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OWAIS SLAMS DIDI FOR 'MINORITY EXTREMISM'
Kolkata: A day after West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee warned against "minority extremism" in an obvious attack on the AIMIM, Asaduddin Owaisi hit back on Tuesday, saying Muslims in the TMC chief's State are ranked "worst" on development indicators. **P6**

SELFISHNESS IS BAD: BHAGWAT ON BJP-SENA
Nagpur: In a veiled reference to the recent BJP-Shiv Sena fallout over differences on Government formation in Maharashtra, RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat said that both sides will face loss if they "are going to fight over a matter". "Everyone knows that selfishness is a bad thing but very few people give up their selfishness," he added.

12-YEAR-OLD STOPPED ON WAY TO SABARIMALA
Sabarimala: A 12-year-old girl from Puducherry, who had come for darshan to Lord Ayappa temple here along with her father, was not allowed to proceed to the shrine from Pamba on Tuesday morning. **P7**

AILING NAWAZ LEAVES FOR LONDON FOR TREATMENT
Lahore: Pakistan's ailing former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif on Tuesday left for London in an air ambulance to seek medical treatment for multiple diseases, days after a court here allowed him to travel abroad. **P12**

SUPERSTARS PACT IN OFFING IN TAMIL NADU?
Chennai: Superstar Rajinikanth on Tuesday said he would join hands with Kamal Haasan for the welfare of people of Tamil Nadu if such a situation arose. **P6**

House rises to Delhi pollution challenge

MPs call for standing committee, demand integrated action

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

A debate on Delhi's alarming pollution level kicked off in the Lok Sabha on Tuesday on the second day of the Winter Session with Congress MP Manish Tewari suggesting a standing committee on pollution and climate change.

Trinamool Congress' (TMC) Kakoli Ghosh Dastidar, who wore a mask during her speech in the Lok Sabha, called for a Swachh Hava Mission. She said Delhi is staring at mass asphyxia.

Many MPs reasoned that it is unfair to blame only farmers for stubble burning, while keeping a blind eye to major polluters like industry, vehicles, civil constructions in Delhi. They criticised the Delhi Government for its failure to provide clean water.

Initiating the debate, Tewari pointed out how Beijing recovered from the hazardous pollution by curbing industrial and thermal wastes. He urged the Centre and the Delhi Government to resolve the issue with integrated actions.

Tewari said stubble burning is not a major pollutant in Delhi and adjoining areas, hence small farmers should not alone be blamed for the present situation in Delhi.



TMC MP Kakoli Ghosh wearing a pollution mask arrives at Parliament in New Delhi on Tuesday **PTI**

to cough, but now the entire city and members of Parliament are coughing, he said sarcastically.

Verma claimed the pollution level in Delhi has reached a saturation point and that is why many residents want to leave the city. He questioned the usefulness of the purchase of 50 lakh masks by the City Government.

Verma alleged that by blaming villagers for pollution, Kejriwal was only widening the urban-rural divide.

The Speaker reminded Verma not to take the name of Kejriwal, but he went on attacking the Delhi CM.

Verma also called upon the MPs to donate ₹2 crore from their Members of Parliament Local Area Development (MPLAD) fund for setting up pollution control towers in Delhi as they spend over 200 days of the year in the city.

Pinaki Misra (BJD) too said stubble burning is not a major contributor to pollution in Delhi and the farmers should not be vilified. However, he suggested utilising stubble for bio gas to incentivise farmers against burning it. Misra urged for combined efforts of the Centre and States in curbing the rising pollution levels of water and air.

Meanwhile, the Parliamentary Committee on air pollution in Delhi is scheduled to meet on Wednesday after most of its members and senior officials were absent at its last meeting. Their absence from the meeting had triggered outrage and raised questions about their seriousness in fighting the menace.

Panel's head and BJP MP Jagdambika Pal had written to the Speaker over the matter, expressing his "displeasure" at the absence of Government officials who were scheduled to brief MPs on the pollution crisis, especially in Delhi. **Continued on Page 4**



A man rides a bike against the background of Rashtrapati Bhavan **PTI**

Air relapses into poor as wind slows down, stubble fires resume

SAPNA SINGH ■ NEW DELHI

After a brief breather, air quality in Delhi deteriorated again on Tuesday with overall Air Quality Index (AQI) at 249 µg-m⁻³, mainly due to wind losing speed and resumption of farm fires in neighbouring States.

The Ministry of Earth Sciences' air quality monitor SAFAR said as stubble transport-level winds are favourable, stubble burning is expected to account for 14 per cent of Delhi's pollution on Wednesday. It was 13 per cent on Tuesday. Kuldeep Srivastava, a senior scientist at the India Meteorological Department (IMD), said the maximum wind speed dropped from 18 kilometres per hour on Monday to 10 kmph on Tuesday.

Calm winds and low ventilation index are predicted for the next two days and the condition is conducive for the sudden accumulation of pollutants in the Delhi region, SAFAR said. The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) said on Tuesday that air quality will slip into very poor category from poor category. Particulate Matters (PM



Traffic plies on a relatively clear day in New Delhi on Tuesday **AP**

2.5 and PM 10) were recorded 179 and 111 respectively. Pollutant values will escalate three folds, according to pollution monitoring agencies. PM 10 will exceed 400 and PM 2.5 will cross 250 by Wednesday.

Delhi's 13 hotspot areas are facing tough time in dealing with air pollution. Dwarka Sector 8 recorded 460 µg-m⁻³, Greater Noida (272), and Noida (256). RK Puram, Punjabi Bagh, Anand Vihar, Mandir Marg, Mundka witnessed toxic air.

The Supreme Court-mandated anti-pollution authority, EPCA, asked Delhi-NCR to step up surveillance and enforcement to check local sources of pollution and crop burning in view of the predicted dip in air quality.

JNU protesters booked for rioting; students demand no legal action

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Police on Tuesday filed two FIRs against the students of Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) for damaging public property, rioting and obstructing public servants from discharging their duty during the protest against the hostel fee hike. Police action came after the clash between police and students during the protest march by the protesters on Monday.

However, the JNU Students' Union (JNUSU), on Tuesday demanded that no administrative or legal action should be taken against the students protesting against the hostel fee hike.

JNUSU president Aishe Ghosh said they had a meeting with the Joint Secretary of the Human Resource Development (HRD) Ministry, GC Hosur, and requested him to ensure no administrative action was initiated against the students for the protest.

Hundreds of JNU students had swarmed the street on Monday, bringing several parts of the city to a halt. The students took out a protest march opposing the recent fee hike



JNU students who got injured in police lathicharge shout slogans during a Press conference in New Delhi on Tuesday **Ranjan Dimri | Pioneer**

against which an agitation has been going on for over three weeks.

Some 30 police personnel and 15 students were injured in the scuffle during the eight-hour agitation. Police said that one FIR has been registered at South West Delhi's Kishangarh police station, and another at South Delhi's Lodhi Colony police station.

According to Atul Kumar Thakur, the Deputy Commissioner of Police

(DCP), South District, a case under sections 186 (obstructing public servant in discharge of public functions), 353 (assault or criminal force to deter public servant from discharge of his duty), 332 (voluntarily causing hurt to deter public servant from his duty), 188 (disobedience to order duly promulgated by public servant) of the IPC has been registered at the Lodhi Colony police station. **Continued on Page 4**

Congress dominates results of Rajasthan urban bodies' polls

PTI ■ JAIPUR

The ruling Congress on Tuesday secured control over 20 local government bodies out of the 49 where elections were held last week in Rajasthan, with the BJP reaching the majority mark in only six.

The Congress won 965 out of the 2,105 wards in the urban local bodies, leaving the BJP trailing at 736, according to the results declared by the state election office.

The Bahujan Samaj Party won 16 wards, the CPI(M) got three and the Nationalist Congress Party two in the elections held on Saturday, the first municipal polls since the Congress came to power in the State last December.

Altogether, 385 independents won in the polls conducted across 24 of Rajasthan's 33 districts.

The results translated into clear majority for the Congress in 20 of the 49 ULBs. The BJP crossed the halfway mark in six urban bodies and the independents form the majority in



Congress workers celebrate their victory in the municipal elections in Beawar on Tuesday **PTI**

23. Both the Congress and the BJP claimed they could muster support from independents to control nine or 10 other municipalities, apart from the ones where they emerged as clear winners.

Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot said the results were as expected. "It is a matter of happiness that people have given a mandate considering the performance of the Government," he told reporters. **Continued on Page 4**

Criticism spurs V-P to order review of marshals' uniform

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Following criticism by some ex-Army officers and Opposition leaders, Rajya Sabha Chairman and Vice-President M Venkaiah Naidu on Tuesday ordered a review of the new military-style uniform of the marshals.

The uniform was restyled from traditional Indian attire comprising turbans to dark navy blue military-style outfits with caps. Naidu mentioned in the House that the Secretariat of the Rajya Sabha had come out with a new dress code for marshals. However, there have been suggestions and comments by politicians and well-meaning individuals on the same, he added.

"I have decided to ask the Secretariat to revisit the same," Naidu said. On Monday, when the marshals came wearing the new uniform together with aiguillette, some members commented if "martial law was being imposed".

Customarily, the presiding officer of the House is flanked by two marshals who march ahead of the chairman to announce the commencement of proceedings and also



A marshal in the new uniform at Parliament during its ongoing Winter Session in New Delhi on Tuesday **PTI**

assist the chair in organising the desk and bringing up order papers. Marshals earlier wore safari suits during summer and Indian bandgalas along with turbans during the winter.

The turbans were viewed by some as colonial legacy, leading to review of the uniform. On Monday, Congress leader Jairam Ramesh had sought to raise a point on the marshals' new uniform. "Sir, the marshals..." he began only to be interrupted by Naidu. Ramesh, however, insisted

that there has been "a very significant change" in their attire. "Okay. You always make significant point at an insignificant time," Naidu had remarked on Monday.

Some former Army officers too have criticised the new uniforms for marshals, terming them illegal.

Former Indian Army chief Ved Malik objected to the new uniform of Rajya Sabha marshals, and called it "illegal and a security hazard". **Continued on Page 4**

Rising sea threatens watery grave for Indian coastal cities

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

In the last 50 years, sea level along the Indian coast has risen by 8.5 cm with the decade between 2003 and 2013 showing the annual average rise at a greater speed.

On an average, the sea level along the Indian coast is considered to be rising at about 1.70 mm/year, but during the last decade (2003-2013) (till the time the reading was made) it experienced a rise at a rate of 6.1 mm/year, the Centre informed the Rajya Sabha on Tuesday.

Union Minister Babul Supriyo, however, said since no long-term data on land subsidence or emergence are available, the rate of increase of sea level due to climate change cannot be attributed with certainty. He was responding to a

question on whether several cities will submerge in the sea as temperatures are rising due to global warming.

"However, the coastal areas that might get inundated due to the rising sea level need to be evaluated based on their elevation from the sea level. Since no long-term data on land subsidence or emergence are available for these locations, the rate of increase of sea level due to climate change cannot be attributed with certainty," he said.

"For example, the higher rate of sea level increase at Diamond Harbour is also due to the larger land subsidence happening there. The same may apply to Kandla, Haldia and Port Blair as well," Supriyo told the Rajya Sabha. The Minister further said that the rising sea levels can

From 2003-2013, the sea level along the Indian coast rose at a rate of 6.1 mm/year

exacerbate the coastal inundation along the low lying areas during extreme events such as tsunami, storm surge, coastal flooding and coastal erosion. The Government's observation comes close on the heels of statement from UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres who has described climate change as the biggest threat to sustainability as he voiced deep concern over the rising level of oceans.

"The most vulnerable areas are in Japan, China, Bangladesh and India," Guterres said speaking to reporters in Bangkok after attending the ASEAN Summit.



Workers create a floating boundary to make it safe for sea bathers in Kanyakumari on Tuesday **PTI**

A report of the UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) too had warned that global sea levels are set to rise by at least 1m by 2100 if carbon emissions go unchecked, submerging hundreds of cities, including Mumbai and Kolkata, and in some cases entire countries.

"Extreme sea level events that used to happen once a century will occur every year in many parts of the world by the middle of the century because of global warming," the panel has warned.

The IPCC also warned that glaciers will continue to decline around the world, losing more than a third of their mass by 2100 under worst case emissions scenarios, with some disappearing entirely. Such losses pose "unavoidable consequences for river runoff and

local hazards", and will cause problems for the billions who rely on the water for drinking supplies and irrigation.

He cited a recent report by a research center that said the level of the oceans is rising much faster than what was forecasted because of climate change. The UN chief stressed that unless nations are able to reverse this trend, because climate change for the moment is running faster than actions being taken by Governments, the research forecasted that 300 million people will be flooded by sea water in the world by 2050.

"Dramatically, the most vulnerable areas are exactly in Southeast Asia, in Japan, China, Bangladesh and India," he said adding that Thailand risks to have 10 per cent of its population in flooded areas by the sea.

EDMC proposes professional tax

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

East Delhi Municipal Corporation (EDMC) has proposed a professional tax of ₹100 and 200 to be imposed on resident every month who earn more than five and ten lakh in a year. The civic body in order to earn more revenue, has also increased property tax by one and three per cent for different categories of colonies.

Presenting budget estimates on Tuesday of ₹4,683 cr, the Commissioner proposed an increase of one per cent in property tax for colonies come under categories CDE. Earlier residents had to pay 11 per cent as property tax but with the move, the new slab will be 12 per cent.

Similarly, residents of categories FGH will have to pay a whopping 10 per cent. The rate for categories FGH is three per cent more than that of the last year. It may be noted that the corporation can levy professional tax under section 113 of Delhi Municipal Corporation Act 1957.

EDMC Commissioner Dr Dilraj Kaur said the corporation will earn a minimum of ₹5 cr from professional tax, ₹10 cr from education cess and ₹15 cr from betterment tax.



"We are expecting a major increase in revenue from property tax, toll tax, parking lots and advertisement etc," she said, adding that ₹900 cr budget provisions reduced in revised budget of this year due to shortage of funds.

Talking about achievements, Commissioner said that EDMC has been declared 'open defecation free' (ODF) after mandatory 3rd party inspection. "The civic body has improved its ranking by 101 positions and secured 240th place in Swachh Survekshan 2019," she said, adding that the

corporation will further improve its ranking.

Kaur said that almost 100 per cent waste segregation was done at source in three model wards Mayur Vihar Phase 1, Anand Vihar and Yamuna Vihar. "We constructed 95 community toilets, 477 public toilets, installed 1,600 twin dustbins of 100 litre capacity and more 5,350 bins are being installed," she said.

"EDMC has commissioned world class machines such as 40 water sprinkling tankers, two super-sucker machines, six suction-cum-jetting machines and

four auto mounted litter picker to combat pollution and maintain sanitation in its areas," she added.

The Commissioner also said the EDMC signed a MoU (Memorandum of Understanding) with NTPC to form joint venture for the disposal and management of solid waste. She said that principal scientific advisor of Government of India is willing to provide four enhancers for collection of floating material from drains.

"One such enhancer already been provided at 52 cusec drain Babarpur. They also invited global EOI for pilot project processing of legacy and fresh waste. They have shortlisted two agencies one for fresh waste and one for legacy waste. Both the agencies will start the work shortly," she said. Kaur said a three-story operation theater with cost of Rs 400 lakh is being constructed at Swami Dayanand hospital.

"The hospital has procured different modern equipments like hematology analyzer, ICU Monitor, anaesthesia machine, soft tissue laser, surgical bed etc. Up-gradation and renewal work of all wards of hospital is underway," she added.

Doc falls from 21st floor in G'gram, dies; no suicide note found

STAFF REPORTER ■ GURUGRAM

A 35-year-old woman doctor died under mysterious circumstances on Monday night after falling from the 21st floor of a posh residential complex located in Gurugram's sector 82. Police suspected the incident is a case of accidental death, but are conducting further investigations. The probe team didn't find any suicide note from the body of the woman. Police said her family didn't file any complaint in connection with the incident.

According to the police, the deceased has been identified as Dr Richa Aggarwal, a practicing dentist, who originally hailed from Rajasthan and currently lived in a rented flat on the second floor of the Kansa Bella Society in Sector-82 from March 2019 along with her husband Virender Goyal who works as IT manager at Goibibo and 7-year-old daughter.

During preliminary investigation, it came to fore that

they often fought with each other and as a result of frequent quarrels, Richa was depressed. On Monday night too, the couple had a minor altercation.

Richa then moved to Tower A-2 and she fell down from the balcony between the 21st floor of Tower A2. On hearing the sound, a security guard of the society rushed to the spot where she found her lying in a pool of blood and informed the society members.

On receiving the information, Goyal also reached the spot and informed the police. After receiving information of the incident a police team reached the spot immediately and took the custody of the body and sent it to the mortuary.

"The victim's parents have not lodged any case of foul play. The body has been handed over to the deceased family after an autopsy. No action has been taken against anyone in the case," said Sub-Inspector Jaswant in-charge of Vatika police post.

2 held for stabbing youth to death, one on the run

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

A 22-year-old boy was stabbed to death by three brothers over a trivial issue in North Delhi's Sarai Rohilla area. Police said that the incident occurred on Monday night and they have arrested two accused while the third accused is still at large.

The deceased has been identified as Firoz, a resident of Rakhi Market Zakhira while the accused have been identified as Asfaq, Mustaq and Mumtaz, also residents Rakhi Market Zakhira. Police said that manhunt has been initiated to nab Mumtaz.

According to Monika Bhardwaj, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), North district, on Monday night at around 10:30 PM, Firoz brother Arman was inside a shop with this father when he heard a person shouting and crying.

"Arman along with his father came out of the shop and



saw three persons were assaulting his brother Firoz. Arman told police that his brother tried to escape from the assault but the attacked Firoz with knife," said the DCP.

"Arman took his brother to Hindu Rao hospital where Firoz was declared brought dead by the doctors. On the basis of statement given by deceased brother Arman, a case under section 302/34 of Indian Penal Code (IPC) has been registered at Sarai Rohilla police station and two accused Asfaq and Mustaq has been arrested while Mumtaz is absconding," said the DCP adding that efforts are on to nab the remaining culprit.

2 of Int'l drug syndicate held, ₹50 cr heroin seized

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Police on Tuesday claimed to have arrested two key members of an international drug syndicate active in many States in the country. Police said that the duo used to supply narcotics in West-Bengal, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Delhi-National Capital Region (NCR) and police have also recovered 14 kilogram (kg) of heroin worth Rs 50 crore in international market from the possession of the accused.

The accused have been identified as Sanjeet Kumar Singh (34), a resident of Varanasi in UP and Pardeep Kumar Yadav (24), a resident of Gazipur, UP.

According to Sanjeev Kumar Yadav, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), Special Cell, on November 19, specific inputs were received that two key members of an international drug cartel namely, Sanjeet and Pardeep have picked up a huge consignment of heroin

from one Didi of Siliguri, West-Bengal and they would come to Sector-24, Rohini to supply the same to their Delhi based contact.

"Acting on the specific inputs a trap was laid and duo was nabbed at around 7 AM on Tuesday. During checking police found 14 kg of heroin which the duo was carrying in a pithu bag. Subsequently, a case under section 21/29 of NDPS Act at was registered at Special Cell police station and duo was placed under arrest," said the DCP.

"During interrogation, the duo revealed that one 'Didi' of Manipur (real name not known) is a notorious drug dealer. She procures Heroin from Nepal, Myanmar and Bangladesh and delivers the same to her contacts at Siliguri, West-Bengal in a safe manner," said the DCP.

"Sanjeet told police that after coming in contact with Didi in year 2012, he started dealing in small consignments of heroin and supplied the same to scattered drug dealers



in Banaras and surrounding areas. Later, he found this trade highly lucrative and created his own drug cartel for supplying drug consignments in West-Bengal, U.P, Rajasthan, Punjab and Delhi/NCR," said the DCP.

"He used to procure heroin in bulk quantity from Didi and supply the same to his sources/contacts through carriers and other members of his drug cartel.

The accused Pardeep told police that he was lured by Sanjeet to join his drug smuggling business and deliver heroin in consignments to his contacts in West-Bengal and other parts of country against lucrative payments per consignment," said the DCP.

"Pardeep further told police that he joined him and initially delivered heroin parcels in-and-around Banaras. Within no time he won Sanjeet's trust and then he started accompanying him to receive heroin consignments from his prime source, Didi, at Siliguri in West-Bengal," said the DCP.

2 arrested in Dwarka for supplying illegal weapons

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

With the arrest of two criminals, the Delhi Police on Tuesday claimed to have busted a module indulged in supplying illegal weapons to criminals in Delhi and Haryana. Police said that they have also recovered three country-made pistols of different calibers along with four cartridges from the possession of the duo.

The accused have been identified as Ajay (23) and Arvind Rathor (23), both residents of Dwarka's Sector-3. According to Anto Alphonse, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), Dwarka district, on November 15, specific inputs were received that an arms supplier Ajay would be coming to Service Road, near DPS School, Sector-3, Dwarka for delivering illegal weapons to some criminals.

"Acting on the inputs a trap was laid on the location and



Ajay was apprehended. On his instance his associate Arvind was also nabbed," said the DCP.

"During interrogation, it was revealed that the accused Ajay and Arvind are friends and live nearby in JJ Colony, Sector-3, Dwarka.

While Ajay operates a food stall in night near Dwarka Mor, Arvind works as a driver at a travel agency at Saket," said the DCP.

"Food Stall of Ajay is popular and is frequented by late night diners. At his food stall, Ajay came in contacts with many criminals as they used to come for buying food

at late nights. Arvind hails from Morena District in M.P. and has contact with an illegal arms supplier namely Kallu," said the DCP.

Explaining their modus operandi the DCP said that on getting demand of weapons, Ajay used to inform Arvind, who in turn used to contact Kallu. Kallu conveyed these illegal weapons from Madhya Pradesh and used to hand over to Arvind.

"Arvind used to hand over these weapons to Ajay who delivered the same to criminals. Journey from Morena (MP) to Delhi was performed by Kallu in buses to avoid detection by police," said the DCP.

"Further investigation of the case is in progress and efforts are being made to arrest other co-accused to affect more recoveries and to ascertain their involvements in other cases too," the DCP added.

Noida gangrape fourth accused held

PTI ■ NOIDA

A fourth accused in the gangrape and assault of a 21-year-old woman in the city last week was arrested on Tuesday, the Noida police said.

Guddu, in his early 20s, was held near Parthala Chowk after days of intensive search since the incident took place near a park in Sector 63 on November 13, the officials said. So far five men, including the victim's friend Ravi, who had called her to an isolated spot on Wednesday on the pretext of helping her find a job, have been arrested, they said.

According to the police, Ravi had called the woman to the spot and started molesting her when two locals, including Guddu, from nearby shanties saw them and intervened.

The duo threatened and chased Ravi away after beating him up but then themselves took turns to rape the woman and later called in three of their friends who too forced themselves on her.

"The fourth accused Guddu has been arrested. He was held near the Parthala Chowk. He is a native of Badaun district," Senior Superintendent of Police,

Gautam Buddha Nagar, Vaibhav Krishna said. Guddu is a Class 10 pass out and worked as a labourer in a local vegetable farm, he said.

"After the incident, three of the rape accused and the friend Ravi were arrested within 36 hours, while search teams are looking for the last remaining accused Shyam. Police teams went outside Uttar Pradesh also and carried out intensive searches in various districts within the state to track down Guddu and a reward of ₹25,000 was also announced on his arrest," Krishna told reporters. An FIR

was registered in the case at the Phase 3 police station under Indian Penal Code sections 376 (rape), 354 (Assault or criminal force on woman with intent to outrage her modesty) and 511 (Punishment for attempting to commit offences punishable with imprisonment for life or other imprisonment), the police said.

The woman was sent for medical examination while counselling by experts and legal assistance was provided to her. All precautions were taken considering the sensitivity of the matter, they said.

Man held for posing as Lufthansa pilot, travelling 15 times on fake ID

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Police has arrested a 48-year-old man impersonating as a pilot of Germany's Lufthansa Airlines to gain easy access during the security clearance and have preferential treatment from the security agencies and airlines while travelling.

The accused have been identified as Rajan Mahubani, a resident of South Delhi's Vasant Kunj area. Police said that the accused have travelled 15 times on fake identity card.

According to Sanjay Bhatia, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport, on November 18, Chief Security Officer (CSO) of Lufthansa Airlines reported the suspicious movement of one passenger wearing a uniform of a Pilot intended to travel Kolkata by Air Asia Flight.

"The passenger was questioned in detail by the staff of Lufthansa Airlines and they were astonished to find that the passenger personating and pretending to be a Lufthansa Pilot was not enrolled in Lufthansa Airlines. On cursory search of the passenger, one Identity Card issued from Lufthansa Airlines was also recovered from his possession which was found to be fake on verification," said the DCP.

"On the basis of the complaint given by the CSO, Lufthansa Airlines, a criminal case was registered at IGI airport police station and investigation was set into motion.



The man was handed over to police by the CSO," said the DCP.

"During interrogation, Rajan disclosed that he is a frequent traveller and just to escape from the long queues, he used to wear uniform of a pilot so that he could get easy passage through a long process of screening. He also used to seek preferential treatment from the concerned airlines posing to be a pilot. Sometimes he managed to get his seat upgraded," said the DCP.

"It was also revealed that the passenger was actually fond of wearing uniform of different professions and getting himself snapped in different poses and uniforms. The passenger had shot videos wearing different uniforms on his 'tik-tok' account," said the DCP.

"The accused is graduated from Punjab University, Chandigarh in 1991. After graduation, he initially worked for various private companies at different levels and later floated his own training and Consultancy Company where he used to trained corporate," the DCP added.

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2.	(L/C No. X0HEHED0001372856 of our Delhi Branch) RAMANAND GUPTA (BORROWER) REETA GUPTA, PARUL GUPTA, CHANCHAL GUPTA MUKESH GUPTA, M/S ANAND BROTHERS, DEEPAK GUPTA, YOGESH GUPTA, M/SJEEVANRAMNAND (CO-BORROWER) Add:- PLOT NO-JIND-A-164 NEHRU NAGAR GHAZIABAD, U.P 201001 Also at-164 LOHA MANDI GHAZIABAD, GHAZIABAD, UTTAR PRADESH -201001.	PROPERTY ADMEASURING 167.45 SQ MTRS. BEARING PLOT NO. II A /164, SITUATED AT NEHRU NAGAR GHAZIABAD, U.P	26-09-2018 Rs 1,21,80,580.62 (Rupees One Crore Twenty One Lakh Eighty Thousand Five Hundred Eighty and Sixty Two Paise Only)	16-11-2019

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Water test results to go public

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

32 TEAMS TO COLLECT SAMPLES

Days after a Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) report said all potable water samples collected in the city failed the quality analysis, the Delhi Government on Tuesday said it will form 32 teams to collect drinking water samples from across the city and the test results will be put in public domain within a month.

The announcement came days after a controversy erupted on the report. The AAP Government is already under attack from Opposition over the national Capital's air pollution crisis.

Delhi Jal Board's Chief Water Analyst Sanjay Sharma, who visited the Sonia Vihar treatment plant, said under the water testing exercise, expected to begin within a week, five samples each will be collected from 272 wards.

"Our water is one of the best in the world. We are 99 per cent sure that the samples will

pass the tests. According to the World Health Organization, the permissible failure limit is 5 per cent," he said while explaining the standards and process followed for water treatment before being supplied to residential areas.

Sharma said the National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (NEERI) or a laboratory approved by the National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories will be engaged for testing of water samples.

In total, 1,400 water samples will be tested on 29 parameters, most importantly, for turbidity, pH levels, calcium, magnesium, hardness and others, he said.

In the first phase of its survey, the BIS had found that all the 11 samples collected in Delhi did not comply with the quality norm and also that piped water was not safe for drinking.

Delhi Jal Board (DJB) vice-chairman Dinesh Mohania said the teams, each comprising of four officials, will collect water samples also from the 11 locations, from where the BIS had collected specimen.

"We will collect water samples right from the treatment plant until the households in 4-5 stages," he said.

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, who is also the DJB chairman, will also write to Union Minister Ram Vilas Paswan to nominate more people to these teams, Sharma said.

The Centre has already nominated two experts from the BIS for a joint inspection and testing of water samples from across the city.

Paswan had on November 16 released a BIS report which stated that among 21 major Indian cities, water in Delhi is most unsafe. It said that water samples from the national cap-

ital failed on 19 of the 28 parameters.

Kejriwal had on Monday accused the central ministers of playing "dirty politics" and scaring people by saying that the city's drinking water is poisonous. He said Delhi's water quality cannot be ascertained on the basis of just 11 samples.

The DJB said on Monday that between January 1 and September 24, it collected 1,55,302 samples. Of these, only 2,222 -- around 1.5 per cent -- failed.

Meanwhile, AAP leader and Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh has raised question on BIS report on Delhi's water quality. He said that how come Jal Shakti minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat's report on water quality is different from report released by Ram Vilas Paswan. Singh has written a letter to Paswan demanding a copy of samples, which were used to check the water quality of Delhi.

AAP terms Verma's remark on CM in LS unparliamentary

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Castigating BJP MP Parvesh Verma's comments during a Parliamentary debate on pollution as unparliamentary and defamatory, Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) spokesperson Raghav Chadha said the remarks are "truly sickening".

On Tuesday, during a debate in Parliament on pollution issue, Verma accused Kejriwal of not doing anything to curb air pollution in the city and criticised him for blaming farmers of neighbouring States for the problem. He also said that earlier the Chief Minister used to cough, but now the entire city and members of the House are coughing.

Chadha lashed out at Verma, saying that the episode shows intellectual and cultural bankruptcy of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) that they have to stoop to a level where personal attacks on one's health and family members are being made in order to justify one's own criminal negligence and



tion that is I n d i a n Parliament by making personal and derogatory remarks on CM's health and speaking like a street side troll. His conduct even prompted the speaker in the chair K i r i t Premjibhai

apathy towards the issue of air pollution.

"I don't even wish to dignify his comments with a response. If the BJP thinks that abusing Chief Minister and making derogatory statements against his family can help bring the level of air pollution down then you are more than welcome to do so from morning to evening," he added.

He further disrespected not merely the democratically elected CM but also the insti-

skipped another important meeting. The health minister is advising people to eat carrots and another minister in UP is saying prayers should be done to please the rain god to reduce pollution," he said.

"Just three Delhi BJP MPs were present and four were absent, it shows that the BJP has nothing but criminal negligence and apathy when it comes to the respiratory health of people of Delhi and people of north India and AAP stands vindicated once again," he added.

Meanwhile, many prominent political leaders of Delhi Congress joined the AAP on Tuesday. Some of the Congress leaders who joined the party in presence of Senior leader and party Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh, including Brijmohan (District president of SC/ST cell and party delegate of Delhi Congress), Adhir Kumar Pandey (Karawal Nagar, district secretary, Congress), Satendra, Anoop Kumar

and others. Solanki to interrupt him multiple times and request him to not make personal remarks, he said. On reports that four out of seven Delhi BJP MPs skipping the parliamentary debate on pollution, Chadha said the AAP has always maintained that BJP leaders are not serious on the issue of pollution and it was evident when Vjender Gupta openly violated the odd-even scheme and made fun of it. "Gautam Gambhir also

Tender for 5 more stretches of Metro phase IV floated

GAYATHRI MANI ■ NEW DELHI

The metro Phase IV project of Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) has been put on track as tender for five more stretches has been floated. The routes are; Janakpuri West to Krishna park extension, Bhalaswa to Ashok Vihar, Sangam Vihar to Saket G Block, Maujpur to Majlis Park and Keshopur to North Pitampura.

