meeting following objectionable portrayal of Manipur Pangal community in a seminar on "Meitei Pangal Khuntok Numit (Advent of Meitei Pangal Migration in Manipur)" organised by a civil society group MEIPAK Ningthou Committee in Imphal and publication of provocative news regarding the origin of Pangal community in Manipur.

DAMMS president Muzammil Kori said, "We appreciate the initiative of the organisers in trying to understand the Pangal society better, which is in fact the need of the hour; however, we consider that matters related to the identity of the Pangals have to be discussed and decided with maximum participation from the Pangal community."

"DAMMS considers the drive as ironical and highly sceptical for the fact that some organisers were involved in publishing certain controversial distorted and fabricated historical origin and demographic profiles of Pangals in Manipur. We would request the organisers to engage with all the necessary stakeholders for any further engagements regarding the Pangal community in future," said Muzammil.

NCP's delayed opinion left Cong in two...

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Earlier, top Congress leader Ahmed Patel also reportedly spoke to Pawar to discuss possibilities of government formation. "We (NCP) waited for their (Congress) letter. But we did not receive the letter by the evening. It was not right for us to give the letter. Whatever be the decision, there should be stability," Ajit Pawar told reporters.

"From morning 10 am till 7.30 pm on Monday, our leaders including Sharad Pawar, Praful Patel were waiting for their letter. They (Shiv Sena) had to submit the letter till 7.30 pm. If the Congress was not sending its letter of support, how could we give ours," Ajit Pawar disclosed.

Asked whether he was blaming the Congress for the hold-up, Ajit Pawar replied: "We fought elections together. That's why we should make the decision together. The Congress is taking its time to decide because it didn't contest with the Shiv Sena. The Congress and NCP contested together."

Six Indians killed at Oman construction site

PTI ■ DUBAI

At least six construction workers, believed to be Indian nationals, were killed in Oman when they were buried at an excavation site of a water pipeline project due to heavy rains.

The incident happened in the Seeb area of Muscat following heavy rain on Sunday, the Indian Embassy in Muscat said. "We are deeply saddened to learn about the incident involving death of six workers, who are believed to be Indian nationals, in Seeb area of Muscat, Oman, following the heavy rains on November 10," the Indian embassy said in a tweet. The embassy said that they are in close contact with the Omani officials to ascertain the full facts of the incident and confirm the identities of the victims.

"We express our heartfelt condolences to the families of the victims and stand ready to extend all possible support," it said in another tweet.

Britain's Labour Party steps in to counter anti-India stance over J&K

London: Britain's Opposition Labour Party has stepped in to counter its perceived anti-India stance to urge that the Kashmir issue not be allowed to divide communities in the UK in the lead up to the December 12 general election, in the wake of protests from sections of the Indian diaspora.

The Chair of the Labour Party, Ian Lavery, issued a letter to stress that Kashmir is a "blatant matter" for India and Pakistan and that the party is opposed to external interference over the issue, as had been implied by some of the wording of a controversial emergency motion passed by the party at its conference in September.

"Kashmir is a bilateral matter for India and Pakistan to resolve together by means of peaceful solution which protects the human rights of the Kashmiri people and respects their right to have a say in their own future,"

reads the letter issued by Lavery dated November 11.

"Labour is opposed to external interference in the political affairs of any other country. As an international party, our concern is to ensure respect for the human rights of all people in the world, regardless of where they live," it notes. Acknowledging the "sensitivities" that exist over the situation in Kashmir, the Labour candidate who has been a Member of Parliament for Wansbeck in the north-east England since 2010 stressed that his party holds the Indian diaspora in the "highest regard".

"We recognise that the language used in the emergency motion has caused offence in some sections of the Indian diaspora, and in India itself. We are adamant that the deeply felt and genuinely held differences on the issue of Kashmir must not be allowed to divide com-

munities against each other here in the UK," his letter says. "The Labour Party will not adopt any anti-India or anti-Pakistan position over Kashmir," it adds. The letter follows growing concerns around the party's motion in the wake of the Indian government's revocation of Article 370 to withdraw the special status of Jammu and Kashmir, something India has stressed is an internal political matter and not open to international intervention.

Respect British Indians, an umbrella group claiming to represent over 100 British Indian outfits set up on Twitter to lobby Labour Party Leader Jeremy Corbyn to withdraw the resolution, had drafted a "pledge" for every British politician contesting the December election to commit to revoking the "partisan and ill-informed" motion passed by the party at its conference in September. PTI

Man kills wife for being Hrithik's ardent fan, hangs self in US

PTI ■ NEW YORK

A 33-year-old man in the US allegedly stabbed his wife to death and then hanged himself because he was jealous of her liking for Bollywood actor Hrithik Roshan, according to a media report.

Dineshwar Budhidat of Queens fatally stabbed his wife Donne Dojoy, 27, who worked as a bartender and then hanged himself from a tree on Friday, a report in *The New York Post* said.

Budhidat was "extremely jealous" because his wife was a huge fan of Hrithik, Dojoy's friends told *The Post*, adding that her liking for the actor sent him into fits of rage. "She told me when she was

at home watching a movie or listening to a song (with Hrithik in it), he would ask her to take it off because he would get so jealous," Mala Ramdhani, 52, a karaoke singer at Gemini's Ultra Lounge in Ozone Park, where Dojoy tended bar, said. "Any movie Hrithik acted in, she wanted to see it," Ramdhani said. The report said Dojoy had moved out of her apartment where she lived in with her husband but had agreed to stop by the place to watch a movie and be with Budhidat.

But later in the evening, Budhidat texted his wife's sister, saying he had killed her, and instructing that the key to the apartment could be found under a flower pot, police sources said later Friday.

INSHORT

GOVT TO SEEK NABARD HELP TO LIFT J&K YIELD

New Delhi: To ensure better price to the farmers of newly created UT of J&K, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday said the Govt will seek help of NABARD in procuring farm produce like saffron, peaches and walnuts from them. Also, she said, the Government wants to promote solar energy generation in the UT of Ladakh, which is also carved out of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir.

KURL-ON ENTERS ₹33K CR WEDDING MARKET

New Delhi: Kurl-on, India's leading selling mattress and home furnishing brand, has entered the ₹33,000-crore wedding market with the launch of the first of its kind wedding mattress in the country. The introduction of the themed mattress for the wedding season is a reflection of Kurl-on's strategy and to address the growing need among consumers for unique and tradition-reflecting gifting options for the newly-weds, said Sudhakar Pai, Chairman & Managing Director, Kurl-on.

J&K, LADAKH WILL MAKE UP LAPSES: MIN

New Delhi: The regimes of newly-created UT of J&K, and Ladakh will make up for the lapses of the past and give due priority to vital sectors which had somehow suffered from low priority for development or negligence, Union Minister Jitendra Singh said on Tuesday.

PRESIDENT, PM SEND WISHES ON GURPURAB

New Delhi: President Ram Nath Kovind, Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Congress Chief Sonia Gandhi were among the top leaders who extended their greetings on Sikh religion founder Guru Nanak Dev's 550th birth anniversary on Tuesday.



Farm fires, sinking mercury may plunge Delhi air to 'emergency'

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Bawana was the most-polluted area in the city with an AQI of 458, followed by Wazirpur (454), Rohini (454), Dwarka Sector-8 (453) and Anand Vihar (450).

Faridabad (406), Gurugram (402), Ghaziabad (453), Greater Noida (436), and Noida (440) also choked on extremely polluted air.

An AQI between 201 and 300 is considered 'poor', 301-400 'very poor' and 401-500 'severe'. An AQI above 500 falls in the 'severe plus' category.

The SAFAR said the share of stubble burning accounted for 25 per cent of Delhi's pollution on Tuesday, up from 18 per cent on Monday.

"No sudden recovery is expected at least for the next two days and the AQI is likely to deteriorate further towards severe-plus category by tomorrow. The condition may slightly improve by November 15," it said in a report.

Prez Rule in Maharashtra, parties relieved

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Sena has sought a direction from the apex court to quash the Governor's decision of not giving it the opportunity to prove majority on the floor of the House. The party claimed it was invited to form the Government on Monday and had indicated willingness to do so on Tuesday. The Governor's decision is unconstitutional, discriminatory, unreasonable, capricious and mala fide, the party said in the plea, adding that "the Governor can't act in a manner to only suit the majority political party" at the Centre or act on the Central Government's "diktats".

President Ram Nath Kovind signed the proclamation imposing President's Rule in Maharashtra under Article 356(1) and the Assembly has been kept in suspended animation. Governor BS Koshiyari made his recommendation on the ground that "a situation has arisen that a stable Government is not possible even after 15 days of election results being declared".

DID GOV EXPEDITE PREZ RULE REPORT AFTER AJIT'S CALL?

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

Did a telephone call purportedly made by senior NCP leader and former deputy chief minister Ajit Pawar seeking more time to produce letters of support to back the formation of a government prompt Governor Bhagat Singh Koshiyari to expedite the process of recommending the President's rule in Maharashtra? There was an intense speculation in the political circles all through the day that Ajit Pawar, who is the NCP's Legislature Party leader, had telephoned the Governor at 11.30 am on Tuesday, seeking three more days' time to express its ability to form a government in the state. Having assumed Ajit's request for more

time as the NCP's inability to form a government, the Governor sent off the recommendation to the Government saying President's Rule must be imposed since no party or alliance was in a position to provide a stable government in the state.

The Governor's recommendation went to the Centre at least more six hours before the expiry of deadline of 8.30 pm on Tuesday set by him to the NCP to indicate its "willingness and ability" to form a government. The question immediately arose was whether Ajit Pawar had taken the Congress into confidence before making such a telephone call, especially ahead of an important meeting scheduled between the senior Congress leaders and his party chief Sharad Pawar later in the evening.

CJI within...

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The Bench, headed by the chief justice, had wrapped up the hearing, saying nobody wants a "system of opaqueness", but the judiciary cannot be destroyed in the name of transparency. "Nobody wants to remain in the state of darkness or keep anybody in the state of darkness," it had said. "The question is drawing a line. In the name of transparency, you can't destroy the institution."

In a landmark verdict on January 10, 2010, the Delhi High Court had held that the office of the Chief Justice of India comes within the ambit of the Right to Information (RTI) law, saying judicial independence was not a judge's privilege, but a responsibility cast upon him.

The 88-page judgment was then seen as a personal setback to the then CJI, KG Balakrishnan, who has been opposed to disclosure of information relating to judges under the RTI Act.

The HC verdict was delivered by a three-judge bench comprising Chief Justice AP Shah (since retired) and Justices Vikramjit Sen and S Muralidhar. The bench had dismissed a plea of the Supreme Court that contended bringing the CJI's office within the RTI Act would "hamper" judicial independence.

Justice Sen retired as the judge of the apex court, while Justice Muralidhar is a sitting judge of the high court. The move to bring the office of the CJI under the transparency

law was initiated by RTI activist SC Agrawal. His lawyer Prashant Bhushan had submitted in the top court that though the SC should not have been judging its own cause, it is hearing the appeals due to "doctrine of necessity".

The lawyer had described the reluctance of the judiciary in parting information under the RTI Act as "unfortunate" and "disturbing", asking: "Do judges inhabit different universe?" He had submitted that the apex court has always stood for transparency in functioning of other organs of State, but it develops cold feet when its own issues require attention. Referring to the RTI provisions, Bhushan had said they also deal with exemptions and information that cannot be given to applicants, but the public interest should always "outweigh" personal interests if the person concerned is holding or about to hold a public office.

Dealing with "judicial independence," he said the National Judicial Accountability Commission Act was struck down for protecting the judiciary against interference from the executive, but this did not mean that judiciary is free from "public scrutiny".

"This is not the independence from accountability. Independence of judiciary means it has to be independent from the executive and not independent from common public. People are entitled to know as to what public authorities are doing," Bhushan had said.

The deliberations of the collegium in appointing and overlooking judges or lawyers should be made public and

information can be parted with under RTI on case-to-case basis keeping in mind the larger public interest, the lawyer had said. The bench had said people, of late, were opting out and do not want to become judges because of the fear of negative publicity. "On interaction, the reason appears to be the possibility of the negative observations, whether rightly or wrongly, being brought into the public domain," it had observed. In such a case, besides losing judgeship and reputation, the professional and family life of the person are adversely affected, it had said.

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Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh presents kirpan to President Ram Nath Kovind at Gurdwara Ber Sahib at Sultanpur Lodhi in Punjab

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ED launches enquiry against Lavasa's son

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate has launched a probe under the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA) against Election Commissioner Ashok Lavasa's son Abir and a firm linked to him for alleged violation of foreign exchange regulations.

The agency has filed a case under FEMA to probe Abir Lavasa and a fund to the tune of ₹7.25 crore raised early this year by the firm Nourish Organic Foods Pvt Ltd, linked to him.

Through the probe, the agency is seeking to ascertain if the FEMA law was violated in bringing the funds from a Mauritius-based company identified as Saama Capital, officials said.

Abir Lavasa is said to be the Director of Nourish Organic Foods Pvt. Ltd.

The fund infusion into the company is under probe and the agency recently questioned Abir about these transactions.

While Abir has been cooperative with the probe so far,



The agency has also summoned other persons connected to the case for further probe into the issue.

The trouble for Ashok Lavasa's family began a few months back when his wife, Novel Singhal Lavasa, came under the ambit of the Income Tax Department probe on charges of alleged tax evasion.

The IT Department had reportedly issued a notice asking her to explain certain details in her I-T Returns (ITR) with regard to holding directorship in about 10 companies.

After preliminary investigation, the I-T department asked her to provide more

documents related to her personal finances to ascertain if her income has escaped assessment in the past or something has been concealed from tax authorities.

Novel Singhal Lavasa's ITRs are under scrutiny for alleged tax evasion and holding of directorship in multiple firms assessment period of 2015-17. Some other family members of Lavasa are also under the scanner of the IT Department.

Ashok Lavasa was appointed as Election Commissioner on January 23, 2018, after his superannuation from service as Union Finance Secretary in the previous year.

Maha Guv made mockery of constitutional process: Cong

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Congress on Tuesday hit out at Maharashtra Governor Bhagat Singh Koshiyari for recommending President's Rule in the State, alleging that he has committed a "grave travesty" and made a "mockery" of the Constitutional process.

Congress' Chief Spokesperson Randeep Surjewala also questioned the Governor for the "arbitrary" allotment of time to the NCP, Shiv Sena and the BJP to prove support for Government formation.

"Governor Koshiyari has committed a grave travesty of democracy and made a mockery of the Constitutional process in recommending President's Rule in Maharashtra," he said.

Surjewala alleged that four grave violations of the Constitutional scheme, as expressed in the SR Bommai judgment, stand out.

Congress Chief Spokesperson Randeep Surjewala questioned Guv for the "arbitrary" allotment of time to NCP, Shiv Sena and BJP to prove support for Govt formation

ness and ability" to form Government.

"In absence of any single party having majority in Maharashtra, Governor should have called; 1. Single largest pre-poll alliance i.e. BJP-Shiv Sena together; Then 2. Second largest post poll alliance i.e. Congress-NCP," said Congress spokesman.

"In case Governor called individual parties, why did he not call INC. And above all why the completely arbitrary allotment of time? 48 hours to BJP, 24 hours to Sena and not even 24 hours to NCP, before the Presidents Rule," he said.

This is unashamedly dishonest and politically motivated, Surjewala alleged.

but the "malicious BJP's" political rule. A statement tweeted by Koshiyari's office said, "He is satisfied that the Government cannot be carried on in accordance with the Constitution, (and therefore) has today submitted a report as contemplated by provision of Article 356 of the Constitution."

Koshiyari, who had given the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) time till 8.30 pm on Tuesday to express its "willingness and ability" to form Government in Maharashtra and time being of the essence, has submitted a report to President Ram Nath Kovind recommending President's rule in the State.

In Mumbai, State Congress spokesperson Sachin Sawant said, "I condemn this action which has been taken in a hurry without exhausting all options. This raises questions about the Governor's impartiality. This also raises doubt whether the Governor is acting under pressure."

Another senior Congressman Vijay Wadetiwar, who was the leader of the opposition in the 13th State Assembly, the tenure of which expired on November 9, felt that President's rule will not be a roadblock in Government formation.

BJP received ₹356 cr donation by Tata Group during '18-19

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The BJP received ₹356 crore in donations from the electoral trust controlled by the Tata Group during 2018-19. According to documents submitted by the BJP before the Election Commission on October 31, it received a total of over ₹700 crore in donations through cheques and online payments during the financial year 2018-19.

Around half the contributions - ₹356 crore - were made by the Tata-controlled Progressive Electoral Trust, India's richest trust - The Prudent Electoral Trust - gave ₹54.25 crore in donations to the party, according to the documents.

The Prudent Trust is backed by top corporate houses including Bharti Group, Hero MotoCorp, Jubilant Foodworks, Orient Cement, DLF, JK Tyres, among others.



The information provided pertains to donations of ₹20,000 and above each that were received by the party through cheques or online payments.

Donations received in the form of electoral bonds were not included in the filing. The BJP received donations from individuals, companies as well as electoral trusts, the document said.

As per the election code, political parties are mandated to disclose all donations they receive in a financial year. At present, political parties are not required to declare the names of individuals and organisations giving less than ₹20,000 or of those who donate via electoral bonds.

Venkaiah to meet leaders of parties on November 17

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Rajya Sabha Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu has convened a meeting of leaders of various parties in the House on November 17, ahead of the historic 250th session of Rajya Sabha. The meeting will be held at Naidu's residence.

The ensuing session also coincides with the 70th anniversary of adoption of the Constitution by the Constituent Assembly and celebration of the 150th birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

This session also follows a highly productive 249th session of Rajya Sabha, the best in last many years.

The Winter session of Parliament begins on November 18 and is to end on December 13.

Parl panel urges Govt to upgrade Tata Cancer Centre infrastructure

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Expressing concern over 68 per cent of cancer patients dying in the country, a Parliamentary Committee has strongly urged the Government to expand and upgrade cancer treatment infrastructure for affordable and quality care by enlarging the network of Mumbai based Tata Memorial Centre.

The Department-related Standing Committee on Science and Technology, Environment, Forest and Climate Change submitted its Report on "An expanded role for the Department of Atomic Energy in Cancer Treatment in India through an Enlarged Network of the Tata Memorial Centre. Chairman of the Committee, Jairam Ramesh along with other Members presented the report to Rajya Sabha Chairman M Venkaiah



Tata Memorial Centre, Mumbai

Naidu. Naidu complimented the committee for being the first to submit a report after reconstitution of DRSCs in September this year and also for examining and reporting on an important health-care issue.

The panel recommended setting up of a High Level Steering Committee headed by the Minister of State for Atomic Energy, the Chief Secretaries/Administrators of all the States and UT's and Director of TMC as Members to

work out modalities for rolling out of Hub and Spoke Model in a time bound manner to not only contain patient migration but also to ensure state-of-the-heart facilities as close as possible for cancer patients.

The Committee noted with concern the very high incidence of cancer in all North-Eastern States and recommended that Dr. B. Barooah Cancer Institute at Guwahati should be upgraded as a common Hub for the region.

BRICS summit will strengthen ties among 5 nation: PM Modi

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Detailing his trip to Brazil, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday said that the BRICS summit will focus on strengthening ties among the world's five major economies in key areas such as digital economy, science and technology, and also build mechanisms for counter-terrorism cooperation.

Modi, who left for Brazil in the afternoon, will be in that country on November 13-14 to attend the 11th BRICS summit.

"I look forward to exchanging views with other BRICS leaders with the aim to further strengthen intra-BRICS cooperation, particularly on the theme of the summit 'Economic growth for an innovative future'," Modi said in his departure statement.

During the summit, the five major economies of the world will aim to significantly strengthen their cooperation in science, technology and innovation, he said.

The BRICS countries will also look to enhance cooperation on digital economy and build mechanisms for counter-terrorism cooperation within the BRICS framework, Modi said. "Our business and industry play an important role in Intra-BRICS ties. I will be addressing BRICS Business Forum and interacting with BRICS Business Council and New Development Bank," he said.

On the bilateral meeting with the Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro, he said Brazil and India share close and ever expanding bilateral relations, including in the spheres of defence, security, trade, agriculture, energy and space. Close cooperation between the two countries in multilateral forums has been a significant aspect of our strategic relationship, Modi said.

"BRICS summit will also provide me with the opportu-

nity to hold useful bilateral interactions with leaders of other BRICS countries," he said.

This will be the sixth time Modi will be participating in the BRICS summit, his first being at Fortaleza, also in Brazil in 2014.

The Prime Minister is scheduled to hold separate bilateral meetings with Russian President Vladimir Putin and Chinese Premier Xi Jinping. He would also attend the BRICS business forum closing ceremony and the 'closed' and plenary sessions of the XI BRICS Summit.

BRICS is the acronym coined for an association of five major emerging national economies -- Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa. The grouping brings together five major emerging economies comprising 42 per cent of the world's population, having 23 per cent of the global Gross Domestic Product.

INSHORT

NIA ARRESTS MAN FOR RAISING FUNDS FOR LET

New Delhi: The NIA on Monday arrested a man accused of raising funds for the Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) through Hawala channels to sponsor terrorist activities in the country. Javed (40) was arrested from Delhi on Sunday for his alleged role in funding LeT operative Sheikh Abdul Nayeem alias Sohail Khan who was held and chargesheeted earlier for criminal conspiracy to carry out subversive activities in the country. Javed was absconding since 2017.

PRODUCT TO TACKLE STUBBLE BURNING LAUNCHED

New Delhi: KanBiosys, an agri-biotech company has launched Speed Kompost, an eco-friendly product that tackles the problem of stubble burning. Speed Kompost is microbial formulation which consists of a unique stabilised blend of cellulose degrading, starch degrading, protein degrading bacteria and fungi. These microbes when added to the raw compost heap, germinate to produce hyphae or cells.

