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SC doubts efficacy as more odd-even mulled

Pollution in Delhi nears emergency, schools shut in NCR also

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

As air pollution in Delhi plunged to near the emergency level on Wednesday, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said his Government is mulling extension of the odd-even scheme with the Supreme Court-mandated anti-pollution authority EPCA ordering closure of Delhi-NCR schools till November 15.

However, the SC issued a notice to the Delhi Government on a plea challenging the odd-even. The apex court had earlier questioned the Delhi Government as to what it was achieving from the odd-even scheme by stopping plying of cars that are less polluting compared to two and three-wheelers and taxis.

The SC directed the Government and the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) to place before it the data of pollution in Delhi from



Masked cyclists ride on Rajpath as smog enveloped Delhi on Wednesday
Ranjan Dimri | Pioneer

October till November 14 this year and from October 1 to December 31, 2018.

"Let the Government of NCT of Delhi... file data in this regard in the court on the basis of the previous experience and whether three-wheelers and taxis are plying more on roads during such restrictions and relevant data be placed,"

the bench had said.

The overall air quality index in Delhi on Wednesday was 454 at 3.30 pm. Rohini was the most-polluted area with an AQI of 486, followed by Nehru Nagar (484) and Jahangirpuri (483). Faridabad (442), Ghaziabad (464), Greater Noida (460), Gurugram (448) and Noida (468) also choked

on extremely polluted air.

While talking about extending the odd-even scheme beyond November 15, Kejriwal appealed to Opposition parties to shun their resistance to the scheme. "Pollution has increased drastically. All of Delhi is demanding the odd-even and at such a time the Opposition should support the people's wish," he said. The scheme, implemented from November 4, is to end on November 15. "If the need arises, we will extend it (odd-even scheme)," the CM said.

Kejriwal blamed stubble burning in neighbouring States for episodes of rising air pollution in Delhi.

"I remember German Chancellor Angela Merkel was in Delhi a few days ago... when a public health emergency was declared. What kind of image of Delhi she must have carried to her country?" he said.

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SC verdict blessing in disguise for BSY

Top court upholds disqualification but allows rebel MLAs to fight bypolls

DEEPAK K UPRETI ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court's ruling on Wednesday disqualifying 17 Congress and JD(S) MLAs in Karnataka but allowing them to contest the December 5 bypolls has come as a breather for State Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa. If elected back to the Assembly, these MLAs would bolster his Government sitting on a razor thin majority.

The SC ruling may help consolidate Yediyurappa's shaky hold over the Government with 105 plus one Independent MLAs vis-à-vis the Opposition. The MLAs are to join the BJP on Thursday and are likely to be fielded on the 15 Assembly



seats from which they had won and where the bypolls are to be held on December 5.

If the rebels do get BJP tickets and manage to win, it would give a numerical boost to Yediyurappa in the Assembly. The BJP needs to win at least seven seats to ensure it achieves the majority (112 seats) on its own. Candidates are required to file their nomination papers

between November 11 and November 18.

A total of 17 "rebel" MLAs — 14 belonging to the Congress and three to the JD(S) — who resigned from the Karnataka Assembly and were "won over" by the BJP were disqualified in July this year by the Assembly Speaker. The long-drawn political drama with "rebel" MLAs ferried out of the State and kept in star hotels subsequently led to the fall of the JD(S)-Congress coalition Government headed by JD(S) leader HD Kumarawamy on July 23 during a trust vote.

Though upholding the Speaker's decision to disqualify the MLAs, the Supreme

Court opened a window for them to enter the Assembly by permitting them to contest the bypolls for 15 seats. The elections to the remaining two seats are withheld due to petitions related to them pending in the High Court. The SC cancelled the Speaker's decision to bar them from contesting polls.

In a strong indictment of the Speaker and political parties, the 3-member SC Bench said there is a growing trend of Speakers acting against the "constitutional duty of being neutral" in addition to political parties indulging in horse trading and corrupt practices due to which citizens are being denied Stable Governments.

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50:50 Sena's post-poll artifice, asserts Shah

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Breaking his silence for the first time over the Maharashtra impasse, BJP president and Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Wednesday rejected the Shiv Sena's claim that it was promised rotational chief ministership. He said the Shiv Sena had simply come up with post-electoral conditions that could not be accepted.

Seeking to puncture Shiv Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray's contentions, Shah wondered why Sena didn't object to the BJP projecting Devendra Fadnis as its Chief Minister candidate during the election



campaigning. "Before the elections, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and I said many times in public that if our alliance wins then Devendra Fadnis will be the Chief Minister, no one objected back then," Shah told news agency ANI.

"Now they (Shiv Sena) have come up with new demands which are not acceptable to us," Shah asserted.

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NCP, Cong talk CMP as bids on for non-BJP Govt

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

Less than 24 hours after the imposition of President's Rule, efforts to form a non-BJP Government began in Maharashtra on Wednesday, as the Congress and the NCP initiated the process of drawing up a Common Minimum Programme (CMP) for a three-party Government and the leaders of the Sonia Gandhi-led party met Shiv Sena president Uddhav Thackeray and initiated preliminary talks.

Both the NCP and Congress leaders nominated five leaders each to formulate a CMP for the three-party Government. "We (Congress

and NCP) will sit across and formulate a CMP for the proposed three-party front. Once we are ready with the CMP and through with other issues relating to power-sharing, we will talk to the Sena leadership. We will take the Sena inputs and consent on the CMP subsequently," a senior Congress leader said.

Simultaneously, NCP president Sharad Pawar held talks with his party leaders on the CMP and the power-sharing arrangement for the proposed Shiv Sena-NCP-Congress Government. The State Congress leaders held a similar meeting among themselves.

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CJI office within RTI ambit

But independence of judiciary must be protected, adds SC

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The office of the Chief Justice of India (CJI) is a public authority under the Right to Information (RTI) Act, the Supreme Court held on Wednesday but said "judicial independence has to be kept in mind" while disclosing information in "public interest".

In a path-breaking verdict, a 5-judge Constitution

Bench headed by Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi dismissed the appeal filed by the Central Public Information Officer and the Secretary General of the apex court against the Delhi High Court's 2010 judgment.

Writing the judgment on behalf of the CJI, Justice Deepak Gupta and himself, Justice Sanjiv Khanna referred to several decisions and viewpoints to highlight the contentions of the issue of "transparency, accountability and judicial independence", and said it was necessary that "the question of judicial independence is accounted for in the balancing exercise".

Referring to Constitutional scheme on setting up of the apex court, the verdict said, "It is undebatable that the Supreme Court of India is a 'public authority', as defined vide clause (h) to Section 2 of the RTI Act as it has been established and constituted by or under the Constitution.

"The CJI is the competent authority in the case of the Supreme Court.

Consequently, in terms of Section 28 of the RTI Act, the CJI is empowered to frame rules, which have to be notified... to carry out provisions of the RTI Act."

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Rafale, Sabarimala judgments today

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court is scheduled to pronounce on Thursday its verdict on petitions seeking a review of its judgment giving a clean chit to the Modi Government in the Rafale fighter jet deal with French firm Dassault Aviation.

Also, it is to give its verdict on a batch of petitions seeking re-examination of its decision to allow entry of women of all age group in Kerala's Sabarimala Temple. Political parties, right-wing outfits and devotees in Kerala are keeping their fingers crossed.

JNU rolls back fee hike partially, students dub move eyewash

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The JNU administration's move on Wednesday to pacify protesting students by rolling back the hostel fee hike partially for BPL students has not gone down well with some students who dubbed it as an "eyewash", and decided to continue with the strike.

The decision was taken at the varsity's 283rd Executive Council (EC) meeting. HRD Secretary R Subrahmanyam announced while asking the protesting students to resume classes. The EC meeting was shifted outside the campus at the last moment fearing trouble by agitators.

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CAPSULE

PAK TO AMEND ARMY ACT TO ALLOW JADHAV APPEAL
Islamabad: Pakistan is preparing to amend the Army Act to allow death-row convict Kulbhushan Jadhav the right to file an appeal against his conviction in a civilian court, according to defence sources here.

RETAIL INFLATION JUMPS TO 4.62% IN OCTOBER
New Delhi: Retail inflation surged to 4.62 per cent in October, mainly on account of higher food prices, according to Government data released on Wednesday. P10

COURT EXTENDS PC'S CUSTODY TILL NOV 27
New Delhi: A Delhi court on Wednesday extended the judicial custody of former Finance Minister P Chidambaram till November 27 in the INX Media money laundering case filed by the Enforcement Directorate.

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INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS

Fugitive who slapped Pawar in 2011 held

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Police has arrested a 36-year-old 'Proclaimed Offender' (PO) who had slapped Nationalist Congress Party's (NCP) president Sharad Pawar at a public function in 2011 and had disappeared during the trial in national Capital.

The accused has been identified as Arvinder Singh alias Harvinder Singh, a resident of Delhi's Swarop Nagar.

Police said the accused was arrested in November 2011 after he assaulted Sharad Pawar, the then Union Minister of Agriculture at NDMC Convention Hall in New Delhi but the accused disappeared during the course of trial and



was declared PO by the Patiala House in the year 2014.

According to Eish Singhal, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), New Delhi district, the accused Arvinder was involved in two cases of assault registered at Connaught Place and Parliament Street Police Station and he was declared PO in both the cases.

"Several visits were made to trace the accused at his native

address but he quietly shifted to some unknown place. On November 11 this year, specific inputs were received regarding the new address of Arvinder. The police team reached the place, cornered it and nabbed him. After due verification, the proclaimed offender was arrested under the related sections of law," said the DCP.

"After the assault on Sharad Pawar, the accused in the year 2012 had also assaulted on duty police constable at Jantar Mantar. A case under section 186/353/506 of Indian Penal Code (IPC) was registered at Parliament Street Police Station," said the DCP adding that Arvinder was produced in court that sent him to judicial custody.

Kidnapper held, victim with stab wounds hospitalised

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Police Control Room (PCR) unit of Delhi Police nabbed a 22-year-old kidnapper red-handed in Delhi's Rohini area on the intervening night of Tuesday and Wednesday. Police said the accused is also found involved in six cases of robbery, snatching and Arms Act registered across the national Capital.

The accused has been identified as Qasim, a resident of Delhi's Kirari area. According to Sharat Kumar Sinha, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), PCR, around 1.08 am on Wednesday, a PCR call was received in which the caller stated that about 08.30 pm, his brother Sunny had gone to market on his Apache

bike but had not returned yet.

"Later, a call was received from the accused persons demanding ₹5,000 for the release of Sunny. The accused also directed them to come at Sector 20, Rohini with the ransom money," said the DCP.

"Acting on the call a team on Multi Purpose Vehicle (MPV) along with the complainant immediately started searching for Sunny and accused persons. When they reached near Sector 20 in Rohini, the police team saw the bike of Sunny. The police team immediately started looking for the victim in the nearby areas and managed to trace the him in the custody of accused persons in a secluded vacant plot," said the DCP.

"On seeing the police team, the accused persons tried to escape but Qasim was nabbed by the police team while another accused managed to flee.

Victim was found injured with multiple stab wounds on his body. He was taken to hospital where he is undergoing treatment and is said to be in stable condition," said the DCP.

"The victim, Sunny, told police that the duo accused Qasim and Mohit were known to him and they had called him in Sector 20, Rohini. The accused took him near the deserted plot in Sector 20, where they assaulted Sunny by hitting him with brick on his face and stabbing him with a blunt weapon," said the DCP.

"The accused also robbed the victim of cash about ₹4,000 as well as his mobile phone. The accused persons wanted more money and made ransom calls from his phone to his family members. The accused has been handed over to Aman Vihar Police Station for further action," the DCP added.

Toddler crushed to death by unknown vehicle in Preet Vihar

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

In a suspected case of hit-and-run, a two-year-old toddler was allegedly mowed down by an unidentified vehicle in East Delhi's Preet Vihar area. The incident occurred on Tuesday night.

The boy has been identified as Priyansh. Police said that his father, Mohan (26) works as a domestic help at a house in Preet Vihar C-block.

According to Jasmeet Singh, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), East district, a police control room (PCR) call was received around 9.30 pm on Tuesday from Max Hospital that a 2-year-old child has been admitted to hospital with alleged injury of road traffic accident.

"During initial investigation, it was revealed that



Priyansh came out of his house in C block, Preet Vihar alone and was hit by an unknown vehicle. When his father came out of the house, he found Priyansh lying unconscious on the road. He along with his employer took the child to Max hospital where the child was declared brought dead," said the DCP.

"On the basis of the statement given by the child's father, a case under section 279/304-A of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) at Preet Vihar Police Station. Further police teams are scanning CCTV footage in the area to identify and trace the vehicle," said the DCP.

NORTHERN RAILWAY

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S. No.	Train No.	Station From	Station To	Compt. (SLR/SLRD)	CC (Tonnes)	Days of operation	R.P. (Rs.)	EMD (In Rs.)	Tender Cost Including GST @ 18% (In Rs.)	Tender No.
1	22656	HNZM-Hazrat Nizamuddin	TVC-Trivendrum Central	4	F-I	Friday	38040	100000	1180	SLR-FI-22656-Nov 19
2	22656	HNZM-Hazrat Nizamuddin	TVC-Trivendrum Central	4	F-II	Friday	38040	100000	1180	SLR-FII-22656-Nov 19
3	22656	HNZM-Hazrat Nizamuddin	TVC-Trivendrum Central	4	R-I	Friday	38040	100000	1180	SLR-RI-22656-Nov 19
4	22654	HNZM-Hazrat Nizamuddin	TVC-Trivendrum Central	4	F-I	Monday	34827	100000	1180	SLR-FI-22654-Nov 19
5	22654	HNZM-Hazrat Nizamuddin	TVC-Trivendrum Central	4	F-II	Monday	34827	100000	1180	SLR-FII-22654-Nov 19
6	22654	HNZM-Hazrat Nizamuddin	TVC-Trivendrum Central	4	R-I	Monday	34827	100000	1180	SLR-RI-22654-Nov 19
7	22634	HNZM-Hazrat Nizamuddin	TVC-Trivendrum Central	4	F-I	Friday	38040	100000	1180	SLR-FI-22634-Nov 19
8	22634	HNZM-Hazrat Nizamuddin	TVC-Trivendrum Central	4	F-II	Friday	38040	100000	1180	SLR-FII-22634-Nov 19
9	22634	HNZM-Hazrat Nizamuddin	TVC-Trivendrum Central	4	R-I	Friday	38040	100000	1180	SLR-RI-22634-Nov 19
10	22482	DEE-Delhi Sarai Rohilla	JU-Jodhpur	4	F-I	Daily	10888	100000	1180	SLR-FI-22482-Nov 19
11	22482	DEE-Delhi Sarai Rohilla	JU-Jodhpur	4	F-II	Daily	10888	100000	1180	SLR-FII-22482-Nov 19
12	22482	DEE-Delhi Sarai Rohilla	JU-Jodhpur	4	R-I	Daily	10888	100000	1180	SLR-RI-22482-Nov 19
13	14316	NDLS-New Delhi	BE-Bareilly	4	F-I	Daily	5907	100000	1180	SLR-FI-14316-Nov 19
14	14316	NDLS-New Delhi	BE-Bareilly	4	F-II	Daily	5907	100000	1180	SLR-FII-14316-Nov 19
15	14316	NDLS-New Delhi	BE-Bareilly	4	R-I	Daily	5907	100000	1180	SLR-RI-14316-Nov 19
16	14033	DLI-Delhi Jn.	SVDK-Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	4	F-II	Daily	11368	100000	1180	SLR-FII-14033-Nov 19
17	12804	HNZM-Hazrat Nizamuddin	VSKP-Vishakhapatnam	4	F-I	Wed. & Sun.	29227	100000	1180	SLR-FI-12804-Nov 19
18	12804	HNZM-Hazrat Nizamuddin	VSKP-Vishakhapatnam	4	F-II	Wed. & Sun.	29227	100000	1180	SLR-FII-12804-Nov 19
19	12804	HNZM-Hazrat Nizamuddin	VSKP-Vishakhapatnam	4	R-I	Wed. & Sun.	29227	100000	1180	SLR-RI-12804-Nov 19
20	12782	HNZM-Hazrat Nizamuddin	MYS-Mysuru	4	F-I	Monday	34219	100000	1180	SLR-FI-12782-Nov 19
21	12782	HNZM-Hazrat Nizamuddin	MYS-Mysuru	4	R-I	Monday	34219	100000	1180	SLR-RI-12782-Nov 19
22	12628	NDLS-New Delhi	SBC-KSR Bengaluru	4	F-I	Daily	32614	100000	1180	SLR-FI-12628-Nov 19
23	12628	NDLS-New Delhi	SBC-KSR Bengaluru	4	R-I	Daily	32614	100000	1180	SLR-RI-12628-Nov 19
24	22168	HNZM-Hazrat Nizamuddin	SGRL-Singrauli	4	F-I	Tuesday	17438	100000	1180	SLR-FI-22168-Nov 19
25	22168	HNZM-Hazrat Nizamuddin	SGRL-Singrauli	4	F-II	Tuesday	17438	100000	1180	SLR-FII-22168-Nov 19
26	22168	HNZM-Hazrat Nizamuddin	SGRL-Singrauli	4	R-I	Tuesday	17438	100000	1180	SLR-RI-22168-Nov 19
27	12310	NDLS-New Delhi	RJPB-Rajender Nagar Patna	3.9	F-I	Daily	20511	100000	1180	SLR-FI-12310-Nov 19
28	12304	NDLS-New Delhi	HWH-Howrah Jn.	3.9	F-I	Wed, Thu, Sat, Sun	21854	100000	1180	SLR-FI-12304-Nov 19
29	12156	HNZM-Hazrat Nizamuddin	HBJ-Habibganj	4	F-II	Daily	11954	100000	1180	SLR-FII-12156-Nov 19
30	12156	HNZM-Hazrat Nizamuddin	HBJ-Habibganj	4	R-I	Daily	11954	100000	1180	SLR-RI-12156-Nov 19
31	54412	MUT-Merrut Cantt.	RE-Rewari	4	F-I	Daily	4372	100000	1180	SLR-FI-54412-Nov 19
32	54412	MUT-Merrut Cantt.	RE-Rewari	4	F-II	Daily	4372	100000	1180	SLR-FII-54412-Nov 19
33	54412	MUT-Merrut Cantt.	RE-Rewari	4	R-I	Daily	4372	100000	1180	SLR-RI-54412-Nov 19
34	22448	HNZM-Hazrat Nizamuddin	KURJ-Khajuraho	4	F-I	Daily	10536	100000	1180	SLR-FI-22448-Nov 19
35	22448	HNZM-Hazrat Nizamuddin	KURJ-Khajuraho	4	F-II	Daily	10536	100000	1180	SLR-FII-22448-Nov 19
36	22448	HNZM-Hazrat Nizamuddin	KURJ-Khajuraho	4	R-I	Daily	10536	100000	1180	SLR-RI-22448-Nov 19
37	22414	HNZM-Hazrat Nizamuddin	MAO-Madgaon	3.9	F-I	Friday, Saturday	35621	100000	1180	SLR-FI-22414-Nov 19
38	19580	DEE-Delhi Sarai Rohilla	RJT-Rajkot Jn.	4	F-I	Friday	18130	100000	1180	SLR-FI-19580-Nov 19
39	19580	DEE-Delhi Sarai Rohilla	RJT-Rajkot Jn.	4	F-II	Friday	18130	100000	1180	SLR-FII-19580-Nov 19
40	19580	DEE-Delhi Sarai Rohilla	RJT-Rajkot Jn.	4	R-I	Friday	18130	100000	1180	SLR-RI-19580-Nov 19
41	19801	DEE-Delhi Sarai Rohilla	BVC-Bhavnagar Terminus	4	F-I	Friday	18211	100000	1180	SLR-FI-19801-Nov 19
42	19264	DEE-Delhi Sarai Rohilla	PBR-Porbandar	4	F-I	Mon, Thu	14665	100000	1180	SLR-FI-19264-Nov 19
43	19264	DEE-Delhi Sarai Rohilla	PBR-Porbandar	4	R-I	Mon, Thu	14665	100000	1180	SLR-RI-19264-Nov 19
44	22950	DEE-Delhi Sarai Rohilla	BDS-Bandra Terminus	3.9	F-I	Thursday	20830	100000	1180	SLR-FI-22950-Nov 19
45	14659	DLI-Delhi Jn.	JSM-Jaisalmer	4	F-I	Daily	15352	100000	1180	SLR-FI-14659-Nov 19
46	14659	DLI-Delhi Jn.	JSM-Jaisalmer	4	R-I	Daily	15352	100000	1180	SLR-RI-14659-Nov 19
47	14553	DLI-Delhi Jn.	DLPC-Daultapur Chowk	4	F-I	Daily	8040	100000	1180	SLR-FI-14553-Nov 19
48	14553	DLI-Delhi Jn.	DLPC-Daultapur Chowk	4	R-I	Daily	8040	100000	1180	SLR-RI-14553-Nov 19
49	14521	DLI-Delhi Jn.	UMB-Ambala Cantt. Jn.	4	F-I	Daily	6048	100000	1180	SLR-FI-14521-Nov 19
50	14521	DLI-Delhi Jn.	UMB-Ambala Cantt. Jn.	4	R-I	Daily	6048	100000	1180	SLR-RI-14521-Nov 19
51	14044	DLI-Delhi Jn.	KTW-Kotdwara	4	F-I	Daily	5614	100000	1180	SLR-FI-14044-Nov 19
52	14044	DLI-Delhi Jn.	KTW-Kotdwara	4	R-I	Daily	5614	100000	1180	SLR-RI-14044-Nov 19
53	12265	DEE-Delhi Sarai Rohilla	JAT-Jammu Tawi	3.9	F-I	Tue, Fri, Sun	12312	100000	1180	SLR-FI-12265-Nov 19
54	12265	DEE-Delhi Sarai Rohilla	JAT-Jammu Tawi	3.9	F-II	Tue, Fri, Sun	12312	100000	1180	SLR-FII-12265-Nov 19
55	12265	DEE-Delhi Sarai Rohilla	JAT-Jammu Tawi	3.9	R-I	Tue, Fri, Sun	12312	100000	1180	SLR-RI-12265-Nov 19
56	54421	DLI-Delhi Jn.	RE-Rewari	4	F-I	Daily	1055	100000	1180	SLR-FI-54421-Nov 19
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61	12626	NDLS-New Delhi	TVC-Trivendrum Central	3.9	F-I	Daily	36358	100000	1180	SLR-FI-12626-Nov 19
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64	14035	DEE-Delhi Sarai Rohilla	PTK-Pathankot	4	R-I	Mon, Wed, Fri	9071	100000	1180	SLR-RI-14035-Nov 19
65	12406	HNZM-Hazrat Nizamuddin	BSL-Bhusaval Jn.	4	F-I	Friday, Sunday	23274	100000	1180	SLR-FI-12406-Nov 19
66	12406	HNZM-Hazrat Nizamuddin	BSL-Bhusaval Jn.	4	F-II	Friday, Sunday	23274	100000	1180	SLR-FII-12406-Nov 19
67	12448	HNZM-Hazrat Nizamuddin	MKP-Manikpur	4	F-I	Daily	11954	100000	1180	SLR-FI-12448-Nov 19
68	12448	HNZM-Hazrat Nizamuddin	MKP-Manikpur	4	F-II	Daily	11954	100000	1180	SLR-FII-12448-Nov 19
69	14661	DLI-Delhi Jn.	BME-Barmer	4	F-I	Daily	14216	100000	1180	SLR-FI-14661-Nov 19
70	14661	DLI-Delhi Jn.	BME-Barmer	4	F-II	Daily	14216	100000	1180	SLR-FII-14661-Nov 19
71	14661	DLI-Delhi Jn.	BME-Barmer	4	R-I	Daily	14216	100000	1180	SLR-RI-14661-Nov 19

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DMRC to sell tickets for Trade Fair from today

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) will start selling tickets for the much awaited 'Trade Fair' in the national Capital, which is going to start from Thursday at Pragati Maidan World Trade Centre.

The people who want to visit and enjoy the International Trade Fair (ITF) can purchase tickets from 14th November (Tuesday) at the 66 Delhi Metro Stations.

"The Delhi Metro Rail Corporation will start selling Indian entry tickets for 'Business Days' (14th Nov to 18th Nov 2019) from Thursday i.e. 14th November 2019 and for 'General Public Days' (19th Nov to 27th Nov 2019) from Tuesday i.e. 19th November 2019," said a DMRC official.

The officials also said that all the metro stations where the



tickets will be available for the trade fair will have continuous announcements on the platforms. However, no ITF tickets will be available for sale at Pragati Maidan Metro Station.

ITF tickets for both Business as well as General Days can be purchased from Customer Care Centres of these Metro stations from 08.00 am to 4.00 pm, on all days (At Indraprastha, ITO & Mandi

House Metro Stations, tickets would be sold from 09.00 am to 04.30 pm only).

To cater to the rush during the Trade Fair, additional ticketing counters, Guards, officers and staff will be deployed at Pragati Maidan Metro station and other stations as required.

The ITF Business Days Visitors - (Business Days 14th Nov to 18th Nov 2019) will be available for ₹500. While, the General Days entry tickets at Metro stations will be sold for ₹60 for adult, ₹40 for child on weekdays and on weekends the price for adult is ₹120 and child is ₹60.

Plea seeking action against advocates who beat up general public move HC

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

A plea has been moved in the Delhi High Court seeking action against those advocates who allegedly beat up litigants, cops and general public during the strike in district courts after a clash between lawyers and the police. A bench of Chief Justice D N Patel and Justice C Hari Shankar said on Wednesday that issues between the police and lawyers were being resolved at present and listed the matter for hearing on February 11, 2020.

The PIL by Ajay Gautam, a social activist, has alleged that protesting lawyers stopped litigants from entering

Metro Phase IV work to begin by Nov-end

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) is going to start the construction of first corridor of Phase IV-Janakpuri West-RK Ashram Marg (extension of Magenta Line) by the end of this November. The DMRC on Wednesday, awarded the first civil contract for the work of 28.92 km long section with 10 stations.

The 28.92 km long corridor will be an extension of the already functioning Magenta Line number-8. Currently the Magenta corridor is spread on a length of about

"This is the first civil contract awarded for the construction of Phase — IV project of Delhi Metro portion from Janakpuri West — RK Ashram Marg Corridor (Extension of Line - 8). The work is expected to start soon by end of this month once the pollution level decreases and gets normal in the national Capital," said an official.

As per the officials, the DMRC has already completed all the preconstruction works such as site survey, mapping, Geo technical survey and others. Now, the civil construction work will start which include the part design and construction of elevated viaduct, elevated ramp, siding line and station buildings.

DMRC officials said the national Capital will get another metro ride by 2023 once the construction will begin. "The work on this corridor is expected to commence by end of

PHASE IV - WORK AWARDED FOR JANAKPURI WEST TO R K ASHRAM	
LENGTH	28.92 km
LINE	8 (extension of already existing Magenta corridor)
WORK EXPECTED TO START	End of November
ESTIMATED COMPLETION	30 months i.e., by2023
NUMBER OF STATION	10
NAME OF THE STATION	Keshopur, Paschim Vihar, Peeragarhi, Mangolpuri, West Enclave, Pushpanjali, Deepali Chowk, Madhuban Chowk, Prashant Vihar, North Pitampura

November, 2019 and is scheduled to be completed within 30 months from the commencement. The 28.92 km long Janakpuri West — RK Ashram Marg corridor is an extension of Magenta Line and will come up with 22 stations," they added.

The upcoming extension of Magenta Line — Janakpuri West — RK Ashram Marg Corridor will have 10 stations at Keshopur, Paschim Vihar, Peeragarhi, Mangolpuri, West Enclave, Pushpanjali, Deepali Chowk, Madhuban Chowk, Prashant Vihar and North Pitampura. The section may have interchange facility for Green Line at Peeragarhi/ Paschim Vihar besides RK Ashram Marg for Blue Line.

Besides, the DMRC has floated tender for another five section of the three corridors

approved by the Central government in March. The total corridors under Phase IV is six and out of the six corridors, the Union cabinet has approved three corridors that is Mukundpur-Maujpur, RK Ashram-Janakpuri and West and Aerocity-Tughlakabad corridors.

The phase IV project's three corridors with a total length of 61.679 km will have 17 underground and 29 elevated stations. Out of its total length, 22.359 km will be underground and 39.32 km will be built as elevated section. metro corridors will be ₹24,948.65 crore.

The other three proposed corridors which have not yet been approved by the Union Cabinet are Rithala-Bawana-Narela, Inderlok-Indraprastha and Lajpat Nagar-Saket G Block.

Even rich people visiting Mohalla clinics, claims CM

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Asserting that the Government healthcare system in Delhi is on a par with the private sector, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Wednesday said even rich people, who can afford treatment at private hospitals, are visiting Mohalla Clinics run by his Government and this showed their faith in Delhi's healthcare system.

Kejriwal inspected the first Mohalla Clinic opened by the Delhi Government in the upper-middle-class Hemkunt Colony in Greater Kailash-I. He met patients and the staff during his inspection and enquired about the level of satisfaction among patients with the facilities provided at the Mohalla Clinic.

He also got his blood pressure measured by a doctor. "Never before have people had such faith in Government services. Even in posh colony in Greater Kailash, Mohalla Clinics are a hit," he said.

"I am so glad that all of you have faith in Government hospitals. Earlier, people used to presume that government hos-



Delhi Chief Minister at Greater Kailash mohalla clinic on Wednesday

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pitals would not be good enough. All the Mohalla Clinics are in very good condition and are well maintained" he said interacting with the local residents. Kamal, a Chirag Enclave resident said it was her first visit to a Mohalla Clinic and she had a pleasant experience at the facility. "When those who can afford expensive private hospi-

tals start using Government services as a matter of choice, it's the biggest certificate of quality. At a posh GK colony, I found upper-middle-class residents using a Mohalla Clinic. They're very satisfied. Could you have imagined this few years ago?" Kejriwal tweeted after the inspection.

The Delhi Government had

set an ambitious target of 1,000 mohalla clinics for its flagship Aam Aadmi Mohalla Clinic project. There are currently 302 established Mohalla clinics in the national Capital, which serve as Primary Healthcare Centres (PHCs) with around 109 essential medicines and 212 free diagnostic tests in their facilities.

INBRIEF

SPA NAMED INSTITUTION OF NATIONAL IMPORTANCE

New Delhi: Planning and Architecture (SPA) has been declared as the 'Institution of National Importance' by Central Government on Thursday. The university has further marked its annual convocation programme where 11 PhDs and 349 graduates participated. About 224 are postgraduate and 125 are undergraduate received their degrees.

WATER SUPPLY TO BE HIT IN PARTS OF CITY

New Delhi: Water supply will be affected in parts of the national Capital on Saturday and Friday due to annual programme for flushing of underground reservoir and booster pumping station. The areas where supply would not be available or available at low pressure are Rohini (sector-20 to 25), Budh Vihar Phase-II, Munge Ram Park, Pooth Begam Pur and surrounding areas.