The work for the 12.3 kilometre long Keshopur to North Pitampura, part of Janakpuri West to Ramakrishna (R K) Ashram Marg has been awarded recently in last week and the construction work on the said corridor are expected to start soon by end of this month.

As per the officials, the DMRC has decided to divide the Phase-IV project in multiple packages and contracts to begin the work of 64 km priority corridors.

Among the five corridors whose tender has been floated, two sections Sangam Vihar to

Saket G Block and Maujpur to Majlis Park will be an 'integrated structure' as these sections will have both metro line and flyover on same viaduct constructed on standards of Double Deck system.

"The metro line will be constructed on the upper deck and the PWD flyover which is planned on the same stretch will be on the lower deck," said an official.

The 5.5 km Sangam Vihar to Saket G corridor is the elevated section of 20 km long Aerocity to Tughlaqabad corridor. The section will have six lane flyovers on the lower deck and elevated viaduct on the upper deck for the metro line consisting four stations - Sangam Vihar, Khanpur, Ambedkar Nagar and Saket G. Besides, underpass is also expected on this stretch at Saket G block and a two lane underpasses from Mehrauli-Badarpur (MB) road to erst-while Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) corridor. The estimated cost of this project is Rs 716.20 crores.

PHASE IV				
Tenders invited for 5 corridors	Estimated cost (approx)	Number of stations	Design	Length
Sangam Vihar to Saket G Block	₹ 716.20 crores	4 at Sangam Vihar, Khanpur, Ambedkar Nagar and Saket G.	Elevated, double deck system	5.5 km
Janakpuri West to Krishna park extn	₹ 478.12	one	Underground	
Bhalaswa to Ashok Vihar	₹ 746.68 Crores.	4 at Bhalaswa, Majlis Park, Azadpur, Ashok Vihar	elevated	
Maujpur to Majlis Park	₹ 1030 crores	8 at Yamuna Vihar, bhajanpura, Khajuri Khas, Sonia Vihar, Soorghat, Jagatpur Village, haroda, Burari station.	elevated double deck system	12.5 km
Keshopur to North Pitampura	₹ 896 crores	10 at Keshopur, Paschim Vihar, Peeragarhi, Mangolpuri, West Enclave, Pushpanjali, Deepali Chowk, Madhuban Chowk, Prashant Vihar, North Pitampura.	Elevated, work awarded.	12.3 km

While the 12.5 km Yamuna Vihar to Burari station of Majlis Park to Maujpur corridor will also be double deck system with PWD flyover at lower deck and metro line at upper deck. There will be eight

elevated stations at Yamuna Vihar, Bhajanpura, Khajuri Khas, Sonia Vihar, Soorghat, Jagatpur Village, Jharoda and Burari station. The approximate budget of this section is Rs 1030 crores.

The other corridor between Bhalaswa to Ashok Vihar will have four elevated stations at Bhalaswa, Majlis Park, Azadpur and Ashok Vihar whose estimated cost is Rs 746.68 Crores. This stretch

Over 20K volunteers joined AAP through AK mobile app: Gupta

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

More than 20,000 volunteers have joined the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) through the 'AK' mobile application which was launched by Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal last month.

Senior party leader Pankaj Gupta said on Tuesday the app has been downloaded about 50,000 times and is helping the party in reaching out directly to the people.

"Earlier, just the BJP's point of view was coming into media but through the app, we are able to directly reach out to people and tell our side of the story," he said.

"Even if these volunteers devote one to two hours every day to the party, it would be more than enough," he added. Ahead of assembly elections next year, Kejriwal last month launched his own



mobile app to stay in touch with volunteers and people, and tackle fake news spread against the AAP.

Commenting on the alleged false propaganda and misinformation that is spread against the party and the Delhi government, Kejriwal had said that through the app, the AAP will reach out to public directly against "fake news". Kejriwal appealed to the people of India, and also people of Indian origin across the world to download the 'AK' app and connect directly with him and the AAP. Assembly elections are scheduled to be held in Delhi in February next year.

JNU moves HC, seeks contempt action against students, police for violating court order

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) on Tuesday approached the Delhi High Court seeking contempt action against its students and the Delhi Police for allegedly violating a court order against holding a protest within 100 metres of the university's administrative block.

The JNU claimed that the students had grossly violated the August 9, 2017, order of the high court by holding a protest within 100 metres of the administrative block and affecting its day-to-day working, which has been disrupted since October 28.

It said the police also violated the court order by refusing and failing to take action to maintain law and order in the university and removing the



blockade around the administrative block.

The petition, filed through the central government's standing counsel Monika Arora, sought direction to issue contempt notice against the alleged contemnors (students and police) and punish them in accordance with the Contempt of Courts Act for alleged willful disobedience of the court order.

It also sought direction to Delhi Police Commissioner

Amulya Patnaik to provide assistance to the JNU in controlling the ongoing and any future contemptuous acts of the students and their leaders and removing them from within 100 metres of the administrative block.

Continuing protests by JNU students against a hostel fee hike have rocked the national capital. On Monday, several parts of the city came to a halt as the students marched towards Parliament.

The students clashed with police as they were stopped during the march. While the students alleged that they were baton-charged by police, top officials of the force denied it.

On Tuesday, the Delhi Police registered two FIRs in connection with the students' protest.

Opp seeks probe into lathi-charge on students

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Opposition parties disrupted proceedings in both Houses of Parliament, alleging police excesses against JNU students. Opposition members in Lok Sabha described as "suppression of voice" the alleged baton-charge by police on JNU students demanding total rollback of hostel fee hike. Raising the issue during Zero Hour in the Lok Sabha, Saugata Roy (TMC), TN Prathapan (Cong) and Danish Ali (BSP) accused the Government of using force to suppress the voice of students.

Roy dubbed as "unfortunate" the use of force on students, saying the hike should be rolled back as poor students will find it difficult to pay the amount. Prathapan said the students are protesting for their rights. "The government is undemocratically suppressing their voice against fee hike. The Government is ruining higher

education institutions," he said. He also demanded a high-level probe into the "atrocities" committed against students of the university. Danish Ali too demanded a probe into the lathi-charge and sought an "apology" from the Government.

But Speaker Om Birla did not allow him to speak further as his Zero Hour notice was on another issue. Voicing similar concerns in the Rajya Sabha, Communist Party of India (CPI) general secretary D Raja said that use of police force on the students was barbaric and unprecedented. "The Modi Government and the JNU administration should understand that the students are not only fighting for themselves but also for the future of their community," he said. Raja alleged that the JNU administration was trying to



Police that was complaining that their uniform was tainted after they were assaulted by lawyers. Does beating innocent students, including a visually challenged one, not taint their uniform," Singh said.

Rajya Sabha proceedings on Tuesday were adjourned after opposition uproar over alleged police action on protesting

JNU students in the national capital and detention of political leaders in Jammu and Kashmir. In an attempt to douse the uproar in the Upper House, Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu said the adjournment notices received from members do not warrant setting aside the listed business of the day. He further warned the members that he would be forced to adjourn the proceedings if they

continued to protest in the House. "You will be disturbing the entire House. That is not a matter to adjourn business," Naidu said. As the uproar refused to die down, Naidu adjourned the proceedings till 2 pm.

Reacting on the JNU, Union Minister Giriraj Singh alleged that some people want to turn JNU into a centre of Urban Naxalism. "Its the same JNU where 'Bharat Tere' 'Lukde Honge' slogans were raised and where death anniversary of Afzal Guru was observed," the minister said.

On Monday, thousands of students along with faculty members were stopped midway when they were marching towards Parliament. Around 100 students were detained and some were injured when police allegedly baton-charged protesters as they marched towards Parliament on Monday, demanding a total rollback of the hostel fee hike.



Satoshi Suzuki, Ambassador of Japan to India, with Mangu Singh, MD, DMRC during his visit to Delhi Metro Museum

AAP wasted 5 yrs, added just one electric bus in fleet: BJP think tank

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Releasing a report on air pollution, Public Policy Research Center (PPRC), a think tank of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has alleged that the ruling Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) wasted its five years and managed to add just one electric bus in its existing fleet buses.

"No tangible steps taken to curb pollution by AAP Government," Dr Vinay Sahasrabudde, President ICCR and Director PPRC, Member of Parliament (MP) said.

"Where are zero vacuum vehicles pressed into service in the past five years despite commitment from the government on the same.

The claim of 25% reduction in air pollution stands unravelled with the fact that PM 2.5 levels increased as

compared to last year," said Dr Sahasrabudde.

Citing Central Road Research Institute (CRRI) report on Eastern Peripheral Expressway (EPE), he said that the central government built EPE in May 2018 and has brought down vehicular pollution in Delhi by at least 7 per cent.

"BJP ruled EDMC introduced 40 water sprinklers tankers, two super-sucker machines, six suction-cum-jetting machines and four auto-mounted-litter-picker machines and other machines worth ₹70 crore to fight pollution in the national capital from funds allocated under Swachh Bharat Mission by Ministry of Urban Development," he added further.

Permanently, air pollution in Delhi has breached severe mark in November month twice.

20K kg fake jeera seized, 5 arrested in Bawana

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

With the arrest of five persons, the Delhi Police has busted a gang involved in manufacturing of fake cumin (jeera) in Delhi's Bawana area. Police has also recovered around 20,000 kilograms (kgs) of fake cumin from the possession of the accused.

The accused have been identified as, Harinandan, Kamran, Ganga Prasad, Harish and Pawan, all natives of Shahjahanpur in Uttar Pradesh (UP). Police said that the accused used to sell the Jeera for Rs 20 per kg in the market, whereas the market value of genuine Jeera is approx Rs 400 per Kg.

According to Gaurav Sharma, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), Outer North district, a tip of was received regarding the fake Jeera factory following



operandi, the DCP said that a special type of grass is first mixed in Sheera, then the stone powder is mixed in that stuff and the material resembles to original cumin.

"The accused used to purchase raw material from Rajasthan and later sold the fake cumins in UP and Rajasthan.

The fake cumin was used to mix with original cumin in the proportionate of 80:20. Their modus operandi is to work at a place for 20-30 days only and then they used to shift to other place," said the DCP.

"Around 19,400 kgs of fake Jeera along with 5250 kgs of stone powder, 1600 kgs of grass and 1225 kgs of Sheera has been recovered from them" said the DCP.

Pak keeps on doing 'na-Pak' acts: Rajnath

PTI ■ SINGAPORE

Hitting out at Pakistan, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Tuesday said that the neighbouring country does not live up to the meaning of its name and keeps on doing nefarious acts.

Addressing the Indian diaspora here, Singh also defended the revocation of Article 370 and said that it was unfortunate that one full fledged state (J&K) was not integrated with the rest of the country.

Singh, who arrived here on Monday night on a two-day visit, said that the Government will never compromise national interest.

"We have a neighbour whose name is Pakistan (land of the pure) but it keeps on doing na-Pak (nefarious) acts," he said, taking a swipe at Pakistan, which has down-



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh is greeted by Major Ishwar Lal during a wreath laying ceremony at Indian National Army (INA) Marker in Singapore on Tuesday. Major Lal had served the INA under Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose

graded diplomatic ties with India after it revoked J&K's special status. Article 370, the Minister said, there must have been certain circumstances because of

which Article 370 was put in force. "Since our party was formed, we always promised and also mentioned in our election manifesto that whenever we will come to power, we will revoke Article 370 and make J&K an integral part of India," the senior BJP leader said.

He told the Indian community here that when the BJP got full fledged majority, the Government revoked Article 370. On August 5, India revoked J&K's special status under Article 370. The decision evoked strong reactions from Pakistan, which downgraded diplomatic ties. Singh said that earlier, J&K had different Vidhan Sabha, different flag but after the special status was scrapped all of that has ended and India is one now.

"We will never compromise national interest and national pride with the politi-

cal interest at any cost. Because we do politics not just to make government but to make the nation," he said.

"Security forces has been killing terrorists in the past, but it is for the first time, not only in India's history but also in the world's history that about 300-350 terrorists were killed in one go," Singh said without elaborating.

Earlier in the day, Singh held talks with Deputy Prime Minister of Singapore Heng Swee Keat with a focus on ramping up bilateral defence and security cooperation.

He also visited the Sembawang Air Base and took a familiarisation air sortie in a Super Puma helicopter of the Republic of Singapore Air Force.

He will attend the 4th India-Singapore Defence Ministers' Dialogue on Wednesday.

Newly-elected Lankan President to visit India on Nov 29: S Jaishankar

PTI ■ COLOMBO

Newly-elected Sri Lankan President Gotabaya Rajapaksa will travel to India on November 29 at the invitation of PM Narendra Modi, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said on Tuesday. He made the announcement after meeting Rajapaksa on his first day in office after being sworn in as the country's new President on Monday. This is likely to be Rajapaksa's first official visit abroad after assuming office.

Jaishankar, who arrived here on an unannounced two-day visit, said President Rajapaksa has accepted Prime Minister Modi's invitation to visit India on November 29. He became the first foreign dignitary to call on President Rajapaksa. Sri Lankan officials said the Indian minister carried

a letter of personal congratulations to Rajapaksa from Prime Minister Modi and the invitation to visit India.

"A warm meeting with Sri Lanka President @gotabayaR. Conveyed PM @narendramodi's message of a partnership for shared peace, progress, prosperity & security. Confident that under his leadership, #IndiaSriLanka relations would reach greater heights," Jaishankar tweeted after the meeting.

Rajapaksa stormed to victory in Sri Lanka's presidential elections, the results of which came on Sunday. Modi telephoned Rajapaksa on Sunday to congratulate him on his electoral win and invited him to visit India as his first official foreign tour.

The Lankan leader thanked the prime minister for his good wishes and expressed his readiness to work with India very

closely to ensure development and security, the Prime Minister's Office said.

Conveying the good wishes on behalf of the people of India and on his own behalf, Modi expressed confidence that under the able leadership of Rajapaksa, the people of Sri Lanka will progress further on the path of peace and prosperity.

Rajapaksa is the younger brother of the former president Mahinda Rajapaksa. He was a colonel in the Sri Lankan Army before leaving it to migrate to the US in 1992. He was until then in the battlefield against the LTTE in the north. He returned to Sri Lanka when older brother Mahinda was named the presidential candidate in 2005. With his brother's victory he was appointed to the powerful position of Secretary to the Defense Ministry.

ED attaches ₹22 cr assets in NH-74 widening case

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The ED has attached assets worth ₹21.96 crore under the anti-money laundering law in an alleged corruption case related to the widening of the NH-74 in Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh. The attached assets include 36 immovable properties consisting agriculture/industrial land, commercial plots and buildings in Dehradun and Udham Singh Nagar in Uttarakhand and Rampur District of Uttar Pradesh and movable properties including 11 bank account deposits/mutual funds.

Investigations under PMLA were initiated on the basis of FIR and charge sheet filed by the Uttarakhand Police against Dinesh Pratap Singh and other Revenue officers and middlemen wherein it was revealed that DP Singh and Anil Shukla, the then senior land acquisition

officers working in the capacity of Competent Authority of land acquisition entered into conspiracy with other public servants, farmers and middlemen for misappropriation of Govt funds by way of granting compensation at non agriculture rate, the agency said.

The compensation at non agriculture rate is much higher than the agriculture rate. Higher compensation was paid on the basis of back dated order passed under section 143 of Uttar Pradesh Zamindari & Land Reform Act, 1950 (UP ZA & LR Act) for changing land use from agriculture to non-agriculture and subsequent back dated entries in revenue records/documents & projected the forged/back dated documents as genuine at time of awarding/distributing the compensation which resulted in loss of ₹215.11 crore to Govt treasury.

We want to provide artificial limbs to those in need in US: Jaipur Foot USA

PTI ■ NEW YORK

Jaipur Foot USA intends to reach out to the American lawmakers and extend its hand of cooperation and partnership to provide the artificial limbs to those in need in the US, its founder chairman has said.

Commemorating the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, a special 'India for Humanity' event will be held Wednesday in the US Capitol building organised by the Indian Embassy in Washington and Jaipur Foot USA.

Jaipur Foot USA Founder Chairman Prem Bhandari told PTI here that the event on November 20, to be attended by US Congressmen, Senators and lawmakers, will take the message of prosthetic limb organisation Bhagwan

Mahaveer Viklang Sahayata Samiti (BMVSS) of helping those in need of artificial limbs at zero to nominal cost, in line with Gandhi's message of service and compassion towards humanity.

In October last year, then External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj had launched the 'India for Humanity' initiative under which the External Affairs Ministry will partner BMVSS for holding artificial limb fitment camps in about 12 countries as part of Gandhi's 150th birth anniversary commemoration. Bhandari said 10 camps have been completed under the initiative and two camps are running.

He said through the 'India for Humanity' event at Capitol Hill, Jaipur Foot USA intends to spread awareness and reach

out to the American lawmakers and extend its hand of cooperation and partnership to provide the artificial limbs to those in need in the US.

Bhandari noted that significant technical collaboration between Jaipur Foot and eminent American universities such as Stanford, MIT and the Chicago Rehabilitation Institute has ensured that Jaipur Foot is more effective and low cost.

He said the cost of an artificial limb in the US is about USD 12,000-15,000, while the cost of a Jaipur foot prosthesis is about USD 70, which the organisation gives free of cost to the needy.

He said if the US government is willing, then Jaipur Foot USA is ready to offer its services to those in need of artificial limbs in the US.

Traders to protest against Amazon, Flipkart: CAIT

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Traders in more than 700 cities will protest against the "unethical and unfair business practices" of e-commerce firms Amazon and Flipkart on Wednesday, CAIT said.

The Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT) has on multiple occasions alleged that these companies were circumventing the law and abusing Press Note No 2 of the government's foreign direct investment (FDI) policy.

During the nationwide agitation, traders will observe November 20 as 'National Protest Day' and hold 'dharma' in more than 700 cities in different states, said the body, which claims to represent 7 crore traders. In Delhi, a massive 'dharma' will be held from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm in Sadar Bazaar, it added.

Fallen Indian-American Sikh cop honoured in US

PTI ■ HOUSTON

In honour of fallen Indian-American Sikh police officer Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal, the Houston Police Department has changed its dress code policy to allow the minority community members to represent their faith while on duty.

On September 28, Dhaliwal, a 10-year veteran of the Harris County Sheriff's office and its first Sikh deputy, was gunned down while conducting a mid-day traffic stop in northwest of Houston.

The 42-year-old trailblazing police officer made national headlines when he was allowed to grow a beard and wear a turban on the job.

"@houstonpolice is now the largest law enforcement agency in TX to adopt a policy allowing officers to wear articles of faith on duty," City of Houston tweeted on Monday.

"Proud to announce HPD (Houston Police Department) will accommodate Sikh officers by letting them wear their articles of faith. Deputy Dhaliwal taught us all a valuable lesson about inclusion. It was an honour to know him," Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner tweeted. "Proud to stand with @SylvesterTurner and so many members of our community to announce our policy and get the word out to our greater community," Chief of the Houston Police Department Art Acevedo tweeted.

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Notice is hereby given to the public that my client Smt. Urmila Sehgal W/o Late Sh. Prem Kumar Sehgal, age about 65 years, R/o J-40, Gali No. 8, J-Extension, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi-92 has discovered/abandoned her son Sh. Rajesh Kumar Sehgal aged about 44 yrs So Late Prem Kumar Sehgal & his wife Ruchi Chaudhary alias Ruchi aged about 39 years W/o Rajesh Kumar Sehgal and their Family from all her moveable and immovable properties and shall have no concern with his acts, deeds and things.
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Satguru Mata Sudiksha Ji Maharaj blesses a gathering at 72nd Annual Nirankari Sant Samagam held at Sant Nirankari Spiritual Complex at Samalkha in Haryana on Tuesday

Criticism spurs V-P to order review..

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Malik, who was the Indian Army chief during the Kargil conflict, took to social media to raise concerns over the new look of the Rajya Sabha marshals.

Tagging Rajya Sabha chairman M Venkaiah Naidu and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh in his tweet, Malik said he hoped that the Defence Minister would "take early action [sic]".



Children take part in 'Sadhbhavna Run' on the occasion of 102nd birth anniversary of India's first woman Prime Minister Indira Gandhi at Sultanpuri Mazra in Delhi on Tuesday. It was organised by senior Congress leader and ex-MLA Jai Kishan

JNU protesters booked for rioting; students demand...

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"IPC sections 147 (punishment for rioting), 148 (rioting, armed with deadly weapon), 149 (every member of unlawful assembly guilty of offence committed in prosecution of common object), 151 (knowingly joining or continuing in assembly of five or more persons after it has been commanded to disperse), 34 (acts done by several persons in furtherance of common intention) and section 3 of the Prevention of Damage to Public Property Act were also added to the FIR," said the DCP.

Opposition members in Lok Sabha on Tuesday described as "suppression of voice" the alleged baton-charge by police on JNU students demanding total rollback of hostel fee hike.

Raising the issue during Zero Hour, Saugata Roy (TMC), TN Prathapan (Cong) and Danish Ali (BSP) accused the Government of using force to suppress the voice of students.

Meanwhile, the JNUSU, which has been leading the agitation against massive hostel fee hike for three weeks, said the strike would not be called off until their demands were met.

The students' union alleged that the Registrar of the University refused to meet the members of the HRD Ministry-appointed panel for mediating between the agitating students and the administration and recommending ways to restore the normal functioning of the University.

"We have got to know that the registrar refused to meet the HRD Ministry-appointed panel to mediate between us and the University. See their high-handedness."

When they can refuse to entertain Government representatives, how can they be

expected to talk to us," Ghosh said.

Earlier on Monday morning, demanding complete rollback of the proposed hostel fee hike, hundreds of students of Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) carrying placards and chanting slogans, marched towards Parliament on the first day of the Winter Session.

Section-144 was imposed outside the JNU campus ahead of the protest.

Delhi Police personnel and Central Armed Police Force (CAPF) stopped the students on the Baba Gangnath Marg, around 600 metres from the North gate of the University but the students jumped over the barricades.

Initially on Monday afternoon, the barricades outside JNU's gates were removed and the students were allowed to march towards Parliament but were again stopped on road outside the Safdarjung Tomb near Jor Bagh.

The students sat on the road which leads to long traffic snarls on Aureobindo Marg and it soon spread to other arterial roads as the cascading impact was felt till C-hexagon, the Indian Gate roundabout.

The police detained around 100 protesters, including JNUSU president Aishw Ghosh, secretary Satish Chandra Yadav and former JNUSU president N Sai Balaji.

The marching students were finally prevented from moving further outside the Safdarjung Tomb, where, they alleged, the police baton-charged them, an allegation which was denied lock stock and barrel for the Delhi Police top brass.

House rises to Delhi ...

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It is understood that Speaker Om Birla had asked MPs to attend the meeting promptly. Earlier Rajya Sabha chairperson Venkaiah Naidu also expressed displeasure on the absence of MPs from Committee meetings.

An official message communicated to panel members stated that representatives of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Central Pollution Control Board will

brief them on the role of MCD, DDA, NDMC, CPWD and NBCC -- all Central agencies - in "reducing air pollution in Delhi".

The strong reactions invited by their absence, including the lone BJP MP from the national Capital in the panel - Gautam Gambhir -- is likely to result in the presence of most parliamentarians and officials in the meeting on Wednesday. Only four MPs of a 28-member parliamentary panel attended a key meeting to discuss the air pollution crisis in Delhi-NCR on November 15. Besides Pal, the three other MPs who attended the meeting were BJP's CR Patil, AAP's Sanjay Singh and Hasnain Masoodi of the National Conference

Cong...

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Apart from 20 urban bodies which went to the Congress, it claimed it is in a position to form the boards in about 10 more with the help of independent candidates.

"This is a resounding victory of the Congress in the urban local bodies election. Out of 49, the Congress will form boards in about 30 municipalities," Deputy Chief Minister and Pradesh Congress Committee president Sachin Pilot said.

"Our leaders and workers worked tirelessly for the last seven months and its result is that people have reposed their faith in the Congress," he said. He said BJP leader believed that their party has strong roots in urban areas. "But now that myth has been broken," he

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No progress in Sena-NCP-Cong Govt formation efforts

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The exercise for Government formation in Maharashtra made no headway on Tuesday with the scheduled meeting between the leaders of the Congress and NCP to thrash out niggling issues called off due to the former's "pre-occupation with late former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's birth anniversary events".

But then, Congress chief Sonia Gandhi did chair a meeting with senior party leaders Mallikarjun Kharge, AK Antony and Ahmed Patel, who have been tasked to hold the discussions with the likes of Praful Patel, Sunil Tatkare, Ajit Pawar from the NCP.

Despite of several rounds of talks between leaders of the three parties in Mumbai and Delhi, possibility of a Sena-led Government still remains at a nascent stage. NCP president Sharad Pawar held a meeting with Congress chief Sonia Gandhi in Delhi on Monday who later said if the NCP-Congress have to take a view on Government formation, they have to first discuss it between themselves.

In the meeting Congress

decided to hold another round of talks with NCP in New Delhi to finalise the draft common minimum programme (CMP) while Kharge will lead the talks along with Party General Secretary K C Venugopal and state leaders.

AICC sources said that Congress leadership was informed that NCP is pushing for the rotational arrangement for the Chief Minister post between Sena and NCP. The deliberations on power sharing will be finalised by the high-powered committee for the three parties in this week and the final stamp will be put by the leaders of all the three parties.

As per the deal negotiated till the end of Sonia-Pawar meeting, sources said Congress will rest with Speaker's post and a Deputy Chief Minister post in the Government while NCP will get post of legislative council chairman. All three parties are likely to get an equal share in the Council of Ministers.

"The parties are negotiating for portfolios and the grand old party is seeking Home and Revenue while NCP desires to sit over Finance and Cooperatives. The Ministry of Cooperatives is Maharashtra is

Tug-of-war between BJP-Shiv Sena turns bitter

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

The ongoing war between the erstwhile saffron alliance partners turned most bitter on Tuesday, as the Shiv Sena likened the BJP to an ungrateful 12th century Muslim invader Muhammad Ghori, who defeated and executed legendary Hindu king Prithviraj Chauhan through foul means, and castigated the Amit Shah-led party for removing it from the NDA summarily without even issuing a notice or giving it hearing. Miffed with the BJP's announcement about its "summary removal" from the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) made on the seventh death anniversary of its late chief Bal Thackeray "who founded the very NDA", the Shiv Sena demanded to know in an editorial published its mouth-piece "Saamana": "Was the meeting of NDA constituents

perceived an important portfolio," said a senior Congress leader closely monitoring the Maharashtra developments adding that Congress wants finalisation of the CMP before

called to discuss and decide on the removal of the Sena from the alliance? What was the basis for the removal of the Sena from the NDA?" "The seventh death anniversary of late Balasaheb came to be mired in politics. On a day when the nation was paying homage to the late Sena chief, the BJP perpetrated the nasty act of showing door to late Balasaheb's party from the NDA, an alliance founded by the very same leader," the "Saamana" editorial stated. Holding Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually responsible for erosion in the importance of the NDA during the last five and a half years, the "Saamana" editorial said: "Without any notice or discussion, the Shiv Sena was removed from the NDA, an entity whose existence has been diminished systematically during the last five and a half years. This is the beginning of the end of politics of arrogance and

moving forward to an official announcement.

The UPA alliance partners have deputed leaders for holding talks on a possible alliance with the Shiv Sena, a party

arbitrariness. We are saying this deliberately. The decision taken by the BJP in the land of Chhatrapati Shivaji will definitely boomerang on the party itself". Parliamentary Affairs Minister and BJP leader Pralhad Joshi, it may be recalled, had announced on Sunday that the Shiv Sena had ceased to be a part of the NDA after its move to align with the Congress and NCP to form a government in Maharashtra, and said: "So it is natural that they will be allotted seats on the opposition side in both houses". Drawing parallels between the BJP and Muhammad Ghori (1149-1206), an invader who laid foundation for Muslim rule in the country, the Sena editorial stated: "Of the total 18 small and big battles he fought with the Muslim invader, legendary Hindu king Prithviraj Chauhan defeated Mohammed Ghori 17 times. Every

closely associated with Hindutva and anti-Congressism.

Amid cautious approach by the NCP-Congress, Shiv Sena too has called a meeting of all its MLAs and senior leaders on

Friday to be chaired by Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray. In the last month's assembly polls, the NCP and the Congress, pre-poll allies, won 54 and 44 seats, respectively in the

288-member assembly where the majority mark is 145. Shiv

Senas 56 seats in its bag BJP emerged largest at 106 seats.

Bhagwat warns BJP, Sena over break-up

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

As long-time allies BJP and the Shiv Sena remain unrelenting on their stance with the latter choosing to break the alliance, RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat on Tuesday had a word of caution and advise for the two sides without naming them.

"Everyone knows that selfishness is a bad thing but very few people give up their selfishness. Everybody knows that both of them will face loss if they are going to fight over a matter," he said.

The head of the RSS to whom both the BJP and the Shiv Sena show their ideological adherence to, warned them of the adverse impact of fallout of their tug-of-war for power in Maharashtra.

Bhagwat, without naming the two former partners of the

previous alliance Government in Maharashtra, warned that "both will face loss" if they fought over any matter.

"Everyone knows that selfishness is a bad thing but very few people give up their selfishness. Take the example of the country or of individuals," Mr Bhagwat said at an event in Nagpur on Tuesday, news agency ANI quoted him as saying.

"Everybody knows that both of them will face loss if they are going to fight over a matter," he said.

The Sena's insistence of sharing Chief Ministership with the BJP had led both falling apart on the issue of Government formation in Maharashtra with former making friends with political rivals Nationalist Congress Party and the Congress in its bid to wrest power in the State.

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CRPF writes to States, UTs on new security protocol for Gandhi family

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The CRPF has written to States and Union Territories about the new protocols for Congress president Sonia Gandhi and her family members' security and will soon seek Government nod for raising one more battalion for securing them.

But in the meantime, the Congress has given a notice to move an adjournment motion in the Lok Sabha against the withdrawal of SPG cover of the Gandhi family. Describing the move as "arbitrary", the Congress in the notice said the security cover was withdrawn ignoring the existing and probable threats to the Gandhi family.

The Union Home Ministry central Government earlier this month replaced the Special Protection Group (SPG) security cover given to Sonia Gandhi, her son Rahul Gandhi and daughter Priyanka Gandhi Vadra by the "Z-plus"

category security of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF).

Officials said the paramilitary force will seek sanction from the government for procurement of specialized armoured vehicles to secure the new protectees including former prime minister Manmohan Singh besides the Gndhi family.

Informing the States and the UTs, the CRPF has articulated that the Gandhi family has been accorded an advance security liaison (ASL) protocol and this will require the "support" of their intelligence, police and administrative machinery prior to any of the five new protectees -- Sonia Gandhi, Rahul, Priyanka, Manmohan Singh and his wife Gursharan Kaur -- reaching their jurisdictions on official or personal tours.

Former PM Manmohan Singh's SPG security cover was withdrawn by the Centre in August.

