

Provide onion at ₹15 a kg: AAP to Centre

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The Delhi Government has requested the Centre to resume supplying the kitchen staple and make it available to Delhi at ₹15.60 per kg instead of ₹60 as conveyed to the AAP dispensation.

In a letter to Union Consumer Affairs minister Ram Vilas Paswan on Thursday, Delhi Food and Civil Supplies Minister Imran Hussain said, "A Government should not be seen doing business with profit motive over an essential commodity."

Hussain alleged that National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED) has stopped supply of onions, saying it will be able to make it available to Delhi government after procuring from the markets in Alwar and later from the stock of onions to be imported from Egypt.

On Wednesday, Chief

Minister Arvind Kejriwal had accused the central government of stopping the supply of onions at controlled price to Delhi.

Onion price in the national capital has again increased from ₹40-50 per kg to nearly ₹100 a kg over the past few days.

Hussain said that the NAFED had been supplying onion to Delhi Government at ₹15.60 per kilogram and the city government was retailing these onions to the residents at ₹23.90 per kg for providing necessary relief from the price rise.

"Secretary, Department of Consumers, Govt of India vide his letter dated November 23, 2019 has also informed that the onion can be made available...Five days after the scheduled date of arrival at the estimated cost of ₹60.

This is too high and the people will not be able to afford if onions were supplied

at such a high price," Hussain said in the letter.

Hussain said the Centre's decision to make onion available at such high price will adversely affect the supply of onions to the citizens of Delhi. "I would therefore, seek your kind personal intervention in the matter and also request to kindly direct NAFED to continue supplying onions at ₹15.60 per kg in Delhi as before in larger public interest," he said in the letter.

"Consumers will be hit hard by the sudden increase in retail prices of onions through government outlets. The Government should not be seen as doing business with profit motive over an essential commodity," Hussain said.

In view of this, there is immediate need to review the matter and activate the Price Stabilisation Fund Mechanism under which onion was earlier being supplied to Delhi, he added.

AAP, BJP doing nothing over price rise: Cong

CONGRESS LEADERS, WORKERS WILL ALSO GHERAO THE RESIDENCE OF RAM VILAS PASWAN

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With price of onion hitting the roof, blame game and war of words intensified among ruling Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), Opposition parties the BJP and the Congress.

Delhi Congress president Subhash Chopra accused both the AAP dispensation in Delhi and the BJP ruled Centre for passing the buck on each other over the issue instead of taking action to bring the prices down.

The Congress leaders and workers will also gherao the residence of Union Food and Civil Supplies Minister Ram Vilas Paswan if the Government fails to control onion prices in the Capital.

Chopra said the prices of onion and vegetables are rocking in Delhi as the BJP and AAP Governments are in collusion with hoarders and black-marketers.

"The Kejriwal Government is only fooling the people by saying that onion will be sold at subsidised rates but the peo-

ple cannot find any shops where onion are being sold at subsidised rates.

Meanwhile, the Delhi Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) accused the Arvind Kejriwal Government of not making any demand for supply of onion from the Centre, and claimed that the ruling AAP was trying to politically exploit the high prices of the kitchen staple in the upcoming Assembly polls.

The AAP Government cancelled an order of four truckloads of daily onion supply in the first week of October; Leader of Opposition in the Delhi Assembly Vijender Gupta tweeted in Hindi and attached with it a purported letter of Delhi State Civil Supply Cooperation Limited in support of his claim.

Gupta said, "However, with eye on the Assembly polls, Chief Minister Kejriwal and his party spent crores of rupees on advertisements telling people that they will provide them onion at subsidised rates."

"However, they cancelled



the order for onion supply on October 4," he claimed. Party MP and former Delhi BJP president Vijay Goel accused Kejriwal of "misleading" people. "As always, Kejriwal is again misleading the people of Delhi by claiming that the Centre has stopped the supply of onions. The truth is that Delhi government itself had written a letter to NAFED stating that it does not require onion supply anymore. Even now, Delhi government is not ready to buy onion from the Central government," he said.

The Centre had written a letter to the Delhi government on November 23, asking how much onion they need. Other states have raised request of onion to meet their demand, but the Kejriwal government did not demand anything, he claimed.

Senior leader and chief spokesperson of Delhi Congress Mukesh Sharma said that neither the Central Government nor the Delhi Government is making any serious attempt to bring down the prices of onions. "Both the

BJP and AAP are only indulging political slugfest instead of bringing down the prices as both these parties are hands in glove with hoarders and black-marketers," he added.

Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal too on Wednesday accused the central government of stopping the supply of onions at controlled price to Delhi. Claiming that Centre provided onion to the Delhi government from its stock of 56000 metric tonnes at the rate of ₹15.90 per kg.

Bill brought to woo voters: AAP

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Questioning the 'motive' behind introducing the Bill to regularise unauthorised colonies in Delhi ahead of Assembly elections due early next year, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) on Thursday alleged that the proposed legislation was brought with the

"ill-intention" of wooing people living in such areas.

AAP spokesperson Raghav Chadha said "The Centre was sitting on the bill for the past four years even when we completed all formalities from our side (Delhi government) years ago and woke up right before the polls,"

In a series of tweets, he said that the centre is going to provide ownership rights to only 100 people out of 40 lakh families.

Meanwhile, BJP Delhi unit president Manoj Tiwari said that people living in unauthorised colonies were living in pathetic conditions till now but with the efforts taken by Prime Minister Narendra Modi they are going to get the ownership of the land. "It is very unfortu-

nate that the AAP MP Bhagwant Mann left the house after the bill of unauthorized colonies was passed in Parliament. Kejriwal should answer why his MP boycotted left the house proceedings," he said.

Accusing the Chief Minister of spreading fake news, Tiwari said he spread the news that BJP is not going to table any bill on unauthorized colonies in parliament but after the bill was presented for debate in the parliament, Kejriwal is now saying the ownership would be given to only 100 people. "I want to assure people of Delhi that the BJP is committed to provide ownership rights to all living in these colonies," he added.

Tiwari further said that the development works can be car-

ried out in these colonies after the move. "The centre will provide registry to people of unauthorized colonies on 40 per cent less than the cost," he said.

Leader of Opposition in Delhi Assembly Vijender Gupta said that Modi Government fulfilled its promise to regularize these colonies in 100 days of coming in to power at center this year. He said that dithering for five years and asking time of two

BJP, Congress trade barbs in Parliament

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Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and Congress were involved in heated exchanges in the Lok Sabha on Thursday during the discussion on a Bill to regularise 1,731 unauthorised colonies in Delhi.

Forty lakh poor people were struggling to get ownership of their properties as they came here to earn livelihood, he alleged, adding the number of unauthorised colonies in Delhi would not have increased if the Congress government had taken steps in that direction. Bidhuri said former Delhi chief minister Sheila Dixit did not think about those people and distributed provisional certificates prior to the 2007 elections despite the fact that the Congress was ruling in both the Centre and in Delhi.

rushed to the well of the House several times seeking time to refute the allegations.

Moving the bill to grant ownership rights to residents of Delhi's unauthorised colonies for consideration, Union Urban Development Minister Hardeep Singh Puri said the process to map these colonies digitally should have started in 2008.

The process of digital mapping of 1,731 unauthorised colonies of Delhi will be completed by December 31 and uploaded on a newly-created portal. Over 600 colonies have been digitally mapped so far, he said.

Air quality recorded best in 55 days

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Strong winds and rain brought respite to the denizens of the national Capital as the air quality improved considerably and was the best in 55 days on Thursday. The city recorded its overall air quality index at 106, the best since October 5, when it was 98. On Wednesday, the overall AQI was 134.

In Delhi and National Capital Region (NCR), the level of PM2.5 — tiny particulate matter less than 2.5 microns in diameter that can enter the lungs and the bloodstream — was 37.5 microgram per cubic metre at 7.30 pm, which is within the safe limit of 0-60. The region had last recorded such levels on October 5.

Most of the 37 air quality monitoring stations in Delhi recorded AQI in the 'satisfactory' category. Pusa registered the best AQI of 64.

An AQI between 0-50 is considered 'good', 51-100 'satisfactory', 101-200 'moderate', 201-300 'poor', 301-400 'very poor' and 401-500 'severe'. An AQI above 500 falls in the 'severe plus' category. Weather experts said parts of Delhi and its suburbs received rains on Wednesday and Thursday, improving the air quality further.

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O.A. No. 1098/18 Dt. 11-10-2019

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Versus

M/s Sainov Spirits Pvt. Ltd. & Ors. Respondent

To, Defendant

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Section Officer, DRT-II, Delhi

2-day Self Defense Techniques Training Programme concludes

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The Special Police Unit for Women and Children (SPUWAC) of Delhi Police on Thursday conducted a concluding session of 'Self Defense Techniques Training Programme' for the girl at Mayur Public School in Delhi's Parpatganj area. Around 1,000 girl students were imparted training in the two day programme.

Nuzhat Hassan, Special Commissioner of Police, Women Safety and SPUWAC was chief guest on the occasion. Hassan, expressed her

satisfaction to see the girl student have shown keen interest in learning self defence techniques and gave lecture on women safety issues.

On this occasion Geeta Rani Verma, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), SPUWAC, said that all girls should raise their voice at the first instance in any untoward circumstances. She further expressed that girls and women should be more vigilant and aware regarding the safety and security measures to be adopted.

On this occasion Certificate of Participation were also distributed to the par-

ticipants.

"In programme the girl participants have been made aware about safety measures as to how to deal with antisocial elements and to prevent chain snatching, stalking, eve-teaching, assault. The girls were also told about cyber stalking, safeguards while using social media, gender sensitization and Himmat Plus app," said the DCP.

"Pamphlets containing detailed information of stakeholders in the field of women empowerment, safety and security were also distributed to the participants," the DCP added.

100 new cluster buses flagged off

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Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, along with Transport Minister Kailash Gahlot, has flagged off fourth lot of 100 new standard floor buses fitted with hydraulic lift on Thursday from Rajhat Bus Depot, from the 1000 standard floor buses that started being delivered in October this year. 329 buses have already been flagged off in the previous months.



Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal inside a standard floor bus with hydraulic lift in New Delhi on Thursday

"I want to congratulate the people of Delhi that 100 new buses are arriving on the roads of Delhi. Several new buses have arrived in recent months and the rest of the buses are also coming soon. I believe that with the induction of new buses, the lack of irregularity in public transportation in Delhi will be resolved.

Just like the transformations that have happened in the health and education sectors in Delhi, we want the public transport sector to become technologically advanced and be recognized internationally. The people of

Delhi will be proud of our transport sector," said Kejriwal while flagging off the 100 new cluster buses.

The buses are equipped with ultra-modern facilities and state-of-the-art features like GPS trackers, panic buttons, CCTV, and hydraulic lifts for the convenience of the differently-abled. We want Delhi's transport sector to be recognized internationally: CM Shri Arvind Kejriwal

The Aadmi Party (AAP) Government has set up a target to purchase 1,000 standard floor buses by end of this year. However, currently about 329

buses are flagged of so far. These buses are equipped with panic buttons, CCTV cameras and are especially designed with lifts for divyangs.

Also, these buses are fitted with three doors along with unique features. Out of these, two gates will be for the 'entry and exit' while remaining one will be completely dedicated for persons with disability and senior citizens and are fitted with hydraulic lifts.

Besides, the new upcoming buses are manufactured with high technology for the safety of the passengers especially women and child.

Traffic advisory issued on Shahidi divas



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Traffic will be affected at several places in the national Capital on Sunday because of processions on Shahidi Gurupurab. According to an advisory issued by the Delhi Traffic Police, "The Delhi Sikh Gurdwara Management Committee will take out 'Nagar Kirtan' procession to mark the death anniversary of Guru Teg Bhadur."

Rai warns officials of action against flouting of rules

NEW MINIMUM WAGES RATE

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Labour Minister Gopal Rai held a review meeting with top officials of the department and contractors on Thursday and directed them of strict compliance of new rates of minimum wages. The move came days after the Delhi Gvernment notified new minimum wages rules.



status report on these issues.

Last month, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal had said that around 55 lakh workers in the city would benefit from the increased minimum wages.

The Labour Minister advised all concerned officials of strict compliance of new rates of minimum wages, disbursement of arrears and also payment of bonus, the Government said in a statement.

"Apart from 138 representatives from various departments, 71 contractors attended the review meeting, where the minister warned of strict action for failure in compliance with new minimum wages rules," the official said.

"Some issues regarding tender document were raised by the contractors concerning some of the departments which were taken note of," it said, adding that the next interagency meeting is scheduled to be held on December 16 wherein all contractors shall be submitting their

The move would be effective in reducing poverty and dealing with the economic slowdown, he had said, adding that the step would lead to an increase in demand and production, and generate employment.

The enhanced minimum wages for unskilled workers have been fixed at around Rs 14,842 per month, for semi-skilled workers at ₹16,341 per month and for skilled workers at ₹17,991 per month. The government has removed 1,373 contractors so far for not paying minimum wages to their workers.

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TRIFED/TRIBES INDIA AADI MAHOTSAV

16-30 November, 2019 at Dilli Haat, INA;
16-19 November, 2019, Palika Park, CP, New Delhi

THE BACKGROUND

1. The tribes constitute over 8% of the country's population. This is a very significant number. In real terms it corresponds to over 10 crore Indians. Thenational object of inclusive development (sabka vikas) includes the development of tribes as an important component. Our constitution enjoins upon the Government the responsibility of addressing the special needs of the tribals.
2. As the name of this event Aadi Mahotsav suggests, it is the 'adi' factor that is important about them. The Adivasi way of life is guided by primal truths, eternal values and a natural simplicity. The greatness of the tribes lies in this that they have managed to retain the primal skills, the natural simplicity. Their creations issue from the depths of time. This quality gives their arts and crafts a timeless appeal. The crudest tribal handicraft instantly touches a primal instinct in all of us. This is particularly true of tribal music and dance.
3. Union Home Minister Sh. Amit Shah inaugurated the Aadi Mahotsav at Dilli Haat, INA on 16 November 2019



Arrival of the Chief Guest Sh. Amit Shah, Hon'ble Union Minister



Ribbon cutting by Sh. Amit Shah Hon'ble Chief Guest



Lamp lighting by Sh. Amit Shah, Hon'ble Home Minister



Inauguration speech by Sh. Amit Shah, Hon'ble Minister for Home Affairs

4. The tribes of India have a wide range of handicrafts. These include handwoven cotton, wool and silk fabrics, woodcrafts, metal craft, terracotta, bead-work, masques and other objects. They also produce compelling paintings. It is true that the tribes did not develop these arts and handicrafts for the market. They developed them for their own captive use. But we all live in a changing world. Nobody can remain unaffected by these changes. Not even the tribes. Like all of us, the tribes too now need cash for sundry purposes. It is therefore important that their natural skills must be channelled to promote their sources of income. It is for this reason that the Government seeks to promote interaction between the tribal artisans and the mainstream designers from reputed design organizations. The idea is to expand the product range and designs. The synergy between these two can generate marketable products of art and handicraft for the top-end global market. Single items of bell-metal produced by the late Jaideo Baghel of Kondagaon in Bastar sold for as much as five lacs of rupees! This only points to the fact that on the one hand there are skills in the tribal pockets of India, and on the other hand there is high-end demand in our cities and in the international market.
5. Sh. Om Birla Hon'ble Speaker Loka Sabha was Chief Guest at Aadi Mahotsav at Dilli Haat, INA



Chief Guest Sh. Om Birla, Hon'ble Speaker Loka Sabha along with Sh. Arjun Munda, Hon'ble Union Minister for Tribal Affairs and Sh. Pravir Krishna, IAS, MD, TRIFED on 2nd day of Aadi Mahotsav at Dilli Haat, INA



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6. The need is to put two and two together for a win-win result. Events such as this Aadi Mahotsav are very important in this regard. The Government has formed the Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED) for achieving this. TRIFED is doing significant work in this direction and have now embraced e-commerce and digital platforms to take the business forward.
7. Cultural Performance by Padma Shri Awardee Malini Awasthi at Aadi Mahotsav, Dilli Haat, INA
8. Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Minister of Steel Sh. Dharmendra Pradhan & Minister of State of Ministry of Tribal Affairs Smt. Renuka Singh at Aadi Mahotsav at Dilli Haat, INA.



Speaking at Aadi Mahotsav by Sh. Dharmendra Pradhan, Hon'ble Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Minister of Steel



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Felicitation of Chief Guest Sh. Amit Shah, Hon'ble Home Minister by Sh. Arjun Munda, Hon'ble Minister for Tribal Affairs



Lamp lighting by Sh. Narendra Singh Tomar

9. The theme of the festival is: A Celebration of the Spirit of Tribal Culture, Craft, Cuisine and Commerce. The festival will feature exhibition-cum-sale of tribal handicrafts, art, paintings, fabric, jewellery and much more through 150 stalls.
10. Smt. Hema Malini Hon'ble MP was Chief Guest at Aadi Mahotsav at Dilli Haat, INA
11. Qawwali by Mrs. Chanchal Bharti and her groups at Aadi Mahotsav at Dilli Haat, INA



Chief Guest Smt. Hema Malini Hon'ble MP, Visit Tribes India Store at Dilli Haat



Qawwali by Mrs. Chanchal Bharti and her groups



Sh. Pravir Krishna, MD, TRIFED with Zafar Iqbal, a former Indian field hockey player and captain of the national team with Chanchal Bharti, Ms. Ruma Devi, Sh. Abhinav Kant Chaturvedi and Sh. Pramod Merkep enjoying Qawwali on the 4th day of Aadi Mahotsav, Dilli Haat, INA



12. Over 400 tribal artisans and artists from different States creating a Mini-India will be participating in the festival.
13. Pt. Hari Prasad Chaurasia performing on the at Aadi Mahotsav, Dilli Haat, INA



Pt. Hari Prasad Chaurasia performing with his pupil



Group picture with Pt. Hari Prasad Chaurasia

SHOPPING EXTRAVAGANZA

14. The tribal textiles manufactured by Master tribal Craftsmen from Jammu & Kashmir in the North to Tamil Nadu in the South and from Gujarat in the West to Nagaland/Sikkim in the East will win your heart.
15. Smt. Hema Malini Hon'ble MP was Chief Guest at Aadi Mahotsav at Dilli Haat, INA



Welcoming of Smt. Hema Malini



Chief Guest Smt. Hema Malini, visiting PMVDY Kendra and other stalls at Aadi Mahotsav



Felicitation Ceremony



Lighting a lamp by Smt. Hema Malini, Hon'ble MP



Sitar performance by Ustad Shahid Parvez Khan with Sh. Mithlesh Kumar Jha on Tabla

16. The Traditional tribal jewellery, bamboo cane also promise to be the items of attraction.
17. The Tribal handicrafts would be sold through 100 Stalls under the Tribes Banner by tribal Artisans.
18. Indian Hockey Team was Chief Guest at Aadi Mahotsav at Dilli Haat, INA



Present on stage: Sh. Pravir Krishna (MD TRIFED), Sh. A.B. Subhaiha, Sh. Anupam Gulati, Sh. Jagbir Singh, Sh. Arvind Chhabar, Sh. Manser Singh, Sh. Sanjay Bisht, Sh. Zafar Iqbal



Fashion Show by SADHNA



Culture Performance by SADHNA

19. In line with the national aspiration to go cashless, for the first time the tribal artisans will be accepting payment through major credit / debit cards for which Point of Sale (POS) machines have been provided in each stall. A special training has been conducted by State Bank of India for smooth operations of this. The Mahotsav will display the rich digital commerce and e-commerce being promoted by Tribes India.
20. Eminent Fashion Personalities were chief guest at Aadi Mahotsav at Dilli Haat, INA



Present at the event: Sh. Pravir Krishna (MD TRIFED), Smt. Ruma Devi, Sh. Rohit Bai, Sh. Jatin Kochhar, Ms. Meagan Oliari, Ms. Liz Hartman, Sh. Pratul Bakshi



Fashion Show showcasing tribal products from different states



Fashion Show Ruma Devi's Designer Collection



Cultural Performance by GVCS



21. TRIBES India proudly informs the signing of MOUs with Amazon, Snapdeal, Flipkart, PayTM and GEM, a Government of India Portal for e-commerce of the tribal products. Besides TRIBES India has also has its own e-com portal www.tribesindia.com
22. AWWA President Smt. Madhulika Rawat and other Eminent Fashion Personalities were chief guest at Aadi Mahotsav at Dilli Haat, INA



Fashion Show showcasing tribal products from different states



Cultural Performance by GVCS



Fashion Show Ruma Devi's Designer Collection

23. The Aadi Mahotsav is an effort to take tribal commerce to the next level of digital and electronic transactions. The Mahotsav apart from exotic handicrafts will also show case the electronic and digital skills of the tribals as a special attraction.
24. Mesmerising Performance by Sufi Singer Sh. Manak Ali and visit by Governor of Chhattisgarh at Aadi Mahotsav Dilli Haat, INA



Governor of Chhattisgarh visits Aadi Mahotsav Dilli Haat, INA with her Smt. Renuka Singh MoS, Sh. Pravir Krishna MD TRIFED, Ms. Ruma Devi



Mesmerising Performance by Sufi Singer Sh. Manak Ali



Celebrating TRIFED's Day at Aadi Mahotsav Dilli Haat, INA

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AADI MAHOTSAV

Date: 16-30 November, 2019

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A FEAST OF SHOPPING AND A WINDOW TO TRIBAL CULTURE

CITIZENSHIP AMENDMENT BILL

MHA invites N-E CMs, groups for discussion

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Home Ministry has invited Chief Ministers of North-East States besides leaders of socio-cultural bodies, students' organisations and political parties from the region for discussions over the next two days on the plans to amend the Citizenship Act, officials said on Thursday.

Those who have been invited for discussions on Friday and Saturday include North East Students' Organisation, All Bodo Students' Union and students bodies from Meghalaya, Nagaland and Arunachal Pradesh.

The meetings with the Chief Ministers will be held on Saturday, an official said.

Leaders of several political parties- both regional and State chiefs of national political par-

ties - and heads of socio-cultural organisations have also been invited for the discussions, the official said.

The Home Ministry has convened the meetings in the wake of strong protests registered by many organisations against the bill in the north-east.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah is expected to be present in the meetings, another official said.

The bill seeks to amend the Citizenship Act, 1955, in order to grant Indian nationality to Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains, Parsis and Christians who come to India after facing religious persecution in Bangladesh, Pakistan and Afghanistan even if they don't possess proper documents.

This was an election promise of the BJP in the 2014

and the 2019 Lok Sabha polls.

A large section of people and organisations in the north-east have opposed the bill, saying it will nullify the provisions of the Assam

Accord of 1985, which fixed March 24, 1971, as the cut-off date for deportation of all illegal immigrants irrespective of religion.

Congress, Trinamool Congress, Communist Party of India (Marxist) and a few other political parties have been steadfastly opposing the bill, claiming that citizenship can't be given on the basis of religion.

The BJP-led NDA Government had introduced the bill in its previous tenure and got the Lok Sabha's approval. But the Government did not introduce it in the Rajya Sabha, apparently due to vehement protests in the

northeast.

The bill lapsed following the dissolution of the last Lok Sabha.

According to the earlier bill, those who came to India on or before December 31, 2014, will benefit from the proposed legislation after it becomes an act.

There is a possibility of changes in the cut-off date too, another official said.

The Modi Government has listed the bill in its items of business for the ongoing Winter Session of Parliament and is set to push for its passage.

The BJP and its Hindutva affiliates have insisted that minorities from the three countries, which include a significant number of Hindus, should be granted Indian citizenship.

The Centre had on

Exempt Manipur from CAB: MP

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

BJP MP from Manipur Rajkumar Ranjan Singh requested the Home Ministry on Thursday to exempt the northeastern State from the purview of the Citizenship Amendment Bill.

Speaking during the Zero Hour in the Lok Sabha, the parliamentarian from Inner Manipur constituency said he would like to draw the attention of the Government of

India to the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill that is going to be placed in the ongoing Winter Session.

"There is a lot of hue and cry in my State of Manipur. People are apprehensive of this new citizenship law. They believe that if this new law is enacted, there will be huge influx of migrants in the State," he said. So, people in Manipur vociferously demand exemption from this law.

"Supporting the senti-

Monday reviewed the security situation in the northeastern states following the protests against the Citizenship Amendment Bill over the past few weeks.

Heads of intelligence agen-

cies of all northeastern states, Assam Rifles and paramilitary forces attended the meeting.

The meeting, convened by the National Security Council Secretariat, analysed the intelligence inputs coming from the

ments of my people, I would like to urge upon the Union Government, particularly the Ministry of Home Affairs, that an exemption clause or a safeguard clause may kindly be added for the State of Manipur in the proposed legislation," he said.

It is reliably learnt that some safeguards are likely to be given to the northeastern states, he said, adding that it came in the media that exemption will be given only to

ground with regard to opposition to the bill, a security official said.

The top officials gave detailed presentations in the meeting on the findings of their respective agencies and

those states where the inner line permit system is enforced.

This means this law will not be applied in Nagaland, Arunachal Pradesh and Mizoram. Other northeastern states like Manipur shall come under the purview of this new citizenship law, he added.