119 CHALLANS ISSUED AGAINST POLLUTERS

New Delhi: South Delhi Municipal Corporation (SDMC) on Wednesday took strong action against violators of air pollution related norms. It issued 119 challans and imposed a fine of ₹6,90,000 for burning of solid waste, garbage, dry leaves, and plastic, rubber and construction activities in all four zones after inspecting 1183 sites.

2 HELD FOR LOOTING MAN AT GUNPOINT

New Delhi: Delhi Police on Wednesday claimed to have arrested two friends for allegedly robbing a man of his belongings at gunpoint in northeast Delhi Khajuri Khas area. The incident took place on Monday night near Jama Masjid. The accused have been identified as Salman (22) and Afzal (22). According to Ved Prakash Surya, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), North East district, following the incident, a case of armed robbery was registered and all the pickets and patrolling team of the Khajuri Khas were alerted. "Salman was arrested and one country made pistol loaded with one live cartridge was recovered from him," said the DCP.

33 VILLAGES DECLARED AS URBAN AREAS

New Delhi: Following the direction of the Centre, North Delhi Municipal Corporation (NMC) has declared 33 villages as urban area. Standing Committee Chairman Jai Prakash said under section 507 of Delhi Municipal Corporation act, 1957, these villages have been declared urban.

AAP's Dhokha Diwas on Nov 16

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Accusing the BJP of "betraying" residents of unauthorised colonies in the national Capital, AAP on Wednesday announced to hold 'Dhokha Diwas' on November 16 across all the Assembly constituencies with the slogan of 'Dhoka Nahi, Registry Do'.

AAP Delhi Convener Gopal Rai said that the leaders of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) are visiting these colonies to spread lies regarding the registration for the residents. "We will hold rallies and meetings in every unauthorised colony in every Vidhan Sabha to expose the BJP," he said, adding that all the Cabinet minister, MLAs, MPs, councillors and senior leaders will reach out to the residents of the unauthorised colonies to expose the BJP," he said.

He said that when the AAP exposed the fraud of the Center about the online registration

UNAUTHORISED COLONIES



Delhi AAP convener Gopal Rai addresses the media on Wednesday

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through a website link, the Center panicked and Lieutenant Governor of Delhi immediately called a meeting with the officials of the Delhi Development Authority and thereafter the Center tried to hide the reality about the registration process.

Rai further said that the sit-

uation has changed as neither the Center nor the L-G is ready to disclose whether the registration process will start before the election or not. "This is not the first time the residents of the unauthorised colonies are being fooled. Earlier the Congress government distributed the provi-

sional certificate to these people before election and after the election did nothing," he said, adding that the BJP is following the footsteps of the Congress party by opening registration through the website.

In October, the Union Cabinet approved a proposal to grant ownership rights to people living in unauthorised colonies in Delhi.

Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Singh Puri had said the Centre would also bring a bill in the Winter Session of Parliament to give relief to the residents of unauthorised colonies in the national capital.

The move comes ahead of Assembly polls in Delhi, scheduled for early next year. The decision is applicable to 1,797 identified unauthorised colonies spread over 175 square km inhabited by people from lower income groups, Puri had said last month.

MCDs harassing people over pollution: Cong

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Congress president Subhash Chopra on Wednesday accused the officials of Delhi Government and BJP-led municipal Corporations of entering in the houses of people forcefully in the name of checking pollution-causing industries and also collecting money illegally.

He alleged that in the guise

of shutting down polluting industries, officials were not only threatening and harassing owners of non-polluting but also extorting money from them illegally.

"Many industrialists and labourers met him on Wednesday and complained against the harassment meted out to them by the officials. Delhi is already been facing large scale unemployment and many more people will be ren-

dered jobless if non-polluting industries are closed down due to harassment by the officials," he added.

Chopra said that officials are harassing non-polluting industries in Government-approved industrial areas in Delhi such as Bawana, Mundka, Hasthal, Nangli, Mayapuri and collecting money illegally by threatening industrialists to seal their units.

Delhi-NCR schools shut for two days

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

In the wake of severe pollution level, the Delhi Government on Wednesday announced that schools in the national capital will be closed on Thursday and Friday. Also, all schools in Ghaziabad, Noida will be shut for two days, said officials.

The decision came after the Supreme Court-mandated anti-pollution authority Environment Pollution (Prevention & Control) Authority ordered the same as the air quality hovered close to 'emergency' levels.

"In view of deteriorating air quality because of pollution due to stubble burning in Uttar Pradesh, Delhi govt has decided to close schools tomorrow and day after," Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia tweeted.

The EPCA also extended the ban on hot-mix plants and stone-crushers in Delhi-NCR till November 15.

The apex court had on November 4 banned construction and demolition activities in the region till further orders. All coal and other fuel-based industries, which have not shifted to natural gas or agro-residue, will remain shut in Faridabad, Gurugram, Ghaziabad, Noida, Bahadurgarh, Bhiwadi, Greater Noida, Sonapat and Panipat till November 15, it said.

In Delhi, industries which have not yet shifted to piped natural gas, will not operate during the period. Early this month, the Delhi Government shut all schools for four days after EPCA declared a public health emergency in the Delhi-NCR region in the wake of rising pollution.

JNUTA calls partial rollback of fee hike cosmetic

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Days after the students of Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) protested against the proposed hostel fee hike, JNU Executive Council (EC) in a meeting held outside the University campus on Wednesday decided to partially rollback the hike in hostel fees.

A representative of the JNU Teachers' Association (JNUTA), said, "We will issue a statement when we have clear information. If the reports are to be believed, there is a no rollback but only cosmetic changes have been made."

The representative also added that they do not consider the Executive Council legitimate since eight members were not present as the administration did not inform them about the change in venue of the

meeting.

The Executive Committee came up with the new proposal, which said the rent for a double-seater room which was raised from ₹10 per month earlier to ₹300 in the draft has been reduced to ₹100 a month while the rent for the single-seater room, proposed at ₹600 from ₹20 per month earlier, has been reduced to ₹200 per month.

The committee also proposed a new scheme for economic assistance to the Economically Weaker Section (EWS) students.

"The newly introduced service charges of ₹1,700 for sanitation, maintenance, cook, mess helper has not been rolled back nor reduced," said a student.

"JNU Executive Committee announces major rollback in the hostel fee and

other stipulations. Also proposes a scheme for economic assistance to the EWS students. Time to get back to classes," Human Resource Development (HRD), Secretary, R Subramanyam tweeted.

Former JNUSU president N Sai Balaji termed the HRD Secretary's tweet on "major rollback" of fee hike "misleading".

"The HRD Secretary tweet on 'Major Roll Back' of fee hike is misleading! In order to save their face and create a false narrative, JNU admin in collusion with Modi Government is fooling students and people of this country #JNUFeeHikeRemains!" Balaji tweeted.

Opposing the proposed hostel manual, the students alleged that the JNU authorities have increased the hostel fees by around ₹2,000.

1,500 children join clean air drive

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

In order to sensitise people particularly students about the need to adopt environmental friendly lifestyles, a national movement for clean air was organised at Jawaharlal Nehru stadium on Wednesday with almost 1,500 children from Delhi-NCR joined it.

The inaugural edition of 'Good Air Summit' was organised by the 'Integrated Health and Wellbeing' (IHW) Council.

Underlining that clean air is an inalienable right, experts advocated the need for concerted efforts to allow citizens access to breathable air. The first of its kind people-led initiative seeks to make environment a prominent public health issue. Justice Swatanter Kumar, former Supreme Court Judge and former Chairperson of National Green Tribunal (NGT), Dr Ajay Mathur and Director General of "The Energy and Resources Institute" (TERI) attended the event.

Prakash Javadekar, Union Minister of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, who could not be present due to ill health, addressed the gathering through a video message. He said "We are a part of the environment and it is a very important part of our lives. Plant trees, save water, and conserve energy. We should make every effort to save our environ-



ment," Justice Swatanter Kumar said that there are at least 10 sources of air pollution that affect both outdoor and indoor air quality, starting from widespread construction activities, to burning of waste and crops, and vehicular pollution. But is clean air not a right of a citizen?

"Is not essential to exercise the right to life as guaranteed by the Indian Constitution," he asked? "We are flouting what Gandhiji asked us to do that we should give the earth to our next generation at least in the condition in which we got it. We need to think about why

there are no solutions to the waste disposal other than burning them - burning of plastic is carcinogenic and is the cause for most of the cancers," he said. "Through our campaigns, we have reached out to students and citizens across the country in a bid to bring about a change in public behaviour and make the environment a central issue in public discourse," said Kamal Narayan, CEO of IHW. He further said that our campaigns in various schools gave us a fantastic experience and the enthusiasm of the students was infectious. "I believe children will be instrumental in bringing about a positive change in our collective consciousness towards the environment," he added.

The Indian Council of Medical Research estimates that air pollution cause one in eight deaths in India last year, besides lowering the average life expectancy by 1.7 years. Air pollution causes an approximately 7 million deaths every year globally.

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BRICS to boost economic ties: PM

PTI ■ BRASILIA

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday hoped that the BRICS summit will enhance the economic and cultural linkages between the member nations as he arrived in the Brazilian capital to take part in the two-day meeting.

"Reached Brazil to take part in the BRICS Summit. Will also meet various world leaders during this visit," Modi tweeted after his arrival here.

On the sidelines of the 11th BRICS summit, Modi will meet Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro to discuss ways to enhance the bilateral strategic partnership.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi being received on his arrival at Brasilia, Brazil on his way to take part in BRICS Summit



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

Describing his welcome as "as vibrant as BRICS itself", Spokesperson of the Ministry of External Affairs Raveesh

Kumar tweeted, "PM @narendramodi arrives in Brasilia to participate in the 11th #BRICS Summit. This year's Summit under the theme "BRICS: Economic Growth for an Innovative Future" will further strengthen the traditional ties among the BRICS countries." Brazil is the current chair of the

grouping which represents over 3.6 billion people, or half of the world population and they have a combined nominal GDP of USD 16.6 trillion.

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

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.

He would also attend the BRICS business forum closing ceremony and the 'closed' and plenary sessions of the summit.

In the closed session, the discussions are expected to be focused on challenges and opportunities for the exercise of national sovereignty in the contemporary world.

This will be followed by the BRICS Plenary Session, where the leaders will discuss the intra-BRICS cooperation for the economic development of BRICS societies. A BRICS memorandum of understanding between trade and investment promotion agencies is expected to be signed.

NCP, Cong talk CMP as bids on for non...

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"We are looking at such a fool-proof CMP and power-sharing arrangement among the three parties that will help us provide a stable Government to the State for full five years. This is independent of our differing ideologies. We will work towards ensuring that our ideologies do not come in the way of running the three-party Government in the State," a senior Shiv Sena leader said.

After days of uncertainty that had delayed the process of three non-BJP parties coming together to form a Government in the State, the Congress formally shed its earlier hesitation of going with the Shiv Sena and its leaders held first-ever round of talks with Shiv Sena president Uddhav Thackeray on the sharing of power at a five-star hotel at Bandra-Kurla complex in north-west Mumbai.

Ahead of Wednesday's meeting, senior Congress president Ahmed Patel - who was in the city for a meeting with NCP president Sharad Pawar on issues relating to the Congress-NCP alliance's proposed tie-up with Shiv Sena - had met Uddhav on Tuesday night and set the tone for the deliberations among the three parties in the coming days.

Uddhav, accompanied by his junior party colleagues Vinayak Raut and Milind

Narvekar, met State Congress president Balasaheb Thorat, senior party leaders Ashok Chavan and Manikrao Thakre, at the Hotel Trident for little over 45 minutes.

Talking briefly to media-persons after the meeting, Uddhav said: "Talks have begun on a right note. I will let you know about the outcome of our talks at a proper time."

Thorat said he and his senior party colleagues held a "courtesy meeting" with Uddhav, in the context of the deliberations that senior Central leaders had with NCP chief Sharad Pawar on Tuesday. "Ours was as courtesy meeting with Uddhavji. First, we would like to arrive at mutual understanding with the NCP on issues relating to the Government. After that, we - both the parties - will meet the Shiv Sena leaders... At today's meeting, we discussed with Uddhavji as to how move forward," Thorat said.

Before holding talks with Uddhav, the State Congress leaders - Thorat, Ashok Chavan and Manikrao Thakre - met Shiv Sena spokesperson Sanjay Raut at the Leelavati Hospital, where Raut was recuperating after an angioplasty carried out on him on Monday night. Raut was discharged from the hospital later in the afternoon.

Though there has so far not been any formula discussion on

the power-sharing arrangement among the three parties, a power-sharing formula emerged from the Congress-NCP camp. Under this formula, the Shiv Sena and NCP - which have 56 and 54 MLAs respectively - will share the post of Chief Minister for a period of two and half years each, while the Congress - with a strength of 44 MLAs - will get the deputy Chief Minister's post for the entire period of five years. Similarly, the Sena and the NCP will get 14 ministries each, while the Congress will get 11 ministries.

The formula does not throw light on the crucial Speaker's post. All the three parties are vying for this post, as the Speaker plays a crucial role in the current Assembly in which there may be frequent battles over numbers during the next five years.

Sources in both the NCP and Congress said that they were agreeable to Sena president Uddhav Thackeray being nominated as the Chief Minister of the three-party for the first two and a half years.

Earlier in the day, the NCP and Congress nominated five leaders each for holding meetings and drafting the CMP for the three-party Government. While leaders like Jayant Patil, Ajit Pawar, Chhagan Bhujbal, Dhananjay Munde and Nawab Malik will represent the NCP, the team of the Congress will comprise Balasaheb Thorat, Ashok Chavan, Prithviraj Chavan, Vijay Wadetiwar and Manikrao Thakre.

Addressing his party's newly elected MLAs and leaders, Sr Pawar allayed the fears of legislators about the possi-

bility of a mid-term election in the State. "The President's rule will not come in the way of our Government formation efforts. Be assured that there would not be mid-term elections in the State," the NCP president said.

Later in the afternoon, all the newly elected MLAs of the Congress left Jaipur for Mumbai, as the party leadership told them that there was no need for them to remain there for more time.

Meanwhile, Shiv Sena spokesperson Sanjay Raut reiterated that his party's man will be the next Chief Minister of Maharashtra.

Raut, speaking to a regional television channel from his hospital bed, lamented that the Shiv Sena could not prove its majority before the Governor as the Congress and NCP did not give his party their letters of support on time.

Raut said that his party's Hindutva agenda would not come in the way of the formation of a Shiv Sena-led three-party Government in the State.

Asked if he felt uneasy being at the hospital at a time when there was hectic political activity outside, Raut said: "I am used to doing something or other at all times.

I can't sit idle. Even while in the hospital, I wrote an editorial for the Sena's official mouth-piece Saamana."

In a related development, former Chief Minister and senior Congress leader Prithviraj Chavan alleged the BJP was making desperate attempts to prevent its erstwhile ally Shiv Sena from aligning with his party and the NCP to form a Government in Maharashtra.

UN Women to partner with Kerala's Gender Park

PTI ■ THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

UN Women has proposed to partner with Kerala's Gender Park to take forward projects and campaigns aimed at securing gender parity in South Asia. Setting the context for the tie-up, officials of the UN Women multi-country office (MCO) had a meeting with Kerala Minister for Health and Social Justice K K Shylaja at UN House in New Delhi last month, where the broad framework of the co-

operation came up for discussion.

UN Women in New Delhi covers India, Bhutan, Maldives and Sri Lanka. A Memorandum of Understanding to formalise the tie-up will be signed in the presence of Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan next month, a press release said on Wednesday. As directed by the Chief Minister, a detailed project report on the collaboration is being drawn up.

The partnership aims at making The Gender Park, a gender equity and empower-

ment initiative, as the South Asian hub of UN Women.

Three key areas of co-operation of the partnership will be setting up of the Gender Data Centre at The Gender Park, Kozhikode, holding events during the 64th session of Commission on Status of Women (CSW64) in March 2020 and 75th session of UN General Assembly in September 2020 and launch of a focussed campaign called 16 Days of Activism in Kerala from November 25 to December 10, 2019.

This partnership marks

recognition of Kerala's long and hard campaigns and policy initiatives to achieve gender justice and parity.

It will also help us present Kerala's long-drawn history and experience in gender equity movement before a wider regional and global audience, the Chief Minister said on the proposal. I am sure that this collaboration will broaden and deepen various pioneering initiatives for gender equity and women empowerment launched by the Social Justice Department of Kerala through The Gender Park, Shylaja said.

SC verdict blessing in...

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"In these circumstances, the Parliament is required to reconsider strengthening certain aspects of the Tenth Schedule, so that such undemocratic practices are discouraged," the Bench said.

The court said the Speaker was not empowered to disqualify any member till the end of the term of the Assembly. Then Karnataka Speaker KR Ramesh Kumar had said the MLAs cannot contest elections until the term of the current Assembly, ending 2023.

The disqualified 'rebel' MLAs had indirectly facilitated BJP launch itself in the seat of power by reducing the effective strength of Karnataka Assembly to 208 from 224 and winning the floor test on July 29.

In a recent video gone viral, the Karnataka CM was purportedly heard saying that the Congress and JD(S) MLAs had "sacrificed" a lot to bring BJP in power and lamented the BJP president was not doing needful for them.

Hours after the court ruling, Deputy Chief Minister CN Ashwathnarayan said the disqualified MLAs will join the BJP on Thursday in Bengaluru.

Yediyurappa welcomed the verdict and said it was against the "conspiracy" of Ramesh Kumar and Congress

leader. Expressing confidence that the BJP will win all the 15 seats, he said the party would decide on giving tickets to the disqualified MLAs.

The Congress, for its part, called for the dismissal of the Yediyurappa Government, saying the court's decision upholding the decision disqualifying 17 Congress and JD(S) MLAs but allowing them to contest the bypolls had exposed the BJP's 'Operation Kamal' in the State.

Reacting to the SC verdict, former Speaker Kumar said, "The Supreme Court has upheld the disqualification -- to that extent, it's a sigh of relief (for me). On the issue of tenure (of disqualification), the Supreme Court has not agreed to my interpretation I will speak on that after going through the text of the judgment."

The change of Government in Karnataka had prompted accusations that it was brought about by purchasing MLAs with "money bags" doing rounds.

Justices NV Ramana, Sanjiv Khanna and Krishna Murari said the Speaker, being a neutral person, is expected to act independently while conducting the proceedings of the House or adjudication petition.

The constitutional responsibility endowed upon the Speaker has to be scrupulously followed and his political affiliations cannot come in the way of adjudication, the apex court said.

If the Speaker is not able to disassociate from his political party and behaves con-

trary to the spirit of the neutrality and independence then such person does not deserve to be reposed with public trust and confidence, it added.

The Bench also deprecated the manner in which the disqualified MLAs directly approached it without first moving High Court.

The court said its verdict is based on facts and circumstance of the case and does not interfere in the Speaker's power to disqualify members.

Some of these disqualified MLAs had argued in the apex court that they have an "indefeasible right" to resign as members of the Assembly and the decision by the then Speaker to disqualify them smacks of "vengeance" and "mala fide".

During arguments in the matter, senior advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing for the Karnataka Congress, had contended that the then Speaker, who was the master of the Assembly, had exercised his jurisdiction to disqualify these MLAs and his decision cannot be questioned.

Sibal had also submitted that "the matter needs to be referred to a Constitution Bench as it raises matters of grave constitutional importance".

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the office of the Karnataka Assembly Speaker, had submitted that under the scheme of the Constitution, a lawmaker has a right to resign and the Speaker should accept it. The current Assembly Speaker is V Hegde Kageri.

50:50 Sena's post-poll artifice, asserts Shah

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Uddhav had been claiming that Shah had committed to the 2.5-year-rotational chief ministership for the BJP and Shiv Sena.

Defending the Governor's move to recommend President's Rule in the Maharashtra on Tuesday, Shah said the State head had to take action since none of the parties had been able to prove majority since the legislative Assembly term ended on November 9. President's Rule was imposed in the State on Tuesday.

"Before this, in no State was so much time given, 18 days were given.

The Governor invited parties only after Assembly tenure ended. Neither the Shiv Sena nor the Congress-NCP staked claim and neither we," Shah said adding "It's not in our party's tradition to disclose what transpires behind closed doors."

"If the Sena thinks that it can revolt and get the people's sympathy, they don't really know the public," he said taking a jibe at the Sena.

The BJP and the Shiv Sena together have 161 seats, 15 seats more than the majority mark of 145 in the 288-MLAs strong Maharashtra Assembly.

But the State plunged into political uncertainty after both the allies entered into a tussle for power. While the Shiv Sena claimed that it was assured a 50:50 power-sharing deal in the State after winning the elections, the BJP denied making any such promise.

The Shiv Sena pulled out its lone Minister Arvind Sawant from Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Cabinet, signalling the end of partnership between the two parties in Maharashtra.

Shiv Sena has since then opened negotiations with NDA's rival alliance partners NCP and Congress.

SC doubts efficacy as more...

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The Ministry of Earth Sciences' air quality monitor SAFAR said Delhi's neighbouring States recorded only 480 incidents of stubble burning on Tuesday and the share of smoke from farm fires in Delhi's pollution is likely to decrease to 13 per cent on Thursday "in spite of favourable transport-level wind trajectory".

कार्यालय अधिशासी अभियन्ता, यांत्रिक खण्ड, उ०प्र० जल निगम, मेरठ एन०आर०डी० संस्था : 1314 / विविदा / 279 दिनांक : 08.11.2019 अल्प कालीन ई-निविदा सूचना उ०प्र० जल निगम की ओर से मेरठ नगर निगम के अन्तर्गत नलकूप हेतु 4 नं SITC of SCADA Compatible Servo Voltage Stabilizer 60 KVA and Capacitor Bank कार्य के लिये "Electrical and Mechanical works including supply & installation of Pumping Plant" में 'A/B' श्रेणी में पंजीकृत ठेकेदारों से E-tendering प्रक्रिया द्वारा निविदाये आमंत्रित की जाती है। प्राप्त निविदाओं को दिनांक 18.11.2019 को अधिशासी अभियन्ता, यांत्रिक खण्ड, उ०प्र० जल निगम, मेरठ के कार्यालय में निविदा समिति द्वारा उपस्थित ठेकेदारों के समक्ष प्रदान 0500 बजे खोली जायेगी। निविदाओं को उ०प्र० की E-procurement website http://etender.up.nic.in पर दिनांक 13.11.2019 से 18.11.2019 तक डाउनलोड किया जा सकता है। निविदा पत्र का मूल्य ₹ 2000.00 (+18%) GST है। निविदा सूचना से सम्बन्धित विवरण जल निगम की वेबसाइट jn.uspsc.gov.in पर एवं कार्य का विस्तृत विवरण E-procurement website http://etender.up.nic.in से प्राप्त किया जा सकता है।

However, air quality is likely to improve on Friday with an increase in wind speed due to a fresh western disturbance and a dip in farm fires, the SAFAR said on Wednesday.

Delhi-NCR gasped for breath as the noxious smog resulting from raging farm fires and unfavourable weather pushed pollution levels in the region towards the "emergency" zone for the third time in the last 15 days.

Incidents of stubble burning in Haryana and Punjab have increased and northwesterly winds have been bringing more farm fire plume to the Delhi-NCR region, said weather experts.

Kejriwal blamed neighbouring States, especially Haryana and Punjab, for deteriorating pollution and said the States are burning crop residue disregarding strict directions from the SC.

Kejriwal said the number of farm fires reduced in between due to rains in Punjab and Haryana. It led to a decline in Delhi's pollution.

"The incidents of stubble burning have shot up again. These states are not even fol-

lowing the Supreme Court's directions. Delhi people are suffering because of it," he said.

Kejriwal reiterated that paddy straw can be used to produce compressed natural gas and coal which will also increase the income of farmers.

"I have met many experts. I am myself an engineer. Stubble can be converted into CNG.

The foundation stone of an industry that can convert paddy straw into CNG has been laid. I have talked to Indraprastha Gas Limited and they are ready to procure all CNG produced from stubble," he said.

Many factories, which can convert stubble into coal, have come up in Punjab. National Thermal Power Corporation Ltd is ready to purchase the coal produced through this method, he said, adding these measures will also help generate employment and increase the income of farmers.

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.

CJI office within RTI ambit

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The top court would necessarily include the office of CJI, it said, adding, "the office of CJI or for that matter the judges is not separate from

the SC, and is part and parcel of the SC as a body, authority and institution".

The bench said it was necessary that question of "judicial independence is accounted for in the balancing exercise" with RTI.

It cannot be doubted and debated that independence of the judiciary is a matter of "ennobled public concern" and directly relates to public welfare and would be one of the factors to be taken into account in weighing and applying the public interest test, said the judgment, running into 108 pages.

"Thus, when public interest demands disclosure of information, judicial independence has to be kept in mind while deciding the question of exercise of discretion," Justice Khanna said.

It, however, said the verdict "should not be understood to mean that the independence of the judiciary can be achieved only by denial of access to information".

The verdict, which has been concurred by Justices NV Ramana and DY Chandrachud in separate verdicts, said that in some cases judicial independence may "demand openness and transparency by furnishing the information" and in some cases disclosure may not be

needed.

Reference to the principle of judicial independence is not to undermine and avoid accountability which is an aspect "we perceive and believe" has to be taken into account while examining the public interest in favour of disclosure of information, it said.

"Distinction must be drawn between the final opinion or resolutions passed by collegium with regard to appointment /elevation and transfer of judges with observations and indicative reasons and the inputs/data or details which the collegium had examined," the bench said while stressing on balancing between the right to information, judicial independence and confidentiality of personal information.

The rigour of public interest in divulging inputs, data and particulars of a candidate (probable judge) would be different from that of divulging and furnishing details of the output that is the decision, it said.

"The public interest test would have to be applied keeping in mind the fiduciary relationship, (if it arises), and also the invasion of the right to privacy and breach of the duty of confidentiality owed to the

candidate or the information provider, resulting from the furnishing of such details and particulars," it said on the collegium deliberations.

Judicial independence and accountability "go hand in hand as accountability ensures, and is a facet of judicial independence. Further, while applying the proportionality test, the type and nature of the information is a relevant factor," it said.

It said the transparency and openness in judicial appointments "juxtaposed" with confidentiality of deliberations remain one of the most delicate and complex areas.

With the passage of time, there has been a change as concerns have been expressed on disclosure of the names and the reasons for those who had not been approved by the collegium, it added.

Deciding three appeals, the judgement said it was not possible to answer these questions in absolute terms, and "in each case, the public interest test would be applied to weigh the scales and on balance determine whether information should be furnished or would be exempt."

Consequently, the top court dismissed first appeal filed by CPIO against the HC verdict asking it to furnish

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ON TRIBUNALS

SC strikes down rules in Finance Act 2017

Congress hails apex court's decision

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Congress on Wednesday said the Supreme Court decision on Government diluting appointments to different tribunals will have far-reaching consequences on any future attempts by the Modi dispensation to abuse the money bill route. It sought a debate on the issue in Parliament.

"I wholeheartedly welcome the decision of the Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court of India in my case. I am deeply grateful to the Supreme Court for this decision," party leader Jairam Ramesh said.

"It will have far reaching consequences on any future attempts by the Modi Government to abuse the money bill route and is also a



reminder to future Governments that any attempt at diluting our institutions will not be allowed," he said.

Ramesh, who is a petitioner in the case, said "it is important to have a discussion on the money bill in Parliament." He also claimed that there has been misuse of Article 110 by the Government in the last three years, where by it has been converting key bills as money bills for avoiding a vote and passage in Rajya Sabha.

He said the five-judge bench wants this issue to be sent to a larger bench and this will have its consequence on the Aadhaar bill judgement, which was also given by a five-judge Constitution bench where the Supreme Court has said it is a money bill.

"It is a victory not for the Congress. This is a very big victory especially for the Rajya Sabha and democracy and it is a defeat of the BJP," he said. Ramesh in his petition had challenged the Finance Act of 2017 (as notified on March 31, 2017) and the rules framed thereunder (notified on June 1, 2017) through which the Government had sought to dilute appointments to nineteen different tribunals, including crucial institutions like National Green Tribunal and Central Administrative

Tribunal, among others.

Through the rules, the government extended executive control over these institutions by altering the composition of the selection committees and vastly downgrading the qualifications and experience required to staff these bodies, he alleged.

"This was done with the furtive intention of vesting greater control in the central government on the appointments of judges to these judicial and quasi-judicial bodies," Ramesh said. "Knowing fully well the Finance Act (and the Rules framed thereunder) would not pass Parliamentary muster, the Modi Government classified it as a money bill so as to prevent voting in the Rajya Sabha," he said, adding that the ruling dispensation lacks numbers there.

CRPF conducts security review at Sonia's residence

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) is conducting a security review of Congress chief Sonia Gandhi's residence and related arrangements after taking over her protective cover from the Special Protection Group (SPG).

After the security audit of Gandhi's residence, commandos and other security paraphernalia will be tweaked as per the assessments and requirements, sources said without any further elaboration.

Earlier this month the Centre had decided to withdraw the SPG protection of Gandhi, her son Rahul and daughter Priyanka Gandhi Vadra after a review of their threat perception by the security agencies. Following the removal of SPG cover to the Gandhis, the Centre had accorded Z+ protective cover and tasked the CRPF to take over their security.

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The threat perception of each SPG protectee is reviewed every year as provided in the SPG Act. The current review indicates a reduced threat perception for Gandhis and their security can be handled by other forces, government officials had said after the decision.

The Special Protection Group was raised in 1985 after the assassination of the then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi to secure the Prime Minister and their immediate family members. Former Prime

Minister and their family members were brought under the SPG cover after the assassination of former PM Rajiv Gandhi in 1991.

In August, the SPG cover of former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh was also lifted and accorded Z+ category security protection by CRPF commandos.

The SPG security cover entails Advance Security Liaison by the commandos who sanitise the venue in advance to be visited by the protectee and a three-layer security ring is in place to secure the VIP from outer security cordon manned by the local police to elite force's commandos in the proximate security zone.

The CRPF has a VIP Security Wing with a strength of about six battalions (6,000 personnel). However, the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) is the designated Central paramilitary for VIP security.

Centre extends moratorium period for sugar mills payback

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Centre has extended the moratorium period for repayments by six more months as the ₹15,000 crore soft loan scheme for sugar mills is moving at a snail's pace. Now, the moratorium period is one-and-a-half years. A moratorium period is a time during the loan term when the borrower is not required to make any repayment.

The Centre had announced the loan package in two tranches — first in June 2018 amounting to ₹4,440 crore and the other in March 2019 of ₹10,540 crore. The objective was to help millers in clearing cane arrears and divert surplus sugar for ethanol manufacturing. A soft

loan is a loan that is given at a subsidised interest rate.

"When the soft loan scheme was launched to augment ethanol production in the country, one year moratorium was provided. This has now been extended to 1.5 years in the interest of sugar mills and farmers," a highly placed source said. A notification in this regard will be issued soon, the source added.