As part of the ASL drill, a special CRPF team will travel at least 24 hours in advance to the location to be visited by these protectees and liaise with local authorities to sanitise the venue and isolate the areas that the VVIPs will visit.

Through the official communication, the five protectees will need to be given all administrative and police support along with route plans and travel maps.

In the Lok Sabha, the Congress on Tuesday gave a notice to move an adjournment motion against the withdrawal of Special Protection Group (SPG) cover of the Gandhi family.

Describing the move as "arbitrary", the Congress in the notice said the security cover was withdrawn ignoring the existing and probable threats to the Gandhi family.

An adjournment motion is moved to stop the proceedings of the House to take up the issue raised in the motion.

IITs, NITs will find solutions to air pollution: Prez

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

President Ram Nath Kovind on Tuesday exuded confidence that the IITs and NITs, with their specialisations, will be able to find solutions to address the problem of air pollution as well as create sensitivity among students and researchers.

He was addressing the annual 'visitor's conference' at the Rashtrapati Bhawan, attended by directors of 23 Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), 31 National Institutes of Technology (NITs) and Indian Institute of Engineering Science And Technology (IIEST), Shibpur.

"This is that time of the year when the air quality of the national capital as well as of many other cities worsens beyond all norms. Many scientists and futurologists have painted doomsday scenarios. On days of smog and poor visibility in our cities, we fear the future might already be here," Kovind said. "We are facing a kind of challenge here that we have never faced before. Hydrocarbon energy changed



President Ram Nath Kovind addresses Directors of IITs, NITs and IIEST, Shibpur, during a conference at the Rashtrapati Bhawan in New Delhi on Tuesday. PTI

the face of the world in the last couple of centuries, but now it is threatening our very existence. The challenge is compounded for nations battling to bring substantial sections of populations out of poverty.

Yet, we will have to find alternatives," President Kovind said. He expressed confidence that institutions like IITs, NITs with their various specialisations, would take care to create a sensitivity and awareness

among students and researchers towards our common future," Kovind said. "I am sure that you, institutes, with your various specialisations, will find a solution and take care to create a sensitivity and awareness among students and researchers towards our common future," he added.

The conference was the part of regular interactions of the President with such institutions in his capacity as a visitor to 152 Central Universities and institutions of higher learning. The president said that after the government's efforts to improve India's ranking on the Ease of Doing Business Index, the aim is now to improve the Ease of Living for all citizens. "How can we move forward in that direction, and make life easier for all, especially those on the margins of society? Later this week, Governors of states will be here in Rashtrapati Bhawan and this will be one of the major points of deliberation in their conference. I am sure there are solutions in the area of Governance," he said.

BJP PARLIAMENTARY PARTY MEETING

Ministers brief MPs on PM's foreign visits

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

BJP Parliamentary Party meeting on Tuesday focused on Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "successful" visits to several countries as well as his participation in events such as the UNGA and BRICS meetings, and India's refusal to join RCEP in "national interest". Modi did not attend the meet.

Foreign Minister S Jaishankar and Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal briefed BJP MPs on the issue in the first meeting of the Winter Session of Parliament and what it meant for India.

Interestingly, in the Lok Sabha BJP leader Bhartruhari Mahtab, during the day, sought to know during the zero hour as what were the gains for the country by joining BRICS visits to China who he said has favourable trade deficit and had emerged an economic power.

Jaishankar told MPs that refusal of India to join the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) had secured country's interests.

He spoke in detail about Modi's participation in the United National General Assembly meeting in the US in September and the 'Howdy Modi' rally, attended by thou-

Refusal of India to join the RCEP had secured country's interests

sands of people of Indian origin (PIO), which was attended by US President Donald Trump. The Prime Minister's participation in the BRICS and ASEAN meetings besides his trips to Russia, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain and Bhutan were also spotlighted, with Jaishankar telling the ruling party's lawmakers that Modi brought the

issue of terrorism to the fore and found support from most countries. The Foreign Minister mentioned the decision of Saudi Arabia and Bahrain to accord their highest civilian honour on Modi.

In his briefing on India's decision to keep out of the RCEP, Goyal said it was in national interest as joining the grouping would have widened India's trade deficits with some countries and harmed its domestic industry, sources said.

Goyal said the UPA government favoured joining the RCEP but the Modi government has stood for the country's interest by keeping out of it.

Onion output in kharif, late-kharif seasons may fall 26% to 52L tonne, says Paswan

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Onion production in kharif and late-kharif seasons of 2019-20 is estimated to fall 26 per cent to 52.06 lakh tonne, putting pressure on supply and prices, Food Minister Ram Vilas Paswan said on Tuesday. The all-India average retail price of onion stood at ₹60.38 per kg on November 15, compared with ₹22.84 per kg on the same date last year.

In a written reply to the Lok Sabha, he said onion is a seasonal crop with harvesting period of rabi (March to June), kharif (October to December) and late-kharif (January-March). During July to

October, the supply in the market comes from stored onions from rabi season.

"During 2019-20, there was a 3-4 weeks delay in sowing as well as decline in sown area of the kharif onion because of late arrival of monsoon. Further, untimely prolonged rains in the major growing States of Karnataka, Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh during the harvesting period caused damage to the standing crops in these regions," Paswan said. As a result, the Minister said the production of kharif crop was affected.

The rains during September-October also hit

transportation of crop from these producing regions to consuming centres, he said.

"This led to limited availability of kharif onions in the market and has put pressure on its prices," Paswan said.

During the current year, the production of kharif and late-kharif is estimated to be 52.06 lakh tonne, which is about 26 per cent lower than the previous year's production of 69.91 lakh tonne in the same seasons, the Minister said.

Paswan said the Government has banned onion exports and imposed stock limits to boost domestic supply and check prices.

FROM THE PARLIAMENT

J&K: 765 stone pelters arrested since Aug 5

Kashmir's administration had informed, a total of 34,10,219 tourists, including 12,934 foreigners, visited in last 6 months and an income of ₹25.12cr was earned

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Union Home Ministry on Tuesday informed Lok Sabha that security forces had arrested 765 people in connection with stone pelting cases and incidents of stone pelting has declined in J&K since the abrogation of Article 370. "Since August 5, 2019 to November 15, 2019, 765 people have been arrested in 190 cases registered relating to stone pelting/law and order.

From January 1, 2019 to August 4, 2019, 361 such cases were registered," said Minister of State for Home G Kishan Reddy, replying to a written question in the Lok Sabha.

"Investigation has revealed that various separatist organisations and activists, which are part of the Hurriyat, have been behind the incidents of stone pelting in the Kashmir valley. The NIA has chargesheeted 18 persons in terror-funding cases so far," he said.

Reddy said the Government had adopted multi-pronged policies to check the stone pelting menace and had succeeded in curbing it to the extent that a large number of troublemakers, instigators and mob mobilisers were identified and various preventive measures taken against them,

including detention under the stringent Public Safety Act (PSA) and preventive arrests.

Replying to another question, Reddy said the J&K administration had informed that a total of 34,10,219 tourists, including 12,934 foreigners, visited J&K in the last six months and an income of ₹25.12 crore was earned through tourism during this period. The Minister said after the abrogation of Article 370, initially, attendance of students was thin in the schools of J&K, which gradually picked up and at present, stood at 99.7 per cent during the ongoing examination.

On a question related to use of pellet guns since August 5, the Minister said pellet guns were used with abundant caution, only to deal with severe law-and-order problems to

avoid civilian casualties.

Regarding Left Wing Extremism, the Minister said violence dropped by 43 per cent between May 2014 and April 2019 compared to the five years before that, the Centre said on Tuesday, and disclosed that only 10 districts accounted for two-third of the incidents. Reddy said that the steadfast implementation of policy has resulted in consistent decline in violence and in the geographical spread shrinking.

"Only 10 districts account for 2/3rd of Left Wing Extremism violence. The LWE related incidents of violence between May-2014 to April-2019 have been 43 per cent lesser while compared with the preceding five years period," he said in response to a written question.

Birla warns members over sloganeering

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla on Tuesday warned that he will be forced to take action against members protesting in the Well as Congress and other Opposition parties, including DMK and TMC, indulged in sloganeering.

The Speaker also took note of Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's absence from the House and said he had wanted to give a chance to the former Congress president during Question Hour as the latter's name being listed for a question on 'PM Gram Sadak Yojna' in Kerala.

From the word go, Lok Sabha again witnessed, for the second-day, scenes of slogan-shouting with Congress-led opposition trooping in the well of the house, shouting against the Modi-Government. This followed Congress,

DMK and TMC seeking to raise their respective issues during the question hour but were disallowed by the Speaker. Birla, however, did permitted them to speak soon after the question hour which was forced by undertaken in the loud din created by the opposition MPs.

There were around 20 MPs from the Congress who had collected in the well of the house shouting "Tanashahi nahin chalegi".

Besides the Congress, members from the National Conference were also in the Well.

Birla repeatedly requested the protesting members to go back to their seats as the questions were about farmers' issues.

He asked Congress and DMK MPs to speak on the farmers issue which was being taken up in the house.

As the protests continued and seemed coming closer to his chair, an indignant Speaker warned that action would be taken against members and he may even name them.

"There might have been precedents of protesting in the Well. From today onwards, no (member) will protest in the Well. If not, I will be forced to take action," he said. At one point of time, the Speaker also said that he would give a chance for protesting members to ask supplementaries if they go back to their respective seats.

The members continued with their noisy protests until the commencement of the zero hour when they spoke on their respective issues including police action against JNU students, and thereafter staged a walk-out.

Congress members sought to raise various issues, including the withdrawal of SPG

security cover of party president Sonia Gandhi, her son Rahul Gandhi and her daughter Priyanka Gandhi Vadra.

The Speaker took note of Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's absence from the Lok Sabha saying he had wanted to give a chance to the former Congress president during Question Hour.

"His (Rahul Gandhi's) question was listed for the Question Hour and I wanted to give him a chance had he been present," Birla remarked when K Suresh, Congress MP from Kerala, got up to speak during Zero Hour from Rahul's seat.

The speaker asked Suresh to move to his designated seat and continue. As per the Lok Sabha schedule, question number 28 was listed against the name of Rahul.

The question pertained to Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana for Kerala.

IN BRIEF

'CHINA HAS INTRUDED MORE THAN 50 KM IN ARUNACHAL'
New Delhi: Please don't allow the next Doklam in Arunachal Pradesh as China has encroached more than 50 km of land of the State, BJP member Tapir Gao claimed in Lok Sabha on Tuesday. Whenever the President, PM, Defence Minister or Home Minister visits the State, objections are raised by China, he said raising the issue during Zero Hour.

MODI PAYS TRIBUTE TO RANI LAKSHMIBAI
New Delhi: Describing Rani Lakshmbai as "brave and inspiring", Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday paid tributes to the warrior queen of Jhansi on her 191st birth anniversary. He said for millions of Indians, Rani Lakshmbai "personifies courage and fearlessness".

CBI BOOKS CUSTOMS OFFICIAL FOR BRIBERY
New Delhi: The CBI has registered a case against a customs official for allegedly accepting a bribe to give clearance to imported goods at the Chennai Port, an official said on Tuesday. The customs official-Munusamy-works as an appraiser for the Customs Department and allegedly accepted a bribe of ₹40,000 in Chennai on Nov 12, he said.

MARATHA QUOTA TRIAL IN SC ON JAN 22
New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Tuesday fixed January 22 to commence hearing a batch of pleas challenging the constitutional validity of a Maharashtra law granting reservation for Marathas in education and jobs in the State.

STUDENTS CELEBRATE WORLD TOILET DAY
New Delhi: Large number of students from schools and colleges formed a big "Human Chain" to celebrate World Toilet Day at Sulabh gram in national Capital on Tuesday. Well known Social Reformer and founder of Sulabh Sanitation Movement Padma Bhushan Dr. Bindeshwar Pathak joined hands with these children and volunteers.

Mamata, Owaisi call each other RSS agent

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

A day after Mamata Banerjee charged the BJP and All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimen for conspiring to lure the Hindu and Muslim population of Bengal into political extremism, war of words intensified between two sides with AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi charging the Chief Minister with playing a host to the saffron outfit in the State while the Trinamool Congress hitting back by insisting that Hyderabad party was a paid agent of the RSS.

Slamming Banerjee, the AIMIM chief and one of the most noticeable minority faces in the country tweeted, "if Didi (read Mamata Banerjee) is worried about a bunch of us from Hyderabad then she should tell how BJP won 18/42 seats from Bengal."

By displacing the Left Front as the main Opposition party in Bengal the BJP wrested 18 out of 42 seats in this year's parliamentary elections. The TMC won 22 and the Congress bagged two seats. What was more in at least three other seats the margin of victory for the Trinamool was between five thousand and fifty thousand.

Telling reporters that Banerjee owed an explanation on the rise of the BJP in Bengal Owaisi on Tuesday said, the Chief Minister's nervous comments on the presence of AIMIM in her State was itself an admission in favour of his party's growing prowess her backyard.

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giving the message to Muslims of Bengal that AIMIM has become a formidable force in the State," Owaisi added, "Mamata Banerjee is showcasing her fear and frustration by making such comments."

Addressing a meeting in North Bengal town of Coochbehar bordering Assam the Chief Minister had on Monday made veiled reference to Owaisi and his party from Hyderabad which was

hand-in-glove with the BJP and was in its payroll.

She said a trap was being laid down by some Hindu and minority parties (from Hyderabad) "who are taking money from the BJP to spread extremist ideas in Bengal."

She said, "there is a political party which is trying to make inroads in Bengal by fanning a communal divide. Just like there are some extremists in Hindus, same with minorities. They take money from BJP. They stay in Hyderabad. They don't stay here. They come here and say I'll give you protection. Don't fall into this trap of my minority brothers."

Hitting back at Owaisi for his "outrageous statement against Mamata didi who is like a mother of crores of people," a senior Trinamool leader and Minister from South Kolkata on Tuesday said "those who are thinking of taking place of Mamata Banerjee in Bengal are living in a fools' paradise. Both the Hindus and Muslims worship her and a rank outsider, who is a filthy rich person not having broken bread with a poor man is dreaming to making inroads in this State. The people will not let him cross Dum Dum Airport."

JD(S) leader: All chances of our party backing BJP Govt if it falls short of numbers

BENGALURU

Senior JD(S) leader Basavaraj Horatti on Tuesday reaffirmed that there are "all chances" that his party may support the BS Yediyurappa-led-BJP Government, if it falls short of numbers after the December 5 bypoll results.

The MLC who met the Chief Minister felt that MLAs across political parties do not want mid-term polls.

"Kumaraswamy and Deve Gowda have said they will not let the Government collapse. On the basis of their statement I have said in case the BJP falls short of numbers there are all chances that JD(S) may support until his three and half year term ends, I still stand by it," Horatti said.

He said, no MLA from the three political parties -- the BJP, the Congress and JDS -- are ready to pull down the government as no one wants mid-term polls.

"Let any government be in power, our MLA post should remain for remaining three-

and-half years, is the feeling among MLAs..." he added.

In what is being perceived as JD(S) softening of stand on the BJP, JD(S) patriarch H D Deve Gowda -- not wanting mid-term polls in Karnataka -- had said he wants the government to complete its term as it would give him time to build his party. His son and former Chief Minister H D Kumaraswamy too had recently said JD(S) would not try to dislodge the government.

Fifteen out of 17 assembly constituencies represented by disqualified Congress-JD(S) legislators, whose resignation and absence from trust vote had led to the collapse of the Kumaraswamy-led coalition government and paved way for BJP to come to power in July, will go to bypolls on December 5.

The BJP that has fielded disqualified MLAs as its candidates in 13 constituencies, will need to win at least six of those 15 seats to remain in power.

Dec 5 K'taka bypoll crucial for BSY-led minority Govt

KESTUR VASUKI ■ BENGALURU

December 5 bypolls to fifteen constituencies in Karnataka are a litmus test to Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa who is heading a minority Government in the State. This election is also crucial for Leader of the Opposition of the Congress, Siddaramaiah who is facing internal and external rebellion.

Both the politicians are betting high stake in proving a point need no explanation. For the lingayat strongman Yediyurappa, he has to prove to the high command that he is indispensable in Karnataka politics and also consolidate himself to face political heat within the party. For Siddaramaiah, who is leading the Congress, being an outsider has to consolidate himself against the weakened high command.

Monday being the last day for filing of nominations, a total of 248 candidates including those belonging to the



Congress, JD(S) and ruling BJP have filed their nominations for December 5 bypolls to 15 Assembly constituencies

Among the total 248 candidates who have filed nominations till Monday, 56 are from National parties, 17 from State parties, 47 from registered unrecognised parties, and 128 are independents. While the highest 28 candidates have filed their nomination from Shivajinagar constituency, followed by Hoskote with 27 candidates; Krishnarajpet has least 8 candidates have filed their nominations.

Karnataka witnessed a high political drama and the bypolls was necessitated after the resignation and absence of 17

Congress-JD(S) legislators, which led to the collapse of H D Kumaraswamy headed coalition government of JDs and the Congress and paved way for BJP to come to power. Seventeen legislators were subsequently disqualified by the then Speaker K R Ramesh Kumar, however the Supreme Court that heard MLAs' petition challenging the disqualification, last week allowed them to contest the by-elections.

All of them have joined the saffron party and now 13 of them are contesting the bypolls setting the stage for their re-entry into the poll fray.

Bypolls to 15 of 17 seats represented by disqualified MLAs -- 14 of the Congress and three belonging to the JDS -- will be held on December five. Bypolls in the remaining two segments -- Maski and R R Nagar -- have not been declared due to the ongoing election-related cases in court. The strength of the assembly will be 222, post the bypolls.

Madras HC verdict in temple land case soon

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ CHENNAI

The Madras High Court is all set to pronounce verdict on the August 30 order issued by the Tamil Nadu Government to facilitate the sale and transfer of missing lands owned by the temples in the State administered by the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowment Department.

A Bench consisting of Justices M Sathyanarayanan and N Seshasayee completed on Monday the hearing of petition filed by TR Ramesh, president, Temple Worshipers Society, questioning the legality of the order which empowers the Government to issue pattas to the encroachers of the temple lands for a nominal amount.

More than 50,000 acres of prime land valued at thousands of crore rupees and owned by the temples under the HRCE Department has been missing for long. In February 2018, Justice R Mahadevan of the Madras High Court had asked



the HRCE Department to trace the missing lands and update the details in the website of the department.

But the Government and the HRCE Department remained unperturbed by the court verdict and came out with an order to bypass the February 2018 verdict.

The lands were donated to the temple for their upkeep and also for ensuring the welfare of the devotees coming under the jurisdiction of the

temple land could be sold to the government and which could not be when all temple lands were actually private properties that had been given away by their owners for the benefit of temples and now belong to the deities of the temples concerned.

"The HECE Department was created to protect the temple lands and not to seal them away," said the judges.

Ramesh said that the whole episode speaks about "criminal dereliction of duties and responsibilities by the staff of the HRCE Department". There exists a criminal axis between the HRCE staff and encroachers which we could convince the court," said Ramesh. This is the eagerly awaited verdict by the temple worshippers and is equal in importance to the Ram Janmabhumi case, he said.

The Madras High Court is

hearing a number of petitions related to the misappropriation of temple properties by individuals in connivance with the officials of the HRCE officials. Jebamani Mohanraj, a former CBI official has filed a case in the MHC in December 2018 challenging the move by the trustees of the centuries old Agastheeswarar Temple at Nungambakkam in Chennai to sell the entire temple property to a private group.

The famous Kapaleeswarar Temple in the city is also in a controversy as the trustees are trying to sell off the leased land of the temple to private individuals. The Madras High Court is hearing this case too.

Ramesh told this newspaper that if the observations made by the court in the Government Order case are any indication, chances are that the officials of the HRCE Department are in for trouble for their failure in maintaining the data associated with the properties owned by the temple.

Avoid comments on Guv-Mamata Govt verbal spats: BJP to Bengal unit

KOLKATA

The West Bengal BJP unit has been asked by its Central leadership to refrain from getting into the frequent verbal spats between the State Government and Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar, a senior party leader said.

There is a general perception that the Governor and the saffron party "complement" each other through their statements, he said.

A verbal directive in this regard has been communicated to the State leadership from the top echelons of the party, the senior BJP leader said.

"We have been asked by our Central leadership to refrain from commenting on the war of words between the state Government and the governor. Henceforth, none of our state

leaders will make any comment on the verbal spat," he said.

According to party sources, the move is aimed to allay charges that the BJP is using the governor to "pinprick" the state Government.

"Whenever there has been a verbal spat between the state Government and Raj Bhawan, for obvious reasons, we have spoken in favour of the governor, be it the present governor Jagdeep Dhankhar or his predecessor K N Tripathi," he said.

The tussle between Dhankhar and the TMC Government reached Parliament on Monday when its Rajya Sabha MP Sukhendu Sekhar Roy raised the issue of the governor "exceeding his brief and trying to run a parallel administration" in the State.

SC Ayodhya case verdict by no means complete justice, says MIM chief

PTI ■ HYDERABAD

AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi on Tuesday claimed that the Supreme Court's verdict on the Babri Masjid-Ramjanmabhoomi land dispute was by no means "complete justice" that the powers under Article 142 are required to be used for.

Article 142 of the Constitution deals with the apex court's power to exercise its jurisdiction and pass order as is necessary for doing complete justice in any cause or matter pending before it.

"The Supreme Court's judgement in the Babri Masjid title suit is by no means the complete justice that the powers under Article 142 are required to be used for. It is at best incomplete justice or at worst complete injustice," he tweeted.

Owaisi was responding to media reports on the Ayodhya verdict and whether judicial discretion and the resultant directions guarantee complete justice.

The SC, in its verdict in the Babri Masjid-Ram Janmabhoomi title case on November 9, said the entire 2.77 acres of disputed land should be handed over to the deity Ram Lalla, who was one of the three litigants.

The five-judge Constitution bench also directed the Centre to allot a five-acre plot to the Sunni Waqf Board in Ayodhya to build a mosque.

Rajini: Ready to join hands with Kamal if situation arises

Chennai: Superstar Rajinikanth on Tuesday said he would join hands with actor-turned politician Kamal Haasan for the welfare of people of Tamil Nadu if such a situation arises.

Rajinikanth, who has announced he would launch his political party to contest the State Assembly elections due in 2021, was responding to questions from reporters on Haasan's remarks earlier on Tuesday that he (the latter) would join hands with him for Tamil Nadu's welfare.

"If a situation arises wherein me and Kamal have to join hands for the welfare of people of Tamil Nadu, we will surely come together," Rajinikanth said in a brief interaction with media at the airport here.

While backing Rajinikanth's comments on Chief Minister K Palaniswami, who has drawn the ire of ruling AIADMK, Haasan said he would "travel together" with his contemporary for Tamil Nadu's welfare.

However, Haasan gave no indications of the two aligning politically.

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3.	Praveen Kumar Pintu (Borrower) Joyita Ghosh (Co Borrowers) LBNOD00002019451	Flat No. B-2/114 11th Floor Block-B2 Dwarakadhish Aravali Heights Sector- 24 Dharuhera Rewari Haryana 123401, Area-1608 Sq. Ft	Rs. 57,77,167/- (as on November 07, 2019)	Rs. 29,80,000/- (Rs. 2,98,000/-)	November 23, 2019 From 12 Noon to 3:00 PM	December 12, 2019 From 11:00 AM Onwards
4.	Somya Jain (Borrower) LBNOD00002007549	Flat No. C-3/125, Aravali Heights, Dharuhera, Dwarakadhish, Rewari, Haryana, Area-1555 Sq. Ft.	Rs. 57,74,361/- (as on November 08, 2019).	Rs. 36,00,000/- (Rs. 3,60,000/-)	November 23, 2019 From 12 Noon to 3:00 PM	December 12, 2019 From 11:30 AM Onwards
5.	Anupm Agrawal (Borrower) Shashi Bala Agarwal (Co Borrowers)/ LBNOD00001994300	Flat No. C-3/121 12th Floor Aravali Heights Dwarakadhish Dharuhera Rewari CS Block Sector-24 Haryana- 123401, Area- 1548 Sq. Ft.	Rs. 55,73,570/- (as on November 08, 2019)	Rs. 28,70,000/- (Rs. 2,87,000/-)	November 23, 2019 From 12 Noon to 3:00 PM	December 12, 2019 From 12:00 Noon Onwards
6.	Shashi Kant Prasad (Borrower) Malti Prasad (Co Borrowers) LBNOD00001995795	Flat No. D-1/127 12th Floor Aravali Heights Sector- 24 D-1 Block Dharuhera Rewari Haryana 123401, Area-1223 Sq. Ft	Rs. 49,68,654/- (as on November 07, 2019).	Rs. 22,70,000/- (Rs. 2,27,000/-)	November 23, 2019 From 12 Noon to 3:00 PM	December 12, 2019 From 12:30 PM Onwards
7.	Aakaar Singh Bhatia (Borrower) Prikshit Singh (Co Borrowers) LBGUR00001971765	Flat No. D -1/16 First Floor Aravali Heights Sector 24 D-1 Block Dharuhera Rewari Haryana 123401, Area-1200 Sq. Ft.	Rs. 50,03,146/- (as on November 07, 2019).	Rs. 22,20,000/- (Rs. 2,22,000/-)	November 23, 2019 From 12 Noon to 3:00 PM	December 12, 2019 From 01:00 PM Onwards
8.	Dharmendra Kumar (Borrower) Sumita Singh (Co Borrowers) LBNOD00002029333	Flat No. C4/ 121, 12th Floor, Tower C4, Aravali Heights, Sector 24, Dharuhera, Rewari, Area- 1548Sq. Ft.	Rs. 55,20,932/- (as on November 07, 2019).	Rs. 28,70,000/- (Rs. 2,87,000/-)	November 23, 2019 From 12 Noon to 3:00 PM	December 12, 2019 From 01:30 PM Onwards
9.	Dharmendra Kumar (Borrower) Sumita Singh (Co Borrowers) LBNOD00002030018	Flat No. D-5/134, 13th Floor, Aravali Heights, Dharuhera, Haryana, Area- 1207Sq. Ft.	Rs. 49,42,125/- (as on November 08, 2019).	Rs. 28,00,000/- (Rs. 2,80,000/-)	November 23, 2019 From 12 Noon to 3:00 PM	December 12, 2019 From 02:00 PM Onwards
10.	Mange Ram Jain (Borrower) Anamika Jain (Co Borrowers) LBNOD00002011506	Flat No. D -2/134, 13TH Floor Aravali Heights Sector- 24 Block Dharuhera Rewari, Haryana Area - 1207 Sq. Ft.	Rs. 44,16,897/- (as on November 07, 2019).	Rs. 22,40,000/- (Rs. 2,24,000/-)	November 23, 2019 From 12 Noon to 3:00 PM	December 12, 2019 From 02:30 PM Onwards
11.	Mange Ram Jain (Borrower) Anamika Jain (Co Borrowers) LBNOD00002029715	Flat No. D-2/ 131, 13th Floor, Aravali Heights, Dharuhera, Haryana, Rewari 123401, Area-1207 Sq. Ft.	Rs. 43,09,266/- (as on November 8, 2019).	Rs. 28,00,000/- (Rs. 2,80,000/-)	November 23, 2019 From 12 Noon to 3:00 PM	December 12, 2019 From 03:00 PM Onwards

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

Sl No	Particulars	Standalone						Consolidated					
		Quarter Ended		Half-Year ended		Year ended	Quarter Ended		Half-Year ended		Year ended		
		30.09.2019	30.06.2019	30.09.2018	30.06.2018	30.09.2018	30.09.2019	30.06.2019	30.09.2018	30.06.2018	30.09.2018		
1	Total Revenue from operations	1,112.41	2,946.50	2,695.17	4,058.91	5,610.27	12,316.40	1,530.28	3,461.65	3,803.87	4,991.93	7,468.12	15,771.90
2	Net Profit/(Loss) before Exceptional items and tax	(160.00)	65.76	62.91	(94.24)	140.09	1,032.27	(171.96)	186.25	207.84	14.29	378.09	1,665.09
3	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional items)	(165.24)	67.49	26.84	(97.75)	72.29	778.85	(177.20)	187.98	171.77	10.78	310.29	1,410.12
4	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional items)	(151.35)	53.60	21.68	(97.75)	58.38	294.58	(158.30)	149.35	138.69	(8.95)	250.01	624.81
5	Total Comprehensive Income/ (Loss) for the period [Comprising Profit/ (Loss) for the period (after tax) and other comprehensive income (after tax)]	(151.35)	53.60	21.68	(97.75)	58.38	294.88	(158.30)	149.35	138.69	(8.95)	250.01	625.11
6	Equity Share Capital	1,920.81	1,920.81	1,920.81	1,920.81	1,920.81	1,920.81	1,920.81	1,920.81	1,920.81	1,920.81	1,920.81	1,920.81
7	Other Equity (Reserves excluding revaluation reserve)					4,264.27							3,899.72
8	Earning per share (of Rs. 10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations)	(0.79)	0.28	0.11	(0.51)	0.30	1.54	(0.83)	0.78	0.72	(0.05)	1.30	3.26
	(a) Basic (in Rs.)	(0.79)	0.28	0.10	(0.51)	0.28	1.54	(0.83)	0.78	0.66	(0.05)	1.19	3.26
	(b) Diluted (in Rs.)	(0.79)	0.28	0.10	(0.51)	0.28	1.54	(0.83)	0.78	0.66	(0.05)	1.19	3.26

NOTES:
 1 The above is an extract of the detailed format of Unaudited Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of quarterly financial results are available on the Stock Exchange website (www.bseindia.com) and on the Company's website (www.okplay.co.in).
 2 The above standalone and consolidated financial results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors at their meeting held on 18th November, 2019.

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 Rajan Handa
 Managing Director
 (DIN 01945990)

Place : New Delhi
 Date : 18th November, 2019

SABARIMALA PILGRIMAGE

Over 30K offer prayers, 12-yr-old girl barred

PTI ■ SABARIMALA(KER)

Around 32,000 devotees offered prayers at the Lord Ayyappa temple at Sabarimala on Tuesday, even as police prevented a 12-year-old girl from Pudukcherry to proceed to the hill shrine from Pamba.

While two women in the barred age group of 10-50 years were stopped by police on Monday from visiting the shrine, on Saturday, when the temple opened, at least 10 young women from Andhra Pradesh were sent back.

Approximately 32,000 devotees offered worship on Tuesday, Travancore Devaswom Board (TDB) sources said.

There was a dip in the arrival of pilgrims against the heavy rush seen since November 16 evening, when the shrine was opened.

There was heavy rain in the afternoon, causing difficulties to the pilgrims.

showers, policemen standing on the 18 holy steps, helped the devotees climb and offer prayers.

A total of 9.6 lakh devotees have made virtual Q booking for darshan till 10 am this morning, sources said.

The 12 year-old had come with her father to offer prayers at the shrine.

The age of the girl, with "irrumudikettu" (offerings to Lord Ayyappa) had been shown as 10 in the virtual Q booking.

When women police personnel checked her Aadhaar card it was found that she was 12-years-old following which they did not allow her to proceed further from Pamba to the temple complex, police said.

After those accompanying the child were informed about the current situation in Sabarimala, her father and other relatives proceeded to the temple.