The Citizenship Amendment Bill intends to grant Indian nationality to non-Muslims from Bangladesh, Pakistan and Afghanistan.

forces about the protests and people's approach towards the proposed legislation.

The National Security Council Secretariat is headed by National Security Advisor Ajit Doval.

Delhi FOBs, subways won't lead you down...

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Many other that do have

are in a poor and dilapidated condition.

The report also mentions that the people are scared to cross FOBs and subways due to safety issues as almost 36 per cent of FOBs do not have roof tops, 32 percent of these do not have proper flooring which poses threat to the pedestrian's safety and about 22 percent of FOBs lack lighting facility. Moreover, almost 78 percent of FOBs and 30 percent of

Subways do not have the presence of security guard on duty.

Also, in a reality check done by The Pioneer found that many FOBs and subways are home to drug addicts, drunkards and filled with filth. There are unauthorised shops on the bridges, garbage dumps, betel stains and even cycle and bikes are often found parked.

As per the report, Most of the FOBs in the national capital are in deplorable conditions

with no roof, poor flooring and without lighting, not disabled-friendly, broken and captured by the anti-social elements such as drug addicts and all these factors force the pedestrians to take risk to cross the busy roads and also leads to accidents.

During the survey, a total number of 461074 people used the FOBs to cross the road, while 188951 pedestrians risked their life to cross the

road by not using the bridge.

Further, the pedestrians also rose that these FOBs are not used because of the construction of staggered number of steps. "Some do not have steps and only ramp is there, while some have very small numbers of steps. Thus, the numbers of steps vary from three to 116. However, majority of FOBs have 40-50 steps," shows the survey report.

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Opp outcry strips Pragma of Defence..

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Pragya, however, claimed that her controversial remarks made in the Lok Sabha was against "insult" to revolutionary Udhham Singh.

Godse had described Pragma as "deshbhakt" making a brief interjection during a debate on SPG Act in the Lok Sabha on Wednesday when DMK member A Raja was narrating a statement by Godse before a court on why he killed Mahatma Gandhi.

The Opposition maintained that her remarks were a "perfect representation" of the BJP's "deplorable hate politics". "What Pragma (against whom Malegaon terror case is still pending) is saying is the heart of the BJP and the RSS. That is the centre of the BJP, that is the heart of the RSS. This cannot be hidden.

It is their soul and it will come out somehow. No matter how much that they worship Gandhiji, this is their soul," he

said addressing the media on Parliament premises.

Opposition parties attacked the Government, particularly Prime Minister Narendra Modi, alleging that the PM's "inaction" against her proves his latent support to "Godse's sinister thought".

"We are very clear about it that we condemn her statement and we do not support this ideology," BJP working president JP Nadra said. He announced that she would be barred from party's Parliamentary party meeting during the session and not be a member of the consultative committee on defence. Also, the BJP is contemplating further disciplinary action against its MP.

In the Lok Sabha, Rajnath

condemned Pragma's remarks in a bid to pacify protesting Opposition members after Speaker Om Birla's repeated exhortations went unheeded.

"Far from talking about Nathuram Godse being called a patriot, we condemn the idea of treating him as a patriot. His philosophy was, is and will remain relevant and he is as a guide (margdarshak) for the nation," he said.

Not satisfied with the response, the MPs belonging to the Congress, Trinamool Congress, DMK, Left parties, NCP and AIMIM staged a walkout. However, the BSP, BJD, TDP and TRS members remained seated in the House. The treasury Benches did not react to the Opposition condemnation and remained quiet.

BJP ally JD (U) welcomed the saffron party's action against Pragma but its spokesperson KC Tyagi also demanded that the matter should be referred to Lok Sabha's ethics committee, noting that many members, including former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, were expelled on its recommendations in the past. In the past Pragma had made disparaging remarks about IPS officer Hemant Karkare, who was killed in action against terrorist during the Mumbai terror attacks, and recently blamed "black magic" of Opposition parties for death of senior BJP leaders Arun Jaitley and Sushma Swaraj.

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The MVA Government promised to attract industries and investors in the state through "all possible concessions" and simplification of procedure to grant permissions and to unveil necessary policy reforms attract new investment in Information Technology.

Among other things, the MVA Government promised to special steps to develop tourism in the state, increase facilities for senior citizens and deal sternly with food and drugs adulteration.

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Dilip Ghosh got a huge lead of over 45,000 from Kharagpur Sadar seat in Lok Sabha polls while Union Minister Debosree Chowdhury had led by a margin of about 57,000 votes in Kaliaganj.

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BrahMos cruise missile test-fired from INS Kochi

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"After two successful test trials from INS Kolkata in June 2014 and February 2015 and one successful test firing from INS Kochi in November 2015, today's test firing from INS Kochi has re-validated the ship's precise strike capability. Brahmos as the prime strike weapon will ensure the warship's invincibility by engaging naval surface targets at long ranges, thus making the destroyer another lethal platform."

form of Indian Navy" DRDO sources said.

The Navy commissioned INS Kochi on 30 Sept 2015. The 7,500-ton indigenously designed and constructed warship incorporates new design concepts for improved survivability, stealth, sea-keeping and manoeuvrability. The warship has the enhanced capability of carrying a total of 16 BRAHMOS missiles in two 8-cell vertical launch systems, besides other sophisticated weapons and sensors. BRAHMOS missile having supersonic speed of Mach 2.8, a very low-cruising altitude of 10 metres at terminal phase and pin-point accuracy, has made the warship one of the deadliest in the Indian

Corrigendum

This is with reference to the news report "CBI sleuths conduct raid on NHA! chief's homes, office" published on November 26. *The Pioneer* regrets the inadvertent error in the headline as the raid was conducted on the office and residential premises of Chief General Manager of NHA!, not the chairman.

Bengal.

At least 15 people died in queue while trying to retrieve their documents for a future NRC causing a widespread panic perhaps leading to the BJP's collapse said BN Chakrabarty, a political analyst adding the saffron outfit would do good to stop-pedal the issue rather than going whole-hog about it right from tomorrow.

One of her front ranking lieutenants and Minister Subhendu Adhikary who was in charge of Kaliaganj and Kharagpur said, "This is the beginning of the end of the BJP in Bengal.

It will be proved soon that their victory in Lok Sabha elections were a flash in the pan."

Dilip Ghosh however said, "It is normal that the ruling party normally wins the bye-elections.

This will not be repeated in future. This Government will be thrown out of power. We will have to analyse the real reasons of the poor show and come out with new strategies."

Navy fleet, the officials said. The BRAHMOS missile has been jointly developed by India and Russia. It has been in service with the Indian Navy since 2005.

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‘CHHOTE SARKAR’..

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AICC's interim president

Sonia Gandhi and former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, whose party is a constituent of the new MVA Government and to whom Uddhav had extended personal invitation through his MLA -son Aditya — Sonia congratulated the new Chief Minister through separate letters. Congress leader Rahul Gandhi also congratulated Uddhav on his taking over as the Chief Minister of Maharashtra.

Congratulating Uddhav, NCP chief Sharad Pawar and Congress leader Balasaheb Thorat for coming together and forming the Government in Maharashtra, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee said she is looking forward to a "pro-people and stable Government" that would work for the all round development of Maharashtra under their leadership.

"Congratulations to @OfficeofUT, @PawarSpeaks and @bb.thorat for forming the government in Maharashtra," she tweeted. "Under your diligent leadership and firm commitment, we look forward to the State having a pro- people, stable

Government that works for all round development," she added.

Ninety minutes after he and six Ministers were into office, Uddhav chaired the first State Cabinet meeting at the State-run Sahyadri Guest House at Malbar Hills in south Mumbai.

At the meeting, they are understood to have discussed the date for holding a special Assembly session where Uddhav would seek confidence vote on the floor of the House. The Governor, while inviting Uddhav to form the MVA Government in the State, has given time till December 3 to prove its majority. Thursday's Government formation was limited to the swearing-in of Uddhav and six Ministers. Uddhav plans to expand his Cabinet after he proves his majority on the floor of the Assembly on or before December 3.

Though it was expected that NCP's deputy chief minister would be sworn in on Thursday, no one from the NCP was administered oath as the DCM at the ceremony. Informed party sources attrib-

uted the NCP's decision not to swear in anyone as Deputy Chief Minister on Thursday to the fact that no consensus had been reached on whether Ajit Pawar be assigned the DCM's post, especially after the controversy over his extending his support to the BJP and becoming a Deputy Chief Minister in the Devendra Fadnavis Government which collapsed after the NCP leader resigned from the post and returned to the parent on Tuesday.

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Sonia raps BJP for Maha bids

Accuses saffron party of ‘subverting democracy’ in State

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Congress president Sonia Gandhi on Thursday hit out at the BJP, accusing it of making shameless attempts to "subvert democracy" in Maharashtra and blatantly sabotage the three-party alliance from coming to power in the State.

Addressing the Congress Parliamentary Party (CPP) meeting in Parliament House, Sonia also attacked the Governor of the State, Bhagat Singh Koshyari, saying he had acted in an "unprecedented and reprehensible manner".

"There is no doubt that he (Koshyari) acted under the instructions of the Prime Minister and the Home Minister. The BJP's pre-poll alliance did not hold because of its own arrogance and over-confidence," Gandhi said at the meeting attended by all Congress MPs from the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha.

"Every effort was made to blatantly sabotage the three-party alliance Government formation, but we appealed to the Supreme Court and the Modi-Shah Government was totally exposed. Let me assure you, we three parties are united in our



resolve to defeat the BJP's sordid manipulations," she added.

Sonia said it was clear that the Modi-Shah Government is "bankrupt" of decency and clueless on how to manage the grave problems facing the country. She added that the economic crisis in the country was deepening, growth was declining, unemployment growing and investment not happening.

"There is worsening distress among farmers, traders and small and medium businesses. Consumption, especially in rural areas, is falling. Exports are declining. And prices of essential food commodities are rising, causing hardship to households. Instead

of tackling the problem, the Modi-Shah Government is busy fudging statistics or, indeed, not publishing them at all," the Congress president said.

"The public sector has been put on the block, in all probability, to be sold off to a few favoured business people. What will be the fate of the thousands of workers at those enterprises? Lakhs upon lakhs of salaried and ordinary families are worried about their deposits in banks," she said.

The Congress president also attacked the Government on the RCEP issue, NRC, reading down of Article 370, electoral bonds and snooping allegations among other things.

"Because the NRC project implemented by the BJP Government in Assam, monitored by the Supreme Court, has not fulfilled the RSS-BJP expectations and propaganda, there is now clamour in the ruling party for a fresh NRC in that state.

The Home Minister is also speaking of unleashing an NRC in the entire country - a step that will only lead to more fear and panic," she said.

Sonia claimed that democracy was again subverted when the special status of J&K under Article 370 was abrogated under the "blatantly false promise of a new beginning" to Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh. She added that the ground realities were completely different from the "fictitious images" conjured up by the Modi-Shah Government.

"The agony, anguish and humiliation of the people continues. Former Chief Ministers, who in the past were political allies of the BJP, MLAs, political workers and ordinary people who believed in the idea of India and abided by the Constitution of India have been under house arrest for months. Even children are not being spared in the crack-down," she said.

Chit Funds Bill OK'd

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Parliament on Thursday passed a Bill which provides for chit funds to three fold and hiking commission for foreman. The Chit Funds (Amendment) Bill, 2019 was passed by voice vote in Rajya Sabha. The Bill got Lok Sabha's nod on November 20.

The maximum chit amount is proposed to be raised from ₹1 lakh to ₹3 lakh for those managed by individuals or less than four partners, and from ₹6 lakh to ₹18 lakh for firms with four or more partners.

The maximum commission for foreman, who is responsible for managing the chit, is proposed to be raised from 5 per cent to 7 per cent. The bill also allows the foreman a right to lien against the credit balance from subscribers.

The bill also introduces words such as fraternity fund, rotating savings and credit institution to make chit funds more respectable.

The Chit Funds (Amendment) Bill, 2019 also introduces words such as "fraternity fund", "rotating savings" and "credit institution" to make chit funds more respectable, said Minister of State for Finance Anurag Thakur in his reply to the House on the bill.

Piloting the bill, he said



MoS for Finance Anurag Thakur speaks in the Rajya Sabha during the Winter Session of Parliament in New Delhi on Thursday

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that chit funds are legal and one should understand that these are different from unregulated deposit schemes or ponzi schemes. The bill provides for substituting terms like 'chit amount', 'dividend' and 'prize amount' with 'gross chit amount', 'share of discount' and 'net chit fund' respectively. It further proposes to allow subscribers to join the process of drawing chits through video-conferencing.

About members' objection to this clause, Thakur told the House that all subscribers should be present at the time of draw of chit fund but if some people are busy or unable to attend those then they should have the option of video conference.

He also told the House that the bill removes the limit of ₹100 (which was set in 1982), and allows the State

Governments to specify the base amount over which the provisions of the Act would apply.

Responding to various issues raised by members during the debate, he said chit fund subscribers can opt for insurance but the Government cannot make it mandatory as it would add to the cost.

He also said that the bill provides that the chit fund operator has to have secured deposit to the size of scheme, which is a sufficient safeguard for people subscribing to the scheme. On compensating poor people from money collected under the GST (12 per cent good and services tax on chit fund), he said that neither I nor Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman present in the House, can do anything about it as it is in the hand of the GST Council.

Min: Notice to Israeli firm over WhatsApp snooping

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The Centre on Thursday said a WhatsApp CEO-led delegation had not mentioned about any vulnerability of their system during their meetings with the Information Technology Ministry. IT Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad told and the Rajya Sabha that Government was yet to receive the names of people targeted by unnamed entities using Pegasus spyware after the members of the Upper House raised the issue.

Replying to a question in Rajya Sabha during Special Mention, Prasad said the Government had issued notice to Israeli technology firm NSO Group, which created Pegasus, on Nov 26, seeking details about malware and its impact. Minister also said digital players must erect appropriate security walls or be ready to face action.

"During the high level engagements like meeting of CEO Will Cathcart and VP Policy Nick Clegg of WhatsApp that took place with the ministry on July 26, 2019 and September 11, 2019, no mention was made by the high level WhatsApp team regarding this vulnerability," Prasad said

Army test-fires Spike anti-tank guided missiles

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The Indian Army has successfully fired two newly acquired Spike-IR (Long Range) Anti-Tank Guided Missiles (ATGM) from Israel at Infantry School, Mhow in Madhya Pradesh. The missiles were inducted in September this year.

The training firing on Wednesday in Mhow during the ongoing Infantry Commanders' Conference was witnessed by Army Chief General Bipin Rawat and senior scientists of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).

The missile can destroy a tank at a range of more than four km, officials said here on Thursday.

The Army had procured 12 launchers and around 250 missiles from Israel under the new

financial powers for emergency procurements sanctioned by the Defence Ministry few months back.

The deal is worth over ₹230 crores. The missiles will ultimately be deployed mainly on the fronts facing Pakistan.

Spike is fourth generation missile, which can engage a target with precision at ranges up to four km.

In addition to fire and forget capability, the missile also has the ability to fire, observe and update, providing substantial flexibility to the firer to pinpoint the impact point, as also the ability to switch to a different target mid-flight, should he want to do so, the manufacturer Rafael Advanced Defense Systems of Israel said in a statement. India became the 33rd country to induct the Spike ATGM.

CBI books Railtel director Ashutosh on corruption charges

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The CBI has booked Railtel Director Ashutosh Vasant and private firm United Telecom Limited in consortium with US-based Infinera for alleged criminal misconduct, cheating and corruption in official travels of officials to the US in 2012.

Vasant, the then General Manager, travelled to the US on an economy class ticket to Chicago and back on economy class tickets but claimed reimbursement to his travel agent for business class fares. He also claimed reimbursement of hotel stay.

According to the FIR, Vasant was entitled to travel in business class but travelled by economy class and raised a bill for business class adopting unethical means and used the excess amount to fund the economy class travel of his

family members. Vasant did not produce the journey documents in order to hide the cheating committed by him in purchase of the tickets.

The private firm UTL had paid for the hotel bills of Vasant during his weeklong stay in Chicago but he tried to cover the favour by getting an affidavit from UTL that he had paid the said amount back to UTL in cash. Set up in 2000, Railtel, a Miniiratna company, runs a nationwide broadband, telecom and multimedia network to modernise train control operation and safety system of Indian Railways.

On the recommendation of Vasant and two other officials, Railtel selected the consortium of UTL and Infinera, which were alleged to be non-compliant vendors, for the tender of Dense Wave Division Multiplexing technology, added the FIR.

NOTICE FROM RPO MUMBAI

Medha's passport row takes new twist

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In a new twist to Medha Patkar's recent passport controversy in which she got a notice from RPO Mumbai, National Council for Civil Liberties (NCCL) president VK Saxena has written to the RPO alleging that the Narmada Bachao Andolan activist 'deliberately didn't disclose' two other criminal cases lodged by him against her while applying for the travel document.

In the November 22 letter, he said the two criminal cases against her were lodged by him in 2001 and 2006 and are pending in New Delhi's Saket Court but while applying for the passport in 2017 she not only did not mention the nine cases from Madhya Pradesh pending against her but these two cases as well.

Saxena, who is also the chairman of the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), said he learnt from the



recent news reports that only 9 cases have been referred to, that too from Madhya Pradesh, as pending against her.

"She deliberately didn't disclose the two pending cases in Saket Court while applying for the passport," he wrote in the letter to the passport officer. "I wish to inform you that two criminal cases, which I filed against her, one in 2001 and another in 2006 are also pending against her," he said.

"In case she has not disclosed about these two criminal cases pending against her you may initiate action as per law," he said.

The Regional Passport Office, Mumbai, recently issued a show cause notice to Patkar as to why her passport should not be impounded for failing to disclose information regarding pendency of cases against her.

The RPO Mumbai has noted that nine criminal cases have been registered against her - three are in Barwani, one in Alirajpur and five in Khandwa district of Madhya Pradesh - and are still pending adjudication. "While obtaining passport bearing no...dated March 30, 2017 you have not disclosed the fact regarding pendency of above cases and obtained passport by suppression of material information.

"In view of the same it is proposed to impound your passport bearing and any other passport if issued subsequently under section 10(3)(e) of the Passports Act 1967. You are requested to state why action should not be taken under section 12(1) of the Passports

Act 1967," the notice issued by the passport office on October 18 said. The passport officials had sought her explanation within 10 days from the date of this communication failing which action would be taken.

A complaint was filed against the activist in June this year by a journalist stating that Patkar had obtained her passport by concealing and suppressing material facts from the RPO Mumbai.

Saxena, who heads Gujarat-based NGO, NCCL, in a statement said "Medha Patkar's disrespect to national development and social emancipation is her lesser vice. Her disregard to the rule of law is a greater maleficence. Now, concealing information on her criminality in the Passport application is by all means - criminality par excellence," he added. Patkar had earlier contested Mumbai North-East Parliament seat in 2014 on the AAP ticket but lost the election.

Weapon deals worth ₹22,800 cr approved

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Deals worth over ₹22,800 crores for acquiring weapon platforms including medium range P-8 I medium range aircraft for anti-submarine warfare and patrolling the 7,000 km long coastline were approved by the Defence Acquisition Council (DAC)chaired by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh here on Thursday. The DAC is the apex body to approve procurement proposals forwarded by the three Services.

Giving boost to 'Make in India' initiative, the DAC also approved indigenous design, development and manufacturing of 'Thermal Imaging Night Sights' for Assault

Rifles. These sights will be manufactured by the Indian private industry and used by troops deployed on the frontline.

'Thermal Imaging Night Sights' will enable troops to undertake long range accurate engagements in dark and all weather conditions thereby enhancing the night fighting capabilities.

On the big ticket medium range maritime aircraft, sources said the Navy will procure at least six P-8 I aircraft and the cost of the over all deal is pegged at nearly two billion dollars.

The initial plan was to buy ten such planes but paucity of funds led to reduction in the number of aircraft to be

procured.

The planes manufactured by Boeing will come to the Navy through the Foreign Military Sale(FMS) route. It means the US Government will stand guarantee for all aspects of the contract including spares and other issues besides timely delivery of the aircraft.

These aircraft will strengthen the Navy's capabilities for maritime coastal surveillance, Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) and Anti-Surface Vessel (ASV) strike, officials said.

Moreover, as a follow up of the successful indigenous Airborne Early Warning and Control (AEW&C) programme, the DAC revalidat-

ed the Acceptance of Necessity for the procurement of additional Airborne Warning and Control System (AWACS) India aircraft.

The mission system and sub-systems for these aircraft will be indigenously designed, developed and integrated onto the main platform by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).

These platforms will provide on-board Command & Control and 'Early Warning' which would assist the Indian Air Force (IAF) in achieving effective air space dominance in the least possible time. Induction of these systems would increase the extent of coverage along our borders and greatly enhance both the

air defence and offensive capabilities of the IAF.

The IAF currently operates three Israeli Phalcon AWACS and three smaller indigenous Netra AEW&C systems mounted on Embraer aircraft. A shortage of these force multipliers was felt during the aerial engagement with Pakistan Air Force.

A day after the Balakot air strike in February. These platforms will provide on-board command and control and 'Early Warning' which would assist the IAF in achieving effective air space dominance in the least possible time, the statement added.

The new systems are likely to be mounted on Airbus aircraft.

CPCB guidelines for use of treated waste in agriculture

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has cautioned the industry against diverting treated effluents for agricultural purpose saying that it can contain harmful toxins and damage the health of the humans as well as soil quality.

The country's top pollution watchdog has now come out with guidelines to ensure safe usage of treated sewage and effluents from industries in agriculture.

According to agriculturists, using industrial wastewater for agricultural irrigation involve

changes to physicochemical and microbiological properties of soils that impact crop growth and water retention capacity of the soil, which in turn could be harmful to health.

The CPCB guidelines follows directions of the National Green Tribunal (NGT) which in May 2019, held that 'no industry can be permitted to dispose treated effluents on land for irrigation, plantation or horticulture/gardening by prescribing standards applicable without assessment of adequate availability of land and impacts of such disposal on agricultural/crops /plants and the recipient groundwater."

The guidelines have been prepared by an expert group, which has been constituted by the CPCB, included members from the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Delhi, National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (NEERI), Delhi and the pollution watchdog body as well.

As per the guidelines the industry should engage an agricultural scientist or tie-up with an agricultural university or institute for advice on the utilisation or the rate of application of the effluent for irrigation, considering the agro-climatic conditions.

179 ads withdrawn for flouting norms

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

As many as 179 advertisements have been withdrawn from the print, electronic and social media platforms while complaints against 344 have been upheld for misleading contents or violation of advertising norms. According to the Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI), many of the claims were not adequately substantiated.

In its ruling ASCI say the PayTM application advertisement claim "Free Movie Tickets Worth ₹1200 on PayTM" was misleading by ambiguity and omission of the offer being over a period of 12 months.

Dabur India (Odorous Fabric Roll-on) product packaging claim, "Just four Dots on Your Clothes, Mosquitoes Won't Come Close" when seen



in conjunction with the visual of the girl surrounded by a blue bubble with no mosquitoes inside and several outside, giving an impression of 100% protection was inadequately substantiated. The product provides only a moderate degree of repellency (4% to 40%, which is less than half).

Another snack brand, endorsed by cricketer Virat Kohli claimed that up to 60%

of people said that their baked snack was tastier than other fried snack brands. However, this claim was not conclusively proven. The same celebrity also endorsed a leadership claim for a food supplement brand "No. 1 Supplement for Men". The ASCI said that as this ranking was achieved in the UK and not in India, the claim was considered to be misleading.

Similarly, a leading dairy brand presented their butter cookies to be superior due to presence of 25 percent butter and zero percent vegetable oil. The advertisement made a sweeping statement that "other" butter cookies contain only 0.3 percent to 3 percent butter and 20 percent to 22 percent vegetable oil without presenting any verifiable evidence.

ASCI have investigated nearly 564 complaints related to advertisements for misleading and ambiguous in nature. Of them, 179 were promptly withdrawn from print, TV and social media while complaints against 344 were upheld.

A popular instant noodle brand did not mention in their communication if the noodles were fried or not, as required by Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI).

'377 websites hosting child pornography taken down'

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Cutting across party lines, the Rajya Sabha on Thursday saw MPs expressing concern over rising number of cases of child abuse due to easy access to child pornography and demanding strict action. Appreciating their anguish, Women and Child Development Minister Smriti Zubin Irani said as many as 377 websites hosting such pornographic sites were taken down and 50 FIRs registered. She also said a methodology to complaint against such sites was being worked out.

The issue was raised by Vijila Sathyananth (AIADMK) and the entire house associated itself with the rampant proliferation of child pornography sites on social media and mobile phones. Chairman M Venkaiah

Naidu also intervened and said there was unanimity in the house and said it was unfortunate that action at the local level was not taking place in the right earnest. He said further steps were needed as this menace cause agony to the parents.

Sathyananth cited recent incidents of sexual assault of minor girls by minors to seek complete ban on Internet and social media carrying such content so as to "save our children." Infact, she also remarked 'stop this non sense and rubbish' adding rising crimes against children were due to easy access to pornography. Irani assured the Elders that she would have the administration act immediately if details of incidents are provided.