Govt bans 1,800 NGOs from receiving foreign funds

PNS/PNTI ■ NEW DELHI

Over 1,800 NGOs and academic institutes found to be violating laws have been banned by the Government from receiving foreign funds this year, officials said on Tuesday.

Among those whose registration under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act has been banned include University of Rajasthan, Allahabad Agricultural Institute, Young Men's Christian Association, Gujarat and Swami Vivekananda Educational Society, Karnataka.

"With the cancellation of the FCRA registration, all NGOs and academic institutions were prohibited from accepting foreign contribution," a Home Ministry official said.

The FCRA registration of these organisations were cancelled mostly due to their failure to submit annual income and expenditure statement on foreign funding for up to six years despite repeated reminders.

As per FCRA guidelines, registered associations are required to submit electronically an online annual report with scanned copies of income

and expenditure statement, receipts and payment account, balance sheet, etc., for every financial year within nine months of the closure of the financial year.

Associations which do not receive foreign contribution during a particular year are also required to furnish a "NIL" return for that financial year within the aforesaid period, read the guidelines.

Other associations whose FCRA registration has been cancelled include Institute of Pulmocare and Research, West Bengal, National Geophysical Research

Institute, Telangana, National Institute of Virology, Maharashtra, Rabindra Nath Tagore Medical College Hospital and Research, West Bengal and Baptist Christian Association, Maharashtra.

In addition to 1,807 associations, registration of one more organisation - Bengaluru-based NGO Infosys Foundation - was also cancelled this year following a "request" of the NGOs itself.

Earlier, an official of the Infosys Foundation had said its de-registration from the FCRA followed a request it proactively made to the Ministry of Home

Affairs. "This (request) was done as the Infosys Foundation does not come under the purview of the FCRA following the amendment made to the act in 2016.

We had approached the ministry to consider this, and thank them for granting our request," the official had said.

Ever since the Narendra Modi government came to power in 2014, the Ministry of Home Affairs has cancelled the FCRA registration of over 14,800 NGOs, thus banning them from receiving foreign funding.



Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs Nirmala Sitharaman lights the lamp to inaugurate 6th World Congress on Rural and Agricultural Finance, organised by the NABARD, APRACA and Government of India, in New Delhi

CSIR-CSIO develops tech to cut down pollutants

ARCHANA JYOTI ■ NEW DELHI

A low-cost indigenous electrostatic spraying technology developed by the researchers from Central Scientific Instruments Organisation (CSIR-CSIO), Chandigarh, might come handy for metro cities like the national capital to cut down dust and smog pollutants.

The electrostatic spray-based multipurpose dust mitigation tech is a modification of the pesticide spraying technology that the researchers had developed after intensive research spanning seven years.

This technology uses electrostatic field to generate charged spray droplets which recombine with naturally occurring oppositely charged dust and smog particles and settle down onto the ground very efficiently and effectively.

Dr Manoj K Patel, scientist and principal investigator of the project, said, "Suppression of dust is very much necessary to



Central Scientific Instruments Organisation, Chandigarh

live a healthy life and protect us from communicable diseases like Asthma, TB, and other airborne diseases. Moreover, dust also creates hindrance in the operation of machinery and industries, so it becomes inevitable to suppress the dust and foreign particles in the working environment."

The field and laboratory trials of the dust mitigation

device are in progress. Soon, the device will be deployed at field scale for commercialisation, according to an official from the Department of Science and Technology under the Science and Technology Ministry.

The pesticide spraying technology has already been well received among the scientific fraternity of the country.

For this societal innovation, Dr Patel and his team has been awarded NRDC National Societal Innovation Award 2017. He has also been awarded Gandhian Young Technological Innovation Award 2016.

The researchers said pesticides spraying technology is different from the conventional spraying technologies as it can control the excessive use of pesticides by reducing the droplet size and ensuring even distribution of spray.

The tech has been transferred to Dashmesh Industries, Alwar, Rajasthan and the product is available in the market for the end user by a brand name eSPRAY, being used in India as well as overseas.

Professor RK Sinha, Director, CSIR-CSIO, Chandigarh said, "The technologies developed in the field of electrostatic spraying have great socioeconomic impacts which are directly linked to our farmers and the common man."

Workshop on Ayurveda for lifestyle diseases

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

As India is all set to become a diabetes capital of the world, medicinal herbs besides disciplined lifestyle couple with yoga are increasingly being seen as an answer to tackle the menacing disorder caused by the absence of insulin. India is a treasure trove of over 7000 medicinal plants.

In this connection, a two-day national workshop is being held from November 14, 2019 wherein experts from across the country will come together to discuss the role of the Indian systems of medicine such as Ayurveda in tackling the lifestyle disease which is estimated to grip around 100 million Indians by 2030.

The event on November 14 (marked as World Diabetes Day) is being held at the All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) in Delhi which was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2017. The institute has mandate to bring in the synergy between tradi-



The event on Nov 14 is being held at the AIIA in Delhi

tional wisdom of Ayurveda and modern diagnostic tools and technology.

A senior official from the AIIA said that the workshop aims to create awareness as well as showcase various scientific

researches being undertaken and ongoing in the sector to prove the efficacy of the traditional medicine systems such as panchkarma and herbs in managing the 'silent killer'. For instance, some of the CSIR labs like Lucknow-based National Botanical Research Institute (NBRI) and Central Institute for Medicinal Plants (CIAMP), both Lucknow based have jointly developed herbal product BGR-34.

It is a formulation of extracts of herbal plants like sadabahar, Vijayasar, gurmar, Dharuhedi, jamun and giloy whose properties to stimulate the production of insulin is well known. Dr AKS Rawat, ex-scientist from NBRI said that the BGR-34 has been found to have antioxidant properties, enhance immunity, help repair the pancreas and increase production of insulin within the body.

In a country like India, where more than ₹500 crore rupees is spent on diabetes medicine and treatment each year, promoting researches in ayurveda is expected to have significant implications. Experts warn that Type 2 diabetes can increase risk of complications such as high blood pressure, kidney ailments and stroke which in turn can impact the life expectancy of the patient. Today, 425 million people live with diabetes worldwide - about 1 in every 11 adults - according to the International Diabetes Federation, and the number is rising.

16 killed after vehicle skids off J&K highway

PNS ■ JAMMU

At least 16 people, including three children and four women, died when a passenger vehicle skidded off the hilly link road in Doda district on Tuesday.

According to official sources, the ill fated passenger vehicle was on its way to Marmat from Doda when the accident occurred at Khellani around 2.45 p.m.

SSP, Doda, Mumtaz Ahmad told reporters, "the vehicle with 17 passengers on board rolled 500 feet down on main Batote-Doda highway from a link road around 2.45 pm". He said, "16 passengers including driver died in the accident".

Lone survivor was referred to the Government medical



college and hospital in Jammu for specialised treatment.

Earlier on July 1, a minibus carrying 52 passengers against seating capacity of 28 plunged into a gorge at Keshwan in adjoining Kishtwar district

killling 35 passengers and leaving 17 others injured.

Local officers claimed "often overloading, absence of crash barriers, bad roads and inadequate buses/rickety fleet account for frequent road accidents in hilly Doda region.

LeT terrorist eliminated in Ganderbal

PNS ■ JAMMU

A Pakistani terrorist of Lashkar-e-Tayyiba (LeT) terror outfit was eliminated by the joint team of security forces in Gund area of Ganderbal on early Tuesday morning.

The operation was launched by the security forces after receiving specific input about their presence in the area. According to police the killed terrorist has been identified as Khalid alias Zebrana, a Pakistani national. Security forces also recovered arms and ammunition from the encounter site even as search operation was still going on in the area.

Earlier, on Monday, two

terrorists were killed in Bandipora after a 12-hour-long gun battle with the security forces. Both the gunmen were identified and belonged to the Lashkar-e-Toiba outfit. Meanwhile, Pakistan army violated ceasefire agreement along the line of control in Shahpur and Kirni sectors of Poonch district. Several civilian areas were hit by Pakistan army with mortar shelling, official sources said.

Defence PRO in Jammu said, "the Pakistan Army initiated 'unprovoked' ceasefire violation by firing of small arms and shelling with mortars along the LoC in Shahpur and Kirni sectors around 3.15 pm". He said, the Indian Army retaliated befittingly.

Day 100: Journalists in Kashmir protest against continued suspension of internet services

PTI ■ SRINAGAR

Journalists in the Valley took out a protest march here against the continued suspension of internet services which completed 100 days on Tuesday since the abrogation of the Jammu & Kashmir's special status on August 5.

Scores of journalists working with different media organisations assembled at the Kashmir Press Club here and took out a protest march against the snapping of internet services in the Valley on the night of August 4, hours before the Centre revoked the State's special status under Article 370 and abrogated it into two Union Territories.

The journalists demanded immediate restoration of the services to facilitate the media persons to discharge their professional duties.

"We took out the protest against the suspension of internet services for 100 days now.



Internet is a basic tool for journalists to discharge their professional duties and we demand its immediate restoration," senior journalist Pervez Bukhari told reporters after the protest.

The Centre's August 5 decision led to an unannounced shutdown in the Valley even as authorities imposed severe restrictions, including on communication, which were later gradually eased out.

Postpaid mobile services on all networks were restored in the

Valley on October 14, 72 days after they were snapped.

However, pre-paid mobile phones and all internet services continue to remain suspended since August 5.

The Government has set up a 'Media Facilitation Centre' at a conference hall of a local hotel here for journalists to discharge their professional duties. But the media persons complain that it has not enough computers and they have to wait for hours for their turn.

Kashmir rail services resume, mini buses on roads in Valley

PTI ■ SRINAGAR

Rail services in Kashmir resumed on Tuesday — over three months after being suspended due to security reasons in view of the Centre's decision to abrogate Article 370, officials said.

Few mini-buses also plied on the Batwara-Batamaloo route through the city centre, while inter-district cabs and auto-rickshaws plied in the city and elsewhere in the Valley.

Private transport was plying unhindered. A railway official told PTI that a train chugged between Baramulla and Srinagar this morning.

He said the train made only two trips on the Baramulla-Srinagar



stretch as authorities have directed Railways to ply trains between 10 am and 3 pm only due to security reasons.

The Railways conducted the trial run of the service on the stretch on Monday for the first time in over three months since the unannounced shutdown in the valley. The official said the

Srinagar-Banihal stretch of the railway line would resume in a few days after checking track safety and conducting trial runs.

The train service in the valley was suspended due to security reasons on the morning of 5 August — hours before the Centre announced its decision to abrogate Article 370 of the

Constitution and to bifurcate the erst-while state into two Union territories. The Centre's decision led to an unannounced shutdown in the valley — which completed 100 days on Tuesday— even as authorities imposed severe restrictions which were later gradually eased out.

Yogi says Nankana Sahib to follow Kartarpur Sahib

PTI ■ LUCKNOW

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Tuesday said the day is not far when people from the country would be able to visit Nankana Sahib in Pakistan's Punjab province, as he congratulated Prime Minister Narendra Modi for opening of the Kartarpur Sahib corridor.

"I congratulate Prime Minister Narendra Modi and all of you for this (opening of Kartarpur Sahib corridor). The day is not far when we will be able to go to Nankana Sahib," the CM told a gathering on the 550th birth anniversary of Sikhism founder Guru Nanak Dev.

Situated in the Punjab province of Pakistan, Nankana Sahib is named after the first Sikh



guru, Guru Nanak Dev, who was born in the city and began preaching there.

It is a popular pilgrimage site for Sikhs from across the world and carries high historic and religious value.

Extending wishes on the occasion of Guru Purab, Adityanath

said the country and humanity can never forget the sacrifices of Sikh gurus.

"Around 550 years ago, when the country was facing foreign invasions, religions and truth were being destroyed. During that period, Guru Nanak Dev Ji had paved the way for the welfare of humanity through his divine light," he said.

"Guru Nanak Dev had the courage to call Babur a 'Jabar' (atrocious) at the time when the people were reeling under the Mughal emperor's atrocities," he said, adding that a large section of society was afraid about practising their religion, the truth and the respect for their sisters and daughters.

"When the country and religions came under threat, the Sikh gurus never bowed or turned back. The sacred tradition of the sacrifice of Sikh gurus is written in golden words in the history of India and every Indian expresses gratitude towards this," he said.

The Chief Minister said that because of the sacrifice of Sikh gurus, the nation and religion are alive today. "Due to this great contribution, every Indian residing in any part of the world pays tribute to Guru Nanak Dev Ji through 'Prakashotsav'."

KARTIK PURNIMA

Devotees throng ghats in UP to take holy dip

PTI ■ LUCKNOW

A sea of devotees thronged ghats across Uttar Pradesh to take a holy dip in the Ganga, Gomti and Sarayu rivers on Kartik Purnima.

In the temple town of Ayodhya, people began flocking to the ghats of the Sarayu since early morning amid chants of "Sita Ram" playing on loudspeakers in the streets, while many devotees who came from neighbouring districts of the State camped overnight near the river.

This is the first religious congregation in the holy city since the Supreme Court's judgment in the Ram Janmabhoomi-Barbi Masjid case.

Devotees in the State capital took a dip at Mankameshwar ghat on the banks of the Gomti. A huge crowd also gathered on the banks of Ganga and Yamuna in Allahabad.

Elaborating on the significance of Kartik Purnima, the convener of Allahabad-based organisations Ram Naam Bank and Ram Sewa Trust, Ashutosh Varshney, said, "It is the full moon day in the month of Kartik".

"It is also known as Dev Deepawali, a Diwali celebrated by Gods. The festival is celebrated 15 days after Diwali," he added.

Earthen lamps are lit at all temples and the bank of the Ganga on the auspicious occasion.



Devotees crowd the bank of the River Ganga to take dips and offer prayers during Karthik Purnima festival in Varanasi on Tuesday

10 drown, two go missing in Bihar

PTI ■ PATNA

At least 10 people, including three girls, drowned in Bihar in separate incidents and two others went missing on Tuesday when they had gone to take a dip in the river on the occasion of Kartik Purnima.

According to the disaster management department, three persons each drowned in Nawada and Nalanda, while one each died in Sitamarhi, Aurangabad, West Champaran and Saran.

In Nalanda district, three minor girls drowned while

taking bath in Sakri river near Ghosarwa village.

The deceased have been identified as Anshu Kumari (17), Sonam Kumari (15) — both siblings — and another Priti Kumari (17), a police officer said.

Their bodies were fished out by NDRF personnel and sent to sadar hospital for autopsy, the officer said.

In Nawada, two 18-year-old women were among the three who met their watery grave near a sun temple in Kauwakol police station area, near Ghosarwa village.

AIMIM not in favour of five-acre land: Owaisi

PTI ■ HYDERABAD

AIMIM president Asaduddin Owaisi on Tuesday said his party is not in favour of the five acres of land to be allocated for building a mosque under the Supreme Court verdict in the Ayodhya issue as the fight was for a legal right and Babri Masjid.

"...I speak for my party, we do not want this 'khairat' (donation or charity). Our fight was for a legal right, for a Babri Masjid. Our fight was not for, to get this piece of

land..." he told reporters here. He was asked about the comments of some Muslim leaders that the five acre land allotted should be given within the 67 acres acquired by the government.

The whole struggle for so many years was not for a piece of land, he said.

"...Why did we have this patience so much. We went to the court, if it was a piece of land we could have accepted it somewhere else. But, from last 50 years, we have been fighting this case in a court of law with



all the patience," he said. The RSS raised a bogey that a temple was demolished, but Supreme Court ruled otherwise, he claimed. He reiterated his claim that

the country is going on the path of "Hindu Rashtra".

"...How attempts are being made to make Muslims in India as second class citizens. Keep watching. Political disempowerment is happening.

Nobody can deny this..Bring NRC, citizen amendment bill, what message you are giving. My regret is that all the secular parties, their mouths are shut," he said.

He asked why the Congress, NCP, BSP and others are silent and that the silence needs to be broken.

On Saturday when the apex court announced its judgment in the Ayodhya issue, Owaisi had said he personally felt that the offer of the five acre plot to the Muslim side should be rejected.

Owaisi reaffirmed that his party, which has two MLAs in Maharashtra, would not support the government led by the BJP or Shiv Sena.

Asked for his party's stance in a scenario of a NCP leader becoming Chief Minister, he said, "let marriage happen first."

Hyderabad train collision: Human error suspected, train driver booked

PTI ■ HYDERABAD

The train collision that left 17 people injured here occurred due to "human error" on the part of a loco pilot, now in a critical condition in a hospital, and he has been booked on charges including endangering public safety, railway and police officials said on Tuesday.

A day after the mishap involving two slow moving



trains at Kachegowda Railway station, a South Central Railway official said that according to the preliminary information, suspected human

error appeared to be the cause of the accident as the MMTS train had overshot the signal.

Prima facie it appears to be human error as per available evidences. The Commissioner of Railway Safety will dig deep and go into the complete details of the train operation and inspect all the available records and evidences and come to a final conclusion, the official told PTI.

Babul Supriyo to visit cyclone-hit areas of WB today

PTI ■ KOLKATA

Union Minister Babul Supriyo on Tuesday said he has been asked by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to visit the cyclone-hit areas in West Bengal on Wednesday to look into the ground level situation.

Supriyo said his visit is not an inspection of the relief work being carried out by the West Government but to find out the ground level situation as a Union Minister and MP from Bengal.

He urged the ruling TMC "not to do politics" over his visit and said that the State Government has been officially informed about his visit to coastal areas

of South 24 Parganas district which was lashed by Cyclone Bulbul.

"I have been asked by Prime Minister Narendra Modiji to visit the areas and look into the ground situation. It is not at all any sort of inspection or any other political visit to the cyclone-hit areas. It will be purely a normal visit to look into the situation post cyclone," Supriyo told PTI over phone.

Both Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah had spoken to West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Sunday and had assured all help to the State Government, he said.

The TMC leadership when contacted declined to comment on Supriyo's visit.

Bengal Guv gets Central protection, State unhappy

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

Much to the chagrin of the Mamata Banerjee Government, the Centre on Tuesday provided Z category protection for Bengal Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar and sent in the first posse of Central Protection Force for the purpose.

A decision regarding the "up-gradation" of the Governor's security network was taken in the month of October by the Union Home Minister amid repeated run-ins between Raj Bhavan and the Nabanna (State Secretariat) with the TMC Government accusing Dhankhar of breaking federal norms by repeatedly interfering in administrative affairs.

A posse of 28 CPF personnel on Tuesday accompanied the Governor to at SAI Stadium at Salt Lake and a religious function at Baranagar in North Kolkata where

during a short speech on Guru Nanak's message for peace he raised his voice against the ongoing political clashes which was not doing the State any good.

After Tuesday's development a separate control room of the CRPF will be set up at the Raj Bhavan sources said adding the central forces would hence forward mind the inner security ring of the Governor.

The State police will only be required to handle the outward ring and associated duty, sources said.

Bringing in the Governor under central protection only opens a new front of conflict between the Centre and the State Governments whose equations are anything but cordial, experts say.

Vide an order dated October 15, the North Block had directed



the CPF headquarters to take charge of Dhankhar's security that will be valid in all parts of the country.

Following this, the State Government urged the Home Ministry to take back its decision to entrust the security of Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar to CPF saying

this would not only demean the credibility of the State as also harm the federal structure.

The State's appeal was however turned down by the Centre. According

to sources in Raj Bhavan New Delhi was concerned about the repeated stand offs between the two sides that started with the Dhankhar's official car and convoy being blocked at Jadavpur University in September when he went to "rescue" Union Minister Babul Supriyo who was gheraoed

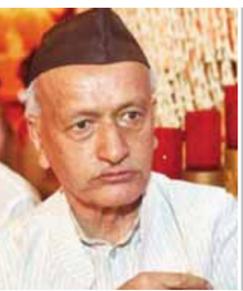
by a section of the students following an altercation with him.

Subsequently Dhankhar had been involved in repeated confrontation with the State Government locking horn with the Trinamool Congress in a war of words over a number of issues ranging from allegations that he was not accorded adequate honour during the Durga Puja carnival to his comments on the State's law and order situation.

The State Government had been critical of the Governor allegedly for his repeated interference in the administrative affair. Meanwhile Dhankhar on Tuesday once again disapproved of the ongoing political violence saying, "political violence is not good for the society and goes against the preaching of Guru Nanak Dev Ji who preached global unity. Such violence should stop as it is not good for the State."

This is no endgame

The Maharashtra Governor has ticked off boxes rather than honouring the spirit of a federal, democratic system



As Maharashtra hurtles towards Presidential Rule, it has shown how a valid electoral verdict and ethics can be subverted by political greed of the day. Not only that, it shows how a centrist party, no matter what the verdict in States, can use the offices under its purview to turn any result in its favour. And justify its act as only following a precedent of Congress or its coalition governments at the Centre instead of correcting it. Although the BJP and Shiv Sena had worked out a pre-poll alliance, which was even endorsed by voters, the former's arrogance as the lead partner and the latter's insistence on an equal role tore it apart. The former willingly let its junior partner drift away and challenged its ability to prop up an alternative coalition. The Sena tried its best but with ideological divergences paring down its chances of forming a stable Government with the Opposition Congress-Nationalist Congress Party (NCP), it is out in the cold without the numbers. No matter how tempting the opportunity to use the electoral window to jump into governance, the Congress and the NCP are looking beyond local legislators to the larger impropriety of convenience tarnishing their national image. The BJP, which is a keen believer of one-party homogeneity across the nation, is having the last laugh as the only possible choice. So it has lost no time in overturning the ethics of the Governor's office and emanating a democratic federal structure. The Governor, while giving ample time to the BJP to stake a claim, didn't even ask for a floor test and gave in to Chief Minister-elect Devendra Fadnavis' inability to procure requisite numbers, which he ought to have done according to the rules and spirit of parliamentary democracy. While Governor BS Koshiyari ticked off the boxes on technicality, he did not give adequate time to the Opposition parties and even an adrift Sena for crystallising their adjustments before committing to furnishing letters of support. One must remember that individually none of them had the moral right to begin such exercises given the decisive nature of the verdict in favour of BJP-Sena. Yet the Sena got 48 hours to furnish proof and the NCP just 24 hours, the last a bigger travesty as reports emerged that the Governor had recommended President's Rule even before the latter's deadline expired. Constitutionally, the Governor should have insisted on floor tests in the House as according to the judgment in the Bommai vs Union of India case in 1994, "the assessment of the strength of the Ministry is not a matter of private opinion or any individual, be he the Governor or the President." The ruling is very clear about "demonstrating" strengths and not relying on subjective assessments. This has only lent credence to theories that President's Rule anyway was an extension counter of the ruling party and the State would still be at BJP's command, with or without Fadnavis. While Sena has moved the Supreme Court questioning the Governor's role, the State may appear to be in limbo but in reality, is in the BJP's kitty.