Supporting the shrine's tra-



The Pamba base camp is at the foothills of Sabarimala, about 5 km from the shrine. The Ayyappa temple had opened on November 16 evening for the two-month long Mandala-Makaravillakku puja. A UDF delegation, which visited Pamba and Nilackal

base camps on Tuesday to have a first hand experience of the facilities for the pilgrims, said they were inadequate.

The delegation led by Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan and P J Joseph said parking facilities were not enough and the LDF government had failed to provide enough facilities for pilgrims.

Radhakrishnan said the arrival of devotees may be increased, but facilities like toilets and drinking water were lacking at the base camps.

litres would be distributed 70 lakh litres would be supplied at Sannidhanam, a KWA press release said.

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

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

A five-judge bench of the Supreme Court had referred to a larger bench the matter related to entry of women into the hill temple and other issues related to various faiths.

Vehicle parking will not be permitted on roadside from Nilackal to Pamba: HC

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The Kerala High Court on Tuesday made it clear that vehicle parking shall not be allowed on the roadside from Nilackal to Pamba during the Sabarimala pilgrimage season as the Government informed that light vehicles of 12-seater capacity will ferry devotees till Pamba.

A division bench of Justices C T Ravikumar and N Nagesh said the police can take appropriate action against unauthorised parking.

The State Government informed the court that 12-seater capacity light vehicles can take passengers till Pamba, which is five km from the shrine, and they have to return to Nilackal for parking.



The court also permitted the Kerala State Road Transport Corporation to employ 1386 drivers temporarily from the Public Service Commission list during the Sabarimala season.

The order was issued on an application filed by KSRTC seeking permission to appoint experienced drivers for 504 buses during the season.

The court permitted KSRTC to employ drivers from PSC list from November 16, 2019 to January 31, 2020.

16 farmers held in Mathura for stubble burning

Mathura (UP): Sixteen farmers have been arrested for allegedly burning stubble and two lekhpals suspended for dereliction of duty in Uttar Pradesh's Mathura district, officials said on Tuesday.

District Magistrate Sarvagya Ram Mishra said a total fine of ₹ 13.05 lakh is being realized from the guilty farmers through taksil. While 300 cases of stubble burning have been identified, two lekhpals (revenue officer) have been suspended for failing to prevent the farmers from burning their crop residue, the DM told reporters.

He said the lekhpals were responsible for preventing stubble burning but they failed in their mission, resulting in punitive action against them.

The district magistrate said farmers were given full opportunity for preventing stubble burning.

Through 'Kisan Pathashala', they were not only apprised of hazardous effects of stubble burning, but also tutored on alternative use of stubble, Mishra added.

He said, these 'pathashalas' have helped reduce stubble burning cases.

While last year 1,046 cases of stubble burning were identified using satellite images, the number has gone down to 459 so far this year, he said.

Manipur: 18-hour strike against CAB cripples life

Imphal: Normal life was crippled in Manipur on Tuesday in an 18-hour shutdown called to protest against the proposed Citizenship Amendment Bill (CAB) which is likely to be introduced in the ongoing winter session of Parliament.

The shutdown was called jointly by Manipur People Against Citizenship Amendment Bill (MANPAC) and North East Forum for Indigenous People (NEFIP) and there was no report of any untoward incident during the strike, which ended at 6 pm Tuesday, the police said.

Official sources said all business establishments, shops, vendors, hotels, motels, entertainment houses and oil depots were closed in response to the call for the shutdown. No educational institutions functioned during the bandh, the sources said.

Attendance in Government offices was thin despite the strict orders of the State chief secretary

to Government employees and education institutions to carry out normal duties or face action.

Inter-State and inter-district buses did not play. Taxis and autorickshaws too kept off the road.

Manipur police arrested MANPAC convenor Yumnancha Dilipkumar along with three other associates from Manipur's Imphal West district during the bandh. Police also arrested three women leaders of Khwairamban Keithel, the biggest women market of the country which had remained closed during the day.

The North East has been on the boil against the proposed CAB, which the people fear will create a huge demographic imbalance as millions of illegal immigrants from Bangladesh reside in the area.

The CAB was passed by the Lok Sabha on January 8 this year but was not tabled in Rajya Sabha and lapsed.

New State coordinator yet to join, NRC Authority headless for over a week

Guwahati: Newly appointed NRC State Coordinator Hitesh Dev Sarma, who is embroiled in a row over his alleged social media posts criticising the updation work of the National Register of Citizens, has not joined office, official sources said on Tuesday.

Sarma, an Assam Civil Service officer, was appointed on November 9 as the NRC State Coordinator in place of Prateek Hajela who was released from his duties two days later.

The office of the NRC Authority is headless for more than a week. "The new State Coordinator has not joined yet. We have not received any official communication regarding his date of joining," an official at the NRC Authority told PTI.

Sources said Sarma has not stepped into the office of the NRC Authority here after his new appointment. He had earlier served as its executive director from 2013 to 2016. "We are clueless about when he

will join. We have come to know from media reports that he is on a month-long leave," the official said.

Repeated calls to the Commissioner of the Personnel Department which is responsible for appointments of government officials, remained unanswered.

At present, NRC Authority Executive Director Chandana Mahanta is in-charge of the NRC Authority and looking after the day-to-day affairs since Hajela, the previous State Coordinator, was released. Hajela, an IAS officer, was transferred to his home state Madhya Pradesh following a direction from the Supreme Court which supervised the updation of the National Register of Citizens (NRC).

Published on August 31, the updated final NRC, which validates bonafide Indian citizens of Assam, has left out over 19 lakh applicants.

Pak in no way friend of J&K people, it has only brought destruction: Police chief

Srinagar/Jammu: Jammu & Kashmir police chief Dilbag Singh on Tuesday asserted that Pakistan is in no way a friend of the people of the Union territory and said the neighbouring country has only brought death and destruction to them.

He also said Pakistan's proxy war against India is not over yet and the police force will continue fighting the enemy to ensure the nation's safety.

Singh made the remarks in an official statement after a visit to Handwara town of Kupwara district and Ganderbal district.

During his visit, the director general of police (DGP) reviewed the law and order situation in different areas, inter-

acted with the respective jurisdictional officers and also addressed 'darbars' of police personnel.

"Pakistan is in no way a friend of the people of Jammu & Kashmir as it has brought death and destruction, and disrupted the peace and order here," Singh said.

The proxy war that Pakistan is waging against India is not over yet and "we will continue our fight to defeat the enemy for the security and integrity of our nation," he said.

He also called on officers and jawans to foil the "wicked acts or designs" of elements inimical to the peace and prosperity of Jammu & Kashmir.

Drass shivers at minus 11.5° as mercury dips in J&K, Ladakh



Jammu: Drass emerged as the coldest place in Jammu & Kashmir, and Ladakh, recording a low of minus 11.5 degrees Celsius, as the mercury dipped in most parts of the two Union Territories on Tuesday, a Meteorological (MeT) department spokesman said.

The weatherman has predicted light to moderate rain or snow in plains and moderate snow over higher reaches of the two Union Territories on Thursday and Friday with possibility of temporary disruption of traffic on Srinagar-Jammu and Srinagar-Leh highways.

Drass town, popularly known as 'the gateway to Ladakh', recorded a minimum of minus 11.5 degrees Celsius, making it the coldest recorded place in the region, the spokesman said.

He said Leh town of Ladakh continue to freeze at a low of minus 6.8 degrees Celsius, while Kargil town recorded a night temperature of minus 3.2 degrees Celsius.

Several schools reopen in Srinagar, life inching towards normalcy in Kashmir

Srinagar: Several schools reopened here on Tuesday after remaining closed for over three months due to the unannounced shutdown following the Centre's decision to abrogate Article 370 provisions, even as life was inching towards normalcy in Kashmir, officials said.

The move by several private schools to resume classes came as public transport has started to ply in the Valley and life was fast returning to normalcy, they said.

The managements have

intra-district cabs across the valley has also increased, they added.

The officials said the private transport was plying unhindered. On Sunday, the rail service from Srinagar to Banihal also resumed.

The train service in the valley was suspended due to security reasons on August 3 — days before the Centre abrogated the Jammu & Kashmir's special status under Article 370 of the Constitution and bifurcated the State into two Union territories.

NORTHERN RAILWAY
NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Name of work	Removal of existing defective MS panel door and manufacturing, supply, fixing, testing & commissioning of SS grade 304 Switch Board Cabinet door for LHB type STB/Raj AC Coaches.
Tender No.	30-Elect-9T-Chg-2019-20
Approx. cost of the works in (Rs.)	Rs. 31,87,500/-
Cost of tender form	Rs. 3,540/-
Address of the office	Sr. Divl. Elect. Engineer/Chg/Northern Railway, New Delhi
Earnest Money	Rs. 63,600/-
Period of completion of work	05 Months
Last date & time of submission of tender	12.12.2019 up to 15.00 Hrs.
And opening of tender	12.12.2019 at 15.01 Hrs.
Website & notice board	www.irps.gov.in & Sr. DEE/Chg/DLI

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DELHI JAL BOARD: GOVT. OF N.C.T. OF DELHI
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (CENTRAL)-I, NEAR UGR & BPS
RAMLILA GROUND JLN MARG, NEW DELHI-110002.

Short Press NIT No. 47 (2019-20)

S. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost in Rs.	Date of release of tender on e-procurement solution	Last date/time for receipt of tender through e-procurement solution
1.	Providing and laying of 500 mm dia DWC pipe from 3551 Kutub Road to T-Point Idgah Road Kasabpura Ward under EE (Central)-I, AC-22. (Re-invite)	₹ 26,96,496.00	18/11/2019 03.00 PM onwards	28/11/2019 upto 3:00 PM

Tender ID: 2019_DJB_184064_2

Further details in this regard can be seen at <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>

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Adv. No. J.S.V. 541/2019-20

NOIDA **New Okhla Industrial Development Authority**

Main Administrative Building, Sector-6, Noida, G.B. Nagar, (U.P.)
Website: www.noidaauthorityonline.com

E-TENDER NOTICE

E-Tender are invited from firms/contractors registered with UPLC Lucknow for the following jobs against which bids can be uploaded and same shall be opened/downloaded as per schedule mentioned. The details and conditions of all tenders are available on NOIDA Authority's official website: www.noidaauthorityonline.com & <http://etender.up.nic.in>. Please ensure to see these websites for any changes/amendments & corrigendum etc.

Sl. No.	Job No.	Name of work	Amount in Lac	
A	1	33 /GM(R)/SM(WC-2)/2019-20	M/o Misc other maintenance work (M/o Misc. work for Remodeling Phase-I Sector-18), Noida.	₹ 44.08
	2	32 /GM(R)/SM(WC-2)/2019-20	M/o Road C/o C.C. road from Flat No. 734 to 799 of ward no. 12A, Sector-37), Noida.	₹ 31.34
	3	27 /GM(R)/SM(WC-2)/2019-20	M/o Drain (Providing placing of precast slab of balance area of Maindrain No. 2 in front of H.No. B-169 to 183, Sector-19), Noida.	₹ 53.94
B	4	05 /GM(R)/SM(WC-4)/E.T./2019-20	Other Maintenance work (P/F Gril work on Central verge between Sector-62-63 at road No. 6), Noida.	₹ 52.53

Which can be uploaded by Date: 05.12.2019 upto 05:00 PM.
Pre-qualification shall be opened/downloaded on Date: 06.12.2019 at 11:00 AM.

General Manager (R), Noida

POLICE HEADQUARTERS J&K

Phone/Fax No: 0194-2443031/2443032 (Sp), 0191-2450223/2450225 (JMU)
Website: www.jkpolice.gov.in, Email: jkpolice@jkpolice.gov.in

Due to administrative and technical reasons NIT No. 59 of 2019 dated 30.07.2019 floated to procure Mobile Command Centers is extended as follows:-

i) Last date for online tender submission = 23.11.2019

ii) Online opening of technical bids = 25.11.2019

Detailed tender documents with terms and conditions are available on J&K State e-Procurement Portal www.jktenders.gov.in

No: 0194-2443031
Date: 16.11.2019

Sd/-
Director General of Police, J&K, Jammu

NORTHERN RAILWAY
NOTICE INVITING TENDER

30-ELECT-16-T-2019-20-E3

Electrical work in connection with:
i) Provision of new construction of first floor RPF barrack, RPF office at PF No. 3-4 station and scout & guide complex hood side GZB.
ii) Improvement and up raising of Gulshar and Duhai halt platform.
iii) Work to be executed in flash Butt welding plant Meerut Cantt.

Approx cost of the works in Rs.34.83 lacs

Address of the office: Sr. Divl. Elect. Engineer/General, New Delhi.

Earnest Money: Rs.69700.00

Date & time of submission of tender: 16.12.19, 15.00 Hrs.

Opening of tender: 16.12.19, 15.00 Hrs

Website & notice board: www.irps.gov.in & Sr. Divl. Elect. Engineer/General, New Delhi.

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NORTHERN RAILWAY
NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Name of work and its location: 30-Elect-28-T-2019-20-E3 Electrical work in connection with i) Renovation of dialysis, male/female changing room, ultrasound room, x-ray registration room at Northern Railway Central Hospital New Delhi. ii) Providing oxygen & vacuum pipe line with accessories in almost all beds but NRDH in the section of SSE/WH/ under ADE/NE-III. Approx cost of the works in: Rs 13.64 lacs. Address of the office: Sr. Divl. Elect. Engineer/General, New Delhi. Earnest Money: Rs.27300.00. Date & time of submission of tender: 16.12.2019, 15.00 Hrs. Opening of tender: 16.12.2019, 15.00 Hrs. Website & notice board: www.irps.gov.in & Sr. Divl. Elect. Engineer/General, New Delhi. 3700/19

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e-NIT No. 122 of 2019 NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER Dated: 13-11-2019

For and on behalf of the Governor, Jammu and Kashmir State, e-Tenders (In Two Cover System) Supply Erection, Testing & Commissioning of Double Ckt 11 KV Line on Rabbit Conductor for Bifurcation of 11 KV feeders Old Arnia, & Sai II at Bishnah area under Languishing projects sanctioned by JKIDFC on turn key basis are hereby invited from Self Help Groups/ A Class Electrical Contractors of J&K having Valid Registration Certificate for the year 2019-20 and meeting eligibility criteria as per terms, conditions, technical specifications and schedules forming part of this tender document.

S.No.1, Name of Work :- Supply, Erection, Testing & Commissioning of Single Ckt 11 KV Line for Bifurcation of 11 KV feeders of Old Arnia, & Sai II at Bishnah area on turn key basis

Cost of document (in Rs.) :- 1000/-, Earnest Money (in Rs.) :- 80000/-, Estd. Cost :- Rs 40.00 lacs, Date & Time of Downloading of Bidding Documents :- 14.11.2019 from 1700 hrs, Last Date of e-bid Submission :- 29.11.2019 (up to 1600 Hrs), Time and Date of Opening of tender :- 30.11.2019 (at 1400 Hrs)

1. Bidders are advised to study the Bidding Document carefully. Submission of e-Bid against this SBD shall be deemed to have been done after careful study and examination of the procedures, terms and conditions of the Standard Bidding Document with full understanding of its implications.

2. The tender document is available at website <http://jktenders.gov.in>. Interested bidders may view, download the e-Bid document, seek clarification and submit their e-Bids online up to the date and time mentioned in the table below:

No. DIP/J-928/19
Date: 18-10-2019

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Electric Division-I JPDC,
Gandhi Nagar, Jammu

DELHI TRANSCO LIMITED
(An undertaking Govt. of NCT of Delhi)
CIN - U40103DL2001SGC111529 Shakti Sadan, Kotla Road, New Delhi-110002 website : www.dtl.gov.in

NOTICE INVITING e-tender

Delhi Transco Ltd, a Government of NCT of Delhi Undertaking, invites tender for the following work:

Tender No. T19P090451: Turnkey Package for following Augmentation works:-

(a) Supply, Erection, Testing & Commissioning of 02 Nos. 66 KV bays along with equipments and associated Civil works at 220/66 KV Sub-Station Gazipur, New Delhi.

(b) Supply, Erection, Testing & Commissioning of 02 Nos. 66 KV bays along with equipments and associated Civil works at 220/66 KV Sub-Station Wazirabad, New Delhi.

(c) Supply, Erection, Testing & Commissioning of 02 Nos. 66 KV bays along with equipments and associated Civil works at 220/66 KV Sub-Station Sarita Vihar, New Delhi and

(d) Supply, Erection, Testing & Commissioning of Equipments of Loading of Tertiary winding of 400/220/33 KV, 315 MVA Auto Power Transformer along with associated Civil works at existing 400 KV Sub-Station Bawana and Bannaui.

Last date & time for receipt of e-tender: 13.12.2019 at 10:30 a.m.

For further details please logon Delhi Govt website <http://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in> (Tender ID No.2019_DTL_183454_1 and DTL website www.dtl.gov.in (Unique No. DTL-7006-191119)

All Corrigendum/Addendum/ Amendments/Date of Extension/Clearifications, if any, to the above e-tender would appear only on the above mentioned websites.

BEFORE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, DELHI
4th Floor, Jeevan Tara Building, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001

OA No. 1457/18 Date: 11.10.2019

STATE BANK OF INDIA Versus **APPLICANT**
SH. ANIL SINGH & ORS. Respondent

TO, DEFENDANT

2. M/s Idea Builder Pvt. Ltd., C-294, 1st Floor, Near Park Vivek Vihar, Delhi-95 Also At: C-10, Ramprastha, Ghaziabad, UP Also At: Khasra No. 998, Red Apple Residential National Highway-58, Near KDP Circle Ranjigar Extension, Ghaziabad, UP

3. Sh. Akshay Kumar, C-294, 1st Floor, Near Park Vivek Vihar, Delhi-95 Also At: R/o House No. 10, Block-C, Ramprastha, Ghaziabad, UP-201011

4. Sh. Tarun Kumar, C-294, 1st Floor, Near Park Vivek Vihar, Delhi-95 Also At: R/o 125/1 Bhandari Bagh, Dehradun-248001 Uttarakhand

Whereas the above named applicant has instituted a case for recovery of Rs.36,41,578/- (Rupee Thirty Six Lakh Forty One Thousand Five Hundred And Seventy Eight Only) against you and 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 26.12.2019 at 10.30 A.M.

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

By Order of the Tribunal
Section Officer, DRT-II, Delhi

Student uprising

The JNU fee hike could be reasonably negotiated but using force on students means undoing what we teach them to do



Student movements have had transformative and revolutionary power in world history, from 13th century Paris to the climate activism of Greta Thunberg. That's how our societal and education systems have raised our young to be, question the status quo if it is unjust, create a liberal order, chase passions and ideals that are yet uncorrupted by politics and do so with a "can do" spirit that has not yet been bartered away to compromise. That's why students have overturned regimes

across the world, because all they need is a generational contiguity to override everything else and generate a populist swell. At home, the Nirbhaya and Jessica Lal vigils, Dalit or gay rights would not have changed outcomes had the students not taken the lead. And they have all begun as non-violent, peaceful sit-ins and marches till retaliation was forced by State repression. However, one must cite the college students versus Government protests in Iran of 1999 during which Ayatollah Khamenei had to instruct the police to restrain itself even if it meant that students burnt his posters or tore them apart. This was remarkable in a regime intolerant of any kind of alternative discourse or dissent but Khamenei was aware that student activism had freed itself from State fear and politics and in the long-term could be a challenge if not accommodated. Suppression would only beget harsher rejection and counter-reaction. Therefore, such pragmatism should have also dawned on authorities in New Delhi before they used the police to literally beat up protesting JNU students wanting to march to Parliament and be heard on a surprise fee hike. Cracking down on them mercilessly has not only emboldened them further but shown us the Modi Government as a bulldozer of what JNU stands for, an institution of excellence and learning that attempts classlessness in thought and action, encourages free and radical thinking and a convergence of ideas fearlessly. The ostensible row over a fee hike has taken a back seat due to such mishandling. The Modi Government has clearly overlooked the practicality of raising fees and used it as a ruse to suppress what it really wants, take over and crush a seat of Left-leaning liberalism, one that its proponents dismiss as a despicable clan called "JNU type." Particularly, malign a university that bears the name of India's first Prime Minister. The Government is making a classic mistake of resorting to symbolism. Negotiations could have taken care of much of the problem. But the suddenness of the fee hike was clearly meant to provoke students and make them look like perennial trouble-makers who needed to be taught a lesson. The students' angst over the almost 300 per cent hike is understandable as it's astronomical and insensitive, instead of being graded and phased out as all transitions to a new protocol should be. For long, JNU has been offering succour to the poorest of families, who could not afford a respectable education for their children due to the hefty fees charged by other eminent institutions. It is also a fact that JNU had been operating under a differential fee regime compared to its counterparts. A room rent of just ₹20 per month for a single-seater or ₹10 per month for a double seater, that, too without any utility or service charge, is a dream in the heart of Delhi. This is the reason why students prolonged their stay at the hostels, enrolling in course after course while working part-time. Old students overstaying led to a chronic hostel shortage for newcomers. In this sense, it is welcome that the varsity has finally woken up to the dangers of big subsidies. Yet it must be accepted that a steep hike, coming after 19 years, is an injustice when not reasonably executed. No consultations were made with the stakeholders or the management council to arrive at a common ground. The partial rollback, again swiftly ordered, was cosmetic, according to students. And clamping them down with police action frankly gives more credence to their story of persecution than issues that matter.

Going by the recent past, students have won — those at Jadavpur University forced their Vice-Chancellor to resign, FTII students challenged the appointment of chairman Gajendra Chauhan and women students across the country began the Pinjra Tod movement when Jamia Millia Islamia cancelled late nights for its girl hostellers. The Government may want to compartmentalise every part of our public life, saffronising education being a big part of it. Even if we were to follow the spirit of Vedanta truly as it wants, then we would realise that "each man is the power. There is no king. I see everybody equally the same." That's why Professor Firoz Khan of Banaras Hindu University may be a celebrated Sanskritist, who received awards in his subject, but is now considered untouchable.

Hong Kong crisis

Protests here have intensified and most citizens are in support of the young activists. Beijing is in a quandary



When the People's Republic of China (PRC) took over the administration of Hong Kong in 1997, it laid to rest a painful chapter of colonialism on the Chinese mainland. The UK had sought and won certain rights for the citizens of Hong Kong. The Chinese Government had promised "One country, two systems" for the city-state, which still maintained its judicial, economic and cultural identity. It even competes at global sporting meets independent of the PRC. Initially, the system worked well. Officials in Beijing had a tough

time grasping the concepts of free speech and expression in Hong Kong. They realised that the city and its vibrant stock markets and access to the Western capital allowed huge fund inflows into the PRC. Indeed, the PRC's massive growth in the decade following Hong Kong's return was fuelled by money that was routed through the city. However, things have taken a dark turn here under China's new strongman Xi Jinping, who wants the "Sinification" of the city to progress much faster than the promised 50 years. Instead of Hong Kong hoping that some of its free and open culture will be imbibed by China, Xi wants it to be under his thumb. He wanted to achieve this by essentially subverting Hong Kong's unique judicial system to that of China. Easy, peasy he must have thought, but he had not accounted for the citizens, particularly the students. They were loathe to give up the freedoms they have become accustomed to. Even under the heavy hand of the Hong Kong police, who used some of the latest facial recognition technology, the students have continued to resist. Xi's predicament has worsened because of Hong Kong's vibrant and free media, making the city's crisis a public relations nightmare for Xi and his minions.

Letting the students have their way would be akin to admitting defeat by Xi. However, he should learn that compromise is sometimes the best policy as is keeping one's promises, no matter how much one may not like them. Hong Kongers are proud to be citizens of the PRC as well but they were promised two systems and they want that much and no further. The sight of teargas shells being lobbed at students will not serve Xi well in the long run and might even make his economic diplomacy goals such as the rehabilitation of Huawei and selling the Belt and Road Initiative much more difficult.

Power shift in Colombo

Sri Lanka's new President Gotabaya has vowed to maintain neutral but friendly relations with foreign powers. He must be judged by his deeds, not words



ASHOK K MEHTA

Gotabaya (Gota) Rajapaksa's decisive victory in the presidential election was not entirely surprising though it has shocked the liberals in Colombo, becoming the most ethnically polarised verdict. Gota has shown that presidential elections can be won without the ethnic minority vote. Ever since the Mahinda Rajapaksa regime was voted out of power in 2015 and following the passage of the 19th Amendment, Gota's choice was natural as 19A had ruled out a third term for the President and raised the bar for age to 35 years, thus rendering Mahinda and his son Namal Rajapaksa ineligible for contesting the presidential election.

For an Army Colonel, Gota's decade as the Defence Secretary to elder brother and former President Mahinda Rajapaksa facilitated the straightening of many wrinkles in defence and national security, though many of his Army colleagues and friends had turned adversaries. By the time Gota became a presidential hopeful, he was accused of corruption, human rights violations during the war, "white van" disappearances, murder of the editor of a newspaper and linkages to a Buddhist extremist group targeting Muslims. But his image as a war hero endured.

Gota won exclusively on the plank of national security. The catastrophic Easter Sunday bombings by radical Islamists linked to Islamic State (IS) were the result of infinite bungling by an incumbent Government already charged with lackadaisical performance. The clamour for return of the Rajapaksas, who had ushered in a decade of peace, began to pick up. Gota sensed his moment. He blamed the Government for dismantling the intelligence apparatus he had established across the country for surveillance and early warning. The bombings were a clear systemic failure.

As President, Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces, Defence Minister or whichever portfolio he assigns to himself, Gota's first task will be to ginger up the intelligence network and reinstate the intelligence grid and to eliminate the residual sleeper cells of the IS linked to radicalised Muslims in Sri Lanka. The reorganisation of higher defence management, which had become esoteric under his predecessor, is bound to be revamped. The post-Easter Sunday appointments of the chief of national intelligence, Inspector General of Police and Defence Secretary, who report directly to the President, will be reviewed.

Gen Shantha Kottegoda, whose term as Army Commander was prematurely terminated in mid-2000 to accommodate Gen Sarath Fonseka, is current Defence Secretary. The extended term of Chief of Defence Staff, Admiral Ravi Wijegunaratne, a war hero who had to go to jail, ends next month and he may get an extension. Army Chief, Lt Gen Shavendra Silva, another war hero



Wickremesinghe to quit, who said he will consider. A snap election could follow.

Second, according to the 19th Amendment, the President can dismiss the Government four-and-a-half years into its term, which is sometime in February 2020 to pave the way for a new Parliament by August 2020. Either way, Mahinda will now certainly be the next Prime Minister. And as he recently told a Tamil newspaper: "PM is the real power." The last and only time two brothers have been President and Prime Minister together was a decade ago in Poland with twins — the Kaczynskis. By abolishing the 19th Amendment with a two-thirds majority, the Rajapaksas and the Sri Lanka People's Party (SLPP) may rule, preferably by taking minorities along, till kingdom come.

Gota must also attend to the declining economy crippled by the IS-linked terrorist attacks. Soon after the war, the economy was zipping at eight per cent growth. The central bank bonds scam under the Wickremesinghe Government was the proverbial last straw that broke the people's confidence in the Government.

Multi-lateral financial agencies are uniformly predicting GDP slipping below the

International Monetary Fund's (IMF) growth forecast of 3.5 per cent for 2019.

The Governor of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka has warned of a Greece-like crisis unless deep structural reforms are implemented. Colombo's total indebtedness to Beijing is unknown but is estimated at 60 per cent of all foreign borrowings. Mahinda had given very generous concessions to China, resulting in both Hambantota and the Colombo Port City projects being leased to Chinese companies for 99 years. China and Sri Lanka decided last month to establish an international financial centre — to rival India's planned international financial centre in Gandhinagar — halfway between Dubai and Singapore. Notwithstanding its viability, the financial centre will give China another foothold in Sri Lanka.

Where does the landmark regime change in Sri Lanka leave India given that it was instrumental in dislodging Mahinda in 2015? This time around, India's non-interference is impeccable. With the Rajapaksa redux, it is easy to paint doomsday scenarios. The Rajapaksa's indebtedness to Beijing started during the war when New Delhi rejected several requests from Colombo for

military hardware to fight the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE). It was China and Pakistan, who bailed them out. Upon which India had mocked Lanka for approaching these countries when it was willing to supply only non-lethal stores in deference to domestic political compulsions in Tamil Nadu. The strategic cost of India's hedging lingers though that constraint is gone. Gota famously described New Delhi's non-interference in the war as "management" of India. China's ingress in Sri Lanka predated Rajapaksas. Hambantota was offered twice to India. The rest is history.

It will be unwise to go by the track record of a feisty wartime defence secretary, who as part of the famed *troika* with brother Basil and Secretary to President Lalith Weeratunga, dealt with an intransigent India. Now President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, who has said he will be "neutral but friendly" in foreign relations, must be judged by his deeds not words. Like Nepal, geography and history militate against Sri Lanka being hostile to India.

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

SOUNDBITE

I am sure that IITs and NITs, with their specialisations will be able to find solutions to address the air pollution problem.



President — Ram Nath Kovind

I want to strike a balance between films and web. I haven't given much thought about working more on streaming platforms.



Actor — Emraan Hashmi

The US is gravely concerned about deepening unrest and violence in Hong Kong. The Government must take clear steps to address public concern.



US Secretary of State — Mike Pompeo

Everyone knows that selfishness is a bad thing but very few people give up their selfishness. Take the example of the country or of individuals.



RSS chief — Mohan Bhagwat

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

What a U-turn?

Sir — This refers to the editorial, "Dealing with a new Lanka" (November 19). In 2015, voters seemingly *en masse* voted to defeat a supposedly corrupt Rajapaksa regime, which was blamed for many negatives, including nepotism of the highest degree. This, with utter disregard to the fact that it was the very same leader, who along with the defence guidance of his own brother, had been responsible for the defeat of the most feared terrorist organisation.

Five years on, people apparently sought the very people to salvage the country from the abyss it is said to find itself in. Sri Lankans feel that Gotabaya Rajapaksa is their saviour and they pinned new hopes from the new President.

Jayatheertha SA
Hyderabad

Tread with care

Sir — This refers to the editorial, "Dealing with a new Lanka" (November 19). India's relations with neighbouring countries have

A whiff of Assam movement

The Asom Garmahi Mancha, a platform of civil society leaders and activists, has threatened the BJP that it will launch a massive stir if it goes ahead with the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill in Parliament. It has strictly warned the Centre of a great movement bigger than the 1980s' Assam students' agitation. The Bill proposes to grant citizenship to refugees from minority communities like Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains, Parsis, and Christians. Muslims have been excluded from the scheme of things. This goes against the basic principles of "secularism" as enshrined in the Constitution, particularly Articles 14 and 15, which guarantee equality before the law and forbid discrimination on grounds of religion.

Indigenous people in the State are apprehensive and vociferous about granting citizenship to such a huge number of migrant refugees because this may alter the State's demography. It is also a fact that India has always welcomed and given asylum to all those who have been persecuted. But considering the number of refugees and migrants will be huge, it will send the already slowing economy into a tailspin. If the BJP is still adamant, the Union Government must rehabilitate the migrants in other States, too. The All Assam Students Union (AASU)-led



agitation was a mass movement against the influx of foreigners, especially from neighbouring Bangladesh. It started in 1979 and ended with signing of the 1985 Assam Accord. The Union Government must take stock of the situation and discern the consequences of their zeal to legislate the Citizenship Bill instead of acting hastily. It must refrain from introducing the Citizenship Amendment Bill as it is bound to heap untold miseries on the people.