Giving details of the action taken so far, the minister said

methodology of reporting such incidents is being shared with the district administration for prompt action.

Among other issues to figure prominently in the Rajya Sabha was the plight of under trial inmates languishing in jails for years. Aligning himself with the concern, Minister for Law and Justice Ravi Shankar Prasad said he has appealed to chief justices of all 25 high courts to ensure expeditious trial and release of undertrials who have completed 50 per cent of their proposed sentence. As per the India Justice Report 2019 by Tata Trusts, 67.7 per cent India's prison population comprised undertrials in 2016.

G V L Narasimha Rao (BJP) raised the issue of English being made a medium of education up to Class VIth in Andhra Pradesh saying the

move undermines regional languages and should be reviewed. Vplove Thakur (Congress) wanted a review of the scheme for providing mid-day meal to school children to determine the nutrition value of the food.

Ahamed Hassan (TMC) raised the "pathetic" condition of the campus of Aligarh Muslim University set up in four states. The Murshidabad campus in West Bengal neither has a building nor a hostel and 500 students are studying in four departments in temporary sheds, he said.

Amar Patnaik (BJD) wanted tele-density in Odisha to be increased. Naidu quipped Odisha is peaceful due to lack of smart phones and termed the latest trend of social media as disturbing. However, he also underlined the importance of improving communication.

INSTALLATION OF SHIV SENA-NCP-CONGRESS GOVT IN MAHARASHTRA

Sena lauds Pawar, calls him ‘margdarshak’ of MVA

PTI ■ MUMBAI

With Shiv Sena president Uddhav Thackeray set to take oath as Maharashtra’s Chief Minister, the party on Thursday heaped praises on NCP chief Sharad Pawar and termed him ‘margdarshak’ (guide) of the new Government in the State.

Though the Shiv Sena espouses the Hindutva ideology, it formed the ‘Maha Vikas Aghadi’ (MVA) alliance with the NCP and Congress when the Uddhav Thackeray-led party fell out with the BJP over the issue of sharing the Chief Minister’s post after the last month’s Assembly elections.

An editorial in Sena mouthpiece ‘Saamana’ acknowledged Sharad Pawar’s efforts in taking the Sena-NCP-Congress alliance forward. The NCP chief, who spoke to Ajit Pawar on Tuesday and asked him to revisit his



decision of supporting the BJP, has been credited for the u-turn by his nephew and is being described as the state political drama’s ‘man of the match’.

“A strong and experienced ‘margdarshak’ like Sharad Pawar is with us. This Government will not function with any deceitful intention against anyone,” the Sena said. With the single largest party BJP being unable to form Government, the Sena described the change in political dynamics as the “rise of a new sun” in Maharashtra.

“The current mood of happiness in the state can be equated with the one the entire country had at the time of

Independence on August 15, 1947,” the Marathi daily said.

The Sena asserted that the State machinery will not be used for conspiring against anyone. Without naming the BJP, it said the Sena leader did not bow down to any pressure from the Centre.

“At a time when prominent leaders from across the country are kneeling before rulers in Delhi, Uddhav Thackeray did not bow down to such pressure tactics. He did not compromise with his pride and refused to join hands with people who ‘lied’ to him,” the Marathi publication said.

It said that former chief minister Devendra Fadnis has cursed the Sena-NCP-Congress Government, saying the dispensation standing on three legs will not survive, but this is his “delusion”.

“There is no confusion among the three parties about development of the State,” it added.

From professional lensman to CM, Uddhav comes a long way

Mumbai: Shiv Sena president Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray, sworn-in on Thursday as the 18th Chief Minister of Maharashtra, faces the biggest test of his life as the leader of an ideologically divergent alliance that took charge at a time of momentous political changes in the State.

An ace photographer, he is the third Sena Chief Minister, after Manohar Joshi and Narayan Rane (both in 1990s), and the first member of the Thackeray family to hold the top post in the country’s richest State.

Thackeray, 59, otherwise considered an affable, mild-mannered politician, displayed combative traits of his father, Sena founder Bal Thackeray, in dealing with one-time senior ally BJP on the demand for rotational Chief Ministership just after Assembly poll results were announced on October 24.

Though in politics for long, Thackeray has never contested an election or held a public post and it will be interesting to watch how he learns the ropes



of governance in a state which is an economic powerhouse and home to the financial capital of the country. The Sena, a party identified with Hindutva politics and “anti-Congressism” since its inception, has entered a new phase where it will have to chart out a new course under Thackeray in the changed political scenario.

Born on July 27, 1960 in Mumbai, Thackeray studied at Balmohan Vidyamandir and later graduated from the JJ School of Arts, where photography was his main subject.

Besides being a published author, he is also a professional photographer whose work

has appeared in various magazines and has been showcased at numerous exhibitions.

Thackeray largely lived in the shadows of his legendary father before coming on his own after being appointed the Sena working president in January 2003.

Thackeray formally took over as the chief of the Sena, founded in 1966 to fight for the rights of Marathi people, after his father died in 2012.

Known for his passion for photography, he started out in the advertising field by setting up an agency called ‘Chaurang’. Thackeray specialises in aerial and wildlife photography.

He has two photo books to his credit, ‘Maharashtra Desh’ (2010) on the forts of the state, and ‘Pahava Vitthal’ (2011) on the Pandharpur wari (on pilgrimage to the temple town of Pandharpur).

‘Maharashtra Desh’ is full of breathtaking aerial shots, providing a glimpse into the cultural fabric, physical beauty and historical perspective of this wondrous State. **PTI**

Country facing unprecedented threats from BJP: Sonia to Uddhav

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Congress president Sonia Gandhi on Thursday said in a congratulatory letter to Uddhav Thackeray, new Chief Minister of Maharashtra, that the country is facing “unprecedented threats” from the BJP.

Thackeray would be heading an unlikely alliance of the Sena, the NCP and the Congress.

The Shiv Sena broke up its three-decade alliance with the BJP over sharing of Chief Minister’s post after contesting the assembly elections together.

“Shiv Sena, NCP and the Congress have come together under quite extraordinary circumstances at a time when the country faces unprecedented threats from the BJP,” Gandhi’s letter said.

“I wish you all the very best as you embark on a new innings in your life,” she added. **PTI**

Deve Gowda lauds Sena, NCP, Cong

Bengaluru: JD(S) patriarch and former Prime Minister HD Deve Gowda on Thursday congratulated the Shiv Sena, NCP and the Congress for forming a Government in Maharashtra, and termed it as a “tight slap” on the face of those trying to destroy the country’s democratic fabric.

“Congratulations to @ShivSena, @NCPspeaks and @INCMaharashtra on forming the Govt.In Maharashtra. This is a tight slap on the face of those trying to destroy the democratic fabric that holds our Nation together. #MahaVikasAghadi, Gowda tweeted.

Shiv Sena leader Uddhav Thackeray on Thursday took oath as the new Chief Minister of Maharashtra.

The Shiv Sena broke up its three-decade alliance with the BJP over sharing of Chief Minister’s post after contesting the Assembly elections together. **PTI**

Mamata congratulates Thackeray, Pawar, Thorat

Kolkata: West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Thursday congratulated Shiv Sena president Uddhav Thackeray, NCP chief Sharad Pawar and Congress leader Balasaheb Thorat for coming together and forming the Government in Maharashtra.

Banerjee said she was looking forward to a “pro-people and stable Government” that would work for the all round development of Maharashtra under their leadership.

Congratulations to @OfficeofUT, @PawarSpeaks

and @bb_thorat for forming the Government in Maharashtra, she tweeted. Under your diligent leadership and firm commitment, we look forward to the State having a pro-people, stable Government that works for all round development, she added.

Thackeray, heading the ‘Maha Vikas Aghadi’ Government, took oath as the 18th Chief Minister of Maharashtra at a gala ceremony in Mumbai on Thursday evening. **PTI**

7,000 engineers, graduates apply for 549 sanitary worker posts

Coimbatore: A total of 7,000 engineers, graduates and diploma-holders has applied for 549 posts of sanitary workers in the City Corporation.

The Corporation had called for applications for the posts of 549 grade-1 sanitary posts and 7,000 applicants appeared for the three-day interview and verification of certificates which began on Wednesday, official sources said.

On verification, it was found that nearly 70 per cent of the candidates have com-

pleted SSLC, the minimum qualification, and most of them were engineers, post-graduates, graduates and diploma-holders, they said.

In some cases, it was found the applicants were already employed in private firms, but the Government job attracted them as the starting salary is ₹15,700.

Those already working as the contract sanitary workers for the last 10 years have also applied for these permanent jobs.

Many graduate applicants



had not got the jobs according to the qualification and had to work to support the family

with just ₹6,000-₹7,000 as salary in private firms and toiled for 12 hours with no job security, they said.

On the other hand, sanitary workers job fetches a salary of nearly ₹20,000 with the work timings of three hours in the morning and three hours in the evening, which also provides them an option of doing other petty works during leisure.

The Corporation now has 2,000 permanent and 500 contract sanitary workers in its rolls. **PTI**

Nathuram Godse wasn't terrorist, committed mistake: BJP MLA

Ballia (UP): Amid BJP’s attempt to distance itself from MP Pragya Thakur’s comment in praise of Mahtama Gandhi’s assassin, a party MLA here said Nathuram Godse committed a mistake but he was not a terrorist.

“Godse was not a terrorist. Those who are involved in anti-national activities are terrorists,” Ballia MLA Surendra Singh told reporters on

Thursday. “Godse committed a mistake. He should have not killed patriot Gandhiji,” he added, using the Hindi word “bhool” for “mistake”.

When asked whether Godse was a patriot, the MLA did not reply.

Thakur created a controversy on Wednesday with her remark in the Lok Sabha. **PTI**

Top marine scientist warns of temp increase in Indian Ocean

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

Country’s leading marine scientist has warned that the rise in temperature in the Indian Ocean was beyond all expectation and it is likely to upset the annual Monsoon pattern on which determines the economy of the nation.

“We have been observing this pattern of the gradual increase in temperature of the Indian Ocean. What is strange is that the rise in temperature in Pacific Ocean is also getting transferred to Indian Ocean. The Indian Ocean is being used as a dumping ground to transfer the heat from other oceans and this is a matter of concern,” said Dr Satish Shenoy, director, Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS), Hyderabad.

Dr Shenoy was delivering the key note address in the first ever International Conference



on Aquatic Resources And Blue Economy organized at Kochi under the auspices of Indian Association Rim Association (IORA), Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Studies (KUFOS) and a

host of research institutes engaged in marine sciences and ocean technology. Dr Shenoy said that the Monsoon which brings the annual rainfall of the country is entirely dependent on the develop-

ments in Indian Ocean. “One need not elaborate much to explain what would happen in the eventuality of the failure of the Monsoon,” he said.

He said a major mission was underway to study the reason behind the flow of heat from Pacific Ocean to Indian Ocean and to find out ways to mitigate such a flow which would affect India in a major way. “The scientific community is all upset over the fact that the entire heat was getting accumulated in the Indian Ocean. A major study undertaken by India and other countries and which was supposed to culminate last year has been extended by another five years to find out a solution to address this issue,” said Dr Shenoy.

The INCOIS director also pointed out that the littering of oceans and seas with plastic and other toxic materials too play a major role in upsetting the behavior of the seas.

NORTHERN RAILWAY

WALK-IN-INTERVIEW

No. 752E/CMP/Corp/Gaz/CH/19 Dated : 22.11.2019

Sub: Walk-in-interview for engagement of 01 General Duty Doctors & 03 Specialist Doctors (total=04) as full time Contract Medical Practitioners (CMPs) on contract basis for a duration of one year as shown below and to prepare await-list for vacancies arise in future :

S.No.	Specialty	Vacancy	Place of posting
1.	General Duty Medical Officer	One (01)	Causality/ NRCH
2.	Radiology	One (01)	NRCH, New Delhi
3.	Oncology	One (01)	NRCH, New Delhi
4.	Neuro Surgery	One (01)	NRCH, New Delhi
Total		Four (04)	

Note:- Depending on administrative exigencies, Railway Administration have reserved the right to modify number of vacancies and place of posting.

Contract is extendable up to total number of:-

- 12 terms on the year to year basis with each term of engagement not being more than 01 year each for doctors engaged from open market and
- 05 terms on year to year basis with each term of engagement not being more than one year each- for Retired Railway Doctors & Central/ State Govt. Retired Doctors engaged up to the maximum age limit of 65 years.

Reservation will be as under:

SC = Nil	ST = Nil	OBC = 01	General = 03	Total = 04
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The reservation will be as per rules in vogue. The actual reservation of vacancies would depend upon the prevailing strength at the time of engagement.

Date, Time & Venue of walk-in-interview & Medical Examination :-

The interested candidates can appear in walk-in-interview followed by Medical Examination at the following venue:-

Date	Time	Venue
20.12.2019 & 21.12.2019	11.00 Hrs.	Northern Railway Central Hospital, Basant Lane, new Delhi

Medical Examination of the candidate will be held after Walk-in-interview.

Note:- (3) Candidate should submit their application in duplicate on prescribed Proforma enclosed herewith latest by 10.00 AM at above mentioned venue on the day of walk-in-interview. (4) In case, it is not possible to interview all candidates on nominated day, they will be interviewed/ medically examined on next working day/days. Thus, the candidates should make their own arrangement for stay for next day and come prepared accordingly.

Remuneration:- Consolidated remuneration at the rate of Rs. 75,000/- for General Duty Doctor and Rs. 95,000/- for Specialist Doctors per month will be admissible, if Govt. accommodation is not provided. If Govt. accommodation is provided, an amount equivalent to House Rent Allowance payable to a fresh entrant to Group 'A' Jr. Scale and License fee of Railway accommodation so provided shall be deducted from the monthly remuneration payable to the CMP.

Remuneration for Retired Railway Doctors and Central/ State Govt. retired Doctors:- Consolidated remuneration will be an amount admissible subject to the condition that remuneration plus pension drawn should not exceed the last pay drawn, if Govt. accommodation is not provided. If Govt. accommodation is provided, an amount equivalent to House Rent Allowance payable to a fresh entrant to Group 'A' Jr. Scale and License fee of Railway accommodation so provided shall be deducted from the monthly remuneration payable to the CMP.

Age Limit:- Candidate should not have completed more than 53 years of age as on 01.12.2019. However, age relaxation of 05 years for SC/ST and 03 years for OBC candidates is admissible.

Age limit for Retired Railway Doctors and Central/ State Govt. retired Doctors:- Candidate should not have completed more than 63 years & 06 months of age as on 01.12.2019.

Terms and Conditions:- Engagement of Doctors would be on contract basis initially for a period of one year on annual basis upto a maximum of 12 terms as per administrative requirement on the basis of assessment of performance of CMPs. However, services of these doctors can be terminated even before the expiry of one year after giving 15 days notice on either side. Railway Administration reserves the right to terminate the contract at any time during the contract by giving 15 days notice or payment of 15 days remuneration without assigning any reason whatsoever. The services rendered as contract doctor is a stop gap arrangement and will not be taken into consideration in case of their selection through UPSC. It will also not confer upon them any right for regularization of permanent absorption in the Railways. The engagement shall purely be on contract basis for a period of one year or till the regular incumbent joins, whichever is earlier.

Terms and Conditions for Retired Railway Doctors and Central/ State Govt. retired Doctors:- Engagement of Retired Railway Doctors and Central/ State Govt. retired Doctors as CMPs would be purely on contract basis initially for a period of one year on annual basis upto a maximum of 05 (five) terms as per administrative requirement. The engagements of CMPs shall be for a period of one year or less from the date of entering into contract or till a regular incumbent joins or on attaining the age of 65 years by the Retired Railway Doctors and Central/ State Govt. retired Doctors, whichever is earlier. The Retired Railway Doctors and Central/ State Govt. retired Doctors engaged as CMPs shall not have any claim or right for his/her continuity in service or automatic extension of the term of contract.

During the validity of contract, The CMP shall be at liberty to terminate the contract for betterment of his/her carrier or on any ground by giving 15 days notice to the Railways. Railway Administration reserves the right to terminate the contract at any time during the contract by giving 15 days notice or payment of 15 days remuneration without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Essential Educational Qualification

(iii) **For General Duty Doctors:** MBBS degree (with completion of internship) from any University/Institution recognized by Indian Medical Council. (iv) **For Specialist Doctors:** MBBS degree and Post Graduate Medical Degree/Diploma in subject concerned from any University/Institution recognized by Indian Medical Council.

Experience:- For Specialist Medical Practitioners, three year experience is essential. For General Duty Doctors, the candidate with experience will be given preference.

Contract is liable to be terminated, if the Contract Medical Practitioner is found to be mentally or physically incapacitated.

Note:- (i) Candidate should bring their application from along with original and attested copies of all certificates & mark-sheets. No TA/DA is admissible. (ii) The offer of engagement to selected candidates shall be issued subject to availability of vacancy as per requirement in Northern Railway Central Hospital/ Its Health Units located at New Delhi on “as is where is basis”. Administration reserves the right to change the posting as per administrative needs. The CMP specialist Doctors so selected shall also have to carry out general duties as and when required by Railway Administration in addition to their specialty work. (iii) If posts of specialists not filled up the vacancies may be filled up by General Duty Medical Practitioners temporarily. (iv) The posting of notified vacancies may be changed as per requirement of the administration. (v) The notification can be downloaded from Northern Railway’s websites www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in and www.nr.railnet.gov.in/dept/personnel/pnew.html. (vi) After approval of the panel by competent authority, the panel will be uploaded at NR’s websites www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in and www.nr.railnet.gov.in/dept/personnel/pnew.html. Suitable candidates will be intimated through speed-post, Telephone calls and SMS to report at Northern Railway’s Central Hospital New Delhi for posting. The candidates who do not report at the assigned date and time will forfeit their chance of contract engagement and vacancies may be filled up from the next empanelled candidate. Enclosed: As above.

Application format for Walk-in-interview for Retired Railway/Central/ State Govt. Doctors and other than Retired Railway/Central/ State Govt. Doctors

APPLICATION FOR THE POST OF SPECIALIST DOCTORS OR GENERAL DUTY DOCTORS

(Kindly indicate)

Whether applicant is Retired Railway /Central/ State Govt. Doctors

(Kindly indicate)

Specialist Doctors may indicate if he/ she wants to be empanelled as a General Duty Doctors also- Willing/ Not willing (Kindly indicate)

**The Medical Director,
Northern Railway Central Hospital
Basant Lane New Delhi**

- Name (in block letters) : _____
- Father’s/ Husband’s name (in block letters) : _____
- Permanent Address : _____
- Postal Address : _____
- Email address in very clear words : _____
- Mobile No. & DOT (With STD code) : Mobile No. : _____ DOT No. (With STD code) : _____
- Date of Birth : _____ Age as on 01.07.2018 (____Years____Months____Days) : _____
- Category to which belongs SC/ST/ OBC/Minority/UR (Please write) : _____
- Nationality : _____
- Have you worked in Railways as a CMP, if yes; give details : _____
- Educational/ Professional Qualifications : _____

Examination	Year of Passing	Medical College & University	No. of attempts	Percentage
High School/ equivalent				
Intermediate / equivalent				
MBBS Part I				
MBBS Part II				
MBBS Part III				
Aggregate % in MBBS				
PG (MD/MS/Dip.) All are taken to be PG equivalent (Kindly indicate discipline)				

12. Registration No. of Medical council _____ State where registered _____

13. Experience, if any : _____

14. Attested documents required along with the original, are as under:- i) One recent passport size photograph ii) Certificate indicating date of birth (High school/ equivalent) iii) MBBS Degree with mark sheets (All parts) and Certificate of any higher Medical Qualifications, if any, of Recognized University (For the candidates applied for General Duty Doctors) iv) Mark-sheets and certificate of PG along with MBBS Degree with mark-sheets of all parts (For candidates applying for Specialist Doctors) v) Internship completion certificate. vi) Registration certificate of Medical Council of States/India. vii) House job certificate, if any. viii) Certificate in support of caste in case of SC/ST & OBC issued by the appropriate authority. ix) Attestate copy of Pension Payment Order (PPO) in case of Retired Railway Doctors and Retired Central/ State Govt. Doctors only.

I hereby declare that all the statements made in this application are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that in the event of any information given herein, is found false or incorrect or concealed, the contract will be liable to be terminated and any civil/criminal legal action can be taken against me for this. I understand that I am not eligible for any TA/DA for this interview.

Place: _____
Date: _____

Signature of the candidate

Note: This application can be given at the time of walk-in-interview. It will thereafter be initiated by the three officers taking interview and kept in record for subsequent proceeding. 3816/19

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- It is compulsory for all participates to submit all documents online.
- Other term and conditioned displayed in online e-tender forms. Right to reject any or all online bid of work without assigning any reasons thereof is reserved.
- Above Tender Notice is displayed on www.dbskkv.org

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UNIVERSITY ENGINEER

Guj: Onion worth ₹25,000 stolen from shop

Surat: At a time when onion prices have skyrocketed to ₹100 per kg, the staple caught the attention of thieves here who stole 250 kg of the bulb, worth ₹25,000 in the early hours of Thursday.

The incident occurred outside a vegetable shop in the Palanpur Patiya area of Gujarat’s Surat city in the early hours of the day, an employee of the shop said.

“As per our daily routine, we kept five sacks of onions, each weighing 50 kg, outside the shop on Wednesday night. However, for the first time, someone stole those onions worth ₹25,000,” Amit Kanojia, an employee of the vegetable vendor said.

The rise in onion prices may have triggered the theft, he said, adding that the shop vendor has not yet registered an FIR with the police. Onion prices in retail markets at major cities of Gujarat are fluctuating between ₹90 to ₹100.

The prices have been on the rise for the last one month due to supply disruption from flood-affected states like Maharashtra. There has been a steep increase in prices in the last few days due to heavy rains in the key onion-producing States. **PTI**

Assam to publish number of Hindu Bengalis excluded from NRC: Min

PTI ■ GUWAHATI

Days after urging the Centre to dismiss the National Register of Citizens in its present form, senior BJP leader Himanta Biswa Sarma on Thursday said the Assam Government has decided to table the district-wise figure of Hindu Bengalis excluded from the final NRC list in the current Assembly session.

Sarma, also the State Finance Minister, claimed that the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) has found “huge irregularities” in the updation process of the National Register of Citizens (NRC) in the State three years ago.

“We will give the figure of those Hindu Bengali people applying (in Foreigners Tribunal after exclusion in the NRC) in different districts during the ongoing session of the

Assembly. We could not give that data earlier as NRC was not prepared. Now we have the data with district-wise break up,” he said while addressing the media in the Assembly premises.

The winter session of the state Assembly that started on Thursday will end on December 6.

It has been alleged from various quarters that a large number of Hindus have been excluded from the updated final NRC published on August 31 leaving out over 19 lakh applicants.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah had announced in Rajya Sabha on November 20 that the NRC updation process will be carried out afresh in Assam concurrently with the rest of India. On the same day, Sarma said the State Government has requested Shah to reject the NRC in the



current form. Sarma on Thursday said only the AIUDF and a section of Congress MLAs, and not the people of Assam, demanded that NRC should not be cancelled.

The Supreme Court-monitored NRC updation exercise, aimed at identifying illegal immigrants, mostly from erst-while East Pakistan (present-day Bangladesh), was carried out in Assam which has been facing an influx of people from the neighbouring country since the early 20th century.

Sarma said the country-wide NRC should have a com-

mon cut-off date, otherwise people will be able to take Indian citizenship in one state despite being rejected in another.

“The new NRC may take place with 1971 as cut off year or there may be a completely new deadline. But, whatever be the deadline for the rest of India, it should be applicable to Assam also. We do not have any objection to any year before 1971,” the BJP leader said.

On the first day of the winter session, the Congress and the AIUDF members protested against the state government’s move to dismiss the NRC and the controversial citizenship amendment bill (CAB).

Sarma said the Union home minister will hold meetings on the CAB issue with various groups and parties, including the State unit of the Congress, along with chief ministers of the Northeastern

States on Friday and Saturday.

“I hope that the CAB will be passed during the ongoing session of Parliament.... I hope the CAB will come. In Assam, we want CAB.... For the sake of Assamese people, the CAB is necessary,” he added.

Sarma also said the CAG had inspected the NRC office and its activities about three years ago and informed the state government about “huge irregularities and anomalies” in the NRC updation exercise.

But, to avoid confusion among the people, the Chief Minister and he had decided at that time not to act on that report till the NRC is completed, the minister said.

Sarma did not reveal the sum of the alleged irregularities in the mammoth exercise to update the NRC, the final version of which was published on August 31 under the then NRC Coordinator Prateek Hajela.

Meanwhile, a complaint has been lodged against Hajela by an NGO, Assam Public Works (APW), with the CBI’s Anti- Corruption Branch, alleging misappropriation of government funds in updating the document.

To a question on the Assam Accord, he said those who prepared the pact will speak for it.

“I did not sign that Accord. Or did you sign it? Nobody was consulted before signing the Accord. Prafulla Mahanta was a signatory, so he is committed to the Accord. Himanta Biswa Sarma did not sign it, so I am not committed for it. The Assam Assembly has also not endorsed the Accord. There was no proposal in the Assembly to accept the Accord,” Sarma said.