Going by latest precedents in States, the BJP has assumed power despite not emerging as the single-largest party, be it by cobbling up post-poll alliances, breaking Opposition ranks or devouring any claimants. Goa, Manipur and Meghalaya stand out as examples where the Congress was actually the single-largest party. Then there was the embarrassment of March 2016, when Congress rebels and BJP MLAs challenged the Harish Rawat-led Congress Government in Uttarakhand over the Finance Bill. The rebel MLAs were later disqualified. Governor KK Paul asked the Modi Government to impose President's Rule in the State, but Uttarakhand High Court Judge KM Joseph quashed it and Rawat proved his majority in the House. All these examples of violations prove there is an internecine plot to erode the spirit of alliance politics in general and the regional partners in particular, making them look like puppets in a shadow play, so facile that the voter changes his/her pattern in the next round of elections. As political parties hide their ambitions with the fig leaf of responsibility, Maharashtra is indeed in a crisis. It still records the most farmer suicides — more than 12,000 in the four years from 2015-2019. The largest State economy in the country is in the middle of a halting slowdown, a collapsed real estate sector, agrarian distress and loss of jobs and manufacturing. All talk of Marathi pride is actually a condensation of deeper aspirations to ride out this morass. And that surely cannot happen with an imposition of authority but stakeholder ship.

Fee hike unjust

It's not that JNU students are unreasonable, it's just that due process must be followed



One wonders whether certain moves are made to malign the image of Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) as the premier institute of the country, knowing full well that its students won't stop questioning or give up without a fight. This time the students, led by their unions, are protesting against a slew of decisions taken by its administration, which includes a steep hike in tuition fees, enforcement of a dress code and curfew timings for hostellers. So much so that water cannons had to be used to disperse agitating protesters, some of whom were detained. The students' angst over the almost 300 per cent hike in fees is understandable as it's astronomical and insensitive, instead of being graded and phased out as all transitions to a new protocol should be. For long, JNU has come to be recognised as one of the most liberal institutions, which provides quality education at affordable rates. It has provided succour to the poorest of families, who could not afford a respectable education for their children due to the hefty fees charged by other eminent institutions, which are only getting more expensive by the day.

On the other hand, it is also a fact that JNU's fee policy had been operating under a differential regime — its fee structure was nothing when compared to its counterparts. Could one imagine staying in one of the prime locations of Delhi, paying a room rent of just ₹20 per month for a single-seater or ₹10 per month for a double seater, that, too without any utility or service charge? That's something that was unimaginable back in the decade and even now. Perhaps, this is the reason why students here over-extended their duration of degrees so that they could prolong their stay at the hostels, which is comfortable and cheap, the inexpensive food coming as an additional benefit. Some even take short-term courses while working part-time. Then there are also others, who stay on campus without permission. The accumulation of old students led to a chronic hostel shortage for newcomers. The university, too, was at ease for a lot of its budget came either from the taxpayers' money or from international donations. In this sense, it is welcome that the varsity finally woke up to the dangers of big subsidies. Yet it must be accepted that a steep hike, coming after a span of 19 years, is an injustice when not reasonably executed. No consultations were made with the stakeholders or the management council to arrive at a common ground. Dress codes or hostel timing rules for students, too, are downright silly. The students admitted to this varsity are adults and must be treated as such.

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False data mechanism

GDP as a measure of human well-being and progress is flawed. A new set of metrics that can be implemented across the world is the need of the hour



RK PACHAURI

The entire focus and preoccupation on Gross Domestic Product (GDP) as a measure of human progress and advancement has obviously been taken much too far. It was in 1930 that Lord Keynes came up with the statement, "For at least another 100 years, we must pretend to everyone that fair is foul and foul is fair; for foul is useful and fair is not. Avarice and usury and precaution must be our gods for a little longer still. For only they can lead us out of the tunnel of economic necessity into daylight."

It must be remembered that this was a period when the global economy was in the doldrums and, perhaps, a measure which recorded the output of goods and services would have been useful as a response to the distress that the US in particular and other parts of the world were suffering from. But perhaps Keynes never anticipated that a system, which became ingrained in the minds of every individual and which defined the systems for measuring human progress, would hardly be easy to replace after a 100 years. We know today that reliance on GDP hides a lot of negative effects and externalities and its flawed effects keep growing.

The extent of waste and the impacts on the environment, which the modern economy generates, are, unfortunately, not factored into GDP at all. Damage to the environment and the stock of natural resources should, even on the basis of common sense, be deducted from any compilation of GDP for a particular society or economic system. Further, it is a well-accepted principle that when environmental damage takes place, the polluter must pay. This, unfortunately, is not the case all across the world.

The problem of climate change is the result of Cumulative Emissions of Greenhouse Gases (GHGs) since the beginning of industrialisation. The sole responsibility for this lies essentially with the industrialised countries and it is for this reason that the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) clearly came up with the condition of "Common but differentiated responsibility." This was accepted and agreed on essentially because the developing countries are no doubt at a stage where their energy consumption would perhaps outstrip that of the developed world. Yet, the stock of carbon dioxide and other GHGs has been the cumulative contribution of the industrialised countries to an overwhelming extent. The developed nations are now conveniently forgetting the historical responsibility that they must accept fully.

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) came out with a study earlier this year where it estimated the extent of subsidies that the world is responsible for in the pricing of fossil fuels. "Globally, subsidies remained large at \$4.7 trillion (6.3 per cent of the global GDP) in 2015 and are projected at \$5.2 trillion (6.5 per cent of GDP) in 2017."

The study further states, "About three



quarters of the global subsidies are due to domestic factors — energy pricing reform thus remains largely in countries' own national interest — while coal and petroleum together account for 85 per cent of the global subsidies. Efficient fossil fuel pricing in 2015 would have lowered global carbon emissions by 28 per cent and fossil fuel air pollution deaths by 46 per cent and increased Government revenue by 3.8 per cent of GDP."

In other words, the world, instead of reducing the emissions of carbon dioxide — the primary GHG which causes climate change — is generously rewarding the production and use of fossil fuels and, hence, of carbon dioxide. This represents a distortion, which clearly reflects the power of the fossil fuel lobby over decision-making in most countries.

It was in 2008 that the then President of France, Nicolas Sarkozy, set up a commission on the Measurement of Economic Performance and Social Progress under the chairmanship of Joseph Stiglitz, the Nobel Prize winning economist, the report from which was submitted in September 2009. While the Stiglitz Commission analysed the flaws and shortcomings of GDP as a measure, it also came up with some recommendations, which would help modify and refine this metric. It was

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brought out that statistical indicators are important for designing and assessing policies aimed at advancing the progress of society as well as for assessing and influencing the functioning of economic markets.

It is well-known that what gets measured, gets managed. Hence, when we get measures that are flawed, then decisions will also be flawed or biased and we may then deviate substantially from what constitutes human welfare.

The first recommendation of the Stiglitz Commission was based on coming up with a measure reflecting material living standards, which would be closely associated with net national income, real household income and consumption. Hence, there is a large range of variables that would provide a sharp deviation between GDP and the well-being of a household or society.

Another recommendation emphasises the fact that citizens' material living standards are better followed through measures of household income and consumption. In fact, data for OECD countries show that real household income has grown quite differently from real GDP per capita and typically at a lower rate. Another recommendation relates to considering income and consumption jointly with wealth. It may be inferred

that if we were to apply this principle, we should also include estimates of natural wealth.

With the recent burning of the Amazon forest in Brazil, any measure of GDP would be over-estimated if we were to ignore the massive destruction of nature's wealth that Brazil owns. Still another recommendation highlights greater prominence be given to the distribution of income, consumption and wealth.

On a practical basis, if we have to overhaul the measure of GDP and eliminate its flaws such an effort needs to be led by the Secretary General of the United Nations (UN). The effort should involve setting up a group of experts which would provide a roadmap within a period of three months on how to ensure that the world moves its systems to a new set of metrics by 2030. This effort should then be taken up by the UN General Assembly to ensure that a new system is designed for implementation across all the countries of the world during its first phase of design and detailing during 2020 to 2022. The following eight years would then be given to full implementation and to ensure that by 2030 we give GDP a burial after a hundred years of dominant existence.

(The writer is former chairman, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, 2002-15)

SOUNDBITE

The Congress leadership always puts the party before the nation. Now they are giving Maharashtra on a platter to the BJP. Its moribund attitude will decimate it soon.

AAP leader —Preeti Sharma



The ability to say no is very important which I have realised. I'd never go back and disrespect my certain professional choices because at that point for me, they mattered.

Actor —Yami Gautam



India and China are a good example of the difference between the threat posed by free versus unfree Governments.

Former US Ambassador to the UN —Nikki Haley



Governor Koshiyari has committed a grave travesty of democracy and made a mockery of the Constitutional process in recommending President's Rule in Maharashtra.

Congress leader —Randeep Surjewala



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Judicial reforms

Sir — This refers to the article, "Big ticket reforms need of the hour" (November 8) by VK Bahuguna. The writer must be complimented for stressing on the need for reforms in our justice system to ensure faster and efficient delivery of justice to the citizens. As the writer said, the need is to review the closed method of selection of judges to the high judiciary. But there are also many other issues that matter to the rest of us.

First, besides the enormous delay in the listing of cases, one of the prime concerns pertains to the scanty time given to the common man for hearing his/her appeal/writ petition even if they relate to some gross error committed by the lower court in reading a particular file/document.

Second, it is but natural for the common man to get frustrated when he/she finds that no reason has been cited for the dismissal of the petition, thus negating the basic premise of justice that not only must it be done; it must also be seen to be done.

A serious thought must be given to the shortcomings that

Migratory birds need a safer world

It was sad to learn that as many as 1,500 migratory birds of over a dozen species were found dead in Sambhar Lake, the country's largest inland saltwater lake near Jaipur. Officials suspect water contamination as one of the reasons for their death but are waiting for the viscera test reports. Such a large number of deaths of migratory birds is rare in recent history.

Earlier, a medical team from Jaipur had collected a few carcasses and water samples for examination. Ashok Rao, a veterinary doctor who was part of the investigation team, ruled out the possibility of bird flu saying no secretion had been found. Other possibilities like toxicity of the water and bacterial or viral infection are being looked into. A few days ago, a hail-storm had hit the area, which could also be a possibility for the cause of death. Birds form a major part of the earth's ecosystem. Migratory birds come mainly from Siberia and Europe when harsh winter season sets in there. These birds migrate to India every year



for food, breeding and nesting. After the passage of winter, when it gets hot here, they again migrate to cooler areas. Authorities must take necessary steps to make the environment clean and unpolluted to welcome these winged guests.

TK Nandanani Chennai

plague the judicial system of the country.

B P Srivastava Noida

Respect the police

Sir — This refers to the editorial, "For the sake of law" (November 7). Clashes between the public and the police must not

be allowed to become a trend. Policemen are servants of the Government when in uniform. On the other hand, lawyers are professionals, who, too, have protection of law while on duty.

But a lawyer is with an attire and not uniform. Any assault on a police officer in uniform is categorised in statutes — even a rough argument with him/her can attract the charge of misde-

meanour. This is built on the thesis that the men in uniform represent the face of a transferred authority by the Government, which is paramount.

Without such construct, the Government will be seen as powerless to discharge its primary remit of maintaining peace and order. While the Government must invariably sustain the authority of the uniform, the

police has the greater onus of preserving its dignity. Else, there can be no closure to such aberrations in a democracy.

R Narayanan Navi Mumbai

Balanced verdict

Sir — This refers to the editorial, "Return of maryada" (November 11). The unanimous verdict delivered by the Supreme Court not only paved the way for the construction of Ram mandir in Ayodhya but also put an end to a decade-long dispute. It is disheartening that the issue had to drag on for far too much. The truth remains that the wheels of our judicial system runs very slow. The court's directive to the Uttar Pradesh Government to allot five acres of land within Ayodhya for the construction of a new masjid must not be viewed as charity but a recognition of their right to worship. The court's ruling is sound and balanced. People must accept the judgment wholeheartedly.

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FIRST COLUMN

Choose merit, not patronage

Civil servants, both principled and spineless, exist in the system; the former serve the country and the latter politicians and themselves



DEBASHISH BHATTACHARYYA

In the administrative system, the bureaucracy plays a key role as civil servants or babus function to implement the policies of the elected Government in a rational, efficient and non-partisan manner. However, people have often experienced that when it comes to implementation and delivery, the performance is disappointing, leading to almost non-delivery or poor public services. And, one of the many factors attributed to this is the unholy nexus between politicians, bureaucrats and other vested interests. There are compelling reasons to believe that this is true. And, it is little wonder, the cost is stupefying. While many feel that the bureaucracy saps initiative, inhibits risk-taking and crushes creativity; there are others who feel that in a vast and diverse country like ours the bureaucracy is unavoidable. And, there is yet another group of people who feel colonial hangovers in bureaucracy represent an utterly frustrated scenario as it can't meet the social and economic challenges that a welfare State like India faces.

It seems worthwhile, however, to quote Queen Elizabeth-I. After making Lord William Cecil her secretary, Elizabeth advised him, "This judgement I have of you, that you will not be corrupted by any manner of gift and that you will be faithful to the state and that, without respect of my private will, you would give me that counsel which you think best." Even though policies, projects and programmes drawn up by the Government aim at the development of the country and well-being of the people, successive governments failed to appreciate the fact that leadership may change, but the engine of governance does not falter on account of having a new driver in a Government that possesses a relatively-famed bureaucracy. However, in demanding political systems, there is less pretence that the country's bureaucracies are deeply influenced by people's interests. Civil servants, both principled and spineless, exist in the system; the former serve the country and the latter politicians and themselves. Thus a section of bureaucracy appears to act as a cog in a political machine that seeks loyalty to the regime as a means to maintain its hold on power, identify solely with the rulers and the official ideology.

Incidentally, there are not many Ashok Khemkas (the IAS officer transferred over 50 times in 27 years of service and still counting) who have the guts to stand up against hidden agenda, poor policies, corruption and exploitation to remain aligned with democratic ideals. Put differently, there are civil servants wishing to sail with confidence, competence, courage and commitment but are being hounded for doing their duty. Let's not lose sight of the Punjab and Haryana High Court's recent observation about Khemka who secured a grading of 9.92/10 by the Reviewing Authority: "We are of the view that a person of such professional integrity needs to be protected as the professional integrity in our political, social and administrative system is depleting very fast..." That being said, I am reminded of a statement by a retired upright IAS officer and writer and columnist whom I met at India International Centre (IIC). As I congratulated him for writing a bold article against a powerful Central Minister, he laughed in that very contagious way he had. I also gave him unsolicited advice that if he continued writing such pieces, he could not aspire to become a Governor or head a Government-appointed committee or organisation. And in response, he said, "I am not among those crafty bureaucrats who enjoy the trust of unscrupulous politicians and ministers. I was sidelined, transferred for not being politically convenient and pliable. But I never gave in to temptation."

However that may be, just a few days ago, speaking at a panel discussion on 'Has the steel frame rusted', former Chief Secretary of Delhi Government, Shaileja Chandra said, "It is easy to say that politicians have failed the IAS officers. But I feel this is not entirely correct. Those in the service need to introspect. If they do not have any extraneous interests, nothing can stop them from serving the people."

So far, the feeble accountability of public and political processes, have defined the character of public administration in India. The challenge ahead lies in finding and meeting the balance between serving citizens while upholding the rule of law without falling prey to either obstructionist and lacklustre bureaucracy or clientelism.

Nevertheless, even as we complain about red tape, paperwork and excessive bureaucratic rigmarole the fact remains that eventually people rely on it to structure our country. The NDA Government in its second term, infused churning in the Indian civil services by pushing for the lateral entry of domain experts and forced retirements of officers, but it continues to face enormous social and political challenges. In order to effectively deal with these trials we need an efficient bureaucracy. And, to find that, the Central Government has to think and act big.

Righting the country's administrative machinery steadfastly is the only way it's going to happen. Indian ethos and the laws of the land mandate an efficient bureaucracy. It is now up to lawmakers, the Ministers — whom the bureaucracy is supposed to report to — to ensure the country gets it. It's time for transition from a patronage-based to merit-based bureaucracy, with which will come accelerated progress.

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Learn from great CEOs

Their greatness lies in the fact that not only have they created profitable enterprises; they have also created brands that are etched forever in the imagination of consumers



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One can decidedly differentiate between an ordinary Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and a great one. Great CEOs are exemplary visionaries, with superlative managerial and leadership skills. They are admired by colleagues and common men alike and are considered idols by millions of young aspiring leaders dreaming of making it big in the corporate world. Their greatness lies in the fact that not only have they created profitable enterprises; they have also created brands that are etched forever in the imagination of consumers. So what are the leadership principles and management philosophies that drive these icons and enable them to take their organisations to stellar heights?

As Brad Feld, an American entrepreneur and venture capitalist, said, "Don't be afraid to have a big vision, but make sure it's a clear one", clarity of vision is one of the main traits of great CEOs.

Taking an example of Steve Jobs, an unconventional leader who demanded excellence from his staff and was controversial for his blunt delivery of criticism. However, his sheer genius; his amazing ability to articulate his vision and dexterity to take his people, investors and customers with him on his journey made him an exceptional leader. Jobs had an exceptional clarity of vision and excelled at designing minimalist devices that broke barriers in computer speeds. He created an ecosystem which could stand alone or work together in an interconnected way-like an iPod connected to a Mac connected to an iTunes store. Apple could manage vast amounts of information through division of labour among the systems. For example, the Mac controlled system administration while iTunes fetched content from cloud storage, freeing the device to concentrate on playing the music. Jobs was motivated more than anything to feel he had made a solid and positive impact on the world during his lifetime. And since he had such high expectations from himself, he was able to achieve excellence.

Jack Welch, perhaps the greatest corporate leader of the 20th century, was the youngest CEO of General Electric (GE) when he took over in 1981. He followed an incremental leadership style and during his two-decade stint, the net worth of GE improved by a whopping 4,000 per cent. He is a management theorist and strategic thinker who championed new initiatives like Six Sigma quality, differentiation and e-business.

Bill Gates, listed as the richest person on this planet for 12 consecutive years, is also a man of colossal vision. He envisioned every person on this planet to have a computer and every computer, a programme, designed by Microsoft. Since then, he has worked tirelessly to achieve his vision. In this process, he has been instrumental in the IT revolution that the world has witnessed. Great CEOs, apart from adding to the bottomline of the company contribute to the society in a big way. It would be hard to talk about the life of Bill Gates and not discuss philanthropy and humanitarianism. Heading to his mother's advice before she passed away due to breast cancer, Gates has always taken a selfless approach to his leadership, spending considerable money and time in philanthropic efforts to give to others. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has donated billions of dollars to causes all over the



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world, making significant differences in the lives of children and adults. This level of giving back illustrates Gates' character and focus on social responsibility as a global corporate citizen. It also shows that his pursuit of solutions and making life better went beyond just making a profit. Instead, it was about driving significant change in the world that would make a difference for those who need it the most.

Indra Nooyi, who is an iconic leader, consistently ranked among the 100 most powerful women, when she was the CEO of PepsiCo, the world's second largest food and beverage company in the world, and was at the helm of managing an employee strength of 30,000 and selling in around 200 countries around the world. She believed in developing two balance sheets: One was to provide return to shareholders and the other was to provide return to the environment. Under her leadership, PepsiCo focussed on people and planet in addition to profit. Nooyi had worked tirelessly to reduce the use of energy, water and packaging and simultaneously providing a great workplace for its employees and associates.

Great CEOs show that great works are performed not by strength but by perseverance. "It's not where you start out in life that matters, but where you end up".

This adage fits Ursula Burns perfectly. Born in the poor neighbourhood of Manhattan to immigrant parents and raised by a single mother, she rose to become the first female African American CEO of a Fortune 500 company, Xerox and also holds the honour of being the first woman to succeed another woman CEO, Anne Mulcahy. Having joined Xerox in 1980 as a mechanical engineering summer intern, Burns progressed through the

corporate echelons to become the CEO from 2009 to 2016. At present, she is the Chairperson and CEO of VEON, a senior advisor to Teneo, and a non-executive director of Diageo since April 2018. She is also the member of the board of directors of Uber. She worked very hard to rise above her underprivileged background and did not use her background as an excuse. She worked with perseverance to reach the top of the corporate world and worked hard to return Xerox to profitability. NR Narayan Murthy, a role model for every Indian, is an apt example of "Simple living, high thinking". He is a billionaire with net worth of about \$230 crore but still flies economy and drives around in a simple car. Murthy's life is an inspiration to all of us and gives a strong message that world-class businesses can be created based on transparency and good governance. Born in a middle class family in Sidlaghatta, Karnataka, the odds of life were no match to this brilliant and enthusiastic person, who, through his discipline and determination created a "Great Indian IT Success Story".

Infosys, today, is one of most respected IT companies in the world with footprints all across the globe and is the second-largest IT company in India by revenue. But did you know that his first entrepreneurial venture, Softronics, failed to take off? One of the initial challenges faced by Murthy was the inability to take admission in the prestigious Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) even after earning a high rank and scholarship as the grant was not enough to cover his studies. Since his father was unable to fund his education, he enrolled into a local engineering college but later did his post-graduation from IIT.