Of 418 applications for the loan, the Food Ministry has found 282 eligible. Of this, 114 applications have been cleared for loans amounting to ₹6,139.08 crore, as per official data. However, banks have sanctioned the loan to 45 applicants and disbursed ₹900 crore to 33 applicants till September

end, the data showed.

At present, 3-4 lakh tonne of sugar gets diverted for ethanol making. With creation of additional capacity under the scheme, 9-10 lakh tonne of sugar is expected to be diverted for ethanol production. Sugar mills have supplied 175 crore litres of ethanol to oil marketing companies (OMCs) till October 22 of the 2018-19 season (October-September) and helped them achieve 5.2 per cent blending with petrol.

Cane arrears still remains high at ₹9,000 Cr so far this year based on sugarcane price fixed by both Centre and States, as per the Ministry data. There is a sugar glut in India, the world's second largest sugar producer after Brazil.

Steps taken, onion still sells at ₹80-₹100 per kg

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Despite various measures in place by the State and Central Governments, onions continue to be sold at ₹80-₹100 per kg in many States across India. In a bid to get rid of shortage of onion in domestic market, the Agriculture Ministry on Wednesday extended relaxed fumigation norms for imported onions up to December 31. Farmers and traders say the onion price is expected to be lowered by December end.

Retail prices of onion in the country have remained high for more than a month due to 30-40 per cent decline in kharif onion output because of heavy rains in growing States. The excessive rain in key onion producing states across country

such as Karnataka, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, and Bihar, is one of the main reasons that have led to a shortfall in its supply as 50 percent crops of onion has been damaged. Another reason for price hike is believed to be the delay in the arrival of monsoon, which in turn delayed sowing. This resulted in a cascading effect on arrival in the mandis.

On the other hand, the Income Tax Department has also surveyed and examining onion traders in Maharashtra, Delhi and Madhya Pradesh following reports of alleged hoarding of the commodity amid its skyrocketing prices.

On November 6, the Ministry had liberalised fumigation provisions under the

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Plant Quarantine (PQ) Order, 2003 till November 30 to facilitate import of the key kitchen staple from Afghanistan, Egypt, Dubai, Saudi Arabia, Turkey and Iran to boost availability and check price rise. In its latest order, the Ministry has extended these relaxed provisions till December 31 for onion imports with some con-

ditions. Traders who have imported onions without fumigation or having endorsement of such treatment on phytosanitary certificate (PSC) will be allowed to fumigate in India through an accredited treatment provider, it said.

The consignment will be inspected thoroughly by quarantine officials and released only if found free from pests and diseases of concern to India, it said.

Also, such consignments of onions will not be subjected to the four times additional inspection fees on account of non-compliance of conditions under the 2003 PQ Order, it added.

Presently, imported onions are allowed in the country after the commodity is fumigated with methyl bromide

and certified by the exporting nation. Importers are required to pay huge charges if found in non-compliance with this provision.

As onion prices fail to cool down, the Government has decided to increase the availability through import of about 1 lakh tonnes of onion through public trading company MMTC, which has already floated tender for about 4,000 tonnes of imports. The Government is facilitating private imports as well.

Private traders have informed the Government that they have placed order for import of 2,400 tonnes of onion which would reach India by month-end. Another 2,600 tonnes will be contracted for arrival in December, sources said.

IIT Guwahati develops technology that can assess quality of milk



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Researchers from IIT Guwahati have developed a paper-based technology that can assess the quality and freshness of milk within 13 minutes by changing its colour. No special equipment or instrument will be required.

Pasteurisation is commonly used to kill the microbes in milk and various tests are used to ensure the effectiveness of the process, according to the researchers led by Pranjal Chandra, an assistant professor at IIT Guwahati.

Commonly used tests such as the methylene blue test, are time consuming, and could take many hours for colour changes to indicate the presence and absence of microbes.

Commercial phenol-based tests require sophisticated spectrophotometers and involve multi-step procedures, which necessitates dedicated testing centres and skilled personnel.

However, to cut-short this time, the research team which included Kuldeep Mahato, research scholar developed a simple visual detection technique to detect the quality of milk, without the need for special equipment and instruments.

"It would be useful if the quality of milk can be tested at the point of collection of milk or even in the home kitchen," said Dr Chandra, adding that such testing requires easy-to-operate and portable detection kits. He explained, "Alkaline Phosphatase (ALP) is a met-

alloprotein found naturally in raw milk samples and is considered an important biomarker in quality control of milk". It is found in raw milk and is destroyed during pasteurisation. "ALP is also found in higher amounts in the case of milk derived from animals with infection in the mammary glands. Detection of ALP in milk can thus point to inadequate pasteurisation and perhaps contamination."

"Despite ALP's recognisable detection potential in native milk, the multi-step nature, and requirement of sophisticated bulky analytical instruments and trained personnel, to detect ALP, limit their use as a sensor of milk quality in remote settings and in home kitchens," added Chandra.

The researchers used simple filter paper, chemically modified it, and loaded it with a recognition element — anti-ALP — which captures the ALP present in the milk.

Upon treatment with the colour-forming compound 'BCIP', the captured complex of ALP forms a blue-green coloured precipitate, that otherwise does not give any colour in the absence of ALP. The intensity of the colour indicates the amount of ALP present. The researchers used a smartphone to capture the image of the colour. They used the RGB (Red Green Blue) filter in the phone to profile the colour obtained, which could be co-related to the concentration. The researchers' work has been published in the journal, Biosensors, and Bioelectronics.

Pneumonia takes toll on kids under age of 5: UNICEF

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Pneumonia is taking toll on India's kids under the age of five years with one of them succumbing to every 4 minutes to the preventive disease last year, according to a study by Save the Children, UNICEF and Every Breath Counts.

It said that India was among the top five countries responsible for over half of the child deaths due to the disease globally that year. Overall, pneumonia claimed 1,27,000 under-five children in 2018. Pneumonia is an inflammatory disease affecting the lung. It is characterised by an accumulation of fluid in the alve-

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lus, resulting in the obstruction of normal breathing. It is usually caused due to air pollution besides poor food intake.

Dr Rajesh Khanna, Deputy Director of Health and Nutrition, Save the Children

said that "Acute malnutrition is associated with more than half of childhood pneumonia deaths. Indoor air pollution contributes to 22 per cent and outdoor air pollution contributes to 27 per cent of these deaths."

Just five countries were responsible for more than half of child pneumonia deaths - Nigeria (162,000), India (127,000), Pakistan (58,000), the Democratic Republic of Congo (40,000) and Ethiopia (32,000), it said.

Globally, pneumonia is the major cause of paediatric mortality, especially in children under 5, claiming the lives of more than 800,000 kids every

year, more than 2,000 every day.

In India 5 per 1,000 live births under five mortality rate due to pneumonia in 2018, the study said. "In India, 14 per cent of child deaths were due to pneumonia in 2017, and it was the second biggest killer of children under-five in 2017 (after wasting). Pneumonia killed more than 1,27,000 children under-five in 2018 - more than 14 children every hour," the study said.

It further said USD 16 was spent by the government on health per person in 2016 in India.

"Every day, nearly 2,200 children under the age of five

die from pneumonia, a curable and mostly preventable disease. Strong global commitment and increased investments are critical to the fight against this disease," Henrietta Fore, Executive Director of UNICEF said.

Pneumonia is caused by bacteria, viruses or fungi, and leaves children fighting for breath as their lungs fill with pus and fluid.

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under the age of five died from pneumonia in 2018 than from any other disease. Around 437,000 children under five died due to diarrhoea and 272,000 due to malaria.

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SC VERDICT ON KARNATAKA MLAs

Ruling against conspiracy of ex-Speaker, Sidda, says BSY

PTI ■ BENGALURU

Karnataka Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa on Wednesday welcomed the Supreme Court decision to allow disqualified MLAs to contest polls, he said, preparations have begun to win all the seats.

"From tomorrow itself all our ministers and leaders will take responsibility. We will put all efforts to win all the seats," he added.

The Supreme Court on Wednesday upheld the disqualification of 17 Congress-JD(S) MLAs by the then Speaker K Ramesh Kumar but allowed them to contest the December five bypolls in the state.

The court struck down the portion of the order of then Speaker by which the legislators were disqualified till the end of the 15th Karnataka Assembly in 2023.

Responding to a question

whether disqualified MLAs would get BJP tickets, Yediyurappa said, "we will discuss at the core committee meeting today and take decision by evening."

Asked if the 17 disqualified MLAs — 14 of the Congress and three belonging to the JDS — will be joining BJP, he said, "wait till evening.

They are all be coming back in the evening, I will discuss with them, also with national leaders and take an appropriate decision."

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Cong demands K'taka Govt dismissal

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Congress on Wednesday called for the dismissal of the Yediyurappa Government in Karnataka, saying the Supreme Court's decision upholding the decision disqualifying 17 Congress and JD(S) MLAs but allowing them to contest the bypolls had exposed BJP's 'Operation Kamal' in the State.

"The Supreme Court's decision has exposed the BJP's 'Operation Kamal' in Karnataka... The Yediyurappa Government is an 'illegitimate' Government in terms of law and constitution and should be dismissed immediately," Congress spokesperson Randeep Surjewala said. He also asked for an inquiry into the role of the BJP leadership.

"Public opinion and democratic values demand that not should only the 'illegitimate' Yediyurappa government be sacked, but the BJP's conspiracy to bring down an elected Government on the basis of



money power of the legislators investigated. The 'Yediyurappa Tapes' need to be investigated. Where did all this black money come from? What was the role of BJP leadership?" he asked.

His colleague Abhishek Manu Singhvi echoed him and said the Yediyurappa government has no moral right to continue in office any more. "There is clearly an attempt

by the BJP to destroy democratic values through shameless display of money power... The Supreme Court decision vindicates the stand of the Speaker almost 95 per cent. It shows that 'Operation Kamal' is happening everyday and everywhere in the country," Singhvi told reporters.

"It shows that a large number of Congress-JDS MLAs were lured by the BJP through the use of money power," he said. Demanding the resignation of the Karnataka chief minister, he said the BJP's "character" was now exposed.

"Those who preach to us about corruption, moral and Gandhian values, they have to realise that they have to walk the talk," Singhvi said. A H Vishwanath, one of the disqualified MLAs from the JD(S), said he was satisfied with the decision of the apex court.

"I welcome the judgement of the Supreme Court which has now permitted all 17 MLAs to contest the elections," Vishwanath told reporters.

The speaker had disqualified the 17 legislators of the ruling Congress-JD(S) coalition ahead of a trust vote in July.

Then Chief Minister H D Kumaraswamy resigned after losing the trust vote, paving the way for the BJP-led Government in the state under Yediyurappa.

Bypolls to 15 out of these 17 Assembly seats which fell vacant following the disqualification of MLAs are scheduled on December 5 and candidates are required to file their nomination papers between November 11 and November 18.

K'taka ex-Speaker Ramesh Kumar heaves sigh of relief

PTI ■ BENGALURU

Former Karnataka Speaker KR Ramesh Kumar on Wednesday expressed "sigh of relief" as the Supreme Court upheld his decision to disqualify 17 Congress-JD(S) MLAs.

"Supreme Court has upheld the disqualification - to that extent, it's a sigh of relief (for me). On the issue of tenure (of disqualification), Supreme Court has not agreed to my interpretation I will speak on that after going through the text of the judgement," Kumar said.

Speaking to reporters here, he said, he has gone by the tenth schedule, keeping in mind the political and constitutional morality.

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The court struck down the portion of the order of Kumar by which the legislators were disqualified till the end of the 15th Karnataka Assembly in 2023.

In July this year, 17 MLAs were disqualified by Kumar based on the complaint of Congress and JD(S) after their absence and resignation from the assembly during the trust vote leading to the collapse of then H D Kumaraswamy-led Government.

SC verdict on K'taka MLAs has no meaning: Kumaraswamy

PTI ■ BENGALURU

Former Karnataka Chief Minister and JD(S) leader HD Kumaraswamy claimed on Wednesday the Supreme Court's verdict on the disqualified MLAs "has no meaning."

"On the one hand upholding the disqualification and on the other, allowing them to contest the election..." he told reporters.

The apex court upheld the disqualification of 17 Congress-JD(S) MLAs on orders of the then Speaker but paved the way for them to contest the December 5 bypolls for 15 seats.

The court struck down the portion of the order of then Speaker K Ramesh Kumar by which the legislators were disqualified till the end of the term of the 15th Karnataka Assembly. "Without giving power to the anti-defection law, we put our back saying that we have introduced the law. What is there in the anti-defection law? To prohibit them (public representatives) from arbitrary acts of resigning whenever they want and can be easily influenced,"



Kumaraswamy said.

"The way you are encouraging, your decision has no meaning," Kumaraswamy said.

"If at all the democracy of the country has to survive, some degree of discipline should be displayed. There is no meaning if the anti-defection law is not respected," he said.

Asked whether there was any possibility of "compromising" with the BJP, Kumaraswamy said there was no need for him to do so.

He accused Congress leader and former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah of creating such a narrative about the JD(S). "When 2018 assembly elections were held, he asked Rahul Gandhi to announce that the JD(S) is the B-team of BJP. The same card he wants to play again. This time it will not work," he said.

BSY can run Govt safely for remainder of his term: Gowda

PTI ■ BENGALURU

JDS supremo HD Deve Gowda on Wednesday said Karnataka Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa can complete his term as he no longer has to worry about how to manage the disqualified MLAs, who have been allowed by Supreme Court to contest coming bypolls.

"With common sense I can say that Yediyurappa was worried about how to manage these 17 people (disqualified Congress-JDS MLAs)," he said when asked to comment on the Supreme Court verdict on their petitions.

"We don't need to bother about him (Yediyurappa). He can run the Government safely for the next three years and four months (remainder of the term)," he added.

He also ruled out any truck with the Congress in future, especially with its senior leader Siddaramaiah. "Siddaramaiah is also safe. There is no problem. There is no question of Siddaramaiah and Deve Gowda coming together to form the government. He will remain safely as the opposition leader," Gowda said.

BJP bracing for rebellion in bypoll bound constituencies in K'taka

PTI ■ BENGALURU

Rebellion in a few of the bypoll-bound Assembly constituencies amid indications that several of the 17 disqualified Congress and JD(S) MLAs who are set to join the party might get tickets to contest the December 5 polls.

At least two leaders Raju Kage from Kagwad and Sharath Bachegowda, son of BJP Chikkaballapura MP BN Bacchegowda, have openly revolted against the party upset over indications that they may not get tickets to contest the bypolls to 15 constituencies.

Both had unsuccessfully contested the 2018 assembly elections against Congress candidates, who are among the disqualified MLAs.

Kage had already announced his decision to quit the BJP and join the Congress, while Sharath on Wednesday said he would file nomination as an independent in Hoskote.

Sharath's announcement came on a day when the Supreme Court gave partial relief to the disqualified MLAs by allowing them to contest the bypolls and

Kage had already announced his decision to quit the BJP and join the Congress, while Sharath on Wednesday said he would file nomination as an Independent in Hoskote

all eyes are the BJP's next move on whether it will give tickets to them.

Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa said the disqualified MLAs would join the BJP on Thursday.

Kage on Wednesday met Congress leader Siddaramaiah and said he was all set to join the party and would file his nomination from Kagwad on November 18.

"Today or tomorrow, I am going to resign from the primary membership of BJP," he told reporters here.

BJP is likely to field Congress rebels Shrimant Patil and K Sudhakar in Kagwad and Hoskote.

Barely two days ago, Congress leader D K Shivakumar had met Kage and another BJP member Ashok Pujari of Gokak in Belagavi giving rise to speculations they may be absorbed by the party and fielded in the bypolls.

Cong releases manifesto for Rajasthan civic body polls

PTI ■ JAIPUR

The Congress' Rajasthan unit on Wednesday released its manifesto for the November 16 civic body polls in the State.

The party promises the State's people that it will do everything to ensure development, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot said after releasing the manifesto.

Forty-nine civic bodies are going to polls on Saturday.

In its manifesto, the Congress has promised to start urban bus services in Bharatpur, Udaipur and Bikaner, get work worth Rs 3,500 crore done under the Smart City scheme in the next two years in Jaipur, Udaipur, Kota and Ajmer, and revive the Rajasthan Urban Development Fund besides 25 other promises.

"People have appreciated the Government's programmes. The Government will once again start the 'Prashashan Sheharo Ki Aur' programme," the Chief Minister said.

Keeping in mind that



all-round development of cities is necessary, the Congress has prepared a manifesto and the government will work on its promises, he said.

Development of local bodies took place only when the Congress was in power, Gehlot said.

Congress Rajasthan chief and Deputy Chief Minister Sachin Pilot said the good work done by the government will be carried forward at a rapid pace in the remaining four years of this dispensation and all-round development will be done.

Death of birds at Sambhar Lake worrying, officials investigating cause: Raj CM

PTI ■ JAIPUR

Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot on Wednesday said the death of birds at Sambhar Lake is worrying and protecting flora and fauna remains one of the top priorities of the state government.

Hundreds of birds including Northern Shoveler, Ruddy Shelduck, Plovers, Avocets were found were found dead on Sunday in the 5-7 km area around the Sambhar Lake, a wetland of international importance and key wintering area for tens of thousands of migratory birds.

"Death of birds at Sambhar Lake is very worrying. State govt has taken all necessary steps to find out what is causing loss of avian lives and also to take immediate steps to prevent deaths during this migratory season. Protecting flora & fauna remains one of our top priorities," Gehlot said in a tweet.

He said officials are investigating whether it has been caused by water contamination or algae poisoning.

"Once investigations are complete, we will do everything possi-



ble so that no more birds lose lives," he said.

Gehlot said a ground-level assessment has found that due to heavy rains in Sambhar, a number of new water bodies have formed, raising saline level and causing toxicity.

He said the Chief Conservator of Forest as well as several teams of Animal Husbandry Department are at Sambhar Lake to assess the situation.

"Both chief wild life warden (CWLW) and CCF are also monitoring the situation. Water samples have been taken and sent for testing. Carcasses are sent to Bhopal for testing for bird flu. Toxicologists have also been called from SARCON, Coimbatore," he said.



A man and a child walks past plastics and other wastes accumulated on the beach at Marina, in Chennai on Wednesday PTI

TSRTC strike: Another worker commits suicide

Hyderabad: Another Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TSRTC) driver allegedly committed suicide on Wednesday in Mahabubabad district as the indefinite strike by the employees' unions entered the 40th day. A Naresh, 45, consumed some poisonous substance at his house in the early hours and was rushed to a hospital by his family where he

died, police said.

Already, four RTC employees had ended their lives and some others attempted suicide in different parts of Telangana since the strike began on October 5.

A senior police official said Naresh resorted to the extreme step apparently "upset" whether the ongoing RTC issue would be resolved.

A purported suicide note

in the name of Naresh allegedly mentioned that the State Government was not responding properly to the stir, the official said and added that its authenticity has to be verified.

Scores of TSRTC workers and employees along with members of some political parties took his body in a procession from the hospital towards the RTC depot raising slogans against the Government. PTI

SC lawyer issues legal notice to officials for stopping ration supply to Bru refugees

PTI ■ AIZAWL/AGARTALA

A Supreme Court lawyer has issued a legal notice to six officials for stopping supply of free ration and cash-dole to Bru refugees living in relief camps in Tripura leading to the "death of six persons", an organisation of the displaced people said on Wednesday.

The Ministry of Home Affairs has stopped free ration and cash-dole after repatriation of the Brus to their homeland Mizoram started on October 3. It is scheduled to continue till November 30.

The Mizoram Bru Displaced People's Forum (MBDPF) had claimed that six people including

babies have died in relief camps since October 29 "because of starvation" after the ration supply was stopped to the 35,000 odd refugees. The Tripura Government, however, said four people died and the cause of the deaths was being ascertained.

Advocate Ali Zia Kabir Choudhary sent the legal notice to six officials including Tripura Director General of Police Akhil Kumar Shukla, North Tripura District Magistrate Ravel H Kumar and Sub-Divisional Magistrate of Kanchanpur Abhedananda Baidya, MBDPF leaders said.

When asked by PTI, Baidya said he received the notice.

The displaced people had

launched a roadblock at Anandabazar, known for a prominent market, at Kanchanpur in North Tripura district from October 31 demanding resumption of cash-dole and free ration to them. Following assurance from Tripura Deputy Chief Minister Jishnu Debbarma to resume supply of free ration, the blockade was withdrawn on October 7.

Baidya said, "The refugees have already started getting free ration."

Every adult Bru person living in a camp gets ₹3.50 in cash and 600 grams of rice per day as allowances, while each minor receives ₹2.50 in cash and 300 grams of rice per day, official sources said adding that they get clothes in every three years.

Guj Govt announces ₹700-cr relief for rain-hit farmers

PTI ■ AHMEDABAD

The Gujarat Government on Wednesday announced a relief package of ₹700 crore for the farmers in the State, whose crops have been damaged due to excess rain this year.

Talking to reporters, Deputy Chief Minister Nitin Patel said the move would benefit over four lakh farmers in the State.

Farmers in Gujarat witnessed damage to their crops due to excess rains that lashed the State even after the monsoon season officially ended.

"The cabinet meeting held today decided to declare a relief package for farmers who have faced crop losses due to excess rains in the last week of October and early part of November," Patel said.



"We have decided to give a relief package of ₹700 crore for the farmers. The main crops that have been damaged are groundnut, cotton and rice... Over four lakh farmers will benefit from this package," he said.

The relief package will be over and above the crop insurance that the companies will provide to the

farmers who under the insurance cover. The relief will be given as per the rules of the Central Government's Calamity Relief Fund, Patel said.

According to him, a survey is being carried out in different parts of the State to assess the crop damage and it will soon be completed.

"Chief Minister Vijay Rupani had promised to provide relief to all the farmers even if they have not taken crop insurance. To keep that promise to the farmers in the state, this relief package has been announced," he said.

However, the opposition Congress termed the relief package to farmers as a mere "lollypop" and

asked the State Government to provide crop insurance to them.

The Gujarat Government's announcement came at a time when Congress leader Hardik Patel was about to end his day-long symbolic fast at Paddhari in Rajkot district over the issue of crop insurance and farm loan waiver in the wake of unseasonal rains.

"Farmers are committing suicide as they are not paid 100 per cent crop insurance. While we welcome the government's move (relief package), we want prompt disbursement of crop insurance," Hardik said.

"The BJP Government was forced to announce a package of Rs 700 crore because of the Congress. We will continue our fight for the farmers in the coming days," he added.

Sabarimala verdict: Anxiety grips Kerala

PTI ■ THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Political parties, right wing outfits and devotees in Kerala are keeping their fingers crossed as the Supreme Court is set to pronounce on Thursday its verdict on pleas seeking review of its decision to allow entry of women of all age groups in the Sabarimala Temple.



The southern State had witnessed high drama and protests by devotees and right wing activists last year against the CPI(M)-led LDF Government's decision to implement the top court's order.

The verdict was also crucial for the LDF Government, led by Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, as the beginning of the annual pilgrimage season at Sabarimala is just three days away.

The portals of the hill shrine, located in a reserve forest in Western Ghats in Pathanamthitta district of the state, would be opened for the two-month-long Mandalam Makaravilakku season on November 16 evening.

Vijayan had on Saturday taken stock of the preparations being carried out by various departments to ensure a hassle-free pilgrimage.

DGP Loknath Behara has said there will be tight security during the pilgrimage season.

Over 10,000 police personnel will be deployed in phases in and around the Sabarimala Lord Ayyappa temple during the two-month long pilgrimage season.

While the state BJP, on Wednesday, expressed hope that the order on the review petitions, would be in favour of devotees, the Travancore Devaswom Board (TDB), the

Government's decision to go ahead and implement the verdict.

BJP state general secretary M T Ramesh said if the verdict was against devotees, the party would seek constitutional means to address the concerns of devotees.

"We hope that the verdict on the review petitions will be in favour of devotees."

The stand adopted by the state government was the reason for the earlier judgment that came out against the sentiments of devotees," he told reporters.

The stand taken by the apex court in the Ayodhya case that deity Ram Lalla could be viewed as a special personality, can be applicable in the Sabarimala case also, he said.

A Padmakumar, the outgoing president of TDB, said the verdict should be accepted with self-restraint and peace.

"The Board's request to everyone is that we should accept the verdict whatever it may be. We hope that the state

BJP workers, police clash in Kolkata

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA



Dozen people including Apolice men and BJP workers were injured after saffron activists clashed with the police during an agitation against alleged "Government apathy" in handling rising dengue cases in Kolkata.

The police lathi-charged the protesters and used water cannons to disperse hundreds of charging BJP Yuva Morcha supporters marching towards the Kolkata Municipal Corporation. At least 37 BJP men including State party leaders Raju Banerjee were arrested.

"We were protesting peacefully but the police suddenly started charging batons and firing water cannons," Banerjee said asking "how can the police use water cannons purchased with the tax-payers money. There is no democracy in Bengal," he said.

State BJP president Dilip Ghosh attacked the Government for "reckless handling of dengue cases," adding "the number of dengue infection has more than doubled in the past fortnight taking the

saying, "we have every right to visit the affected areas as there are numerous complaints that Government is playing politics over distributing relief materials."

He said "the Chief Minister is not allowing the opposition parties to extend the hand of cooperation. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has sent Rs 200 crore for relief in advance but she is not paying heed to our suggestions. What is the harm if other parties too come in and work together at this time of crisis for the common people."

Cyclone Bulbul has affected large parts of nine districts destroying crops and properties worth hundreds of crores. "This has caused a bigger damage than Aila," a State official said.

Meanwhile Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee who was on Wednesday touring Basirhat sub-division in North 24 Parganas told in an administrative meeting that "no partiality should be shown while distributing relief. Politics is in its own place but during grief we must unite and relief must be distributed without seeing political colours."

Media kept in dark as Cong, NCP thrash out CMP issues

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

Senior NCP leader and former deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar pulled a fast one on the media on Wednesday night. Or so it appeared.

There was considerable confusion and drama surrounding the first co-ordination committee scheduled for Wednesday night to discuss formulation of Common Minimum Programme (CMP).

After the conflicting versions emerged from both the Congress and the NCP camps as to whether the scheduled meeting was held at all or not, it was confirmed later in the night that the meeting was indeed held at a five-star hotel's conference room.

Senior leaders of both the parties, including veteran leader Sushilkumar Shinde, Prithviraj Chavan, Balasaheb

Thorat, Vijay Wadetiwar, Ashok Chavan, Manirao Thakre (all from the Congress), Ajit Pawar, Jayant Patil, Dhyananjay Munde and Nawab Mallik (all from the NCP) were present.

The Congress and NCP leaders present reviewed the manifestos of the Congress-NCP alliance, which had come out with a joint manifesto, and the Shiv Sena. The two parties will use the manifestos of the Congress-NCP alliance and Shiv Sena as the base for the CMP. Given the different ideologies, the Congress-NCP leaders also discussed the conflicting stands/views taken by the Congress-NCP alliance one hand and the Shiv Sena on the other. If it wants to go with the Congress-NCP alliance, the Shiv Sena will have to keep its Hindutva agenda on the back burner till they are in alliance



Senior Congress and NCP leaders attend a joint meeting on Wednesday to discuss issues relating to the formulation of Common Minimum Programme

with the two "secular" parties. Now that the Shiv Sena's process of alliance with the Congress-NCP alliance has begun, Sena president Uddhav Thackeray may cancel his scheduled visit to Ayodhya on November 24.

Earlier, while state NCP president Jayant Patil claimed

party leaders had with chief Sharad Pawar at the latter's "Silver Oak" residence in south Mumbai. He said that the meeting, scheduled between the leaders of his party and Congress on Wednesday night, to dwell upon issues relating to CMP, had been cancelled.

"The meeting has been cancelled. I am leaving for Baramati," Ajit Pawar said.

However, Sharad Pawar clarified later that Ajitdada, as the Ajit Pawar is known in the state political circles, was very much in Mumbai and the meeting between the NCP and Congress leaders would take place in Mumbai on Thursday. "Ajitdada is very much in Mumbai. He might have made the comment in jest that he was heading towards Baramati," Sr Pawar said.

State Congress chief Balasaheb Thorat also con-

firmed that the meeting scheduled for on Wednesday was cancelled. "We (Congress and NCP leaders) were to meet today at 7.30 pm. The Congress leaders told us all of sudden that the meeting is cancelled. We will meet tomorrow," Thorat said.

Former chief minister and senior Congress leader Ashok Chavan said: "We had an internal meeting among the Congress leaders today.... We were to meet the NCP leaders today. But that meeting is not happening today. We will meet them tomorrow."

Later in the night, State NCP president Jayant Patil claimed that the meeting between the leaders of his party and NCP was currently. "It was in jest that Ajit Pawar had made the statement that the meeting had been cancelled and that he was going to Baramati".

Authorities roll up sleeves to give Ayodhya complete makeover after SC verdict

PTI ■ LUCKNOW

Authorities are gearing up to give Ayodhya a complete makeover following the Supreme Court verdict in favour of a Ram temple, with plans to build resorts, a five-star hotel, international bus terminal and an airport.

Besides these, the Uttar Pradesh Government also plans to start a cruise on the Sarayu river. Elaborating about the developmental plan, deputy director Information of Ayodhya division Murlidhar Singh said, "Ayodhya Teerth Vikas Parishad will be constituted. Plans are on to start river cruise on Sarayu river in Ayodhya. It will take almost four years for Ayodhya to become a city like Tirupati," he said.

Singh said work will be started at a very fast pace to construct an international airport in Ayodhya, so that the first flight can take off by Ram Navami (birth celebration of Lord Ram) in April 2020.

He said the expansion of Ayodhya railway station will

also be undertaken apart from construction of an international bus terminal in the town. In addition, a flyover measuring 5-kilometre-long will come up between Faizabad and Ayodhya, he said.

Work to construct a five-star hotel and setting up 10 resorts in Ayodhya is likely to commence in December, he said. "The temple of Lord Ram, which will be built in Ayodhya, will be the biggest religious place in the country. If 2,000 craftsmen (kaarigar) will be working for 8 hours in a day, then the temple will be ready in two-and-half years. So far 65 per cent of the stones have been already carved," Murlidhar Singh said.

He added that the responsibility to look after the area of nearly 5-kilometre around the temple will be on the Supreme Court-mandated trust for construction of a temple at the site in Ayodhya.

Sena not to mention plea against Maha Governor in SC

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The Shiv Sena will not mention in the Supreme Court on Thursday its plea challenging the Governor's decision of not granting it 3 days time for getting letter of support for Government formation in Maharashtra, according to the party lawyer.

The lawyer representing Shiv Sena in the apex court told PTI that the party has preferred not to mention the petition. Advocate Sunil Fernandes,

who had filed the petition on behalf of the Shiv Sena, said on Tuesday that the Supreme Court had asked them to mention the writ petition at 10:30 AM on Wednesday.

The lawyer said another petition challenging the imposition of President's rule in the state was being readied. The Shiv Sena had on Tuesday moved the apex court challenging the Maharashtra governor's decision but failed to get an urgent hearing in the mat-

ter. The Shiv Sena had 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 had claimed it was invited to form the Government on Monday and had indicated its willingness to do so on Tuesday.