The NRC revision has been carried out in Assam as per provisions of the Assam Accord.

FIR filed against former NRC Coordinator Hajela

Guwahati: An FIR was filed on Thursday against former NRC Coordinator Prateek Hajela by the Assam Public Works (APW) with the CBI’s Anti-Corruption branch, alleging huge misappropriation of Government funds in updating the NRC in the State.

APW, the original petitioner in the Supreme Court leading to the updation of the NRC in Assam under the supervision of the apex court, filed the FIR requesting for a high level probe into the alleged corruption/misappropriation of Government funds by the former NRC state-coordinator and his close aides.

The case registered by APW member Rajib Deka said

that the central Government was funding the NRC updation process through the state coordinator.

“As per information, an amount of approximately Rs 1600 crore has already been released and we request you to inquire into the whole process of utilisation of the funds as several illegalities and financial irregularities has been committed in making different expenditures,” the complainant said.

The FIR, a copy of which was made available to the media, claimed that Hajela had appointed several retired government officials as his advisors and they were provided with new vehicles and a handsome salary package.

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Bypoll results reflection of BJP’s arrogance, mandate against NRC: Mamata

PTI ■ KOLKATA

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Thursday said the TMC’s victory in the assembly by-polls was in favour of secularism and unity, and a “mandate against the NRC”.

The TMC supremo also said the BJP is getting paid back for its “arrogance” and “insulting” the people of the State.

In a major boost for the ruling Trinamool Congress in West Bengal, the party bagged all the three assembly seats where bypolls were held on November 25 by trouncing the BJP.

The TMC won the

Kaliaganj, Kharagpur Sadar and Karimpur bypolls.

The BJP emerged in the second position in all the three seats.

“We dedicate this victory to the people of Bengal. This is a victory in favour of secularism and unity and is a mandate against NRC. The BJP is getting paid back for its arrogance of power and for insulting the people of the state.

“This mandate is against the politics of arrogance and people have outrightly rejected all the BJP. They want to turn legal citizens of the country into refugees and send them to detention centres,” Banerjee told a TV channel.

DGP reviews security situation across Kashmir

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

Following series of grenade attacks in different parts of Kashmir valley, Director General of Police Dilbag Singh Thursday chaired a high level security review meeting at PCR, Srinagar in which he took stock of the security situation in Kashmir Zone.

The officers representing different agencies briefed the DGP about the measures put in place for maintaining peace and order and ensuring security of the people.

During the meeting, DGP directed the officers to strengthen the security check points (Nakas) established across valley and augment the security grids to ensure safe and secure environment for the citizens of valley.

Addressing the officers



Singh said, “the terrorists involved in the killing of Sarpanch Syed Rafiq and Rural Development employee Sheikh Zahoor at Hakura have been identified as Junaid & Zubair of Hizbul Mujahideen. “Soon they will be brought to justice”, he added.

The meeting was attended by IGP Armed Vijay Kumar, IGP Kashmir S.P Pani-IPS, DIG CKR, SSP Srinagar, SSP Security and other senior officers from Central para military forces.

Referring to the recent

nobody is above law and one who breaks the law would be dealt with firmly.

He said that while dealing any situation, it should be ensured that law abiding people are not put to any inconvenience during their day today activities.

DGP stressed that the action against the terrorist should be continued and all the suspicious elements should be kept under check so as to foil their ill designs aimed at disrupting normal lives of the people.

DGP reiterated that the support of community members is essential and more and more public cooperation should be ensured by prioritising community-based programmes. All possible help be exercised in case of bad weather.

The DGP reiterated that

Congress, BJP fight out over Minister’s remarks on Golwalkar in Raj Assembly

PTI ■ JAIPUR

A reference to RSS ideologue AMS Golwalkar and his ‘Bunch of Thoughts’ on Thursday triggered an uproar in the Rajasthan Assembly during a special session on the 70th year of the adoption of the Constitution.

Referring to Golwalkar’s book ‘Bunch of Thoughts’, Rajasthan’s Parliamentary Affairs Minister Shanti Dhariwal said it had listed Muslims, Christians and Communists as “three threats”.

BJP MLAs Vasudev Devnani, Madan Dilawar created an uproar in the House over the comments by the Congress Minister.

Assembly Speaker CP Joshi intervened, saying the debate should be constructive and focused on challenges of futures which should be addressed.

He said there was nothing wrong if the minister has referred to a book in the House, and also asked Dhariwal to rather focus on the challenges of the future.

He said those who have raised voice for the review of the Constitution and reservation system, “insult” the tricolor.

“Those who were against the bandh call given after the

assassination of Mahatma Gandhi and those who have worked to fail the Constitution should be identified,” the minister said.

“If we do not deliberate on this, the debate on the Constitution would not be successful. Those who act on the lines of a certain ideology in a hidden manner will not be forgiven by the people,” he said, without naming any individual, party or organisation.

He said it was “unfortunate” that the prime minister was silent when US president called him the father of India in a meeting in the US some-time back.

Talking about the making of the Constitution, Dhariwal said B R Ambedkar, who was the head of the drafting committee, focused on women empowerment and ensured social security.

He claimed that public institutions were being weakened today. Right to Information Act was diluted and the freedom of media has also shrunk.

Deputy Chief Minister Sachin Pilot said the Constitution was created by visionary leaders and to protect its spirit is the work of not just the government or a party, but it is the duty of every citizen.

Referring to the remark made by BJP MP Pragya Thakur in Lok Sabha on Mahatma Gandhi’s assassin Nathuram Godse, Pilot said every nationalist should condemn the comment.

He said nationalism is not about talking on the lines of religion and raising slogans only, but raising voice against injustice and atrocities is nationalism.

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General public is hereby informed that this girl (depicted in the photo) namely: **Aashmin D/o Razzak R/o Chand Ram ka Makan, Village- Hamidpur, Delhi**, has been missing/kidnapped from the area of P.S Alipur, Delhi since **01.11.2015**. In this regard **FIR No. 991/15 dated 02.11.2015 PS. Alipur, Delhi** has been lodged. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the girl but no clue has come to light so far.

Her physical description is as under:-
Sex: Female, **Age:** 16 years **Height :** 4' ft., **Complexion:** Fair **Face:** Round, **Built:** Thin, **ID Mark:** Mole on Right side of chin, **Wearing:** Blue Colour Suit & Salwar.

Any person is having information or know about this missing/ kidnapped girl may kindly inform to the following:-

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Website: <http://cbi.nic.in> **P.S. Alipur, Delhi**
E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in **Ph. No.:** 011-27202265, 27202290
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SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is hereby informed that a boy (depicted in the photo), **Namely :** Kamal S/o Sh. Parveen R/o Mohalla Talai, Ward No. 1, Kasba Sahaspur, PS-Siwara, District Bijnour (UP) has been missing from 2451/60, Tellwara, Sadar Bazar, Delhi since 11.11.2019. In this regard a case vide DD No. 14-A dated 12.11.2019 has been lodged at P.S. Bara Hindu Rao, Delhi. The description of the missing boy are as under:-

Age : 22 year, **Height:** 5'7", **Complexion :** Shallow, **Built :** Thin, **Face :** Long, **Wearing :** Mehroon colour Shirt, Blue Pant & Slipper in his feet.

Any person is having any information/clue about this missing boy, may inform SHO, Bara Hindu Rao, Delhi at E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in or Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>.

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P.S Bara Hindu Rao, Delhi
North Distt., Delhi
Ph. No. 011-23529707 **DP/646/N/19**

BSY warns of legal action against Siddaramiah, Kumaraswamy

PTI ■ BENGALURU

Karnataka Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa on Thursday warned of legal action against Congress leader K Siddaramaiah and JD(S) leader HD Kumaraswamy for making statements alleging the 17 disqualified MLAs were bought over by his party.

Speaking to reporters at Karwar, Yediyurappa said, “I am planning to file a defamation case. I am gathering all the copies of their statements.”

He was replying to a query on Siddaramaiah’s statement that the disqualified MLAs were bought over using money power.

“We will quickly start filing defamation case in the court against Siddaramaiah and Kumaraswamy for their defamatory and irresponsible statements,” the Chief Minister said.

He had gone to Karwar to campaign for BJP’s Yellapur candidate Shivaram Hebbar.

Yediyurappa said the time has come to teach the two leaders from Congress and the JD(S) for their “derogatory” statements. Hebbar was previously with the Congress but had resigned from the assembly and was disqualified along with 16 others. The 17 sitting MLAs’ move toppled the coalition government in July and installed the BJP.

Has patent on crying, quips Kumaraswamy

Bengaluru: Former Karnataka Chief Minister HD Kumaraswamy on Thursday said his family has got a patent on crying as he took objection to Union Minister DV Sadananda Gowda’s comment that shedding tears during election was their family business.

“I will say that our family has a patent over it (shedding tears). Ours is a life of emotions and tears are an expression of pain in our hearts, Kumaraswamy told reporters at Hunsur.

While campaigning for the JD(S) candidate contesting the assembly bypoll, Kumaraswamy burst into tears at Kikkeri in KR Pet segment on Wednesday, saying people of Mandya had deserted him by defeating his son Nikhil Kumaraswamy in the Lok Sabha election earlier this year.

Commenting on Kumaraswamy turning emotional, Sadananda Gowda had cautioned people against the “flood of tears.”

He said the flood caused by tears is more dangerous than the flood that ravaged 22 districts of Karnataka in August and October.

The Union Minister even termed that shedding tears during election is the tradition of former prime minister H D Deve Gowdas family.

Dear Sadananda Gowda, I dont know how to cry applying Vicks or glycerine. I cry when I see the poor people in tears,



Kumaraswamy said.

He challenged Sadananda Gowda to explain how many flood-hit people did he assist.

How many poor people come to your house and how many of them secured any relief from you? Come to our house or send your intelligence team from the Centre.

Even after 70 years of independence, there are people coming to us without food and clothes. When I see them I get upset, Kumaraswamy said.

“Sadananda Gowda had said in his statement that people earlier used to watch drama for 100 days or 200 days.

Yes, you will say so because you come from the region where dramas are played, said Kumaraswamy commenting on the coastal Karnataka region where the minister hails from and where Yaksha Gana form of classical dance-drama is popular.

State Tourism minister C T Ravi too called Kumaraswamy an accomplished actor while taking a jibe at the JD(S) leader for shedding tears while campaigning.

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12046	Chandigarh - New Delhi	Mon, Tue, Wed , Thu, Fri, Sat	Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri, Sat, Sun	17.03.2020

Note:- For any kind of information passengers are requested to contact Railway Enquiry No. 139 or visit Indian Railways website www.enquiry.indianrail.gov.in.

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Mizoram CM elected unopposed as MNF president

Aizawl: Mizoram Chief Minister Zoramthanga on Thursday was elected unopposed as the president of the ruling Mizo National Front (MNF), the Joint Secretary of Media and Publicity of the MNF, Lallenmawia Jongte, said.

Jongte said that Deputy Chief Minister Tawnluia was also elected unopposed as senior vice-president of the party.

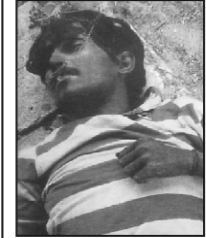
Former Lok Sabha member Vanlalazawma and former legislator Lalthlangliana were elected as vice-presidents while former minister and close confidante of Chief Minister K Vanlalauva, was elected as treasurer.

The elected office bearers of the MNF were fielded as official candidates by the 33-member nomination committee headed by Zoramthanga for organisational elections of the party, a senior party leader said, adding, all the nominees were declared as elected unopposed by the returning officer Dr R Ramthara since no other nominations were filed till 3pm on Thursday.

Health Minister Dr R Lalthlangliana and former Home Minister R Tlanghmingthanga, both of them veteran leaders, were dropped as vice-presidents by the nomination committee which had created a ripple in the ruling party, sources in the party said.

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Appeal For Identification



General public is hereby informed that this person **Name :** Unknown, **S/o :** Unknown, **R/o :** Unknown **Age :** 35 Years, **Sex :** Male, **Height :** 5 Ft. 6 Inch, **Complexion :** Dark, **Wearing :** Blue with Light Pink Checkdhar T-Shirt & White Blanket & Bare Footed, **If any other information like ID Mark, Tattoo etc. :** A Tattoo Marks as "NADEEM" ON Right Hand, has been found dead on 25.10.2019 at Outer Ring Road, under Monkey Bridge Footpath, Behind of Red Fort, Kotwali, Delhi. In this regard a DD No. 22-A Dated 25.10.2019 has been lodged at PS. Kotwali, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this person but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this person may kindly inform to the following.

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

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	Praveen Juneja/ Bela Juneja/ Bha Associate/ LBDEL00000968103	E-47, Ground & First Floor, Greater Kailash-II, New Delhi/ November 23, 2019	July 21, 2016. Rs. 45,76,317/-	Delhi/ Ncr

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

Date : 29-11-2019
Place: Delhi/NCR

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Didi, Didi & Didi

After the Lok Sabha debacle, Trinamool gets a booster shot, winning all three bypoll seats in Bengal



Never underestimate the power of Didi,” say people in Bengal whenever Delhi-centric analysts tend to write her political obituary. Some would say that the Trinamool Congress (TMC) chief has a Pied-Piper hold on the Bengali consciousness, a subaltern who rose to be deliverer in a State that swears by female avatars of divinity. What most disregard is that hers is not just a dream story, but one that has been hard-fought, through methods both fair and foul. And in the end, it is her pulsating beat among the masses, her derring-do, her sit-ins bang in the middle of a road, her well-worn Hawai chappals and maternal admonitions that convince them that she is one of their own, their best bet against all kinds of threats and can set Bengal apart from the rest of the country (Bengal still believes it can set India’s agenda). So she took everyone by surprise in 2011, when she uprooted the 34-year-old Left citadel, considering that Buddhadeb Bhattacharya was still popular and had actually started performing. But then opening up Singur for development meant that Mamata hijacked what the Left championed once — siding with displaced farmers. Similarly, six months after being stunned by the BJP ingress in the Lok Sabha elections, she made a whopping comeback, sweeping the Kaliaganj, Kharagpur-Sadar and Karimpur Assembly bypolls. Billed as the litmus test for the BJP’s much-desired domination of Bengal, Didi’s 3-0 tally has shown that she still has it in her to throw rivals off the mattress. The wins in Kaliaganj and Kharagpur-Sadar are significant since they were BJP acquisitions, the party having won the corresponding Lok Sabha segments in Raiganj and Medinipur in May. This is also TMC’s first-ever win in Kaliaganj. Wrestling the Kharagpur-Sadar was sweeter as BJP State president Dilip Ghosh was the MLA here before he became MP. Karimpur was hardly a challenge as it was always with the Trinamool.

So Mamata was quick to pin her victories on the BJP’s arrogance in Bengal and completely misreading its people’s minds. What did go wrong with the BJP’s surge in the State and what did Mamata do right this time? The first mistake that everybody probably did was to over-estimate the May verdict as a game-changer. Trinamool, though beaten on the number of seats, didn’t fare too badly on voter percentage compared to other federal parties in Odisha and Tamil Nadu. It increased its vote percentage by almost five per cent to 43.28 per cent. The BJP gains were from the anti-Mamata consolidation and the accretion of the Left and the Congress votes. It is true that a chunk of the Left did merge with the Trinamool after regime change and not much of a challenge was left. But over the years such imports have also been sidelined in the Trinamool scheme of things, which bred discontent. More effective than a revolt, they chose to break the vote pie instead to avenge their denuded status. They simply chose BJP as the enemy’s enemy. Now these groups and voters are also seeing the larger ideological consistencies despite a counter-alignment. Needless to say that the BJP’s trumpeting of a country-wide National Register of Citizens (NRC) has scared a lot of minority voters in Bengal, and not just Muslims, who make up about 27 per cent of the State’s population and include refugees who have been legitimised by successive regimes. Besides, the exclusion of Hindu residents from the Assam NRC riled up Bengali Hindu refugees, too, who have settled in waves since the Partition. BJP candidate from Kaliaganj Kamal Chandra Sarkar went so far as to admit that fears about NRC were among the reasons behind his defeat. Also, the BJP’s polarisation-driven agenda, while picking up traction in the border areas, is yet to fundamentally shake up the eclectic matrix of Bengal. Rather, the May verdict for the BJP was more about seeking change in growth and development paradigms than religion. However, the BJP in Bengal only peddled the latter and appeared revisionist in the process. Mamata, too, meanwhile, learnt her lessons, evening out her minority appeasement with *shloka* chants and an assertion of her “real” Hindu sentiments. Most importantly — and here poll strategist Prashant Kishor may have had a role — she has stayed away from shooting her mouth off or using agitprops. Instead, she focussed on rebuilding her grassroots connect, a casualty of the extortionary syndicate raj that she had allowed to flourish. Making teas at dhabas and talking to people was perhaps the salve that the voter needed. But till she powers development to the next level of industrialisation — and she has at least steadied the rural economy — she still has a juggernaut trundling her way in 2021.

Deciphering Trump

Foreign Ministries across the world must be spending hours trying to figure out the US President’s Twitter account



Where would Twitter be without its most influential user today? A single user to be precise because without Donald Trump, it is impossible to imagine what social media would be like, for better or worse. Jack Dorsey, the chief executive of Twitter, might have taken measures to stop political advertising and misinformation on the network but stop Donald Trump? No, nothing doing. The tweets by the 45th President of the US must be keeping hundreds of diplomats across the world gainfully employed and have given birth to a full-time news analysis industry, with reams of newsprint and thousands of television hours dedicated to them. His core audience is in the US and across the world. The reaction to his “covfe” tweet put political analysts and psychoanalysts side by side and puzzled the heck out of diplomats. But his latest tweet, where he edited his face onto a picture of Hollywood actor Sylvester Stallone in his famous Rocky Balboa avatar, seems to have confused everyone. Just what is Trump trying to say? Has it something to do with the ongoing impeachment inquiry being conducted by the US House of Congress? Or has it to do with the elections next year? Or is it that Trump is just goading his opponents, implying that he will take on all comers? Whatever it is, Trump’s presence on Twitter is entertaining, market-moving and often positively frightening. The man, who holds the power to destroy human civilisation with the press of a button, has shown little restraint on Twitter. He makes the tweets of Tesla founder Elon Musk seem pedestrian in comparison.

In the process, Trump has made Twitter an essential part of the global political discourse. It is unlikely that he would have been swept to power in 2016 without the social media network. Other politicians across the world have learnt from him and have weaponised it as well. Unfortunately, this has also meant that the social media network and others, particularly Facebook, have become vulnerable to fake news and its promotion. It is not enough to take slow action on this and such platforms have to just step up their act. While Trump and many of his fellow politicians are entertaining, social networks cannot become a means to spread hate and disinformation. As for that Rocky Balboa picture, well, analysis of that will not stop for a while.

Pegasus misadventure

One of the greatest threats to democracy is when fear prevails about a big-brotherly monitoring of independent thought. This is what the WhatsApp snooping scandal showed



AJOY KUMAR

Some time back, in these columns, I had written about the need to come up with a better understanding of our policies. I had mentioned about a study set in an office environment where the purpose was to examine how people react when they know they are being watched. The subjects were divided into two categories: The first group of people was asked to make private donations through a letter or email. The other group consisted of those who would sign up a sheet displayed in the common area of the office. It would also mention the amount committed by them. It was found that people were more likely to donate and be generous when they knew their behaviour would be judged or viewed, in that particular case, by their fellow peers. The crux of this experiment was that people behave differently when they know that their behaviour is being monitored or watched.

While this study looked at the positive impact of such an examination, it is also true that one of the greatest threats to a democracy is the fear that independent thought and criticism of a Government cannot be aired freely because one is being monitored. It is in this context that the recent, frankly terrifying, incident of Whatsapp snooping and hacking of mobile phones of several Indian rights activists must be examined. I presume the readers remember what actually happened. I say this because given the existing climate within the country, it is hard to keep track of one crisis as there are so many more mushrooming concurrently. The issue of an Israeli software, Pegasus, snooping on Indian citizens’ accounts came to light at the beginning of this month. This should have been one of the most significant topics for discussion. But unfortunately, several other crises emerged over the month: The illegal operation of electoral bonds, the Maharashtra imbroglio and the NSSO report claiming that consumer spending and sentiment is at its lowest in 40 years, among other issues.

Honestly, even I forgot about the snooping incident. Until the day I was speaking to a friend over phone, who also happened to be a bureaucrat. He was criticising some of the policies of the BJP Government but before doing so, he became conscious and asked me to call him up on WhatsApp. He feared that regular channels of communication were being tapped or examined in one way or the other by some department of the Government. Yet my friend wasn’t committing any wrong; he just wanted to air his views about the many shortcomings of the current Government as a regular citizen. He was too afraid to continue through a regular call. My friend is not the only one. Even my grocer insisted on talking over WhatsApp rather than making regular calls after the recent news of Pegasus tapping Indian citizens’ phones went viral.

What we know about the “WhatsApp



snoogate” till now is as follows: It was reported in the beginning of November that around 17 Indian activists and lawyers were spied upon by Pegasus. They were targeted using the popular WhatsApp messaging platform. This is done by either giving a missed call on WhatsApp or through a message on the platform. This allows Pegasus to gain access to the device, essentially all your photos, files and emails.

Pegasus, which is owned by an Israeli group called NSO, has been sued by WhatsApp for its activities. NSO’s defence or response when these facts came to light was that it sells the Pegasus software only to Government intelligence agencies to enable them fight terrorism and serious crimes. Its statement also went on to clarify that it does not sell the software for use against human rights activists and journalists.

However, this is exactly how it was put to use in India. The BJP Government responded by asking WhatsApp to explain why the data breach happened. As per news reports, in response, WhatsApp stated that it had informed the Indian Government about the data breach in May and then again in September. Thereafter, a parliamentary committee was formed to look into the breach, among

other things. According to reports, after some pushback and non-cooperation, this committee will try to get some answers from the relevant wings of the Government.

The primary issue, however, with such a grave and serious case is that it is a reminder to the people that their lives are no longer private. It is important to remember that the Supreme Court had itself stated that the right to privacy is fundamental as guaranteed under the Constitution. The familiar refrain of any Government, especially the current one, is that these rights are subject to reasonable restrictions. But what’s common between bureaucrats and grocers alike is that they are genuinely afraid of speaking against the policies of the Government, for this may affect them adversely. There is no denying the fact that this fear psychosis exists and the environment creating this mindset is problematic on its own.

There are many questions regarding Pegasus that must be answered but the most basic question is: How was a software — sold only to Governments and enforcement agencies to tackle terrorism — used to target human rights activists, journalists and politicians? This is an uncomfortable question that the Government must answer

and it must do so for its own benefit.

This incident has heightened the fear factor among the citizens. They worry that critics are being monitored and that they may be spied upon without following the due process of law.

The breach of an Indian citizen’s privacy, with no regard to established procedures, is egregious if true. However, even the belief that this is an accepted state of affairs today is problematic. Such fears lead to a “chilling effect”, where people will be more fearful about criticising the Government. What will be even worse is that this fear will prevent the Government’s failures from coming to light in public.

All of this will make the Government a non-transparent organisation, one that answers only to itself or to a privileged few. Indeed, this would be a travesty. A Government, we must not forget, is an agent of its citizens. It was elected by the people to act for their benefit. It has not, by any stretch, been empowered to snoop on lawyers and journalists who question it unless, of course, our new definition of a terrorist is a person who does just that. In which case, our worst fears have already been realised.

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SOUND BITE

What Pragya Thakur is saying is the heart of the BJP and the RSS. That is the centre of the BJP, that is the heart of the RSS. This cannot be hidden.

Congress leader
—Rahul Gandhi



I genuinely don’t think that a director needs to have a gender. It’s not a gender-specific job. That’s something I sort of have always rejected at the beginning.

Filmmaker-choreographer
—Farah Khan



In his personal and public life, PM Modi has followed a very disciplined regimen. Whenever he goes on a State visit abroad, he takes less than 20 per cent staff with him.

BJP chief
—Amit Shah



We dedicate this victory to the people of Bengal. The BJP is getting paid back for its arrogance of power and for insulting the people of Bengal.

West Bengal CM
—Mamata Banerjee



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Real Chanakya

Sir — This refers to the editorial, “Exit Fadnavis” (November 27). Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) chief Sharad Pawar has once again proved that he is head and shoulders above the political gladiators, who battled to capture Maharashtra for a month since the Assembly election. After stitching the once-unimaginable Shiv Sena-NCP-Congress alliance and turning the BJP’s counterplots on its head, Pawar has demonstrated that he is the ultimate survivor by salvaging his leadership from the brink of extinction for the third time in 40 years.

Even BJP president Amit Shah, hailed as a modern-day Chanakya, fell for the Ajit Pawar bait dangled by Sharad Pawar to demonstrate that he is better at the game of political one-upmanship, even at the ripe age of 78. Most of us suspect that it could be Sharad Pawar’s idea that Ajit Pawar should bargain with Fadnavis to close the corruption cases in the irrigation scam to remove the sword kept hanging on his head and interestingly, Fadnavis fell for it. Finally, Sharad

A turning point in Indian politics

This refers to the editorial, “Exit Fadnavis” (November 27). With the collapse of the four-day-old BJP Government in Maharashtra, it is clear that despite all machinations to install a Government at the helm, its new association with Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) leader Ajit Pawar just refused to take off. Not that the return of the “prodigal” would signal any significant change in the equations between the NCP, Shiv Sena and the Congress. With a BJP-led Government at the Centre, it was but obvious that it would spare no opportunity to make itself the epicenter of every deliberation when envisaging a Government formation in Maharashtra.