Similarly, the failure of his first

entrepreneurial venture, Softronics, did not stop him from establishing Infosys and lead it to stellar heights. Murthy follows Mahatma Gandhi's policy of "practice what you preach". He has always led by example and believes that the primary responsibility of a leader is to give hope and confidence in the face of adversity.

Taking care of people is one of the biggest attributes of great CEOs. Murthy has been generous in rewarding employees with stock options. Personally, he has given away stocks worth of ₹50,000 crore to his employees. He reiterates that performance should be rewarded suitably. In Infosys, drivers, electricians and secretaries are among millionaires due to their stock options. Indra Nooyi was also a caring, humane CEO who took care of her employees by being in touch with them and understanding their concerns. She even wrote "thank you" letters to the parents of the employees to show her appreciation to them.

Similarly, Ken Chenault, the former CEO of American Express, believed in reaching out to each employee. He made it a point to answer to each and every mail he received from any of his employees. He travelled around the world to meet staff at different locations from around the globe. To further connect personally with his people, he used to run an open operation where anyone could talk to him.

Great CEOs, because of their innate quality of perseverance and contribution to society, ensure stability and growth of their organisations making them the best in the world. They live by their principles and lead by example, making them exemplary leaders of the corporate world.

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A litmus test for medical bureaucracy

The biggest problem with the CGHS is excessive red tape, harassment and too much paperwork, which bogs down the patients, the wellness centres as well as empanelled hospitals, laboratories and drug suppliers



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The Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) is one of the largest health care systems in the country, which caters to serving and retired Central Government employees, their dependents, pensioners and also Members of Parliament. On paper and intention-wise it is one of the best welfare schemes in the country.

Present in 71 locations in the country, it caters to 35 lakh beneficiaries and the number is always increasing. Due to unplanned expansion to new cities each year, the infrastructure, manpower and other resources of the CGHS are

getting strained.

In places like Dehradun more than 25,000 beneficiaries (including from distant places like Haridwar and Roorkee) through the wellness centres daily and many have to wait from 5 AM to 2 PM for their turn to be examined by the doctor. However, many have to return home without even getting to meet the doctor, as the main server in Delhi closes at 2 PM and there is no provision for manually handling the paperwork. It was complete chaos till a few months ago, when the Survey of India Dispensary was merged with it and things eased a bit. There has been a long-standing demand to improve the CGHS system by all quarters and from all over the country. The biggest problem with the CGHS is excessive red tape, harassment and too much paperwork, which bogs down the patients, the wellness centres as well as empanelled hospitals, laboratories and drug suppliers.

Taking note of the shortcomings in the CGHS, Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan had solicited suggestions from all stakeholders for improving the scheme and submitting these proposals latest by November 30.

To make any scheme effective, the Government needs to ensure that it can sustain the patient pressure and be innovative and patient-centric rather than procedure-centric. Today, the biggest management problem in CGHS is lack of proper infrastructure and manpower. The Health Ministry has been opening new wellness centres without proper assessment of the infrastructure and the result is the utter chaos that prevails in these new dispensaries and the endless suffering of patients. The plight of senior citizens is particularly bad as they have to wait long hours just to get treatment despite their failing health and weakened condition. The doctors and nursing staff are also under

tremendous pressure. Now the question is how to overcome this situation as it is also necessary to extend the CGHS scheme to cover new areas in the country.

The other problem relates to rates of various tests and treatment procedures for the empanelled hospitals and delay in payments to the laboratories, that is forcing many diagnostic centres to refuse patients. The third issue relates to the lack of proper and honest monitoring of private empanelled hospitals as sometimes, due to the mischief of a few, the entire scheme is put in limbo.

It is therefore, necessary to take some innovative policy decisions. To cope with the ever-growing number of CGHS centres the Government should enter into a public private partnership (PPP) mode and select private hospitals, who in turn should be allowed to have collaborative partnership with the CGHS on pre-determined

aspects and also appoint private doctors for a few hours on contract to treat the patients. At present this provision of hiring exists but it is cumbersome and the wellness centre gets caught in the web of red-tapism. There should be an upfront decision to fix the number of doctors based on the number of beneficiaries and requirement of doctors and support staff and powers should be delegated up to the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) level to allow hiring on contract basis.

The rates of pathological tests and radiological procedures should not be fixed in an arbitrary manner and should be periodically revised. The payments should be made bi-monthly for which an adequate budget should be sanctioned upfront for the whole year.

Many private hospitals indulge in malpractices and there is a need for constant and transparent monitoring. If the Government innovates and ropes in private hospitals,

enhances the powers of CMOs and regional heads and involves private medical professionals, the CGHS medical bureaucracy can be used for better monitoring of these hospitals.

There are two-pronged problems faced by the patients. First, the administrative hassles at the wellness centres due to too much red-tapism and poor infrastructure. Also, many times, empanelled hospitals harass the patients with too much paperwork and deny admission or treatment on flimsy grounds.

Second, is the harassment patients face in running from the empanelled hospitals to the wellness centres, as each time one needs to endorse the expert advice. To rectify this, the Government could allow patients to directly approach the empanelled hospitals for specifically identified diseases, including chronic ones like diabetes and so on. The Government had allowed senior citizens above 75 years of age

to approach empanelled hospitals directly without referral. This provision should also be allowed for senior citizens above 60 years, to make things easier for them and reduce the pressure on doctors. The collection of medicines and distribution should also be streamlined.

Though it is a welfare scheme yet there is no involvement of the beneficiaries. This is specially necessary in cases involving cashless pensioners and the Government might consider setting up a mechanism for this as it will bring in more transparency and expertise of private hospitals and doctors.

The Prime Minister and Health Minister must take this initiative to its logical end as already, the Government is spending on an average, nearly a lakh annually on the health care of each of its employees. Fine tuning of CGHS is essential to make the scheme succeed.

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2nd whistleblower fires more salvo at Infosys CEO

IAN S ■ BENGALURU

Unleashing a barrage of charges against Infosys Chief Executive Officer Salil Parekh, the second whistleblower fired more salvos at him, with the allegations ranging from his unaccounted travels to grabbing the company's sponsored vantage point seats at the ATP tournaments for personal use.

"Salil Parekh keeps visiting the US every month in order to retain his Green Card status. I have also heard that he has on several occasions gone to the US but has not visited any client or our offices. Then, what is the purpose of his visits? It is evident that he is telling you a lie," said the whistleblower in an unsigned and undated letter to the company's Chairman and co-founder Nandan Nilekani and Independent Directors on the Board.

Claiming to be an employee in the company's finance department, the whistleblower complained that he was unable to disclose his identity fearing retaliation for the damning disclosures he was making against Parekh.

"I am an employee working in the finance department. I am submitting this whistleblower complaint as the matter is so volatile that I fear retaliation if I disclose my identity. Please excuse me for the same, but matter is of grave importance," said the employee in the complaint, accessed by IANS through sources on Monday night.

In a belated response on the second whistleblower's letter to the board, the city-based Infosys on Tuesday told IANS in an e-mail that "the undated whistleblower's complaint largely deals with allegations relating to the CEO's international travels to the US and Mumbai.



"One board member received two anonymous complaints on September 30, one dated September 20, titled 'Disturbing unethical practices' and the second undated with the title 'Whistleblower Complaint,'" said the company, attributing the admission to Nilekani's statement on October 21-22.

Attacking the second non-promoter CEO after Vishal Sikka, the whistleblower alleged that Parekh was abusing his

high office to endear himself to high profile universities in the US, promising donations with a view to guaranteeing admissions to his children.

"He (Parekh) is also using the connections of the company's Global Academic Relations (GAR) team to secure seats in reputed institutions for his children," the whistleblower claimed.

As part of the industry-academia relationship, the GAR team liaises the compa-

ny's links with top universities the world over, as part of InStep, its flagship internship programme.

According to the aggrieved Infoscon, a woman employee is renowned for proudly bragging internally about Parekh's academic exploits with the American universities.

"This is a gross violation and misuse of his power and Infosys finances. You may want to trigger an investigation to see all the locations visited by the CEO, institutions where Infosys has invested and why?" the complainant said.

The whistleblower also said it was shameful of Parekh to "project" his performance and grab 108 per cent bonus in April 2019, way before other subordinates who toiled and received bonus only in the range of 70-90 per cent in July/August 2019.

"How fair is that? Earlier,

the founders would always ensure that all the people who worked hard would get rewarded and only then accept anything themselves. This is a huge let down," the complaint noted.

Referring to the concessions offered to Parekh by Nominations and Remuneration Committee (NRC), the whistleblower alleged that the CEO's stock vesting lock-in period had been advanced to the end of first year than the three-year lock-in period agreed initially.

"This was even taken up as a resolution that was passed at the annual general meeting (AGM) in June 2019. This is a very unfair practice and needs to be reversed," asserted the whistleblower.

Targeting Parekh's personal ethics, the complainant alleged that the CEO is a liar who sets up individuals against each other and seldom documents his decisions.

Tata Motors' India operations face acute challenges: Moody's

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Tata Sons infusing USD 914 million (around Rs 6,542 crore) equity in Tata Motors is credit positive for the company but the country's largest automobile manufacturer faces acute challenges in sluggish economic growth, weak liquidity, and tight financing norms, Moody's Investors Service said on Tuesday.

Moody's assigned a Ba3 rating to the proposed senior unsecured notes to be issued by Tata Motors. The rating outlook is negative, Moody's said in a statement.

"The Ba3 ratings reflect Tata Motors Ltd's (TML) leading market position in commercial vehicles (CVs) in India, 100 per cent ownership of the premium/luxury car manufacturer Jaguar Land Rover Automotive Plc, and ownership by Tata Sons, which results in a one-notch uplift, reflecting our expectation of continued parental support, when needed," says Kaustubh Chaula, a Moody's Vice President and Senior Credit Officer.

On October 25, TML

announced that it will make a preferential allotment of equity shares and convertible warrants to Tata Sons for a USD 914 million equity injection, of which USD 548 million will be paid immediately, and the balance over a period of 18 months.

Pro-forma the preferential allotment and the conversion of the warrants, Tata Sons' shareholding in TML will increase to 46.4 per cent from the current 38.4 per cent. "We view the preferential allotment as a credit positive because TML plans to apply the proceeds towards reducing its debt," adds Chaula, who is also Moody's Lead Analyst for TML.

"The equity injection also reflects Tata Sons' continued support, and will somewhat reduce the pressure on TML's balance sheet stemming from the weak operating performance of its India business, even as JLR delivers some improvement."

JLR continues to make progress on its cost savings and efficiency plan with the aim to achieve GBP1.0 billion in cost savings by March 2020, having delivered GBP0.5 billion up to September 2019. In addition, JLR has achieved GBP1.5 billion of its GBP1.7 billion target on capital expenditure and working capital improvements as of September 2019.

Looking ahead, Moody's expects JLR's adjusted debt/EBITDA to improve from 10.6x at March 2019 to 6.0x over the next 12 months.

Finance panel grills FinMin on DeMo, state of economy

IAN S ■ NEW DELHI

Demonetisation came to haunt Finance Ministry officials all over again with a section of the lawmakers choosing the subject to grill the executive while raising questions whether the move taken three years ago was the prime reason for the current slowdown.

The subject came up for discussion at the meeting of Parliamentary Standing Committee on Finance last week. But what was meant as one-off mention soon became a full-blown issue with several members terming the move as bad for the economy.

At the meeting, the MPs also questioned senior Finance ministry officials on the likely

revenue shortfall, lack of investment and lack of confidence in Indian economy.

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India's GDP likely to grow 5% this fiscal: SBI report

New Delhi: An SBI research report on Tuesday sharply cut the country's GDP growth forecast to 5 per cent for FY 2019-20 from the earlier projection of 6.1 per cent.

The second quarter GDP growth rate is likely to slip to 4.2 per cent on account of low automobile sales, deceleration in air traffic movements, flattening of core sector growth and declining investment in construction and infrastructure, according to Ecowrap — the report from the Economic Research Department of State Bank of India (SBI).

The report, however, said the economic growth rate will pick up pace in 2020-21 to 6.2 per cent. To propel economic growth, it said, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) may go for "larger rate cuts" in December monetary policy review.

Last month, while reducing the key policy rate (repo) by 25 basis points for the fifth time in a row, the RBI had also reduced its growth forecast to 6.1 per cent for 2019-20 from 6.9 per cent.

Some e-retailers indulged in predatory pricing, says Goyal

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal on Tuesday said some e-commerce companies are indulging in predatory pricing which is adversely impacting millions of small retailers.

"I would like to highlight the adverse impact of predatory pricing indulged by some e-commerce players which adversely impact millions of small retailers. It is important for e-commerce to follow the letter and spirit of the law," he said at the BRICS trade ministers meeting in Brasilia.

The Minister said the need of the hour is to develop digital infrastructure, digital skills and institutions particularly in the developing and less developed world.

The global economic outlook is facing grave challenges amidst growing protectionism

and rising trade tensions manifested in unilateral measures, Goyal noted.

"In this uncertain world, India continues to offer economic opportunities," he said mentioning several steps taken by the union government to attract investments.

The Minister said increasing trends of protectionism in the form of non-tariff barriers (NTBs), both stated and unstated, deny market access, particularly for developing countries. "The developed world advocates open and free trade with emphasis on removal of tariffs in developing countries, while in reality, they are raising more barriers in the form of NTBs," he said.

These developments are contributing to enhancing economic uncertainties and raising the cost of doing trade in developing and least developed countries, Goyal said.

72% Indians believe country headed in right direction: Survey

IAN S ■ NEW DELHI

At least 72 per cent urban Indians believe that India is headed in the right direction compared to 61 per cent global citizens who feel their country is on the wrong track, says a survey by market research firm Ipsos.

While people in China (93 per cent), Saudi Arabia (82 per cent) and India (72 per cent) are the most optimistic about the future, those in South Africa (15 per cent), Italy (17 per cent) and Spain (21 per cent) are the most negative about the prospects of their country. Among the issues that both Indians the most are unemployment, financial/political corruption and crime & violence, according to the Ipsos "What Worries the World" survey. These are also the top three issues that bother global citizens as well — though not in the same order.

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Tata Motors' Oct global wholesale down 19 per cent

Mumbai: Automobile major Tata Motors Group on Tuesday reported a fall of 19 per cent in its global wholesales during October to 89,108 units, including the off-take for the Jaguar Land Rover (JLR).

According to the group, its global wholesales of all 'Tata Motors' commercial vehicles and the 'Tata Daewoo' during the month under review declined by 36 per cent to 28,478 units as compared to October 2018.

"Global wholesales of all passenger vehicles in October 2019 were at 60,630 nos., lower by 7 per cent as compared to October 2018," the statement said. "Global wholesales for JLR were 47,278 vehicles. Jaguar wholesales for the month were 12,367 vehicles, while Land Rover wholesales for the month were 34,911 vehicles." IANS

JLR sales dip 6 pc in Oct to 41,866 units

New Delhi: Jaguar Land Rover (JLR), a part of Tata Motors, on Tuesday reported 5.5 per cent decline in total retail sales at 41,866 units in October as compared with the year-ago period. Sales of Jaguar brand were at 10,600 units during the month, down 22.9 per cent from October 2018, Tata Motors said in a statement.

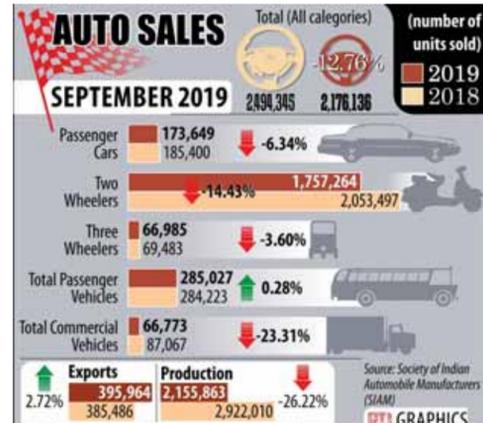
Land Rover sales were at 31,260 units, up 2.4 per cent from the same month last year, it added. "The automotive trading environment remains challenging globally. Against this background, it is all the more encouraging to see our China turnaround strategy and work with the local retailer network generating positive results as sales have improved in China for the fourth consecutive month," JLR Chief Commercial Officer Felix Brautigam said.

Crisis-hit Nissan chops forecasts, net profit worst for a decade

Yokohama: Crisis-hit Japanese automaker Nissan on Tuesday slashed its full-year forecast for both sales and profit as it struggles with weak demand in Japan, the US and Europe, as well as fallout from the arrest of former boss Carlos Ghosn.

Nissan downgraded its net profit forecast to 110 billion yen (\$1 billion) for the fiscal year to March 2020, compared with an earlier estimate of 170 billion yen. Full-year sales are now estimated at 10.6 trillion yen, down from a previous forecast of 11.3 trillion yen.

Nissan blamed the poor outlook on weak first-half earnings, a strong yen, an uncertain global outlook and the stagnation of the car industry in general. Incoming chief financial officer Stephen Ma said: "Sales in China outpaced the market but sales in other key regions including the US, Europe and Japan underperformed in those markets. This resulted in the overall decrease of our market share." Net profit for the six months to September plunged 73.5 per cent to 65.4 billion yen, the worst first-half result since the global financial crisis a decade ago.



"Nissan is in a very severe situation at a time when competition in the global auto market is further intensifying," said Satoru Takada, auto analyst at TIV, a Tokyo-based research and consulting firm. It was Nissan's first earnings announcement since the appointment last month of Makoto Uchida as new chief executive, elevating the insider heading the firm's China unit as it overhauls its leadership after the Ghosn scandal. AFP

Airtel submit bids for RCom spectrum; Jio seeks deadline extension by 10 days

New Delhi: Bharti Airtel, Bharti Infratel and private equity firm Varde Partners have submitted their bids for assets of debt-laden Reliance Communications, while Reliance Jio has sought extension of the asset sale deal deadline by another 10 days.

Airtel has placed conditional bid to buy spectrum of RCom while Bharti Infratel has submitted bids for mobile towers, a Bharti spokesperson said. Banking sources involved in the process told PTI that a total of six bids have come for assets of Anil Ambani-led RCom on Monday.

"Six bids have come for assets of Reliance Communications. This includes bid from Bharti Airtel, Bharti Infratel, private equity firm Varde Partners. RCom committee of creditors is scheduled to meet on November 13, 2019 to take call on the bids opening," a banking source said.

ADITYA BIRLA CAPITAL PROTECTING INVESTING FINANCING ADVISING

Aditya Birla Finance Limited

Registered Office: Indian Rayon Compound, Veraval, Gujarat - 362 266
CIN NO. : U65909GJ1991PLC064603

APPENDIX IV
[See Rule 8 (1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002]
POSSESSION NOTICE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)

WHEREAS
The undersigned being the authorized officer of the Aditya Birla Finance Limited, 2nd Floor, UCO Bank Building, 5, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001 under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act No. 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 07.09.2019 Calling upon the Borrowers/Co-Borrowers of M/s Dangus RM India Company, Mr. Sanjay Singh, Archana Singh to repay, he amount mentioned in the notice being Rs. 1,41,01,652.72 (Rupees One Crore Forty One Lakh One Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Two and Seventy Two Paise Only) within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/ co-borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Possession of the Property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 and 9 of the said rule on this 8th Day of November the year Two Thousand and Nineteen.

The borrower / co-borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Aditya Birla Finance Limited, 2nd Floor, UCO Building, 5, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001 for an amount Rs. 1,41,01,652.72 (Rupees One Crore Forty One Lakh One Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Two and Seventy Two Paise Only) and interest thereon.

The borrowers attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the Secured Assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY :-
All piece and parcel of Residential property being House No. H-16, SF, measuring area 1720 Sq. Ft. Situated at Mayfield Gardens, Sec. - 57, Gurgaon, Haryana which is owned by Mr. Sanjay Singh and Mrs. Archana Singh.

ADITYA BIRLA FINANCE LIMITED
PLACE : NEW DELHI Sd/-
DATE : 13-11-2019 AUTHORIZED OFFICER

PARIJAT PAPER MILLS LIMITED
CIN: L21012UP1989PLC010589
Reg. Off: Vill-Jat Mujhera 10.6 Km Stone Bhopa Road, Muzaffarnagar-251308, (U.P.)
Website: www.parijatapapermills.com, Email id: parijatpapermills@yahoo.com

STATEMENT OF STANDALONE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER & HALF YEAR ENDED 30.09.2019 (Amount in Lakhs)

Sr. No.	PARTICULARS	STANDALONE		YEAR ENDED	
		Quarter Ended 30.09.2019 (Unaudited)	Half Year Ended 30.09.2019 (Unaudited)	Quarter Ended 30.09.2018 (Unaudited)	Year Ended 31.03.2019 (Audited)
1.	Total income from operations (Net)	1205.16	2931.99	310.92	5580.08
2.	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(21.42)	(20.48)	(137.36)	44.43
3.	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(21.42)	(20.48)	(137.36)	44.43
4.	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(27.16)	(26.48)	(137.86)	42.05
5.	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit/(Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after Tax))	(27.16)	(26.48)	(137.86)	42.05
6.	Paid-up Equity share capital (Face value Rs. 10/- each)	329.00	329.00	329.00	329.00
7.	Other Equity (Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserves))	488.21	488.21	494.57	514.69
8.	Earnings per share (of Rs. 10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations)	(0.82)	(0.80)	(4.19)	1.28
	a) Basic				
	b) Diluted				

Notes:
1. The above results were reviewed by an Audit Committee and thereafter taken on record by the board of Directors in their meeting on November 11, 2019 after review by an Audit Committee.
2. The above is an extract of the detailed format of quarterly & year to date financial results filed with the stock exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the quarterly & year to date financial results are available on the Stock Exchange website (www.mse.in) and the company's website (www.parijatapapermills.com).