TK Nandan
Chennai

always remained wanting. One can understand the thorny historical issues with those in the landlocked arc of the Northwest to the Northeast, the gateway of our invaders. There was no reason for the recurrent indifferent ties with Sri Lanka.

We were naive to be over involved in the Indian Peace Keeping Force (IPKF) operation. This peace-keeping exercise not only alienated our own Tamil sentiment but also earned the displeasure of the Sinhalese. Former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi

paid the ultimate price. Things may look better today. But in the election of Gotabaya Rajapaksa as the Sri Lankan President, we have a proponent of majoritarianism, much like our own present dispensation and, thus, they could vibrate well.

That said, the dormant Tamilian schism, both at home and in Sri Lanka, may well find cause for resurgence. This is where we need to tread with care lest we repeat history.

R Narayanan
Navi Mumbai

Troubling times ahead

Sir — This refers to the editorial, "Dealing with a new Lanka" (November 19). The election of Gotabaya Rajapaksa as the Sri Lankan President will have serious repercussions back home. It is the political shift that is a cause of worry. If Mahinda Rajapaksa becomes the Prime Minister, the Tamil and Muslim populations over there will suffer the most.

But it will be better for the Rajapaksa brothers to focus on issues plaguing the country, most importantly the economy. India, too, needs to pay close attention to the developments in the island nation and protect the interests of the Tamil population there.

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FIRST COLUMN

Being systematic has its benefits

Putting in money regularly through SIPs rather than trying to time a lump sum investment can help one become a more disciplined investor



HIMA BINDU KOTA

A Systematic Investment Plan (SIP) is an investment option offered by mutual funds to people where they can put in small amounts periodically instead of lump sums. They can do this by directly debiting a fixed amount of money from their bank accounts and investing in a specific mutual fund and allocating several units according to the current Net Asset Value (NAV). The frequency of investment could be anywhere from weekly, to monthly or quarterly.

There is no fixed period of investment in a SIP and it could range from as small as six months to forever. However, the shorter the investment period in equity mutual fund SIPs, the higher the potential gain. However, this is not without a higher risk. Research shows that there is a 16 per cent chance of losing more than 20 per cent in an equity mutual fund over a six-month horizon, whereas, there is a 90 per cent chance of positive returns in an average equity fund SIP of three years or more, making long-term investments more desirable.

Although most investors associate SIPs with equity mutual funds, investments into debt SIPs can be as effective. One of the fundamental principles of investing is to make money work as soon as possible. An investment needs time to grow, so the longer the money is in the market, the more chance one has of achieving one's goals. An SIP is an option for small investors who want to take advantage of investing for a longer-term but cannot put in a large amount or a lump sum. Surprisingly, sometimes making regular and small investments in the form of SIP can work in the favour of small investors, because of a concept known as "Rupee Cost Averaging."

Rupee Cost Averaging is an approach in which a person invests a fixed amount of money at regular intervals. This, in turn, ensures that they buy more shares when the prices are low and less when they are high. Let's take an example. Suppose Ram has a lump sum of ₹10,000 that he wants to invest in a particular stock or fund, valued at ₹100. He has two options: First, he can invest the full ₹10,000 in one go, buying 100 shares, at ₹100 each. But by doing this Ram is fully exposed to the movements of the market and the value of his investment will rise and fall in line with any share price changes. His second option is to invest his money gradually and Ram may choose to invest ₹1,000 a month over 10 months. If the stock price stays the same, he will be able to buy 10 scrips each month at ₹100.

However, since share prices fluctuate frequently, regular investments by Ram will increase his buying power when the share price falls and he ends up buying more stocks and vice versa. When the stock price recovers to ₹100 in the last month, Ram's original investment would be worth ₹10,300. This means Ram would be ₹300 richer by investing regularly, compared to a lump sum investment in the first month by buying 100 shares.

However, there is a flip side to it as well. Ram could also lose money if the share price moves up and he ends up purchasing at a higher price for most of the months. However, we all know that stock markets rarely move in a straight line and price fluctuations are the norm rather than an exception.

By systematic investments over some time, one can invest across a range of prices and effectively end up paying the average price over a fixed period, which can help smooth out market volatility. Trying to buy an asset when it is considered cheap, which is known as market timing, is tricky even for the most experienced investors. Just because a share has already fallen steeply in value, doesn't mean it won't drop further. Because of many market forces at play, nobody can predict perfectly how and when the price would change.

The decision to invest should be based upon market conditions and putting in money regularly through SIPs rather than trying to time a lump sum investment, can help one become a more disciplined investor and earn better returns in the long run. SIPs help in hedging the risk of getting the market timing wrong. They are also a good option for people with a regular income who want to allocate a fixed amount for mutual funds every month. Further, the choice of mutual funds should be based on one's risk appetite and investment objective.

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POINTCOUNTERPOINT

ARVIND KEJRIWAL MUST NOMINATE A REPRESENTATIVE TO TEST DELHI WATER SAMPLES AGAIN. WE CHOOSE PRAMOD TIWARI AND J ROYCHOWDHURY FROM BIS.
 — CONSUMER AFFAIRS MINISTER
RAM VILAS PASWAN



WE CAN GET WATER TESTED BY ANY INDEPENDENT AGENCY. STRANGELY, THE CONSUMER AFFAIRS REPORT BELIES THAT OF JAL SHAKTI MINISTRY.
 — AAP MP
SANJAY SINGH

A man-made crisis

Authorities were aware of the impending environmental hazard but instead of a well thought out long-term strategy to tackle air pollution, our approach appears to be a classic case of ad-hocism



KK PAUL

The London smog of November 1952 is considered to be the worst-ever such case of environmental hazard which led to the death of a few thousand people. Winston Churchill, who was the Prime Minister at that time, himself suffered a bronchial attack due to the toxic air. Even though the Clean Air Act came up only in 1956, stringent action had been initiated by the local authorities well before that, bringing in a dramatic improvement in the state of the environment in the city.

Back home, even though the National Green Tribunal (NGT), in the case of Ganga Lalwani vs Union of India (2015), had made burning of crop stubble a penal offence and additionally, formulated a National Policy for Management of Crop Residue, the result of the enforcement effort has been rather half-hearted and its dismal and disastrous results are being experienced by all of us in the form of a health emergency being declared in the Delhi-National Capital Region (NCR). According to medical experts, air pollution in Delhi-NCR is no longer just a health risk, it has become a hazard. Everyone in Delhi, particularly asthma patients, infants, children and the elderly are affected by this pollution. It doesn't matter whether a person is a smoker or not, the toxic air people are breathing in is equivalent to smoking 15 to 20 cigarettes a day.

Except for the States of Odisha, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu, where some seriousness has been shown in combatting air pollution, the enforcement of the NGT's orders and follow-up on the policy in some of the other States, particularly in Punjab and to some extent in Haryana, has been very poor. However, according to an affidavit filed by the Central Government in the Supreme Court (SC), stubble burning has gone up by seven per cent in Punjab and gone down by 17 per cent in Haryana. In order to address this problem, a new Central scheme, "Promotion of Agricultural Mechanisation for In-Situ Management of Crop Residue in the States of Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and NCT of Delhi," was approved in 2018.

This provided for subsidising machinery required for in-situ management of the biomass, for which a sum of ₹1,151.80 crore has been allocated for the period of 2018-2023. Out of this provision, Punjab has got the largest share. The objective of the scheme was to procure agricultural machinery and equipment for in-situ management of crop residue, create farm machinery banks and conduct multi-media awareness campaigns.

Delhi, leading the NCR with a combination of adverse factors, has already broken the world record for Air Quality Index (AQI), making the headlines bold and telling. But perhaps waking up will take some time. There is no dearth of authorities who are, and were aware of the impending environmental hazard, but instead of a well thought out long-term strategy or some short-term relief our approach appears to be a classic case of ad-hocism. For instance, it is now known that the burning of stubble is respon-



sible for about 37 per cent of the pollution, which is more or less of a seasonal nature. For the remaining, it is understood that two-wheelers, whose number in Delhi alone is 88 lakh, happen to be the source of about 33 per cent of the pollutants, while four-wheelers, whose number is about 35 lakh are responsible for just about 15 per cent of it.

In these circumstances, forcing some four-wheelers to be off the roads is bound to have just a marginal impact.

On the other hand, as is well known, the two-stroke two-wheelers and three-wheelers emit a far more hazardous mixture of hydrocarbons and nitrogen oxides, some of which like benzene are known to be carcinogenic, but their numbers continue to increase.

In respect of automobile emissions, complete combustion within the engine is essential to reduce the extent of pollutants. The four-stroke engine is cleaner because it burns pure petrol; the two-stroke engine, on the other hand, burns a combination of lubricating oil and petrol and a fair amount of the oil is emitted as unburnt vapour.

Some 94 per cent of the two-and three-wheelers in India are powered by two-stroke engines that are simple and compact in design, cheap and easy to maintain. But the conventionally-designed two-stroke engines produce high levels of hydrocarbons in exhaust emissions — 5,500 parts per million (ppm), compared to 850 ppm from four-stroke engines. According to a research at the Indian Institute of Petroleum at Dehradun, four-stroke engine-powered motor cycles have been observed to emit just one-sixth to one-tenth of the hydrocarbons emitted by two-stroke engines. In addition, their fuel economy is better by 20 to 50 per cent. However, manufacturers prefer two-stroke engines because they are more powerful and

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have greater pick-up. In the long run, electricity-powered two-wheelers could be a suitable alternative. The latest figures available for usage of public transport in Delhi indicate that the Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC) and Delhi Metro carry just 12 and 10 per cent respectively of the entire commuter traffic.

This is an extremely low proportion and obviously leading to a much greater usage of highly polluting two-wheelers. Obviously, we have to create conditions for encouraging greater ridership on public transport. At the same time we must ensure a larger number of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) fuel stations so as to reduce the waiting time, since mostly these cater to public transport vehicles or taxis.

Last year a group of industries had conducted a pilot project in two districts of Punjab covering an area of 16,000 acres of farm land, where 25,000 tonnes of rice straw were processed and converted into fibre-based cellulosic products. The details of the project need to be analysed to enlarge its scope.

The apex court has pulled up the Government of India as well as the Delhi Government for "passing the buck" even as Delhi and nearby areas face a public health emergency due to the severe air pollution.

Further, the Centre has been asked to call environmental experts including those from the Indian Institutes of Technology so that their views on the current situation could be taken into account for suitable directives. It can thus be easily observed that a rational public policy based on scientific inputs needs to be operationalised while ensuring its stringent implementation and monitoring.

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What lies ahead for Sri Lankan Tamils?

The new President, known as 'terminator' for his role in wiping out the LTTE a decade ago, has faced lawsuits in Lanka and in the US over allegations of staged killings of Tamil separatists, critics and journalists during the civil war



KALYANI SHANKAR

Sri Lankan People's Front candidate Gotabaya Rajapaksa, younger brother of former President Mahinda Rajapaksa, has now taken over as the country's President. A retired Lieutenant-Colonel, who presided over the country's Defence Ministry for a decade during his brother's tenure (2005-2014), Gotabaya swept the polls in the Sinhala-majority districts, while his main opponent Ranasinghe Premadasa, garnered most of the votes from the Tamil-dominated north and east of the country.

Minister, sooner than later.

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In a fascinating interview with this journalist in 2014, Gotabaya revealed many things, including how he the then government finished off the LTTE. Giving a graphic description of what happened in the last days of the LTTE War IV, (the name given to the fourth phase of the armed conflict between the Sri Lankan military and the separatists), he pointed out that the biggest advantage was that his brother had full trust in him and the then Army chief Sarath Fonseka. Mahinda had the political will to neutralise the LTTE.

Second, the leadership agreed with the defence assessment that a large-scale expansion was needed within a very short period. "We briefed the President. It was not an easy thing to achieve. You need to recruit people, train them and also

equip them. But, we did it," he said. Giving more details, Gotabaya said that the President also created a core group to cut down red tape.

"From our side it was Basil Rajapaksa, Lalith Chandrakumar Weeraratna, who was the President's Permanent Secretary and me. From the Indian side it was their National Security Advisor MK Narayanan, Foreign Secretary Shivshankar Menon and Defence Secretary VJ Singh, who were in the loop. We coordinated everything. We went to India and they came to Sri Lanka. And we discussed everything, even the operational plan and intelligence inputs."

Gotabaya also exposed the double face of the then Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M Karunanidhi, who put tremendous pressure on the Manmohan Singh Government to stop the war on the LTTE, while the ruling DMK adopted a strategy of run-



ning with the hare and hunting with the hound.

Shivshankar Menon in his book, titled *Choices: Inside the making of India's Foreign Policy*, confirms that New Delhi was in "intense" and "constant" touch with Colombo.

"I vividly remember the atmosphere of the crisis during that period and repeated visits from and to Colombo in the first five months of 2009,"

Menon notes in his book, adding that by mid-January 2009, the Sri Lankan Army and leadership were convinced that they had the measure of the LTTE and the victory would be theirs. As a strategy, the Sri Lankan Army strongly occupied the north and the south so that the Tigers were kept away and were stopped from procuring military supplies.

As for the last phase of the Eelam War IV, Gotabaya noted, that even at the last minute

Thiruvankadam Velupillai Prabhakaran, the founder and leader of the LTTE, broke from the line and went into the small island with his bodyguards.

"Kandasamy Pathmanabha, a Sri Lankan Tamil rebel, founder of the Eelam People's Revolutionary Liberation Front and the LTTE's financier, spoke to Prabhakaran in January 2009 over the phone asking him to escape. We intercepted the conversation. Prabhakaran refused to hide at that time. Two weeks before the war ended KP spoke to him again and asked him to escape. The LTTE Tiger again refused," he said.

Gotabaya pointed out that, "Do you think that such a person will come out holding his hands up and surrender?"

The then Army chief Sarath Fonseka, in an interview to this journalist also observed that the strategy was to take on the LTTE in the jungles. "By May 17, 2009 the troops cornered the LTTE within an area of 400X400 metres. That night when they tried to escape they were prevented from doing so, by all three lines of defence put up by the Army.

"On the night of May 18, the top LTTE leadership divided itself into three groups. They attacked the Army's forward defence line along the Nandikadal lagoon and did manage to break through. Jeyam, Pottu Amman and Soosai led these three groups. Prabhakaran and his closest guards thought they would manage to escape but in reality all these LTTE fighters (around 250) had got trapped between the Army's first and second line of defence. "After fierce fighting that night, almost the entire leadership of the LTTE was eliminated in that area. "We discovered Prabhakaran's body on the morning of May 19. I got the news of his death around 11 AM. I got a phone call from the Commander who gave me the information. Looking back, I was confident. I said I would finish the LTTE in three years and I did it in two years and nine months," Fonseka said.

Those were different times but today it is a time for peace and as President how will Gotabaya deal with the Tamil minorities in Lanka now? The fact that the Tamils did not vote for him reveals their apprehensions. (The writer is a senior journalist)



FOREIGN EYE



THE WORLD IS WATCHING CHINA

Since 1989, when it crushed the pro-reform protests that began in Tiananmen Square and witnessed the beginning of the end for the Soviet Union, Beijing has calculated that bloody suppression should be avoided if possible — but not by offering concessions. It will angrily dismiss any criticism, as it has that from Britain. Ignored or not, foreign leaders have a duty to remind China that they are watching the action in Hong Kong. (The Guardian editorial)

Will raise tariffs in next few weeks: Jio

New Delhi: Billionaire Mukesh Ambani's Reliance Jio on Tuesday said it will increase mobile phone call and data charges in the next few weeks in compliance with rules, as it followed similar announcements by Bharti Airtel and Vodafone Idea on tariff hike.



Jio, which had stormed the telecom sector with free voice calls and dirt cheap data, had for the first time last month decided to charge phone calls by its users to rival phone networks to compensate for interconnect usage charges.

In a statement on Tuesday, Jio said that the telecom regulator TRAI is likely to initiate consultation process for revision in telecom tariffs.

The company underlined its commitment to bringing the 40 crore 2G customers to experience and participate fully in the Digital India eco-system, and pledged its full support to providing the best quality and experience to all its customers.

"Like other operators, we will also work with the Government and comply with

the regulatory regime to strengthen the industry to benefit Indian consumers and take measures including appropriate increase in tariffs in next few weeks in a manner that does not adversely impact data consumption or growth in digital adoption, and sustains investments," Jio said.

The company did not divulge the extent of price hike in the offering.

"Despite the staggering growth in data-consumption and 4G coverage across the country, there are still over 40 crore Indian consumers who have not benefitted from the advent of the latest technologies. We believe that the ambitious objectives of the 'Digital India' mission can be achieved only if India is made '2G-mukt' in the shortest time-

frame possible," Jio said. The Government and the sector regulator TRAI should mandate this through policy, it added.

"This requires continued investment at an industry level. The whole industry needs to come up the curve and raise standards to meet the aspirations of Indian citizens and fulfill the nation's digital agenda," the statement added.

The operator - known for its aggressive stance on pricing since it launched services in 2016 - said it is committed to bringing the 40 crore 2G customers to experience and participate fully in the Digital India eco-system.

The company said it will continuously innovate in the digital eco-system to provide affordable services and products to Indian consumers.

"Jio is committed to always being regulatory compliant, and work with the industry to keep the telecom sector a vibrant part of the Indian economy and a vital engine for our country's growth," it said. **PTI**

Trai to wait for telcos to report revised pricing

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The telecom regulator will wait for operators to report their new tariffs to the authority before taking a view on whether the revised pricing is within the regulatory framework, according to a Trai source. Confronted with intense competition and unprecedented statutory dues, Bharti Airtel and Vodafone Idea on Monday announced a hike in mobile phone call and data charges from December saying the increase was warranted for viability of their business. The two, however, did not quantify the increase in rates but said that the hike will be effective beginning next month.

A senior Trai official told PTI that the regulator will wait and watch to see the finer details of the announcement. "Let them report the tariffs, and we will see. Also, the tariffs are under for provisioning by telecom companies. The apex court has upheld the government's position on including revenue from non-telecommunication businesses in calculating the annual AGR of telecom companies, a share of which has to be paid as licence and spectrum fee to the exchequer. The ruling over statutory liabilities had prompted a rush for provisioning by telecom companies.

things stand now there is no move to initiate any consultation on floor price. On Monday evening, Vodafone Idea, in a statement, announced plans to raise tariffs for the first time in 3 years only to be followed by a similarly-worded statement minutes later from Airtel. Vodafone Idea and Bharti Airtel, the two large telecom operators, last week had reported a combined loss of ₹74,000 crore for the second quarter ended September 2019, mainly on account of statutory dues arising from the recent Supreme Court order on adjusted gross revenue (AGR).

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No intention to revise fiscal deficit target: Govt

New Delhi: The Government on Tuesday categorically stated that it does not intend to revise its fiscal deficit target of 3.3 per cent of gross domestic product (GDP) for the current financial year notwithstanding slowdown in economic activities.

"No sir," Minister of State for Finance Anurag Thakur said in a written reply in the Rajya Sabha to a query if the Government intends to revise fiscal deficit in view of the economic slowdown.

The Minister further said

expenditure of various Ministries and departments of the Government is as per the estimates approved by Parliament.

In the first half of the financial year, 53.4 per cent of Budget Estimates was spent by various ministries and departments.

Thakur also listed out the steps taken by the Government to boost economic activities.

The real GDP growth slowed to an over six-year low of 5 per cent in the first quarter of the current financial year.

Replying to another question, Singh said non-performing assets of banks, after reaching a peak of ₹10,36,187 crore as on March 31, 2018, have declined ₹97,996 crore to ₹9,38,191 crore as on June 30, 2019.

Banks have also "effected record recovery" of ₹4,27,115 crore over the last four financial years and the first quarter of the current financial year, including recovery of ₹1,56,702 crore during the financial year 2018-19. **PTI**

₹ recovers 13 paise to end at 71.71 against \$

Mumbai: The rupee recovered from initial losses to settle higher by 13 paise at 71.71 against the US currency on Tuesday, propped up softening crude oil prices and gains in domestic equity markets.

Forex traders said the rupee consolidated in a narrow range following lack of cues on the domestic as well as the global front. During the day, the domestic unit fluctuated between a high of 71.68 and a low of 72.

"The Indian rupee opened lower at 71.97 a dollar, tacking cues from most Asian currencies as a lack of progress in US-China trade talks had an impact on risk appetite. However, the rupee recovered from day's low amid stronger domestic equity and lower crude oil prices," said VK Sharma, Head — PCG & Capital Market Strategy, HDFC securities. **PTI**

Was cheated by scam-hit PMC: RBI to Bombay HC

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

In a candid admission that the Punjab & Maharashtra Cooperative (PMC) Bank had taken it for a ride, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Tuesday informed the Bombay High Court that the PMC Bank had submitted "fraudulently manipulated data" to it for sample checks.

In a detailed affidavit filed before a HC bench of Justices Satyanjan Dharmadhikari and Riyaz Chagla, the RBI stated: "Since transaction testing is not done in the RBI inspection, and the bank submitted fraudulently manipulated data to RBI for sample checks, the sample of accounts picked for inspection did not contain undisclosed HDIL related accounts. The disclosed HDIL related accounts were seen and majority of them were assessed as NPAs"

In an affidavit filed before the high court, Rajlaxmi Sethi, Assistant General Manager,

Department of Co-operative Bank Supervision, RBI, stated: "Further, non-monitoring of end use of funds despite instructions to this effect contained in the Master Circulars on Advances and conflict of interest of Shri Waryam Singh as Chairman of PMC bank and as a former director of HDIL group was also commented upon in the report along with the attempt by the bank to show disclosed accounts of HDIL group as standard by sanction of new loans to close/regularise the old NPA accounts in non-adherence to RBI Master Circular (MC) dated July 1, 2015 on IRAC norms."

"The bank had also sanctioned mortgage overdraft limits to a wholly owned group company of HDIL while the present Chairman (then director) of the bank was one of the Directors in the company. This was a violation of para 5.1 of the then RBI Master Circulars on Board of Directors dated July 1,

2010 and July 2, 2012," the RBI stated, in its inspection report that has been made part of its affidavit filed before the high court.

"Waryam Singh chaired the Board meeting to ratify the approval of the mortgage overdraft, in which he was directly interested in non adherence to para 2.3 (b) (iii) of RBI Master Circular on Board of Directors - UCBs, requiring non-participation by the Directors concerned Board discussion, if a proposal in which they are directly or indirectly interested, comes up for discussion/to disclose their interest, well in advance, to the Board of the bank," the affidavit stated.

"The Inspection team had also established the relationship between the Chairman of the bank and HDIL promoters, which might have acted as the primary consideration for sanction of credit facilities and resulted in their utilisation to payoff one-time settlement dues with

other lenders," the affidavit stated.

The high court is hearing a PIL seeking the removal of restrictions on the withdrawal amount from PMC Bank came up for hearing. The HC bench heard the matter and scheduled the next hearing of the case for December 4.

The RBI's affidavit before the high court should be seen in the context of a finding during the ongoing investigations that the PMC Bank's exposure to the HDIL group was nearly 73 per cent of its total loan book size of Rs 8,880 crore as of September 19, 2019.

The Economic Offence Wing (EOW) of the Mumbai police, which is investigating the case, suspects a nexus between some of the accused and realty group HDIL, whose mammoth loan defaults are said to have caused a liquidity crisis at the bank, leading to appointment of administrator and restrictions on withdrawal of funds.

Yes Bank posts lower net profit for FY19 due to NPA divergence

New Delhi: Yes Bank on Tuesday reported a lower net profit of ₹1,084.03 crore for 2018-19 compared to ₹1,720.28 crore announced earlier due to higher non-performing assets assessed by the Reserve Bank.

The divergence in net non-performing assets (NPAs) of the bank — the difference in bad loans reported by the bank and the assessment done by the RBI — stood at ₹2,299 crore for 2018-19, Yes Bank said in a regulatory filing.

The private sector lender had reported a net profit of ₹1,720.28 crore in 2018-19.

"The adjusted (notional) net profit after tax for the year ended March 31, 2019 after taking into account the divergence in provisioning was at ₹1,084.03 crore," it said.

The divergence in provisioning was at ₹978 crore.

Additionally, the bank said that it intends to convene a meeting of its board of directors by the end of this month to finalise its capital raise.

Market regulator Sebi has put in place tighter disclosure norms, directing all listed banks to disclose any divergence in bad loan provisioning within 24 hours of receiving RBI's risk assessment report, rather than waiting to publish the details in their annual financial statements. **PTI**

Tata Steel confirms job cuts of up to 3,000 across European operations

London: Tata Steel has confirmed cuts of up to 3,000 jobs across its European operations as part of a wider restructuring and cost-cutting strategy to counter stagnant steel demand in Europe and global overcapacity.

The Indian steel giant said it plans to lower employment costs with the "estimated reduction" in employee numbers, about two-thirds of which are expected to be office-based white-collar roles — a majority expected at its Netherlands unit.

"The information shared with the European Works Council select committee lays out the case for change, explains our transformation programme and gives a first overview of the organisational impact," a company statement said.

"A transformation is needed to mitigate the current struc-

tural and cyclical headwinds and create the foundation for the company's future success. Stagnant EU steel demand and global overcapacity have been compounded by trade conflicts which have turned the European market into a dumping ground for the world's excess steel capacity," it noted.

Through its proposed transformation programme, Tata Steel Europe said it is initially targeting a positive cash flow by the end of its financial year ending March 2021. It is also aiming for an EBITDA margin of around 10 per cent throughout the market cycle. "We intend to align on our approach and the process going forward and engage with various stakeholders to develop the proposed decisions and ensure compliance with all European and national obligations. **PTI**

BUSINESS CORNER

INSOLVENCY CASES: CREDAI GZB RAISES CONCERN

Ghaziabad: CREDAI Ghaziabad on Tuesday raised its concern over the increasing number of insolvency cases against the developers as till date more than 1,000 cases have been filed under insolvency since June 2018 against real estate companies. The agency was of the view that the insolvency law is being implemented in a wrong way and steps should be taken to stop misuse of the law, which is being used to arm twist developers and causing delays in the delivery of projects. Highlighting the matter, the industry association has written to the Prime Minister's office demanding that the consent of 2/3rd of allottees of a real estate project should be required to trigger IBC proceedings against a promoter. In July 2019, the Government had shown intent that it would amend the 2016 insolvency law, a signature reform of PM Narendra Modi's first term. The legislation was getting mired in frustrating legal delays and bizarre judgments, threatening to scare off global investors.



BHARTI AXA LAUNCHES 'LET THEM SHINE' DRIVE

Mumbai/New Delhi: Bharti AXA Life Insurance, a joint venture between Bharti Enterprises, one of India's leading business groups, and AXA, one of the world's largest insurance companies, launched a video campaign 'Let Them Shine' to celebrate the dreams of the country's shining stars on this Children's Day.



DAKSH VARMA TO ENTHRAL VISITORS WITH MUSICAL BAND

The frenetic 14 days of India International Trade Fair (Nov 14-27, 2019) at Pragati Maidan attracts visitors due to its business dimension as well as vibrant cultural hue. This year, the fair marks the State Day Celebration with mesmerising performances of some artists and magician. In these music programmes, vocalist Mr. Daksh Verma of the 'Swar Engine' Musical Band will perform his songs along with Mr. Tarun, Tusshar, Bhanu on Guitars and Jassi on drums. Visitors can enjoy the programme on 22nd November 2019 from 2.30 pm to 4.00 pm at Hamsadhvani Theatre, near Hall 7 Pragati Maidan.

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



General Public is hereby informed that a person namely Lal Bahadur Chadara S/o Pari Chadara R/o H.No.3286, Mahindra Park, Shakur Basti, Rani Bagh, Delhi. Age-26 years, Height-5'6" Face-Round, Complexion-Sallow, Wearing- Black Colour Shirt-Black Colour Pant and Blue Colour Cap & Black Colour Chappal in his feet has been missing/kidnapped from the area of P.S Rani Bagh, Delhi since dated 02.09.2019. In this regard a vide DD No. 26-A Dated 03.09.2019 has been lodged at P.S. Rani Bagh, Delhi

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the person but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about this person please inform undersigned.

E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in
Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641
Fax : 011-24368639

SHO
P.S. Rani Bagh, Delhi
Ph.: 011-27015329
870870225

DP/2860/OD/19

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of female, Age: 45 years, Complexion: Wheatish, Height: 5'2", Face: Oval, was wearing Black colour T-Shirt & Black Colour Legging, was found unconscious in front of Gate No. 4, emergency building of S.J. Hospital. She was declared brought dead by the doctors. In this regard a DD No. 24A, dated 28.10.2019 has been lodged at P.S. Safdarjung Enclave, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone nos.

SHO
P.S. Safdarjung Enclave, Delhi
Ph.: 011-24106345, 24106346

DP/7152/SW/19

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that an unidentified male Age : About 40 years, Height: 5'6", Complexion: Sallow, Face: Round, Build: Normal, wearing white liner shirt, grey colour pant and brown colour sandal in feet, was found unconscious on 17.11.2019 opp. J-14/44, Street No. 44, Beadonpura, Karol Bagh, Delhi. He was admitted in RML Hospital, where doctor declare him brought dead. In this regard a DD No. 22-A dated 17.11.2019 has been lodged at P.S. Karol Bagh, Delhi. The dead body has been preserved for identification for 72 hours in the mortuary of RML Hospital, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone nos.

SHO : P.S. Karol Bagh, Delhi
Ph.: 011-28726870, 28721115

DP/6745/CD/19

UTTAR HARYANA BIJLI VITRAN NIGAM

SR. NO.	NAME OF DEPARTMENT/ BOARD/ CORP./ AUTH	NAME OF WORK/ NOTICE/ TENDER	OPENING DATE/ CLOSING DATE (TIME)	AMOUNT/ BID/ (APPROX.) in Rs.	WEBSITE OF THE DEPARTMENT	NODAL OFFICER/ CONTACT DETAILS/ EMAIL	TENDER REF. NO / TENDER NO
1	Uttar Haryana Bijli Vitran Nigam Limited	Empanelment of firms for design, manufacture, supply & installation of Super efficient Split inverter Air Conditioners of 1.5 tonne capacity with ISEER 5.4 or above as per Nigam's specifications with 1 year of complete equipment and 5 years of compressor warranty to be used for New installations/ replacement of 3 star or below rated ACs installed in State of Haryana.	Start Time: 15-11-2019 at 17:00 Hrs Last Date: 09-12-2019 Upto 13:00 Hrs.	280.0 Cr / BMD-2.00 Lacs	uhvvn.org.in tenders.hry.nic.in	oem@uhvvn.org.in 9357189013	EOI No. 08/44/2019/P-I/AMM dated 14-11-2019

RO NO. 79227 Dt. 18-11-2019

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the public that Mrs. Shashi Srivastava is the owner of Duplex Flat No. 9014, on First & Second Floor, Pocket-9, Sector-C, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi. The said property on the basis of Co-ownership deed dated 31.03.2010 registration no. 4490, has been misappropriated. Allotment letter, Possession Letter, Agreement dated 02.01.1995 all wills, last page of conveyance deed containing registration particulars, with respect of the said property. All persons are hereby informed not to deal or carry out any transaction with anyone on the basis of the missing document. If anyone has already carried out or being carried out kindly inform the undersigned in writing on the below mentioned address within 7 days of the present.