As the single-largest party, the BJP was well within its rights to forge alliances with other parties in order to achieve the figures required to form the Government. However, it was doing so with a fair amount of stealth. The illegitimate “nocturnal seizure of power” by Fadnavis and junior Pawar had to collapse. Many view the *maha* drama as a disastrous move that may have had a very few precedents in the country’s recent political history. Seen as an explicit example of the BJP’s desperation to cling to power at any cost, let us also not forget that it was the Shiv Sena who back-tracked on its commitment,

Pawar also has high stakes in this drama — he can now fulfill his heart’s desire to anoint his daughter, Supriya Sule, as his political heir and end the ambitions of his nephew.

JS Acharya
Hyderabad

Unhealthy practice

Sir — This refers to the editorial, “Exit Fadnavis” (November 27). There’s no denying the fact that both Prime Minister Narendra Modi and BJP chief Amit Shah



forcing the BJP to look for new “partners.” However, it is time the saffron party realised that in politics, “carrot and stick” approach as a negotiation tactic cannot always be relied upon to induce desired behaviour among opponents. Considering the present political scenario, coalitions have become the order of the day, prompting an alliance between the most unlikely of partners who come together only to share power. Is the Aghadi one such alliance? Or will it be different?

Pachu Menon
Margao

erred in orchestrating an early morning drama in Mumbai. It did not redound to anyone’s credit. By forming a Government through stealth, the BJP underlined how with each passing day, we have come to disregard the Constitutional spirit while over-

stretching its provisions to suit partisan political interests.

Without doubt, the BJP has lost face in the manner in which it installed Devendra Fadnavis as the Chief Minister and the abject way he quit. An otherwise decent politician played blind while his detractors held the trumpcards. Fadnavis could have shown more grace in his exit but what could one expect of someone who rushed headlong to be sworn in as the Chief Minister along with Ajit Pawar as his deputy in a hush-hush manoeuvre.

KS Jayatheertha
Bengaluru

Get back to work

Sir — This refers to the editorial, “Exit Fadnavis” (November 27). Now that the sordid drama in Maharashtra has come to an end, it’s time for political parties, especially the BJP, to focus on the economy, which seems to be falling apart with unemployment and inflation crossing all limits.

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FIRST COLUMN

How to regulate non-personal data

A keen eye has to be kept on privacy breaches and protecting national security/sovereignty while not stifling innovation and growth



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Curving back within myself I create again and again,” says the *Bhagavad Gita*. If you wonder why I chose to bring spirituality to a world driven by facts, let’s assume that the above quote is written by and for the supreme power guiding all our lives today called “data.” From waking up in the morning to a favourite alarm tune, having breakfast, to going through a normal day at work or pleasure, we generate humongous amounts of data, almost akin to the amount of carbon dioxide generated as part of the breathing process. Similar to the carbon footprint we leave during the course of life, let’s now acknowledge that we also leave a huge data trail behind. Until a few years ago, most of this information scattered in randomness hardly meant anything to anybody. But then, a few smart guys chose to make sense of these randomised packets of information, stitched them together and gave successful revenue models worth billions of dollars.

That’s where it caught the interest of lawmakers around the world and each jurisdiction now wants to bring its own set of limiting regulations on data and safeguard privacy rights. India has also moved on intent and to safeguard privacy rights of its citizens has brought in the Personal Data Protection Bill, which is likely to be introduced and debated during the ongoing Winter Session of Parliament.

However, the Government soon realised that there is much wider scope of governance for all data that is generated by citizens of India, which can be potentially used in a monetisation model. After all, India, with its huge population perhaps generates the highest amount of data around the globe and it can, in “theory” be called the world’s largest “data economy.” That’s why the intent of the Government to delve deeper into “non-personal data regulation.”

The basic premise driving this proposed regulation is to ensure creation of data highways on which “future-forward innovative concept cars”, can zoom away to “connected first digital economy.” This statement is complex, as the idea driving this regulation is equally complex, or at least, the way I have been able to comprehend it, speaking to various officials. Now for the record, non-personal regulation is still at a conceptual stage. A formal consultation paper seeking public opinion on the course of a future law, if at all, is yet to be launched. The committee, which is likely to steer the direction of the non-personal data regulation, has met a couple of companies and some industry associations seeking their opinion on how the policy should shape up. It would be safe to assume that a legal framework is many months away. At this stage, it would be worth it to have a few opening principles laid out for the Government to consider while framing any future non-personal data guidelines.

First, any mandatory regulation seeking sharing of data by private companies (funded by private entities and shareholders) with the Government has to be carefully calibrated. While no one can question a sovereign Government’s rights to seek some critical data for upholding security, safety and prevention of heinous crimes and so on, from private firms, a *carte blanche* compulsory data sharing has hazards of being illegal and against innovation and stunting the growth of a digital economy.

Second, any sharing of data by private companies with the Government for greater public good and citizen welfare should be strictly voluntary in nature.

Third, the Government should encourage the creation of “open data” sharing portals and highways where private entities can contribute voluntarily. A good example of this thought leadership lies in the Government’s own Open Government Data Platform of India (<https://data.gov.in/>). This open portal is a single point repository of close to 3.5 lakh resources and over 7,500 catalogues, drawn from over 160 Government departments and it houses close to 20,000 Application Programming Interfaces (APIs). Enriching this platform and creating an enabling framework for the private sector to join this platform could go a long way in solving India’s myriad problems related to development.

Fourth, considerations related to switching, access to data and portability should take into account the specific situations, avoiding a one-size-fits-all approach. Data portability should be enhanced, provided this does not affect intellectual property (IP) and trade secrets. But imposing rigid standards to enable data portability could have unintended consequences, hardwiring the status quo, forestalling innovation and precluding future portability.

Finally, any regulation of non-personal data should premise itself that the Government doesn’t start treating data as resource akin to the way it has treated airwaves, commonly known as spectrum. We all are aware how an ever-increasing demand for monetising spectrum through various streams is finally leading to destruction of India’s telecom space. In a nutshell, an alert eye has to be kept on privacy breaches and protecting national security/sovereignty while not stifling innovation and growth.

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YOU CANNOT GIVE THE EXAMPLE OF A *DESH BHAKT* (PATRIOT NATHURAM GODSE) WHILE REFERRING TO MAHATMA GANDHI’S ASSASSINATION. —BJP MEMBER PRAGYA THAKUR



TERRORIST PRAGYA THAKUR CALLS TERRORIST GODSE A PATRIOT. A SAD DAY, IN THE HISTORY OF INDIA’S PARLIAMENT. —SENIOR CONGRESS LEADER RAHUL GANDHI

Will India get a new JP?

The current socio-economic-political situation has great similarities with the 70s and the country could witness a movement, like the one led by Jai Prakash Narayan, in a few years if the situation doesn’t improve



ABHISHEK RAJA

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the BJP returned to power in 2019 with a bigger majority than they got in 2014. Therefore, it can safely be said that Modi is currently the most popular leader in India. But history has some parallels in this. The late Indira Gandhi was considered one of the most popular and able leaders of independent India, yet her tenure was full of turmoil. The late Jai Prakash Narayan (JP) started a revolution against her which paved the way for Emergency. The current events in the country are similar to what happened with Indira in 1971-1977 and could well spark off a movement against the Government.

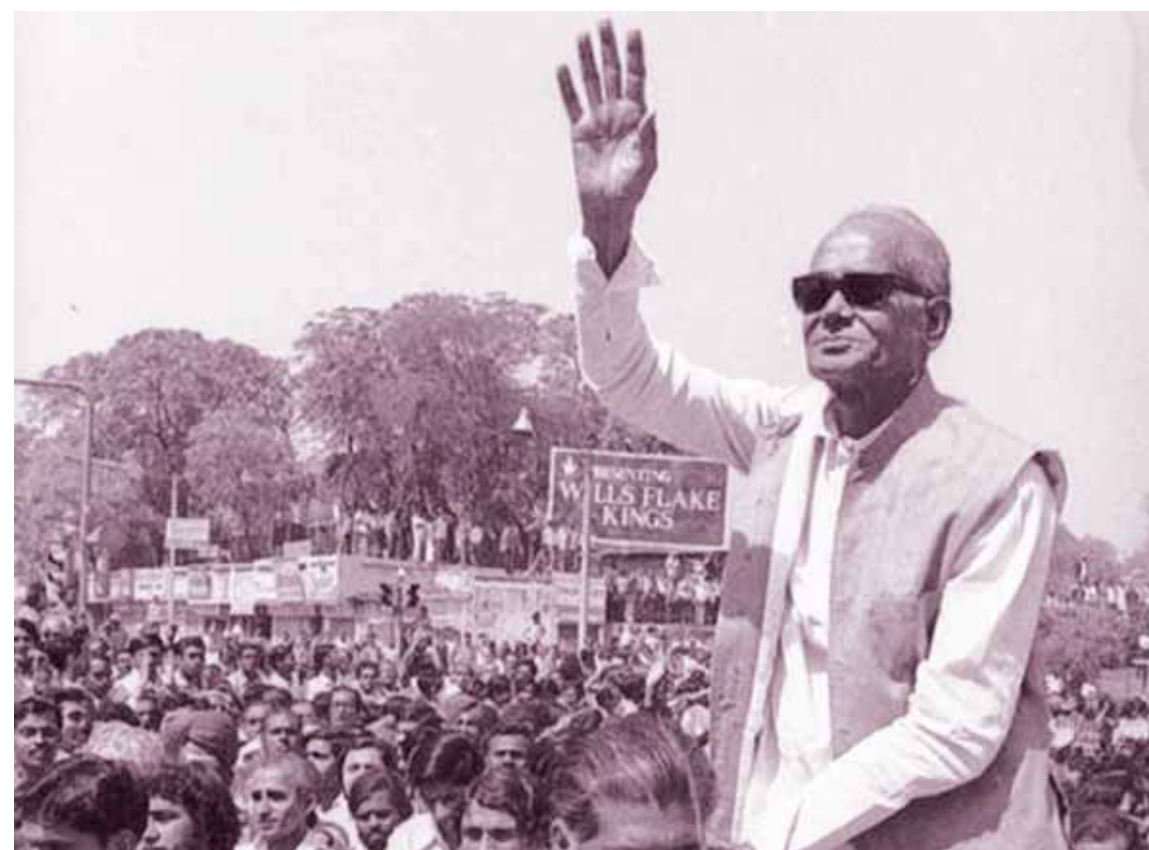
Economic context: During the 1971 elections, the Congress had given the slogan of “*garibi hatao*”. However, the social and economic conditions in the country did not improve much after 1971-72. The Bangladesh crisis had put a heavy strain on India’s economy and this was followed by a war with Pakistan. After the war, the US Government stopped all aid to India and prices increased by 23 per cent in 1973 and 30 per cent in 1974. Industrial growth was low and unemployment was very high, particularly in rural areas.

The country is going through a similar situation now and the current unemployment rate is the highest ever seen in the last 45 years. Data published by the Government on the index of eight core industries reveals the sad state of the economy. Real estate is in negative growth and the auto industry, too, has reached a level where only structural reforms can save it. The telecom industry is also in the red and so is the aviation sector. The banking sector and the Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFC) have suffered huge losses as their NPAs have been growing exponentially. A report from the National Statistical Office (NSO) shows that average consumer spending has declined for the first time in 40 years. So, there are many similarities with the economic conditions prevailing in the pre-Emergency era. Historically, the unemployed youth start questioning the Government and when there are no satisfactory answers, they launch a movement to protest against these debilitating problems. India would be witnessing this in a couple of years.

National political scenario: Indira enjoyed the same unmatched popularity in those days as Modi does now. The party became insignificant and elections were won or lost on the steam of the top leader. But those days saw the narrative that leaders opposing Indira were against the progress of the country, just as it is now during the Modi regime. Like Indira, Modi also has near-absolute control over the Government as well as a huge majority in Parliament and the BJP is not dependent on any supporting party.

Student agitations: Chimanbhai Patel became the Chief Minister of Gujarat in July 1973. In December 1973, students of LD College of Engineering, Ahmedabad went on a strike in protest against a 20 per cent hike in hostel food fees. A similar strike in January 1974 at Gujarat University resulted in clashes between the police and students. Ultimately the students, lawyers and professors formed a committee, later known as the Nav Nirman Yuvak Samiti, to voice their grievances. They demanded Patel’s resignation and as

“THE PROBLEM WITH HISTORY IS THAT IT REPEATS ITSELF. WHO THE NEXT JP WILL BE, ONLY TIME WILL TELL. BUT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD DO WELL TO LEARN FROM THE PAST AND TAKE CORRECTIVE MEASURES NOW TO BRING THE COUNTRY OUT OF THE CURRENT MORASS IT IS IN”



the agitations spread in the State, Indira asked him to resign, which he did. This movement is popularly known as the *Nav Nirman Andolan* which was later fought under the leadership of JP. Today, we are witnessing many student agitations that are mostly related to fee hikes in IITs, Ayurveda medical colleges in Uttarakhand and Delhi’s Jawaharlal Nehru University.

Students are also saying that such hikes are not acceptable as they lack clarity regarding their future due to the major job crisis in the country.

Naxalite of the 70s and today’s urban Naxalites: In the 70s, the “peasant movement”, which started in West Bengal, spread to several States and came to be referred broadly as the “Naxalite movement”. Later they broke off from the CPI (M) and formed a new party, Communist Party (Marxist-Leninist). It argued that democracy in India was a sham and decided to adopt a strategy of protracted guerrilla warfare in order to lead a revolution. The “Naxalite movement” used force to snatch land from rich landowners and give it to the poor and the landless. Its supporters advocated the use of violent means to achieve their political goals. In spite of the use of preventive detention and other strong measures adopted by the West Bengal Government run by the Congress, the Naxalite movement did not end. In later years, it spread to many parts of the country.

Today we hear about “urban Naxalites”. The 2018 arrests of some people in connection with a probe in the Bhima-Koregaon riots opened the debate on the concept of “urban Naxalism”. A 2004 Communist Party of India (Maoist) document, titled *Urban Perspective*, elaborates on this strategy

with a key area of focus being on acquiring leadership from urban areas. The security establishment believes that saddled with an ageing leadership, Maoists have been looking at cities and towns for new leaders. It feels that this is in keeping with the tradition that most of their top leaders are well-educated people from universities.

JP’s total revolution: JP was a staunch Gandhian, freedom fighter and a veteran socialist, but was unhappy with where the country was headed during Indira’s regime. The people associated with the *Nav Nirman Andolan* movement of Gujarat asked JP to lead a peaceful agitation, which gathered support. Leaders of almost all political parties fought under his leadership. Millions of protesters, including students and the common man, inspired by JP left colleges and jobs to join the movement. JP travelled all over India to mobilise the masses against the Congress by capturing people’s sentiments through anti-corruption speeches.

Consequently, on June 12, 1975, the Allahabad High Court convicted Indira for election malpractices and declared her election null and void, which was upheld by the Supreme Court on June 24, 1975. On June 25, JP announced a nation-wide movement demanding Indira’s resignation and internal Emergency was imposed on June 25. Most of the top Opposition leaders like JP, Morarji Desai, Atal Bihari Vajpayee and LK Advani were arrested.

The Press was censored and all news articles had to be sent to the Government for approval before publishing.

Today, we are seeing the same kind of censorship. We have witnessed TV journalists losing their jobs for criticising the Government and most of them

have been unable to find new ones. They are currently airing their views through social media. We have also seen a new sort of journalism where TV debate anchors are asking questions meant for the Government from the Opposition.

Newspapers are doing their jobs far better than TV as far as true journalism is concerned. In Srinagar recently, scribes protested against the lockdown and lack of internet in the Valley. The Government today keeps a close watch not only on newspaper and TV media but also on various social media platforms.

Igniting points: The Goods and Service Tax (GST) was implemented in July 2017 but it was not flawless. There are various issues and inherent problems with GST compliance and traders are not happy it. Thought it could never lead to a big movement in itself, it could become part of any big protest.

The air and water quality is not up to the mark even 70 years after Independence and these issues could be part of any movement.

Farmer suicides is an area which every political party talks about but seldom does any thing concrete to help. This could lead to a mass movement.

The problem with history is that it repeats itself. The current socio-economic-political situation has great similarities with the 70s and the country could witness a JP-like movement in a few years if the situation doesn’t improve soon.

Who the next JP will be, only time will tell. But the Government would do well to learn from the past and take corrective measures now to bring the country out of the current morass.

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AI at the frontline of healthcare

There’s a recurrent demand for enhanced efficiency and AI could potentially be the answer with effective testing, screening and triage tools



ABHINAV VERMA



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Smartphones have quite literally placed the world at our fingertips. Hence, channelising technological interventions naturally comes up in any discussion on scale and efficiency of public health work as well. A somewhat new entrant to this discussion is Artificial Intelligence (or AI), which could have a positive impact on the Indian healthcare scenario, which faces an acute shortage of human resources, variable accessibility of health services, and rising Out Of Pocket (OOP) expenditure for patients. Some tout AI as the tool required to take healthcare away from a reactive system onto a preventive one. However, a closer look at the application of AI in healthcare shows that at present its use is limited to clinical settings that are more sophisticated and less accessible.

In India, tertiary and secondary

care units consisting of specialised services and advanced diagnostics are easily distinguishable from Primary Healthcare Centres (PHCs). These centres and their extended arms, the Community Health Workers (CHWs), are the cornerstone of last mile service delivery and serve as the first level of contact between the health system and patients. However PHCs are understaffed, with insufficiently-trained CHWs and retrofitted with inadequate infrastructure.

The closest that technology has gotten to addressing these challenges is to equip CHWs with tablets and apps that help them collect data for district, State and national level analysis, but don’t serve to streamline work.

However, most AI investments in healthcare are limited to the higher-end tertiary care units. AI startups deal with niche areas like regenerative medicine, radiology-based diagnostics, advanced screening and testing and so on. The more widely used AI solutions involve the use of Natural Language Processing (NLP) chatbots to connect urban patients with doctors. Other than this, AI is being used for expediting clinical trials and drug discovery. However, none of these solutions is rapidly transforming primary health systems.

Besides the predictive and classi-

fication functions that AI can perform through machine learning, AI has imaging, identification and screening abilities, natural language processing and speech recognition.

Many of these abilities can be leveraged for primary health too. For example there are AI birth weight measurement tools, AI-powered heat mapping to screen for breast cancer. However, while the former is still in development, the latter has faced hurdles in truly injecting itself into public health.

There are still many CHW and PHC functions that can be made more effective using AI. For instance, PHCs perform routine laboratory tests for haemoglobin screening, urine testing, blood grouping for expectant mothers — many of which can be prime use cases for AI solutions for the frontline. Moreover, now the Government aims to upgrade PHCs to Health and Wellness Centres (HWCs) with an expanded mandate of screening for non-communicable diseases like cancer, diabetes, cardiovascular ailments as well. Traditional methods of testing require expensive equipment and specialist human technicians, yet are unable to be highly accurate. This is an open sesame for many AI innovators to develop quicker technology-enabled ways of testing and screening.

A recurrent woe at the frontlines is the demand for enhanced efficiency and AI could potentially be the answer here. Effective triage tools like Babylon, rolled out by the UK’s National Health Service, can help streamline referrals and optimise the use of the limited human resources on cases that most require their attention. Chatbots can help solve superfluous or simple queries and refer most urgent cases first. Similarly, studying existing patterns of dropouts from care management and developing predictions for patients at highest risk of dropouts can perhaps take us further on the quest for adherence management in areas like TB, antenatal care and HIV.

The good news is that AI for frontline health work can be made possible. The Government’s insistence on digitising paper-based records into web portals has two outputs, viz. inducing a comfort with using basic technologies like tablets by CHWs and the ready availability of immense service delivery data. The issues, however, are data gaps and inaccuracies caused by transferring data from, for instance, an ASHA’s diary to the portal by a third person called the Data Entry Operator. As data changes hands, there is a greater risk of inaccuracies creeping in. Even when data is of good quality, the

Government is still deliberating on the means to share it with private innovators while preserving privacy.

These challenges are acknowledged quite often by innovators but they forget to consider that most AI applications might not require that much data. Deep diving to understand patterns in existing data aside, easy screening tools like haemoglobin and blood groups have vast clinical literature present. In the presence of a defined clinical model, the task that remains is just training the algorithm on limited data sets to automate the model. As and when more data is collected through a prototype, the algorithm can be trained again to achieve better results. Here, the volume of reliable data ceases to be an inhibitor for innovation at the frontline.

Advanced clinical AI applications, like those functioning as decision support systems for doctors, are very often operating in a regulatory grey area due to lack of appropriate certification guidelines. Clinical applications require the highest accuracy and perhaps will face the most stringent liabilities (when such laws are developed). Most primary healthcare applications, though, are not clinical in nature. Most of them are routine classifications, administrative tools, and chatbots to enable

healthier lifestyles — outside the purview of clinical certifications. Even screening tools on frontlines are basic triage tools meant to facilitate referrals and not to be the final diagnosis. The expectation of accuracy is lower in the face of the utility it can bring in areas where doctors aren’t even available.

Therefore, while private innovators might be not be interested in frontline healthcare solutions, this vacuum can be filled by civil society organisations, the Government, academia and social enterprises. Most private firms are now boasting their own AI for social good initiatives, mobilising forces to develop proofs of concept for specific social problems. These, too, can and should explore opportunities for using technologies to build a stronger base of public health by working extensively on frontlines. Once proven, these solutions can be adopted by the Government.

Technology to the front line worker is no longer a miracle solution to address problems of inaccuracy, inconsistency and lack of efficiency. If anything, it’s made the role of the CHW more data-centric, where we find them spending as much as half their work hours reporting on the services they deliver in order to make trends of service delivery more understandable to a District/Block Officer.

Here, the obligation on innovation should be to marry user-centricity (focussing on the CHW) with greater efficiency (focussing on the system). Both the CHWs and the patients would need to develop a certain level of trust in technology being able to perform a task they do, and trust in the results thereof, respectively. This would involve a higher emphasis on developing explainable AI and integrating solutions with workflows of CHWs.

The potential of AI in revolutionising India’s healthcare system is slightly exaggerated. There is immense hope generated with the idea that CHWs in two different parts of the country perform the same task of measuring a newborn baby’s weight with the same accuracy, followed by their District Officer receiving a system-generated alert on failing nutrition metrics in their geography, leading to resource-efficient health service delivery that is timely — all made possible on a smartphone. But, it’s wise to be cautious about the stage in the value chain at which innovation is introduced and how its influence can burden the user.

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PTI ■ NEW DELHI

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Since the past few sessions, the company's market

valuation has been hovering near the ₹10 lakh crore mark.

On the volume front, 2.73 lakh shares of the company were traded on the BSE and over 62 lakh shares on the NSE during the day.

The company is still ahead of British energy major BP Plc in terms of market valuation. BP Plc's m-cap was at USD 127.86 billion at close of trade on NYSE.

"RIL today (Thursday) became the first Indian company to hit the ₹10 lakh crore milestone in market capitalisation, after its shares rose to a record high. We will put two important factors that should be seen as a catalyst for this share. Firstly, the Reliance Jio disruption. Second is the stake sale to Aramco has further made its valuation going forward attractive since their aim to achieve the debt-free balance sheet is likely to be seen in FY20-21," said Mustafa Nadeem, CEO, Epic Research.

In October this year, Reliance Industries (RIL) hit the ₹9 lakh crore m-cap level.

It took just 27 trading sessions for RIL to reach the coveted ₹10 lakh crore market cap. RIL had on October 18 hit the

₹9 lakh crore market valuation mark in intra-day trade.

In August 2018, it became the first Indian company to have crossed the ₹8 lakh crore m-cap mark.

So far this year, the company's scrip has zoomed nearly 41 per cent, much higher than the 14 per cent rise in Sensex so far in 2019.

Mukesh Ambani's Reliance Jio had this month 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.

India's most valuable company Reliance Industries had last month posted a record quarterly net profit of ₹11,262 crore in September quarter.

TCS is the country's second most valued firm with a market valuation of ₹7,79,501.64 crore, followed by HDFC Bank with a market cap of ₹6,92,853.48 crore, Hindustan Unilever (₹4,51,482.38 crore) and HDFC (₹3,98,994.81 crore).

The m-cap figures of companies change daily with stock price movement.

48 websites of Central Ministries, State Govts hacked in 2019 till Oct

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Forty eight websites of ministries of Centre and state governments were hacked this year up to October, Parliament was informed on Thursday.

"As per the information reported to and tracked by Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) a total number of 110 and 48 websites of Central Ministries/ Departments and State Governments were hacked during the year 2018 and 2019 (till October), respectively," Minister of State for Electronics and IT Sanjay Dhotre said in a written reply to Rajya Sabha.