In the petition, the Sena had contended that the governor's decision was violative of articles 14 and 21 of the

Constitution. The plea had said the governor's decision rejecting the claim of the Shiv Sena, which is the second largest party with 56 MLAs, to form Government is "ex facie arbitrary, unconstitutional and violative of article 14".

The Shiv Sena was invited to form the state government on November 10 and the petitioner had indicated its willingness to form the Government on November 11, it said

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OPEN TENDER NOTICE (E-Tender)
For and on behalf of President of India, the Sr. Divisional Mechanical Engineer / Freight, Northern Railway, Delhi Division invites E-tender for following work from experienced and capable tenderers. **Tender No:** 197-S/187/CAMC of O.H.Crane/TKD/19/MC-IV **Name of work:** Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract for Over Head Cranes at Wagon Care Centre, Tughlakabad for Two years. **Advised Tender Value :** Rs. 69,80,870.56/- (Including GST) **Earnest money in favour of Sr DFM/NR, New Delhi:** Rs. 1,39,600/- (Note: It should be in the form of net banking or gateway only. FDR not be accepted as EMD for tender invited on IREPS) **Date & time of submission of tender bid:** Up to 11.12.2019 at 12:00 hrs. **Website particulars where complete details of tender documents can be seen:** www.ireps.gov.in. No. 197-S/187/CAMC of O.H.Crane/TKD/19/MC-IV Date: 13.11.2019 3641/19
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FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS Q2 FY2019-20

Statement of Un - Audited Financial Results for the Quarter & Half Year ended 30th September, 2019

Sl. No.	Particulars	Quarter ended		Half year ended		Year Ended
		30.09.2019	30.09.2018	30.09.2019	30.09.2018	
		(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
1	Total income from Operations (Refer Note -2)	17,672.44	16,483.68	34,578.77	33,175.81	67,584.91
2	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period (Before Tax, Exceptional and / or Extraordinary Items)	812.72	752.59	1,790.89	1,689.44	2,701.73
3	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period Before Tax (After Exceptional and / or Extraordinary Items)	812.72	752.59	1,790.89	1,689.44	2,701.73
4	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period After Tax (After Exceptional and / or Extraordinary Items)	573.63	541.89	1,302.57	1,193.12	2,142.52
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (After Tax) and other Comprehensive Income (After Tax)]	573.63	541.89	1,302.57	1,193.12	2,139.50
6	Paid-up equity share capital (Face Value of ₹ 1/- each)	469.17	469.17	469.17	469.17	469.17
7	Reserves Excluding Revaluation Reserve					
8	Earnings Per Share for Continuing and Discontinued Operations (Before & After Extraordinary Items) (Face Value of ₹ 1/-each)					
	Basic	1.22	1.15	2.78	2.54	4.56
	Diluted	1.22	1.15	2.78	2.54	4.56

NOTES :

- The Auditor has conducted Limited Review of these Financial Results. The results were reviewed by the Audit Committee. The Board of Directors has taken on record the financial results at its meeting held on November 13, 2019.
- The statement has been prepared in accordance with the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules 2015, (IND-AS) prescribed under Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 and other recognised accounting practices and policies to the extent applicable.
- Effective April 1, 2019, the Company adopted Ind AS 116 "Leases", applied to all lease contracts existing on April 1, 2019 using the modified retrospective method along with the transition option to recognize Right-of-Use asset (ROU) at an amount equal to the lease liability. Accordingly, comparatives for the quarters ended September 30, 2018 and half year ended September 30, 2018 and year ended March 31, 2019 have not been retrospectively adjusted. The effect of this adoption is not material on the profit for the period and earnings per share.
- Figures for the previous period have been regrouped/ rearranged wherever necessary to make them comparable with current figures.

On behalf of Board of Directors
For, Gulshan Polyols Limited
Sd/-
(Dr. Chandra K. Jain)
Chairman and Managing Director

Date : 13th November, 2019
Place : Delhi

With Maha under President's Rule, GAD seeks files

PTI ■ MUMBAI

As day after President's Rule came into force in Maharashtra, the Ministries have been ordered to hand over possessions to the General Administrative Department (GAD) by Wednesday evening.

The GAD order is applicable to all ministries, OSDs (Officers on Special Duty) working for ministers, personal secretaries and personal

assistants. They are directed to submit telephone bills and return identity cards issued to them to the GAD, the order stated.

They are told to return official files, confidential documents, office stationery, furniture etc.

The Central Rule came into force on Tuesday evening, 19 days after the fractured mandate in the State Assembly polls failed to elect a clear winner.

PUBLIC NOTICE
To whom it may Concern
It is for information for General Public that my Client, Mr. Khurshid Anwar son of Late Iqbal Hussain Resident of K-3, Gaffar Manzil Extension Part-II (Haji Colony), Jamia Nagar, Okhla, New Delhi-25 has disowned his son Saifuddin Asad he shall have no right and concern with us or our moveable and immovable properties. I shall not be held liable & responsible for the acts/ deeds/ offences/ guarantee/ loan liability / debts / responsibilities of him and I shall not be held responsible for the same.
Jawaid Hussain Khan, Advocate
Lawyers Block, Saket Court Complex, N.D.

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Traffic Manager,
PPT/PR/452/19-20 Dated: 13.11.2019

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4th Floor, Jewan Tara Building, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001
OA No. 658/18 Date : 19-09-2019
Corporation Bank Applicant
Versus
Mr. Ankush Mehra & Ors. Respondent
Defendant
3. M/s Nivas Promoters Pvt. Ltd., 191, 2nd Floor, Pt. B. SFS Fats, Saket, New Delhi-25
Also at: B-5/3, 1st Floor, Tower-B, The Coreturn, Sect.-62, Noida, UP-201301
Also at: GH-01/D, Sect.-10, Greater Noida, West GB Nagar, UP
Also at: G-56, Sect.-39 GB Nagar, UP
Whereas the above named applicant(s) has/have instituted a cause for recovery of Rs. 31,62,921/- (Rupees Thirty One Lakh Sixty Two Thousand Nine Hundred & Twenty One Only) against you & whereas it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in the ordinary way, therefore, this notice is given by advertisement directing you to make appearance in the Tribunal on 15-11-2019 at 10.30 A.M.
Take notice that in default of your appearance on the day before the mentioned, the case will be heard & determined in your absence.
By Order of The Tribunal
Section Officer, DRT-II, Delhi

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Aditya Birla Finance Limited
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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 Dangrus RM India Company, Mr. Sanjay Singh, Archana Singh to repay, the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs. 1,41,01,652.72 (Rupees One Crore Fourty 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.
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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, admeasuring 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 : 14-11-2019 AUTHORIZED OFFICER

NORTHERN RAILWAY
OPEN TENDER NOTICE (E-Tender)
For and on behalf of President of India, the Sr. Divisional Mechanical Engineer/ Freight, Northern Railway, Delhi Division invites E-tender for following work from experienced and capable tenderers. **Tender No:** 197-S/226/Retrofitment of ATL/BFKH NTKD/19/MC-IV **Name of work:** Retrofitment of Automatic Twist Locks (ATL) in BFKHN wagons as per drawing at Wagon Care Centre, Tughlakabad for Six months. **Advised Tender Value :** Rs.32,74,500/- (Including GST) **Earnest money in favour of Sr DFM/NR, New Delhi:** Rs.65,500/- (Note: It should be in the form of net banking or gateway only. FDR not be accepted as EMD for tender invited on IREPS) **Date & time of submission of tender bid:** Up to 11.12.2019 at 12:00 hrs. **Website particulars where complete details of tender documents can be seen:** www.ireps.gov.in. No. 197-S/226/Retrofitment of ATL/BFKHNTKD/19/MC-IV Date : 13.11.2019 3640/19
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Notice Inviting e-Tender
No.SSA/ESTT/Hearing Aid/374/2019/10095 Date : 13.11.2019
Mission Director, Axom Sarba Siksha Abhijan Mission, Kahlipara, Guwahati-19, Assam (Samagra Siksha Abhijan) invites tender through e-Tendering process from reputed Manufacturer of Hearing Aids for assessment and supply of aids and appliances for Children with special needs.
To participate in the tender process through e-procurement document, bidder should have valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) of class-II (minimum) and have to register in the portal <https://assamtenders.gov.in> by themselves.
The Bidder who have downloaded the tender schedules containing the tender details, terms and conditions, from the website shall submit their tender on-line on the website <https://assamtenders.gov.in>, with proof of payment of non refundable tender processing fee of Rs. 5000/- (Rupees five thousand) only in the form of demand draft/Bankers Cheque drawn in favour of Mission Director, Axom Sarba Siksha Abhijan Mission, Kahlipara, Guwahati-19, Assam, from any nationalized Bank and payable at Guwahati. The tender should be submitted on-line as per date and time of submission as per prescribed schedule.
Sd/- Mission Director,
SSA, Assam, Kahlipara, Guwahati-19

Let Rajpath be

Repairing and rejigging heritage structures is one thing, changing skylines quite the other



When the glass Pyramid came up in the courtyard of the Louvre Museum, ostensibly to serve as a central conduit for a more functional visitor movement, the then French President François Mitterrand was lambasted for creating “an architectural joke, an eyesore, an anachronistic intrusion of Egyptian death symbolism in the middle of Paris, and a megalomaniacal folly.” Parisians still have mixed feelings about the new-age intrusion, which has allowed more utilitarian and pedestrianised access to art besides increasing foot-

falls. But the oddity of its existence was such that critics and conservationists compelled the architects to tone down on drama, keep much of the rejig of the Louvre’s internal map underground and stay away from the surrounding classical architecture. Mitterrand, an avid art lover, was thinking about keeping the Louvre relevant for generations than sealing a political legacy. However, the real intent of the argument that Lutyens’ Delhi needs a makeover, particularly the central vista of the Rajpath, to create more spaces for Ministry offices and freeing up more citizen-friendly spaces, is entirely political and in no way cultural or futuristic. Tradition’s co-existence with modernity is encoded in our DNA and Delhi is the best testimony, where each successive ruler has sedimented through relics and monuments. And Delhiites have never denied heritage its place — Rajput, Islamic, European or colonial — making it a part of their living history, one where Lutyens’ Delhi is a key chapter. Talking of the central vista and the domed buildings around it, do we really need to tamper with the elegance and classicism of design here? The green pavilions, perches, cupolas and the islands are the only democratic spaces where citizens can move and roam free, catching the afternoon sun in the middle of winter and the gentle breeze of a summer evening. No kiosk or retail space is needed for it is precisely to escape these that Delhi families assemble here.

Besides, being the first stretches to be locked down for security around Republic and Independence Days, they are anyway sanitised and cannot ever be a porous event space like Washington’s National Mall. Redevelopment wouldn’t necessarily mean more freedom to the masses. Considering the India Gate and now the war memorial are a tribute to martyred soldiers no less, do we need to scream our triumphalism and identity any louder with an Eiffel tower-like structure? Shouldn’t the Government be wiser to leave a legacy of policy and governance instead? Repurposing administrative offices within the shell of an existing facade and rejigging interiors are the done thing. But to change the skyline is quite the other. Agreed, there may be an increasing demand for land in the cities and the size of the Government means that its bureaucracy needs to be accommodated. Does that mean Lutyens’ bungalows should be torn down indiscriminately without attempting a solution within the original plan? Cannot some Government accommodation be relocated to areas where vertical structures are the norm than the exception? The Rajpath has been our ceremonial pivot, providing a monumental, dignified and symbolic setting for governmental structures, museums and national memorials. Attempting to change it for no pressing reason, therefore, is like marginalising and eroding its place-based identity. Simply because of its historicity as a power statement. One that the current regime wants to overlay with its own imposition of a Bharat Parv, as if we never had one through millennia. Prime Minister Narendra Modi doesn’t quite like the “Lutyens’ world” and the power structures embedded in it. “For me, everything is about the people of India,” he had said. But in the name of breaking elitism and freeing up space for people, one cannot justify political point-scoring. Or even the political economy it will generate — the project is expected to run into multi-crore tenders. There are fruits of preservation: they serve as reminders of what was and where we need to go. There are only ruins of demolition, forcibly reconstructing the past on wobbly stubs to suit our ends. Given the secrecy around the makeover project, the least the Government can do is to put a proposed plan to a public vote, keep it transparent, consultative and reasonable and synchronise its character with the aspiration of Delhiites to be citizens of a world heritage city. The city’s application, submitted to the Unesco in 2013, lists Lutyens’ Bungalow Zone (LBZ) along with Shahjahanabad (old Delhi) as the rationale for seeking the tag. That sure will have a longer legacy than proving a point for BJP’s manifesto of 2024, the deadline of the project.

Trouble in Jharkhand

After Maharashtra, allies AJSU and LJP turn adamant on seats, show BJP why it needs them



From the west to the east, BJP’s allies in the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) are seeking to assert themselves and give the “big brother” a tough time in both pre and post-poll scenarios. That’s because the results in Maharashtra have proven that the BJP, regardless of the brute force of the Lok Sabha verdict, cannot make it on its own. It has hardly recovered from the jolt in Maharashtra, where its three-decade-old ally, the Shiv Sena, snapped ties with it for its failure to honour a rotational chief ministerial formula, but is staring at another one in Jharkhand. Here its long-time ally, the All Jharkhand Students’ Union (AJSU), has upped the ante by staking claim to 17 seats for itself. But the BJP is not willing to concede. The AJSU has since gone ahead by fielding its candidate even against the BJP’s State unit chief. As if this wasn’t enough, another BJP ally, the Lok Janshakti Party (LJP), has announced it will go alone and field its candidates in 50 of the 81 Assembly seats.

The timing is all wrong for the BJP, which is actually looking to consolidate its gains in the State. The Raghubar Das-led regime has the distinction of completing a full five-year-term, which is a first in the 20-year history of the State that has always had fractured mandates leading to half-a-dozen Chief Ministers helming the affairs from time to time. For the BJP however, the LJP is not a cause of worry given its minuscule presence in the State. The LJP contested only one Assembly seat in 2014 and lost. By contesting 50 seats this time round, its new president Chirag Paswan wishes to gain some foothold in Jharkhand. But as far as AJSU is concerned, the party, which is a product of the Jharkhand movement, has a strong presence, especially in areas around Ranchi. AJSU has been a part of almost all Governments formed in Jharkhand ever since the State’s creation when Babul Marandi became the first Chief Minister. Its chief Sudesh Mahto has handled plum portfolios throughout, including that of the funds-rich Road Construction department. He played a key role in hijacking MLAs to prop up the Arjun Munda regime. The AJSU is also gaining strength from the fact that Opposition parties are courting it. AJSU fighting alone, nevertheless, will be advantage BJP as the former shares a support base with the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) and could cut into its votebank. Despite its dominance, the BJP cannot alienate time-tested allies who have stood by it through thick and thin. As Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) leader Naresh Gujral said, the BJP should not treat its allies as lesser partners as they, too, have self-respect.

Guarantors vs enforcers

The brawl between police officers and lawyers over a parking lot was the manifestation of a misplaced sense of entitlement at work. The episode should lead to corrective introspection



BHOPINDER SINGH

Submission to an inviolable sense of justice, order and probity ought to be at the heart of professionals rendering policing and legal services to society. The nobility of purpose in both these professions mandates a certain code of conduct and ethics that posits the responsibility to the citizenry at large and, thereby, the nation. Many such mandates have been legislated, ingrained and templated in the form of standard procedures, processes and even uniforms that they bear with aplomb and responsibility. The allegorical personification of Lady Justice (originally *Lustitia*, the goddess of justice in the Greek mythology) with a blindfold, a balance and a sword is deeply symbolic of those who uphold its tenets as protectors of justice.

Similarly, the khaki uniform of the police personnel is freighted with the citizen’s charter that explicitly seeks, among other things, the “maintenance of law and order in civil society” as a common bond between the two services. Many illustrious lawyers and policemen (and policewomen) have conducted themselves with the highest dignity, civility, service and personal sacrifices that have been the pride of the society and the nation.

Yet, the unfortunate spectacle of the violent clash between policemen and the lawyers at the Tis Hazari court in the national capital shamed the edifice of justice, which is the shared responsibility of these two callings. In an age of reckless social media, the free flow of visuals of the fights, accusations and the public protests was a reflection of institutional breakdown at various levels.

The immediate impact of this wholly avoidable fracas goes way beyond the perceptions about these two professions. It speaks volumes about the institutional one-upmanship, prevailing societal anger and above all, a misplaced sense of entitlement that some individuals may carry — all of which could taint the entirety of their services. For the sake of national security and order, institutional blame-game must be contained with immediate effect. The High Court-appointed judicial inquiry must ascertain individual acts of misdemeanour and those involved must be punished, irrespective of their professional callings.

However, the lazy and wanton lust to sully the reputation of either of the institutions can have unfathomable repercussions that the nation can ill-afford, given that both are unique and irreplaceable services, often the only source of ensuring justice to the citizenry. To that extent, the act should be treated as a matter of individual (at best a group of individuals) culpability or complicity as opposed to a situation where the top-brass of either institutions in the lock horns on behalf of their colleagues. The fact that the violence was triggered by



a seemingly innocuous dispute over a parking space reeks of ego, vanity and a sense of fiefdom that was involved. The proverbial “turf-war” further eroded the citizen’s waning trust, faith and decorum about governmental and judicial arms, who are in dire need for reforms and reassurances.

In the melee of excesses was the regrettable irony of the Delhi Police’s motto of “*Shanti, Sewa, Nyaya*” (Peace, Service and Justice) or indeed, the fact that the lawyers are the ultimate restorers of the law of the land. The hapless citizenry could only mull and reminisce their own experiences at the hands of either of these two.

Such incidents also give a parallel vent to latent concerns that have remained unaddressed for far too long but contextualising the same to this incident is to distract from the immediacy and specificity of action. The unwarranted politicisation of the incident, with political parties assuming positions that suit their immediate narrative, can only fan the fire. Sane voices, who are either in positions of seniority in the respective hierarchies or those who have retired from official service, would do yeoman service by insisting on isolating the individuals concerned in the violence, as opposed to taking institutional positions.

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Other collateral concerns like work conditions and officer-soldier relationship in the police among others, however true and important in their own right, are a matter of separate enquiry and resolution. In fact, there has been a plethora of committees and commissions that have identified various reforms pertaining to the efficacy of the judicial and policing services. Unfortunately, political will has been lacking and even institutional lethargy to undertake the recommendations made by experts in the field.

A more reassuring arm of the Government has been the armed forces. The principal factor for this has been the relative isolation from the politicisation of its environment, functioning and ethos. In cases of individual culpability pertaining to the rare wrongdoings of a soldier of the armed forces, care is taken to isolate them from institutional framework as discipline cannot be compromised.

Discipline, leadership and soldiering ethos are made to walk the talk in the armed forces. The finest example of this is the “officer-to-soldier” fatality ratio, which is the highest for any military in the world. It is the professional culture and standard that are at stake when murmurs abound

of creeping politicisation even in the armed forces.

The onus is on the Government to contain this incident with speedy intervention, resolution and then usher in the much-delayed institutional reforms. No society can thrive where a revenue officer is burnt alive during the conduct of his/her duty, where police-lawyers vandalise public property, where policemen in uniform protest raising slogans, where suicide attempts for justice by lawyers are made. Indeed, forgotten from the recent limelight is the unprecedented tragedy of the war heroes of the armed forces sitting on roadside, asking for what was rightfully promised in OROP.

There is certainly a power play of institutional relevance, elbow-room and assertion at play. The fight over the parking lot was symbolic of the misplaced sense of entitlement that is at work with a few that shame their own institutions. This incident should lead to corrective introspection and cooling of tempers as opposed to a field day for those who have vested interest in TRPs, partisan concerns or perpetuating the existing systemic rot. (The writer, a military veteran, is a former Lt Governor of Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Puducherry)

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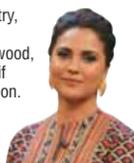
RCEP is in our interest. If it is signed by other 15 nations and we are sitting outside, no multinational will want to come here.

NITI Aayog vice chairman — Arvind Panagariya



Today, whether it’s pageantry, surviving in the modelling business or entering Bollywood, I don’t think you’ll survive if you’re not strong as a person.

Actor — Lara Dutta



India, China and Russia are doing absolutely nothing to clean up their smokestacks. The garbage that they drop in the sea floats into Los Angeles.

US President — Donald Trump



Women need to get out of their comfort zone. It’s time for them to lead the transformation in emerging technologies like AI and IOT.

Union Minister — Smriti Irani



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

JNU hullabaloo

Sir — This refers to the editorial, “Fee hike unjust” (November 13). There is no doubt that there has been a significant hike in both the hostel room fee and one-time mess fee at the Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) but we also need to ponder as to how long will the State exchequer keep funding its students’ subsidised education. The monthly fee of ₹20 for a hostel room is something that really needed to be changed but at the same time, the authorities should have held discussions with the stakeholders on the amount that needed to be increased. There should have been a hike that would not pinch too much as students from all sections of the society come to study in this varsity. While it’s good that the authorities have partially rolled the proposed fee hike, students need to introspect why there should not be a basic hike in their fees when they are being part of one of the most sought after universities in the country. There has to be some rationality in this entire issue.

Bal Govind Noida

Seshan was a poll crusader

Before TN Seshan occupied the office of the Chief Election Commissioner (CEC), not much was known about the game-changing ability of the Election Commission of India (ECI). Seshan proved what the electoral body could do to instill decorum in the way elections were conducted in the country. Until he took over, booth captures, corruption, impersonation, vandalism and violence were part of the election process. The introduction of electors’ photo identity cards was one of the measures taken by him which put the ECI’s integrity on the rising graph. The Model Code of Conduct got a fresh meaning as the “maverick” Seshan cracked the whip on politicians.

Ironically, Seshan paved the way for a three-member ECI. His aggressive style and frequent tiffs with leaders prompted former Prime Minister PV Narasimha Rao to re-introduce the three-member ECI. Again, Seshan met his match in the Supreme Court after he contested the powers of two newly-appointed Election Commissioners — MS Gill and GVG Krishnamurthy.



He had to eat the humble pie everytime he tried to assert his supremacy. Despite his frequent squabbles with the Government, colleagues and the courts, Seshan was the architect of the “new Election Commission” in India.

Ganapathi Bhat Akola

Expand bases

Sir — It is given to understand that an applicant can apply for a normal passport at all Post Office Passport Sewa Kendras (POPSKs) and Passport Sewa Kendras (PSKs) spread across various States. It is further given to understand that for *tatkal* pass-

port applications, an applicant can approach only a few PSKs located within the States. Thus, for an applicant there is no possibility to apply for a *tatkal* passport at any POPSKs located across various district headquarters.

The current non-availability of *tatkal* appointments at POPSKs is causing much inconvenience to the applicants. All are compelled

to approach the nearest PSK located within the State. The move, thus, causes inconvenience to the applicants owing to logistical factors to reach the venue.

The Ministry of External Affairs must accept *tatkal*-based passport applications and allot appointments under *tatkal* quota at POPSKs, too. The suggested move will entail quick processing

of such applications and subsequently may even reduce the burden of PSKs.

Varun Dambal Bengaluru

The great reformer

Sir — As the Chief Election Commissioner, TN Seshan brought many reforms in the country’s electoral process, which includes the enforcement of the Model Code of Conduct, introduction of voter ID cards for eligible candidates and curbing malpractices like the exchange of liquor and money during elections.

The real tribute to Seshan would be to enforce one of his orders where he directed that the ballot papers be mixed without fail before they were counted so that polling agents would not know in which booth who voted and how. This will partially curb the behaviour of our elected representatives who tend to tilt development funds towards the area that voted for them.

Harvinder Singh Chugh Jalandhar

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FIRST COLUMN

Governor's decision unconstitutional

President's Rule in Maharashtra must be shot down by the SC. Elections are a costly affair and a poor country like India can ill-afford frequent polls



MARKANDEY **KATJU**

In my opinion, the recent imposition of President's Rule in Maharashtra under Article 356 is unconstitutional and needs to be declared as such by the Supreme Court (SC). In the recent elections to the 288-member Maharashtra Legislative Assembly, the BJP got 105 seats, the Shiv Sena got 56, the NCP 54 and the Congress 44. Although the BJP and the Shiv Sena had fought the election in alliance, after the poll it fell apart on the issue of power-sharing. No single party got a majority in the House and no alliance could be formed claiming a majority. Hence the Governor of the State recommended President's Rule, which was imposed. Now, a similar situation had arisen in Uttar Pradesh (UP) in 1996 where also President's Rule was imposed soon after the Legislative Assembly elections for the same reason, viz no party, nor combination of parties, had a majority in the House. The imposition of President's Rule was challenged in the Allahabad High Court (HC) and a full Bench of the HC, of which I was a member, held the imposition unconstitutional, vide *HS Jain vs Union of India* case.

The reasoning which the full Bench gave in that case squarely applies to the imposition of President's Rule in Maharashtra too and it was this: "It has been held in the authoritative judgment of the Supreme Court in *Bommai's* case, (1994) 3 SCC 1 (in paragraphs 109, 120, 383 and 391) that imposition of President's Rule should not be resorted to unless all other recourses have failed."

In paragraph 112 of my decision, I observed: "The Governor should have sent a message to the House under Article 175(2) of the Constitution, after summoning it under Article 174(1) stating that despite his best efforts he was unable to find out who can command the confidence of the House and hence the House itself should inform him about such person. The Governor in this message should have asked the House to assemble and decide the matter within a reasonable period of time and then inform him. In this message the Governor could have also warned the House that if it did not make up its mind within a reasonable period of time, the House may have to be dissolved." In paragraph 128 of my decision, I observed that in case of a fractured electoral verdict, where no party or combination of parties appeared to have a majority in the House, "the only legal alternative left for the Governor is to ask the Assembly to inform him about the person in whom it has confidence. Who can be in a better position than the House itself to inform the Governor in whom it has confidence?" And in paragraph 131 of my verdict I stated, "Although this course of action has not been expressly mentioned in the Constitution, it logically flows out of Article 164(2) and is the only democratic alternative short of dissolution. In today's era of fractured verdicts, it is the only logical method."

I referred to Article 6 of the Japanese Constitution which states, "The Emperor shall appoint a Prime Minister as designated by the Diet" (the Japanese Parliament is called the Diet) and observed "Although we do not have a similar provision in our Constitution, while judicially interpreting it we can borrow from the democratic spirit of the Japanese Constitution."

Thus, when the Governor of Maharashtra could not find any party or combination of parties, which appeared to have a majority in the Assembly, before recommending imposition of President's Rule he should have sent a message to the House under Article 175(2), after summoning it under Article 174(1), asking the House to assemble, deliberate and then inform him within a reasonable period of time in whom it has confidence, so that he could be appointed Chief Minister.

In *Bommai's* case it was held that imposition of President's Rule was a very serious step and was a last option, to be resorted to only when all other recourses failed. In Maharashtra, as in UP in 1996, there was an option left, as referred to above. Hence without resorting to it, recommending imposition of President's Rule straightaway was clearly unconstitutional.

Some people may ask what use such a step would have been when the political leaders were unable to come to a compromise?

The answer was given in paragraph 134 of my judgment. "In my opinion, if the elected members are permitted to come together and meet in the House, then a Socratic debate may take place and it is possible that a solution may emerge. When two or more persons are sitting separately they may not be able to resolve their differences but when they come together it is possible that by discussions and negotiations some compromise may come about. This is the democratic method also. The elected representatives may put pressure on their leaders to give up their intransigent and uncompromising attitude and adopt a more flexible approach."

It must be remembered that elections are a costly affair and frequent polls are a recourse which a poor country like India can ill-afford. Also, frequent elections were one of the causes of the collapse of the Weimar Republic and Hitler coming to power in 1933. Hence every effort should be made to avoid them.

If elected representatives are not allowed to meet in the House, should they meet in a tennis court, as happened in France during the French Revolution of 1789?

(The writer is a former judge of the Supreme Court of India.)

EVERYTHING IS GOING FINE. TALKS ARE ON IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION AND A DECISION WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME.

— SHIV SENA PRESIDENT
UDDHAV THACKERAY

POINT COUNTERPOINT



OUR MEETING WITH UDDHAV THACKERAY WAS A COURTESY CALL. THE FACT THAT WE ARE MEETING IS ITSELF A POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT.

—MAHARASHTRA CONGRESS CHIEF
BALASAHEB THORAT

Shed the protectionist mindset

Keeping in mind the criticality of being an integral part of the global supply chain to achieve a \$5 trillion economy, India needs to reconsider its decision on RCEP



UTTAM **GUPTA**

The Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) is a conglomeration of 10 members of the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) viz. Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, Vietnam, Singapore, The Philippines, Myanmar, Brunei, Laos and Cambodia plus six others viz. Australia, New Zealand, Japan, South Korea, China and India. If it really sees the light of day with all 16 members intact, the group will cover 3.6 billion people or almost 50 per cent of the world's population and account for nearly 40 per cent of the global GDP (Gross Domestic Product).

India is aiming to double its GDP to \$5 trillion by 2024-25. To achieve this, it is looking inter alia to doubling its exports from the current over \$500 billion to \$1 trillion and increasing agricultural exports 2.5 times from \$40 billion to \$100 billion. In this backdrop, the RCEP with a combined GDP of \$30 trillion presents, at least on paper, a huge opportunity that the country can't afford to miss.

Since 2012 (when the RCEP was mooted), 29 rounds of negotiations have already been held. During the ASEAN Summit (November 11-15, 2018), Prime Minister Narendra Modi had called for early conclusion of the process. In the recent ministerial gathering held in Bangkok (October 10-12), even as discussions reached a deadlock over a dozen contentious issues, ministers were given 10 days to iron out the differences. If they didn't succeed, Modi, with his famed "Midas touch" was expected to make it happen in the third RCEP leaders' summit.

However, on November 4, Modi announced India's decision not to join the group citing that "the present form of the RCEP Agreement does not fully reflect the basic spirit and the agreed guiding principles of RCEP. It also does not address satisfactorily India's outstanding issues and concerns". So, what are India's major concerns? And, are these valid?

First, India wants the reference date for undertaking tariff reduction to be extended to 2019 instead of 2014 planned initially. Since 2014, the Government has raised import duty on 3,500 items. In this backdrop, if for the purpose of phasing out duties, it were to use 2014 as a reference point, this benefit will be lost. The Indian stance is perfectly logical as the quotation date for commencement of tariff cuts has to be in sync with the date the agreement takes effect.

Second, under the Most Favored Nation (MFN) clause, the investment or service related concessions given to a trading partner under a bilateral treaty have to be automatically extended to all other members of the group without any time gap. India was not inclined to accept this. This stance is illogical. MFN is a cardinal principle governing World Trade Organisation (WTO) — the international body dealing with global rules of trade. India should not be seen as taking a stance which is inconsistent with WTO rules.