For and on behalf of Parijat Paper Mills Limited
Amit Mittal (Whole Time Director)
DIN:00754471

Date : 11.11.2019
Place: Muzaffarnagar

ANS INDUSTRIES LIMITED
(CIN-L15130HR1994PLC032362)
Regd Office : 136 KM, Vill & P.O.-Shamgarh, District-Karnal, Haryana-132116
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EXTRACT OF UNAUDITED STANDALONE FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR QUARTER & HALF YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 2019 (Rs. in Lakhs)

Sl. No.	Particulars	Quarter Ended 30.09.2019	Half Year Ended 30.09.2019	Quarter Ended 30.09.2018
		Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited
I	Total Income from operations	4.67	11.42	7.00
II	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period (before tax and exceptional items)	-15.79	-36.97	-29.4
III	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before tax (after exceptional items)	-15.79	-36.97	-29.40
IV	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period (after tax & exceptional items)	-15.79	-36.97	-29.40
V	Total Comprehensive income for the period (comprising profit/(loss) for the period after tax & other comprehensive income)			
VI	Paid-up equity share capital (Face Value Rs. 10 per share)	925.56	925.56	925.56
VII	Other Equity as shown in Audited Balance sheet of previous year			
VIII	Earnings per equity share of Rs. 10 /each (not annualised)			
	(a) Basic	0.00	0.00	0.00
	(b) Diluted	0.00	0.00	0.00

NOTES:
1. The above result is an extract of detailed format of quarter and half year ended 30th September, 2019 filed with Stock Exchange (BSE) as per Reg 33 of SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015 and full format is available on the website of the company and BSE Company www.ansfoods.com and BSE www.bseindia.com.
2. The above results were reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by Board of Directors in its meeting held on held on 12/11/2019.
3. Figures for the previous year / period have been re-arranged wherever necessary.

For ANS industries Limited
Sd/-
(Mehinder Sharma)
Managing Director
DIN-00036252

Date : 12.11.2019
Place : New Delhi

BUSINESS CORNER

AAI HOSTS ACI ASIA-PACIFIC REGIONAL HR PANEL MEET



New Delhi: AAI is hosting ACI Asia-Pacific Regional HR Committee Meeting during 12th-14th November, 2019 in New Delhi. The ACI Asia-Pacific Regional HR Committee comprises of HR professionals representing respective airport members in the region. Committee members gather twice-yearly to discuss and share best practices with a view to promote HR excellence and standards among airports in Asia-Pacific. The theme for this meeting is "HR Readiness for Future Airports". Around 30 delegates across 10 countries and regions are participating in the meeting.

TOPPERS

Scheme	NAV	1Yr %	DSP Equity Opportunities Fund-Reg(G)	231.48	13.33	ICICI Pru Bharat Consumption Fund-4-(G)	10.40	9.24	Fund(G)	13.02	5.42	PGIM India Midcap Opp Fund-Reg(G)	17.67	-0.11
Tata Banking & Financial Services Fund-Reg(G)	20.69	29.64	Mirae Asset Large Cap Fund-Reg(G)	53.21	13.30	Kotak Emerging Equity Fund(G)	39.24	9.22	Fund-Reg(G)			UTI LT Adv Fund-V(G)	9.32	-0.25
Sundaram Fin Serv Opp Fund(G)	46.62	28.93	Sundaram Large and Mid Cap Fund(G)	36.63	13.30	Aditya Birla SL Frontline Equity Fund(G)	229.51	9.01	UTI-Nifty Next 50 ETF	292.30	5.40	L&T Midcap Fund-Reg(G)	130.07	-0.28
Kotak World Gold Fund(G)	9.72	27.74	Baroda Large Cap Fund(G)	15.17	13.29	Aditya Birla SL Resurgent India Fund-2-Reg(G)	12.23	9.00	Principal Global Opportunities Fund(G)	30.49	5.38	ICICI Pru Technology Fund(G)	57.30	-0.37
Baroda Banking & Fin Serv Fund(G)	25.15	25.50	ICICI Pru FMCG Fund(G)	255.55	13.28	Sundaram TOP 100-Sr VI-Reg(G)	12.68	8.99	Edelweiss Mid Cap Fund-Reg(G)	26.61	5.36	ICICI Pru Exports & Services Fund(G)	55.97	-0.44
SBI Banking & Financial Services Fund-Reg(G)	19.40	25.46	SBI Nifty Index Fund-Reg(G)	102.60	13.13	Aditya Birla SL Equity Advantage Fund(G)	415.67	8.97	ICICI Pru Growth Fund-3(DP)	10.43	5.35	Sundaram Emerging Small Cap-Sr-I-Reg(G)	8.00	-0.49
Invesco India Financial Services Fund(G)	61.53	23.50	SBI Equity Opp Fund-Sr IV-Reg(G)	15.80	13.08	Sundaram TOP 100-Sr VII-Reg(G)	12.46	8.89	Kotak Small Cap Fund(G)	71.38	5.30	Sundaram Emerging Small Cap-Sr-V-Reg(G)	9.34	-0.70
SBI Tax Advantage Fund-III-Reg(G)	27.59	23.37	IDBI Nifty Index Fund - Nifty Plan(G)	117.11	12.81	Aditya Birla SL Equity Fund(G)	744.33	8.77	Invesco India Feeder - Invesco Global Equity Income Fund(G)	13.62	5.08	HDFC Infrastructure Fund(G)	15.58	-0.80
BNP Paribas India Consumption Fund-Reg(G)	12.60	23.17	JM Value Fund(G)	33.49	12.78	ICICI Pru NV20 ETF	57.06	8.71	JM Large Cap Fund(G)	67.60	5.05	SBI-ETF Sensex Next 50	318.80	-1.42
Axis Bluechip Fund(G)	31.55	22.71	Invesco India Growth Opp Fund(G)	35.80	12.72	HDFC Top 100 Fund(G)	496.34	8.58	Kotak Infra & Eco Reform Fund(G)	19.69	4.99	Invesco India Feeder - Invesco Pan European Equity Fund-Reg(G)	10.86	-1.45
DSP World Gold Fund-Reg(G)	13.27	22.57	Aditya Birla SL Sensex ETF	377.47	12.69	SBI LT Advantage Fund-I-Reg(G)	13.61	8.53	Templeton India Equity Income Fund(G)	45.84	4.97	Aditya Birla SL Mfg. Equity Fund-Reg(G)	12.93	-1.45
Edelweiss ETF - Nifty Bank	3170.37	21.25	Sundaram World Brand Fund-Sr III-Reg(G)	41.21	12.57	Canara Rob Emerg Equities Fund-Reg(G)	94.24	8.48	ICICI Pru Large & Mid Cap Fund(G)	327.49	4.94	L&T Emerging Opp Fund-I-Reg(D)	9.21	-1.60
Axis Multicap Fund-Reg(G)	12.58	21.08	SBI BlueChip Fund-Reg(G)	94.36	12.56	Nippon India Focused Equity Fund(G)	47.09	8.48	Aditya Birla SL Intl. Equity Fund-B(G)	18.65	4.90	ICICI Pru Value Discovery Fund(G)	141.49	-1.67
Canara Rob Consumer Trends Fund-Reg(G)	42.64	20.79	Franklin India Index Fund-NSE Nifty(G)	10.41	12.52	SBI Large & Midcap Fund-Reg(G)	224.30	8.46	Sundaram Diversified Equity(G)	102.39	8.40	Nippon India Power & Infra Fund(G)	94.54	-1.70
Sundaram Services Fund-Reg(G)	12.18	20.55	Tata Value Fund-Sr-1-Reg(G)	67.81	12.42	ICICI Pru Smallcap Fund(G)	25.13	8.37	ICICI Pru Value Fund-14(G)	10.72	4.89	ICICI Pru Focused Equity Fund(G)	29.17	-1.72
BNP Paribas Large Cap Fund(G)	96.49	20.16	Nippon India Consumption Fund(G)	29.31	12.38	UTI Infrastructure Fund-Reg(G)	53.04	8.28	ICICI Pru Value Fund-15(G)	10.78	4.86	Sundaram Small Cap Fund(G)	76.97	-1.87
DSP Equity Fund-Reg(G)	42.33	20.10	Invesco India Largecap Fund(G)	99.95	12.25	Kotak India Growth Fund-Sr 5(G)	9.95	8.22	BNP Paribas Mid Cap Fund(G)	31.84	4.73	SBI Contra Fund-Reg(G)	102.52	-2.02
JM Multicap Fund(G)	34.74	20.07	UTI Banking and Financial Services Fund-Reg(G)	23.65	18.89	Axis Emerging Opp Fund-1-Reg(G)	12.71	8.17	Tata Digital India Fund-Reg(G)	14.75	4.60	ICICI Pru Bharat Consumption Fund-2-(G)	8.44	-2.46
Sundaram Multi Cap Fund-Sr II-Reg(G)	11.01	19.42	Motilal Oswal Focused 25 Fund-Reg(G)	25.18	18.84	HDFC Equity Fund(G)	667.08	8.01	Nippon India Vision Fund(G)	531.43	4.57	Sundaram Value Fund-VII-Reg(G)	52.21	-2.48
Sundaram Multi Cap Fund-Sr I-Reg(G)	11.03	19.18	DSP Focus Fund-Reg(G)	39.41	18.73	Tata Resources & Energy Fund-Reg(G)	14.77	8.01	Sundaram Emerging Small Cap-Sr-VI-Reg(G)	10.53	4.57	DSP Small Cap Fund-Reg(G)	9.02	-2.80
Motilal Oswal Focused 25 Fund-Reg(G)	23.65	18.89	SBI Tax advantage Fund-II(G)	30.47	18.70	AUTO SALES			L&T Large and Midcap Fund-Reg(G)	47.46	4.56	IDBI Small Cap Fund(G)	15.87	-3.11
DSP Focus Fund-Reg(G)	25.18	18.84	Aditya Birla SL Banking & Financial Services Fund-Reg(G)	48.88	18.53	SEPTEMBER 2019			ICICI Pru Nifty Next 50 ETF	28.67	4.56	ICICI Pru Dividend Yield Equity Fund(G)		
SBI Tax advantage Fund-II(G)	39.41	18.73	JM Tax Gain Fund(G)	18.20	18.22	Total (All categories)	2,494,345	-12.76%	PGIM India Euro Equity Fund(G)	14.24	4.55			
Aditya Birla SL Banking & Financial Services Fund-Reg(G)	30.47	18.70	Axis Focused 25 Fund(G)	30.38	18.07	Passenger Cars	173,649	-6.34%	IDFC Focused Equity Fund-Reg(G)	37.34	4.54			
Axis Long Term Equity Fund(G)	48.88	18.53	Aditya Birla SL India GenNext Fund(G)	90.08	18.06	Two Wheelers	1,757,264	-14.43%	Franklin India Bluechip Fund(G)	460.11	4.48			
SBI Focused Equity Fund-Reg(G)	150.16	18.29	Franklin Asian Equity Fund(G)	23.35	17.41	Three Wheelers	66,985	-3.60%	Invesco India Smallcap Fund-Reg(G)	10.53	4.46			
JM Tax Gain Fund(G)	18.20	18.22	DSP Tax Saver Fund-Reg(G)	51.21	17.18	Total Passenger Vehicles	285,027	0.28%	IDFC Core Equity Fund-Reg(G)	44.86	4.45			
Axis Focused 25 Fund(G)	30.38	18.07	DSP Top 100 Equity Fund-Reg(G)	221.12	17.06	Total Commercial Vehicles	66,773	-23.31%	ICICI Pru Multicap Fund(G)	293.79	4.44			
Aditya Birla SL India GenNext Fund(G)	90.08	18.06	Axis Growth Opp Fund-Reg(G)	11.77	17.00	Exports	395,964	2.72%	ICICI Pru Value Fund-10(G)	11.58	4.42			
Franklin India Equity Fund(G)	23.35	17.41	ICICI Pru Banking & Fin Serv Fund(G)	67.25	16.77	Production	2,155,863	-26.22%	Nippon India Multi Cap Fund(G)	95.48	4.42			
DSP Tax Saver Fund-Reg(G)	51.21	17.18	SBI Magnum Equity ESG Fund-Reg(G)	111.41	16.57	Source: Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM)			ICICI Pru Value Fund-16(G)	11.20	4.38			
DSP Top 100 Equity Fund-Reg(G)	221.12	17.06	Canara Rob Bluechip Equity Fund-Reg(G)	26.62	16.55	PTI GRAPHICS			UTI Nifty Next 50 Index	10.14	4.36			
Axis Growth Opp Fund-Reg(G)	11.77	17.00	BNP Paribas Long Term Equity Fund(G)	40.50	16.36				Fund-Reg(G)					
ICICI Pru Banking & Fin Serv Fund(G)	67.25	16.77	HDFC Sensex ETF	4246.50	16.03				Invesco India Multicap Fund(G)	47.29	4.32			
SBI Magnum Equity ESG Fund-Reg(G)	111.41	16.57	Sundaram Select Small Cap Series-VI-Reg(G)	10.35	15.97				ICICI Pru Value Fund-13(D)	10.69	4.19			
Canara Rob Bluechip Equity Fund-Reg(G)	26.62	16.55	Sundaram Select Focus(G)	189.83	15.97				IDBI Nifty Junior Index Fund(G)	21.48	4.15			
BNP Paribas Long Term Equity Fund(G)	40.50	16.36	Tata India Tax Savings Fund-Reg(G)	18.93	15.91				Canara Rob Infrastructure Fund-Reg(G)	44.52	4.09			
HDFC Sensex ETF	4246.50	16.03	Edelweiss Large & Mid Cap Fund-Reg(G)	32.36	11.91				Franklin India Equity Advantage Fund(G)	78.53	4.05			
Sundaram Select Small Cap Series-VI-Reg(G)	10.35	15.97	SBI LT Advantage Fund-III-Reg(G)	13.72	11.89				ICICI Pru Nifty Next 50 Index Fund(G)	25.20	4.04			
Sundaram Select Focus(G)	189.83	15.97	IDFC Equity Opportunity-6-Reg(G)	10.65	11.87				DSP Equal Nifty 50 Fund-Reg(G)	9.89	4.02			
Tata India Tax Savings Fund-Reg(G)	18.93	15.91	BNP Paribas Multi Cap Fund(G)	49.17	11.82				Tata India Consumer Fund-Reg(G)	17.76	3.94			
IDFC Sensex ETF	416.42	15.78	Aditya Birla SL Focused Equity Fund(G)	61.74	11.66				HDFC TaxSaver(G)	514.48	3.90			
SBI LT Advantage Fund-V-Reg(G)	10.60	15.73	UTI Focussed Equity Fund-IV(G)	10.09	11.65				Principal Nifty 100 Equal Weight Fund(G)	72.11	3.88			
Sundaram Select Small Cap Series-V-Reg(G)	10.57	15.61	DSP A.C.E. Fund-Sr 2-Reg(G)	10.62	11.64				Fund(G)					
IDBI Banking & Financial Services Fund-Reg(G)	11.08	15.54	Kotak India EQ Contra Fund(G)	54.15	11.59				Aditya Birla SL Resurgent India Fund-3-Reg(G)	11.53	3.87			
HDFC Index Fund-Sensex(G)	359.09	15.51	DSP A.C.E. Fund-Sr 1-Reg(G)	10.66	11.52				Invesco India Midcap Fund(G)	48.66	3.75			
Sundaram Select Small Cap Series-III-Reg(G)	15.19	15.44	Motilal Oswal Multicap 35 Fund-Reg(G)	26.78	11.37				Sundaram Emerging Small Cap-Sr-VII-Reg(G)	10.44	3.64			
Mirae Asset Emerging Bluechip-Reg(G)	56.12	15.40	ICICI Pru Growth Fund-2(DP)	12.56	11.35				Franklin India Technology Fund(G)	158.53	3.54			
Tata Index Fund-Sensex Plan(G)	99.66	15.36	Nippon India Banking Fund(G)	282.57	11.33				ICICI Pru Infrastructure Fund(G)	49.72	3.52			
IDBI India Top 100 Equity Fund(G)	25.41	15.19	Tata Value Fund-Sr-2-Reg(G)	10.04	11.18				Franklin India Equity Fund(G)	579.53	3.52			
Tata Large & Mid Cap Fund(G)	216.15	15.18	Tata Mid Cap Growth Fund(G)	139.53	11.13				IDFC Equity Opportunity-5-Reg(G)	10.03	3.51			
Sundaram Select Small Cap Series-IV-Reg(G)	15.21	15.17	IDFC Large Cap Fund-Reg(G)	33.46	11.13				L&T India Value Fund-Reg(G)	35.48	3.35			
Kotak Bluechip Fund(G)	245.99	15.14	UTI Focussed Equity Fund-I(G)	13.98	11.12				Sundaram Smart NIFTY 100 Eq Weight Fund-Reg(G)	11.87	3.25			
Mirae Asset Tax Saver Fund-Reg(G)	18.66	15.14	SBI Equity Opp Fund-Sr I-Reg(G)	16.45	10.98				Nippon India India Opp Fund-Sr-A(G)	10.72	3.20			
JM Core 11 Fund(G)	9.43	15.11	Edelweiss Emerging Markets Opp Eq. Offshore Fund-Reg(G)	13.21	10.93				Principal Multi Cap Growth Fund(G)	140.74	3.19			
Nippon India US Equity Opp Fund(G)	16.66	15.11	Kotak Global Emerging Mkt Fund(G)	16.44	10.84				UTI MNC Fund-Reg(G)	197.76	2.89			
Axis Midcap Fund(G)	39.26	15.06	Franklin India Feeder - Franklin U.S. Opportunities Fund(G)	47.54	10.71				IDBI Long Term Value Fund-Reg(G)	10.30	2.59			
ICICI Pru Sensex Index Fund(G)	12.56	15.05	Edelweiss Long Term Equity Fund (Tax Savings)-Reg(G)	52.73	10.68				Baroda Mid-cap Fund(G)	8.81	2.56			
PGIM India Large Cap Fund(G)	175.94	14.99	Franklin India Focused Equity Fund(G)	41.18	10.63				Principal Tax Savings Fund Opp Fund(G)	13.35	2.37			
Mirae Asset Great Consumer Fund-Reg(G)	37.01	14.74	Edelweiss ETF - Nifty 100 Quality 30	11.63	10.45				ICICI Pru Value Fund-8(D)	10.56	2.13			
SBI Infrastructure Fund-Reg(G)	15.66	14.72	ICICI Pru Growth Fund-1(DP)	10.64	10.43				L&T Emerging Opp Fund-II-Reg(D)	9.90	2.08			
Parag Parikh Long Term Equity Fund-Reg(G)	26.41	14.67	Kotak India Growth Fund-Sr 7(G)	10.64	10.43				ICICI Pru Manufacture in India Fund(G)	10.36	2.07			
Nippon India Index Fund - Sensex Plan(G)	19.86	14.62	PGIM India LT Equity Fund-Reg(G)	14.65	10.40				IDFC Tax Advt(ELSS) Fund-Reg(G)	54.41	2.06			
Tata Large Cap Fund(G)	228.87	14.46	SBI Magnum Global Fund-Reg(G)	178.32	10.33				Aditya Birla SL Resurgent India Fund-5-Reg(G)	9.48	2.05			
ICICI Pru Value Fund-18(G)	12.04	14.45	Nippon India Japan Equity Fund(G)	14.21	10.28				L&T Tax Advt Fund-Reg(G)	54.37	2.04			
Motilal Oswal Long Term Equity Fund-Reg(G)	18.39	14.42	UTI Mastershare-Reg(G)	125.64	10.27				Principal Personal Tax saver Fund	191.49	1.94			
ICICI Pru LT Wealth Enhancement Fund(G)	11.26	14.20	PGIM India Diversified Equity Fund-Reg(G)	13.65	10.26				UTI LT Adv Fund-IV(G)	10.19	1.87			
ICICI Pru US Bluechip Equity Fund(G)	30.82	14.11	SBI LT Advantage Fund-II-Reg(G)	14.08	10.23				HDFC Capital Builder Value Fund(G)	282.75	1.64			
Kotak Standard Multicap Fund(G)	36.87	14.10	Baroda Multi Cap Fund(G)	100.07	10.16				Fund(G)					
Kotak Equity Opp Fund(G)	124.69	14.02	Sundaram World Brand Fund-Sr II-Reg(G)	16.00	10.15				Templeton India Value Fund(G)	241.41	1.61			
HDFC Nifty 50 ETF	1250.41	14.02	ICICI Pru Nifty Low Vol 30 ETF	92.73	10.08				HDFC Equity Opp Fund-Sr 2-1126D-May 2017(1)-Reg(G)	20.33	1.58			
Axis Nifty ETF	1228.30	13.98	Edelweiss Tax Advantage Fund-Reg(G)	41.22	10.07				Sundaram Mid Cap Fund(G)	454.32	1.58			
Invesco India PSU Equity Fund(G)	18.79	13.95	DSP Midcap Fund-Reg(G)	56.24	10.05				Aditya Birla SL Dividend Yield Fund(G)	158.65	1.49			
SBI Magnum Multicap Fund-Reg(G)	50.69	13.95	UTI Focussed Equity Fund-V(G)	9.82	9.81				UTI LT Adv Fund-III(G)	13.34	1.46			
BNP Paribas Focused 25 Equity Fund-Reg(G)	10.02	13.88	UTI MEPUS	110.30	9.73				Sundaram Emerging Small Cap-Sr-IV-Reg(G)	9.25	1.36			
UTI Nifty Index Fund-Reg(G)	78.22	13.81	UTI India Consumer Fund-Reg(G)	26.98	9.72				Nippon India Tax Saver (ELSS) Fund-Reg(G)	54.45	1.23			
Canara Rob Equity Diver Fund-Reg(G)	139.													

Police, protesters face off in renewed HK clashes

AP ■ HONG KONG

Police and protesters battled outside university campuses and several thousand demonstrators blocked roads as they took over a central business district at lunchtime on Tuesday in another day of protest in Hong Kong.