For Kumar & Associates (Advocate & Consultants)
200, Second Floor, 23, Shivaji Marg, Moti Nagar, New Delhi-15 Ph : 011-41112527-28 kumarassociates.advocate@gmail.com

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PHE MECH. DIVISION NORTH JAMMU

NOTICE INVITING TENDER
e-NIT No. 78 of 2019-20

For and on behalf of President of India, Executive Engineer, PHE Mech. Division North Jammu, invites tenders by e-tendering mode from the reputed/registered firms for the below mentioned work:-

S. No. 1, Name of Work :- Replacement of major components of 167 HP VT pumpset of 1.80 Lakh GPH x 34.5 M head at unit-I & III of Intake-II Silttee under Languishing project LUP2347.

Name of Division :- PHE Mech. Division North Jammu
Cost of document / tender fee (in Rs.) :- 500/-
Earnest money :- 02% of quoted rates
Validity of Rates :- 180 days
Bid validity :- 180 days
Position of funds :- Demanded
Date of Publishing :- 15-11-2019 02.00 pm.
1. Bid documents can be seen at and downloaded from the website <http://ktenders.gov.in> from 15-11-2019 (02.00 pm) to 29-11-2019 (02.00 pm).
2. The Bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the website <http://ktenders.gov.in> from 15-11-2019 (02.00 pm) to 29-11-2019 (02.00 pm).
No. DIP/J-9280/19
Dated: 18.11.2019

Sd/- Executive Engineer
PHE Mech. Division North Jammu

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



General Public is hereby informed that one Lady namely Rani W/o Vinod Kumar R/o Indra Aawas, Village Nahari, Sonapat, Haryana, has been missing/kidnapped since 22.10.2019 from the area of P.S. Narela, Delhi. In this regard a case vide DD No. 49-A dated 25.10.2019 has been registered at P.S. Narela, Delhi. The description of missing/kidnapped Lady is as under :-

Name : Rani, Husband's Name : Vinod Kumar, Age : 35 yrs., Height : 5'2", Face : Round, Complexion : Wheatish, Wearing : Blue Colour Suit & Red Colour Laggi and Black Colour Shoes in feet. If anyone having any clue/information, kindly inform the undersigned.

SHO
P.S., Narela, Delhi
Ph.: 011-27282350
27285839

DP/765/ON/19

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

(See Section 82 Cr.Pc)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that Sunil Kumar, S/o Lt. Ganesh Kumar R/o Pandit Enclave, Gali No.03, Mukundpur, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 213/12 u/s 380/411/34 IPC, P.S. Bhalswa Dairy, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused Sunil Kumar cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Sunil Kumar has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Sunil Kumar of FIR No. 213/12 u/s 380/411/34 IPC, P.S. Bhalswa Dairy, Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before 23.12.2019.

By Order,
Ms. Richa Sharma
Metropolitan Magistrate (North)
Room No.306, Rohini Courts, Delhi

DP/780/ON/19 - (Court Matter)

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

(SECTION 82 Cr.Pc.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that the accused person Riham, S/o Abdula Rahman R/o H.No. 49, J-Block, Near Seemapuri, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 495/15 u/s 354-D/506 IPC, P.S. Welcome, Delhi and it has been returned to warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said accused person Riham, cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Riham, has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said Riham, Under FIR No. 495/15 u/s 354-D/506 IPC, P.S. Welcome, Delhi, is required to appear before the court on or before 24.12.2019.

By order
Ms. Deepti Dvsh
Ld MM-01, Room No. 55
Karkardooma Courts,
Shahdara, Delhi

DP/7449/NE/19

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of male namely Raju, S/o Unknown, R/o Unknown, Age: 40 years, Complexion: Wheatish, Height: Approx 5', Built: Thin, Face: Long, was wearing Blue colour T-Shirt & Grey colour Pant, was found at Gali No. 6, Sat Nagar, Ravi Dass Marg, Karol Bagh, Delhi. In this regard a DD No. 12A, dated 31.10.2019, has been lodged at P.S. Prasad Nagar, Delhi.

His dead body has been preserved in MAMC mortuary for 72 Hours. Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone nos.

SHO
P.S. Prasad Nagar, Delhi
Ph.: 011-25751048, 25725652

DP/6741/CD/19

TO BRING DOWN STAKE BELOW 51% IN CPSEs Union Cabinet likely to consider proposal soon

New Delhi: The Union Cabinet will soon consider a proposal to bring down Government stake in central public sector enterprises (CPSEs) to below 51 per cent even while retaining the State control, sources said.

Besides, the Cabinet headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi is likely to take a call on the merger of public sector general insurance companies.

The Budget for 2018-19 had proposed the merger of three public sector general insurance companies and subsequent listing of the merged entity on stock exchanges.

Last week, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said the Government would move forward on the merger of the three State-owned general insurance companies — National Insurance Company, United India Insurance and Oriental Insurance Company — as announced in the previous Budget.

In her Budget Speech of 2019-20, Sitharaman had announced the Government has been following the policy of disinvestment in non-financial public sector undertakings



maintaining the Government's stake not to go below 51 per cent.

"The Government is considering, in case where the undertaking is still to be retained in Government control, to go below 51 per cent to an appropriate level on a case-by-case basis. The Government has also decided to modify present policy of retaining 51 per cent Government stake to retaining 51 per cent stake inclusive of the stake of the Government controlled institutions," she had said.

Such a move is possible by amendment to Section 241 of the Companies Act.

Sources said the Government envisages that the Government can bring down

its stake in a public sector undertaking by roping in other State-owned entities to retain the public sector nature.

For example, the sources said, if LIC picks up stake which lowers the Government holding below threshold level of 51 per cent, the companies still are majority controlled by the Government.

The Government fixed an ambitious disinvestment target of ₹1.05 lakh crore for the current financial year, up from ₹90,000 crore projected in Interim Budget 2019-20 in February.

In 2018-19, the Government raised ₹84,972 crore from CPSE disinvestment, while in 2017-18, the figure was ₹1,00,050 crore.

Sensex rises 186 pts; RIL rallies 4 pc to all-time high

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Market benchmark Sensex rose by 186 points on Tuesday, driven by substantial gains in Reliance Industries, Bharti Airtel and HDFC Bank amid positive trends in global equities. The 30-share index ended 185.51 points, or 0.46 per cent, higher at 40,469.70 with 11 of its constituents closing with gains. The broader Nifty of the National Stock Exchange rose by 55.60 points, or 0.47 per cent, to end at 11,940.10. Reliance Industries led the gains, rallying nearly 4 per cent to its life-time high of ₹1,514.95 (intra-day) on BSE. It became the first Indian company to hit the Rs 9.5 lakh crore market capitalisation level. Telecom stocks surged after two older players announced a hike in data and mobile telephony plans from next month.

Bharti Airtel jumped to a fresh 52-week high before settling up 7.36 per cent on BSE. Vodafone Idea rallied 34.68 per cent. The two players have announced a hike in mobile phone call and data charges from next month. "The increase in tariffs will help the telecom industry players service huge debt on their balance sheets. This would have a positive

impact on the banking sector which fuelled a sharp rally in PSU banks," Sunil Sharma, Chief Investment Officer, Sanctum Wealth Management.

Among banking stocks, Axis Bank rose by 3.43 per cent, SBI by 1.57 per cent, IndusInd Bank by 1.26 per cent and HDFC Bank by 1 per cent. Among other gainers, PowerGrid jumped 2.44 per cent, Tech Mahindra by 1.84 per cent and Infosys by 1 per cent. On the other hand, Yes Bank dropped 2.66 per cent to emerge as the biggest Sensex loser, M&M fell by 2.19 per cent, and Tata Steel by 2.02 per cent. TCS, Tata Motors and Hero MotoCorp also declined.

"Domestic indices ended higher on the back of buying seen in the PSU bank, infra and energy stocks. Telecom stocks also edged higher after talks of raising tariffs from December onwards while energy stocks were lifted by a sharp fall in crude oil prices," Saraj Bothra, President of Equity Research, Ashika Stock Broking, said. Sectorally, BSE telecom rallied 8.52 per cent, followed by BSE energy, power, teck, oil and gas, utilities and bankex. However, BSE metal, auto, FMCG and IT indices fell up to 0.94 per cent.

Bulgaria seeks investments from Indian businesses

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Bulgaria's Deputy Prime Minister for Economic and Demographic Policy Mariyana Nikolova on Tuesday invited businesses from India to invest in the nation, pitching it as a gateway to the European Union, thereby offering duty free access to a market with 500 million consumers.

Addressing the India-Bulgaria Business Forum here, Nikolova said the nation offers attractive conditions and environment conducive to the development of successful business and investment projects. "One of the things we are particularly proud is our tax policy, we have some of the lowest tax rates in the European Union. Besides having a corporate tax of only 10 per cent, we do not tax profit reinvested in municipalities with high unemployment rates," the Bulgarian Deputy Prime Minister said.

She said the country's labour market has a skilled workforce and operating costs are reasonable. "Our strategic geographic location and our membership in the European Union provide unhindered and duty free access to a market with 500 million consumers," she added.

RCom's committee of creditors to meet on Nov 20

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Reliance Communications' (RCom) Committee of Creditors (CoC) will hold a meeting on November 20, the company said in a regulatory filing on Tuesday. Last week, Reliance Communications Chairman Anil Ambani along with four directors had resigned from the company, that is going through insolvency process.

The company posted a consolidated loss of Rs 30,142 crore for September 2019 quarter due to provisioning for liabilities after the Supreme Court ruling on statutory dues. This had marked the second highest loss posted by any Indian corporate till date, after VIL's Rs 50,921 crore losses. "... we wish to inform you that the 11th meeting of Committee of Creditors of Reliance Communications Limited is scheduled to be convened on Wednesday, November 20, 2019," RCom said in a BSE filing. During July-September 2019, RCom set aside Rs 28,314 crore on account of provisioning following the Supreme Court order on calculation of annual adjusted gross revenue (AGR) of tele-

com companies. The apex court, last month, upheld the government's position on including revenue from non-telecommunication businesses in calculating the annual AGR, a share of which has to be paid as licence and spectrum fee to the exchequer.

RCom's total liability includes Rs 23,327 crore licence fee and Rs 4,987 crore spectrum usage charges. The company is going through insolvency proceedings following an application filed by Swedish telecom gear maker Ericsson. The National Company Law Tribunal has handed over control of the company to an insolvency resolution professional. Sources estimate that RCom Group's total secured debt is around Rs 33,000 crore. Lenders have submitted claim of around Rs 49,000 crore in August. RCom has put its all assets for sale which include spectrum holding of 122 MHz that the company before insolvency proceedings estimated to be around Rs 14,000 crore, towers business for Rs 7,000 crore, optical fibre network Rs 3,000 crore and data centres worth Rs 4,000 crore.

NIFTY 50

SCRIP	OPEN	High	LOW	LTP	CHANGE
NIFTY 50	11919.45	11958.85	11881.75	11940.10	55.60
INFRAEEL	227.95	259.85	227.70	251.65	24.85
BHARTIARTL	426.90	445.65	421.45	444.65	35.45
AXISBANK	725.00	750.20	725.00	749.80	26.85
RELIANCE	1467.00	1514.90	1465.00	1511.55	52.35
POWERGRID	191.00	196.00	190.20	195.95	5.30
CIPLA	461.20	477.50	459.55	473.30	12.70
GRASIM	775.00	793.50	772.00	789.30	19.50
SBIN	325.80	331.80	322.10	331.40	6.30
TECHM	754.00	766.00	752.00	763.25	11.45
INDUSINDBK	1382.00	1409.00	1374.55	1395.00	20.60
EICHERMOT	21600.00	21799.95	21424.20	21780.05	302.65
INFY	709.90	714.00	705.00	712.80	7.60
HDFCBANK	1265.30	1275.00	1261.10	1274.75	12.70
IOC	132.40	133.60	131.75	133.50	0.95
BAJAJFINSV	9070.00	9189.00	9066.30	9163.00	58.75
DRREDDY	2741.00	2760.45	2724.50	2751.00	14.00
WIPRO	1158.80	1167.80	1153.10	1164.00	5.20
TITAN	248.20	251.15	247.70	250.45	1.00
GAIL	124.70	125.80	123.15	125.30	0.50
LALCO	1364.50	1378.20	1361.50	1369.50	5.00
UNPL	551.00	556.75	538.10	550.20	1.20
SUNPHARMA	425.00	429.90	421.60	425.20	0.65
NESTLEIND	14110.00	14211.90	14009.60	14100.00	14.45
NTPC	117.75	118.30	116.80	117.50	0.05
BAJAJ-AUTO	3156.00	3171.50	3122.10	3156.30	-0.60
HINDALCO	193.60	194.00	190.65	193.25	-0.35
BKPL	520.65	521.90	513.50	520.70	-1.05
KOTAKBANK	1629.90	1631.10	1614.15	1623.00	-4.20
COALINDIA	200.95	201.30	198.25	199.75	-0.55
BAIFINANCE	4165.00	4182.15	4126.25	4140.00	-14.90
ADANIPOR	367.50	368.15	361.55	364.00	-1.65
BRITANNIA	3140.90	3158.35	3110.00	3124.50	-16.40
ONGC	135.00	135.10	132.80	133.10	-0.80
ITC	251.75	251.80	248.80	249.25	-1.20
HCLTECH	1139.00	1143.50	1128.65	1133.90	-7.50
MARUTI	7146.00	7155.00	7032.00	7054.00	-44.45
JSWSTEEL	249.40	250.85	246.60	248.10	-1.60
ULTRACEMCO	4130.00	4130.00	4085.25	4097.00	-29.35
VEDL	143.75	143.90	140.40	142.30	-1.10
ICICIBANK	497.95	502.00	489.85	494.30	-4.00
HINDUNILVR	2060.05	2060.05	2030.00	2039.00	-17.20
HDFC	2235.60	2238.75	2202.20	2217.70	-20.60
ASIANPAINT	1747.95	1748.00	1718.50	1723.00	-16.00
HEROMOTOC	2520.00	2520.00	2463.10	2473.00	-29.90
TATAMOTORS	170.80	171.75	167.10	167.90	-2.20
TATASTEEL	414.00	414.85	400.00	403.00	-7.05
TCS	2153.00	2154.65	2105.00	2110.00	-42.60
ZEELE	293.75	293.75	282.50	288.00	-6.15
M&M	573.75	575.05	559.65	560.00	-12.70
YESBANK	65.00	67.25	63.05	64.20	-1.65

BSE 500

SCRIP	OPEN	High	LOW	LTP	CHANGE
SBI	957.80	966.00	934.85	936.25	-21.55
BHARTIARTL	427.00	445.45	421.55	449.65	22.65
YESBANK	65.50	67.25	63.00	64.15	1.65
SUNTECK	394.00	402.75	375.00	390.65	-11.55
RELIANCE	1467.50	1514.95	1465.50	1509.80	42.30
CHOLAFIN	329.20	333.90	322.60	325.15	5.95
IDEA	4.91	6.39	4.91	6.02	1.11
TECHM	754.00	765.30	749.95	763.25	9.30
BALKRISND	836.00	846.95	831.40	834.50	8.10
LEMONTREE	58.55	61.00	58.05	58.55	0.50
SBIN	325.80	331.75	322.20	330.30	4.50
IBULHSGFIN	210.00	217.90	210.00	212.70	2.70
AVAS	3570.00	3699.00	3660.00	3689.90	19.90
TATASTEEL	412.00	414.85	400.20	401.90	-12.10
MARUTI	7200.00	7200.00	7031.00	7044.00	-156.00
ASIANPAINT	1740.10	1746.75	1719.20	1721.00	-25.10
DRREDDY	2740.00	2760.45	2724.50	2751.00	-14.00
GLENMARK	373.00	373.85	347.50	350.45	22.90
ICICIBANK	498.90	502.00	489.80	495.15	0.50
INFY	710.90	714.40	706.00	712.80	1.90
RBLBANK	324.80	327.60	319.15	322.50	2.65
HDFCBANK	1265.30	1275.00	1261.10	1274.75	9.45
BANKBARODA	425.00	429.90	421.60	425.20	0.65
INFRAEEL	228.95	256.25	228.50	250.10	21.15
RNAM	350.65	376.60	350.65	364.95	14.30
JUSTDIAL	530.00	565.50	530.00	559.70	29.70
TATAMOTORS	171.00	171.85	167.15	167.75	-3.25
TCS	2152.00	2153.95	2105.10	2108.30	-44.70
INDUSINDBK	1380.00	1408.65	1375.00	1392.10	12.10
HDFCBANK	1266.00	1275.00	1262.00	1272.40	6.40
JINDALSTEL	145.40	145.90	138.30	139.10	-6.30
ZEELE	294.05	295.00	282.60	285.75	3.15
LT	1367.30	1378.25	1362.00	1365.35	-3.00
FLFL	396.00	411.85	396.00	404.65	8.65
L&T	98.00	101.95	97.90	99.90	1.90
CANBK	213.00	222.90	209.55	221.10	8.55
ASHOKLEY	82.00	82.50	80.20	82.00	1.80
DMAT	1829.00	1864.95	1806.60	1841.05	35.45
HINDUNILVR	2055.00	2055.00	2020.00	2036.95	-18.05
GRASIM	775.00	793.20	772.00	785.70	8.70
PETRONET	275.00	275.00	271.05	272.05	1.00
SIEMENS	1553.20	1590.65	1546.50	1579.70	33.20
BHEL	54.20	56.00	52.50	55.60	3.10
ACC	449.00	450.80	441.00	449.55	8.55
PNB	62.00	64.85	62.10	64.15	2.15
BANKINDIA	71.50	73.35	70.85	74.20	2.65
HDFC	2238.50	2238.50	2203.00	2213.15	-25.35
LICHSGFIN	425.00	430.75	418.00	422.10	4.10
ULTRACEMCO	4125.00	4125.00	4084.80	4099.95	-25.05
DELTA	200.00	208.75	195.10	197.45	-12.55
M&M	216.50	217.75	212.15	215.20	3.05
BAJAYCROP	3625.00	3734.35	3625.00	3709.85	84.85
MGL	1030.00	1058.20	1030.00	1046.30	16.30
DCAL	122.00	127.70	121.25	124.50	2.25
PNBHOUSING	525.30	575.00	525.30	562.60	37.30
ASHOKA	95.25	95.55	94.00	94.10	-0.10
BAIFINANCE	4153.00	4182.00	4125.10	4137.10	-14.90
KOTAKBANK	1631.00	1631.00	1614.85	1623.30	-8.70
VEDL	143.90	143.95	140.45	142.30	-1.60
ADANI	202.00	202.40	196.40	199.75	3.35
CONCOR	570.90	572.50	564.80	565.85	1.05
UNIONBANK	54.80	60.00	54.80	59.90	5.10
RITES	30.00	32.80	30.00	31.55	1.55
NAUKRI	2713.50	2716.65	2583.05	2640.60	157.55
HDFCLIFE	571.85	577.60	560.60	570.25	9.65
LITTS	1434.10	1434.10	1414.10	1419.80	5.70
BATAINDIA	1701.00	1707.00	1681.00	1686.45	5.45
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China says only it can rule on Hong Kong constitution

AFP ■ BEIJING

China insisted on Tuesday it alone held the authority to rule on constitutional matters in Hong Kong, as it condemned a decision by the city's high court to overturn a ban on face masks worn by pro-democracy protesters. The statement raised hackles among activists in Hong Kong after months of violent protests over concerns that Beijing is chipping away at the autonomy of the financial hub.



Injured protesters huddle under blankets as they walk at the Hong Kong Polytechnic University in Hong Kong on Tuesday. AP

OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER-II DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, DELHI 4TH FLOOR, JEEVAN TARA BUILDING, PARLIAMENT STREET, NEW DELHI-110001 SALE PROCLAMATION NOTICE

R. C. No. 406/2015

ICICI BANK VS MR. HARISH KUMAR GOSWAMI

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

CD#1 Mr. Harish Kumar Goswami, H/No. 410/0, Punjab Line Railway Colony, Ghaziabad-200001.
Also At: Mr. Harish Kumar Goswami, House No. 1007, Khasra No. 204, NH-24, Bhim Nagar, Village Mawai, Loni, Ghaziabad-200001.
CD#2 Ms. Asha Devi Goswami, H/No. 410/0, Punjab Line Railway Colony Ghaziabad-200001.
Also At: Ms. Asha Devi Goswami, House No. 1007, Khasra No. 204, NH-24, Bhim Nagar, Village Mawai, Loni, Ghaziabad-200001

Whereas as per Recovery Certificate No. 406/2015 drawn by the Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal-II mentioning a sum of Rs. 11,15,124/- (Rs. Eleven Lacs Fifteen Thousand One Hundred And Twenty Four Only), CDS are jointly and / or severally liable to pay the amount of Rs. 11,01,124/- (Rs. Eleven Lacs One Thousand One Hundred And Twenty Four Only) alongwith future interest @9.75% p.a. from the date of filing of the OA, i.e. 05.01.2015 until recovery with cost.

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

3. Notice is hereby given that in absence of any order of postponement, the said property shall be sold by e-auction and bidding shall take place through "Online Electronic Bidding" through the website www.bankerauctions.com on 18.12.2019 between 03:00p.m. to 04:00 p.m. with extensions of 5 minutes duration after 12 noon, if required.

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

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

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

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

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

7.2 The reserve price below which the properties shall not be sold and the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) are as under:

Description of property	Reserve Price (in Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (in Rs.)
House No. 1007, Khasra No. 204 NH-24, Bhim Nagar, Mawai, Loni, Ghaziabad-200001	9,23,000/-	92,300/-

7.3 The interested bidders, who have submitted their bids not below the reserve price, alongwith documents including PAN Card, identity proof, address proof, etc., and in the case of company, copy of resolution passed by the board members of the company or any other document confirming representation/attorney of the company also, latest by 16.12.2019 before 4.00 PM in the Office of the Recovery Officer II, DRT-II, Delhi, shall be eligible to participate in the e-auction to be held from 03.00 PM to 04.00 PM on 18.12.2019. In case bid is placed in the last 5 minutes of the closing time of the auction, the closing time will automatically get extended for 5 minutes.

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

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

7.6 The Successful / highest bidder shall have to prepare Demand Draft/Pay Order for 25% of the bid/sale amount, after adjusting the EMD, favoring Recovery Officer-II, DRT-II, Delhi, A/C R.C. No. 406/2015 by next bank working day i.e. by 04.00 PM with this Tribunal, failing which the EMD shall be forfeited.

7.7 The successful/highest bidder shall deposit, through Demand Draft/Pay Order favoring Recovery Officer-II, DRT-II, Delhi, A/C R.C. No. 406/2015, the balance 75% of the sale proceeds before the Recovery Officer-II, DRT-II, Delhi on or before 15th day from the date of auction of the property, exclusive of such day, or if the 15th day be Sunday or other holiday, then on the first day after the 15th day alongwith the poundage fee @ 2% upto Rs. 1,000 and @ 1% on the excess of such gross amount over Rs. 1000/- in favour of Registrar, DRT-II Delhi (In case of deposit of balance amount of 75% through post the same should reach the Recovery Officer as above).

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

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

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

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY

Description of the property to be sold	Revenue assessed upon the property or any part thereof	Details of any encumbrance to which property is liable	Claims, if any, which have been put forward to the property Other known partur bearing on its nature and value
House No. 1007, Khasra No. 204 NH-24, Bhim Nagar, Mawai, Loni, Ghaziabad-200001	Not known	Not known	Not known

Given under my hand and seal on 26.10.2019.

(Awinesh Chandra)
Recovery Officer-II,
DRT-II, Delhi

OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER-I DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, DELHI 4TH FLOOR, JEEVAN TARA BUILDING, PARLIAMENT STREET, NEW DELHI-110001 E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

RC 406/2015

ICICI BANK VS MR. HARISH KUMAR GOSWAMI

"O R D E R"

Dated: 26.10.2019

As per ny order dated 26.10.2019, the under mentioned properties will be sold by public auction sale on 18.12.2019 in the said Recovery Certificate:
The auction sale will be "online e-Auctioning" through website www.bankerauctions.com
Date and Time of Auction: 18.12.2019 between 03.00 pm and 04.00 pm (With extensions of 5 minutes duration after 04:00 P.M., if required)

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Description of property	Reserve Price (in Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (in Rs.)
House No. 1007, Khasra No. 204 NH-24, Bhim Nagar, Mawai, Loni, Ghaziabad-200001	9,23,000/-	92,300/-

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. The auction sale will be "online through e-auction" through website portal: www.bankerauctions.com.

2. The EMD shall be paid either through Demand Draft/Pay Order in favour of the "Recovery Officer-II, DRT-II, Delhi-A/C R.C. No. 406/2015". The said Demand Draft/Pay Order qua EMD, alongwith self-attested copy of identity (voter I-card/driving license/passport), which should contain the address for future communication, and self-attested copy of PAN card, and in the case of company, copy of resolution passed by the board members of the company or any other document confirming representation/attorney of the company also, must reach the Office of the Recovery Officer-II, DRT-II, Delhi latest by 16.12.2019 before 4.00 PM. The EMD or original proof of EMD received thereafter shall not be considered.

3. The envelope containing EMD, along with details of the sender, i.e. address, e-mail ID and mobile number, etc., should be super-scribed "RC No. 406/2015".

4. The property is being sold on "as is where is basis".

5. The bidders are advised to go through the portal www.bankerauctions.com for detailed terms and conditions for e-auction sale before submitting their bids and taking part in the e-auction sale proceedings and/or contact Sh. Mohit Chadhaa, Zonal Debt Manager, ICICI Bank Ltd. 2nd Floor, Videcom Tower, Inderwala Extn, Delhi. Mobile no. 9650957770. Email ID: mohit.chadhaa@icicibank.com.

6. Prospective bidders are required to register themselves with the portal and obtain login ID and Password well in advance, after deposit of EMD, which is mandatory for bidding in the above e-auction, from M/s. C1 India Pvt. Ltd. Udyog Vihar, Phase-2, Building No. 301, Gurugram Haryana-122015. Telephone No. 7291981124/25/26 Contact Person: Mr. Vinod Chauhan, Mobile no. 9813887931 Email ID: delhi@c1india.com and support@bankerauctions.com.

7. The interested bidders may avail online training on e-auction, after deposit JEMD from M/s. C1 India Pvt. Ltd. Udyog Vihar, Phase-2, Building No. 301, Gurugram Haryana-122015. Telephone No. 7291981124/25/26 Contact Person: Mr. Vinod Chauhan, Mobile no. 9813887931 Email ID: delhi@c1india.com and support@bankerauctions.com.

8. Only those bidders holding valid user ID & Password and confirmed payment of EMD through demand draft/pay order shall be eligible to participate in online auction.

9. The prospective buyer may inspect the site on 09.12.2019 and 10.12.2019 from 10.30 AM to 04.00 PM.

10. The interested bidders, who have submitted their bids not below the reserve price by 16.12.2019 in the office of the Recovery Officer-II, DRT-II, Delhi shall be eligible to participate in the e-auction to be held from 03.00 PM to 04.00 PM on 18.12.2019. In case bid is placed in the last 5 minutes of the closing time of the auction, the closing time will automatically get extended for 5 minutes.

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

12. The unsuccessful bidder shall take the EMD directly from the Office of Recovery Officer-II, DRT-II, Delhi immediately on closure of the e-auction sale proceedings

13. The Successful / highest bidder shall have to prepare Demand Draft/Pay Order for 25% of the bid/sale amount after adjusting the EMD, favoring Recovery Officer-II, DRT-II, Delhi, A/C R.C. No. 406/2015 by next bank working day i.e. by 04.00 PM with this Tribunal, failing which the EMD shall be forfeited.

14. The successful/highest bidder shall deposit, through Demand Draft/Pay Order favoring Recovery Officer-II, DRT-II, Delhi, A/C R.C. No. 406/2015, the balance 75% on the sale proceeds before the Recovery Officer-II, DRT-II, Delhi on or before 15th day from the date of auction of the property, exclusive of such day, or if the 15th day be Sunday or other holiday, then on the first day after the 15th day alongwith the poundage fee @ 2% upto Rs. 1,000 and @ 1% on the excess of such gross amount over Rs. 1000/- in favour of Registrar, DRT-II Delhi. (In case of deposit of balance amount of 75% through post the same should reach the Recovery Officer as above). In case of default of payment within the prescribed period, the property shall be re-sold after the issue of fresh proclamation of sale. The deposit, after defraying the expenses of the sale, may, if the undersigned thinks fit, be forfeited to the Government and the defaulting purchaser shall forfeit all claims to the property or to any part of the sum for which it may subsequently be sold.

15 CH/IF/CH Bank is directed to serve the Sale proclamation on CDs through Dasti suced post, courier and by affixation at the conspicuous part of the property and by beat ut drum in its vicinity and a copy of the same be placed on the notice board of the Tribunal

16 Sale proclamation be also published in the Newspapers in English as well as in vernacular language, having adequately wide circulation in the area.

17 CH/IF/CH Bank is directed to confirm the publication of advertisement in the Newspapers and original proofs of the publication be filed before next date of hearing.

18. The undersigned reserves the right to accept any or reject all bids, if not found acceptable or to postpone the auction at any time without assigning any reason whatsoever and his decision in this regard shall be final.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY

Description of the property to be sold	Revenue assessed upon the property or any part thereof	Details of any encumbrance to which property is liable	Claims, if any, which have been put forward to the property Other known partur bearing on its nature and value
House No. 1007, Khasra No. 204 NH-24, Bhim Nagar, Mawai, Loni, Ghaziabad-200001	Not known	Not known	Not known

Matter be listed on 29.11.2019 for filing affidavit of service of E-auction sale notice with proofs of service (including track results qua speed post and courier) and dasti, original proofs of publication in newspapers and wider publicity including website for the purpose of - auction.

(Awinesh Chandra)
Recovery Officer-II,
DRT-II, Delhi

OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER-II DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, DELHI R. C. No. 406/2015 / ICICI BANK V/S MR. HARISH KUMAR GOSWAMI

Item No.10

Dated Present: 26.10.2019

Present: Sh. Anuj Kumar, Proxy counsel for Sh. Gautam Singhal, Counsel for the CH Bank
Proxy counsel for the CH Bank submitted that the sale 09.09.2019 has not been published as the officer of the CH Bank Sh. Mukesh Sharma has been transferred and Sh. Mohit Chadhaa has taken his charge. He requested to issue a sale proclamation notice after incorporation of the name of the Sh. Mohit Chadhaa, Zonal Debt Manager (Mobile No. 9650957770).

Request allowed.

Direction
1. Let the property bearing House No. 1007, Khasra No. 204, NH-24, Bhim Nagar, Mawai, Loni, Ghaziabad-200001 be put on sale through E-auction on earlier reserve price and sale proclamation qua the same be issued.

2. CH Bank is directed to serve the same through all prescribed modes and file service report on or before the next date of hearing. The CH Bank is also directed to serve sale proclamation notice upon the concerned e-auction service provider well in time.