Third, India wanted an "automatic trigger safeguard mechanism." What it really means is that in the event of import of a particular commodity exceeding a certain number (also known as threshold), this clause will automatically kick in, giving the right to the importing country (read: India) to apply higher tariff to prevent a surge. This stance is untenable as it militates against the principle of free international trade based on comparative advantage.

INDIA'S APPROACH TO NEGOTIATIONS ON RCEP IS OVERLY PROTECTIONIST. BARRING SHIFTING THE REFERENCE DATE FOR UNDERTAKING TARIFF PHASE OUT TO 2019, IN ALL OTHER AREAS, THE GOVERNMENT'S STAND IS NOT TENABLE. IT IS BORNE OUT OF THE FEAR THAT JOINING THE GROUP WILL DEVASTATE OUR FARMERS AND SMALL-SCALE INDUSTRIES AT THE CURRENT JUNCTURE WHEN THE ECONOMY IS IN THE GRIP OF A SLOWDOWN. ITS WORRY IS MORE ON ACCOUNT OF A FLOOD OF IMPORTS FROM CHINA. THIS FEAR IS UNFOUNDED



The rationale behind eliminating tariffs on goods moving across international borders is to enable participating countries to maximise their respective gains from trade. This overarching objective will be defeated if a member gets the right to automatically increase the duty, which will prevent the exporting country from realising the full potential of its low cost. Moreover, if India insists on this clause, others too will want it. In that scenario, all members will end up compressing the market for each other.

Additionally, there will be practical problems in determining the threshold level (each member would like to keep it at the lowest level possible for extracting maximum mileage) and the number of commodities to be covered by this dispensation (each member will insist on having a large number). They will end up denying access to the market for each other instead of expansion, which is the overriding consideration behind forging a free market area.

India should shun the idea of automatic trigger safeguard mechanism. Instead, it needs to focus more on requiring member countries to refrain from giving subsidies, including "hidden" (as China does by making fuel, power and other inputs subsidised for enterprises) so that a situation of selling commodities at below cost (or dumping in plain words) in other members' markets is avoided. Further, it should insist on stricter and transparent rules of origin to ensure that China does not use other members' territories to flood the Indian market (it is learnt that our negotiators have not done enough home work in this area).

Fourth, India is opposing the demand of other members to seek trade concessions in its domestic space. Termed as "ratchet" in trade terminology, the concept implies that any policy changes will be automatically com-

mitted under RCEP agreement to all members after a fixed period. While, India is willing to give concessions in the services and investment segment, developed countries are pushing for similar concessions in goods trade as well.

Fifth, India is also not comfortable with the "standstill" clause, which binds a member to the current level of domestic liberalisation in services; hence can't be reversed in future. For instance, if the Modi Government wishes to withdraw the 51 per cent Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in multi-brand retail, which was allowed earlier in 2012 by the UPA dispensation, it won't be able to do so.

Having taken a policy decision in the overall interest of our economy, there is nothing wrong in staying with it to ensure stability of the policy environment.

Finally, India has offered to phase out Customs Duty on imports from China on nearly 74 per cent of the tariff lines (jargon for a product as defined in lists of tariff rates; products can be sub-divided, the level of detail reflected in the number of digits in the Harmonised System code used to identify the product) as against 90 per cent of tariff lines on imports from all other members. China refused to join negotiations on this offer which it considers highly restrictive.

To sum up, India's approach to negotiations on RCEP is overly protectionist. Barring shifting the reference date for undertaking tariff phase out to 2019, in all other areas, the Government's stand is not tenable. It is borne out of the fear that joining the group will devastate our farmers and small-scale industries at the current juncture when the economy is in the grip of a slowdown. Its worry is more on account of a flood of imports from China. This fear is unfounded.

First, under the agreement, tariff elimination is mooted over a reasonably long period of up to 20 years and it should be possible to backload most of it, especially on sensitive items. Any apprehension of an adverse effect in the near-term is misplaced. The Government should not allow its decision to be obliterated by the present state of the economy.

Second, the handicap of domestic industry is more due to local factors such as the high cost of power, fuel (currently, neither is under the Goods and Services Tax, which means suppliers are not eligible for Input Tax Credit resulting in a cascading effect on cost. Besides, the excise duty and Value Added Tax are also high), logistics, capital and so on. If only these costs are lowered, "Made in India" products can compete with the lowest priced goods from anywhere in the world.

Third, we also need to look at the potential that China offers for boosting India's exports. The Chinese economy is undergoing a metaphorical transformation from export-driven (until hitherto) to domestic consumption and from industry to services. According to an estimate, China has plans to import goods and services worth \$12 trillion over five years. India should tap this potential market.

Keeping in mind the criticality of being an integral part of the global supply chain to achieve a \$5 trillion economy, India needs to reconsider its decision. The Government should shed its present tough stance on MFN, safeguard mechanism, "standstill" and "ratchet." On the offer to China, this may be improved to 80-85 per cent (from the 74 per cent already on the table). With a flexible mindset, it should consider joining RCEP which is expected to be sealed in March 2020.

(The writer is a New Delhi-based policy analyst)

Answer to power woes blowing in the wind?

The speed at which India is progressing on its wind energy agenda is not encouraging, whereas the targets the country has set itself are very ambitious. Why is there such a major disconnect between plan and action?



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The speed at which India is progressing on its wind energy agenda is not encouraging whereas the targets the country has set itself are very ambitious.

Why is there such a major disconnect between plan and action? Is it due to the lack of a cohesive vision?

For instance, India has set an ambitious target of achieving 175 gigawatt (GW) renewable energy capacity by 2022. As per the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy's figures, at the end of 2018, India had an installed capacity of 35 GW. Hence, the jump from 35 GW to 175 GW by 2022 sure looks ambitious and maybe a tad unachievable, not because the target is high but because there is an absence of aggressive policy-backed implementation efforts and initiatives to achieve the same.

The world is witnessing a major shift from fossil fuels to renewable energy, mainly due to the rising awareness regarding their ill-effects.

Thanks to this awakening, the cost of renewable energy infrastructure is coming down rapidly elsewhere in the world, but in India this fall in installation rates is not translating into renewed enthusiasm for wind energy and this is concerning. The full potential of wind energy, if and when harnessed, has the ability to mitigate climate change and pollution together. In our renewable energy sector, the emphasis on grand plans and commitments is given primary importance, whereas time-bound execution of projects is sorely missing. Yet another pressing factor is going to make reliance on renewable energy compulsory sooner than later. According to a



study by the Indian Statistical Institute, the projected domestic social cost of coal-based power generation will be too high by 2024-25. This will necessitate reduction in building of new coal-based power plants and render the operation of the existing ones unviable. At a time such as this, a fully-developed portfolio of renewable energy options will be able to shoulder the burden of India's energy demand. However, this portfolio, with a robust GW capacity cannot happen overnight and needs a sufficient run up, which is not happening in the country today.

Senior environmentalists and policymakers must understand that

though time is short, it is also ripe for harnessing wind energy. This is because the technology is available and energy storage is improving exponentially as a lot of innovation is taking place. Hence, it will be much more easy to adopt wind energy today than ever before.

Wind energy cannot be seen as a back-up resource or a plan B. Renewable power sources, especially the trio of solar, wind and hydro power are going to be the mainstay of the future energy sector of the country. To make this happen India must invest appropriately also.

According to the estimates of the US-based Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis (IEEFA), the country will require \$500 to \$700 billion in renewable energy and supporting grid investment over the coming decade in order to meet its renewable energy targets. Some immediate steps can go a long way to counter the wind ener-

gy generation slowdown.

India must first, bring policy consensus and ensure that implementation and execution remain the strong points of its policy. Also, a monthly monitoring of the hurdles being faced by the renewable energy sector will help in smooth scaling up of the wind energy portfolio.

In addition to this, the authorities may want to prepare a compelling mix of wind and solar energy generation options for small and medium investors as this will raise awareness and present a major business opportunity too. The proper and viable storage of energy is an ongoing issue, which needs to be taken care of as well.

Wind energy has a potential that is still waiting to be tapped and India can easily sail through any future energy crisis only if it has got the wind in its sails.

(The writer is an environmental journalist.)



FOREIGN EYE



BEIJING NEEDS TO STEP BACK A LITTLE

John Tsang, Hong Kong's former financial secretary, defeated by Carrie Lam for the chief executive's post, has said that given the imbalance of power between protesters and the Chinese Government, the latter must take the initiative to de-escalate the force it is using. Coming from a pro-establishment figure it is a striking statement. Yet it will almost certainly go unheard by Beijing.

(The Guardian editorial)

Retail inflation hits 16-month high in Oct

New Delhi: Retail price based consumer inflation spiked to 16-month high of 4.62 per cent in October on costlier food items, reducing the headroom for a rate cut by the RBI in its monetary policy due next month.

The inflation based on Consumer Price Index (CPI) was 3.99 per cent in September and 3.38 per cent in October 2018.

The earlier high was reported in June 2018 when the retail inflation print was recorded at 4.92 per cent.

The inflation in the food basket spiked to 7.89 per cent in October 2019 as against 5.11 per cent the preceding month, showed the data released by the Central Statistics Office under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) on Wednesday.

During the month, inflation in vegetables spiked to 26.10 per cent from 5.40 per cent in September, while for fruits it jumped to 4.08 per cent from 0.83 per cent.

Likewise, the prices of cereals, meat and fish, eggs grew at faster pace of 2.16 per cent, 9.75 per cent and 6.26 per cent, respectively. For pulses and related products, retail



inflation rose to 11.72 per cent.

However, the prices of fuel and light category continued to witness downward move at (-) 2.02 per cent as against (-) 2.18 per cent a month earlier, showed the data.

The retail inflation during October remains above the RBI's comfort level of 4 per cent.

Aditi Nayar, economist at Ica said, looking ahead the pace of normalisation in vegetable prices will be the key driver of the trend in food inflation over the next few months.

"Overall, the CPI inflation may continue to print higher than 4 per cent in the remainder of FY2020, complicating policy choices in light of the slowdown in economic growth momentum.

"The sharp uptick in the CPI inflation in October 2019

has contrasted with the industrial contraction recorded in September 2019. In our view, the extent to which the Q2 FY2020 GDP growth reading eases further from the 5 per cent recorded in the previous quarter, will influence the MPC's decision on whether to cut rates further, and by how much, in the December 2019 policy review," she said.

Rahul Gupta, Head of Currency, Emkay Global Financial Services, said this sharp rise was especially due to uptick in food prices amid erratic monsoon.

"Despite rising inflation, we expect (the) RBI to continue its easing cycle on the back of sluggish growth and weak core inflation and cut repo rate at December meeting," Gupta said. **PTI**

Market tumbles as worries over economy, global trade deepen

Mumbai: Domestic bourses witnessed a broad-based sell-off on Wednesday as weak macro data, stumbling rupee and confusion over US-China trade deal fanned investor worries.

At closing bell, the 30-share BSE Sensex settled 229.02 points, or 0.57 points, lower at 40,116.06. The index swung 386 points during the day.

Likewise, the broader NSE Nifty dropped 73 points, or 0.61 per cent, to close at 11,840.45.

In the Sensex pack, Yes Bank was the top loser, cracking 6.51 per cent, followed by SBI, Axis Bank, Vedanta, Sun Pharma, ICICI Bank, IndusInd Bank, ITC, Infosys and Tech Mahindra -- shedding up to 3.69 per cent.

On the other hand, TCS, RIL, HUL, Maruti and NTPC rose up to 3.76 per cent.

Sectorally, BSE metal, realty, bankex, basic materials, capital goods, utilities, healthcare and finance indices fell up

to 2.27 per cent.

While BSE energy, consumer durables and IT indices rose up to 1.60 per cent.

Broader BSE midcap and smallcap indices plunged up to 1.13 per cent.

Investor sentiment was dampened by weak macroeconomic indicators, suggesting slowdown is deep and the recovery needs more reform measures.

The industrial production shrank by 4.3 per cent in September, registering the weakest performance in seven years due to output decline in manufacturing, mining and electricity sectors.

"Post the recent rally, the gap between valuation and earnings growth has enlarged. Influencing investors to stay cautious ahead of heavy economic data being released this week. Weak economic data and concerns over slowdown in earnings growth is hurting investor sentiments," Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit

Financial Services, said.

Despite a series of rate cut from the RBI, core sector growth remains muted and inflation is inching higher which may incline RBI to be watchful in the future, he added.

Market is now eyeing consumer price inflation data, which is scheduled to be released later in the day, for further guidance.

Further, 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, raising concerns over the health of the economy.

A sharp depreciation in the Indian rupee too added to investors' woes, traders said.

The rupee dropped below the 72-level against the US dollar in intra-day trade.

Continued unrest in Hong Kong led to fall in regional markets, also impacting sentiment on Indian bourses. **PTI**

BUSINESS CORNER

INDO-CANADIAN COOPERATION IN AVIATION



New Delhi: A high level Canadian delegation led by HE Nadir Patel, Ambassador of Canada in India visited Airports Authority of India Corporate Headquarters today along with Mr. Andrew Smith, Minister (Commercial), Viney Gupta, Trade Commissioner, High Commission of Canada and Senior officials from Bennett Jones LLP and met with the team of senior officials of AAI led by Anil Gupta, Executive Director (Business Development & Land Management) to discuss cooperation in field of Aviation Infrastructure, Airport Development of Indian Airports during the meeting. His Excellency, Ambassador of Canada in India AAI for its professionalism in development and modernization of aviation infrastructure in India. AAI also presented to H.E. Nadir Patel, Ambassador of Canada in India E-Book on SkyFit -- Stress Management through simple breathing techniques, which was very recently launched by Hon'ble Minister of Civil Aviation Shri Hardeep Singh Puri during the 40th Triennial ICAO General Assembly in ICAO Headquarters Montreal in the presence of delegates from 193 countries.

GROWTH OF HUDCO REFLECTED IN Q2

New Delhi: HUDCO in its 616th Board Meeting held on 13th November 2019 has approved the 2nd Quarter Financial Results and the growth is remarkably high in all the financial parameters of its MOU targets, like Net Profit, Total Income, Net Worth, Disbursements and Balance Sheet Size, etc. Both the Gross NPA and Net NPA are the Lowest in the Financing Sector of a Government Listed Company. Hudco is in Golden Jubilee Year now in the FY 2019-20, having been incorporated in the 4th Five Year Plan, on 25th April, 1970 for financing to Housing & Urban Infrastructure Sector, as Central Public Sector Enterprise with 8 main objectives and huge mandate to implement all the programmes & policies of the GOI.

₹ crashes to over 2-month low, tumbles 62 paise

Mumbai: The rupee nosedived 62 paise to hit an over two-month low of 72.09 to the US dollar on Wednesday as poor macro data and lingering worries over US-China trade war weighed on sentiment.

At the interbank foreign exchange, the rupee opened on a weak note at 71.75 against the US dollar. As the day progressed, it crashed below the 72-level and touched the day's low of 72.10. The Indian unit

finally settled at 72.09 -- registering a fall of 62 paise over its previous close.

This is the lowest closing level for the rupee since September 4.

"Indian rupee fell for the third day in trot and heads for the biggest intra-day fall after September 16 amid contraction in industrial activity. India's IIP fell 4.3 per cent in September... and is the lowest since October 2011," said V K Sharma, Head

of PGC & Capital Markets Strategy, HDFC securities.

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

The Index of Industrial Production (IIP) fell 4.3 per cent in September as compared to a

contraction by 1.4 per cent in August 2019 and a growth of 4.6 per cent in factory output in the same month a year back, data released by the Ministry of Statistics showed on Monday.

Further, a strong dollar overseas also brought rupee under pressure, dealers said.

Continued unrest in Hong Kong led to weaker sentiment regionally, also impacting mood in domestic equity and forex markets. Further wors-

ening sentiment, US President Donald Trump dubbed China a cheater on trade even as he seeks an initial settlement to calm an 18-month trade war, adding to the uncertainty over the deal between the two countries.

The dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, rose by 0.02 per cent to 98.32.

However, global crude oil benchmark Brent Futures fell

1.18 per cent to trade at USD 61.33 per barrel.

The 10-year government bond yield was down 0.52 per cent at 6.53 per cent.

On the equities front, the BSE Sensex ended 229.02 points, or 0.57 per cent, lower at 40,116.06. Similarly, the broader NSE Nifty fell 73 points, or 0.61 per cent, to end at 11,840.45. Indian forex and bond markets were shut on Tuesday. **PTI**

Banks may be given incentive to extend loans in backward areas: RBI Dy Guv

New Delhi: RBI Deputy Governor MK Jain on Wednesday made a case for incentivising banks to extend loans to poor in backward areas in a bid to promote financial inclusion.

Speaking at an event organised by the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), Jain said despite impressive growth in formal agriculture granted, there are still several challenges which need to be tackled.

Data on the average loan taken by agricultural households indicated that 72 per cent of the credit requirement was met by institutional sources and 28 per cent from non-institutional sources, he said quoting NABARD Financial Inclusion Survey Report 2016-17.

Further, the analysis of state-wise flow of institutional agriculture credit has revealed uneven distribution of credit among states, compared to their corresponding share in their

overall output, he said.

To a certain extent, the deputy governor said such regional disparity is on account of variation in credit absorption capacity of these regions.

"We may also have to think of the ways to incentivise banks to lend in these backward areas so that both the demand and supply side issues are addressed," he said.

He also exhorted NABARD to think of steps by which funds like Rural Infrastructure Development Fund can be earmarked to the most backward credit starved regions of the country to ensure faster development.

Highlighting the other challenge, Jain said the problem of financial inclusion gets aggravated due to lack of legal framework for landless cultivators as the absence of documentary evidence becomes a major hindrance for extending credit to this segment of the farming community who take up cultivation work on oral lease. **PTI**

SpiceJet Q2 loss widens to ₹463 cr on higher costs

New Delhi: SpiceJet on Wednesday reported widening of net loss to ₹462.58 crore in the September quarter as higher costs related to grounding of Boeing 737 MAX planes and changes in accounting norms bogged down the no-frills carrier. With 13 MAX aircraft on the ground, the airline has initiated the process of seeking reimbursements and claims from Boeing and expressed hope about a 'favourable outcome'.

In a release, SpiceJet said the net loss of ₹462.58 crore in the latest September quarter was mainly on account of inflated costs with respect to MAX grounding and a seasonally

weak quarter.

The figure includes a "loss of ₹180.3 crore on account of accounting standard Ind AS 116". Indian Accounting Standard 116 or Ind AS-116 has come into force from April 1. It pertains to principles for recognition, presentation and disclosure of leases. Airlines mostly opt for sale and lease back of planes.

It had a net loss of ₹389.37 crore in 2018 September quarter. However, the airline's total income jumped to ₹3,073.50 crore in the second quarter of the current financial year from ₹1,902.08 crore in the same period a year ago.

Operating revenue rose to

₹2,845.3 crore in the second quarter of the current fiscal from ₹1,874.8 crore in the same period a year ago.

"With the grounding of Boeing 737 MAX, the company continues to incur various costs and losses with respect to these aircraft. The company is in the process of determining the costs and losses (including opportunity losses) incurred by it and has initiated the process of seeking reimbursements and claims from the aircraft manufacturer," the release said.

Earlier this year, SpiceJet grounded 13 MAX planes after a worldwide grounding of such aircraft in the wake of two deadly crashes. **PTI**

BHIM UPI goes global; QR code payments demonstrated at Singapore FinTech Festival

Singapore: As a first step towards internationalisation, a pilot demo of BHIM UPI QR-based payments began in Singapore on Wednesday with a live transaction at a merchant terminal at the FinTech Festival 2019.

High Commissioner of India to Singapore Jawed Ashraf demonstrated the first transaction under the pilot run, which will continue during the Singapore FinTech Festival 2019 that is being held between November 11 and 15.

This QR code-based system would allow anyone with a BHIM app to scan the Singapore Quick Response Code (SGQR) at NETS terminals in Singapore for payments, said the high commis-

sioner. "This is the first time that BHIM app has gone international," he said.

The project is being jointly developed by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and the Network for Electronic Transfers (NETS) of Singapore. It is targeted to go fully live by February 2020 and cover thousands of terminals in Singapore, after the Reserve Bank of India's approval.

By February 2020, it is also expected that all RuPay cards, including domestic ones, will be acceptable in Singapore, the High Commission said in a release on Wednesday. This is another achievement for fintech cooperation between India and Singapore, after the launch of RuPay International card and SBI's UPI based remittance app in May 2018 by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who had then also suggested the launch of BHIM UPI QR code-based payments internationally, said the commission. Ashraf also witnessed the signing of a memorandum of understanding between the Trade promotion Council of India (TPCI) and the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS) for working towards access of the TPCI dashboard to Business sans Borders (BSB).

BSB, a project conceived by MAS and Singapore's Infocomm Media Development Authority (IMDA), is a hub for connecting trade platforms of small and medium enterprises (SMEs). BSB is currently running a pilot with SMEs in Southeast Asia and India. **PTI**

Traditional wholesale lost half its revenue share post DeMo, GST

Mumbai: A report on consumer goods distribution channels has revealed that while modern trade and e-commerce have gained significant revenue share after the "twin shock" to the economy, demonetisation and Goods and Services Tax (GST), traditional wholesale has lost half its revenue share.

"In rural towns or villages, wholesale accounts for 60-70 per cent of sales. However, demonetisation and GST compliance nearly crippled this channel, which is still reeling from it," said the report by financial services group Centrum.

Post the twin shocks to the economy, Centrum said, the traditional wholesale channel was reeling under pressure as they operated on a purely cash basis.

Wholesale accounts declined from 135,000 before GST to 66,000 now, as per the estimates built on various interactions, Centrum said. This has led to loss of sales of 8-10 per cent and inventory correction in these outlets.

"Thus, companies which were highly reliant on the wholesale channel saw their revenue decline, forcing them to rebuild distribution," the report said.

The report further stressed that organised wholesale and cash-and-carry are replacing traditional wholesale providing GST compliance and no credit. In the past three years, they have doubled their store count to 100. **IANS**

HDFC Bank to have 200 branches in N-E, hire 2,000 people

Guwahati: HDFC Bank on Wednesday said it will increase its headcount by 50 per cent to 6,000 employees in the north-east (NE) region in the next 2-3 years to cater its network expansion plans.

Out of this, the lender will hire around 1,500 people in the next one year in Assam as the bank plans to increase the number of its branches from 72 to 100 in the state, HDFC Bank Executive Vice President Sandeep Kumar said.

"North-east is very important for our business. We currently have 136 branches spread

across the region. Our plan is to take this number to 200 in the next 2-3 years," Kumar said at a press conference here. To meet the growing demand and cater to its expansion plans, the bank will hire more people in coming years, he said. "At present, we have 4,000 staffers in the north-east on company rolls. In the next 2-3 years, our employee strength in the region will be around 6,000 people," Kumar said. Talking about Assam, the senior official said that the lender currently has 72 branches in the state and plans to increase it to 100 by the end of next year. **PTI**

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General public is hereby informed that a man namely **Tanik Yadav, S/o** Baleshwar, R/o RZH-34/16, Udaey Vihar Part-3, N-Block, Nilothi Extension, Delhi has been missing/kidnapped since 15/10/2019 from the area of Nihal Vihar, Delhi. In this regard **D.D. No. 29-A, dated 25/10/2019 has been registered at P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi.** Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the missing/kidnapped man but no clue has come to light so far. The description of the missing/kidnapped man is as under:

Name: Tanik Yadav, **Gender:** Man, **Age:** 50 years, **Height:** 5'5", **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Face:** Round, **Wearing:** Striped shirt, black colour pajama and hawai chappal in his feet.

If anyone has any information regarding this missing/kidnapped Man, kindly inform SHO/Nihal Vihar, Delhi.

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P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi
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UNIDENTIFIED DEAD BODY

General Public is hereby informed that one male **Namely: Unknown, S/o: Unknown, Address: Unknown** was found dead at PVC Road, Near Rohtak Road, Tikri Kalan, Delhi in the area of P. S. Mundka, Delhi on **27.10.2019** at 03:40 pm. In this regard a case has been lodged vide **DD No. 29-A, dated 27.10.2019** at P. S. Mundka, Delhi. The description of the dead person is as under:- **Age:** approx 55-60 years, **Sex:** Male, **Height:** 5'7", **ID Mark:** One black colour Dora (Thread) wearing in his neck. **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Wearing:** Sky blue colour Shirt and dark grey colour trouser having monogram of Reebok Company. If any one having any information about this dead person please inform undersigned.

SHO
P.S. Mundka, Delhi
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DP/2866/OD/19

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Sunil (Mob.: 09718004381)** S/o Mahavir R/o 50/1-A, Near Shri Deen Dayal Dharam Kanta, Dada Bhru Park, Mundka Village, Delhi-110041 has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence CC No. 522/1/18 u/s 138 N.I. Act. P.S. Mangol Puri, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Sunil** cannot be found and whereas it have been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Sunil** absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Sunil** accused of CC No. 552/1/18 u/s 138 N.I. Act. is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **13.01.2020**.

By Order: Sh. Rakesh Kumar-II
Metropolitan Magistrate (North-West Distt.),
Room No. 105, 1st Floor,
Rohini Court, Delhi

DP/2838/OD/19

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Devender Pal Singh** S/o Kuldeep Singh R/o WZ-51B-1, 1st floor, Gali No. 8, Prithvi Park, Tilak Nagar, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence FIR No. 334/05 u/s 420/468 IPC P.S. Karol Bagh, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Devender Pal Singh** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Devender Pal Singh** absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Devender Pal Singh** accused of FIR No. 334/05 u/s 420/468 IPC is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **21.12.2019**.

By Order: Sh. Fahad Uddin
Metropolitan Magistrate,
Room No. 180, Tis Hazari Court, Delhi

DP/6714/CD/19

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is hereby informed that one Girl namely **Ankita, D/o** Sh. Parmod Kumar Dixit, R/o L-1100, Mangolpuri, Delhi, **Age:** 20 years, **Height:** 5", **Complexion:** Shallow, **Face:** Long, **Id Mark:** Injury mark on face, wearing White Colour Top-Blue Colour Jeans and Black Colour Shoes in feet, has been missing/kidnapped from the area of P.S. Mangolpuri, Delhi since 30.07.2019. In this regard a **DD No. 05-A, dated 31.07.2019** has been registered at **P.S. Mangolpuri, Delhi.** Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the girl but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about her please inform undersigned.

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DP/2815/OD/19

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is hereby informed that one Girl namely **Isha, D/o** late Om Prakash, R/o F-446-A, 1st floor, Nihal Vihar, New Delhi, **Age:** 14 years 7 Months, **Height:** 5'2", **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Face:** Round, wearing Gray Colour T-Shirt-Black Pajami and Blue Colour hawai Chappal in feet, has been missing /kidnapped since 04.10.2019 from the area of P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi. In this regard a **FIR No. 695/19, u/s 363 IPC, dated 05.10.2019** has been registered at **P.S. Nihal Vihar, New Delhi.** Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the girl but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about her please inform undersigned.

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FinMin seeks suggestions for rationalising income tax, duties

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

In perhaps the first instance, the finance ministry has kicked off the exercise to formulate the next budget by seeking suggestions on changes in direct and indirect taxes from industry and trade associations. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, who had to announce additional measures to stimulate a slowing economy within a month of her maiden budget being approved by Parliament, is due to present the annual budget for the financial year 2020-21 on February 1.

While the ministry holds pre-budget consultations with representatives of different sec-

tors and stakeholders, the Department of Revenue in the finance ministry perhaps for the first time put out circular seeking suggestions for changes in income tax rates for both individuals and corporates as well as in indirect taxes such as excise and customs duty.

The November 11 circular asked industry and trade associations to give "suggestions for changes in the duty structure, rates and broadening of tax base on both direct and indirect taxes giving economic justification for the same."

"Your suggestions and views may be supplemented and justified by relevant statistical information about the production, prices, revenue

implication of the changes suggested and any other information to support your proposal," it said.

After her maiden budget on July 5, Sitharaman on September 20 announced a cut in corporate income taxes for domestic companies to 22 per cent from 30 per cent previously. This would bring effective corporate tax rate, including all additional levies, to about 25.2 per cent, for companies which are not receiving any incentives or exemptions.

New manufacturing companies formed after October 1 will enjoy a 15 per cent (effective rate of 17 per cent) corporate income tax rate, against 25 per cent previously.

The move is estimated to result in Rs 1.45 lakh crore in revenue loss for the government during 2019-20.

Subsequent to this, there have been demands for a reduction in income tax rates for individuals as well so as to put more money in the hands of the common man for a consumption-led revival of the economy. India's economic growth had slipped to a six-year low of 5 per cent in the April-June quarter and the revival may take a few quarters despite announcements to boost real estate and financial sectors. "As regards direct taxes, while forwarding your proposals, please take into consideration the recent initia-

tives of the government to reduce corporate tax rates applicable to domestic companies" provided they do not avail of any other tax rebate or concession, the orders said.

"The government policy with reference to direct taxes in the medium term is to phase out tax incentives, deductions, and exemptions while simultaneously rationalising the rates of tax. It would be also desirable that while forwarding the suggestions/recommendations, positive externalities arising out of the said recommendations and their quantification are also indicated," it said.

With the GST Council, an umbrella body comprising of central and state ministers, the

final decision-making authority on the goods and services tax (GST), the order said that GST-related requests are not examined as part of the annual budget. It, however, sought suggestions related to customers and central excise duty.

The suggestions have been sought by November 21.

"The request for correction of inverted duty structure, if any for a commodity, should necessarily be supported by value addition at each stage of manufacturing of the commodity. It would not be feasible to examine suggestions that are either not clearly explained or which are not supported by adequate justification/statistics," the order said.

Govt to push OSH Code for passage in Budget session, says Gangwar

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The government will push Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions (OSH) Code in the Budget session of Parliament for approval, said Labour Minister Santosh Gangwar on Wednesday.

The Code was introduced in the Lok Sabha on July 23, 2019. It is expected to enhance the coverage of workers manifold and also merge 13 central labour laws into a single code which would apply to all establishments employing 10 or more workers.

It will subsume 13 labour laws relating to safety, health and working conditions. These include the Factories Act, 1948, the Mines Act, 1952, and the Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act, 1970.

"We will definitely bring the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions (OSH) Code, 2019, in the Budget Session. Parliamentary standing committee has sought public comments on the Code," the minister told reporter on the sidelines of an event of Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC).

The Budget session of Parliament is most likely to be scheduled in last week of January.

In labour reforms, the government has already received Parliament approval for Code on Wages. The OSH Code will be the second in line for the nod. The government intends to concise 44 labour laws into four broad codes on wages, OSH, social security and industrial relations.

The minister also said the Prime Minister was apprised and briefed about the third code (Code on Social Security) and the government wants all four codes to become a reality as soon as possible.

When asked about status of other two codes on social security and industrial relations he said, "There is tripartite process to firm up draft laws on labour issues. We don't want to do anything in haste. The discussions are on. We want to bring those to Parliament at the earliest."

The Code on OSH proposes one registration for an establishment instead of multiple registrations. Presently, six labour acts out of 13 provide for separate registration of the establishment.