The clashes followed an especially violent day in Hong Kong's five months of anti-government demonstrations, in which police shot one protester and a man was set on fire.

Protesters littered streets with bricks and disrupted train service during the morning rush hour on Tuesday. Commuter train passengers were escorted along the tracks, and subways were shut because of disruptions.

Police used tear gas in

faceoffs with protesters in and around universities, where classes were canceled.

A few thousand protesters took over several blocks of the central business district at lunchtime. The demonstrators chanted "Five demands, not one less" holding up one hand with five outstretched fingers.

Their demands include democratic changes and investigation of police treatment of protesters.

Traffic was blocked on two major roads by the crowds, with half a dozen of Hong Kong's famous trams lined up unable to move. The words "Join Us" were spray painted on the front window of a halted double-decker bus abandoned by the driver and passengers and one of its windows was broken.

Office workers filled the sidewalks and overhead walkways to watch the action, with some joining the protesters in chanting.

One 24-year-old man, who would not give his name, said he was there to support the protesters and accused the police of using excessive force, a common complaint among the city's 7.4 million people.

Recent weeks have been marked by escalating vandalism against shops linked to mainland China and train stations, and assaults by both protesters and pro-Beijing supporters.

Hong Kong leader Carrie Lam, speaking to news media after a weekly meeting with advisers, called the blocking of the morning commute "a very selfish act."

Clinton criticises UK Govt for blocking Russian report

AP ■ LONDON

Former US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton says she's "dumbfounded" the UK Government has failed to release a report on Russian influence in British politics as the country prepares for national elections.

Clinton told the BBC in an interview broadcast Monday that the public needs to know what is in the report by Parliament's Intelligence and Security Committee.

The Government said it needs more time to consider the report before releasing it to the public, but critics claim the report has been withheld until the next Parliament because it is embarrassing to Prime Minister Boris Johnson's

Conservative Party.

"I'm dumbfounded that this government won't release the report... Because every person who votes in this country deserves to see that report before your election happens," Clinton said.

An American investigation into the 2016 US presidential election found "sweeping and systemic" interference.

Bill Browder, a former investment manager in Russia, told the BBC he gave the committee evidence on wealthy Russians working to influence British politics.

The Intelligence and Security Committee report was sent to the prime minister on October 17, and it needs government approval before it is made public.

Af to release Taliban prisoners in apparent swap

Kabul: Afghan President Ashraf Ghani announced on Tuesday that three high-ranking Taliban prisoners would be released, in an apparent exchange for two Western hostages who were kidnapped by the insurgents in 2016.

The three Taliban prisoners include Anas Haqqani, who was seized in 2014 and whose older brother is the deputy Taliban leader and head of the Haqqani network, a notorious Taliban affiliate.

"We have decided to conditionally release three Taliban prisoners who... Have been in Bagram prison in the custody of the Afghan government for some time," Ghani said in an announcement at the presidential palace.

IMPEACHMENT WITNESS Ukrainians asked about holdup of aid

AP ■ WASHINGTON

Transcripts in the newest batch from testimony in the House impeachment hearings are chipping away at a key Republican defense of President Donald Trump.

At issue is Trump's decision to tie military aid for Ukraine to investigations of Joe Biden and the Democrats. Allies of the president say he did nothing wrong because the Ukrainians never knew the aid was being delayed.

The special adviser for Ukraine at the State Department, Catherine Croft, says she fielded inquiries from Ukraine about the holdup.

In the transcript of her testimony to House investigators, released Monday, Croft says

officials in Ukraine were clear in their concern over the assistance as they battled Russian aggression.

Witnesses in the impeachment inquiry are set to begin testifying in public on Wednesday.

Israeli airstrike kills Islamic Jihad commander in Gaza

Jerusalem/Gaza: Israeli security forces on Tuesday assassinated a commander of Islamic Jihad described by them as "a ticking bomb", leading to retaliatory attacks from the Gaza Strip that pushed major areas in Israel to closure and escalated tensions in the region.

A joint statement by the Israel Defence Forces (IDF) and Israel's internal security agency, the Shin Bet, announced that Baha Abu al-Ata was neutralised in a targeted strike at around 4:30 am in an operation that was approved by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

"[Ata] was behind multiple attacks and rocket launches against Israel in recent months and intended to carry out immediate attacks," the Army and Shin Bet said.

"The operation was recommended by the IDF Chief of Staff and the Shin Bet and approved by the Prime Minister and Minister of Defence, after

it was presented and endorsed by (the security) cabinet," it said.

Ata and his wife were killed as they slept on the third floor of a building in Shejaiya district of Gaza City, Palestinian sources said.

Palestinian health officials said that four of their children and a neighbour were injured.

The Israeli Army however rejected speculations that the killing marked return to Israel's policy of targeted assassinations.

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"The salvage campaign is nearly completed as Railways Minister Nurul Islam Sujan and our senior officials visited the scene to oversee the rescue drives," the spokesman said.

Hayat-ud-Dowla Khan, Brahmanbaria Deputy Commissioner was quoted as saying by the Dhaka Tribune that the accident occurred because the loco masters did not obey the signals.

GLOBE TROTTER

SHARIF'S DEPARTURE TO LONDON DELAYED AGAIN

Islamabad: Former Pakistan Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif's departure to London was delayed once again as a sub-committee of the Federal Cabinet headed by Law Minister Farogh Naseem could not decide on removing Sharif's name from the Exit Control List.

TEENAGE ANXIETY LEADS TO HARMFUL DRINKING

London: Researchers at the University of Bristol have found evidence of an association between generalised anxiety disorder at age 18 and harmful drinking three years later.

POLL OBSERVERS' TEAM TO ARRIVE IN SRI LANKA

Colombo: The Election Commission (EC) of Sri Lanka on Tuesday announced that a team consisting of 17 foreign poll observers was expected to arrive in the island nation later in the day and also on Wednesday ahead of Saturday's presidential election.

PERFORMERS STABBED ON STAGE IN SAUDI CAPITAL

Riyadh: A Yemeni man has stabbed three performers during a live play in the Saudi capital, police said, in the first such attack since the ultra-conservative kingdom began easing decades-old restrictions on entertainment.

AUSTRALIA READIES FOR 'CATASTROPHIC' BUSHFIRES

Winnamalee (Australia): Thousands of firefighters fanned out across eastern Australia Tuesday as gale-force winds, scorching temperatures and tinder-dry bushland brought "catastrophic" fire conditions.

Morales leaves for Mexico as Bolivia military pledges to tackle violence

La Paz: Evo Morales has left Bolivia for Mexico, which has granted him political asylum, as the armed forces agreed to help police curb violence that has erupted after the president's stunning resignation left a power vacuum.

The senator set to succeed Morales as interim president, Jeanine Anez, pledged to call fresh elections to end the political crisis.

The United Nations and the Organisation of American States (OAS) earlier voiced fears

of a breakdown in security in a country that appeared increasingly rudderless after dozens of officials and ministers resigned along with Morales, some seeking refuge in foreign embassies.

Morales called Mexico's Foreign Minister Marcelo Ebrard on Monday to request asylum and later tweeted that he was "heading to Mexico."

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MAGMA FINNCORP LIMITED

REGD. OFFICE: DEVELOPMENTHOUSE, 24 PARK STREET, KOLKATA 700016

APPENDIX IV (SEE RULE 8(1) POSSESSION NOTICE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY))

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Magma Fincorp Limited of above Corporate office under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (hereinafter referred as the "said Act") and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (2) of the said Act read with Rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a demand notice dated 10/01/2019 (sent on 11/01/2019) calling upon the below Borrowers to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 14 of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on this 08 day of November, 2019.

The borrowers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Magma Fincorp Limited for the amount and interest thereon.

SR. NO.	NAME OF BORROWERS	DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY	DATE OF STATUTORY DEMAND NOTICE	AMOUNT IN DEMAND NOTICE RS.
1.	B H U M I S A G A R INFRASTRUCTURE PVT LTD (BORROWER), NEETU, GANGA SAGAR CHAUHAN, SUKH SAGAR & KIRAN (CO-BORROWER) LOANACCOUNTNUMBER- HL/0031/H/13/000109	ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF ENTIRE SECOND FLOOR (STILT BEING AT GROUND FLOOR) WITHOUT ROOF RIGHTS OF PROPERTY BEARING NO.10 (ADMEASURING 180 SQ. METERS), BLOCK-E, SECTOR-1, ROHINI, DELHI-110085.	10/01/2019 (SENT ON 11/01/2019)	RS. 1,56,44,610/- (RS. RUPEES ONE CRORE FIFTY SIX LAKHS FORTY FOUR THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED TEN ONLY) PAYABLE AS ON 10/01/2019 ALONG WITH FUTURE INTEREST@ 14.50% PER ANNUM

Sd/- (AUTHORIZED OFFICER) MAGMA FINNCORP LIMITED

PLACE: DELHI DATE: 13.11.2019

US top brass to mediate between S Korea, Japan

Washington: A top US military officer will be trying to contain the fallout between Seoul and Tokyo on his first overseas trip on the job.

"It is in our interests to keep all three of us very closely aligned," US Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Mark Milley said of South Korea and Japan while en route to the region, according to a Press release from the US Department of Defence on Monday, Xinhua reported.

The overseas trip, the first since he assumed office on September 30, reflected concern among US officials over the straining relationship between its two Asian allies.

UK's Labour Party hit by 'cyber-attack'

LONDON

The UK's Opposition Labour Party has revealed it became the target of a "large-scale and sophisticated cyber-attack" on its digital platforms, the media reported.

The attacks did not lead to any data breach as, according to the party, its "robust" security system foiled the attempt to disrupt the functioning of the party's digital systems, the BBC reported on Tuesday.

In a letter sent to Labour campaigners, Niall Sookoo, the party's executive director of elections and campaigns, said: "Yesterday afternoon our security systems identified that, in a very short period of time, there were large-scale and sophisticated attacks on

Labour Party platforms which had the intention of taking our systems entirely offline.

"Every single one of these attempts failed due to our robust security systems and the integrity of all our platforms and data was maintained."

The attack was a "real concern", Labour's General Secretary Jennie Formby said on Twitter.

Reports suggest that it was just a Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS) attack which floods a computer server with traffic to try to take it offline.

DDoS attacks are not normally recognised as being a hack as they do not involve breaking into a target's systems to insert malware, said the BBC report, adding that

Labour is using software by the technology company Cloudflare to protect its systems.

"We have experienced a sophisticated and large-scale cyber-attack on Labour digital platforms. We took swift action and these attempts failed due to our robust security systems. The integrity of all our platforms was maintained and we are confident that no data breach occurred," a spokeswoman of Jeremy Corbyn's party was quoted as saying by The Register.

"Our security procedures have slowed down some of our campaign activities, but these were restored this morning and we are back up to full speed. We have reported the matter to the National Cyber Security Centre."

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform that M/s Mera Baba Realty Associates Pvt. Ltd. located at DMALL, Plot No-A1, Netaji Subhash Place, District Centre, Wazirpur, Pitampura, Delhi-110034 has been accorded with Environmental Clearance vide Ref. No. No 21-62/2019-IA-II dated 18-10-2019 from Ministry of Environment, forest and Climate Change, Government of India. The copies of the clearance letters are available with the Ministry of Environment & Forests and can also be seen on their website www.environmentclearance.nic.in

For Mera Baba Realty Associates Pvt. Ltd.

ELECTRIFICATION WORKS

E-Tender Notice No. Dy.CEE/CON/HQ/MLG/07/2019; Dated: 07-11-2019.

Works tender through e-tendering system are invited from valid electrical contractor licensed for the following work: Tender No.: EL/CON/SL/10/2019/JJ. Name of work: Electrification and 33 kV/11 kV substation at tunnel No.3 in connection with Jiribam - Imphal New BG line project. Tender value: ₹29,21,78,057/-, Earnest money: ₹16,10,900/-, Completion period: 11 Months. E-tender will be closed at 14:30 hrs. on 04-12-2019 and opened at 15:30 hrs. on 04-12-2019. The complete information with the tender document of above e-tender will be available in website www.ireps.gov.in & www.nfrlyconstruction.org

Dy. CEE/CON/HQ, Maligaon NORTH EAST FRONTIER RAILWAY (Construction Organisation) "Serving Customers with a smile"

STORES E-PROCUREMENT

E-Procurement Tender Notice No. 04/2019; Dated: 11-11-2019. Sealed tenders are invited for the following works:- E-Tender No. 01196014, Description of work: Metal Liner Drg. No. T-8616 & T-8617. Approximate Tender Value: ₹12,19,26,304.00; Tender Quantity: 12,85,600 Sets; Tender Due on: 22-11-2019. NOTE: For full details of Tender notice and tender documents, Tenderer may log on to the website (www.ireps.gov.in) prospective bidder who intend to participate in above tenders are required to log in themselves with the above website and submit their offer electronically, if they are already registered with IREPS. In case they are not registered with IREPS, they are advised to obtain class-III Digital Signature Certificate from the certifying agencies under Govt. of India IT Act 2000 and participate in the above tenders.

Principal Chief Materials Manager/CON NORTH EAST FRONTIER RAILWAY (Construction Organisation) "Serving Customers with a smile"

EASTERN RAILWAY

Open e-Tender No. : TM20190616, dated 06.11.2019. Open e-tender is invited by Dy Chief Engineer, TMC, 2nd Floor, G.M. office, Eastern Railway, 17, N. S. Road, Fairlie Place, Kolkata-700001 for supply of the following item : Name of Supply : Supply of Track Machine Spare : Wear Plates etc. Quantity : Total 43 items, quantity of each item as per tender document. Make : Plasser or equivalent or firm's own make. To be delivered at : CDMS/TMC/Belaghatta, Sealdah, Eastern Railway. Tender Value : Rs. 20,06,012/- Earnest Money : Rs. 40,120/- Delivery Period : Within 90 days of P.O. Date & Time for Closing of e-tender : On 12.12.2019 at 15.30 hrs. Website particulars for complete details : <http://www.ireps.gov.in> No manual offers sent by post/ fax or in person shall be accepted against such e-tender. Complete information including e-tender document of the above tender is available in website www.ireps.gov.in MIS-C-213/2019-20

Tender Notice is also available at websites : www.ir.indianrailways.gov.in / www.ireps.gov.in

ATLAS JEWELLERY INDIA LIMITED

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ATLAS Jewellery India Ltd

EXTRACT OF STATEMENT OF STANDALONE UN-AUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE SECOND QUARTER AND HALF YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER 2019

(Rs. in lacs except per share data)

S. No.	Particulars	Quarter ended	Year to date	Corresponding Quarter ended in the previous year
		30 th September 2019	30 th September 2019	30 th September 2018
		Un-Audited	Un-Audited	Un-Audited
1.	Total income from operations (net)	26.22	97.62	50.96
2.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	158.61	95.21	743.15
3.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	158.61	95.21	743.15
4.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	173.55	116.36	729.80
5.	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	173.55	116.36	729.80
6.	Equity Share Capital	10065.45	10065.45	10065.45
7.	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of the previous year	-	-	-
8.	Earnings Per Share (face value of Rs. 10 each) (before and after extraordinary items) -			
	1. Basic:	0.17	0.12	0.73
	2. Diluted:	0.17	0.12	0.73

Notes:

- The financial results of the company have been prepared in accordance with Indian Accounting Standards (Ind AS) notified under the Companies (India Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015 as amended by the companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Amendment Rules.
- The above results were reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors at its meeting held on November 12, 2019.
- The Statutory auditors of the company have carried out the limited review of the financial results in accordance with the requirement of Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, for the quarter and half year ended September 30, 2019.
- The company has only one segment of revenue.
- Figures relating to the previous periods/year has been reclassified/rearranged wherever necessary, to conform to the current period's presentation.

For ATLAS Jewellery India Ltd Sd/- Mohan Das K Director DIN: 07321049

Place : New Delhi Date : November 12, 2019

France, UK, Germany, EU 'extremely concerned' by Iran's N deal breach

Paris: France, Germany, Britain and the European Union have said they are "extremely concerned" by Iran's decision to re-start nuclear activities at one of its key sites, in breach of a landmark 2015 deal with international powers.

"The Foreign Ministers of France, Germany and the United Kingdom and the High Representative of the European Union are extremely concerned by the latest announcements that Iran is restarting uranium enrichment activities at the Fordow facility, as confirmed by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in its November 11 report," they said in a joint statement on Monday.

Paris, Berlin, London and Brussels said that Iran's action was "inconsistent" with the 2015 Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, or JCPOA, under which Tehran had agreed to curb some of its nuclear activities — notably uranium enrichment — in return for a lifting of economic sanctions.

N Korea assails US, South Korea and UN nuclear agency

United Nations: North Korea on Monday accused the United States of "political and military provocations" and South Korea of "double-dealing behaviour."

North Korea's UN Ambassador Kim Song made the accusations in a speech to a General Assembly meeting on the International Atomic Energy Agency, which he accused of "ignorance of the prevailing reality of the Korean peninsula."

Kim said relations between the US and North Korea "have made little progress" since the June 2018 summit between their leaders, "and the situation of the Korean peninsula has not extricated itself from the vicious cycle of aggravated tension."

Trump says Baghdadi successor in US crosshairs

New York: US President Donald Trump placed the Islamic State group's new chief in the crosshairs on Monday as he marked Veterans' Day by celebrating the killing of the jihadists' former leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi.

While US presidents traditionally mark the day by laying a wreath at a vast military cemetery in Arlington, near Washington, Trump traveled to New York where he made an address ahead of the city's annual parade of veterans.

Trump was widely criticised after announcing a full withdrawal of US troops from Syria last month.

'Ghost' footprints hiding since end of Ice Age found

Using a special type of radar, researchers have discovered the invisible footprints hiding since the end of the last ice age — and what lies beneath them.

The fossilised footprints reveal a wealth of information about how humans and animals moved and interacted with each other 12,000 years ago, according to the study published in the journal Scientific Reports.

"We never thought to look under footprints, but it turns out that the sediment itself has a memory that records the effects of the animal's weight and momentum in a beautiful way," said study lead author Thomas Urban from Cornell University in the US.

"It gives us a way to understand the biomechanics of extinct fauna that we never had before," Urban said.

The researchers examined the footprints of humans, mammoths and giant sloths in the White Sands National Monument in New Mexico.

Using ground-penetrating radar (GPR), they were able to resolve 96 per cent of the human tracks in the area under investigation, as well as all of the larger vertebrate tracks.

ADITYA BIRLA CAPITAL

PROTECTING INVESTING FINANCING ADVISING

Aditya Birla Housing Finance Limited

Registered Office: Indian Rayon Compound, Veraval, Gujarat - 362 266

APPENDIX IV (SEE RULE 8 (1) OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002] POSSESSION NOTICE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)

WHEREAS The undersigned being the authorized officer of Aditya Birla Housing Finance Limited under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 23/07/2019 calling upon the borrower Mr. VINAY CHANDRA JHA, Mrs. NIBHA JHA (Borrower/Co-Borrowers/Guarantors) to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs. 11,42,963.00 (Rupees Eleven Lakh Forty Two Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Three Only) within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002 on this 09th day of November of the year 2019.

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Aditya Birla Housing Finance Limited for an amount of Rs. 11,42,963.00 (Rupees Eleven Lakh Forty Two Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Three Only) and interest thereon.

The borrowers attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the Secured Assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY :-

All that part and parcel of the property consisting Flat. No. 4, Property No. C-9/6, Left Hand Back Side, Upper Ground Floor Without Roof Rights, DLF Ankur Vihar, Sadullabad, Pargana Loni, Tehsil & Distt. Ghaziabad, Bhardar Nagar S.O. (Ghaziabad), Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201102 Measuring Area 37.6 Sq Meter, Which is bounded as belows: East: Other Land, West : 9 Meter Wide Road, North : Plot No. C-9/5, South : Plot No. C-9/7

ADITYA BIRLA HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED Sd/-

PLACE : GHAZIABAD DATE : 13-11-2019 AUTHORIZED OFFICER



MAKE IT BIG

Data analytics opens numerous doors for instructors to connect and facilitate education in better and newer ways, says DR PRATIMA SHEOREY

WITH BIG DATA, INSTITUTES CAN LOOK AT THE PROGRESS OF A STUDENT AND THROUGH HIS BEHAVIOUR AND INSIGHT, PREDICT APPROPRIATE CAREER ALTERNATIVES

Here are a few ways data analysis has already started influencing the Indian educational system:

Improved test results

The general thought of utilising data inside the instructive framework is to improve the results of the students. Right now, the only estimation of the learner's performance is their response to assignments and tests. While this holds true, every learner produces a remarkable data trail. Dissecting this information trail continuously will help increase a superior comprehension of the individual student journey, and in devising the ideal learning conditions for them.

Customisable programmes

With the assistance of data analysis, customised programmes for every individual learner can be made. Regardless of whether schools and colleges have lakhs of students, tailor-

made programmes can be made for every one of them. This is conceivable with the assistance of 'blended learning' — a blend of online and offline pedagogies. This offers the chance to pursue classes that the learners are keen on and furthermore work at their very own pace, and also connecting with educators/facilitators/mentors.

Analysing educators

Instructors can receive the greatest number of rewards from data analytics, because of the handling of information-driven frameworks that can enable educators to make learning experiences as indicated by a learner's learning capacity, and inclination. Different projects can be cultivated that will urge every person to pick what they want to realise. Through this, numerous reports can be produced about the life of a student and what they might want to do or want to pursue in the

future. Instructors can also understand what will and what will not work with a certain set of students, thereby improving their efficacy.

Reduce the number of dropouts

As data analytics in the training

part would help improve students' results, dropout rates at schools and universities would likewise decrease. Instructive organisations can utilise prescient examination on every one of the information that is gathered to give them fragments of knowledge on future understudy results. Such expectations can help investigate a course program before it is brought into the educational plan; limiting the scope for experimentation. Truth be told, enormous amounts of information can likewise be utilised to screen how students are performing in the real world after moving on from school. This would help the future students in picking the correct school and course, reducing the number of dropouts.