He added that there have been attempts from time-to-time to launch cyber attacks on



Indian cyber space.

The Minister said it has been observed that attackers are compromising computer systems located in different parts of the world and use masquerading techniques and hidden servers to hide the identity of actual systems from which the attacks are being launched.

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(IP) addresses of the computers from where the attacks appear to be originated belong to various countries including China, Pakistan, Netherlands, France, Taiwan, Tunisia, Russia, Algeria and Serbia," he added.

CERT-In devises response measures in co-ordination with its counterpart agencies in foreign countries for resolution of incidents involving systems outside the country, he said.

BUSINESS CORNER



Hardayal Prasad, MD & CEO, SBI Card & Mr Leslie Thng, CEO, Vistara at the launch of the Club Vistara SBI Card. SBI Card and Vistara, India's finest full-service carrier, have joined hands to launch a one-of-its-kind premium credit card for travel savvy urban Indians. Launched in two variants, Club Vistara SBI Card PRIME and Club Vistara SBI Card, the new card has been designed to offer a rewarding travel experience to cardholders, through unique benefits and unmatched value proposition, on domestic and international travel spends.

Challenges ahead for most Indian non-financial firms in 2020, says Moody's

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Driven by sluggish economic growth and slowing earnings, credit conditions will weaken for most Indian non-financial companies in 2020, Moody's Investors Service said on Thursday.

"Rated companies' credit profiles are unlikely to improve significantly over 2020-2021 due to elevated debt levels, weakening profitability and the continued economic slowdown, which is pressuring both investment and consumption," Kaustubh Chaubal, a Moody's Vice President and Senior Credit Officer said.

The continued depreciation of the rupee against the US dollar, meanwhile, has limited negative credit implications for rated companies, as most have natural hedges in place.

Overall, refinancing risk for long-term debt maturities

remains manageable for most rated companies, although they are reliant on continued annual rollovers of short-term working-capital financing.

"Upside factors for Moody's outlook on India's non-financial companies include a ramp up of government's stimulus measures aimed at reviving consumption demand, and better funding and market liquidity conditions whereby domestic demand and consumer funding both get a boost," it said.

Moody's expects India's GDP growth to slow to 6.6 per cent in 2020, weaker than in previous years, with limited prospects for government stimulus measures to improve credit conditions in the near term.

Funding conditions also remain tight, slowing demand for consumer goods and leaving banks selective in extending loans to companies.

Over 227K Indians in US waiting for family-sponsored Green Card: Data

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

More than 2,27,000 Indians in the US are waiting for the family-sponsored Green Card or legal permanent residency, the second largest number in the wait list after Mexico, according latest official data.

Currently, there are about four million people waiting in line for family-sponsored Green Cards against a Congressional cap of 2,26,000 per annum.

The largest number of 1.5 million wait list is from America's southern neighbour Mexico, followed by a distant India with more than 2,27,000 and China with nearly 1,80,000, according to the Department of Homeland Security.

Majority of those in the family-sponsored Green Card waiting list are siblings of US citizens. Under current law, US citizens can sponsor their family members and blood relatives for Green Cards or permanent legal residency.

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President Donald Trump is against such a provision which he calls as "chain immigration" and wants to abolish it. The Opposition Democratic Party is vehemently opposed to abolish the family-sponsored immigration system.

In addition to four million family-sponsored Green Card applicants, another 8,27,000, a sizeable number of whom are from India, are waiting for the permanent legal residency. The wait for employment-based Green Card for Indian IT professionals is more than 10 years.

New Delhi: HDFC Bank on Thursday said it has formed a six-member committee to find a successor to Managing Director Aditya Puri who is set to retire in October next year.

India's largest private sector lender HDFC Bank is on a global search to find a successor to the founding-chief executive Aditya Puri.

"The board of directors of the bank at its meeting held today has constituted a search committee to identify a successor to Aditya Puri, the current managing director of the bank, whose tenure ends on October 26, 2020," the bank said in a regulatory filing.

The search committee will comprise Shyamala Gopinath, Sanjiv Sachar, MD Ranganath, Sandeep Parekh, Srikanth Nadhamuni and Keki Mistry representative of HDFC, the parent of the bank. PTI

Govt has issued notice to NSO; WhatsApp didn't inform about vulnerability in system: Prasad

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

IT Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad told Parliament on Thursday that a WhatsApp CEO-led delegation had not mentioned about any vulnerability of their system during their meetings with the ministry, and that the government was yet to receive the names of people targeted by unnamed entities using Pegasus spyware.

Replying to a question in Rajya Sabha, Prasad said the government had issued notice to Israeli technology firm NSO Group, which created Pegasus, on November 26, seeking details about the malware and its impact.

The Minister also said digital players must erect appropriate security walls.

He was replying to a special mention by Congress MP Digvijay Singh on the use of the spyware against some Indians.

"During the high level engagements like meeting of CEO Will Cathcart and VP Policy Nick Clegg of WhatsApp that took place with the ministry on July 26, 2019 and September 11, 2019, no mention was made by the high level WhatsApp team regarding this vulnerability," Prasad said in a statement. According to the Minister, when reports about

the breach came in media, CERT-IN (Computer Emergency Response Team) on September 9 sought submissions from WhatsApp, including a need to conduct an audit and inspection of WhatsApp security system and process.

"The response from WhatsApp was received on November 18, 2019 and further clarification and technical details have been sought on November 26, 2019.

"CERT-IN has also sent a notice to NSO Group on November 26, 2019 seeking details about the malware and its impact on Indian users," he said. Prasad also said that the government is committed to ensure safety and security of online platforms such as WhatsApp. He also said that the government is also working to strengthen the Information Technology (Intermediaries Guidelines) Rules 2011.

The Minister asserted India would never compromise its data security. Replying to concerns raised by some members, Prasad said the global business community is welcome to do business in India but they would also have to acknowledge and understand that safety and security of Indians is indeed of prime importance.

Private investment in highway construction at ₹98,100 cr in last 5 years, says Gadkari

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Private investment to the tune of ₹98,100 crore was roped in for construction of highways during the last five years, Parliament was informed on Thursday. To encourage private sector participation through adequate incentives, the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has adopted Hybrid Annuity Model (HAM) with an objective to maximise the quantum of implementation of highway projects within available financial resources of the Government.

"Share of private investment in total road construction during the last five years is about ₹98,100 crore," Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari told Lok Sabha in a written reply.

Citing reasons behind weak participation of private sector in road projects, the minister said one of the reasons could be that major highway developers had capacity constraints, including over-leveraged financials, due to excessive exposure to infrastructure projects including highways.

Besides, lack of availability of debt products and some banks reaching the ceiling as per sectoral exposure norms could be the other reason.

Nirmala seeks Parliament nod for additional spending of ₹21,246 cr

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Thursday sought Parliament approval to spend an additional ₹21,246.16 crore, including over ₹8,820 crore in the newly formed union territories of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, in the current fiscal ending March 2020.

Sitharaman tabled the first batch of Supplementary Demands for Grants for the financial year 2019-20 in both the Houses of Parliament saying of the total spend, cash outgo will be about 19,000

crore. The Government has sought ₹8,820.62 crore as grants for Union territories Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh in lieu of the erstwhile state's share of 14th Finance Commission Award.

Another ₹4,557 crore will be infused in the IDBI Bank through recapitalisation bonds, while ₹2,500 crore will go into recapitalisation of state-owned insurance companies.

The Union Budget for FY20, presented in July, had estimated a total Government spending of ₹27.86 lakh crore, excluding expenses of public-sector companies.

The Finance Minister sought ₹1,500 crore to meet the additional expenditure towards payment of pay and allowance of armed forces and another ₹666 crore for meeting expenditure of Department of Space.

As much as ₹3,387.46 crore has been provided in the supplementary demands for grants for meeting expenditure towards salaries and cost of the ration of police.

About ₹1,000 crore has been sought for providing additional funds under the scheme for free LPG connection to poor households.

Onion prices remain high, soar to ₹110/kg in Panaji

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Onion prices remain high across the major cities of the country as the average selling price ruled at ₹70 per kg on Thursday while the maximum rate of ₹110 per kg was recorded in Panaji, according to official data.

The lowest price of ₹38 per kg of the bulb was reported from Gwalior in Madhya Pradesh, the Consumer Affairs Ministry data showed.

Among the four metros, onion is being sold at ₹76 per kg in the national capital, ₹92 in Mumbai, ₹100 per kg in Kolkata and ₹80 per kg in

Chennai. The Ministry monitors prices of 22 essential commodities (rice, wheat, atta, gram dal, tur (arhar) dal, urad dal, moong dal, masur dal, sugar, gur, groundnut oil, mustard oil, vanaspathi, sunflower oil, soya oil, palm oil, tea, milk, potato, onion, tomato and salt) based on data collected from 109 market centres spread across the country.

Interestingly, a pricey onion seems to be catching the attention of thieves as an employee of a vegetable vendor in Surat said that someone stole 250 kg of the bulb worth ₹25,000 from their shop in the early hours of the day.

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is hereby informed that one male (depicted in the photo), **Namely:** Naresh, **S/o:** Budh Ram, **R/o:** D1-65, Phase-2, Mayapuri, Delhi **Aged:** 25 years, has been reported missing from his house since 06.11.2019. **In this regard DD No. 16A, Dated 09.11.2019, has been lodged at P.S. Mayapuri, Delhi.**

His physical description is as under:
Height: 5'2", **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Face:** Long, **Built:** Normal, **Wearing:** Black Colour Shirt and Jeans.

Any person is having any information/clue about this missing male, may inform SHO, P.S. Mayapuri, Delhi at **E-mail :** cic@cbi.gov.in or **website:** <http://cbi.nic.in> **Tele No. :** 011-24368638 or 24368641.

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P.S. Mayapuri, Delhi
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SEARCH OF MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General public is hereby informed that one man (depicted in the photo), **Namely:** Ramjeevan **S/o:** Ramtej, **R/o:** RZ-B-533, Chandan Vihar, Nihal, Delhi **Aged:** 21 years, has been missing/ kidnapped from the area of P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi since 27.10.2019 at **vide DD No. 64-A, Dated 28.10.2019, has been lodged at P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi.** His physical description is as under:
Complexion: Fair, **Height:** 5'5", **Face:** Round, **Clothing:** Black Shirt-Blue Jeans Pant and hawai chapple in feet.

Any person is having any information/clue about this missing boy, may inform SHO, Nihal Vihar, Delhi at **E-mail:** cic@cbi.gov.in or **website :** <http://cbi.nic.in> **Tele No. :** 011-24368638 or 24368641

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ABBREVIATED TENDER NOTICE

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, E-tenders or invited from the Registered Firms / Manufacturers & their Authorized Dealers for Establishment of Language labs in Govt. Polytechnics of J&K **on Turnkey basis** for the financial year 2019-20. The complete Tender document for Establishment of Language labs shall be made available to the interested Registered Firms/ reputed Manufacturers/ authorized Dealers/ suppliers/OEMs on the web site jktenders.gov.in, and official website of the Department of Technical Education www.jkde.org. Interested bidder/ Tenderers may view download the e-bid document and submit their e-bid online up to the date and time mentioned in the table below. Bidding document contains Qualifying Criteria for Bidders, Specifications of the tendered items, Bill of Quantities, Terms and Conditions of the Contract and other details.

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2 Document Download/sale Start Date :-	28.11.2019, 10:00 AM
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Director, Technical Education, J&K,
(Chairman SLPC)

No. DIP/J-9904/19
Dated: 27.11.2019

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is hereby informed that one female namely **Shukhbeer Kaur, W/o** Sh. Gurdeep Singh, **R/o** Village Miniya, PS Batni Kalan, District Moga (Punjab), **Age:** 26 years, **Height:** 5'1", **Complexion:** Shallow, **Face:** Round, **Built:** Strong, wearing Peach Colour Suit & Salwar and Brown Colour Sleeper in feet, has been missing from Main Market Sadar Bazar, Delhi since 10.10.2019. **In this regard a DD No. 22-A, dated 14.10.2019 has been registered at P.S. Sadar Bazar, Delhi.**

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

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SEARCH FOR KIDNAPPED BOY

General Public is hereby informed that one boy (depicted in the photo) namely Shanu **S/o** Asraf Ali **R/o** H. No. 1670, Gali No.18, New Mustafabad, Delhi **Aged-** about 07 Years has been reported kidnapped since 21.04.2013 from the area of P.S. Gokal Puri, Delhi vide **FIR No.152/13 Dated 23.04.2013 u/s 363 IPC** registered at Police Station Gokal Puri, Delhi. His physical description is as under:-
Complexion: Fair, **Height:** 3', **Face:** Round, **Built:** Thin, **Clothing:** Sky blue coloured T-Shirt and grey coloured pant.

Any person having any information/Clue about this kidnapped boy, may inform SHO, Gokal Puri, Delhi at **E-mail :** cic@cbi.gov.in or **website :** <http://cbi.nic.in>

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SEARCH OF MISSING/KIDNAPED

General public is hereby informed that one person (depicted in the photo), **Namely:** Jitender Kumar, **S/o:** Ravinder, **R/o:** H. No. 33, Gali No. 20, IP Colony, Swaroop Nagar, Delhi, **Aged:** 22 years, has been missing/kidnapped from the area of P.S. Swaroop Nagar, Delhi since 30.10.2019 vide **DD No. 20-A, Dated 03.11.2019, has been lodged at P.S. Swaroop Nagar, Delhi.** His physical description is as under:
Complexion: Wheatish, **Height:** 5'11"Feet, **Face:** Round, **Built:** Thin **Clothing:** White Colour T-Shirt & Black Colour Jeans and Green Shoes in feet.

Any person is having any information/clue about this missing person, may inform SHO, Swaroop Nagar, Delhi at **E-mail:** cic@cbi.gov.in or **website :** <http://cbi.nic.in> **Tele No. :** 11-24368638 or 24368641

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SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is hereby informed that a female namely **Ashika, W/o:** Sh. Vinod Kumar Mukhiya, **R/o:** 936/111, Gali Tota Mena, Gali Telyan, Lahori Gate, Delhi **has been missing since 03.10.2019 from her house.** In this regard **DD No. 34-A dated 10.10.2019** has been registered at P.S. Lahori Gate, Delhi. The description of missing female is as under:

Name: Ashika, **Age:** 27 Years, **Height:** 5', **Face:** Round, **Complexion:** Fair, **Built:** Normal, **Wearing:** Red Colour Shirt & Sandal in her feet.

If anyone have any information about this missing female please inform P.S. Lahori Gate, Delhi

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APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General Public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of a male **Age:** 32 years, **Height:** 5'5", **Complexion:** Shallow, **Wearing:** Black coloured Shirt and black coloured Pant, was found dead on 20.11.2019 at Parking near Metro Gate No.1, Kashmere Gate, Delhi. In this regard a **DD No. 37-A, dated 20.11.2019** has been lodged at P.S. Kashmere Gate, Delhi.

If any one having any clue about deceased male may kindly inform the undersigned and contact on following numbers.

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Sensex, Nifty continue record-breaking run; RIL breaches ₹10L cr m-cap mark

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Benchmark stock indices extended their record-breaking run for the second day on Thursday, propped up by gains in index heavyweights ICICI Bank and Reliance Industries, which became the first Indian firm to breach the ₹10-lakh crore market valuation mark.

The 30-share Sensex rose to 41,163.79 before setting up by 109.56 points or 0.27 per cent at 41,130.17 — its record closing high. The broader NSE Nifty closed at a fresh life-time high of 12,151.15, up by 50.45 points or 0.42 per cent over the previous close.

Vinod Nair, head of research at Geojit Financial Services, said, “Market stayed positive despite expiry led volatility and the announcement of GDP data tomorrow as investors got a sense that increasing global liquidity will provide support in every consolidation.” The government’s efforts to maintain fiscal prudence and stimulus measures may help to extend the breadth of the rally, he added.

IndusInd Bank was the top gainer in the Sensex pack, rising 2.68 per cent. ICICI Bank closed with gains 2.68 per cent amid reports that the lender

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New Delhi (PTI): Reliance Industries on Thursday became the first Indian company to hit the ₹10 lakh crore market valuation mark following a spike in its share price. At market close, the oil-to-telecom conglomerate’s market capitalisation (m-cap) zoomed to ₹10,01,555.42 crore on BSE. The stock rose 0.65 per cent to close at ₹1,579.95 on BSE. During the day, it jumped 0.90 per cent to an all-time high of ₹1,584. At the NSE, it gained 0.77 per cent to close at ₹1,582.

“It was only a matter of time for business tycoon Mukesh Ambani’s company to test this milestone, considering the past investments made in consumer-facing sectors like telecom and retail. These investments have yielded fruitful results for the company and has been consistently increasing their share in the overall profits,” according to Ajit Mishra, VP Research, Religare Broking.

Since the past few sessions, the company’s market valuation has been hovering near the ₹10 lakh crore mark. On the volume front, 2.73 lakh shares of the company were traded on the BSE and over 62 lakh shares on the NSE during the day.

The company is still ahead of British energy major BP Plc in terms of market valuation. BP Plc’s m-cap was at USD 127.86 billion at close of trade on NYSE. In October this year, Reliance Industries (RIL) hit the ₹9 lakh crore m-cap level. In August 2018, it became the first Indian company to have crossed the ₹8 lakh crore m-cap mark. TCS is the country’s second most valued firm with a market valuation of ₹7,79,501.64 crore, followed by HDFC Bank with a market cap of ₹6,92,853.48 crore, Hindustan Unilever (₹4,51,482.38 crore) and HDFC (₹3,98,994.81 crore). The m-cap figures of companies change daily with stock price movement.

may file a plea with market regulator Sebi to settle charges of violation of listing disclosure norms involving former CEO

and MD Chanda Kochhar and Videocon group. Also, the lender announced the sale of its 7.8 per cent stake in Shree

Benzophen Industries for around ₹9,00,000. Yes Bank, Tata Steel, SBI, TCS, L&T and Infosys also advanced. On the other hand, Hero MotoCorp, HDFC twins, Bajaj Auto, Tata Motors and Maruti settled with losses.

Sustained inflow of foreign investment and short-covering amid the expiry of November derivatives contracts also contributed to the rally, traders said.

“For the month of November so far, foreign inflows in the cash segment have totalled USD 2 billion, while FII positioning in index futures has turned to net long after a gap of six months. Moreover, FII stock futures positions are also expected to have the highest-ever month-ending net long position. This points to a strong external flow environment, and historically, such instances have led to follow-on strength in the market in December as well,” said S Hariharan, head of sales trading at Emkay Global Financial Services.

Broader BSE midcap and smallcap indices rose up to 0.97 per cent.

Investor wealth rose ₹1.87 lakh crore in two-day market rally, where the benchmark indices ended at fresh closing highs on Thursday. At the close of trade, market capital-

isation (m-cap) of the BSE-listed companies went up by ₹1,87,370.56 crore to ₹1,55,57,484.15 crore in two days on the BSE.

BSE telecom, metal, realty, tech and capital goods indices rose up to 3.49 per cent. BSE auto index ended in the red.

Asian markets closed with losses after China said it was ready to take “firm counter-measures” against the United States after President Donald Trump signed a law supporting pro-democracy protesters in Hong Kong, putting a dampener on hopes of an early trade truce over tariffs. Stocks in Europe were trading on a negative note.

Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, fell 0.62 per cent to USD 62.62 per barrel in futures trade.

On the currency front, the rupee snapped its two-day winning streak to finish 27 paise lower at 71.62 against the US dollar on Thursday, as month-end dollar demand from importers ahead of the GDP number weighed on the domestic currency. At the interbank foreign exchange market, the local currency opened on a positive note at 71.33 but lost ground during the day to touch a low of 71.67. It finally settled at 71.62, lower by 27 paise against its previous close.

ICICI Securities settles case with Sebi

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ICICI Securities Ltd has settled with markets regulator Sebi a case of alleged violation of stock broker norms by paying over ₹28 lakh towards settlement charges. While disposing of the case, Sebi said “the enforcement proceedings for the alleged default...” are settled qua the applicant.”

The matter pertains to an investigation carried out by Sebi pursuant to appearance of news items alleging dematerialisation and selling of shares of dormant accounts using forged documents by certain entities.

The probe found that physical share certificates of certain scrips were fraudulently acquired in the names of 26 non-existing bogus entities and then dematted in fraudulently opened demat accounts of these entities having different addresses, but similar looking photographs at different points of time. Out of these 26 non-existing bogus entities, two entities dealt through ICICI Securities Ltd.

Thereafter, Sebi’s high-powered advisory committee recommended the case for settlement on payment of ₹28.68 lakh. This was also approved by Sebi’s panel of whole-time members, following which ICICI Securities remitted the amount.

PE investments see robust growth in Oct

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Private equity investments witnessed a robust yearly growth in October with 72 PE deals garnering around USD 3.7 billion, even as merger and acquisition activity saw a downtrend, a report said on Thursday.

According to Grant Thornton’s monthly PE Dealtracker, private equity/venture capital transactions reported 22 per cent and 25 per cent increase in deal volumes and values, respectively as compared to October 2018.

The rise in PE deal values was largely driven by the corporate tax rate cut, which has improved both investor sentiment and confidence.

Last month, the average deal size stood at USD 52 million, up from USD 28 million recorded in September 2019.

“There were 72 deals aggregating to USD 3.7 billion reported in October 2019. Upbeat PE/VC activity during the month offsets the shortfall in merger and acquisition (M&A) activity,” Pankaj Chopra, Director, Grant Thornton India LLP said.

“The key investments were primarily to pare debt, expand markets and capitalise on inorganic growth opportunities. Considering the current eco-

nomie situation, we expect big ticket PE/VC investments to continue,” Chopra said.

He further noted that debt-heavy and capital-starved sectors such as energy and natural resources, infrastructure management, and banking and financial services will be the major seekers for PE/VC investments.

“PE/VC transactions will continue to contribute a large share in the overall deal activity. However, the absence of large-ticket M&A transactions will weaken the overall deal activity,” Chopra said.

Driven by Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (ADIA), PSP Investments of Canada and National Investment and Infrastructure Fund NIIIF’s USD 1.1 billion investment in GVK Group, the infrastructure sector dominated the PE investment arena, capturing 29 per cent of the PE deal value pie for the month.

Other major deals include Warburg Pincus and Premji Invest’s investments in SBI General Insurance and Brookfield Asset Management’s fund infusion in Hotel Leelaventure Ltd.

During January-October period, there were 666 PE deals worth USD 28.02 billion. In the year-ago period, there were 683 such transactions worth USD 17.99 billion.