This will create a centralised data base and promote ease of doing business. At present, separate registration is required to be obtained under the six Acts.

Stabilise IT infrastructure, reduce multiple compliances for GST success: Experts

PTI ■ SINGAPORE

India should stabilise information technology infrastructure and consider reduction in multiple compliances under the Goods and Services Tax (GST) to ensure long-term successful implementation of the indirect tax regime, say several experts here.

Highlighting the now-abolished GST regime in Malaysia and the nearly 25-year-old continued implementation of the indirect tax in Singapore, they said India should now move towards further simplification of GST and timely issuance of clar-

ifications considering the varied advance rulings.

Nirmal Singh, partner-GST at Nangia Andersen LLP, said policy makers have been engaged with stakeholders to iron out any impediment and are taking necessary steps to ensure smooth implementation and transition to GST.

"However, India should work towards stabilising IT infrastructure for GST compliances and also there should not be frequent amendments in GST laws besides effective and careful implementation of anti-profiteering law," he suggested.

Citing the example of other

countries, Singh said some of the reasons debated for abolition of GST in Malaysia were rising living costs, inflation and the perception of being not consumer/business friendly.

"As opposed to this, India has been able to manage these aspects," he said.

According to Lau Zhen Zhou, research manager at the Institute for Democracy and Economic Affairs (IDEAS), Malaysia started GST effective from April 1, 2015 with the standard rate of 6 per cent.

However, GST was perceived to be broadly unpopular with the general public and had

partly caused the defeat of the then government in the May 9, 2018 general elections.

"As promised in the election manifesto by the new governing coalition Pakatan Harapan, the GST was zero-rated on June 1, 2018 and subsequently replaced with sales and service tax (SST) starting September 1, 2018," he said.

Referring to GST in Malaysia and Singapore, Lau highlighted the rebate system in Singapore to cushion the blow.

Asked what lessons could India draw from Singapore and Malaysia, he said compared to Malaysia, Singapore selected a

low rate of GST to start off with, and a rebate system was also employed to soften the blow of the GST, which benefited lower income groups on an annual income of less than SGD 30,000.

Lau said the collection system is also facilitated by advanced information technology to help in the accounting of taxes.

According to Suresh Varanasi, partner at law firm AZB & Partners, India stands in a far better position in terms of implementation of the GST laws as compared to Malaysia.

"However, India should

continue to simplify the technical processes/procedures relating to filing of returns and obtaining refunds to enhance the ease of doing business in India," he said.

Varanasi said India should focus on rendering the process and procedures easier for the taxpayers and introduce greater stability in the GST laws in order to safeguard itself from a situation like Malaysia.

He said the unique structure of Indian GST laws would contribute significantly to the total revenue of India in the long term and would also enhance ease of doing business.

SCRIP	OPEN	High	LOW	LTP	CHANGE
NIFTY 50	11908.30	11946.80	11823.20	11840.45	-73.00
BRITANNIA	3271.00	3299.00	3200.00	3270.75	151.20
TCS	2118.00	2183.80	2118.00	2179.00	78.05
RELIANCE	1430.00	1475.90	1430.00	1469.10	41.30
NESTLEIND	14108.45	14329.60	14070.25	14223.00	114.55
BAJAJFINSV	8888.00	9027.40	8855.55	8970.00	66.70
HINDUNILVR	2084.00	2094.00	2072.45	2091.10	9.75
TIITAN	1155.70	1167.00	1150.10	1158.00	2.30
NTPC	117.90	119.25	117.55	118.40	0.15
MARUTI	7130.00	7169.85	7095.00	7145.00	7.70
EICHERMOT	21370.00	21824.00	21200.00	21386.00	9.10
HEROMOTOCO	2585.00	2627.70	2575.40	2594.00	0.00
HCLTECH	1150.00	1156.10	1134.70	1142.90	-3.05
ASIANPAINT	1773.75	1787.00	1756.70	1769.00	-4.95
M&M	574.00	580.90	572.00	573.95	-0.05
ULTRACEMCO	4137.05	4172.40	4105.10	4122.35	-14.70
HDFCBANK	1261.95	1270.00	1253.60	1258.00	-6.75
KOTAKBANK	1617.00	1628.00	1601.10	1606.00	-10.90
BAJFINANCE	4166.90	4175.00	4132.00	4136.55	-32.50
BAJAJ-AUTO	3230.00	3245.00	3190.80	3204.00	-33.35
TATAMOTORS	171.50	176.00	169.40	170.20	-1.80
INFRAELITE	21.90	22.10	21.65	21.80	-2.35
ONGC	139.10	140.40	137.50	137.50	-1.60
HDFC	2227.95	2231.95	2195.45	2207.45	-27.10
IOC	135.60	135.60	133.15	133.95	-1.65
COALINDIA	215.90	216.00	206.20	207.10	-2.75
WIPRO	257.30	259.00	252.15	252.95	-3.50
POWERGRID	192.00	194.35	188.30	189.10	-2.65
UPL	551.00	553.75	538.50	541.00	-7.85
BHARTIARTL	372.10	373.40	366.15	366.15	-5.35
BPCL	514.00	523.00	507.40	510.00	-7.60
IT	1418.45	1419.85	1389.05	1393.80	-23.20
JSWSTEEL	251.50	254.70	247.35	247.75	-4.15
CIPLA	452.00	455.00	446.00	446.55	-8.30
INFC	696.50	700.00	687.75	691.45	-12.95
ICICIBANK	496.80	497.50	483.30	487.00	-9.80
TATASTEEL	400.90	408.85	392.70	393.45	-8.20
DREDDY	2820.00	2823.85	2755.00	2758.00	-57.75
SUNPHARMA	420.00	426.90	410.00	412.55	-8.90
TECHM	768.00	773.80	746.00	754.05	-16.35
ITC	258.90	259.25	253.15	253.70	-5.75
INDUSINDBK	1445.00	1462.45	1408.55	1411.20	-33.85
AXISBANK	733.70	737.40	707.85	710.20	-23.50
VEDL	152.40	154.45	147.65	147.70	-5.00
HINDALCO	197.00	201.95	192.35	193.50	-6.65
SBIN	316.05	318.60	305.65	306.85	-11.10
GRANCO	760.00	768.85	736.25	739.00	-28.40
ADANIPORTS	391.00	391.80	369.40	370.80	-17.10
ZEE	302.30	302.30	290.00	291.20	-14.20
GAIL	129.90	129.90	123.25	124.05	-6.30
YESBANK	74.40	75.30	67.10	68.85	-4.15

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Script	Open	High	Low	LTP	VENKYS	1820.00	1820.00	1690.00	1699.30	539.85	539.85	514.05	519.45	WESTLIFE	372.00	372.00	350.00	350.30	
YESBANK	74.60	75.35	67.20	68.25	MFL	470.20	482.10	457.25	472.65	FRETAIL	360.00	360.75	345.35	IEX	142.00	143.80	139.10	141.85	
VSTIND	4163.00	4349.95	4163.00	4276.65	ICICIPRULI	532.00	537.50	526.00	529.20	BALMLAWRIE	207.70	208.00	195.00	CROMPTON	259.60	262.55	257.00	259.25	
IBULHSGFIN	240.25	245.40	215.10	218.30	GODFREYPHP	1164.70	1272.00	1164.70	1249.75	OMAXE	187.95	187.95	184.00	VARRO	473.00	473.00	445.00	449.65	
ADANIPORTS	388.10	391.55	369.25	370.65	ULTRACEMCO	4149.90	4169.50	4106.75	4113.95	ABFLR	201.25	213.90	201.25	210.55	DEEPAKFERT	99.00	103.25	98.35	98.75
RELIANCE	1431.00	1475.00	1430.00	1472.00	UPL	551.00	554.00	538.50	540.85	COCHINSHIP	412.05	415.10	370.00	402.05	PTC	57.70	57.85	56.45	56.70
AUBANK	720.00	814.90	720.00	807.70	NMDC	103.50	107.50	100.20	100.75	BOSCHLT	15321.00	15450.00	15062.80	15222.35	HONAUT	27610.50	27610.50	27466.00	27542.85
HDFCBANK	3360.50	3650.00	3360.50	3604.20	ESCORTS	672.25	673.60	649.15	651.45	SUDARSCHEM	402.65	415.20	396.50	400.00	SHRECEM	19900.00	20228.75	19693.10	19753.80
INFC	695.50	699.95	688.00	691.25	BATAINDIA	1710.00	1710.00	1677.50	1683.85	VINATIRGMA	2070.00	2070.00	1929.65	1946.10	KAJARIACER	5900.00	5304.05	519.10	519.85
RBLBANK	345.80	352.80	329.10	332.75	INDIGO	1480.05	1494.00	1468.00	1477.80	HCKAWARE	340.00	340.35	328.05	330.10	JAGRAN	54.00	57.10	53.55	54.90
TATASTEEL	401.75	408.45	392.65	396.85	M&M	575.00	580.80	572.15	574.80	RCOM	0.70	0.70	0.64	0.64	WELSPUNIND	56.55	56.55	53.75	54.05
DLF	208.05	214.30	201.10	202.05	IGL	428.00	430.50	421.70	422.85	HAL	78.25	821.80	785.20	802.25	HINDCOOPER	41.30	41.30	38.75	39.15
PETRONET	284.00	284.80	278.20	278.70	VOLTAS	686.00	706.95	686.00	702.05	NOCIL	106.95	108.00	103.50	104.40	MAXINDIA	73.90	73.90	74.60	74.60
POWERGRID	193.80	194.20	188.30	189.15	TATAGLOBAL	295.00	296.60	287.55	289.10	ALKEM	1986.55	2074.85	1986.55	2065.70	RAMCOCEM	799.15	799.15	786.15	789.70
SBIN	317.45	318.50	305.60	306.55	TATAELXI	807.40	813.20	788.05	791.75	ADVENZYMES	178.00	182.00	172.50	173.25	GODREJAGRO	487.00	487.00	477.00	479.30
ICICIBANK	496.80	497.45	483.35	485.80	DMART	1970.00	1991.35	1954.00	1958.40	POLYCAB	981.00	903.00	881.00	888.65	TIMKEN	86.10	87.815	85.25	86.65
ZEE	303.40	303.40	290.00	290.55	GODREJPROP	952.50	955.00	927.25	934.40	ITI	80.75	90.75	86.45	86.95	ISLJALEQS	145.10	149.00	13.80	14.00
TATAMOTORS	171.50	176.00	169.40	170.60	NSTELEIND	14128.00	14328.70	14063.80	14234.75	PAGEIND	23766.05	24062.60	23501.80	23664.60	THYROCARE	543.10	570.35	543.10	564.95
TCS	2110.20	2120.00	2110.20	2178.55	PFCE	112.90	113.55	110.30	110.50	SUZLON	2.85	2.88	2.67	2.70	WABAG	185.50	185.70	176.90	177.85
RNAM	325.70	364.50	325.70	361.50	CEATLTD	972.00	980.00	966.25	971.00	IRCON	437.55	447.60	427.05	438.15	SFL	1395.00	1397.70	1250.00	1260.25
HDFC	2229.75	2232.00	2196.00	2207.70	TEAMLEASE	2580.00	2600.00	2436.00	2503.20	PHILPCARB	123.25	126.65	122.50	124.55	COROMANDEL	481.00	481.00	467.00	476.15
ADANIENET	106.50	110.70	104.35	108.20	BHARTIARTL	428.75	436.05	426.90	428.10	RITES	289.70	294.50	284.95	287.05	ASHOKA	96.35	96.65	93.50	94.05
VEDL	152.25	154.40	147.60	148.25	FEDERALBNK	83.30	83.90	82.05	82.50	HSCIL	82.45	73.00	66.00	66.80	KKRBL	206.45	210.95	196.15	201.70
ASHOKLEY	78.70	84.90	77.30	80.60	TATAPOWER	58.00	58.00	55.05	55.40	ISEC	299.00	320.10	299.00	317.35</					

Chaos in HK as pro-democracy protests 'blossom everywhere'

AFP ■ HONG KONG

Pro-democracy protesters on Wednesday stepped up a "blossom everywhere" campaign of road blocks and vandalism across Hong Kong that has crippled the international financial hub this week and ignited some of the worst violence in five months of unrest.

The new phase in the crisis, which has forced schools and shopping malls to close as well as the shutdown of large chunks of the vital train network, has prompted police to warn the city is on the verge of "total collapse" and a "breakdown".

China, facing the biggest challenge to its rule of the territory since it was handed back by the British in 1997, has insisted it will not buckle to the pressure and warned of even tougher security measures.

As they have since the start of the week, protesters on Wednesday choked roads and blocked traffic with anything they could lay their hands on including bricks, bicycles, couches and other materials.

Key arteries routes were targeted in morning and after-work peak hours. Various lines on the subway — used daily by more than half of the city's 7.5 million people — were also suspended, forcing many workers to stay at home.

In the Central business district, hundreds of people left their offices at lunchtime to join the more hardcore protesters setting up barricades outside luxury-item shops and headquarters of big financial firms.

Masked protesters dressed in their signature black were also locked in a series of tense standoffs at university campuses, following intense clashes on Tuesday night that saw police fire tear gas and rubber bullets.

Highlighting the growing security fears, mainland Chinese students began fleeing Hong Kong on buses and boats back across the border, according to police and universities, although it was not immediately clear how many had left.

The chaos was part of the large-scale leaderless protest movement's new strategy branded "blossom every-

where", in which small groups target as many parts of the city as possible to cause maximum disruption and stretch police resources.

Police raise security around Hong Kong after night clashes

AP ■ HONG KONG

Police have increased security around Hong Kong and its university campuses as they brace for more violence after sharp clashes overnight with anti-government protesters.

Many subway and rail stations were closed Wednesday after the protesters blocked commutes and vandalized trains. Classes were suspended at schools and universities.

Police and protesters battled on multiple fronts overnight at the Chinese University of Hong Kong.

Erdogan to meet Trump at White House today

Washington/Ankara: Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan will meet his US counterpart Donald Trump at the White House on Wednesday.

The development comes only a month after Trump, wrote a letter to Erdogan, calling him a "fool" over Turkey's military offensive in Syria.

Erdogan's visit to the US comes amid tense relations between the two NATO allies, Arab News reported.

The tensions between US and Turkey escalated after Ankara launched a military offensive in northeast Syria against Washington-backed Kurdish forces, who are fighting against the terror group Islamic State.

Washington is also angered over Ankara's purchase of the Russian S-400 missile defence system. The US has halted the delivery of support equipment and supplies to Turkey for F-35 jet fighter jets. It has also threatened to impose sanctions on Turkey over the Russian defence purchase.

However, Erdogan's latest visit to the White House might serve to smooth over differences and provide a boost to bilateral trade relations. IANS

Risks for all sides as Trump impeachment hearings swing open

Washington: The closed doors of the Trump impeachment investigation are swinging wide open.

When the gavel strikes at the start of the House hearing Wednesday morning, America and the rest of the world will have the chance to see and hear for themselves for the first time about President Donald Trump's actions toward Ukraine and consider whether they are, in fact, impeachable offenses.

It's a remarkable moment, even for a White House full of them.

All on TV, committee leaders will set the stage, then comes the main feature: Two seasoned diplomats, William Taylor, the graying former infantry officer now charge d'affaires in Ukraine, and George Kent, the deputy assistant secretary in Washington,

telling the striking, if sometimes complicated story of a president allegedly using foreign policy for personal and political gain ahead of the 2020 election.

So far, the narrative is splitting Americans, mostly along the same lines as Trump's unusual presidency. The Constitution sets a dramatic, but vague, bar for impeachment, and there's no consensus yet that Trump's actions at the heart of the inquiry meet the threshold of "high crimes and misdemeanors."

Whether Wednesday's proceedings begin to end a presidency or help secure Trump's position, it's certain that his chaotic term has finally arrived at a place he cannot control and a force, the constitutional system of checks and balances, that he cannot ignore. AP

First televised Trump impeachment hearing opens in US House

Washington: The US House of Representatives opened its momentous first televised hearing Wednesday on whether to impeach President Donald Trump, as Democrats seek to make the case to the public that he abused his power for political gain.

Two career diplomats — acting ambassador to Ukraine William Taylor and Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs George Kent — are testifying before the House Intelligence Committee in what is expected to be a fiery showdown between Democrats and Trump's Republican backers. AFP

GLOBE TROTTER

PAKISTAN TO REOPEN CLOSED HINDU TEMPLES
Islamabad: Considering the long-standing demand of Pakistan's Hindu community, the Imran Khan government has decided to reopen the closed Hindu temples and also renovate them.

E-CIGARETTES MORE HARMFUL THAN TOBACCO
New York: Researchers have found that electronic nicotine delivery systems, such as e-cigarettes might be just as harmful to the heart, than traditional cigarettes.

MUSIC MAY CUT CARDIAC STRESS WHILE DRIVING
Rio de Janeiro: Stress while driving is a risk factor for the development of cardiovascular disease and sudden cardiac complications such as heart attack, but new researchers have found that listening to music while driving can reduce cardiac stress.

WESTERN RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION OF MAJOR AND MINOR BRIDGES

Dy. Chief Engineer (Construction), Western Railway, Prataknagar, Vadodara-390 004, invites E-tender as per the details given below: E-Tender No.: Dy.CE/C/IBRC/MYG-SMLA/20. Name of the work: Construction of Major Bridge No. 31, 9 Nos. Minor Bridges over existing canal siphone & balance Minor bridge's super structure with PSC slab on already completed sub-structure, Side drains, Toe Walls, Retaining Walls and protection works etc. from Km 0/0 (Including MYG yard) to 30.00 (Including Miyagang to Dabhoi section in connection with "Gauge Conversion of existing NG track to BG track between Miyagang-Dabhoi-Samlaya (96.46Km)". Approximate cost work : ₹ 1167.88 lakhs. EMD : ₹ 733900/-. Availability of online Tender for bidding : From : 19.11.2019 at 11.00 Hrs. To : 03.12.2019 up to 15.00 Hrs. Date of opening & Time : 03.12.2019 at 15.30 hrs. Regarding detailed notice containing cost of tender document (non refundable), EMD, eligibility criteria, Similar Nature of work, detailed tender conditions, please visit www.ireps.gov.in. Manual offers will not be considered. Like us on: facebook.com/WesternRly

Israel vows to keep hitting militants as 18 killed in Gaza

Gaza City: Israeli airstrikes killed more than 180 Islamic Jihad militants in Gaza on Wednesday as rocket fire toward Israel resumed after a brief overnight lull, raising the death toll in the strip to 18 Palestinians in the heaviest round of fighting in months.

The military said more than 250 rockets have been fired at Israeli communities since the violence erupted following an Israeli airstrike that killed a senior Islamic Jihad commander accused of being the mastermind of recent attacks. Israel stepped up its battle against Iran and its proxies across the region.

The latest fighting brought life in much of Israel to a standstill. Schools remained closed in Israeli communities near the Gaza border and

restrictions on public gatherings continued as rockets rained down.

Those attacks came after the early morning strike on Tuesday killed Bahaa Abu el-Atta and his wife as they were sleeping. Rocket fire from Gaza reached as far north as Tel Aviv, and two people were wounded by shrapnel.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told a special Cabinet meeting that Israel has no interest in sparking a wider confrontation but warned the Iranian-backed Islamic Jihad that Israel will keep pounding them until the rockets stop.

"They know we will continue to strike them without mercy," Netanyahu said. "They have one choice: either stop these attacks or absorb more and more blows." AFP

Bushfire threat still high as Australia clean up begins

Glenreagh (Australia): Australians on Wednesday began sifting through the ashes of hundreds of bushfires that have ravaged the country, relieved that their worst fears were unrealised — but wary of a long and brutal summer ahead.

Firefighters were still battling around 140 blazes across the country's eastern seaboard, but a respite from "catastrophic" weather conditions meant the danger from many fires was downgraded.

The northern state of Queensland remained on high alert, with residents on the north shore of popular holiday town Noosa told to "leave immediately" to avoid an "unpredictable" fire burning nearby. AFP

Mineral capable of preserving life's signatures found on Mars

New York: Researchers, using data from NASA's Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter, have found deposits of hydrated silica — a mineral good at preserving chemical signatures of life — in a crater on the Red Planet where the US space organisation plans to land a rover next year.

The study, published in the journal Geophysical Research Letters, noted that the crater, named Jezero, contains a large delta deposit formed by ancient rivers that fed an ancient lake.

The researchers, including those from Brown University in the US, used the Compact Reconnaissance Imaging Spectrometer for Mars (CRISM) instrument that flies aboard NASA's Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter, and applied big data analysis methods to tease out the weak spectral signature of the silica deposits.

They said the delta would

have concentrated a wealth of material from a vast watershed, similar to deltas on the Earth which are good at preserving signs of life.

According to the researchers, finding hydrated silica at Jezero, increases the preservation potential of chemical signatures of life.

They said, one of the silica deposits was found on the edge of the delta at low elevation.

"The material that forms the bottom layer of a delta is sometimes the most productive in terms of preserving biosignatures. So if you can find that bottom layer, and that layer has a lot of silica in it, that's a double bonus," said study co-author Jack Mustard, a professor at Brown University.

The study noted that the minerals may have formed in the discovered region, and may represent the bottom layer of the delta deposit. PTI

7 killed, several injured in Kabul car bomb blast

Kabul: At least seven people were killed and seven others injured on Wednesday in a car bomb attack in a northeast neighbourhood of the Afghan capital, where military and civilian airports and a foreign military base are located, said sources.

The explosion occurred at around 7.25 am local time in the northeast of the Afghan capital, where a government complex is also located, Efe news quoted Afghan Interior Ministry spokesperson Nasrat Rahimi as saying in a statement.

The spokesman later told EFE that the attack was conducted by a suicide bomber, who used a van loaded with explosives and blew up the vehicle on the main street. IANS

China holding third Taiwanese man on security grounds: Media

Beijing: Beijing is investigating a Taiwanese man on suspicion of engaging in activities that endanger national security, Chinese media reported on Wednesday — the third such case to come to light in three months.

Shih Cheng-ping, a retired professor at the National Taiwan Normal University and chief economist for Chinese conglomerate Huaxia Group, disappeared after entering the mainland in August of last year, according to Taiwanese media.

Ma Xiaoguang, spokesman of the State Council Taiwan Affairs Office, said Wednesday that Shih was being investigated "for suspected activities endangering national security," according to state-run People's Daily. AFP

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

Sl. No.	Particulars	STANDALONE				CONSOLIDATED			
		QUARTER ENDED		HALF YEAR ENDED		QUARTER ENDED		HALF YEAR ENDED	
		30-Sep-19	30-Sep-18	30-Sep-19	30-Sep-18	30-Sep-19	30-Sep-18	30-Sep-19	30-Sep-18
		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1	Total Income from Operations	2103.43	1839.36	2103.43	1875.39	175373.76	176755.32	354034.68	337594.55
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (including discontinued operations)	2064.62	1805.35	2022.74	1821.83	36700.02	19471.48	61109.64	37860.81
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (including discontinued operations)	2064.62	1814.86	2022.74	1897.49	29948.75	15243.29	49138.62	28761.99
4	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	2064.58	1814.53	2022.36	1897.53				
5	Paid up Equity Share Capital	645.26	645.26	645.26	645.26	645.26	645.26	645.26	645.26
6	Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations) -								
	(a) Basic :	32.00	28.14	31.35	29.44	241.42	124.29	398.87	234.93
	(b) Diluted:	32.00	28.14	31.35	29.44	241.42	124.29	398.87	234.93

Note: The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly/Annual Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly/Annual Financials Results are available on the Stock Exchange websites (www.bseindia.com) and the Company's website (www.kamaholdings.com).

For and on behalf of the Board
Ekta Maheshwari
Whole Time Director, CFO & Company Secretary
(DIN: 02071432)

Place : Gurugram
Date : November 13, 2019

NORTHERN RAILWAY OPEN TENDER NOTICE (E-Tender)
For and on behalf of President of India, the Sr. Divisional Mechanical Engineer/Freight, Northern Railway, Delhi Division invites E-tender for following work from experienced and capable tenderers.

1	Tender No.	197-S/181/Hiring of Truck/CC-9T/TKD/19/MC-IV
2	Name of work	Hiring of full body Truck (Carrying capacity-9T) at Wagon Care Centre, TKD for transportation of Railway material between depot. over Delhi division and JUDW for two years.
3	Advertised Tender Value	Rs. 23,84,025/- (Including GST & ECC)
4	Earnest money in favour of Sr.DFMNR, New Delhi	Rs. 47,700/- (Note: It should be in the form of net banking or gateway only. FDR not be accepted as EMD for tender invited on IREPS)
5	Date & time of submission of tender bid	UP to 11.12.2019 at 12:00 hrs.
6	Website particulars where complete details of tender documents can be seen	www.ireps.gov.in

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Statement of Standalone & Consolidated Financial Results for the Quarter and Half Year Ended September 30, 2019 (Rs. in Lacs, except per share data)

Sr No.	Particulars	Standalone		Consolidated			
		Quarter Ended	Corresponding 3 months ended in the previous year	Half Year Ended	Quarter/Corresponding 3 months ended in the previous year	Half Year Ended	
		30.09.2019	30.09.2018	30.09.2019	30.09.2018	30.09.2019	
1	Total income from operations	25.05	10.76	42.37	28.22	13.71	48.70
2	Net Profit for the period (before Tax and exceptional items)	3.26	(15.35)	1.69	6.38	(12.43)	7.95
3	Net Profit for the period (before Tax, after exceptional items)	3.26	(15.19)	1.61	6.38	(12.27)	7.87
4	Net Profit for the period after Tax (after exceptional items)	3.10	(14.98)	2.02	5.97	(12.25)	7.79
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit for the Period after Tax and Other Comprehensive Income after Tax)	4.12	(14.76)	4.05	6.99	(12.03)	9.82
6	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of the previous year	-	-	-	-	-	-
7	Paid-up equity share capital (Face Value Rs 5/- each)	540.00	540.00	540.00	540.00	540.00	540.00
8	Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 5/- each) (Not Annualised)	0.03	(0.14)	0.02	0.06	(0.11)	0.07
	(a) Basic (amount in Rs.)	0.03	(0.14)	0.02	0.06	(0.11)	0.07
	(b) Diluted (amount in Rs.)	0.03	(0.14)	0.02	0.06	(0.11)	0.07

Notes:
1. The above is an extract of the detailed format of quarter & half year financial results filed with the stock exchanges under regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and other disclosure requirements) Regulation, 2015. The full format of the quarter & half year financial results are available on the websites of the stock exchange. (URL- www.bseindia.com).
2. The above financial results have been reviewed by Audit Committee and thereafter approved and taken on record by the Board of Directors in its meeting held on November 13, 2019. The Statutory auditors have expressed an unmodified audit opinion.
3. The impact on net profit / loss, total comprehensive income or any other relevant financial item(s) due to change(s) in accounting policies shall be disclosed by means of a footnote.

For and on behalf of Directors
ADDI Industries Limited
Sd/-
Hari Bansal
Director
Din : 00022923

Place : New Delhi
Date : November 13, 2019

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EXTRACT OF UNAUDITED STANDALONE FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR QUARTER & HALF YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2019 (In Lakhs)

Particulars	Quarter Ended	Half year Ended	Quarter Ended
	30.09.2019	30.09.2019	30.09.2018
	Un-audited	Un-audited	Un-audited
Total Income from Operations (Net)	2.87	2.87	5.50
Net Profit/(Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and /or Extraordinary items)	(0.65)	(2.93)	2.26
Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before Tax, (after Exceptional and /or Extraordinary items)	(0.65)	(2.93)	2.26
Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and /or Extraordinary items)	(0.65)	(2.93)	2.26
Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit/(Loss) for the period (after tax) and other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	(0.65)	(2.93)	2.26
Equity Share Capital	360.13	360.13	360.13
Earning Per Share (of Rs. 10/- each) Basic and diluted (not annualised)*	(0.02)	(0.08)	0.06

Notes:
1. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly financial Results filed with Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of SEBI (LODR) Regulations 2015. The full format of Quarterly financial Results are available on the stock exchange website www.bseindia.com and Company's Website at www.rotoindia.co.in.
2. The financial results have been prepared in accordance with Indian Accounting Standard (IND AS) notified under the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015 as amended by the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) (Amendments) Rules, 2016.
3. The above unaudited Financial Results were reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the board of Directors at their meeting held on 13.11.2019.

For Rotographics (India) Limited
Naresh Kumar Bansal
Director

Place: New Delhi
Date: 13.11.2019

DELHI ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
Vinijamak Bhawan, C-Block, Shivalki, Malviya Nagar, New Delhi-110 017.
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PUBLIC NOTICE
To provide comments/ suggestions/objections on draft procedure for verification of Captive Generating Plant (CGP) Status

The Commission received various requests/ suggestions/ clarifications from the stakeholders, Nodal Agency, licensees to devise the guidelines for verification of Captive Generating Plant Status in time bound manner.

Therefore, in exercise of the powers vested under Regulations 12 and 17 of Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions for Open Access) Regulations, 2005, the Commission, have prepared the draft procedure for verification of Captive Generating Plant Status in time bound manner. The Draft Procedure is available on the website of the Commission i.e. www.derc.gov.in.

Stakeholders are requested to forward their suggestions / comments / objections on the draft procedure for verification of Captive Generating Plant Status to the Commission, latest by **29.11.2019**. The comments/ suggestions/objections may be forwarded to Secretary, DERC either by post or through email to secyderc@nic.in.

Sd/-
Secretary,
Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission
DIP/Shabdarth/0984/19-20

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

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

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

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	Shubham Papers/ Usha Aggarwal/ Shalabh Aggarwal/ Rahul Aggarwal/ 113205500212	Plot No-785, Pocket- C IFC Ghazipur, Delhi/ November 08, 2019	August 21, 2019 Rs.1,00,30,639/-	Delhi

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

Date : 14-11-2019
Place: Delhi
Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

Trend Blazer

Deepika shares Ranveer's photo

Actor DEEPIKA PADUKONE shared a glimpse of her actor husband Ranveer Singh's beauty preparations for their first wedding anniversary.

Deepika took to her Instagram stories, where she posted a photograph of the actor getting beauty treatments.

The image showed Ranveer with a face mask on and his hair in a steamer. "In preparation for his first wedding anniversary," she captioned it.

The couple tied the knot on November 14, 2018.

Deepika will soon be seen in director Meghna Gulzar's *Chhapaak*, based on the life of an acid attack survivor.



To touch is to learn

On Children's Day, educationists tell AYUSHI SHARMA about how we can make teaching a multi-sensorial experience rather than a digital one for toddlers and kindergarteners

The best gift we could give a child is of wonder and a free mindspace, which lets him or her imagine a blue leaf and a green sky. But the question is how can we make education a multi-sensorial experience rather than just a digital one in today's time, especially for toddlers and kindergarteners? In a blog about using imaginative inquiry in the classroom, advanced skills teacher and lecturer Tim Taylor argued that children learn best when they are playing. He writes, "Children need to be engaged in their learning. They learn best when it matters to them as it's contextualised in meaningful ways. Then, they have a sense of ownership. The best learning I've been involved in has not been delivered to a class, but built, over time, in collaboration with students. Explored, examined and argued over."