Gateway for cross-country exchange programmes

With huge information in the training area, establishments can all the

more precisely foresee candidates and furthermore break down the potential factors that influence the application procedure. Such information will enable organisations to manage their enrolment procedures to get better results. Such an influx of information will also enable understudies to investigate data about schools internationally, accelerating the quest and application process for global students as well.

Career prediction

Closely analysing a student's presentation report will assist the facilitator to understand his/her advancement and their qualities and shortcomings. The reports will propose the areas in which the student is interested, and they can seek a vocation in a similar field. If a student is enthusiastic about learning a specific subject, at that point, the decision ought to be valued and the student ought to be urged to pursue what they wish to pursue. With big data, educational institutions can look at the progress of a student and through their behaviours and insights, predict appropriate career alternatives.

Data analytics is bound to revolutionise the education sector, by allowing students to have a more positive impact on society and the future of the country. And embracing this very field will open up numerous possibilities in the Indian pedagogy system.

The writer is Director, Symbiosis Centre for Management and Human Resource Development, Pune

QUOTE OF THE DAY

A good head and good heart are always a formidable combination. But when you add to that a literate tongue or pen, then you have something very special.

— Nelson Mandela

UG COURSE

The NRAI School of Mass Communication invites applications for admissions to its degree course in Bachelor of Business Administration.

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Eligibility: Candidates who have recently passed Class XII from any recognised board.

How to apply: Log on to www.nraismc.com or application forms & brochure may be obtained from admission office of NRAI School of Mass Communication, Gautam Nagar, New Delhi-110049.

Last date to apply: November 28, 2019.

ECG IN TECHNOLOGY

Delhi Paramedical and management Institute (DPMI) invites applications for admissions to its full time Diploma in Electrocardiogram Technology (ECG).



This course provides syllabus that combines theory and practice, covering important background on the anatomy and physiology of the heart and chest, electrical conduction system of the heart and basic ECG interpretation. Electrocardiogram technicians monitor and test a patient's cardiovascular performance using ECG equipment.

Duration: One year
Eligibility: Candidates who have recently passed Class XII from any recognised board and wants to work in Health industry can enroll for these courses.

How to apply: Log on to www.dpmindia.com or forms & brochure may be obtained from admission office of Delhi Paramedical & Management Institute, New Ashok Nagar, Delhi.

Last date to apply: November 22, 2019.

VITEEE-2020 application form

The sale of printed application forms for VIT Engineering Entrance Examination (VITEEE-2020) for B.Tech programmes was launched by Founder-Chancellor of VIT, Dr G Viswanathan at the Head Post Office, Vellore on November 8, 2019.

VIT Vice President Dr Sekar Viswanathan, VIT Executive Director Dr Sandhya Pentareddy, VIT Pro-Vice Chancellor Dr S Narayanan, Dr G Kalachelvan, Director (UG Admission) among others participated in the event.

A valid VITEEE rank is mandatory for admission to B.Tech programmes offered in VIT Vellore, VIT Chennai, VIT- AP and VIT-Bhopal. The exam will be held from April 13 to April 19, 2020 as Computer Based Test in 120 cities in India as well in Dubai, Kuwait, Muscat and Qatar.

The application forms can be obtained by providing a demand draft for ₹1,250 drawn in favour of Vellore Institute of Technology, payable at the respective campus or by cash payment at selected post offices across the country. The last date for applying is February 29, 2020. For more details log on to www.vit.ac.in.

'Technology is reshaping learning practices'

MUSBA HASHMI speaks with MUKESH SHARMA about the importance of personalised learning and how a holistic curriculum is the need of the hour

What made you come up with Prometheus?

The idea to build the school came into being because there was a need to create an institute that helps students realise their true potential. The school is meant to be that institute, which sets the course for students to receive a high-quality holistic education and become a greater part of the community.

The inspiration for naming the school was drawn from the Greek titan, Prometheus, who gave fire to mankind and initiated the dawn of civilisation. Hence, the name. We want to give students an education that ignites their potential.

How do you plan, to best use your experience in e-learning domain for the students?

We are incorporating the best educational pedagogies and introducing new age tech-enabled practices in line with these pedagogies. I will use my experience to keep the focus on new age learning and introduce latest pedagogies as and when needed.

What different aspects of personalised learning can be used by schools to overcome the age-old learning strategy?

Personalised learning is aimed at meeting the needs of every stu-

dent and drawing out their individual talents and strengths. The first step is moving away from the 'one-size-fits-all' model and creating individual learner profiles, which is a key element of personalised learning.

Once learner profiles have been established, it is possible to utilise 'personal learning paths', which focus on the students' strengths to help them improve. Additionally, the use of 'flexible learning environments' helps students to take control of their education.

Today technology is seen as means of leapfrogging in both teaching, learning as well as in knowledge transactions...

All the way from kindergarten to universities, technology is reshaping teaching and learning practices. This specially applies to the use of gadgets like laptops, mobiles and tablets. Information has become accessible at the click/tap of a finger or through voice commands. Students can easily connect with educators across the globe using the means of technology. International tie-ups for e-learning and offering course material that don't have experts physically available are now possible; which means the child is not bound by a classroom to learn.



Mukesh Sharma
Founding Chairman, Prometheus School, Noida

This is a feat in itself and has expanded the boundaries of the knowledge transactions.

A curriculum with overall development is the need of the hour, do you think customisation can be its tool?

Overall development is essential in raising well-rounded individuals that are endowed with the capabilities to handle the needs of the future. In line with our core-beliefs, customisation of the curriculum is an important aspect of nurturing capable students.

Curriculum that are focused on the outcome of an entire class, as a whole, cannot plan for diversified paths to work ahead. To bring out the best in students, we need to customise the curriculum and their education to enable a well-rounded growth. Customisation of the curriculum can help meet the specific needs of a demography and provide room for growth that can help maximise the students' potential for success.

What are your long term goals?

Within the next five years, the school will have established its name as a top premium school in the country front lining the new age holistic education, encompassing academics, co-curricular activities, sports education and life skills learning. We aim to educate and empower the students to help them grow into aesthetically rich, intellectually aware and integrated young people capable of fulfilling their dreams and aspirations.

Catalyst of growth

Demand for chemical engineers is on the rise as their contribution is required in several sectors, says AJAY KAPUR

One of the evergreen profession is engineering and why not as engineering forms the foundation for innovation and technology. And chemical engineering is one such branch that has always been in demand. A much sought-after stream among engineering aspirants, chemical engineering promises a bright career scope as the range of related professions is wide. From biotechnology and aerospace to biomedical and petroleum industries, the career provides a wide range of opportunities. A highly profitable branch, it provides good growth not only in India but abroad also.

The branch deals with the engineering and development of chemicals/processes to identify and/or solve technical glitches. It combines the knowledge of Chemistry and Engineering to produce chemicals and related by-products. Aspirants should get a degree in Chemical Engineering from a reputed university or college to get a strong backing for their profile.

Responsibilities: The job requires the person to design and invent chemical processes or products, plan and operate industrial plant facilities, create environment-friendly health and safety standards, provide safety measures for chemical



industry work conditions, R&D in the Bio-Tech firms, create chemical materials for industrial production, processing of food and agricultural products, cosmetics, and mineral based industries.

Scope: Earlier it was only about industrial-scale production of chemicals, but the field has seen a vast change as the chemical engineers now cover various fields and industries. A broad field, Chemical Engineering has applications in plastics, textile, food, pharmaceuticals, petroleum, and many more. All these sectors and industries hire Chemical Engineering graduates thus opening a huge scope for them in India as well as abroad.

Chemical engineering gradu-

ates can find jobs in petroleum refineries, petrochemical industries, food processing units, cement factories, pharmaceutical industries, fertiliser factories, biotechnology sector and many others.

Pay Scale: Salaries in this field of Engineering are lucrative where freshers can earn on an average ₹25,000 to ₹30,000 per month. With experience and depending on the skills, the salaries reach ₹5-₹7 lakh per year. If one is willing to go abroad and work in Petroleum industry then one can expect high-end salaries. Competent professionals with few years of experience can expect salaries between ₹1 lakh and ₹3 lakh per month.

The writer is MD, Shubham Chemicals

MoU to foster entrepreneurial education

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

To foster entrepreneurial spirit of its students, JP International School, Greater Noida signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Atal Incubation Centre — BIMTECH, Greater Noida. The agreement aims at building opportunities for students and faculty at both campuses.

AIC BIMTECH is supported by Atal Innovation Mission, NITI Aayog, GOI and BIMTECH. JP International School also has Atal Tinkering Lab, supported by NITI Aayog.

The broad framework of the two partnerships will focus on to help or incubate ideas/start ups which will be curated by AIC-BIMTECH team, faculty exchange pro-



Amit Saxena, Vice President of Sparsh Group & JP International School signs MoU with Chittransh Verma, AVP of AIC-BIMTECH

gramme, student exchange programmes, participation in seminars and academic meetings and others.

15th convocation at SRMIST

Challenges are always there, but are you ready to face them? Questioned A Rajarajan, Director of Satish Dhawan Space Centre SHAR, ISRO, Sriharikota to an enthusiastic crowd of 5000 students who had come to receive their medals, ranks, and degrees at the 15th Annual Convocation at SRM Institute of Science & Technology, Kattankulathur on November 10, 2019.

The chief guest for the event added that hard work and dedication would yield better results. He said: "Remember your par-



KN Vyas, Chairman of Atomic Energy Commission and Secretary of Department of Atomic Energy receives Honorary Degree of Doctor of Science from Founder-Chancellor, SRMIST and Member of Parliament, Dr T R Paarivendhar at the 15th convocation

ents, teachers, and all those who have played a role in your life. The process of traversing from college life to the outer world will be different and difficult. The value systems that you learn from your institution is what will help you overcome these situations."

He also urged students not to give up on their dreams. "If India has to become the best country in the world, it needs all-round development and the primary focus is education. SRM has been contributing massively in this endeavour.

'Teaching is a service'

Manish Sisodia, Delhi Deputy Chief Minister, was the chief guest at the workshop 'Millennium Development Goals 2030: Role of Education and Universities' organised by the University School of Education, IP University to mark the occasion of National Education Day on November 11, 2019.

Speaking at the occasion, Sisodia said: "Teaching is a service, not a profession. The service of the teacher is round the clock and completely 360 degree work. This unique



Delhi Deputy CM Manish Sisodia along with Prof K K Aggarwal, Founder VC & Prof Mahesh Verma, VC, IP University

attribute of the teacher differentiates him from other services."

He further added, quality education can be achieved through active role of universities.



MAKE FUTURE BRIGHT

Corporate banking offers lucrative option for those who are just starting off, says AMIT GOYAL

Banking professionals handle client's money. In simplistic terms, they help individuals and corporate with their investments, loans and all other money related issues. When we hear the words corporate banking, you might immediately think of loans. Or, we might be confused about what corporate banking means and how it's different from commercial banking and investment banking. In either case, your thinking would be justified. In India corporate banking is now the better career option for the younger student.

Take for example a small mom and pop shop in your neighbourhoods, the likely services the business would require would be depositing their daily sales proceeds and making payments to their suppliers. On the other extreme a large global corporate with presence in multiple geographies will have different set of challenges like bidding for projects or requirement for international payments in different currencies.

Job profile

The bankers deal with companies rather than everyday people. Their clients range from small and medium sized companies to huge conglomerates. The products they offer include treasury services, loans and credit, trade finance, and employer services.

Corporate banker's responsibilities include: Meeting with and interviewing corporate and personal customers, discussing their financial requirements, and providing appropriate financial advice. They are advising corporate clients about mergers, acquisitions, capi-

tal markets etc. preparing lending agreements promoting the bank's services planning and problem solving writing reports managing projects training and supervising junior banking staff.

Responsibilities

- Interacting with the business customer, understand their underlying needs and provide them solutions in a timely fashion
- Corporate/business banking also involves business development and new income generation for the bank by way of deepening existing customer wallet and by winning new customer to the bank.
- If and when a customer faces challenges in the bank, they usually contact their designated Relationship Manager and request them to get involved in the situation and resolve it for them.
- Working closely with the Relationship Manager to deliver the right solution.
- Maintaining strong working relationships with all team members and stakeholders.

What to study?

Although there is no prescribed specialisation that one must have in order to be a corporate banker. However, for few roles the hiring manager may prefer a particular stream or background.

For instance, for an analyst role, a degree in mathematics, statistics may be desired due to the analytical nature of the job. Similarly, for a customer-facing role that involves business development, a specialisation in sales and marketing or finance may be desired. Ideally a post graduate diploma in banking and finance from a reputed institute is the next best step to start a career in corporate banking.

Skills

Be a trouble-shooter for the customer. Customer service is at the heart of banking. Good communication skill, a can do attitude and an affable personality is what is looked for when selecting a candidate. Technical knowledge in banking can be added bonus for lateral recruitment. For a fresher, it is imperative that the candidate

is enthusiastic, keen to learn on the job and can connect well with the customers.

Other skills, which can go a long way in a banker's career, are being proactive, attention to details, creative and customer focused. There are many key skills:

- Analytical ability
- Numeracy skills
- Verbal and written communication skills
- Very good interpersonal skills
- Negotiation skills
- Discretion
- Attention to detail
- Ability to priorities, manage time and work under pressure
- Willingness to work long and unsocial hours.

Remuneration

A corporate banker can work in a variety of fields and locales. The annual salary for corporate bankers ranges between ₹5 lakh to ₹8 lakh and is dependent upon the level of experience, type of industry, and geographic location.

The writer is director of TKWs Institute of Banking and Finance

GATE to success

Only three months are left for the GATE 2020 exam. AS PANDIT tells aspirants what they can do to secure a seat in institutes like IITs and NITs

It's a crucial period for the aspirants of the Graduate Aptitude Test in Engineering (GATE) 2020 scheduled on February 1, 2, 8 and 9. Conducted jointly by the Indian Institute of Science and seven Indian Institutes of India (IITs) headed by one institute every year, candidates who end up qualifying the exam are not just eligible to secure a seat in IITs/NITs for higher education courses like MTech and PhD but can also get hired by various Public Sector Undertakings for high-paying engineering-related jobs.

No wonder, the competitive exam is gaining popularity among the students day by day. However, with just 3 months left for the exam, many of you might have started panicking over how to crack GATE 2020 exam with a good rank. Fret not.

Here is a preparation strategy you must follow to ace the GATE:

Focus on the syllabus

While you all must be familiar with the syllabus of the exam and the subjects involved, make sure you are thoroughly aware of the latest one and the topics being covered. All questions asked in the examination are directly related to the topics mentioned in the syllabus.

Subject and topic weightage

Analyse the question papers from the previous 10 years and research on the marks distribution of each subject. This will give you an idea about the core topics to prepare as in the GATE exam, questions are generally asked from the core area of the syllabus, which has to be prepared well.

Keep the fundamentals clear

Unlike other competitive examinations, while preparing for GATE, it is important to clear your basic concepts rather than cramming the formulas. Since simple questions are asked in a tricky format, be thorough with your concepts in order to understand and solve the questions.

Solving previous years' papers

Now that you have understood the pattern of the questions, start with solving as many mock test papers as possible, followed by the previous year's question papers. This will help in adapting to the online pattern and assess your preparation.

Based on the test analysis, you can focus on their weak areas. However,



Akhand Swaroop Pandit
Co-founder-CEO, Catalyst Group

keep in mind that the pattern of the examination has changed for the next year.

Focus on high return and easy questions

During preparations, lay emphasis on topics like Engineering Mathematics and General Ability as they carry 30 per cent of the total marks and are fairly easier to score in. You could look at some online lectures to prepare for these topics.

Attempt the easier questions first

You should go through all questions and try solving those questions first, which you find easy and require less time to score qualifying marks. Beware of attempting questions you are not confident of as there is negative marking too.

Unwind before the exam

When it's just one day left before GATE, stop bothering much about it. Go out for a drive or do anything that relaxes you. Sit for the exam with a rejuvenated mind.

With 90 days in your hand, follow the aforementioned strategy and start your preparation for GATE 2020 exam considering it as your only attempt. However, remember this isn't the end of the world. So, go ahead and give your best shot.

There has been a dramatic shift in the way HR approaches talent acquisition.

Talent shortage and the rapid commercialisation of HR technology have compelled HR departments to treat their candidates like customers. High performing organisations are putting the candidate experience at the front and centre of their recruiting strategy. And technology is a key driver enabling this shift.

Most of us might have at least one negative recruitment experience where the recruiter disappeared after the interview or worse, after filling up a hundred forms and interviewing for a day, you're told that you've not made it. No further explanation provided.

However, HR technology is changing that.

From helping recruiters make faster, more objective decisions to providing real-time updates to candidates, HR technology is helping organisations make recruiting a more candidate-centric process.

Let's look at how HR technology is helping organisations make recruitment more effective:

Recruitment Marketing

The talent landscape today is much more competitive than ever before. The days of placing an ad and waiting for candidates to pour in are long gone. Today, recruiters must sell jobs to candidates in order to fill

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positions faster. And candidates are more likely to have multiple offers when they are interviewing. Which makes it critical for recruiters and organisations to invest in building a strong employee value proposition that encourages candidates to choose their organisation over others.

Online presence coupled with active social handles are one way to building a great employer brand. Dedicated technologies for employee advocacy or recruitment marketing can help organisations tap into diverse, richer talent pools and hire top talent. Many HCM or ATS

solutions also provide modules for career page development and optimisation which is also a big driver of successful recruitment marketing.

Most HR tech solutions also offer some level of automation, helping organisations with smaller budgets and HR teams remain competitive in the talent market. Email marketing and drip campaign capabilities offered by HR technology vendors can prove to be invaluable branding and marketing tools. Again, these capabilities can be offered as a bundle with suite solutions or stand-alone offerings.

Smarter sourcing

The one area in recruitment where technology has had the most pronounced effect is talent sourcing. Access to Internet in the country is on the rise. Social platforms, job boards and CRM platforms are enabling recruiters to tap into a rich pool of talent. ATS and HCM software typically provide capabilities for talent sourcing and help recruiters automate sourcing on platforms like Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Indeed, and Monster.

Objective Talent Assessment

Unconscious bias has been a major hurdle in effective recruitment however, technology is helping recruiters overcome it.

Talent assessment tools help recruiters make an objective, data-driven decision about a candidate's potential fit for an open position.

Talent assessment tools help ensure a fairer recruiting process and deliver a positive candidate experience — helping build the employer brand and position organisations competitively in the talent market.

HR technology is transforming how organisations think about talent acquisition. It is helping recruiters become enablers of the employment experience rather than perform only transactional activities.

The writer is Vidhya Sam, HR Head, Adrenalin eSystems



The Macquarie University, one of Australia's top 10 universities announced scholarship worth AUD \$15 million to reward outstanding students in India, with a focus on providing financial support for students across all courses.

The university offers up to \$40,000 scholarship for Indian students enrolling in undergraduate programme and up to \$25,000 scholarship for PG programmes. The scholarships will be disbursed as \$10,000 annual scholarship towards tuition fees covering all coursework programmes commencing in 2020. This would mean a student enrolling in a four-year undergraduate degree would receive \$40,000 over four years or approximately 25-30% off their total tuition fees.

Applicants for all 2020 scholarships will be required to meet the English and academic requirements for the course they have selected and accept their offer by the deadlines listed below:

For students commencing a degree in February 2020 the deadline is December 20, 2019. For students commencing a degree in July 2020 the deadline is June 19, 2020.

For details on application and eligibility please visit:

<https://www.mq.edu.au/>

The University of Sheffield, UK is offering 50 international UG merit scholarships in 2020. The scholarships are competitive awards worth 50% of the tuition fee for an undergraduate degree programme starting in September 2020. The scholarship is available for new international (non-EU) students who meet the eligibility criteria.

You will be able to apply for a scholarship via MUSE for applicants. You must hold an offer to study at the University of Sheffield. Scholarship results will be announced by 16:00 (UK time) on Friday May 22, 2020.

Eligibility: Your programme must be scheduled to commence at the University of Sheffield in September 2020.

You must receive an offer for a course studied in full at the university. All UG degree courses are eligible with the exceptions of Medicine (A100/A101) and Dentistry (A200). For tuition fee purposes you must be self-funded and eligible to pay the overseas tuition fee. You must not be a sponsored student.

For more information visit: <https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/international/fees-and-funding/scholarships/undergraduate/international-graduate-merit-scholarship>

Application deadline: Last date is 13:00 (UK time) May 4, 2020.

ACCOUNTS AT JENOME BIOPHAR

Location: Delhi
Stipend: ₹15,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/2014510
Application deadline: November 21, 2019

FRONT END DEVELOPMENT AT TECHCRUZERS SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT LLP

Location: Delhi
Stipend: ₹6,000-₹8,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/2014511
Application deadline: November 20, 2019

GRAPHIC DESIGN AT PATA HAI MEDIA LABS

Location: Delhi
Stipend: ₹10,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/2014512
Application deadline: November 21, 2019

WEB DEVELOPMENT AT BLU SAVIORS

Location: Work From Home
Stipend: ₹11,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/2014513
Application deadline: November 21, 2019

OPERATIONS AT ANTHILL CREATIONS

Location: Bengaluru
Stipend: ₹15,000-₹20,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/2014507
Application deadline: November 20, 2019

DIGITAL MARKETING AT DXMINDS TECHNOLOGIES INCORPORATION

Location: Bengaluru
Stipend: ₹7,000-₹10,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/2014508
Application deadline: November 20, 2019

HUMAN RESOURCES (HR) AT D'FRENS CONSULTING

Location: Bengaluru
Stipend: ₹12,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/2014509
Application deadline: November 20, 2019

STUDY ABROAD

Brexit, a boon or bane for Indian students?

ROHIT SETHI, Director, ESS Global, gives a low down on what does Brexit mean for international students eyeing UK universities

With the deadline for the withdrawal now extended till January 31, 2020, the uncertainty still prevails around whether Brexit

will have any effect over the academic aspirations of international students willing to study in the UK.