NIFTY 50						
SCRIP	OPEN	High	LOW	LTP	CHANGE	
NIFTY 50	12,132.10	12,158.80	12,099.95	12,154.30	51.65	
INFRAEARTL	227	261	227	257.25	33.95	
UPL	554.8	582.8	554.05	582	30.15	
JSWSTEEL	253.6	264.9	252.25	263.5	10.55	
YESBANK	69	70.65	68.35	70.4	2.15	
COALINDIA	200.55	206.35	199.8	206.15	5.15	
ICICIBANK	509.55	520	508	518.1	12.6	
INDUSINDBK	1,526.00	1,575.80	1,520.00	1,564.35	38	
TATASTEEL	422.2	434.3	422.15	431	9.65	
SBIN	346.85	351	344.5	349.1	5.55	
GRASIM	791.9	802.7	783.05	800.45	12.35	
UTRACEMCO	4,249.95	4,300.00	4,208.20	4,299.00	64.35	
BHARTIARTL	433.5	443.9	428.5	439.7	6.35	
GAIL	125.2	126.35	124.15	126.05	1.6	
IOC	130.95	132.9	130.1	132.7	1.6	
L1	1,344.00	1,354.00	1,327.20	1,350.20	14.7	
TCS	2,067.05	2,094.00	2,060.00	2,075.90	21.6	
NESTLEIND	14,635.50	14,700.00	14,574.00	14,699.00	136.3	
INFY	699.1	703.35	694.05	701.45	5.7	
RELIANCE	1,572.65	1,584.15	1,563.95	1,582.00	12.15	
BPCL	506.5	514.25	502.1	509.7	3.8	
POWERGRID	196.2	197.75	194.2	196.5	1.4	
ONGC	132.4	133.55	131.1	133.4	0.75	
HCLTECH	1,139.00	1,143.40	1,125.50	1,134.00	5.75	
HINDALCO	205	205.3	200.1	203.9	0.9	
TITAN	1,172.00	1,172.00	1,160.35	1,171.25	4.1	
M&M	541.9	543.3	536.25	541.65	1.7	
VEDL	146.7	148.2	145.1	147.35	0.4	
CIPLA	472	476.5	464.1	469.2	1.2	
SUNPHARMA	456.2	462.4	455.15	459.5	0.75	
EICHERMOT	23,165.50	23,165.50	22,900.00	23,051.00	29.35	
BAJAJFINSV	9,254.50	9,284.75	9,190.05	9,240.20	11.75	
ASIANPAINT	1,718.25	1,727.55	1,701.75	1,717.00	1.65	
BRITANNIA	3,110.40	3,110.40	3,060.00	3,093.95	2.85	
TATAMOTORS	165.75	166.3	163.55	165.9	0	
WIPRO	239.95	240.5	238.25	239.95	-0.1	
DREDDYD	2,968.10	2,982.60	2,943.05	2,970.00	-2	
KOTAKBANK	1,671.00	1,626.10	1,607.10	1,616.50	-1.4	
ITC	247.3	247.95	245.65	246.7	-0.25	
NTPC	116.15	116.25	115.05	115.6	0.15	
ADANIPORTS	376	377.7	370.35	372.35	-0.6	
BAJFINANCE	4,120.00	4,139.05	4,065.00	4,107.00	-11.35	
AXISBANK	752.3	755.65	745.75	750.5	-2.4	
MARUTI	7,299.80	7,321.10	7,220.95	7,255.65	-38.75	
TECHM	765.15	772.1	762	763.45	-0.7	
HINDUNILVR	2,097.95	2,098.35	2,067.00	2,081.80	-11.45	
HDFCBANK	1,280.20	1,283.05	1,262.00	1,267.75	-10.65	
BAJAJ-AUTO	3,210.00	3,216.75	3,182.80	3,182.85	-29.2	
HDFC	2,339.00	2,346.00	2,295.00	2,307.90	-28.4	
HEROMOTOCO2	5,170.00	5,250.00	5,240.00	5,240.00	-53.25	
ZEEL	315	327.35	302.2	311.5	-8	

NIFTY NEXT 50						
SCRIP	OPEN	High	LOW	LTP	CHANGE	
NIFTY NEXT 50	28,500.85	28,835.35	28,454.95	28,765.60	266.9	
IBULHSGFIN	274.5	347.8	272.2	341.4	73.25	
IDEA	5.9	68.5	5.9	6.65	0.75	
L&TFH	108	115.4	107.7	115.2	7.5	
BANDHANBNK	551.6	591.9	547.25	586	33.15	
PNB	64.3	67.5	64.05	67	3.3	
BANKBARODA	102.85	106.8	102.6	106.55	4.4	
BIOCON	275.1	284.9	273.85	284.5	7.95	
NMDC	102.4	105.9	101.8	104.6	2.8	
PEL	1,773.80	1,837.35	1,745.65	1,805.50	41.95	
SBILIFE	953.85	972.7	948.2	970.15	21.95	
PFC	115.05	117.45	113.75	117.25	2.15	
PGHH	11,399.45	11,675.00	11,299.50	11,600.00	200.55	
UBL	1,249.00	1,284.95	1,248.70	1,275.90	20.65	
CADILAHG	254.95	259.9	253.6	259.05	4.1	
LUPIN	788	806	788	804	11.45	
PAGEIND	21,980.00	22,321.90	21,761.00	22,147.95	290.35	
HINDZINC	212.1	215.95	212.1	215.15	2.45	
HINDPETRO	287.8	293.45	284.35	289.7	3.2	
ACC	1,505.00	1,523.15	1,493.15	1,518.05	16.85	
DLF	216.5	220.8	214.7	218.25	2.4	
SRTTRANSFIN	1,137.90	1,159.00	1,128.80	1,147.00	10.5	
SIEMENS	1,481.00	1,493.90	1,465.70	1,487.00	12.75	
MARICO	358	361.9	355.2	360.6	3	
AMBUJACEM	204.15	206.25	203.3	205.1	1.4	
INDIGO	1,420.00	1,444.75	1,418.00	1,437.00	9.8	
OFSS	2,943.00	2,948.40	2,911.05	2,946.95	16.05	
BERGEPAINT	488	503.75	483.95	495.15	2.65	
MOTHERSUMI	133.9	135.1	132.3	134.3	0.7	
GODREJCP	719.95	725	714	724.35	3.35	
COPAL	1,480.00	1,485.00	1,471.35	1,479.50	4.85	
HDFCAMC	3,625.00	3,689.00	3,616.20	3,654.00	10	
PETRONET	273.7	276	272.8	275.95	0.7	
PIDILITIND	1,313.25	1,327.50	1,304.65	1,316.00	2.75	
CONCOR	552.5	557.4	547.7	552.5	1.05	
NIAL	152.05	155	150.05	151.2	0.2	
DMART	1,850.00	1,869.00	1,830.00	1,848.00	1.85	
ICICI	1,335.00	1,351.20	1,334.90	1,338.00	0.5	
MCDOWELL-N	608.8	611.3	601	605.35	-1.4	
NHPC	23.85	24	23.7	23.75	-0.1	
ASHOKLEY	82.2	82.3	80.9	81.45	-0.35	
HAVELLS	675.1	683.55	670.05	673.6	-4	
BAJAJHLDNG	3,653.15	3,675.95	3,610.25	3,628.10	-13.8	
SHEREEEM	21,237.80	21,438.00	21,104.00	21,200.00	-237.95	
DABUR	467	471.5	464.3	466	-3.3	
AUROPHARMA	455	458.3	446.7	450	-3.4	
DIVISLAB	1,824.00	1,825.00	1,787.70	1,792.05	-19.3	
HDFCLIFE	588	588.65	575	576.75	-8.2	
GICRE	264.4	268.4	258.1	259.6	-3.7	
BOSCHLTD	16,618.00	16,903.10	16,155.55	16,200.05	-415.15	

BSE 500

Script	Open	High	Low	LTP
IBULHSGFIN	274.25	347.65	272.45	334.2
YESBANK	69.5	70.65	68.35	70.05
AXISBANK	752.5	755.65	745.55	750.55
ICICIBANK	508.6	520	508.15	519.2
ZEE	313.5	327.05	302.3	310.8
JKCEMENT	1110	1166.4	1110	1153.25
RBLBANK	370	391.05	364.05	381
SBIN	346.4	351	344.5	348.95
TATASTEEL	422.4	434.35	422.4	432
IDEA	5.93	6.82	5.9	6.62
RELIANCE	1572.5	1584	1564.4	1579.95
INFRAEARTL	226.1	260.3	226.1	256.5
MARUTI	7319	7319	7221.75	7258.3
BANKBARODA	103	106.8	102.6	106.45
BHARTIARTL	433.5	443.9	428.65	436.7
INDUSINDBK	1526	1576.2	1522.6	1568.65
L&TFH	108.7	115.35	107.75	114.5
TTKPRESTIG	5866.25	5952.05	5755	5786.3
IEX	140.05	146.4	140	145
NTPC	117.9	117.9	115	115.55
JINDALSTEEL	159.15	166.2	158.35	165.05
BPCL	507.8	514.25	502.2	509.95
TCS	2069.8	2093.95	2061.3	2077.35
TATAMOTORS	166.35	166.35	163.55	164.8
L1	1345.35	1353.6	1327.9	1349.85
PNB	64.25	67.5	64.2	66.95
INEL	1776.45	1836.75	1747.3	1805.55
PDFC	698.5	703	694.4	701.65
HDHFC	2343.8	2345.9	2295.1	2309.85
ADANIEMT	213.2	216.25	210.7	213.85
HDHFCAMC	3635	3689.6	3619	3660.15
PPF	115.15	117.35	113.75	117
CANBANK	228.3	232.95	227.65	232.1
DLF	216	220.75	217.15	218.05
JYSWSTEEL	254	264.75	252.45	263.95
NESTELEIND	14600	14700	14573.95	14663.1
BAJFINANCE	4139	4139	4067.25	4102.25
HDHFCBANK	1282	1283.65	1262.55	1265.35
SUNPHARMA	457.15	462.45	455.55	457.1
BIOCON	275.55	284.7	274.1	283.55
UPL	552.15	582.6	552.15	579.9
BALKRISIND	885.5	941.85	885.5	933.15
GRAPHITE	337.34	373.34	324.3	337.45
BANKINDIA	73.3	79.8	76.3	77.2
LICHSGFIN	446	470	442.6	467.25
UNIONBANK	59.5	65.45	58.85	64.8
BERGEPAINT	490	503.4	484.05	495.05
BANDHANBNBK	553.95	591.85	548.75	580.35
TATAGLOBAL	309	321.65	307.2	318.75
SBILIFE	952.3	972.5	947.5	970.6
ADANIEXPORTS	405.5	405	370.7	372.6
DBREALT	68.85	71.55	66.25	71.55
INDIAAREAST	1850	1868	1830.6	1843.45
VEDL	146.05	148.15	145.1	147.4
FEDERALBNK	88.25	91.25	87.8	90.85
NCAR	39.1	394.85	386.75	388.25
REPCOHOME	58.1	58.95	56.85	58.6
HEG	292	305.25	297	297.25
MGL	1147.1	1171.2	1131	1145.8
ASOKLEY	1040	1064.4	1038.75	1043
ABCAPITAL	82.5	82.5	80.9	81.45
HDCLFIE	109.7	112.45	107.15	110.2
HINDUNILVR	58.8	589	575.05	576.2
TIVSVMOTOR	2091	2096.95	2068.05	2085.55
BAJAJFINSV	473	489.8	471	487.6
DISHT	9200.6	9280	9185	9240.85
ITC	13.9	15.29	13.23	15.02
UJIAN	248	248	245.75	246.6
JAMNAAUTO	45.75	45.75	44.6	45
BHEL	1480	1481.9	1472	1477.15
IDBI	54	54.65	53.4	54.25
PIIND	37.2	39.3	36.7	38.05
DELTAECAP	1485	1500	1449.1	1482.25
HINDPETRO	216.75	222.9	214.8	219.35
SAIL	287.95	293.35	284.5	290.65
INDINIDGO	38.9	40.4	38.9	39.9
RELINFRA	1432	1445	1419.5	1433.3
IDFCFIRSTB	43.85	44.4	43.2	44.3
SIEMENS	1474.4	1493.45	1466	1486.05
AMBAJUCAK	204.3	206.3	203.45	204.9
KOTAKBANK	1612.15	1626	1607.55	1615.4
AUROPHARMA	456.9	458.25	446.9	450.2
JUBLFOOD	381	1646.05	1614.45	1626.2
IOC	131	132.85	130.25	132.55
ULTRACEMCO	4225	4300	4209	4292.2
HINDRALCO	202.05	205.3	200.15	204.1
GOHDFRPHLP	1316	1377	1294	1364.1
ADANIGREEN	126.7	132.1	126.7	132.1
ESCORTS	649.05	649.05	637	644.1
COALINDIA	200.5	206.45	200	205.85
RAYMOND	709	724	695.95	717.35
UJIVAN	326.5	330	320.8	327.55
MOTHERSUMI	133.9	135.1	132.4	134.2
PAGEND	22221.95	22649.05	21784.7	22274.4
ADANIGAS	147.7	152	146.75	149.5
NITITECH	1480	1511.6	1480	1504.95
GRASIM	786.6	802.9	784.15	799.55
SRF	3164.05	3240	3131.65	3228.1
HCLTECH	1140	1143	1125.9	1132.65
THERMAX	1009	1015.2	998.6	1001.35
BOML	5401.5	543.45	536.5	541.55
CINPLA	1007.1	1019.55	995.8	1000.5
CRISAM	474	476.35	464.45	468.15
LATAMINDVR	372.05	372.7	365	367.55
MOMFMIN	791	805.95	788	804.15
TATAPDR	74	74.05	72.1	73.35
MOMFMIN	348	361.85	348	356.05
MFSL	499.3	516	499.3	511.45

Trump signs Bill supporting HK protesters

PTI ■ WASHINGTON/BEIJING

President Donald Trump has signed a law supporting pro-democracy protesters in Hong Kong, drawing a furious reaction from Beijing, which on Thursday summoned the US envoy to China and warned of "firm countermeasures".

The legislation was approved unanimously by the US Senate and by all but one lawmaker in the House of Representatives last week.

Trump signed the Hong Kong Human Rights and Democracy Act of 2019 into law on Wednesday.

The law would require the State Department to certify once a year that Hong Kong is sufficiently autonomous to retain its special US trading consideration - a status that helps its economy.

It also threatens sanctions on Chinese and Hong Kong officials deemed responsible for human rights abuses in



Hong Kong, escalating tensions between China and the US.

Hong Kong is a semi-autonomous territory which operates under the 'one country, two systems' principle - a structure that grants the city's citizens some degree of financial and legal independence from the mainland.

The city has been shaken by massive, sometimes violent, protests initially organised to oppose a now-suspended bill that would have allowed extraditions to mainland China. These protests have now turned into a wider movement for democratic reforms.

Trump in a statement said,

"I signed these bills out of respect for President Xi (Jinping), China, and the people of Hong Kong."

"They are being enacted in the hope that leaders and rep-

resentatives of China and Hong Kong will be able to amicably settle their differences leading to long term peace and prosperity for all," Trump said.

Reacting to Trump's move,

a livid Beijing summoned the US envoy to China and asked Washington to refrain from putting the law into effect to "avoid further damage" to bilateral ties.

Police enter ransacked campus after protest siege

AFP ■ HONG KONG

Hong Kong police on Thursday entered a ransacked university campus where authorities faced off for days with barricaded pro-

democracy protesters, gathering a huge haul of petrol bombs and other dangerous materials.

The Hong Kong Polytechnic University became the epicentre of the territory's increasingly violent protest

movement when clashes broke out on November 17 between police and protesters armed with bows and arrows as well as Molotov cocktails.

The standoff settled into a tense stalemate during which hundreds fled the campus — some making daring escapes, others caught and beaten by officers during failed breakouts — leaving a dwindling core of holdouts surrounded by police cordons.

But in recent days, the last few people barricaded in the campus seemed to disappear.

University staff said they were only able to find a single protester on campus and reporters there struggled to see any major presence in the last 48 hours. Late Wednesday, a lone masked man spoke to journalists inside the campus and said that some 20 protesters remained.

Macron defends ‘wake-up call’ for NATO after talks with chief

Paris: President Emmanuel Macron stood by his claim Thursday that NATO is suffering "brain death" with no strategic cooperation among members, after talks with alliance chief Jens Stoltenberg ahead of a high-stakes meeting outside London next week.

"I totally stand by raising these ambiguities because I believe it was irresponsible of us to keep talking about financial and technical matters given the stakes we currently face," Macron said at a joint press conference after the talks. "A wake-up call was necessary," he said.

Macron's comment, published in an interview with the Economist magazine this month, drew sharp criticism from allies, not least Stoltenberg, who warned against undermining the transatlantic alliance.

Stoltenberg said Thursday that "in uncertain times, we

need strong multilateral institutions like NATO," and that he had "good and open discussions" with Macron.

He praised in particular France's role in fighting the spread of Islamic terrorism in the Sahel region of Western Africa, which saw the death of 13 French soldiers in Mali this week when two of their helicopters collided while engaging with insurgents trying to flee.

Macron said that at next week's NATO meeting in Watford northwest of London he would urge allies to get more involved in the Sahel fight.

While Britain has provided helicopters and security personnel to help France's 4,500-member Barkhane force in West Africa, and the US provides intelligence support, Paris has so far failed to persuade other allies to make a significant contribution.

AFP

US to cut spending on NATO budget, Germany to pay more

AFP ■ BRUSSELS

The United States is to cut its contribution to NATO's operating budget, officials said Thursday, with Germany increasing payments as the alliance tries to appease President Donald Trump ahead of a summit next week.

Trump has repeatedly criticised European members for freeloading on the US, singling out Germany -- the continent's economic powerhouse -- for lagging behind on an alliance commitment to spend at least two percent of GDP on defence.

While most of Trump's anger has been focused on European national defence budgets, there has also been American grumbling about how much Washington con-

tributes to NATO's own running costs, and the 29-member alliance has now agreed to a change.

"All allies have agreed a new cost-sharing formula. Under the new formula, cost shares attributed to most European allies and Canada will go up, while the US share will come down," a NATO official said.

"This is an important demonstration of allies' commitment to the alliance and to fairer burden-sharing."

The US currently pays 22.1 per cent of the NATO budget - which totalled USD 2.5 billion (2.37 billion euros) in 2019 -- and Germany 14.8 per cent, under a formula based on each country's gross national income.

EU must be part of any future US-Russia nuclear missile treaty, says Macron

AFP ■ PARIS

French President Emmanuel Macron said on Thursday that European nations should be involved in any talks to forge a new pact limiting mid-range nuclear missiles held by the US and Russia, after a landmark Cold War-era accord fell apart this year.

"We cannot just content ourselves with bilateral treaties," Macron said after talks with NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg in Paris.

Washington and Moscow walked away from the 1987 Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) treaty in August after each accused the other of violating the terms of the deal.

Pak SC grants only six months conditional extension to Gen Bajwa

PTI ■ ISLAMABAD

Pakistan's Supreme Court on Thursday granted a six-month conditional extension to Army chief Gen Qamar Javed Bajwa, in a landmark case that shook the high echelons of power in a country that has been ruled for decades by the powerful military.

A three-member bench, headed by Chief Justice Asif Saeed Khosa and comprising Justices Mazhar Alam Khan and Mansoor Ali Shah, announced the verdict after being assured by the government that parliament will pass legislation on the extension/reappointment of an army chief within six months.

"The current appointment of General Qamar Javed Bajwa as COAS shall be subject to the said legislation and shall con-

tinue for a period of six months from today, whereafter the new legislation shall determine his tenure and other terms and conditions of service," the bench said in its short order.

The verdict was announced after the government submitted "a new summary" to extend the service of Gen Bajwa.

The ruling comes in the nick of time as Gen Bajwa was set to retire at midnight Thursday.

A much-relieved Prime Minister Imran Khan lauded the apex court after the ruling even as he took a jibe at the country's "external enemies" and the "mafias within", saying the verdict must be of "special disappointment" to them.

Khan had extended Bajwa's tenure through a notification on August 19, but the apex court suspended it on Tuesday,

citing irregularities in the manner the army chief, a close confidant of the prime minister, was granted an extension.

"Today must be a great disappointment to those who expected the country to be destabilised by a clash of institutions," Khan tweeted.

"That this did not happen must be of special disappointment to our external enemies & mafias within," Khan said, without identifying them.

Delivering the verdict, Chief Justice Khosa directed the government to bring necessary legislation within six months.

Justice Khosa said that the court observed "judicial restraint" and left the matter to the parliament.

"We have reviewed several laws including Army Act 1952 and Rule 1954 before announcing the judgment," he said.

Blasts kill 16 in northern Afghanistan; mostly women, girls

AP ■ KABUL

Afghan officials said Thursday that separate explosions in the country's north killed at least 16 people, almost all of them women and young girls.

A roadside bomb struck a civilian vehicle going to a wedding Wednesday evening, killing at least 15 people including six women, six girls and two infants, as well as the male driver, according to Nasrat Rahimi, an Interior Ministry spokesman.

He said two other civilians were wounded in the blast in northeastern Kunduz province.

Hours later, a gunfight and explosion at a security checkpoint killed at least one policeman, said Mohammad

Nooragha Faizi, a police spokesman in northern Sari Pul province.

He said militants in a vehicle carrying explosives were stopped at the checkpoint Thursday morning, then opened fire to cover their escape. Faizi said they apparently detonated the explosives remotely after getting away, although an investigation was ongoing.

The Interior Ministry blames the Taliban for the two attacks. The insurgent group has not commented.

A statement from the office of Afghan President Ashraf Ghani said U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Mark Milley met with Ghani in Kabul on Thursday and reassured him the U.S. Remained committed to fighting terrorism.

Huthi prisoners freed in Saudi Arabia, flown to Yemen

AFP ■ SANAA

Some 128 Huthi rebels detained in Saudi Arabia were flown to the Yemeni city of Sanaa and released on Thursday, as efforts to end the five-year conflict gain momentum. The prisoners arrived on three International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) planes and were met inside the airport by rebel commanders and some family members, an AFP correspondent said.

The Saudi-led military coalition in Yemen said earlier this week that it would release 200 Huthi prisoners and also allow patients needing medical care to be flown out of Sanaa airport, which has been closed to commercial flights since 2016.

NORTHERN RAILWAY
E-TENDER NOTICE
Sr. DME acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders against Tender No. **MC-9-Vehicle-DRM-MB-19** Closing Date/Time **20.12.2019, 15:00 Hrs.** Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids upto closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Information regarding this tender is available on website **www.ireps.gov.in** on internet & can be seen/downloaded. The tenders/bidders will have to make payment towards Tender document cost and Earnest Money against this tender through online payment modes like Net Banking, debit / Credit cards etc. available on IREPS portal. Manual / offline mode of payment through Demand Draft, Banker's cheque, Cash Deposit/receipts etc. are not permitted.

Name of work	Hiring of one AC MUV/SUV road vehicle with 24 Hrs. availability with driver for DRM Moradabad for one year.
Tender Type	Open
Tender closing Date & Time	20.12.2019 15:00 hrs.
Pre-Bid Required	No
Advertised Value	Rs. 8,17,992/-
Bidding Style	Single Rate for Tender
Earnest Money (Rs.)	Rs. 16,400/-
Tender Doc. Cost (Rs.)	2000/-
Bidding start date	06.12.2019

No :- MC-9-Vehicle-DRM-MB-19 Date : 27.11.2019 3823/2019
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NORTHERN RAILWAY
E-NOTICE INVITING TENDER
For and on behalf of President of India, Sr. Divisional Security Commissioner (Cord)/ RPF/Northern Railway, Delhi Division, New Delhi invites "E-Tender" in prescribed tender form for the following work.

1	Name of the work with its location	Hiring of one multi utility road vehicle Non AC (Innova Crysta, Tata Hexa, Scorpio or equivalent) along with vehicle driver for movement of day & night (24 hrs.) under jurisdiction of ASC/RPF/DLI-M Delhi Division on monthly basis for a period of Two years.
2	Office Address	Sr. DSC (Co-ordination)/RPF, P.K. Road, New Delhi
3	Approx. Cost of work (Tender value) (Rs)	Rs.13,53,600/- + GST as applicable
4	E.M.D (Rs)	Rs.27,100/-
5	Date and time of submission of tender bid and opening of tender.	15.00 hrs on 30.12.2019
6	Website particulars where complete details of tender documents can be seen	www.ireps.gov.in
7	Cost of tender documents	Rs. 2000/- + 360 GST 18% Total Rs. 2360/- payment of tender document Fee in respect of e-tendering should be accepted through net banking or payment gateway only

TENDER NOTICE NO. - 8-Sr.DSC-RPF-H.V.-ASC-DLI-M Dt.27.11.2019 3812/19
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AXIS BANK
Retail Asset Centre, Delhi: Axis Bank, Ground Floor, Shop No.03/03(A),04 & 05 Mega City Mall MG Road Gurgaon 122001
Also at: Axis Bank Limited, III Floor, Red Fort Capital Park/Sarnath Tower, Bhai Veer Singh Marg, Near Gole Market, New Delhi -110001, **Retail Asset Centre, Ghaziabad:** BF-1A,2,3, 1st Floor, Aditya City Centre, Niti Khand-1, Indraprastha, Ghaziabad-201012, **Retail Asset Centre Faridabad:** Axis Bank Ltd. SCO-8, Huda Shopping Centre, Sec. 16, Faridabad, Haryana-121002, **Retails Asset Centre Gurgaon:** Axis Bank Ltd -ASC Gurgaon, SG-107, DLF Galleria Complex, Near Post Office, DLF City Phase 4, Gurgaon-122009, **Corporate Office:** 'Axis House', Block-B, Bombay Dyeing Mills Compound, Pandurang Budhkar Marg, Worli, Mumbai-400025
Registered Office: 'Trishul', 3rd floor, opposite Samartheswar Temple, Law garden, Ellisbridge, Ahmedabad-380006

POSSESSION NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002
Whereas
The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Axis Bank Ltd. under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notice upon the Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)/ Mortgageor(s) mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
The Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)/ Mortgageor(s) having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)/ Mortgageor(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 9 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates.
The Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)/ Mortgageor(s) in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Axis Bank Ltd.
The Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)/ Mortgageor(s) attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (d) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Name of Borrower / Co-borrower	Description of Property	1.Date of Demand Notice 2.Date of Possession 3.Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)
M/s Disa Yam & Fabrics, Registered office at -111, A.G.C.R. Enclave, Vikas Marg Extn Delhi - 110092 Also At M/s Disa Yam & Fabrics, 65, A.G.C.R. Enclave,Vikas Marg Extn Delhi - 110092	All that piece of land comprising of Plot No.28 and situated at Industrial Area, Bain Attarian, Distt Kangra (HP), and measuring 1125 Sq.Mtr in the name of M/s Disa Yam & Fabrics, proprietor Smt. Dipi Gupta D/o - Sh. Kishan Gopal Garg	1. 26-June-19 2. 25-Nov-19 3. Rs.63,23,216.93/- (Rupees Sixty three lakh twenty three thousand two hundred sixteen and ninety three paise Only)Outstanding dues pending till 04-May-2019 excluding the future Interest.
2. Mr. Kaushal Gupta,(Guarantor), R/o - 65, A.G.C.R. Enclave, Vikas Marg Extn Delhi - 110092 Also At Mr. KaushalGupt,(Guarantor), At -111, A.G.C.R. Enclave, Vikas Marg Extn Delhi - 110092	East-As per the Lease Deed South-As per the Lease Deed West-As per the Lease Deed	
3. Mrs. Ishita Aggarwal, (Guarantor), D/o - Mr. Kaushal Gupta, R/o - 65, A.G.C.R. Enclave, Vikas Marg Extn Delhi - 110092 Also At Mrs. Ishita Aggarwal, (Guarantor), At -111, A.G.C.R. Enclave, Vikas Marg Extn Delhi - 110092		
4. Mr. Arjit Aggarwal, (Guarantor), S/o - Mr. Kaushal Gupta, R/o - 65, A.G.C.R. Enclave, Vikas Marg Extn Delhi - 110092 Also At Mr.Arjit Aggarwal,(Guarantor), At -111, A.G.C.R. Enclave, Vikas Marg Extn Delhi - 110092		

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

Date : 29-11-2019, Place : Delhi

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

BEFORE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, DELHI
4th Floor, Jeevan Tara Building, Parliament Street, New Delhi - 110001
O.A.No. 664/18 Date : 21.11.2019
STATE BANK OF INDIA **VERSUS** **....APPLICANT**
MR. SANDEEP GUPTA & ANR. **....RESPONDENT**
To,
DEFENDANT
1. Mr. Sandeep Gupta S/o Purusottam Lal Gupta
R/o : House No. 360-B, Daulatpur Ghaziabad - 201001.
Also at :- B-40, Sector - 07, Raj Nagar, Ghaziabad -201002.
2. M/s IDEABUILDERS PVT. LTD.
Office at :- C-294, 1st Floor, Vivek Vihar, Delhi - 110095
Also at :- C-10, Ramprastha, Ghaziabad, U.P. - 201010.
Whereas the above named applicant(s) has / have instituted a case for recovery of **Rs. 18,00,927 (Rupees Eighteen Lakh Nine Hundred and Twenty Seven only)** against you and where as it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in the ordinary way therefore, this notice is given by advertisement directing you to make appearance in the tribunal on **27.01.2020 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

DELHI ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
Viniyamak Bhawan, C-Block, Shivalik, Malviya Nagar, New Delhi-110017.
Website:- **www.derc.gov.in**
Telefax:- **+91-11-26673608, +91-11-41080417**
PUBLIC NOTICE
DRAFT Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission (Business Plan) Regulations, 2019
In exercise of powers conferred under Section 181 read with Section 61 and Section 86(1) of the Electricity Act, 2003 (Act 36 of 2003) and all other powers enabling it in this behalf, the Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission has prepared the Draft Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission (Business Plan) Regulations, 2019.
The draft Regulations are available on the website of the Commission **www.derc.gov.in**.
The copies of the same will be available for sale at the Commission's office on any working day from 22/11/2019 to 19/12/2019 between 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM by making a payment of Rs. 100/- either by cash/demand draft/pay order in favour of Secretary, DERC payable at New Delhi.
The stakeholders are requested to forward their suggestions/comments on the draft Regulations to the Commission, latest by 5:00 PM on 19/12/2019. The comments may be forwarded to Secretary, DERC either by post or through e-mail to **secvderc@pnrc.in**.