Over the time, teachers have believed that play has little or no place in the classroom. However, the idea is evolving. As most of the children today are completely dependent on learning apps to pick up things, a lot of schools are deliberately taking children out and making them sit in gardens for the real touch and feel. They are teaching them the importance of bonding by giving them various tasks. But the question arises again — how can we not make them more dependent on these apps and focus on learning through real experiences.

Speaker, author, education and life transformer, and founder of TLI Pedagogics, Marion Hopfgartner tells us that children are attracted to all these digital tools because since day one, they

have observed their parents using phones, laptops and other digital devices. So they try to "imitate" what they see. For toddlers, imitation follows a four-step process — watching and listening, processing the information, attempting to copy a behaviour and then practising. For instance, language development. If parents are more inclined towards reading books, children will capture it and naturally, they will be more interested in that rather than using the gadgets. "When education becomes a real life experience, the child will follow his/her natural impulses. Hence, the surrounding plays a vital role. Using all five senses, the child will take information from the surrounding and process it. For a kid, the world is always multidimensional. For example, take an apple. When the kid eats it, s/he first looks at it, understands its shape, colour and much more. So the most important thing in real life experience is not to create a scenario but rather to live it with the child and let them be a part of it," says the expert, who has been honoured as the Ambassador of Peace and awarded as an international speaker on education.

Children are always curious about everything and they are born with the interest to learn, points out Marion. And this is exactly what Amit Verma, CEO of Makebot, believes. He says, "The creativity factor in early childhood is very sharp and it goes down over a period when the child stops practising innovation. This happens due to a lot of structured learning over the period of time. Hence, it is very important to keep the curiosity and creativity factor high in every child. When we involve children at an early age with hands on activities, their minds get tuned to experiential learning methodologies. This enables them to learn things by practising and creating a strong and long-term self-learning ability, which also forms a strong foundation at an early stage."

Marion adds that it is important that we place a special focus on guiding chil-

dren towards being autonomous and able to easily adapt to challenges. A recent research has emphasised on the need to adopt 'modern thinking models' for the early childhood education on the lines of those adopted in the West, namely, Gardner's theory of multiple intelligences, Vygotsky's theory of socio-cultural learning, tools of the mind and many more. Just like everything else, educational needs of children are changing at a very high pace, believes Shakti Chaturvedi, a researcher in the Centre for Historical Studies at Jawaharlal Nehru University. He says that just subjecting them to mathematical tables, mugging up poems and memorising the names of animals is not going to help. "They need to be exposed to 'experiences' no matter how trivial. They must be allowed the time of their choice for extra-curricular activities to fetch maximum output. Such style of pedagogy keeps them hooked. Activity-based learning and curriculum gives each child the appropriate time to find his/her acumen and develop an interest. Most importantly, it allows them an opportunity to narrate stories and voice their opinions. These attempts certainly yield great results," he adds.

Effective learning comes with movement, touch, music, audio and visual, feels Nitin Pandey, co-founder and CEO of Parenture.com. For him, digital learning isn't bad by any means but he says that it needs to be done in a balanced manner. "Learning practically and through interpersonal interactions are equally important for a child's mental development. And to get that going, curricula need to go beyond the screen and move towards a multi-sensory approach of learning. This is especially important in the early years (18 months toddlers to nine-year-olds), as this is the time when cognitive development is at its peak," he believes.

It has been revealed in a report that practical learning not only aids children's mental and physical health but it teaches them risk taking and problem-solving

skills, enhances imagination, independence and creativity too. Even though Ashwani Kumar Prithviwasi, founder and principal of Delhi Collage of Art, feels that if children are getting something useful from digital learning apps, it should be welcomed. However, he also suggests that students must be taken out in the playground for the real touch and feel. He suggests that gardening should be a subject in the curriculum as it can stimulate them and help activate their senses. "When children themselves grow plants and nurture them, their first-hand experience makes them learn more. This should be observed by the schools that how much time is given on knowledge through textbooks and how much is dedicated to outdoor activities. It's not always okay to say no to children from playing in mud. Being protective is fine but then this restriction that their parents put on them makes them opt for electronics," he says.

Nowadays, a very strong part which has been missing from children's lives is the art of storytelling, Anita Sharma, principal of SD Public School, Pitampura, tells us. "The stories narrated by parents or grandparents, where children were exposed to our culture, traditions and heritage and also to many morals in life at a very early age, are not a part of their lives anymore. Communication, language development, expressions, control over emotions, empathy and sense of belonging, many such skills and values were automatically infused with the storytelling. Apart from all educational activities and events happening at school, parents must develop the habit of reading and sharing stories with their children," says she.

Undoubtedly, the Indian education system is very dynamic and provides a lot of flexibility in delivering the right set of knowledge and skills to students. "When we use existing curriculum and create an inter-disciplinary approach around it rather than creating a parallel programme, it synchronises with what the child is learning today. Through innovative delivery techniques, the entire process becomes interactive," says Amit.

He points out another factor. "The introduction of the 'edutainment' mode of learning — through various real life problem-solving challenges, competitions targeted toward life skills, community building for like minded innovators, fueling new age ideas through project building/prototyping. The learning which comes out of edutainment not only prepares the children for future but also opens vistas to start thinking on innovation which is what required for forthcoming generations since we don't know what kind of jobs would be there in the future," adds Amit.

To create more awareness around multidimensional experiential learning and edutainment, experts suggest that we have to bring the ecosystem together including parents, children and educational institutions. Since parents today are also concerned with kids' screen time going up alarmingly. The same time can be used to building something creative and by doing new things which are going to be part of future like, coding, story building, robotics, artificial intelligence, project building, mechanics and much more. This allows students to see things in practice and will aligns their thoughts with real world scenarios.

But could this approach also be adapted for secondary education? Or should there be a point when learning stops being a game? Do you think innovative approaches to teaching are some of the most effective ways to motivate students and that secondary schools should look to primaries for inspiration?



'I have done Vicky Donor, Badlapur, Kaabil and Sarkaar, which did not do too well

but will still be a special film because of Amitabh Bachchan, then Uri: The Surgical Strike and now Bala. Of course, I feel evolved as an actor and I don't think that I am star. I have a lot of gratitude. It is not easy to be self-made in Bollywood and make it on your own.'

—Yami Gautam

Actor SONI RAZDAN feels that the institution of marriage is crumbling today.



She will be seen in a cameo role in Hotstar Specials' *Out of Love*, which revolves around infidelity in marital relationships.

She said, "There is nothing great about cheating on someone but it seems to be happening all the time. Marriage's purpose is not the same now. Women are not easily taken for granted today. Having said that, there is no reason for people to not get married. Everything is workable if there is a sense of equilibrium."

Kylie's stalker sentenced to jail

A man accused of trespassing on reality TV personality KYLIE JENNER's Los Angeles property has been sentenced to a year at the Los Angeles County Jail.

Brandon Sebastian Sevilla Martinez was arrested by police on October 29 after allegedly hopping over the reality TV star's gate at her private Calabasas residence and banging on her front door, demanding to speak to the 22 year old.

Kylie was not home at the time of the incident, but her security officials reported him to local authorities and he was slapped with a misdemeanor count of trespassing, as well as a felony for bringing contraband into jail when a glass pipe was found on his person at the time of booking.

Decked up in a faded green denim jacket paired with a grey t-shirt, actor Sidharth Malhotra seemed his usual warm self, sipping coffee, quite contrary to the breakout role he is attempting through a stasis in his career. The actor who has usually done stylish and suave roles, will be seen delivering massy dialogues, sporting a street-style headband in his forthcoming film, *Marijaavaan*.

The actor said, "I haven't played such a larger-than-life character and quintessential hero breaking chains before. It felt good, looking powerful on screen and portraying a character which has such a strong aura."

Directed by Milap Milan Zaveri, the film is a love story of Raghu (played by Sidharth) and Zoya (played by Tara Sutaria) whose world is turned upside down when a vertically challenged (dwarf) gang leader (played by Riteish Deshmukh) with harmful intentions makes an entry.

Sidharth said that the film has the typical drama and entertainment like any other commercial Hindi film. It's not a true story but a world that we have created. The audience has a plethora of elements to love in the film, be it the love story or action or the hero-villain drama.

No fear of the unknown

Actor SIDHARTH MALHOTRA tells SAKSHI SHARMA about his trajectory that has strayed from the usual. Even his new film *Marijaavaan* has a twist



tells us why this one is different. "The storyline! It has some interesting dynamics attached to it. The couple is in their happy space until a tragedy hits later. Its turning point will force the audience to dig deeper. And that's the fun of it," said he.

Raghu, an orphan boy who is brought up in the suburban areas of Mumbai, meets Zoya, who is speech-impaired. She has to express her emotions without dialogues. And for Sidharth, this became the most interesting part of the film. He said, "The emotions being portrayed in the film are very nuanced and etched in its narrative. It is an innocent love story, which will make the audience feel bad with its tragedy too. I too felt it when I heard the script."

'Masjid aur mandir dono milenge' (We will get both, temple and mosque), the actor can be seen saying in the trailer. It seems as if the film

has a take on the ongoing religious indifferences in the country. But the actor said that it's a "hard core" love story and doesn't intend to be a message. He then recalled an incident and said, "I wanted my character to have a universal name that doesn't represent any religion. But when I was named Raghu, it seemed inclined towards a religion. So I was given four tattoos on my fist which represent the four most famous religions of the country. And because I am an orphan, for me every religion is the same. I loved this as a thought. Though the film is not about this but it's a subtle attempt to throw light on this topic."

Since the film stars Riteish opposite Sidharth, which would remind one of *Ek Villain*, rumours have it that the film is its sequel. Denying such claims, the actor said that it has more of thrill and drama. "I wish I could tell you how different they are but then I'll end up telling you the whole story. So you'll have to watch the film and discover for yourself," said he.

Sidharth had to work a lot on his physique because he had to look strong enough for the action sequences. Even the styling and personal attitude was worked upon. He had to give his body language a new flair, be it while wearing the headband, lighting a matchstick or delivering dialogues in a way that street thugs do. But the actor seemed prepared for all the risks. "There's no easy or safe film. Even while I was doing *Ek Villain*, where I have played a strong character, people were doubting me. But that was my ₹100 crore film. This profession is about embracing the uncertainties and believing that no character is safe," said he.

This is an era where all the young actors are competing for the same roles in content-driven films. How does he plan to stay ahead of them? "I have always done different films. On one hand there is *Ek Villain* while on the other, there is *Kapoor And Sons*. They are very opposite characters. And when you see that the audience accepts you in the variety that you offer, it opens up a larger variety of script. However, it has to excite me personally regardless of what somebody else is doing. If you see my trajectory of work whether it's a love story or murder mystery or action film I have always tried to stay different. My current film is screwed to a different flavour of action love story."

The actor, who made his Bollywood debut from *Student Of The Year* alongside Alia Bhatt and Varun Dhawan, seemed to be the most promising one. However, after seven years of the film, the other two seem to have a better career graph. When asked about it, Sidharth said, "I don't have my ears to what people say. I think that's irrelevant. What matters is the kind of choices I make in films. The box office is more important. We are all doing different kinds of films. No actor is sticking to one zone. Everyone's experimenting and doing variety. Every Friday is different. I have had Fridays that were beyond my expectations and I have had the ones which were not up to my expectations. That is how the industry is, very unpredictable. Every Friday is different. I have had Fridays that were beyond my expectations and I have had the ones which were not up to my expectations. That is how the industry is, very unpredictable. The good thing which I feel over the years is that now there's no fear of the unknown. I have seen successes and failures and it adds to me as a performer."

(The film releases on November 15.)

Photo: Pankaj Kumar

Beyond the horizons

Nita Ambani, the founder and chairperson of the Reliance Foundation, has been elected an honorary trustee of New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art, the arts powerhouse of the US.

Announcing her election by the board, the museum's chairman Daniel Brodsky said, "Mrs Ambani's commitment to The Met and to preserving and promoting India's art and culture is truly exceptional. Her support has an enormous impact on the Museum's ability to study and display art from every corner of the world."

Reliance Foundation has sponsored key cultural events such as *The Elephantia Festival*, and *Abbaji*, the annual concert of master musician Ustad Zakir Hussain, in its mission to recognise the cultural legends of India and ensure their relevance to a younger generation.

With Reliance Foundation's sponsorship, the Met will hold next year the exhibition — *Tree and Serpent: Early Buddhist Art in India, 200 B.C.-A.D. 400* that will cover topics such as 17th-century Mughal art and contemporary Indian sculpture. The museum said that "in her role as founder and chairperson of Reliance Foundation, Mrs Ambani has impacted the lives of more than 34 million people across India through the organisation's initiatives in rural transformation, health, education, sports for development, disaster response, arts, culture and heritage, and urban renewal."

—IANS



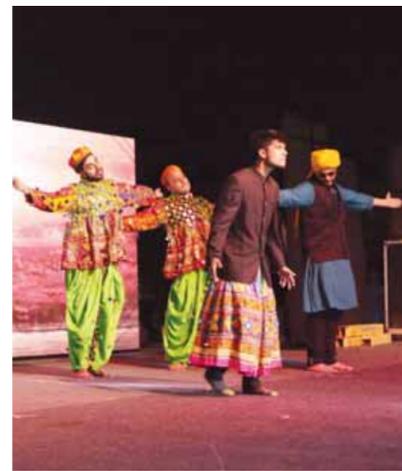
VIPS celebrates varied skills of mass communication



Spandan 2019 saw a Bharatnatyam performance on Ganesh Vandana



Waterman of India, Rajendra Singh launched his movement to save Ganga. He was accompanied by Dr SC Vats, Chairman, VIPS Managing Board, members of the jury of VIPS-IFUNA Film Festival and senior faculty members



The story of Bollywood cinema over 100 years, Daastan-i-Cinema



A dance performance as a part of the Daastan-i-Cinema

The two-day media fest, *Spandan 2019*, organised by the students of journalism and mass communication of the Vivekananda Institute of Professional Studies, lived up to the epithet of it being among the best media schools in the country. The exercise aimed at sharpening skills of the students not just at managing an event but also creating and marketing them. The event began with *Media Panchayat*, a panel discussion between eminent media persons Ashok Tandon, KG Suresh and Madhukar Upadhyay on the issue of ethics and survival in today's media. Over the next two days, 12 competitive events and skill development workshops were held. Waterman of India Rajendra Singh, a Magsaysay awardee, addressed the participants on day-two on the need to conserve water. Singh also gave away awards to the winners of the Spandan-IFUNA film festival on water conservation, the prizes for which were sponsored by HP. The finale of the two-day media fête was *Daastan-i-Cinema*, which celebrated the 100 years of Hindi cinema with Devika Rani to Deepika Padukone walking on the same stage as well as from Ashok Kumar to Akshay Kumar. The two-hour exhibition of the art of cinema included multimedia presentations and live performances by actors, dancers and musicians. There were 150 students present, who achieved the goal of creating and conquering the stage for themselves.



A mimri of legendary actor Raj Kapoor under *Daastan-i-Cinema*



Media Panchayat and felicitation ceremony of (from left) professor Charulata Singh, dean, VSJMC, professor KG Suresh, professor Ashok Tandon, professor Madhukar Upadhyay, Suneet Vats, Vice-Chairman, VIPS Managing Board and professor Sidharth Mishra, Chairperson, VSJMC & VSIT



Bands from different colleges of Delhi-NCR battled it out on day 2



A performance under *Daastan-i-Cinema*



Radio Jockey Rahul Makin, an alumnus, with the winners of VIPS on Air show



A theatrical performance under *Daastan-i-Cinema*



Celebration time for backstage crew



Another dance performance under *Daastan-i-Cinema*



(From right) Director General of VIPS, Professor IM Pandey and Vineet Vats, Treasurer, VIPS Managing Board



A drama under *Daastan-i-Cinema*



ZEE LAUNCHES LAUNG SONG



Recently, Zee Music relaunched the *Laung Song* which is composed by King Sultan. The song has urban beats and its modern lyrics are given by Meet, and is sung by DR Harsh, Simrita and Ranneek. The song is a fusion of Punjabi and Western music. Its video, directed by Soni Singh, is equally appealing. She excels in recreating sets that are not often seen in Punjabi music videos. The song introduces singer DR Harsh who is also a dancer. He said, "While I was working as a dancer, I used to casually sing as well. But then some of my friends said that I sing well and suggested me to try it." After giving it a thought, he tried his hands at singing.

"When I sang in the studio, it gave me confidence. And later, when I saw people's reactions, I was sure about pursuing my career in music," added he. Talking about his challenges, the dancer-turned-singer said that he was a worker in Delhi Metro during his initial days in the city. "When I came to Delhi with my brother, I never thought I would come this far. But slowly and gradually, I am doing good in my career. I believe in the philosophy of no pain, no gain. If we win without any struggles, we won't realise the depth of our achievements. My family, friends and relatives have been a constant support system during my journey," said he.

GoStops raises funding to expand operations

GoStops, India's fastest growing chain of youth traveller hostels, has raised an undisclosed amount of funds as part of its recent funding round from angel investors. The round also saw participation from investors like Nitish Mittersain (founder and MD of Nazara Games), Sorabh Agarwal (ex-MD at Copal Partners), Sameer Walia (founder and ex-MD at The Smart Cube), Rohit Shankar (co-founder of Dimdim.com), Sunil Kumar Singhvi (owner at South Handlooms) and other senior corporate executives. Delhi-based GoStops is planning to expand its presence across the country by doubling their bed capacity within the next 12 months. GoStops



also plans to utilise these funds to enhance its product offerings through investment in technology and training, add new revenue streams, strengthen its marketing and build a team to handle the next phase of growth.

Besides the basic services like high-quality beds in air-conditioned dorms and private rooms, 24x7 CCTV security and café, the hostel offers several facilities like mini theatre,

football and pool table, aesthetically designed work and lounge areas. There are specially designed common areas for activities and socialising so that travellers can explore various destinations together. "Many short stay options (hotels and guest houses) available within youth budget are of poor and unpredictable quality and not very user-friendly. We aim to solve this problem for the youth by offering affordable, social and experiential hostels. Growing number of youth prefer community living (fostering growth of co-living and co-working) and they are willing to share rooms and facilities for greater quality accommodation," said Pallavi Agarwal, co-founder and CEO.

Mahindra launches #HerDrive campaign

Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd announced the launch of its new #HerDrive campaign for its compact SUV model, the XUV300. The campaign was launched in collaboration with actress and automobile enthusiast Gul Panag. The first initiative under #HerDrive has been kick-started with an eight-city tour, where women car-buyers are being invited to Mahindra showrooms to champion the cause of breaking through gender stereotypes and choosing the unconventional paths. The event will see women driving in a cavalcade across the city in Mahindra XUV300s with Gul Panag driving the lead vehicle. There will also be a greeting session with the actress and stand-up comedy acts by comedians Sejal Bhat and Urooj Ashfaq as well as an A-Cappella performance by the band, Aflutunes.



Speaking about this new campaign, Veejay Ram Nakra, chief of Sales and Marketing, Automotive Division, Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd., said, "The aim of the #HerDrive campaign is to amplify and acknowledge the evolving role of women

who are pursuing unconventional paths in life. The movement also aims to change the perception and present the idea that women don't belong behind the wheel. It is set to encourage them to break away from driving stereotypes. In fact, we have seen a substantial increase in the number of SUV women buyers, especially with the launch of the XUV300. With the campaign, we want to express our gratitude to our customers and inspire more women to experience the brand." The on-ground activation of the #HerDrive campaign has been completed in five cities — Mumbai, Pune, Bengaluru, Chennai and Chandigarh. The celebrations will continue from Delhi to Hyderabad and Kolkata in its subsequent editions. Mahindra also launched a music anthem, *Ladki Bindaas Hai*.

IN SHORT

On the 45th raising day of NTPC Ltd, RK Singh, Minister of State (IC), Power, New and Renewable Energy, congratulated the NTPC team for their consistent performance and urged the company to become a global player. He also lauded the company for keeping power costs under check. He added, "As per the requirement, there will be coal-based power. Happy to see NTPC managed to maintain power costs by driving efficiencies despite spurt in coal price." SN Sahai, secretary (Power) and Gurdeep Singh, CMD NTPC were also present. A cultural program titled *Satyamev Jayate* was also presented by the children of NTPC employees across locations. Swarn Shakti Awards were also presented to the best performing power stations of NTPC at the event.



Minister of Social Justice & Empowerment Thawarchand Gehlot visited the *Shippostav 2019* to encourage the artisans at Dilli Haat, INA on Friday. The *Shippostav* is the annual fair which features artisans from across the country and those belonging to the weaker sections of society. The fair is on till November 15, interacting with the artisans. Gehlot said that *Shippostav* aims to empower disadvantaged and marginalised artisans nationwide. There are silk saris, dunnies, terracotta, jute products, dress fabrics, Kashmiri shawls, leather, cane and bamboo products, hand embroidered products, pearls, jewellery, decorative candles, wooden toys, marble artefacts and handlooms.

ESIC Dental College & Hospital, Rohini, Delhi, organised its third graduation ceremony at Siri Fort Auditorium on Wednesday. Santosh Kumar Gangwar, Minister of State (IC) for Labour and Employment, was the chief guest. He wished all the students a bright future and congratulated them for their achievement. He also informed the audience about the recent initiatives undertaken by ESIC in partnership with PMJAY — Ayushman Bharat to provide medical care to ESIC beneficiaries in 102 designated newly implemented districts. The other dignitaries to grace the occasion were Raj Kumar, IAS, director general, Sandhya Shukla IA & AS, financial commissioner, Dr RK Kataria, medical commissioner, Dr PL Chaudhary, medical commissioner (ME), and Dr Vivek Handa, deputy medical commissioner (MR). Dean Dr Dhirendra Srivastava administered the pledge to the students, emphasising on the importance of access, quality and equity in medical education.



Mission Dushanbe

Blue Tigers ready to counter multiple challenges and emerge victorious in World Cup qualifier away game against Afghanistan



Indian football coach Igor Stimac (second from left) shake hands with Afghanistan coach Anoush Dastagiv before the start of pre match press conference ahead of India's World Cup qualifier game against the Asian rivals

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Live from 7:30pm IST
STAR SPORTS NETWORK

Hours after arriving in Dushanbe, the capital of Tajikistan, India head coach Igor Stimac stated that the Blue Tigers need to overcome "tough challenges" imposed by Afghanistan, besides braving adversities, when they face-off in the Group E encounter of the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 and AFC Asian Cup China 2023 preliminary joint Qualification Round 2 match at the Republican Central Stadium in Dushanbe today.

"We know how difficult this game is going to be for us. We both (India and Afghanistan) have already faced Qatar and Bangladesh in the qualifiers. We see Afghanistan as a physical side with good composure. They have some players who also have the experience of playing in Europe. They are not in the top division, but playing in Europe always gives you an extra bit of confidence. They have stamina and they'll pose a tough challenge for us," Stimac said in the pre-match press conference held in Dushanbe on Wednesday morning.

The city welcomed Blue Tigers contingent with chilly weather as the mercury hovered around 6-7°C. However, despite the low temperature, the fighting spirit of the Indian team remains high as ever.

"As a player, you have to be confident and face every challenge head-on. That's why we are here. Yes, the conditions have not been in our favour to some extent but that won't have any effect when the referee blows the whistle. If we can execute the coach's plans on the pitch, we can surely hope for a good result," a buoyant Pranay Halder voiced at the official press conference.

Meanwhile, experienced centre back Anas Edathodika flew back home late on Tuesday owing to a family emergency. "Anas (Edathodika) is having a tough time. Our thoughts are with him and his family. He has been an instrumental member of the squad and we will miss him. The onus is now on the other players to take the mantle and deliver on the pitch," Stimac added.

The Coach analysed the Blue Tigers' last match against Bangladesh as well, saying, "The most difficult games are those when people who are following you, write the result before the game starts. We witnessed it against Qatar as well as Bangladesh. When Bangladesh came, they were defending with 10 players and were looking to counter-attack. Without taking away any credit from them, we

earned a point against them. We can't forget that they were leading until the 87th minute."

The gaffer also maintained that India's passion for the beautiful game is changing and the Blue Tigers will try their level best to fulfil the expectations and grab their first win in the joint qualification round.

"We are happy that people in India are following us with lots of passion now. They have a great expectation on us and we'll try our level best to make them happy," he said.

Meanwhile, Anoush Dastagiv, Afghanistan head Coach mentioned though it's not their own country, they get "confidence" when they play in Dushanbe.

"Yes, geographically it's far from our country and we would have been happier if we could have gotten the chance to play in our own country. But, playing in Tajikistan has always given us much-needed confidence. We have beaten Cambodia, Bangladesh here and settled with a draw against Tajikistan, Jordan. Those results will surely give us a psychological boost," Dastagiv said.

"Here, people speak our language. We feel at home. Whenever we play in front of Afghani crowd, we never fail to get positive results. We hope we can get something closer to that on Thursday as well," he added.

Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited

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PUBLIC NOTICE FOR AUCTION CUM SALE (To be treated as notice u/s 8(6))
Pursuant to taking possession of the secured asset mentioned hereunder by the Authorized Officer of Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited, under the **Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002** for the recovery of amount due from borrower/s, offers are invited by the undersigned in sealed covers for purchase of immovable property, as described hereunder, which is in the Possession on, 'As is where is basis' 'As Is What Is Basis' and 'Whatever Is There Is Basis' particulars of which are given below:-