Post-Brexit plans will not only bring bad news for UK students willing to study in mainland Europe but will also affect the EU students. Proposals from Britain's education ministry have stated that from 2021 the UK may start charging overseas EU students the same fees as charged to the other international students. This means that EU students would have to pay somewhere between £10,000 and £35,000 a year to attend a university in England.

Moreover, Britain's exit from the EU can possibly affect the country's reputation as one of the top study abroad destinations. It can complicate the student visa process, making it more difficult for international graduates to secure jobs in the country due to fluctuations in

work visa policies. There is also a possibility of getting no scholarships in the case of certain universities in the UK. While Brexit may not impact the UK based scholarships like Commonwealth or Great, it may hinder the probabilities of international students planning to participate in EU-based grants through programmes like Erasmus+.

A recent study by the GMAT council reported that international students are still keen to study business in the UK. In fact, Brexit is expected to bring a considerable positive impact on Indian students interested in pursuing higher education in the UK, especially those willing to register for the postgraduate programmes at UK universities. With the British Government revealing its ambitious immigration plan underlining the need for skilled professionals in the UK economy, the admission of Indians and other migrants from the non-EU regions will hugely benefit from such a demand and favourable immigration policies.

Changing policies might be a boon for Indian and non-EU students.



IN BRIEF

YOUNG DESIGNERS SHOWCASE THEIR TALENT

The JD Institute of Fashion Technology participated in a theme-based fashion show #KnotsOfInspiration/Education organised by the Italian Embassy at the Italian Embassy Cultural Center and showcased their design collections.

The institute participated in the event along with other fashion schools in the country. The fashion show was followed by the Young Italy-India Fashion Lab

contest in which winners stand a chance to pursue higher studies on scholarship and attend the Milan Fashion Week.

Commented on the event, Harsh Dalal, Director, JD Institute of Fashion Technology, said, "I am delighted to be a part of this event. I wish good luck to all the growing young talents of India and being the part of this industry we will always support and enhance their skills to make Indian fashion, a global identity."

GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL STUDENT CHAPTER

The BMS College of Engineering, Bangalore has recently launched the IGBC (Indian Green Building Council) Student Chapter, with an objective to promote sustainability among the student community. The event helped the students to have a better understanding of the green technology and its needs in the current world scenario.

Arun Rao, Head

Engineering, Assetz Property Group said: "It is quite visible that green properties are environment friendly and helps people and makes a better place for people to stay. This initiative taken by the college has been an eye-opener for the other institutions in Bangalore to have a concept of necessity and awareness regarding implementing the subject of green technology and making

the student-community to be more responsible towards the society and even the environment."

The IGBC student chapter will involve activities like presentations and lectures by experts on Green buildings, opportunities to participate in IGBC events, internship opportunities for students on green building, design competition, participation in chapter meetings.

WORKSHOP ON PHOTOGRAPHY AT IAD

The Indian Institute of Art and Design (IAD) organised a two-day photography workshop at its Okhla campus for Communication Design Students. The aim of the workshop, facilitated by Canon Photo Mentor and a Lifestyle and Commercial Photographer Ravi Dhingra, was to provide the students a chance to learn about the basics of photography from light sources to various lighting types and techniques.

The workshop provided the students with a platform to talk about the various aspects to keep in mind while taking a

photograph and how to use reflectors and light modifiers in order to create the appropriate atmosphere and environment to visually express themselves.

Dhingra said: "Picture capturing is an art in which you need to gauge the details such as light, frame, exposure etc. to create an art piece. Shadow plays an important role in adding volume and dimension to any frame." He stressed on the importance of the absence of colors in a time of so much sensory overload, as a way of disrupting the monotony and asserting one's individuality.

Federer alive at ATP Finals

AFP ■ LONDON

Roger Federer kept alive his hopes of a seventh ATP Finals crown on Tuesday, beating Italian debutant Matteo Berrettini 7-6 (7/2), 6-3 at London's O2 Arena.

The Swiss third seed put himself under enormous pressure by losing his first match on Sunday in straight sets in Group Bjorn Borg to Dominic Thiem.

The six-time champion was not at his fluent best on Tuesday but ultimately had too much for Berrettini, who won just three games against Novak Djokovic in his opener.

Both players were solid on serve in the first set, with Federer struggling to make inroads against the eighth seed.

The Swiss eventually earned himself the sniff of a chance in the 12th game, winning the first break point of the match but Berrettini snuffed out the danger and held to take it into a tie-break.

Federer upped the level of his game in the shootout, helped by some wayward shots from his opponent plus a Berrettini double-fault and won it comfortably 7-2.

The Swiss, clad in black, broke immediately at the start of the second set to leave the Italian with a mountain to climb.

Berrettini earned a clutch of break points in the eighth game but Federer eventually served himself out of trouble.

Federer, as usual enjoying the lion's share of support from the crowd, broke in the next game to seal the set 6-3.

The 20-time Grand Slam champion said he had remained calm and tried to stay positive after the Thiem defeat.

"There's no reason to be too down on yourself," he said. "We came here to play three matches and give it all we have."

It was the big goal of the season to come here and qualify which we did, plus I had a day off."

"Not everything was bad (in the Thiem match) but of course if you over-analyse it, all of a sudden it can be," he added. "I was ready, I was prepared today and that's what matters the most."



Roger Federer plays a return shot against Matteo Berrettini during their ATP World Tour Finals singles match at the O2 Arena in London on Tuesday

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'NO EXCUSES'

On Monday night, Rafael Nadal refused to make excuses after being outplayed by defending champion Alexander Zverev.

The Spanish top seed, who has never won the season-ending event, came into the tournament under an injury cloud and was well short of his imperious best as he went down 6-2, 6-4.

He is locked in a battle with Novak Djokovic to finish as the year-end number one but was not serving flat out in practice last week due to an abdominal strain that forced him to pull out of the Paris Masters at the semi-final stage.

The 33-year-old led Germany's Zverev 5-0 in head-to-head contests coming into the match but was uncharacteristically sloppy in the first set, conceding two breaks of serve.



Rafael Nadal in action against Alex Zverev

AP

Buoyed by his dominant start, Zverev, seeded seventh, broke in the first game of the second set to take an iron grip on the match.

Nadal dug deep, urging himself on but his 22-year-old opponent proved too strong. He did not concede a single break point in the entire match.

Zverev hit a total of 26 winners—double his opponent's tally—and Nadal managed just three forehand winners in the entire match.

"The physical issue was not an excuse at all," said the Spanish 19-time Grand Slam champion, who said he did not feel any pain from his abdominal injury. "The only excuse is I was not good enough tonight."

"What really matters is I need to play much better in two days. That's the only thing," he added. "We knew that it was going to be tough, because the period of time since the injury

until today is very short, but we are here trying."

Zverev, one of four players under the age of 24 at the event in London, was delighted to recapture his best form after a mixed season.

"This means so much, playing here again after winning my biggest title so far in my career here last year," he said.

"This means everything to me. Playing here, playing in front of you all, playing in the O2 is something that we don't have during the year, and this is so special."

Nadal faces a tough task now to qualify for the semi-finals from the group phase, with matches still to come against Tsitsipas and Medvedev.

The Spaniard has qualified for the year-end championships for 15 years in a row but has only made nine appearances due to injuries.



Indian players warm up during team's practice session in Dubai ahead of FIFA World Cup qualifier against Afghanistan Indian Football/Twitter

Creating chances not enough, need to score from them: Chhetri

PTI ■ DUBAI

Talismanic captain Sunil Chhetri on Tuesday asked his team-mates to pull up their socks and produce an improved performance in the team's crunch World Cup qualifying round match against Afghanistan tomorrow.

After inspiring performance against Asian champions Qatar (0-0 draw), India played out a 1-1 draw against lower-ranked Bangladesh, who were on the verge of running away with the match before the home side's late equaliser in Kolkata on October 15.

Igor Stimac's side are now at the fourth spot in the Group E table with two points and tomorrow's match at Tajikistan capital of Dushanbe will be a crunch game for India to our true potential, there's no reason not to repeat it against Afghanistan and Oman again," he added.

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"We are creating chances. But that is not enough. We have to try our best to convert them and try to be a tougher unit while defending. We have missed against Bangladesh and we need to pull up our socks

against Afghanistan," Chhetri said after a short training stint at the Dubai Sports City.

"At the end of the day, if we can do better on the pitch, we'll be happier," Chhetri mentioned.

Fullback Subhasish Bose said, "Maintaining clean sheets will be of paramount importance in order to stay alive in the race of the World Cup Qualifiers. We will need to be sharper in the absence of Sandeshbhai (Jhingani)."

"The team is upbeat. We will leave no stone unturned to make the most out of the remaining games. We were able to do the same against Qatar. If we play to our true potential, there's no reason not to repeat it against Afghanistan and Oman again," he added.

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Mix and Match

Kohli & Co take pink ball throwdowns in between red ball nets



Indian players during a practice session ahead of their first Test match against Bangladesh at Holkar Stadium in Indore on Tuesday

PTI ■ INDORE

Skipper Virat Kohli had his first experience of negotiating a pink ball as Indian cricketers took turns to get used to the new colour during the net session ahead of the first Test against Bangladesh, starting from Thursday (tomorrow).

The Indian team did not train under the lights and the throwdowns with the SG pink ball was part of the traditional red-ball practice session.

Usually, three adjacent nets are placed — for pacers, spinner and throwdowns — for Indian team's practice. However, on team's request, the throwdown-net was created on the other side of the ground on separate practice turfs with a black sight-screen. It was skipper Kohli, who first faced the pink ball.

With throwdown specialists Raghavendra and Sri Lankan Nuwan Senaviratne hurling the pink stuff at express pace, the skipper looked comfortable. He looked more intent on playing defensive shots.

Once Kohli was done and went into the main nets, the other top-order batsmen including Cheteshwar Pujara mixed and matched, facing red and pink ball simultaneously.

Young reserve opener Shubman

PINK BALL LESSONS

'It's a different ball game as compared to red ball'

Visibility at twilight could be difficult: Pujara

PTI ■ INDORE

The pink ball is going to be a very "different ball game", India vice-captain Ajinkya Rahane asserted on Tuesday, saying its extra lateral movement compared to the red cherry will force batsmen to play late and closer to their bodies.

Rahane had a couple of practice sessions with the pink ball under the watchful eyes of NCA Director Rahul Dravid in Bengaluru building up to the historic Day/Night Test starting November 22.

"We had two good practice sessions, actually four but two with pink ball — one during the day and one under lights. It was actually exciting," Rahane said ahead of the first Test.

"For me, it was the first time I played with the pink ball and definitely it's a different ball game as compared to red ball. Our focus was to look into the swing and seam movement and also play close to our body," Virat Kohli's deputy observed.

Rahane's assessment after his initial sessions was that the batsmen will have to tweak their technique slightly.

"What we found out after the practice session was that the (new) pink ball does a lot more than the red ball. You have to play slightly late and close to your body. We had a word with Rahul *bhai* as he was also there."



Cheteshwar Pujara & Ajinkya Rahane train at NCA

BENGALURU: Top batsman Cheteshwar Pujara feels "visibility at twilight" could be an issue when India and Bangladesh venture into the uncharted territory called Day/Night Tests later this month in Kolkata.

The Test at Eden will not only be the first day/night affair for both the sides but it will also mark the first official appearance of SG pink balls.

"I have played earlier with pink ball in the Duleep Trophy, that was good experience. Playing with pink ball at the domestic level could come in handy," Pujara told 'bcci.tv'. Majority of the cricketers will be playing with the pink ball for the first time in their careers.

However, the likes of Pujara, Mayank Agarwal, Hanuma Vihari, and Kuldeep Yadav have experience of playing with the Kookaburra pink ball in Duleep Trophy.

"Visibility is not an issue during the day, it will be an issue in twilight and under lights, the twilight could be a little difficult. Those sessions will be crucial," Pujara added. "Most players have said that picking the wrist spinners' wrong 'un is a little difficult." For another senior player, Ajinkya Rahane, training ahead of the match will come in handy as far as acclimatisation is concerned.

Bhuvneshwar trains with team to test fitness

PTI ■ INDORE

Recovering from a hamstring injury and a side strain, pacer Bhuvneshwar Kumar assessed himself for a comeback when he participated in a "skill session" during Indian team's practice.

The Indian team management seem to have taken charge of Bhuvneshwar's final phase of rehabilitation.

His injury has been a concern for the Indian team since he came back from the West Indies after the limited overs series. He followed a rehabilitation programme at the National Cricket Academy.

"Bhuv is here for a skill session with the team. The team management just wants him to get into the groove," a team source said about the pacer's presence at the net session.

He had a catching session with fielding coach R Sridhar and then participated briefly in the net session. He bowled a few deliveries from full run-up but it was evident that he wasn't going full tilt.

However Bhuvneshwar's presence at the session is a welcome news considering that the 29-year-old is still an important member as far as India's white ball cricket is concerned.



Bhuvneshwar Kumar during practice session

Gill seemed to have taken a hit when one of the deliveries bounced extra but it was not serious.

The Indian team will get only two full training days ahead of their first day/night Test at the Eden Gardens, starting November 22.

Aware that not much time is in hand, the BCCI had arranged a couple of pink ball sessions under lights for the Test specialists like Ajinkya Rahane, Mayank Agarwal, Pujara, Mohammed Shami at the NCA under Rahul Dravid's guidance.



B'desh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and West Bengal chief minister Mamata Banerjee, left, are likely to watch 1st day of Day/Night Test

Hasina, Mamata likely to watch D/N Test together

PTI ■ KOLKATA

Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and West Bengal chief minister Mamata Banerjee are likely to watch India's first ever Day/Night Test together after ringing the customary Eden Bell to start the proceedings on November 22.

A four-member team led by Bangladesh's Deputy High Commissioner Toufique Hasan did a recce of the Eden Gardens on Tuesday and checked the seating arrangements for the Prime Minister and her 80-odd delegates who will grace the historic occasion.

As per the schedule, Hasina will be on a one-day visit and she will watch the match for some time after ringing the Bell and once again will come back at the closing time 8pm when the Cricket Association of Bengal will present a grand felicitation.

Hasan did not confirm whether Hasina and Mamata will watch the match together but a CAB official indicated that they would be seen together in one of the President's box at BC Roy Club House.

Giving the details of Hasina's programme, Hasan said: "Prime Minister will arrive in the morning on the same day and will come to the Eden to ring the Bell just before the start at 1pm. She

will leave to take rest after watching the match for some time and will return again at 8pm for the main felicitation programme."

"She will be seated in one of the central President Boxes near the Bell. We are happy with the arrangements and looking forward to be part of the historic occasion. Eden is known as the Mecca of Cricket and for the first time both the countries will play a Day/Night match. Bangladesh people are really excited," he added.

Hasina will leave on the same day after the felicitation. The schedule of her political programmes of the day is not yet finalised.

Hasina and Mamata will be accompanied by BCCI President Sourav Ganguly, BCCI Secretary Jay Shah, cricket icon Sachin Tendulkar, Rahul Dravid, Naimur Rehman, BCB President Nazmul Hasan along with CAB office bearers.

"Following the first day's play, the players who played the first Test between India and Bangladesh will be felicitated followed by speeches by the hon'ble dignitaries," CAB Secretary Avishek Dalmiya said.

In the break, there are plans for a chat show featuring the fabulous five of Sourav Ganguly, Sachin Tendulkar, Rahul Dravid, Anil Kumble and VVS Laxman.

'Babar has potential to match Kohli & Smith'

IAN S ■ PERTH

Having managed to end as the highest run-getter for Pakistan in the just concluded T20I series against Australia, it will be important for Babar Azam to turn on the screws in the longer format as his team gets ready to take on the Aussies in a two-match Test series, which also includes a Day-Night game at Adelaide.

And former Australia batsman Michael Hussey believes that the talented batsman can be spoken of in the same sentence as that which has stalwarts like Virat Kohli, Steve Smith and Kane Williamson if he improves his Test record.

"I honestly believe this guy can be in the same conversation when we start talking about the best players in the world," Hussey was quoted as saying by Fox Sports. "We start talking about (Virat) Kohli, Steve Smith, Kane Williamson, Joe Root gets floated around.

"I think if he can start putting together some big hundreds like this in the Test arena, he's that good ... he's a brilliant, brilliant player," he added.

Babar made a brilliant start to the preparation for the two-Test series as he hit a masterful 157 in the practice game against Australia A. This after scoring two fifties in the three-match T20I series that saw the hosts win the series 2-0 as the first game saw no result thanks to rain.

Tigers preparing to tackle Ashwin-Jadeja

PTI ■ INDORE

It's India's fast bowling unit which is now feared in Tests but Bangladeshi batsmen are more concerned about handling spin twins Ravichandran Ashwin and Ravindra Jadeja during the two-match series, top-order player Mohammed Mithun said on Tuesday.

Mohammed Shami, Umesh Yadav and Ishant Sharma are expected to be more than a handful during the series but Mithun seemed more wary about the Ashwin-Jadeja threat.

"We all know the strength of their bowling line-up. We are working on how to tackle their spinners as it is batting-friendly for the first two days but afterwards their spinners come into play as they try to attack the opposition," he said.

"We are working on some technical aspects keeping our focus on how to handle them," Mithun said.

They are expecting that batting coach Neil McKenzie will help them decode the Indian spinners.



Daniel Vettori supervises Bangladesh's training session in Indore on Tuesday

"Let the technical things remain inside the dressing room," he said without parting with the trade secrets.

"We are looking at our strength more than focusing on their weakness because no team could do well against them at their home (in the recent past). We are looking forward to do well here. Obviously it won't be easy and we need to work really hard," he said.

"The five bowlers they (India) have, we cannot take anyone lightly because everyone is world class." Mithun has belief in his young bowling unit that it can take 20 wickets to win a Test match.

"Any batsman can get out anytime. If we can bowl as a unit with discipline I feel we can pick 20 wickets."

While India are favourites by a distance, Mithun feels that the T20 win in Delhi gives them hope of enjoying a good result.

"If we look at the past no one gave us any chance when it comes to beating India in the T20 and that too in their own backyard. "But our players had that belief. We are disappointed that we could not win the last game (in Nagpur) despite creating chances at the same time now we are looking forward to do well in Test series."

Chahar almost takes hat-trick in Mushtaq Ali Trophy Mumbai record 4th win

PTI ■ THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Medium-pacer Deepak Chahar followed up his hat-trick in the final India-Bangladesh T20 international with almost a repeat, taking three wickets in the space of four balls for Rajasthan against Vidarbha in a Group B match of the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy T20 tournament here on Tuesday.

However, his heroics (four wickets in an over) went in vain as Rajasthan went down by 1 run (via the VJD method) finishing with 105 for 8 in a game to reduced to 13 overs due to rain.

The fast-improving Deepak Chahar, who on Sunday last became the first India player to take a T20 international hat-trick and also the best ever bowling figures (6 for 7), picked up the wickets of Darshan Nalkande, Shrikant Wagh and Akshay Wadkar off the



Deepak Chahar celebrates after hat-trick

fourth, fifth and sixth balls of the final over of Vidarbha's innings, but missed the three-peat as he bowled a wide in between.

His performance helped Rajasthan restrict the opponent to 99 for 9 in 13 overs.

After scalping the wicket of Rupesh Rajkumar of the first ball of the over, he dismissed Nalkande off the fourth.

However, he delivered a wide the next ball and then dismissed Wagh and Wadkar off the next two to finish with figures of 4 for 18 in 3 overs.

Chahar began the over by picking up the wicket of Rupesh Rajkumar to finish with superb figures of 4 for 18 in 3 overs.

Earlier, Vidarbha chose to bat after winning the toss and after some middling performances by the batsmen, the Vidarbha innings

imploded and Deepak Chahar triggered the collapse.

His first victim was Rathod, who was caught by his cousin Rahul Chahar.

He then had Nalkande caught by Rajnesh Bishnoi, before having Wagh caught by Chandrapal Singh Chundawat.

He then bowled Wadkar to complete a hat-trick.

Chasing 106 for victory, Rajasthan faltered after a bright start provided by Manender Singh, who smashed 6 sixes in 17 balls before falling for 44.

Opener Ankit Lamba (15, 11 balls, 1 four, 1 six) and Arjit Gupta (12, 9 balls, 1 four, 1 six) were the only other batsmen to reach double figures as the team could make only 105 in 13 overs.

Vidarbha tops the points table with 16 points from 4 matches in an all-win record.

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Mumbai registered its fourth win in the league stage at Wankhede stadium on Tuesday after beating Pondicherry by 27 runs.

The title favourites have beaten Mizoram, Haryana and Madhya Pradesh in their first three games.

Asked to bat, Mumbai rode on a blazing half century by skipper Suryakumar Yadav (57 off 37 balls) to post a descent 171/6 on the board.

Their inform openers Jay Bista (29 off 21 balls) and Aditya Tare (20 off 14 balls) conjured 48 runs for the first wicket.

Chasing 172, Pondicherry had a pathetic start and were reeling at 29-2.

But then Parag Dogra (45 off 35 balls) and opener Arun Karthik (27 balls) tried to resurrect the innings with 28-run stand, before Karthik



was dismissed by Shivam Dube.

Anand Subramanian (39 off 31 balls) and Dogra gave a scare to Mumbai, but their bowlers held their nerves to eke out a win.

Pacer Tushar Deshpande (2-29) and Shams Mulani (2-25) shared the spoils.

There are no matches on Wednesday and the action resumes on Thursday.

In the first game at the Wankhede Stadium, Meghalaya stunned Assam by four wickets.

At BKC, Madhya Pradesh defeated Mizoram by 86 runs. In the second game at the same venue, Haryana defeated Bengal by five wickets as they chased the 123-run target with 17 balls to spare.

Yuzvendra Chahal, who came back to the Haryana team after national duty, returned with figures of 1-21.