3. The detailed order of E-auction be seen on the separate order sheet.

4. CH Bank is also directed to file on affidavit memo of cost giving details of all expenses incurred in connection with the auction including publication of advertisement after completion of auction proceedings.

Let a copy of this order be given dasti to the CH Bank for compliance.
Let this matter be listed on 29.11.2019

(Awinesh Chandra)
Recovery Officer-II,
DRT-II, Delhi

Protesters explore sewers in HK campus escape bid

Hong Kong: Arms covered in cling film and torches in hand as they drop into the sewers, clusters of pro-democracy protesters still inside a Hong Kong campus are plotting increasingly ingenious — and desperate — ways to escape a police siege.

Among the detritus of a scorched and graffiti-sprayed concourse at Hong Kong Polytechnic University, several plastic covers — some with torches placed above them — betray extraordinary underground escape plans.

Protesters have removed metal manholes, some making exploratory forays into the fetid tunnels, following rumours of successful exfiltrations from a campus ringed for three days by baton-wielding police determined to arrest them.

Pockets of protesters, some with thick bandages wrapped around their knees in anticipation of a long crawl to freedom, knot the holes discussing an unlikely — and highly dangerous — breakout.

AFP reporters saw one group on their stomachs practising crawling. Another group hugged each other in consolation after apparently agreeing not to take the route down into the unknown.

"The people outside can't help us," a protester told local television as he prepared to descend into a sewer. "So what

can we do?" One protester, gas mask on, and cling film wrapped around his arms, carried a torch as he descended with his backpack down the metal rungs into the subterranean gloom. AFP

Subpoena requesting Trump's financial records temporarily blocked

Washington: US Chief Justice John Roberts said that the Supreme Court has issued a temporary stay of a federal appeals court ruling that granted a House Committee access to eight years of President Donald Trump's financial records from his accounting firm.

The ruling was set to go into effect on Wednesday. The subpoena from the House Oversight and Reform Committee will be unenforceable while the Supreme Court decides whether to take up the case, reports Xinhua news agency.

The House panel said on Monday in a letter to the Supreme Court that it would agree to the temporary stay to allow the justices to weigh in.

Trump's legal team on November 15 had asked the Supreme Court to put a hold on the panel's subpoena, arguing that if the lower court rulings are allowed to stand, any committee of Congress could subpoena any personal information it wants from a President. IANS

In new pro-Israel shift, US no longer calls settlements illegal

AFP ■ WASHINGTON

The United States no longer believes that Israeli settlements in the Palestinian territories are illegal, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo announced on Monday, in the latest pro-Israel shift by Washington.

The statement puts the United States at odds with virtually all countries as well as UN Security Council resolutions and was hailed by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, a close ally of President Donald Trump who is days away from potentially losing office.

"After carefully studying all sides of the legal debate," Pompeo told reporters, the United States has concluded that "the establishment of Israeli civilian settlements in the West Bank is not, per se, inconsistent with international law."

"Calling the establishment of civilian settlements inconsistent with international law

hasn't worked. It hasn't advanced the cause of peace," Pompeo said.

Pompeo said that the United States was not necessarily considering the settlements legal either but instead would defer to the judgment of Israeli courts.

The Palestinian Authority — which has refused negotiations through the Trump administration, which it considers biased — denounced the latest decision.

Washington is "not qualified or authorized to cancel the resolutions of international law, and has no right to grant legality to any Israeli settlement," Palestinian presidential spokesman Nabil Abu Rudeinah said in a statement.

But Netanyahu said that the US shift "rights a historical wrong" for the 600,000 Israeli settlers who live in the West Bank and east Jerusalem among around 2.9 million Palestinians.

Sharif leaves for London in air ambulance

Lahore: Ailing former Pakistan Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif on Tuesday left for London from here in an air ambulance for further treatment. He was accompanied by his brother, Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) President Shehbaz Sharif and other personnel, including his personal physician Adnan Khan, reports Dawn news.

The air ambulance, which arrived from Doha on Tuesday morning, is equipped with an intensive care unit and an operation theatre, with a team of doctors on board. IANS

Rajapaksa seeks resignation of PM Wickremesinghe

Colombo: Sri Lanka's former strongman President Mahinda Rajapaksa has sought the resignation of Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe after his younger brother Gotabaya Rajapaksa became the President, asserting that governance will improve if the President and the Cabinet are from the same party.

Addressing the media after a religious ceremony organised for his 74th birthday on Monday, the Opposition Leader in Parliament said it would be more effective to have a Government where the President and the Cabinet are from one party. PTI

No talks until US drops hostile policy: N Korea

IANS ■ PYONGYANG

A senior North Korean official has put forward new conditions for talks with the US, saying Washington should give up its hostile policy before coming to the negotiation table with Pyongyang.

"The US always calls for negotiation for denuclearization, but there is no room to say

about the negotiation before the complete and irrevocable withdrawal of its hostile policy toward the DPRK, the root cause of the nuclear issue of the Korean peninsula," the state-run Korean Central News Agency reported on Tuesday citing Kim Yong Chol, chairman of the Korea Asia-Pacific Peace Committee, as saying on Monday night.

GLOBE TROTTER

ONE DEAD IN S KOREAN FISHING BOAT BLAZE

Seoul: One fisherman was killed and 11 others reported missing after their boat caught fire off South Korea's southern coast, authorities said on Tuesday. The coast guard said the accident happened west of Jeju island.

14 TALIBAN MILITANTS KILLED IN AF AIR STRIKE

Kunduz (Afghanistan): At least 14 Taliban militants, including a militants' divisional commander, were killed in an air strike carried out by Afghan Air Force in Afghanistan's northern Kunduz province, police said.

TALIBAN RELEASES TWO WESTERN HOSTAGES IN AF

Kandahar: The Taliban released two Western hostages in Afghanistan on Tuesday, handing them over to US forces more than three years after they were abducted in Kabul, insurgent sources and police told AFP.

3 KILLED IN OKLAHOMA WALMART SHOOTING

Houston: Three people, including the suspected gunman, were killed in a shooting outside a Walmart store in Duncan, midwestern US state of Oklahoma, Police said.

US gravely concerned by deepening political unrest in HK, says Pompeo

Washington: The US is gravely concerned by the deepening political unrest and violence in Hong Kong, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo has said, urging the city's government to address public concerns and China to honour its promises

of liberties.

Pompeo's remarks came amid a dramatic escalation in unrest, with Hong Kong police threatening to fire live bullets if demonstrators did not stop using weapons in the latest anti-government protests. PTI

Majority of US people favour Trump impeachment: Poll

Washington: A slim majority of Americans believe President Donald Trump should be impeached and removed from office for his controversial Ukraine actions, according to the first poll after the launch of public hearings in Congress.

Fifty-one per cent of those asked said they think Trump should be tried and convicted in the US Senate, while another six per cent favour impeachment but not removal, according to the ABC News-Ipsos poll released Monday.

That appeared to represent an increase from before the hearings in the House Intelligence Committee began Wednesday. An average of previous polls showed about 48 per cent supported Trump's removal, according to the website FiveThirtyEight.

The ABC-Ipsos poll suggested as well a drop in the number of people opposing impeachment, to 38 per cent, compared to the FiveThirtyEight average of about 46 per cent. But a quarter of all those polled did not think Trump did anything wrong. AFP

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform to the general public that my client Dina Nath, S/o Shri Shankar Lal, R/O- House No-99, Vijn Garden Extension, North Block, Road-17, New Delhi-59, has ejected his elder son Sani Varma, age about 25 years and the wife of Sani Varma Smt. Shilpi, age about 23 years, from his properties due to dirty behavior toward my client Sh. Dina Nath (Mother & Father of Sani Varma). Sani Varma/Smt. Shilpi wants to capture/occupy the movable and immovable property of the family father and mother.

If any person has made any transaction with Sani Varma/Smt. Shilpi, the family/father and mother will not be responsible for any transactions and for any act. No person can claim from family/father and mother about the transactions or act of Sani Varma & Smt. Shilpi.

Any act of Sani Varma & Smt. Shilpi, only Sani Varma/ Shilpi are responsible for any act. The family/father and mother will not be responsible for any act of Sani Varma/Smt. Shilpi.

This Notice is published on behalf of my client Dina Nath to inform and warn the general people not to make any transaction with Sani Varma/Smt. Shilpi. If any person does this that only person and Sani Varma/Smt. Shilpi shall be responsible.

Manoranjan Sharma (Advocate)
M - 9953730457

LOST & FOUND

This is to state that we, Mr. Divesh Mehta and Mr. Nitesh Mehta S/O Late Shri Niamat Rai Mehta residents of Flat No. 45-A, Ground Floor, Block-C2, Lawrence Road, Keshav Puram, Delhi-110035 have lost the original allotment cum demand letter, possession letter, site possession slip and water & electric NOC at INA Market, New Delhi, for above mentioned flat. The FIR (LR No: 1012908/2109) has been lodged with the SHO, Crime Branch, Delhi dated 03-05-2019. Any unauthorized use of the above mentioned original papers would be illegal and would attract legal consequences. If documents are found please return to Mr. Divesh Mehta or Mr. Nitesh Mehta at their above mentioned address and contact us on +91-9811154793.

BEFORE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - II, DELHI 4TH FLOOR, JEEVAN TARA BUILDING, PARLIAMENT STREET, NEW DELHI-110001

CA No. 103/E DATE: 25.10.2019
ICICI BANK Ltd. Applicant
VERSUS MR. AMIT KUMAR GOYAL ORS. Respondent

To: DEFENDENT
1. Amit Kumar Goyal S/o. Ashok Kumar Goyal (Borrower) R/o. Flat No. E-1107, Ground Floor, CDA Flats, Sect.-11, Rishi, New Delhi-110028
Whereas the above named applicant (s) has/have instituted a case for recovery of Rs. 10,85,503 (Rupee Ten Lakh Eighty Five Thousand Five Hundred Thirty Only) against you and whereas it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in ordinary way therefore, this notice is given by advertisement directing you to make appearance in the Tribunal on 30.11.2019 at 10.30AM.

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

By Order of this Tribunal
Section Officer, DRT-II, Delhi

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Ms. Harvinder Kaur Garcha, W/o Late Sh. Mohan Singh Garcha, R/o-537A, School Block, Shakarpur, Delhi-110092, has instructed me to get published in you esteemed column the following notice:

"General public is informed that the property bearing bearing no. 3-278, School Block, Shakarpur, Delhi-110092 is an immovable bank up property owned by Mohan Singh Garcha, who has left for his heavenly abode intestate on 26/04/2019. The said property is a subject matter of litigation in the court of



LOOK BEYOND SCIENCE

Class XII Science students need not pursue engineering or medicine. There are other lucrative options that they can look at after their Boards, says ANKIT KAPOOR

Science has been one of the most popular streams among most of the students. It is the stream which opens gates to popular courses including Engineering, Medicine and other allied disciplines. The majority of students with science background (medical and non-medical) in Class XII are inclined towards engineering and medical career options. These courses attract most of the aspirants as they offer high salary packages and high esteem of respect in the society. If not engineering and medicine then what are other career opportunities for Science stream students? Students don't explore other career options. They are generally pressurised by their parents/friends/society to believe that engineering and medicine are only two options available after studying PCM and PCB in Class XII.

There was a time when the craze for engineering and medicine was at its peak as option in other streams was limited. But now the scenario is changing exponentially. The number of applicants is increasing as the number of seats available is limited. As per a report the selection in the last five years is around only a per cent. This is because engineering students lack advanced digital skills including artificial intelligence, machine learning, data science and wireless technologies among others that the companies require.

But still most of the science stream students tend to go for medical and engineering option. The two disciplines of the stream have reached the saturation point. This has made students to opt for other academic avenues to satisfy their creative aspects while offering great career prospects in the future. Many generations have been and are a part of this vicious circle. But now, more and more students are opting for unconventional courses like management, law and hotel management. Not only opportunities in private sector and MNCs, these courses provide a gateway for the Government jobs as well.

MANAGEMENT

Management as a career choice offers a solid foundation for a rewarding career. The statistics suggest that the postgraduate management colleges have witnessed an upswing in the number of students from the science background opting for it.

After completing MBA and graduation degree in management many students aspire for the jobs in Public Sector Units (PSU).

Along with higher pay, transparency in promotion and medical facilities, Job security is the prime reason that makes a government job a lucrative option. Some of the job opportunities that a student can opt after completing management degree include.

GLOBAL INDUSTRY, HOSPITALITY OFFERS EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES TO GRADUATES WHO WISH TO TRAVEL AND TAKE UP CAREERS BOTH NATIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY

- **Banking sector:** Banking sector offers number of job opportunities for management graduates in the public sector which includes personnel officer, marketing officer, and additional programme officer. These are recruited via competitive exams like Institute of Banking Personnel Selection (IBPS) while some banks like State Bank of India and other PSU's conduct their own exam for the recruitment.
- **Management and operational manager:** Various PSU's offers vacancies in different departments such as managerial role, operations, HR and Finance etc. The criteria for this position are either on entrance on merit basis which are conducted by few

PSU's.

LAW

Law, as a career, is more than black and white but is now one of the most promising career options with immense opportunities.

The exam for it is called Common Law Admission Test (CLAT). Along with private sector and entrepreneurship, there are some career opportunities in Public sector. Some of them include:

- **Legal Advisors and Consultants in legal departments:** A student possessing qualification required by department of legal affairs and legislative department can practice as a legal advisor and consultant. These officers can reach the level of secretary to the Government with the passage of time and their performance.
- **Legislative counsels** are also appointed in the official wing of legislative department for Hindi and regional languages.
- **All these posts** are filed through UPSC exam and State Public Service Commission on regular basis. These officers are also recruited in the legal branches of Indian Army, navy and Air force.
- **Judiciary:** A person holding a law degree can also work at a junior cadre posts of Magistrate or sub-Judge. These are generally recruited through UPSC exam or through Public service Commissions.

HOTEL MANAGEMENT

A global Industry, Hospitality offers exciting opportunities to graduates who wish to travel, and take up careers both nationally and internationally. Over the last decade and a half, as the Indian economy has grown, the hospitality industry in our country has also grown by leaps and bounds.

The hospitality industry in India will need 3.5 million skilled employees over the next five years, with an international investment of ₹3,300 crores, a wide range of jobs will be created. Job opportunities for hotel management graduates in public include

- **Marketing and sales executive:** A person holding a degree in hotel management can apply in various hotels operated by government. The role of marketing and sales executive involves maximising hotel's revenues by developing programmes to increase occupancy making profitable use of accommodation.
- **Client Executives and other allied opportunities:** Various Government authorities like sports authority of India, Indian navy hospitality services and State Tourism department invites applications for various posts including client executives and other job opportunities for hotel management graduates. The recruitment is done through interviews only.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

The secret of education lies in respecting the pupil. It is not for you to choose what he shall know, what he shall do. It is chosen and foreordained and he only holds the key to his own secret.

— Ralph Waldo Emerson

HOTEL MANAGEMENT

Lakshya Bhartee Institute of International Hotel Management invites applications for admissions to its under graduate programmes and post graduate programmes in Hotel Management.

Eligibility: For BSc in Hotel Management, applicants must have passed Class XII from a recognised central/State board or from a recognised university. Selection will be based on personal interview. For MSc in Hotel Management, applicants must complete their graduation from a recognised university.

Duration: Three years for BSc and two years for MSc.

How to apply: Log on to www.lbihm.com.

Last date to apply: November 29, 2019.



<https://ask.careers/courses/professional-diploma-in-banking-management/> or contact — 022 6670 1111/91 99300 88330.

Last date to apply: November 29, 2019.

MANUFACTURING MGMT

The University of Strathclyde, Glasgow invites applications for admissions to its new MSc Manufacturing Management course.

Eligibility: First or upper second-class honours degree, or equivalent, in a relevant engineering, technology, science or business-related discipline. IELTS 6.0 overall with no individual component below 5.5.

Fee: £20,900 for international students for 2020/21.

How to apply: Log on to <https://www.strath.ac.uk/courses/postgraduate/taught/manufacturingmanagement/#whythiscourseorcontact-eng-admissions@strath.ac.uk>.

CONTENT WRITING

Education and Career Times invites applications for admissions to its content writing courses for 2019-2020 session.

Eligibility: Anyone who has appeared for or passed Class XII exam can enroll for content writing courses at ECT. You should be able to read and understand English language to be eligible to attend the class.

How to apply: Log on to <https://ect.co.in> or contact 7827916060.

Last date to apply: November 29, 2019.

'Maintaining transparency among employees is key'

The slow down has a percolating effect on employee engagement and performance. There is high pressure to deliver on business results, demands are high and resources are low, says SONICA ARON

The last six months have been tough on the Indian economy, which is adversely impacting employees and individuals across the industry. GDP touched a six-year low. The auto sector and FMCG were the main sectors that were severely impacted. Infrastructure projects slowed down, unemployment increased, investments reduced.

One can see and feel the impact of the slowdown. Reports say around 2.30 lakh jobs have been lost in the auto sector. The majority of the fast-moving consumer goods (FMCG) companies have reported a decline in volume growth in the April-June quarter.

The slow down has a percolating effect on employee engagement and performance. There is high pressure to deliver on business results, stress is high, demands are high, resources are low. There are budget cuts. Training, travel is frozen. News of layoffs, decrease in consumption, shut down days at factories further impact sentiments. Low motivation further impacts productivity, retention and triggers the vicious downward spiral.

This brings us to the question, how can organisations, and employees as individuals tide over this period. Well, in our opinion, the economy has its cycles, and if we are experiencing a slowdown, we will experience a boom as well. And we suggest that organisations and individuals spend this time preparing for the boom.



What should organisations do during the slowdown?

We understand the budgets are tight and some tough calls might need to be taken. But it is at this time that the true mettle or organisational culture and leadership is tested. Maintaining transparency and ongoing communication to avoid any sudden big decisions is key. This will help in ensuring that employees continue to trust the management and insecurity is kept at bay.

Managers and leaders will play an important role, and organisations will see the emergence of new leaders. Managers who hold teams together

in these difficult times are your leaders of tomorrow.

This is also the time to think innovatively and invest in employee development. Use technology, open sources, in house resources, leaders from other companies to come and hold guest lectures. These are zero budget initiatives but will keep employees engaged. Reskilling, redeployment, cross-functional projects are easy wins.

Carry out those internal development projects that one never found the time for. Streamline processes, use internal resources to automate, develop apps. Create internal communication and involvement platforms. Work on improvement areas. Work on the intranet, update your policies and communicate, communicate & communicate. Keep the atmosphere

positive.

Gear up for the future. What will you need when the economy starts to look up? Focus the attention of employees in that direction and get everyone working towards hope.

What can Employees do?

The onus is not entirely on the organisation. Every employee has a role to play. We are responsible for our skill development as well. Read, explore new developments in your fields, and attend industry events and conferences, volunteer for cross-functional/location projects.

Work on your branding, leverage social media, publish opinions, take guest lectures at institutes, do social work, contribute to society.

Grow your Network. Professional networking platforms and events are good areas to find peers with common interests as well as industry mentors.

On a personal front, spend more time with your family. Connect with friends from school, college or wherever last you met them. Focus on your health. Join the gym again. Take that bucket list holiday. Rekindle that hobby that you never had the time for!

In a nutshell, take charge and prepare yourself for tomorrow.

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Be on Cloud 9

The demand for cloud computing services is on an exponential rise. DR VENKATESHWARAN LOGANATHAN lists out jobs to look out for

A growing domain in the tech industry, cloud computing involves the delivery of services such as servers, storage, databases, networking software, analytics and intelligence over the internet. A popular option for businesses to increase productivity, performance and security of their services, cloud computing reduces the requirement for large upfront investments in hardware.

Offering valuable services to organisations, the demand for cloud computing services is on an exponential rise. As per IDC, the Indian cloud computing market is expected to grow to \$4 billion by 2020 with an annual growth of more than 30 per cent, thereby creating one million new jobs in India.

Here are few job roles one can take up to advance their career in this domain.

DevOps: A set of applications that automates the processes between software development and IT teams, DevOps builds, tests, and releases software faster and more reliably. A DevOps manager needs to manage the infrastructure, ensuring that everything is perfectly in tune with the needs of the application. A DevOps manager should be adept with managerial skills to maximise the predictability, efficiency and security of the opera-



tional processes.

Cloud Architect: Responsible for bridging the gap between complex business problems and solutions in the cloud, a Cloud Architect converts the technical requirements of a project into the architecture that will guide the final product. They manage the cloud computing architecture in an organisation including the front-end platforms, servers, storage, delivery and networks.

Cloud Software Engineer: Responsible for any duties related to cloud computing, including design, planning, management and support, the roles of a Cloud Software Engineer can be broken into multiple divisions. A Cloud Software Engineer is responsible for overseeing the development of the programming systems, maintaining

them and ensuring that they function correctly.

Cloud System Administrator: With primary job responsibilities of configuring the cloud management service and manage these services, a Cloud System Administrator works in a mixed Windows and Unix software environment. They also lead, oversee and maintain multi-user computing environment as per the organisation's requirements. They are required to possess strong technical knowledge of virtual machines such as IaaS, PaaS and SaaS. These professionals are usually responsible for the design and development of disseminated software modules that combine with cloud service providers.

The writer is Head of Technical Training, KGISL Institute of Technology

Free supplemental learning

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Bringing the structural fundamentals of a classroom through the wide reach of digital technology, PaperVideo — India's first digital classroom for supplementary learning, has launched its Math curriculum for Classes VIII to XI. PaperVideo's digital classroom, which is free for all students, offers a comprehensive and holistic Math programme congruent with CBSE, ICSE, HSC, SSC and all State Education Boards of India.

Research has stated that the lack of quality teachers and curriculum are the primary reasons why India consistently ranks low in all global education indexes. The Annual Status of Education Report for 2018 mentions that 61 per cent of Indian eight graders struggle

with simple Math. Another shocking observation made by the researchers suggests that only 26.6 per cent of Class VIII students are fluent in subtraction — a fundamental arithmetical function.

Chirag Arya, Founder, PaperVideo, said: "The education sector has a critical role to play in driving the economic and social development in the country. Lack of access to quality education has been a persistent barrier for students beyond metro cities. Through PaperVideo, we want to bridge this gap and bring academic resources to those who need it."

The curriculum is based on a structured learning method which helps students to harness their optimum potential, resulting in a high-quality personalised learning arena.

Three-day national convention

The three-day 47th National Convention of Company Secretaries of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India was inaugurated at Jaipur, Rajasthan on November 14, 2019 and was concluded on November 16, 2019 with much gusto.

Attended by more than 1,800 participants from across the nation and abroad, the National Convention comprised Technical Sessions on areas of professional interest and various Motivational and Special Sessions. Two special sessions were dedicated to artificial intel-



Dignitaries present at the 47th National Convention of Company Secretaries

ligence and appearance before quasi-judicial bodies.

The valedictory session of the convention was graced by Dr Sudhanshu Trivedi, National Spokesperson of Bharatiya Janata Party, Dr Satish Poonia, State

President, Bharatiya Janata Party, Rajasthan and Ashish Chauhan, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, BSE Limited.

In his concluding address for the event, CS Ranjeet Pandey, President, ICSI thanking all the delegates for their tremendous participation said that: "We have made great progress so far as a profession. In the last 51 years of our history, we have become a profession to reckon with. Our membership has doubled and the members are taking up roles of insolvency professionals and registered valuers."

Study UK fair

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The British Council, UK's international organisation for educational opportunities and cultural relations, is hosting 'Study UK Fair' on Saturday, November 23, 2019 at British Council, 17, Kasturba Gandhi Marg, New Delhi.

The education fair will host anyone who aspires to study in the UK and wants to be a part of its rich and vibrant culture. Representatives from over 40 UK universities will be present at the fair to address

face-to-face queries.

The fair also welcomes parents, teachers and educationists.

The education fair provides a unique opportunity to meet academic institutions from the UK under one roof and seek information on application procedure, shortlisting of courses and institutions, scholarships and financial assistance, post-study work opportunities, IELTS and much more.

Interested candidates can register at the venue or online on British Council's website.



With varied surroundings turning into canvases, art is expanding beyond galleries. In the realm of art and technology, visual art and immersive lighting is an emerging career platform which is grasping the attention of the youth today. It is a thought process that knows no boundaries which culminate into a visual language.

The dynamic world with an intersection of art, design and technology provides an array of career opportunities from set-designing to creating 3-D models with projection-mapping. These range of careers open new doors to every creative enthusiast.

If you are creative and imaginative, a degree in visual arts could be just what you are looking for to express yourself. Students interested in this field can apply for the visual arts degree — Bachelor of Visual Arts or Bachelor of Design and Bachelor of Fine Arts. Some of the popular specialisations are animation, digital composition, game developing, fine arts, multimedia, and many more.

If you'd like to make a living through art and design, keep reading and looking out for common paths with the major careers they lead to.

There's a growing need for people who can understand, operate, and provide innovation through 3D printing and modelling concepts. This rapidly advancing technology calls for engineers who can understand, maintain, and operate this equipment.

Mechanical, industrial, or software engineers will have a better grasp of what's involved in producing accurate working

LIGHT IT UP

Visual arts is dynamic and provides an array of lucrative opportunities. HITESH KUMAR shares options to pursue

models and components for manufacturing architectural designs.

EXHIBITION DESIGNER

An exhibition designer is someone who creates displays and fixtures for large exhibitions, shows, businesses, museums, libraries, and galleries. They are specially trained in the art involved in the layout design and may work exclusively for a museum, gallery, or a private firm.

Activities inherent to the career include concept and design development, schematic design, construction document development, fabrication and installation.

GAME DESIGNER

Video game devel-



opers, also known as video game programmers, write code for games for various platforms such as PCs, consoles, web browsers, and mobile phones. They take inputs from game designers with ideas sketches, dynamics and mechanics and develop a final playable game. Creativity and strong analytical frame of mind are the crucial key skills required to be a developer in the field of digital gaming.

PROGRAMMERS

Programmers develop software and the chief process involves writing various lines of code.

Coding (a common phrase used for programme development) is achieved by analysing and implementing algorithms, understanding data structures, solving logical problems, and more. It is the role of a computer programmer to assure that the software responds appropriately to users/viewers and provide the desired functionality.

VISUAL ART CONSULTANT

An artist's constant struggle to commercialise his artwork in the mainstream market is not new to us. This is where the guidance and mentorship of a visual art consultant can prove extremely beneficial.

Art consultants are required to have in-depth knowledge of various forms of art and different artistic techniques and language. Although there are no absolute academic requirements, and it is possible for a person who is an art enthusiast to start their own firm and work in this role, formal post-secondary training is

an asset.

Strong sales skills, negotiation skills, and customer service skills are a great add-on to art consultants.

INSTALLATION ARTIST

Installation art is an artistic category which uses three-dimensional works that often are site-specific and designed to transform the outlook towards space or to give away certain message.

In order to be an installation artist, students can choose a specialisation in the following creative expressions: Sculpting, painting, applied art or art history in their graduation courses. Installation artists are hired by several firms, museums, galleries, toy industries, and even film industries to create and beautify atmospheres, mould figures and provide artistic advice for film direction and sets.

SET DESIGNERS

Set designers pick backgrounds, lighting, props, and other items to create the environment for stage productions, films, and shows. They work with directors and production crews to design or recreate the appearance and atmosphere of a specific era, place or location according to the theme.

Set-designers play many roles and most commonly have expertise such as knowledge of design software and computer-aided design (CAD) programmes, awareness of properties of various materials as well as the ability to use construction tools, read blueprints, draw set sketches and construct set models.

The writer is founder, Artillum

'Need to take vocation training seriously'

Vocational and skill training go a long way in bridging the skill gap and make the youth employable, says RACHIT JAIN

India is at a strange crossroad. Education is evolving at the speed of lightning, the rate of unemployment is also skyrocketing, doubling in the past two years. According to the State of India's Environment report (2019), the unemployment rate has gone up from 4% to 7.6% in the last two years. This can be contributed to the fact that one should not blame the employers but the lack of employability amongst students. The complaint is unanimous — a lack of employability is rampant as students get entrenched in bookish knowledge while failing to grasp basic practical skills like as communication, aptitude, ability to think on their feet and so on.

There is an evident skill gap that is required to be bridged to harness prosperity for the nation and at the pace at which hiring is evolving, it is even more essential to pick up the pace, rather remaining behind. Yet, institutions and schools, as well as parents/students, aren't aware of the importance of inculcating vocational training and nurturing skills into the regular curriculum.

Here are a few salient reasons why vocational and skill training is essential for the present scenario:

Cultivates learning style: Every person comes with his style of learning that remains incomparable to the rest and this holds for students as well. Some students can simply read and understand a concept, while others have a penchant for probing further to unearth an interesting feature that would encourage the assimilation of knowledge.

Yet, our curriculum is molded in such a way that individual minds are forced to be slotted into a particular type of learning that is fit for society.

In such situations, it is the students who are unable to learn properly as their natural pace of learning faces a severe roadblock, inhibiting them to apply their faculties to the fullest. Vocational training provides the space for learning at one's own pace.

Cultivates job readiness: The transition that one goes through from educational to occupational level is huge as one moves to a stage where he has to apply all the lessons learnt all this while. And yet, more often than not, they fail at grasping every basic that is required from them, making work even more difficult.

Adapting to the corporate world, with its set of ups and downs, remains a challenge that people fail to tackle. Vocational training enables students to adapt to the corporate world at a much faster rate; adding depth their portfolio and helping them materialize their



Rachit Jain
Founder-CEO, Youth4Work

vision. With vocational training, young professionals wouldn't shy away from taking the initiative to work.

Cultivates communication and critical thinking: Irrespective of whichever segment you work for, communication skills are the kernel of growth and development.

Vocational training improves the level of communication as it exposes the students to a plethora of people from all walks of life — both novices and veterans, therefore giving them the industry experience and exposure needed to enhance their portfolio. As for critical thinking, students would learn the process of actively and skillfully conceptualizing, applying, analyzing, and/or evaluating information gathered. This would further urge them to expand their thinking and function aptly.

Why Government and private entities need to work together to harness this trend: There is a requirement for the proper administration of vocational education by various states government and better co-ordination between different state departments and agencies, to secure relevant talent.

While there is a place for promises, what the Indian educational scenario needs is an actionable approach, which organizations like Youth4work are trying to bring in, via providing a variety of skill-building courses to enhance career and growth. Soon the draught of employability will meet the right skilled force to empower the nation that is as vivid as India.

At a time when the sentiment in the job market is not positive to say the least, it has been revealed that most employees in various industries are satisfied with their jobs. The Monster Salary Index, 75 per cent respondents believed that they are satisfied with their respective jobs.

Out of the various factors that are responsible for this level of satisfaction, employees were most satisfied with the relationship with colleagues and superiors, at a level of 92 per cent and 87 per cent respectively in 2018.

It has been observed that the satisfaction with the level of pay has fallen to 21.6 per cent. However, pay, job security and

life-as-a-whole-satisfaction are the only values below 70, indicating a rather satisfying work life even if, overall, we observe a slight decrease of satisfaction in all the categories in comparison with 2017.

Sharing his views on the findings of the latest MSI, Krish Seshadri, CEO, Monster.com, APAC & Middle East said: "Analysing employees' job satisfaction-levels is essential to understand and measure the perceived quality of working conditions. This is pivotal as the working population spends close to one-third of the day at work.