S.N.	Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Description of the Immovable property	Reserve Price	Earnest Money Deposit	Total Loan Outstanding as on	Type of Possession
1.	Loan Account No. (XOHEHD00001239641) (XOHEHD00001091630) RAJESH KUMAR YADAV (Borrower) REWATI YADAV, NEETU YADAV (Co-Borrower) All are having address for communication at :- Plot No-6, Road No, N-12, DLF City, Phase-II, Gurgaon, Haryana-122022. Also At:- H.No.-164-P, Sec-15, part-I, Vill- Jharsa, Gurgaon, Haryana-122022 Also At:- J-3/32/DFL-II, Second Floor, Gurgaon, Haryana-1220022	24.10.2016 Rs. 1,74,94,680.11/- (Rupees One Crore Seventy Four Lakhs Ninety Four Thousand Six Hundred Eighty and Eleven Paise Only) and Rs.3,20,21,630.73/- (Rupees Three Crore Twenty Lakhs Twenty One Thousand Six Hundred Thirty and Seventy Three Paise Only) as on 22.10.2016	Plot No. -6, Entire Second Floor, admeasuring 1600 sq. ft. with terrace rights and land admeasuring 250.56 sq. mtrs. Road. No. N-12, DLF City, Phase-II, Gurgaon Residential H. No.164-P, Sector-15, Part-I, Urban Estate, admeasuring 220 Sq. Mtrs., (2368.06 Sq. Ft.) Gurugram J-3/32/DFL II, Second Floor, Gurgaon, Haryana-122022. Adms. 215 sq. yds	Rs.80,00,000/- (Rupees Eighty Lakhs Only) Rs. 2,55,00,000/- (Rupees Two Crore Fifty Five Lakhs Only) Rs. 60,00,000/- (Rupees Sixty Lakhs Only)	Rs. 8,00,000/- (Rupees Eight Lakhs Only) Rs. 25,50,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Lakhs Fifty Thousand Only) Rs. 6,00,000/- (Rupees Six Lakhs Only)	Rs. 1,74,94,680.11/- (Rupees One Crore Seventy Four Lakhs Ninety Four Thousand Six Hundred Eighty and Eleven Paise Only) and Rs.3,20,21,630.73/- (Rupees Three Crore Twenty Lakhs Twenty One Thousand Six Hundred Thirty and Seventy Three Paise Only) + Interest	Symbolic
2.	(Loan Account No. XOHEEDL00001835007, XOHEEDL00001826804 Delhi Branch) Mr/Ms. AJAY TYAGI (Borrower) PRIYANKA TYAGI, RAJNI MEDICOS (Co-Borrower) All are having address for communication at :- J-84,SECOND FLOOR,VIKAS PURI, NEW DELHI -110018.	13/05/2019 Rs. 1,18,92,080.90 (One Crore Eighteen Lakhs Ninety Thousand Eighty rupees and ninety Paise Only)	SECOND FLOOR WITHOUT ROOF TERRACE RIGHTS (SAID PROPERTY) PART OF PROERTY NO-J-84, ADMEASURING 104 SQ. MTS. SITUATED AT VIKAS PURI NEW DELHI-110018.	Rs.1,00,00,000 (One Crore Rupees Only)	Rs. 10,00,000 (Ten Lakhs Rupees Only)	1,18,92,080.90 (One Crore Eighteen Lakhs Ninety Thousand Eighty rupees and ninety Paise Only) + Interest	Symbolic
3.	(Loan Account No. XOHEEDL00001429783, XOHEEDL00001429784 Delhi Branch) Mr/Ms. NARENDER PAL SINGH (Borrower) VIKRAM SINGH, RAMAN DEEP KAUR, MANJEET KAUR (Co-Borrower) All are having address for communication at :- B-2/1, MAIN ROAD, GOLDEN PARK, SHIVPURI NEW DELHI -110 051.	29-04-2019 Rs. 1,70,00,256.46 (One Crore Seventy Lakh Two Hundred Fifty Six Rupees and Forty Six Paise Only)	Property No.B-2/1 Admeasuring 80 sq.yds. out of Khasra No. 9/3/7/23, 7/14, 25. 6/2/1, 2/2, 2/3 & 21 situated in the area of Village Khureji Khas in the abadi of Golden Park Main Road Shiv Puri Extension Shahdra Delhi.	Rs.1,60,00,000 (One Crore Sixty Lakh Rupees Only)	Rs. 16,00,000 (Sixteen Lakhs Rupees Only)	Rs. 1,70,00,256.46 (One Crore Seventy Lakh Two Hundred Fifty Six Rupees and Forty Six Paise Only)+ Interest	Symbolic
4.	Loan Account No. (XOHEEDL00002272331, XOHEEDL00001598962 & XOHEEDL00001394182) NITIN GUPTA (BORROWER) POOJA GUPTA, JAI PRAKASH GUPTA, M/S. JP CABLE AND WIRES (CO-BORROWER) All are having address for communication at:- F-30, BLOCK-F, MANSAROVAR PARK, SHAHADARA DELHI - 110 032. ALSO AT- ALSO AT-27/94/10 JAWALA NAGAR, TIKONA PARK, NEW DELHI - 110032.	26-06-2019 Rs. 1,03,06,490.39 (One Crore Three Lakh Six Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Rupees and Thirty Nine Paise Only)	COMPOUND NO.30 ADMEASURING 150 SQ.YDS. FRONT PORTION BLOCK-F OUT OF KHASRA NOS. 1096/322 & 1097/322 MAUZA CHANDRAWALI SITUATED AT MANSAROVAR PARK SHAHDARA NEW DELHI-110032.	Rs. 1,00,00,000/- (Rupees One Crore Only)	Rs.10,00,000/- (Rupees Ten Lakh Only)	Rs.1,03,06,490.39 (One Crore Three Lakh Six Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Rupees and Thirty Nine Paise Only)+ Interest	Symbolic
5.	Loan Account No. (XOHEHD00001005151) RAHUL GUPTA (BORROWER) JUGENDER PRASAD, MADHU GUPTA (CO-BORROWER) All are having address for communication at:- C-4/2, RANA PRATAP BAGH,NEW DELHI - 110 007.	26-06-2019 Rs. 1,97,58,365.65 (One Crore Ninety Seven Lakhs Fifty Eight Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Five Rupees and Sixty Five Paise Only)	PROPERTY BEARING NO. C - 4 / 2 , GROUND FLOOR, ADMEASURING 233.33 SQ.YDS. SITUATED IN THE COLONY KNOWN AS RANA PARTAP BAGH DELHI-110007. PROPERTY BEARING NO. C - 4 / 2 , F R S T FLOOR, ADMEASURING 233.33 SQ.YDS. SITUATED IN THE COLONY KNOWN AS RANA PARTAP BAGH DELHI-110007. PROPERTY BEARING NO. C - 4 / 2 , S E C O N D FLOOR, ADMEASURING 233.33 SQ.YDS. SITUATED IN THE COLONY KNOWN AS RANA PARTAP BAGH DELHI-110007. PROPERTY BEARING NO.C-4/2, THIRD FLOOR, ADMEASURING 233.33 SQ.YDS. SITUATED IN THE COLONY KNOWN AS RANA PARTAP BAGH DELHI-110007.	Rs. 1,08,00,000/- (Rupees One Crore Eight Lakh Only) Rs. 1,08,00,000/- (Rupees One Crore Eight Lakh Only) Rs. 1,04,50,000/- (Rupees One Crore Sixty Four Lakh Only) Rs. 1,04,50,000/- (Rupees One Crore Sixty Four Lakh Only)	Rs.10,80,000/- (Rupees Ten Lakh Eighty Thousand Only) Rs.10,80,000/- (Rupees Ten Lakh Eighty Thousand Only) Rs.10,45,000/- (Rupees Ten Lakh Forty Five Thousand Only) Rs.10,45,000/- (Rupees Ten Lakh Forty Five Thousand Only)	Rs. 1,97,58,365.65 (One Crore Ninety Seven Lakhs Fifty Eight Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Five Rupees and Sixty Five Paise Only) + Interest	Symbolic Symbolic Symbolic Symbolic
6.	Loan Account No. (XOHEHD00000876068, XOHEHD00001017505) PRAVIN SETHI (Borrower) MONA SETHI(CO-BORROWER) All are having address for communication at- G-4A 1ST & IIND FLOOR,KALKAJI,NEW DELHI - 110019	06.10.2016 Rs.2,88,84,535.89 (Rupees Two Crore Eighty Eight Lakh Eighty Four Thousand Five Hundred Thirty Five And paise Eighty Nine Only)	PROPERTY NO-G/4-A, FIRST AND SECOND FLOOR WITH BUILD UP AREA OF 1350 SQ.FT. AND LAND ADMEASURING 100 SQ.YDS SITUATED AT KALKAJI,NEW DELHI-110019.	Rs. 1,48,75,000/- (Rupees One Crore Forty Eight Lakh Seventy Five Thousand Only)	Rs. 14,87,500 /- (Rupees Fourteen Lakhs Eighty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Only)	Rs.2,88,84,535.89 (Rupees Two Crore Eighty Eight Lakh Eighty Four Thousand Five Hundred Thirty Five And paise Eighty Nine Only) + Interest	Physical
7.	(Loan Account No. XOHEEDL00001735155 Delhi Branch) SARANJEET SINGH SONDI (Borrower) GURMEET KAUR, HARMEET SINGH SONDI, CONTROL TECHSYSTEMS PRIVATE LIMITED (Co-Borrower) All are having address for communication at :- P-402, ADITYA MEGA CITY, VAIBHAV KHAND INDRAPURAM Ghaziabad U.P – 201 014.	13/05/2019 Rs. 2,98,60,527.36 (Two Crore Ninety Eight Lakh Sixty Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Seven Rupees and Thirty Six Paise Only)	Shop bearing No.GC-202 on Second Floor in Block Gold Crusht Aditya Mega City (without roof rights) Admeasuring 1053 sq.ft. in the complex located at Plot No.C/GH-3 Admeasuring 64.489.62 sq.mts. Vaibhav Khand Indrapuram Ghaziabad Uttar Pradesh. Residential Plot No.013 Admeasuring 250 sq.mts. in Block-D of Sector-61 Gautam Budh Nagar situated in Noida District.	Rs.65,00,000 (Sixty Five lakh Rupees Only) Rs.2,35,00,000 (Two Crore Thirty Five Lakh Rupees Only)	Rs. 6,50,000 (Six Lakhs Fifty Thousand Rupees Only) Rs. 23,50,000 (Twenty Three Lakhs Fifty Thousand Rupees Only)	Rs. 2,98,60,527.36 (Two Crore Ninety Eight Lakh Sixty Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Seven Rupees and Thirty Six Paise Only) + Interest	Symbolic Symbolic
8.	Loan Account No. (XOHEHD00001316727 & XOHEEDL00001546761) MUKUL KHANNA (Borrower) VIDYOTTAMA KHANNA, S.N. KHANNA, GRASSROT AGROFARMS PVT Ltd (Co-Borrower) All are having address for communication at- H-28, Ground & First, Masjid Moth, Greater Kailash-II, New Delhi-110048	22-11-2017 Rs. 5,87,79,739.67 (Rupees Five Crore Eighty Seven Lakhs Seventy Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Nine and Paise Sixty Seven Only)	Property admeasuring :216 Sq Yds Ground & first Floor (Duplex) of H No 28, Masjid Moth, Greater Kailash -II, New Delhi-110048	Rs. 5,00,00,000/- (Rupees Five Crore Only)	Rs. 50,00,000/- (Rupees Fifty Lakh(s) Only)	Rs. 7,19,95,263/- (Rupees Seven Crore(s) Nineteen Lakh(s) Ninety Five Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Three Only) + Interest	Physical
9.	(Loan Account No. XOHEHD00001282721 Delhi Branch) Mr/Ms. DHANESH KALRA (Borrower) SANJEET SINGH, SURINDER KALRA, SURINDER KALRA, JAI RAM SINGH, KRAN SALES PVT. LTD (Co-Borrower) All are having address for communication at :- H.NO-J 232, J POCKET,GROUND AND FIRST FLOOR, SARITA VIHAR NEW DELHI-110044. Also at H.NO-J-12/42,RAJOURI GARDEN, SECOND FLOOR, NEW DELHI-110027.	24-05-2019 Rs 3,30,69,745.00 (Three Crore Thirty Lakh Sixty Nine Thousand and Seven Hundred Forty Five Rupees Only)	Property 1. FLAT NO-232 ON GROUND AND FIRST FLOOR CAT-SFS-III IN POCKET-J SITUATED AT SARITA VIHAR NEW DELHI. PROPERTY2. ENTIRE SECOND FLOOR WITHOUT ROOF TERRACE RIGHTS OF PROPERTY NO-J-12/42 ADMEASURING 200 SQ.YDS. SITUATED IN THE RESIDENTIAL COLONY KNOWN AS RAJOURI GARDEN IN THE AREA OF VILLAGE TATARPUR NEW DELHI.	Rs 1,30,00,000 (One Crore Thirty Lacs Rupees Only) Rs 1,22,00,000 (One Crore Twenty Two Lacs Rupees Only)	Rs. 13,00,000 (Thirteen Lakhs Rupees Only) Rs. 12,20,000 (Twelve Lakhs Twenty Thousand Rupees Only)	Rs 3,30,69,745.00 (Three Crore Thirty Lakh Sixty Nine Thousand and Seven Hundred Forty Five Rupees Only) + Interest	Symbolic

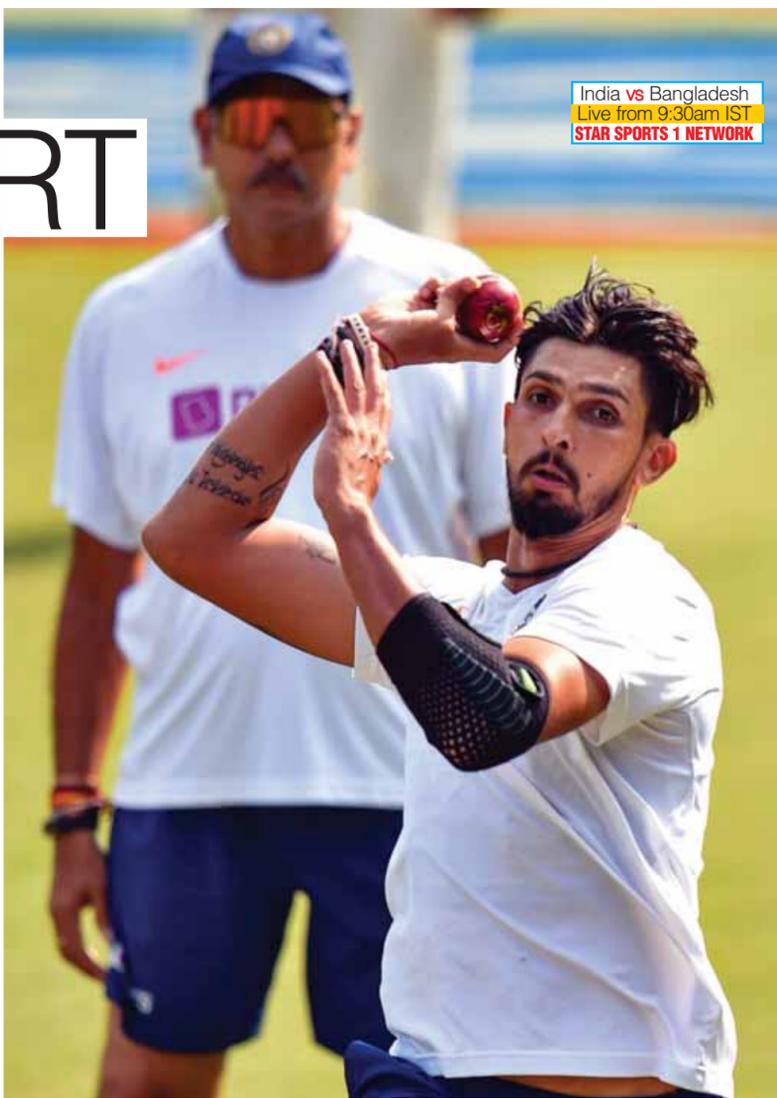
TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF AUCTION
1). Last Dat of Submission of Sealed Bid/Offer in the prescribed tender forms along with EMD and KYC is 29.11.2019 within 5.30 Pm at the Branch Office:- 1st & 2nd Floor, Plot No.6, Main Pusa Road, Karol Bagh, New Delhi - 110 005 mentioned herein. Tendres that are not filled up or Tendres received beyond last date will be considered as invalid tender and shall accordingly be rejected. No interest shall be paid on the EMD.
2). Date of Opening of the Bid/Offer (Auction Date) for Property is 30.11.2019 at the above mentioned branch office address at 10.00 A.M. The tender will be opened in the presence of the Authorised Officer.
3). Date of Inspection of the Immoveable Property is on 19.11.2019 between 10.00 am to 3.30 pm.
4). Further Interest will be charged as applicable, as per the Loan Agreement on the amount outstanding in the notice and incidental expense, costs, etc., is due and payable till its realization.
5). The notice is hereby given to the Borrower/s and Guranor/s, to remain present personally at the time of sale and they can bring the intending buyers/purchasers for purchasing the immovable property as described herein above, as per the particulars of Terms and Conditions of Sale.
6). The Borrower(s)/Guranor(s) are hereby given 15 DAYS SALE UNDER THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002 to pay the sum mentioned as above before the date of Auction falling which the immovable property will be auctioned and balance, if any will be recovered with interest and costs. If the Borrower pays the amount due to Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited, in full before the date of sale, auction is liable to be stopped.
7). The detail terms and conditions of the auction sale are incorporated in the prescribed tender form. Tender forms are available at the above mntioned branch office.
8). The Immoveable property will be sold to the highest tenderer. However the Authorised Officer reserves the absolute discretion to allow inter se bidding, if deemed necessary. The property as mentioned will not be sold below Reserve Price.
9).Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited is not responsible for any liabilities whatsoever pending upon the property as mentioned above. The property shall be auctioned on 'As is Where ia Basis', 'As ia Waht is Basis', and 'Whaever ia There is Basis'.
10).The Total Loan Outstanding amount is not the loan foreclosure amount. All other charges (if any) shall be calculated at the time of closure of the loan.
11).The Demand Draft should be made in favor of 'Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited' Only.
For further details, contact the Authorised Officer, at the above mentioned Office address.

Sd/
Authorised Officer
Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited

Place: Delhi/NCR Date : 14-11-2019

WISMORE ADVISORY PRIVATE LIMITED			
CIN : U74999DL2017PTC310359			
Regd. Office : 138, Ansal Chambers-II, Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi-110 066			
Statement of unaudited financial results for the period ended 30 September, 2019			
Particulars	6 months ended 30 September 2019		Year ended 31 March 2019
	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited
Total Income from Operations	1,500	900	1,500
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items#)	(326,172)	(239,665)	(550,812)
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items#)	(326,172)	(239,665)	(550,812)
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items#)	(326,172)	(239,665)	(550,812)
Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	(326,172)	(498,387)	499,957
Paid up Equity Share Capital	813,342	813,342	813,342
Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	715,834	1,034,998	1,042,007
Net worth	1,529,176	1,848,340	1,855,349
Paid up Debt Capital / Outstanding Debt	3,959,041	2,725,640	3,632,010
Debt Equity Ratio *	2.59	1.47	1.96
Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations)			
1. Basic :	(4.01)	(2.95)	(6.77)
2. Diluted :	(4.01)	(2.95)	(6.77)
Capital Redemption Reserve	-	-	-
Debt Service Coverage Ratio	0.00	0.00	0.00
Interest Service Coverage Ratio	0.00	0.00	0.00
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 BB (SO)			
- Change in credit rating : No			
- Asset Coverage Ratio : 152.33% (March 31, 2019 : 166.02%)			
- Debt Equity ratio : mentioned above			
- Debt Service Coverage Ratio : mentioned above			
- Interest Service Coverage Ratio : mentioned above			
- 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 March 31, 2019)			
- Previous due date for the payment of interest : None			
- Previous 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 March 31, 2019)			
- Next due date for the payment of interest : January 30, 2022			
- Next due date for the payment of principal : January 30, 2022			
- Outstanding redeemable preference shares (Quantity and Value) : Not Applicable			
- Net Worth : INR 1529176 thousands (March 31, 2019 : 1,855,349 thousands)			
- Net profit after tax : mentioned above			
- Earning per share : mentioned above			
- Debenture Redemption Reserve : NIL (March 31, 2019 : NIL)			
- 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 :			
1 Ratios have been computed as follows:			
- Earning per share = PROFIT after Tax / Weighted average number of equity shares			
- Debt Equity Ratio = Debt (Amount due to Debenture Holders) / Equity (Equity share capital, securities premium, quasi equity i.e. Short term borrowing but excluding unamortize fees)			
- Debt Service Coverage Ratio = ((PAT based on Project Revenues realised" * Depreciation, Interest (Interest, IIFCL Guarantee Fees, other financing costs payable under Debenture and Project Documents)) / (Interest + Principal Repayment).			
- Interest Service Coverage Ratio = Profit before interest, prior period items, tax, extraordinary items and depreciation / Total Interest Expense.			
- Asset Coverage Ratio = (Total Assets-Current Liabilities) / Debt (Amount due to Debenture Holders)			
Net worth represents issued subscribed and paid up capital plus reserves and surplus.			
Reserves and Surplus includes Profit and loss account balance and fair value through other Comprehensive Income Balance.			
2 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.			
3 The company is in the business of providing Management Consultancy Services. There is only one segment (business and/or geographical) in accordance with the requirements of IND AS - 108 "Operating Segments".			
4 The above audited financial results have been approved by the Board of Directors in their meeting held on 13 November, 2019.			
5 Previous period figures have been regrouped wherever necessary.			
For and on behalf of the Board of Directors Wismore Advisory Private Limited Date : 13 November, 2019 Vaishali Nigam Sinha, Managing Director, (DIN - 02299472)			

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INDIA-BANGLADESH IN TESTS				
Venue	Played	Ind won	Ban won	Drawn
In B'desh	8	6	-	2
In India	1	1	-	-
Total	9	7	-	2

HIGHEST INNINGS TOTALS		
India:	687- 6 dec at Hyderabad	2016-17
B'desh:	400 at Bangabandhu Stadium, Dhaka	2000

HIGHEST INDIVIDUAL SCORES		
India:	248* Sachin Tendulkar at Dhaka	2004
B'desh:	158* Mohammed Ashraful at Chittagong	2004

BEST BOWLING IN AN INNINGS		
India:	7-87 Zaheer Khan at Mirpur, Dhaka	2004
B'desh:	6-132 Naim-ur-Rehman at Dhaka	2000

BEST BOWLING IN A MATCH		
India:	11-96 Irfan Pathan at Mirpur, Dhaka	2004
B'desh:	7-174 Shakib Al Hasan at Chittagong	2010

FAISEL FEATURES

India aim to build on early World Test Championship lead against Bangladesh

PTI ■ INDORE

The action begins with the red cherry but the focus is firmly on the pink ball as a formidable India looks to overpower a depleted-but-gritty Bangladesh in the first Test of a two-match series starting here at Holkar stadium today.

The rubber opens here but the buzz and the talk has been consistently centered on the second game in Kolkata, which will be played under lights — a historic first for both the teams.

This is also that one series in the World Test Championship calendar, in which Virat Kohli's men, currently in the "pink of form", can steamroll the rag-tag opposition well inside four days.

In fact, on paper, it is difficult to imagine how Bangladesh, without Tamim Iqbal and the suspended Shakib Al Hasan, will even be able to compete in a format, which has been their weakest till date.

Having crushed South Africa in their last series, this Indian team, with inarguably their greatest-ever pace unit till date, will definitely be too hot to handle for a side whose best batsman — skipper Mominul Haque — has less than 10 Test hundreds (eight).

Although Mushfiqur Rahim and Mahmudullah Riyad are committed cricketers but in the longest format, they aren't exactly formidable names.

Compare that to India's premier willow wielders — Kohli (26 hundreds), Ajinkya Rahane (11), Cheteshwar Pujara (18). They have 50 plus test collectively and it will be one hell of a task for Mustafizur Rahaman, Tajjul Islam and Mehidy Hasan Miraj to stop this line-up.

Indian pacer Ishant Sharma bowls at nets during India's practice session ahead of 1st Test against Bangladesh PTI

And before these three even come into play, Bangladesh will have to deal with openers Mayank Agarwal and the indomitable Rohit Sharma, who can make mincemeat of their bowling attack.

Add to it, India's bowling unit with 800-plus scalps, this is one contest where the 'David' looks incapable of slaying the proverbial 'Goliath'.

Not to forget that Bangladesh, in their last Test match under the

mercurial Shakib's leadership, lost to Afghanistan in a one-off game. The Indians, however, do not want to take anything for granted.

"Bangladesh is a very good team. We played very well against South Africa but that's past now. With (World) Test Championship, every match is equally important. We like to take one game at a time which is Indore now," vice-captain Rahane said.

"We completely respect the

Bangladesh team and we are going to play to our strength rather than thinking about theirs," he added.

The track at the Holkar stadium has always been a batting paradise with ridiculously short side boundaries but there is bounce on offer.

Mohammed Shami and Umesh Yadav are certainities in the pace line-up while Ravindra Jadeja and Ravichandran Ashwin are expected to make the squad.

Kohli indicated that Ishant Sharma will be playing as the third seamer instead of an additional spinner.

"Yeah that seems pretty likely looking at the pitch. Also because of the way Umesh has bowled, Shami obviously has been brilliant. Bumrah isn't fit yet. Ishant's probably been our most consistent bowler in the last two years and a big reason for our success in Test cricket is his ability to just keep bowling in the same area and the others come and pick up wickets," he said.

"But also he has picked up 4-5 wickets on many occasions when he's gone through a great spell. So I think his experience will always be handy for the team."

For Bangladesh's young guns, the 'biggest test' in the Test will be to stretch this Indian team to

the fifth day which looks unlikely at the moment.

SQUADS

India (12): Rohit Sharma, Mayank Agarwal, Cheteshwar Pujara, Virat Kohli (captain), Ajinkya Rahane, Ravindra Jadeja, Wriddhiman Saha (wk), Ravichandran Ashwin, Mohammed Shami, Umesh Yadav, Ishant Sharma, Kuldeep Yadav. **Reserves:** Shubman Gill, Hanuma Vihari, Rishabh Pant.

Bangladesh: Mominul Haque (captain), Imrul Kayes, Mushfiqur Rahim (wk), Mahmudullah Riyad, Mohammed Mithun, Liton Kumar Das, Mehidy Hasan Miraj, Mustafizur Rahaman, Naeem Hasan, Saif Hasan, Shadman Islam, Tajjul Islam, Abu Jayed, Ebadot Hossain, Al Amin Hossain.



Virat Kohli checks out the new pink ball as he interacts with umpires after batting in the nets AP

Kohli interested to see how old pink ball behaves

PTI ■ INDORE

The pink ball swings more than the red one but how it would behave after getting old, especially when dew will be a factor, is keeping India skipper Virat Kohli intrigued ahead of team's historic day-night Test.

The pink ball Test is still a few days away but Kohli, on the eve of the series-opener, was busy answering questions related to the second Test starting November 22.

"I think it's a new way to bring excitement to Test cricket. The pink ball I played yesterday (on Tuesday), I felt it swings a lot more as compared to the red ball because there's extra lacquer (quote of paint) on the ball which doesn't go away too fast. And the seam holds upright quite a bit," the skipper's initial observation seemed in sync with what his deputy Ajinkya Rahane had assessed.

Kohli said they are yet to figure out how the old ball will behave during November evenings in Kolkata.

"If the pitch has extra help for the bowlers, then they will be in the game, especially fast bowlers throughout the course of the Test match. I don't know how the old ball behaves because with the dew and the lacquer going off, it will be interesting to see how much the old ball does," the skipper said.

However he made it clear that for a pink ball to be effective, it is important to have lively tracks.

"With the pink ball having enough life in the pitch will be very important factor."

The Indian team did not practice with the pink ball under lights but did take a few throw-downs on Tuesday to adjust to the colour of the new ball.

Captaincy will not affect my batting: Mominul

INDORE: He is new to captaincy but Bangladesh skipper Mominul Haque is confident that the added responsibility will not affect his batting, which will be crucial to his team's chances of upstaging an accomplished India in the Test series.

The 28-year-old Mominul has replaced Shakib Al Hasan as five-day format skipper. "I am not feeling pressure just because I have been appointed captain. The way I batted before captaincy, I will bat in the same way now," said the left-hander, who is also the team's premier batsman with eight hundreds.

"I always try to think about the positive aspects. There are a few positives in being captain as well. Your knowledge about the game increases. You tend to become more responsible as a player. So I think, it will help me improve my performance," he added.

Mominul feels that since expectations from his side are not particularly high, the pressure is also a bit less.

Asked about India's pace bowling might, Mominul said: "India is such a team that they can challenge different opponents in different ways."



"May be they will challenge us with spin attack. We are ready to face both spin and pace attack challenge from India. Definitely, it will be tough for us. But we are preparing to face it."

Asked what has changed in Bangladesh cricket in nearly two decades from the time they first played a Test in 2000, Mominul pointed at the attitudinal shift.

"I think the mentality of players has changed. Players have become more disciplined. Also they are more eager to play five-day games as well," he said.

While Virat Kohli termed Mustafizur Rahaman as a threat, Mominul didn't disclose whether the pacer will be a part of playing XI.

"We have not planned about the team and the playing eleven has not been selected yet. You will know tomorrow (today) if he plays," he said.

Asked about missing Shakib and Tamim Iqbal, Mominul said others are more aware in the absence of the two stalwarts.

"I think three players are missing because Shakib bhai is equal to two players. Yes, it will be challenging. But there is no scope of thinking about it too much now," he said. PTI

Sindhu, Prannoy start with wins in Hong Kong; Nehwal exits



PTI ■ HONG KONG

World Champion P V Sindhu made a positive start to her campaign but Saina Nehwal and Sameer Verma were ousted from the Hong Kong Open after suffering contrasting defeats in the opening round of the \$400,000 event here on Wednesday.

Sixth seed Sindhu, took 36 minutes to see off world No 19 Kim Ga Eun of Korea 21-15, 21-16 to progress to the second round.

She will face Thailand's Busanan Ongbamrunphan next.

HS Prannoy also crossed the opening hurdle, beating China's Huang Yu Xiang 21-17, 21-17 in 44 minutes to a clash with sixth seed Indonesian Jonatan Christie.

Joining Prannoy in the second round are Parupalli Kashyap, Kidambi Srikanth and qualifier Sourav Verma.

While Kashyap defeated Kenta Nishimoto of Japan 21-18, 16-21, 21-10, Sourabh got the better of

France's Brice Leverdez 21-11, 21-15.

Srikanth will take on compatriot Sourabh in the second round. Kashyap, though, has a tough second round encounter as he is up against second seed Chou Tien Chen of Taipei.

But it was curtains for eighth seed Saina, who suffered her fifth first-round loss in the last six tournaments, going down 13-21, 20-22 to China's Cai Yan Yan in the women's singles for the second successive time.

World No 16 Sameer fought for 54 minutes before going to Wang Tzu Wei of Chinese Taipei 11-21, 21-13, 8-21 in the opening match. It was his third successive loss in the opening round.

Women's doubles pair of Ashwini Ponnappa and N Sikki Reddy also couldn't cross the opening round, losing 13-21, 12-21 to Denmark's Maiken Fruergaard and Sara Thygesen.

Men's doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty also bowed out in the opening round, losing 21-17, 16-21, 17-21 against Japanese pair of Takuro Hoki Yugo Kobayashi.

England, France out to confirm Euro place



AFP ■ LONDON

England's plan to celebrate their 1,000th international by qualifying for Euro 2020 in serene style against Montenegro at Wembley today has been ripped up by Gareth Southgate's decision to drop Raheem Sterling.

The Manchester City winger was involved in a physical confrontation with Liverpool defender Joe Gomez at England's training base on Monday as emotions spilled over from the highly-anticipated Premier League clash between the two clubs on Sunday.

Sterling has been the star of a qualifying campaign dominated by

SINGLES

PBL 5 TO BEGIN ON JANUARY 20

NEW DELHI: Some of the top shuttlers including World Champion P V Sindhu will be in action when the fifth edition of the Premier Badminton League (PBL), featuring eight teams, gets underway on January 20. The upcoming season which concludes on February 9 will be staged this time in Chennai, Delhi, Lucknow, and Bangalore. The league owned by Badminton Association of India (BAI) and organized by Sportzlive, offers a total purse of ₹3 crore with the winner taking home a cheque of ₹3 crore.

DOORAN SUSPENDED FOR BALL-TAMPING

DUBAI: West Indies wicketkeeper-batsman Nicolas Pooran was on Wednesday handed a four-match suspension after admitting to ball-tampering in the third ODI against Afghanistan, an offence for which he also issued a public apology. He will now miss the next four T20 International games for the West Indies and will have five demerit points added to his record. The game in question took place in Lucknow on Monday.

PERRY PLANS RECORD-BREAKING SHOW

SYDNEY: American popstar Katy Perry announced on Wednesday she will be performing at the final of the Women's Twenty20 World Cup in Melbourne next March before an expected record crowd on International Women's Day. "Aussie Aussie Aussie Oi Oi Oi!" Perry said in an Instagram post using the Australian sporting chant. "Let's break some records — join me in Melbourne on March 8, 2020 for the ICC @T20WorldCup Women's Final. We'll Roar in support of these awesome women on International Women's Day!" The International Cricket Council said Perry would perform both before and after the final in "what is anticipated to be the biggest women's cricket match of all time."

BOULT TO PLAY FOR MI, RAJPOOT FOR RR

NEW DELHI: New Zealand fast bowler Trent Boult will play for Mumbai Indians in next year's Indian Premier League while domestic pacer Ankit Rajpoot will represent Rajasthan Royals after they were successfully traded by their respective franchises. According to an IPL statement, Boult will play for Mumbai Indians after being traded by his current team Delhi Capitals, while Rajpoot has been traded successfully by Kings XI Punjab. Boult made his IPL debut in 2014 and played for Delhi Capitals in the 2018 and 2019 season. He has 38 IPL wickets from 33 games. Rajpoot, a right-arm fast bowler who joined KXIP in 2018, has played 23 IPL matches and has 22 wickets in his kitty.

2019 WORLD KABADDI CUP FROM DEC 1 TO 9

CHANDIGARH: The 2019 World Kabaddi Cup, to be organised by the Punjab government, will be held from December 1 to 9, state's Sports Minister Rana Gurmit Singh Sodhi said on Wednesday. He also said that this year's tournament would be dedicated to the 550th birth anniversary of Sikh guru, Guru Nanak Dev ji. Sodhi said nine teams — India, USA, Australia, England, Sri Lanka, Kenya, New Zealand, Pakistan and Canada — are expected to take part in the tournament. He, however, informed that Pakistan and Canada are yet to get clearance from the Indian government. The inauguration of the event would be held on December 1 at Guru Nanak Stadium, Sultanpur Lodhi and four matches would be held that day. The closing ceremony would be held at the Shaheed Bhagat Singh Sports Stadium in Dera Baba Nanak.

WENGER GETS NEW ROLE IN FIFA

LAUSANNE: Veteran coach Arsene Wenger has been named FIFA's chief of global football development, the governing body announced on Wednesday. FIFA said the former Arsenal and Monaco coach would be responsible for the growth of the game "for both men and women around the world", and would also be the "leading authority on technical matters", including potential changes to the sport's laws. It added that Wenger, 70, would also be tasked with coach education and aiding a programme designed to help former players enter management.

6 MEDALS ASSURED IN ASIAN YOUTH BOXING

ULANBAATAR: India were assured of a bagful of medals at the Asian Youth Boxing C'ships after six of the country's pugilists advanced to the semis with dominating victories on Wednesday. Soy Selay (49kg), Aman (+91kg), Ankit Narwal (60kg), Naorem Chanu (51kg), Jasmine (57kg) and Vinka (64kg) made the last four stage. Selay defeated Philippines' Flint Jara 5-0, while Aman (+91kg) out-punched Taiwan's Kai-Hsung Wang in a bout that didn't go the full distance. Narwal was also up against a Taiwanese in Yu Lin and the Indian prevailed 5-0. In the women's draw, Chanu claimed a 5-0 triumph over Korea's Eunsu Sun. Jasmine and Vinka were both rewarded for domination with early closure. While Jasmine got the better of Japan's Kimura Mona, Vinka sailed past Hsueh-Tzu Tsui. AGENCIES