Moreover, studying these developments also allows for HR managers to implement processes and improvements to control

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attrition rates. It is a positive sign that only three among all the recorded industries have the satisfactions level less than 70 per cent and none below 50 per cent. This will help the respective sectors instill optimism in the economy, in-turn helping in improvement of the general sentiment."

An analysis of the findings regarding satisfaction with work and life reveals that employees in the Construction and Technical Consultancy, Healthcare, Caring services and Social Work, Information and Communication Technology Services, Legal

and Market Consultancy & Business Activities sectors are highly satisfied with their jobs.

Legal and Market Consultancy sectors have shown the highest levels of job satisfaction at 84 per cent while respondents from the Construction and Technical Consultancy have registered a close 83 per cent level of satisfaction.

Information & Communication Technology Services has registered the highest growth in level of satisfaction amongst all recorded sectors, gaining three

per cent over the recorded satisfaction level of 75 per cent in 2017.

Education and research have registered the steepest fall in the satisfaction level to 53 per cent in 2018 from 73 per cent in 2017

Manufacturing and Financial Services, Banking and Insurance sectors have registered a six per cent and a four per cent fall in the level of satisfaction by the respondents. The analysis presented in this report is based on the WageIndicator dataset covering the period of three years, from January 2016 to December 2018. This report provides a comparison of wage and working conditions figures for three years, January 2016 to December 2018. The wage analysis

is based on data collected from Paycheck.in, the Salary Calculator and Monster Salary Index from the period.

- Highlights of the study:**
- Majority respondents indicated being happy about job satisfaction in 2018
 - Respondents believed satisfaction with the Relationship with superiors was good
 - Pay-satisfaction recorded the lowest and continued to decrease
 - Satisfaction on salary saw 21 per cent fall
 - Pay, job security and life-as-a-whole-satisfaction are the only values below 70 showing a rather satisfying work life.

The last date to apply is November 30, 2019. Interested candidates can apply at <http://bit.do/cfhe-application2019-II>.

The IIT Hyderabad's Center for Healthcare Entrepreneurship (CfHE) invites Applications for its Fellowship for 2019-20. The fellowship is dedicated to achieving universal healthcare solutions through entrepreneurship and providing successful applicants with training and incubation opportunities.

The Center is inviting applications for admission to the prestigious CfHE fellowship for the year 2020 starting from January 2020.

The Fellowship provides a stipend of ₹50,000 per month during the first year of training, which includes deep clinical immersions in private and public hospitals and exposure to the healthcare industry.

For more details: <http://hc.iith.ac.in>
Application deadline: It is January 31, 2020.

The Erasmus Mundus award is now available to pursue a master degree programme. The University of Glasgow is the leading partner in the consortium of universities that have developed this multiple master programme.

Nationality: All nationalities (Programme and partner countries).

Eligibility: Copy (or copies) of your official degree certificate(s); copy (or copies) of your official academic transcript(s), showing full details of subjects studied and grades/marks obtained; Official English translations of the certificate(s) and transcript(s); Two reference letters on headed paper; CV; Evidence of your English Language ability (if your first language is not English); copy of the photo page of your passport (Non-EU students only)

How to apply: Applicants can apply as an Erasmus Mundus scholarship student and a self-funded student through the online application.

Application deadline: It is January 31, 2020.

MARKETING AT THE DESIGN CART

Location: Delhi
Stipend: ₹4,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/2095836
Application deadline: November 25, 2019

PSYCHOLOGY AT MY CAREER IDEA

Location: Delhi
Stipend: ₹5,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/2095837
Application deadline: December 16, 2019

SPORTS MANAGEMENT AT SPORTZCONSULT

Location: Delhi, South Goa, North Goa, Goa Velha
Stipend: ₹6,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/2095838
Application deadline: November 26, 2019

DATA ENTRY AT BELHEM HOSPITALITY

Location: Work From Home
Stipend: ₹5,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/2095839
Application deadline: November 26, 2019

DIGITAL MARKETING AT LEADGENERATOR.IO

Location: Bengaluru
Stipend: ₹10,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/2095833
Application deadline: November 25, 2019

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT (SALES) AT BALLYHOO TODAY

Location: Bengaluru
Stipend: ₹10,000-₹15,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/2095834
Application deadline: 25th November 2019

OPERATIONS AT LODESTAR CAREER GUIDANCE

Location: Bengaluru
Stipend: ₹5,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/2095835
Application deadline: November 25, 2019

STUDY ABROAD

'We take a holistic approach to strategise'

ALISON CAMPBELL, Deputy Director, Future Students, University of Queensland tells students why they should study here

How is India important as a market for University of Queensland (UQ)?

The UQ identified India as a strategic country for engagement. Getting our India strategy right will both enhance the prosperity and security of Australians and help realise the aspirations of the 1.3 billion Indians who sense their time has come and a better life is within their grasp.

How many Indian students are currently studying at UQ and what is the average number of enrollments from India every year?

Since 2013, more than 1,200 Indian students have enrolled in programmes at UQ, with more than 700 students enrolled in 2018. Indian student numbers have increased by around 40% since 2017 and by more than 200% since 2013. The majority of students from India currently enrolled are studying PG programmes. The UG commencements have seen consistent growth in recent years.

How has the ease in visa policies affected the overall

enrollments from India?

Students have global opportunities, so it is difficult to predict how decisions are likely to be made when conditions change. The university already has in place a comprehensive application process.

How does UQ plan to leverage the opportunity?

The UQ aims to operate with an overarching, holistic and long-term strategy that aligns the university with Indian Government, academia and industry and supports PhD and collaborative research with strategic partners. Our flagship strategic partnership with IITD will drive other activities in teaching and learning, research and research training with our partners to achieve long-term, mutually beneficial outcomes.

What kind of cross-cultural opportunities does UQ offer to students from abroad?

In 2018, UQ signed an agreement partnering with IITD to launch a joint Academy of Research (UQIDAR) which will pave the way for students and academics to partner on projects addressing some of the most pressing issues affecting India, Australia and global communities.

IN BRIEF

TOOL FOR IDENTIFYING MOST GIFTED STUDENTS

The Asset Talent Search (ATS) is an assessment tool for identifying the most gifted students. In its ninth year, the ATS exam by Educational Initiatives identifies the extent of giftedness in students and develops the career path for your child! It contains three sections — English, Mathematics and Science.

The test that measures student's conceptual understanding, benchmarks

school's performance at an international, national and regional level with actionable insights through easy-to-understand reports.

Register: Before November 25, 2019
Test dates: Sunday, December 1, 2019 and December 8, 2019

Register: At assettalentsearch.com
The ATS is a talent recognition programme. It identifies the finest talents in Math, Science and English.

MYNEET EXAM FOR MEDICAL ASPIRANTS

The Era Foundation, the organisers of COMED-K (Karnataka's Engineering seat selection and counselling forum) launched MyNEET, the only national-level mock exam for NEET.

The exam aims at giving candidates an experience of writing the real national eligibility cum entrance test in a simulated environment. MyNEET will be conducted on January 4, 2020, at

400 centres across the country.

The NEET is one of the most competitive exams in India with a success rate of only 15 per cent. Every year over 15 lakh students attempt NEET competing for 75,000 seats in medical colleges across India.

Muralidhar, CEO, Era Foundations said: "The experience of writing NEET for the first time can be unnerving for the

students, considering its scope and scale. We strongly feel giving a mock exam in a simulated environment can be invaluable to these students. The questions in the mock exam are set by educators keeping in mind the same difficulty level and complexity as NEET. The educators are subject matter experts who have experience in setting questions for all India entrance exams."

FORE SCHOOL STUDENTS SHINE

The students of FORE School of Management showcased their management and business skills at national level competitions organised by various campuses of Indian Institute of Management. The victory comprised of six consecutive winnings which started from IIM Ahmadabad, IIM Udaipur, IIM Raipur, SRCC, and IIFT to IIT Bombay, SJMSOM.

Every year, different branches of IIM organise events for the students to come and showcase their management skills, HR skills, as well as business

management strategies to touch the cherished milestone envisioned ever since the foundation of the institutions. The winners were given trophies as well as cash prizes along with many certificates after analysing the given problem, providing the management strategies and HR skills to come up with a positive and profitable outcome for the organisation.

The events offered a platform to students who allowed them to perform their best and prepare them for positions of greater responsibility in their career.

Brazil back to winning ways



Philippe Coutinho celebrates after scoring. CBF

AFP ■ ABU DHABI

Brazil ended a run of five games without a win by easing to a 3-0 victory over South Korea in a friendly in Abu Dhabi on Tuesday with Philippe Coutinho scoring the pick of the goals.

Coutinho, currently on loan at Bayern Munich from Barcelona, curled a free-kick from 22 yards high into the net to put Brazil 2-0 up after 35 minutes.

Before that he had played a part in the opener, producing some delightful footwork to pick out Renan Lodi, whose cross from the left was headed in from close range by AC Milan midfielder Lucas Paqueta.

Atletico Madrid left-back Lodi, 21, also set up the third goal which arrived shortly after half-time, his low delivery picking out Danilo to score with a first-time drive from just outside the area.

It is a first victory in six friendly outings for the Selecao since their triumph at the Copa America on home soil in July.

All of those matches have been played on neutral ground, with this match coming after a 1-0 defeat at the hands of Argentina in Saudi Arabia last Friday.

Five days after a 0-0 draw in Lebanon in a 2022 World Cup qualifier, South Korea were outclassed here, despite the presence of Tottenham Hotspur star Son Heung-min in their line-up.

Once again Neymar was absent for Brazil, with the world's most expensive player having stayed behind at Paris Saint-Germain to work on his fitness after suffering an injury playing for his country in a 1-1 draw with Nigeria in Singapore a month ago.

Perhaps his absence helped explain why the Mohammed bin Zayed Stadium was barely half full for the game.

Coach Tite made five changes to his starting line-up following the Argentina defeat, with Lodi and Coutinho coming into the side along with PSG centre-back Marquinhos, Liverpool midfielder Fabinho and Everton forward Richarlison.

Aston Villa's Douglas Luiz was handed his debut as a late substitute in what is a reassuring victory for Brazil before they start South American World Cup qualifying next March.

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

India went down to Oman by a solitary goal in the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 Qualifiers at the Sultan Qaboos Sports Complex Stadium in Muscat on Tuesday.

Muhsen Al Ghassani scored in the 33rd minute for the home team as India now stand at three points from the five games.

It was the hosts who had the upper hand in the initial exchanges of the first half. Oman could have taken the lead in the seventh minute but Muhsen Al Ghassani's spot-kick was off-target after he was brought down in the penalty area by Rahul Bheke.

The first chance for the Indians came in the 20th minute after Udanta Singh earned a free-kick. Brandon Fernandes curled in the ball towards the far post and found Chhetri, whose cross was intercepted by Oman custodian Ali Al Habsi.

Three minutes later, Nishu Kumar — making his first appearance under head coach Igor Stimac — surged into the Omani penalty box after a one-two with Udanta down the right flank but his dangerous-looking centre was cleared away.

Adil Khan and Pronay Halder went into the referee's book in the 24th and 25th minutes respectively, with the latter being replaced by Vinit Rai a few minutes later.

Three minutes after the half-hour mark, Oman took the lead through Al Ghassani. Mohsin Al Khaldi played in a through-ball behind the Indian defence and the forward put into the Indian net with a first-time finish.

In the 37th minute, Anas Edathodika came on in place of Adil Khan in the heart of the Indian defence and came up with a couple of timely clearances straight upon his arrival.

Five minutes before half-time, Gurpreet Singh Sandhu produced a sharp save at his near post from a corner and on the break, Udanta caused serious problems for the opposition defence with his pace. Charging down the left, he crossed the ball for Manvir — whose layoff found Farukh

Choudhary in the box. However, he was tackled on time before he could pull the trigger.

Changing over, the Blue Tigers came out with more intent, creating multiple crossing opportunities from the flanks.

All but over

India go down 0-1 against Oman to virtually get out of contention for World Cup berth



India and Oman players in action during FIFA World Cup 2022 qualifier match at Muscat on Tuesday Indian

Football/Twitter

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Changing over, the Blue Tigers came out with more intent, creating multiple crossing opportunities from the flanks.

Gurpreet Singh Sandhu was called into action in the 64th minute, denying Al Khaldi with a fine save to thwart a free-kick from 25 yards out, which was on target, and palm it off for a corner.

He also kept his side in the game with a brilliant save from close range, denying Ali Al Busaidi with a one-handed stop in the 82nd minute.

Towards the end, India had a couple of close moments when Ashique Kuruniyan charged down the left and caused problems for the home defence. However, the equalizer remained elusive.

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Barca boys star in 2-2 draw

Messi, Suarez score & assist one each in Argentina-Uruguay friendly

TEL AVIV: Lionel Messi scored a late penalty as Argentina drew 2-2 with Uruguay in a friendly held in Israel on Monday, with the Jewish state considering the match a victory.

The game pitted Messi against his Barcelona teammate Luis Suarez, and it looked as though the Uruguayan had gotten the better of him as he scored one goal and set up another to give his team a 2-1 lead going into injury time.

But a ball into the box was handled by a Uruguayan defender, and Messi calmly slotted the resulting penalty home to ensure an engaging friendly ended all square.

The 32-year-old had earlier teed up Manchester City striker

Sergio Aguero to make it 1-1, after Edinson Cavani had opened the scoring.

Suarez scored a free-kick from outside the box to give his side the lead before Messi's late intervention.

The game had been dubbed by organisers as an important moment for Israel, following the cancellation of another Argentina match a year earlier after pressure from pro-Palestinian campaigners.

On the pitch at times it felt like the Messi show, with the crowd chanting his name and every mazy run greeted by vociferous cheering.

While not at his electric best, he showed moments of quality — slaloming past defenders and

forcing Uruguay goalkeeper Martin Campana into a number of smart saves.

The match comes after the cancellation of a pre-World Cup friendly fixture between Argentina and Israel in June 2018 after boycott calls.

That match had been due to be played in Jerusalem, sparking Palestinian anger and criticism of Argentina online.

Israel considers Jerusalem its "indivisible" capital, while Palestinians claim the eastern part of the city — occupied by Israel in 1967 and later annexed — as the capital of their future state.

Monday's game was held in the Israeli commercial capital Tel Aviv.



Lionel Messi attempts to score via free kick against Uruguay

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Azzurri hit 9 past Armenia

Mancini's side maintain perfect record with 9-1 rout; Danes, Swiss through to Euro 2020



Ciro Immobile (11) hugs Nicolo Zaniolo after scoring his second goal against Armenia. AP

AFP ■ PALERMO

Denmark and Switzerland secured spots at Euro 2020 at the expense of the Republic of Ireland on Monday as Roberto Mancini's Italy completed a perfect qualifying campaign by scoring nine.

Ireland needed to beat Denmark in Dublin to clinch qualification for next year's 24-team European Championship finals, but Matt Doherty's late header was only enough to earn Mick McCarthy's men a 1-1 draw at the Aviva Stadium.

A closely-fought contest, low on technical quality, swung the visitors' way when the unmarked Martin Braithwaite stuck out a boot to divert a Henrik Dalsgaard cross into the net on 73 minutes.

However, Ireland scored a late

equaliser to draw 1-1 in Copenhagen in June and they repeated the feat here as Wolverhampton Wanderers right-back Doherty headed in an Enda Stevens cross with five minutes left.

Needing to win, the home side then threw everything at their opponents in the dying moments, but Denmark held on to clinch second place in Group D behind Switzerland.

The Danes, European champions in 1992, can now look forward to playing at home during the finals, with Copenhagen one of the 12 host cities chosen for the tournament.

Switzerland secured top spot with a 6-1 away win against minnows Gibraltar as Cedric Itten scored twice. Skipper and Arsenal outcast Granit Xhaka netted their final goal.

Italy had already wrapped up qualification from Group J but they saved their best for last, making it 10 wins from 10 by hammering Armenia 9-1 in Palermo with seven different scorers.

Serie A top scorer Ciro Immobile and Nicolo Zaniolo both scored braces, while Nicolo Barella and Alessio Romagnoli found the net before Chelsea midfielder Jorginho converted a penalty.

Riccardo Orsolini came off the bench to score on his Italy debut and Federico Chiesa finished off the scoring after Edgar Babayan had pulled one back for Armenia.

It was an 11th straight win in all for Mancini's side, with Italy scoring nine times in a game for the first time since beating the USA 9-0 at the London Olympics in 1948.

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Dismissing Pakistan's review appeal, the International Tennis Federation (ITF) on Tuesday announced Kazakhstan's capital Nur-Sultan as the neutral venue for the upcoming Davis Cup tie between India and Pakistan.

Pakistan Tennis Federation (PTF) had filed an appeal contesting the ITF Davis Cup Committee's November 4 decision to shift the November 29-30 tie to a neutral venue.

PTF had argued that if Indian

Nur-Sultan to host Ind-Pak Davis Cup tie

pilgrims can visit Pakistan without any security threat, why can't the Indian team play matches in Islamabad, but the Independent Tribunal of the world governing body kept the games at a neutral venue.

"The Pakistan Tennis Federation (PTF) appealed the Davis Cup Committee decision to move the tie from Islamabad. The appeal was dismissed by an inde-

pendent tribunal on Monday 18 November," ITF said in a statement.

"Further to the decision of the PTF not to nominate a neutral venue, in accordance with Davis Cup regulations, the Davis Cup Committee has voted in favour of the tie being hosted by the ITF on neutral ground at the National Tennis Centre in Nur-Sultan (previously Astana), Kazakhstan on 29-30 November," the statement

added. The matches will be played on indoor courts since extreme cold conditions there won't allow them to be staged outside.

"Playing indoor suits our players. It will work in our favour, not that our players can't play on grass but they a lot more comfortable on hard courts. The weather conditions are harsh and though we are playing indoors, it still affects the

body," India coach Zeeshan Ali said.

"The quality of tennis is better playing indoors because factors like sun and wind do not affect the matches." The tie was scheduled to be held in Islamabad in September but was pushed to November 29-30 after India expressed concerns about the safety of their players due to diplomatic tensions between the two nations.

Kiwis, Eng put rivalry to Test

AFP ■ MOUNT MAUNGANUI

New Zealand and England will take their cricketing rivalry into the Test arena on Thursday after finding themselves evenly matched in recent limited-overs thrillers.

England have bragging rights after winning a roller-coaster World Cup final in July, then edging the Black Caps 3-2 in a desperately close Twenty20 series completed earlier this month.

Both the one-day decider and T20 series needed tie-breakers to find a winner and there will be no shortage of mutual respect when the rivals face off again on Thursday in the First Test at Mount Maunganui.

On paper, there again appears to be little to separate the teams, with New Zealand second in the Test rankings and England third.

But England skipper Joe Root is painfully aware that his team underperformed when it lost a two-Test series in New Zealand last year after underestimating the Black Caps' bowlers on their home turf.

Pacemen Trent Boult and Tim Southee bundled the tourists out for 58 in the first



Kiwi, England players watch as local Maori perform haka during welcome

AP

innings of the opening Test as England tried to play what Root described as "fast forward" cricket.

England's skipper said his team would be taking a more measured approach this time, with batsmen placing an emphasis on protecting their wickets.

"We have to be prepared to play some attritional cricket at times," he said.

"We have to try to bat longer... it would be nice to get used to batting for 120 overs more regularly, especially in the first innings."

The series will not count towards the World Test Championship, giving new England coach Chris Silverwood room to experiment in his first Test series in charge.

He is expected to hand opening batsman Dom Sibley

his debut, partnering Rory Burns, with Root moving down to fourth in the order.

New Zealand will take the opportunity to blood speedster Lockie Ferguson, who has already excelled in limited overs internationals and was described as "an extreme talent" by short-ball specialist Neil Wagner.

"I know he's raring to go. If he gets the opportunity he'll make the most of it," Wagner said.

New Zealand will also be bolstered by the return of captain Kane Williamson, who sat out the T20 series with a nagging hip injury.

It will be the first Test match ever staged at Mount Maunganui's Bay Oval, which has been hosting limited-overs internationals since 2014.

The beachside venue is Wagner's home ground and he said the wicket could take time to get used to.

"It's been a pretty good wicket that's tended to be on the flatter side but there's always pace and bounce that you can work with," he said.

"It's also got its own unique challenges with wind that swirls around a bit."

Babar's best yet to come: Ponting

IAN ■ BRISBANE

With Pakistan set to challenge Australia in a two-Tests series starting Thursday, former Australia skipper Ricky Ponting believes that Babar Azam could be a threat for the home team as the World Cup-winning skipper feels that Babar is yet to play to potential.

"We haven't seen the best of him yet," Ponting told cricnet.com.au. "Twenty-odd Tests for an average of 35 — he's better than that. He averages 54 in one-day cricket at a strike-rate of about 90. He's a very, very classy player."

"He's a really exciting talent and probably the guy I'm looking forward to seeing the most this summer. I've seen the Aussies a lot and I've seen a lot of the Kiwis, but I'm really excited to see him. He could be anything," he added.

Earlier, Michael Hussey had also praised Babar and said that the talented batsman can be spoken of in the same sentence as that which has stalwarts like Virat Kohli, Steve Smith and Kane Williamson if he improves his Test record.



Companies, agencies sign up for next Import Expo

A signing ceremony for the 2020 China International Import Expo (CIIE) took place last Wednesday during this year's expo in Shanghai.

At the event, 21 companies and nine foreign agencies signed up for the third edition of CIIE at the expo's venue, the National Exhibition and Convention Centre.

The companies include major players in different industries, such as French cosmetics company L'Oréal Group, British automobile company Jaguar Land Rover, and US healthcare company Johnson & Johnson, as well as Thailand conglomerate Charoen Pokphand Group.

Among other agencies seeking to return are the China-Italy Chamber of Commerce, the Japan External Trade Organisation, Singapore Business Federation and Ukrainian Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Apart from the above-mentioned companies, more than 110 companies have already signed up for next year's expo, reserving an exhibition area of 60,000 square metres, according to the CIIE Bureau, one of the expo's organisers.



The Indian pavilion in the 2nd CIIE. Photo by Lei Tongsu

"We are glad to be one of the first companies to sign up for the third CIIE," said Will Song, chairman of Johnson & Johnson China.

"The CIIE is living proof of China's commitment to further opening up and improving the environment for doing business. The increasing numbers of exhibitors, and new products at the expo this year, testify to the appeal of the event which is becoming an important platform for more Chinese clients and customers to learn about the latest innovations of our company," he added.

Riding momentum of growth

Yunnan province held key industry investment cooperation and global procurement theme promotion activities on Nov.11.

The governor of Yunnan, Ruan Chengfa, pointed out in his speech that Yunnan is known as the hometown of "poetry's distant dream". It is not only a place where people come and want to stay on but also a place full of vitality and investment opportunities. In recent years, Yunnan has single-mindedly pursued high-

quality development, deepened supply-side structural reform and built a modern economic system with a bright green background to accelerate the development of eight key industries. It is also striving to build world-class green energy, green food and a healthy living destination. Yunnan is riding the momentum of its high-quality leapfrog development, the governor said.

Ruan Chengfa also said that Yunnan will learn from the successful experience of China (Shanghai) Pilot Free Trade Zone and strive to

build the China (Yunnan) pilot free-trade zone into a new high ground for opening-up to South and Southeast Asia and a new engine for economic and social development. At the same time, Yunnan is focusing on creating a more efficient government service environment, a more considerate business service environment and a more accurate market service environment by constantly improving the market-oriented and law-based international business environment to sincerely welcome entrepreneurs to invest in Yunnan.

During the promotion, a number of enterprises signed 20 investment and financial cooperation projects and import purchase agreements with Yunnan, including 10 import purchase projects. The main imported products are chemicals, agricultural products, and mechanical and electrical products.

Ten investment promotion and financing support projects, covering green food, great health, tourism, culture, manufacturing and other fields are being promoted. By China Daily and YDPG

XI'S REMARKS

Of the problems confronting the world economy, none can be resolved by a single country alone. We must all put the common good of humanity first rather than place one's own interest above the common interest of all. We must have a more open

mindset and take more open steps, and work together to make the pie of the global market even bigger. We need to strengthen the mechanisms for sharing benefits globally, and explore new ways of international cooperation. The goal is to give more impetus to economic globalization and

remove impediments as much as we could.

— Excerpt from Chinese President Xi Jinping's keynote speech at the 2nd China International Import Expo on Nov.5, 2019

CULTURE

Yunnan's intangible cultural heritage presented



The Thai pavilion in the CIIE. Photo by Lei Tongsu

Music playing and dancing attracted the audience to dance together. During the 2nd China international import expo, the performance and exhibition of intangible cultural heritage from Yunnan province were wonderfully presented. He Zhengwen, inheritor of Dongba hieroglyphic writing art, demonstrated the Dongba script writing and explained its history on the site and attracted attention from the guests. Seeing that so

many people are concerned about Dongba characters, He Zhengwen said happily that to bring Dongba culture to the expo is to show the world the unique national cultural charm of Yunnan.

Bai Xiaobai, inheritor of Yi embroidery from Daxinzhai Village, Honghe County, is wearing her own embroidered traditional national costumes for display. Bai Xiaobai said that she started to learn embroidery when she was a teenager. Now she is already

in her 50's. Her wish is to make every stitch and line carefully well so that more people know this ancient craft. Another inheritor of Yi embroidery Li Xiaofen said that a specialized cooperative of Yi embroidery has been set up in Daxinzhai Village. A well-made cap can be sold for about 1,700 yuan. Ethnic culture has given villagers a new way to get rich.

Yang Yuyan, a 23-year-old girl from Yunnan, introduced the skills and characteristics and Yunnan tie-dye. She and her father brought many tie-dye works of beautiful Yunnan series to the expo. "This piece the spring water and flower city not only contains traditional Yunnan symbols such as Dianchi Lake and Yunnan famous flowers, but also represents new events of Yunnan development such as the entry of high-speed railway into Yunnan," said Yang Yuyan. Their tie-dye works show the new atmosphere of Yunnan flourishes. They hope to inspire new inspiration and creativity through the platform of the expo. By Liu Ziyu

This is a laudable initiative by the Govt. of China to provide market access to Exporters from all over the world and also to address the issue of trade imbalance. The Expo provides an opportunity and is a Win-Win situation. China and India are the largest producers and consumers of Tea in the world. There are opportunities of synergies in many areas including Research.

Indian Tea is becoming popular in China whereas Chinese tea particularly green tea is becoming popular in India. The Expo has representation from India in tea industry. 'Tea' is a 'Way of Life' and Culture in China and not just a commodity. We in India have to learn a lot about Chinese market. India has definite strength in textiles yarn, gifts, Agri commodities, ayurvedic products, generic drugs, IT etc. China being a huge market can provide significant export opportunities for Indian companies. We are hopeful of positive response from Chinese buyers.

We expect good number of trade queries, orders and business tie-ups for Indian exporters. This event will also grow bigger for Indian exporters in the future as there is a lot more interest to be generated.

—Office of the Chairman, Centre for Promotion of India-China Cooperation

CITM India attends Int'l travel mart in KM



The Indian booths in the CITM. Photo by Liu Yanqin

The 2019 China International Travel Mart (CITM) ends on Nov.17 in Kunming, capital of southwest China's Yunnan Province. Housing more than 3,800 booths in the exhibition area, exhibitors cover a wide range of fields including scenic spots, hotels, airlines, cruise lines, travel agencies and online travel platforms. India participated in the event.

POVERTY ALLEVIATION Ecological improvement brings prosperity to villagers

Tourists are crowded into Shigu Village, Shigu Town, Yulong Naxi Autonomous County, Yunnan Province. The owner of Hongqiao Restaurant He Shaohua is busy preparing meals for the guests. He told us that the village used to be dirty and untidy, but now the environment is getting better. There are more and more guests all year round and business at home is getting better and better.

The change began three years ago. In that year, Shigu Town started a comprehensive management of rural

living environment. Shigu Village Committee mobilized villagers to clean up public areas and collect household and production garbage, and require businesses to be responsible for greening, cleaning and parking in front of their doors. After three years, Shigu Village now becomes a web celebrity for people to come and visit constantly.

Yuan Yixiang, head of the village, feels very proud when talking about the changes of Shigu Village. She said that through growing greens

and comprehensive environment treatment, Shigu Village's mountains become green, water becomes clear and more tourists come.

Relying on the good ecological environment, villagers have set up food and beverage businesses, home stay facilities and rural tourism. Their life has been getting better and better, and their income has been increasing year by year. Last year, the per capita net income of the whole village reached more than 10,000 yuan.

By He Qian

IN PICS

Spectacular formations of flying red-breasted parakeets



Recently, flocks of red-breasted parakeets hover above Ruili, northeast part

of Yunnan province in spectacular formations. This is benefited from the substantial

improvement of the local ecological environment. Photo by Zheng Shanhe

ECONOMICS

Cross-border e-commerce public service platform launched in Yunnan

A cross-border e-commerce public service platform was launched on November 18 in Yunnan province.

Yunnan cross-border e-commerce public service platform supports cross-border bonded import, general export and other business models, and connects with multiple regulatory sites in the whole province. The service covers cross-border e-commerce industry in the whole province. Now the cross-border e-commerce public service platform has been connected to the airport area of Kunming comprehensive

free trade zone and over 10,000 orders have been declared online.

Kunming comprehensive bonded zone opened up a number of e-commerce routes to India, Thailand, Nepal, Vietnam, and Australia with categories including goods for everyday consumption, shoes, clothing, cases and bags, food, and accessories. The effectiveness of customs clearance has been constantly improving, the maximum single line machine load has increased from 3,000 to 50,000 pieces in a single day. Customs clearance in the zone is within 24 hours.

A batch of American

and Australian wine, bird's nest from Thailand, handmade goods from Nepal passed customs inspection and entered the bonded warehouse of Kunming comprehensive bonded zone. It indicates that consumers in Yunnan can enjoy T+1 shopping experience. The products purchased online and stored in the bonded warehouse of the comprehensive bonded zone can go through the customs and be delivered to consumers on the same day or the next day at the latest.

By Wang Huan

Chinese auto makers to explore \$5b investment in India

Chinese auto manufacturers are expected to pump about \$5 billion in the Indian market over the next 3-5 years at a time when Indian manufacturers are holding back their investments, said a media report recently.

Chinese companies, including Geely, Chery, Great Wall Motors, Changan and Beiqi Foton, were scouting for opportunities and slated to enter India while MG Motor plans its second round of investment and BYD has decided to venture beyond buses to electric vans, said a report

in the financial daily *The Economic Times*.

"Chinese automakers have the capacity to challenge the dominance of market leaders on the back of economies of scale and they already have an edge with the electric vehicle technology that fits well into the Indian government's vision to become a key global base for electrification," said the report quoting Amit Kaushik, managing director at the consultancy firm Urban Science.

Other Chinese companies are planning to create space in the Indian market, including



Sinotruk—a China National Heavy-duty Truck Group, Foton, which recently acquired land at Chakan, 140 km from Mumbai.

The Indian passenger car market has an installed capacity of 6.6 million units at the end of 2018, with capacity utilization at 60 percent while the

household penetration of cars remains low at 7 percent, comparing to 36 percent in China and 40 percent in Thailand. (Xinhua)