Secretary,
Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission
Viniyamak Bhawan,
C-Block, Shivalik, Malviya Nagar,
DIP/Shabdarth/1044/19-20 New Delhi-110017

NORTHERN RAILWAY
TENDER NOTICE

Name of work	Cleaning/House keeping of Electrical Coaching Complex area at New Delhi, Delhi and Delhi Sarai Rohilla for two years.
Tender No.	30-Elect-10T-Chg-2019-20
Approx. cost of the work in (Rs.)	Rs. 39,37,700.88
Cost of tender form	Rs. 3,540/-
Address of the Office	Sr. Divl. Elect. Engineer/Cng/Northern Railway, New Delhi
Earnest Money	Rs. 78,800/-
Period of completion of work	02 Years
Last date & time of submission of tender	20.12.2019 up to 15.00 hrs.
And opening of tender	20.12.2019 at 15.01 hrs.
Website & notice board	www.ireps.gov.in & Sr. DEE/Cng/DLI

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DEWAN HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION LIMITED
National Office : DHFL House, 8th Floor, Anant Kanetkar Marg, Bandra East- 400 051
Branch Office : DHFL, Dreams Mall, First Floor, L.B.S.Marg, Bhandup (West), Mumbai - 400078
DEMAND NOTICE
Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Rule 3 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. The undersigned is the Authorised Officer of Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Ltd.(DHFL) under Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the said Act). In exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, the Authorised Officer has issued Demand Notices under section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the following Borrower(s) (the "said Borrower(s)"), to repay the amounts mentioned in the respective Demand Notice(s) issued to them that are also given below. In connection with above, Notice is hereby given, once again, to the said Borrower(s)to pay to DHFL, within 60 days from the publication of this Notice, the amounts indicated herein below, together with further interest as detailed in the said Demand Notice(s), from the date(s) mentioned below till the date of payment and/or realization, payable under the loan agreement read with other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said Borrower(s). As security for due repayment of the loan, the following assets have been mortgaged to DHFL by the said Borrower(s) respectively.

Loan Agreement No. /Name of the Borrower/ Co Borrower/ Guarantor	Demand Notice Date and Amount With NPA Date	Description of secured asset (immovable property)
(LC No. 00000649 of Karkarduma Noida Branch) Himanshu Taank (Borrower) Renu Devi (Co Borrower 1)	26-09-2019 /₹ 1831664 /- (₹ Eighteen lakh Thirty one Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Four) NPA (01-07-2019)	Plot No 272, First Floor T Block, Khasra No 347 Uttam Nagar, New Delhi, New Delhi-110059
(LC No. 00000784 of Cannanught Place Branch) Sanjay Thakur (Borrower) Renu Devi (Co Borrower 1)	26-09-2019 /₹ 212344 /- (₹ Two lakh Twelve Thousand Three Hundred Forty Four) NPA (01-07-2019)	DDA Lig Flat No- 17, Fourth Floor, Block No. B4 Pocket -1, Sector -34 Rohini, Delhi New Delhi Delhi 110085
(LC No. 00044461 of Gurgaon - Sohna Branch) Sanjay Thakur (Borrower) Kanisha Kapur (Co Borrower 1)	26-09-2019 /₹ 3771064 /- (₹ Thirty Seven lakh Seventy one Thousand Sixty Four) NPA (01-07-2019)	Portion Of Plot No.28 & 29 Sf Back Side RHS, Kh No.235,Vill. Nawada,Gali No.03 North Block,Vipin Garden, Uttam Garden, New Delhi New Delhi Delhi 110059
(LC No. DEL33778 of Delhi - Safdijung Branch) ALOK SHARMA (Borrower)	26-09-2019 /₹ 4221144 /- (₹ Forty Two lakh Twenty one Thousand One Hundred Forty Four) NPA (01-06-2014)	B 103 Jaipuria Apartment Crossing Republic NH 24 Ghaziabad UP, Ghaziabad -201010
(LC No. PTM32316 of Delhi - Pitampura Branch) ROHIT SHAH (Borrower)	26-09-2019 /₹ 3322395 /- (₹ Thirty Three lakh Twenty Two Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Five) NPA (01-03-2019)	H/Flat No. H-1204, Floor No. 12 Floor, Plot No. Gh-07A , Rg Luxury Homes , Sector. Sector-16B , Village. Greater Noida , Greater Noida , -201308
(LC No. DEL37645 of Delhi - Safdijung Branch) RAJESH KUMAR (Borrower)	26-09-2019 /₹ 1024956 /- (₹ Ten lakh Twenty Four Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Six) NPA (01-04-2018)	H/Flat No.S4/112 , Floor No. First , Plot No. Tower-Satin , Krish City-2, Sector. Alwar , Village. Bhiwadi , Bhiwadi,-301019

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

Sd/-
(Authorised Officer)

Place : Delhi
Date : 29.11.2019
Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Limited

AFP ■ NASIRIYAH

Iraq's southern hotspot of Nasiriyah was in bloody upheaval Thursday after a government crackdown killed 25 protesters and thousands defied a curfew to march in their funerals, following the dramatic torching of an Iranian consulate.

Iraq's capital and south have been torn by the worst street unrest since the 2003 US-

led invasion that toppled Saddam Hussein, as a protest movement has vented their fury at their government and its backers in neighbouring Iran.

Late Wednesday, protesters outraged at Tehran's political influence in Iraq burned down the Iranian consulate in the shrine city of Najaf, yelling "Victory to Iraq!" and "Iran out!" In response, Prime Minister Adel Abdel Mahdi early Thursday ordered mili-



tary chiefs to deploy in several restive provinces to "impose security and restore order", the army said.

But by the afternoon, after the protesters' deaths, the premier had already removed one of the commanders, General Jamil Shummary. Shummary had been dispatched to the premier's birthplace of Nasiriyah, a southern city that has been a protest hotspot for weeks.

The ensuing crackdown

was particularly bloody, with at least 25 protesters killed and more than 200 wounded as security forces cleared sit-ins with live fire, medics and security sources said.

The provincial governor in Nasiriyah, Adel al-Dakhili, blamed the crackdown on Shummary, who was the military commander of the southern port city of Basra when demonstrations there were brutally suppressed in 2018.

Ukraine slams Apple for calling Crimea part of Russia

AFP ■ KIEV

Ukraine has lashed out at Apple for showing the annexed Crimea peninsula as part of Russia, saying the US tech giant did not "give a damn" about the pain of the Ukrainian people.

Russian lawmakers said on Wednesday that Apple had complied with a demand from Moscow for Crimea to appear as Russian territory on its maps and weather apps.

"Let me explain in your terms, @Apple," Ukrainian Foreign Minister Vadym Prystaiko wrote on Twitter in response to the news.

"Imagine you're crying out that your design & ideas, years of work & piece of your heart are stolen by your worst enemy but then smb ignorant doesn't give a damn about your pain. That's how it feels when you call #Crimea a (Russian) land," he said.

Trend Blazer

‘Couldn’t have asked for a better year’

Actor **YAMI GAUTAM** is over the moon with the way this year has panned out for her. She is glad that two diverse filmmakers were keen to cast her in roles that others have not found her to fit into earlier.

The actor, who had two simultaneous hits, *Uri: The Surgical Strike* and *Bala*, said, “It feels incredible that the hard work that I have put in has paid off. I think the best lesson learnt for any actor is that patience is a true virtue and it will always pay off with persistence. The validation of numbers and box office is the icing on the top.”

Yami, who recently turned 28 said that she couldn’t have asked for a better year.

‘Our girls are extremely talented and are recognised for it across all

professional fields. But there is one more field that they are talented in, and that is managing their own safety. While we salute them for this, we must also acknowledge that safety isn’t a talent, it’s a social responsibility. And it’s high time that we take this responsibility.’
—**Karan Johar**

Filmmaker **ASHUTOSH GOWARIKER** has urged people to watch his forthcoming historical drama *Panipat* first, before forming perceptions about the film.

Controversies have been piling up ever since the trailer of the film was launched a while back. Gowariker said while promoting the film, “I think people need to watch the film. After watching this film, they will get all the answers of their questions, curiosity or aggression. After watching it they will realise that it has been made with honest intent and it is all good in the film.”

Hadid donates 600 trees

Supermodel **BELLA HADID** is donating 600 trees in an effort to make up for the environmental impact that took place due to the flights she takes to pursue her modelling career.

She took to Instagram to announce that she will be offsetting her carbon footprint by planting trees. “Donating 600 trees to be planted, 20 for each flight I took in these past three months and probably will continue for the rest of the year,” the model wrote. She added, “It makes me sad how much my job effects my carbon footprint and of how brutally climate change is obviously effecting the world.”

Along with the explanation, Hadid shared an illustrated image of a woman sitting cross-legged covered in flora, presumably representing nature.

Mainstream the cause

Concerns about environment regularly feature in documentaries. But in a world that is staring at climate change as real, it is high time that it is featured in a format that reaches out to the masses, says **AYUSHI SHARMA**

One can easily lament about the inadequate representation of environmental issues in mainstream cinema. And given the current climate crisis, which is pushing the earth to a ‘global tipping point’, as per researchers, it becomes even more important for environment-related films to find a mainstream context. But in India, at the moment, mainline films which deal with the issue are few and far between, like *Kadvi Hawa*, though there is a burgeoning sub-category of docu-drama.

The four day CMS Vatavaran, *Environment and Wildlife International Film Festival*, tries to break this box. *Waterman*, directed by Hyderabad-based filmmaker, Anshul Sinha, drives home a strong message in a funny but impactful manner by personifying municipal water supply. The film follows a man with a water tap in his mouth, who visits residents of a colony in Kacheguda every day. He is the one who supplies water and the entire area depends on him for daily chores — washing, bathing, cooking and so on. Families rejoice when he spends an hour in their houses every day and anxiously wait for him to return the next day. But if anyone wastes water, he takes offence and makes sure not to stop over at their house. Told in a humorous format, Anshul believes that creative freedom to directors can be the best way to bring these issues to the multiplex audience at least.

He says, “Filmmaking is such a blessed concept. No other art form has so much power to reach out at a lightning speed. There are so many different genres in which a particular story can be told. Such ‘arthouse and short films, and even documentaries’ come and go. I feel realism has become a recurrent theme in Bollywood but all the environmental issues have not been captured by any of the directors yet. There is a burning need to include climate crisis as a subject in commercial films, especially.”

In fact, another filmmaker from the Netherlands, Jos Van Dongen feels that there are enough central themes that can make for a very engaging and riveting view. We just need to find some and start working on it. His film, *The Real Price of Cheap*



Medicines was broadcast in April last year by independent Dutch media organisation BNNVARA for their documentary programme, Zemblabla. The 36-minute film shows Van Dongen travelling to Telangana, where he visits a number of sites near the manufacturing unit of Indian pharmaceutical company Aurobindo. The first few shots of the video show Dongen walking along a gushing river, reportedly foaming from all the pharmaceutical pollutants being let into it by drug companies in the area.

“It’s not only our clothes that are made cheaply in India and China, our drugs are produced there, too. Under what conditions are medicines produced in India? And who pays the true price? They produce all this at what cost? Life? This is what needs to be stopped. Otherwise, everything is going to end soon,” he says and adds that he was astounded to see how the levels of pollution were rising and the groundwater was turning green. This can go on for years until and unless authorities do not take some action. And to make them realise the urgency, films have to be made in a format

that is far-reaching. However, Van Dongen feels that environment and mainstream media can be a bit difficult. “People are not really interested until it involves or affects their own lives. Through this film, I have tried hard to make a direct link to the viewers themselves. Hopefully, the film should make them realise that medicines not only cure but they make people sick,” says he.

Director Devshree Nath’s film, *Naisargi*, has been a memorable journey as it made her question the use of plastic sanitary pads. She realised how important it is to make people aware of not just the environmental change but also how humans are contributing to it. She says, “Through this amazing medium of films, we can showcase very minute details of things or events which might get missed out otherwise. Something conveyed with such detail can easily evoke empathy amongst the audience. I feel mainstream cinema has always tried to target the masses and if something related to environment is portrayed in a relatable manner, the masses will certainly lap it up.”

The unique factor about envi-



HOW TO MAKE IT RELEVANT

- Make it entertaining, don’t preach
- Don’t make nature look pristine, put real people and contexts in it
- Famous personalities, charismatic characters, powerful footage and humour help draw in an audience and ensure that they’re listening to the message
- A gripping storyline is the most crucial ingredient as films float or sink on the strength of the plot
- Ensure a publicity campaign before its release
- Take it directly to stakeholders

ronmental films is that, by their very nature, they are content gold mines but the question is how to make them more marketable? Films that have environmental concerns have always had multiple issues related to not being marketable, feels PN Vasanti, psychologist and social researcher, who is currently the Director General of the Centre for Media Studies (CMS). “Eco films talk about complex issues which are difficult to explain in a way that are easily understood. I feel, environmental films, especially, are left behind to a large extent. Very few directors have become masters of it. The festival has played a massive role in

doing a series of workshops which provide exposure to environment-conscious filmmakers,” she says.

Vasanti feels that it is a craft which needs to be learned with patience. Understanding of certain topics under this theme require people who have researched well and proper knowledge of the subject. It’s not just about filmmaking but more about the subject, which very few filmmakers have the patience and interest to learn. “There are a few things unique about marketing these films. Timing is incredibly important — you must build up as much hype as possible in the short space of time leading up to and around the launch. Until recently, it was tough because the channels were not interested to showcase such subjects. OTT platforms have now become mainstream and it has really exciting possibilities of showcasing these films,” says she. However, the director of CMS adds that it still remains a challenge for eco films to find a mainstream context. It is much more easier to market “so called” easily viable commercial films. But there are possibilities. As they say, if you have the will, there is a way certainly!

Looking ahead at 2020

There will be a lot of new launches but cars will become pricier



As we head into the last month of 2019, it appears that most car companies will be glad to see the back of this year, truly an annus horribilis for the industry in the eyes of most observers. But, was it? In terms of sales, for sure, as there were double digit declines through many months for all major manufacturers and where market leader Maruti-Suzuki was particularly badly impacted. But 2019 also saw the entry of two new brands into the Indian market, Kia and MG which have already made a huge impact.

The Hyundai-Kia combination also brought in dual-clutch technology into the mass market in a way that other manufacturers have been unable to. While sales were down at Maruti-Suzuki, the success of vehicles like the Ertiga and its sibling, the XL6, proved that buyers were looking for sensible products.

The implementation of new safety norms and the introduction of the amended Motor Vehicles Act, has made at least a small dent in the rising number of road accident numbers in the country, although that has

THE SALES NUMBERS ARE NOT EXPECTED TO RISE ANYTIME SOON. THIS DESPITE 2020 BEING CERTAIN TO FEATURE SOME EXCITING NEW LAUNCHES

increased costs for consumers as safety features such as reverse sensors/cameras, speed warnings and mandatory driver airbags and anti-lock brakes are now fitted across the board.

But the sales numbers are not expected to rise anytime soon. This despite 2020 being certain to feature some exciting new launches and brand introductions, particularly since it will be another year of the Auto Expo. There will be the new Creta, i20 and Tuscon from Hyundai. The fifth-generation Honda City is likely to be launched soon after the Auto Expo. There will be the

mid-life update to the Vitara Brezza, as it replaces older diesel engines. Kia is likely to bring in a whole variety of models, starting with their Soul hatchback. Then there will be the next-generation Toyota Corolla Altis as well as the new Skoda Octavia. In fact, 2020 is the last chance for the Volkswagen Group before its new Skoda-centric strategy comes into play to which the Skoda Kodiaq and Volkswagen T-Roc are integral.

There is a lot of excitement in the luxury market as well since Audi’s line-up will get refreshed this year with a new Q3 as will Mercedes-Benz’s smaller vehicle line-up. Frankly, I can’t wait for some of the new cars to enter the market. And we are likely to see Citroen enter the Indian market as well, I say likely, as the contours of a potential merger between FCA and PSA Citroen are being worked out.

Sales should also pick up in 2020, although in percentage terms the rise will be more due to the huge downturn in 2019. In absolute terms, it will take sales for both cars and motorcycles a few years to recover to 2018 levels. That will partially be

due to the rebalancing of the market after Bharat Stage 5 norms come into play, which will most likely mean the demise of smaller diesel engines even though Hyundai-Kia and Mahindra (which has now partnered with Ford) have promised to keep producing them. The cost differential between a petrol engine variant and diesel engine variant will increase and will make small diesel cars quite expensive.

In fact, one could potentially argue that sales may never return to the levels they were once at, particularly, since every car buyer is looking at electric and hybrid cars with one eye. As the Hyundai Kona proves, there is limited demand for such vehicles in India. The BMW i3s that I drove in Delhi was an eye-opener and I expect to be driving the Nissan Leaf soon. Running costs of under a rupee a kilometer cannot be beaten no matter how economical the engine. That said, capital costs need to come down, and in a market like India, I still feel that Plug-In Hybrid Electric vehicles (PHEV) might be a happy medium for India. But will those cars start being available in India in 2020? And what needs to happen from a policy perspective, all of those are important questions.

Next week, I will write about the cars that I most enjoyed driving and the ones that surprised me as well as noting which manufacturers still need to build on their trust deficit. No car really disappointed me this year, well, maybe a couple didn’t live up to expectations, but 2019 was not a bad year for launches. This will be after we have had our jury rounds for the Indian Car Of The Year (ICOTY) at the Buddh International Circuit next week, where all of us jury members will get a chance to remind ourselves of which cars we really liked this past year.



KUSHAN MITRA



‘Build mind, not body’

From the time of his debut in 1970 with *Mera Naam Joker* to his forthcoming release *The Body*, iconic actor Rishi Kapoor has lived his Bollywood career transforming from a child actor to a top star to a character artiste. In the course of his journey, he believes he has managed to stay relevant with time because he builds his mind as an actor and not the body.

Asked what would be the one advice he would give to budding actors, Rishi said, “These days, budding actors are more interested in grooming and building their body. They focus on building muscles than emotional exercise, which is important for actors. Build your mind rather than your body when you prepare for acting, because if you have the acting skill, you will surely become an actor. If you don’t have that, you are replaceable. Look at me, do I have the body? But I am still working, because in every film I try to create a character.”

He added after a pause, “Okay, I am maybe old, I do not inspire youngsters. But look at Ayushmann Khurrana, Rajkummar Rao, Ranveer Singh, Vicky Kaushal and — I’m not taking his name because he is my son — but Ranbir (Kapoor) too is a talented actor. None of them have *dole-shole* (muscles). *Kyunki dole rakhne se kalakar nahi banoge. Bus gym mein paise phukega* (You won’t become an artiste by having muscles. It’s just a waste of money in the gym).

Amitabh Bachchan *sahab ko dekho* (look at Amitabh Bachchan), he did not have muscles. But even today, he is the original angry young man of Hindi cinema!”

Quite interestingly, Rishi changed his image from a romantic hero of films like *Bobby*, *Khel Khel Mein* to films like *Love Aaj Kal*, *Do Dooni Chaar*, *Agneepath*, *Kapoor & Sons*, *102 Not Out* and *Mulk*.

In Jeethu Joseph’s *The Body*, Rishi co-stars with Emraan Hashmi, Sobhita Dhulipala and Vedhika. The film is slated to release on December 13.

During his recent stay in the US for health treatment, Rishi says he got a chance to see how his films still hold relevance among the international audience.

“When I got to know that they are interested in watching my films, I suggested around 10 titles, and *102 Not Out* was one of them. The next morning a guy came to our place with flowers and a long handwritten emotional note. He couldn’t hold his tears because he said the film narrated the story of his life. He said that his son wants him to die fast so that he can get all the properties. He said that he is 82-years-old and his son does not even talk to him,” recalled Rishi.

“I realised cinema as a medium is so universal that it touches thousands of hearts. I felt bad for him, but I was moved by the power of cinema,” the actor concluded.



SWEET SYMPHONY

Vietnamese cuisine relies on five elements, tastes and colours to put together a meal that is simple yet flavourful, says SAIMI SATTAR

Often we tend to club South East Asia and its cuisine as one whole. But despite the similarity of ingredients, each country has distinct flavours deriving from its history, culture and the produce of the area. We discovered the nuances of Vietnamese cuisine at Honk, the Pan Asian signature restaurant of Pullman where a Food & Art festival from the country is on till December 1.

Vietnamese cuisine reflects the lifestyle and history of the country. Having gone through long phases of war and political conflict, the ingredients are often inexpensive and locally available. The cuisine tries to maintain a balance of five elements through five tastes and five colours.

The chefs Vo Thi Diem and Phuong Thanh Thao My have been flown from Sofitel Saigon Plaza, Vietnam, to curate the authentic flavours of the cuisine. Thao My told us that they have ensured that the flavours stayed true to how the food is cooked at Vietnamese homes.

We started off with dimsums and unlike the ones that are served at any of the speciality restaurants, these were served cold. Though I prefer my food served piping hot and believe that a slight lowering of the temperature alters the taste, these were certainly a good start to the meal. Rolled up in rice sheets were two kinds of dimsums, Vietnamese fresh spring roll with prawns and the its vegetarian option. Both were served with a



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delicious peanut butter sauce which had a definitely Oriental taste and was nothing like the spread that we are used to having for breakfasts. Why these really worked was that unlike hot dimsums where the filling is often cooked to a mush, the julienned vegetables had a good bite to them. But what elevated the dish was the strong flavour of fresh lemon grass rolled inside it, which added a citrusy chlorophyll bite to the roll. This certainly is worth a try. Four different types of salads were served next. While the ingredients were different in each, what remained constant was the fresh vegetables and the condiments used to flavour it. So a hint of fish sauce and sweet vinegar was a flavour that was maintained throughout.

Next up was Vietnamese noodle chicken soup served with sprouted soyabean, sliver of lemon and roundels of chilli. Like the Gujarati and Bengali cuisine, the Vietnamese too like to add a hint

of sweetness to their dishes and here the flavour was a tad much for my liking so I added a generous dose of the lemon and we were good to go. Munching on the sprouted soyabean further enhanced the fresh and healthy flavours.

We were on to the main course. What we got was a bowlful of rice accompanied by three dishes — one each of chicken, fish and pork. The stir fried chicken with lemon grass and chilli had been cooked in a watery gravy and was extremely flavourful with just a hint of garlic. It paired well with the slightly sticky and small rice.

The caramelised fish with fish sauce, on the other hand, was dry and had a hint of sweetness in it. The pork with pepper, my companion informed me, was succulent and cooked to perfection. It was just an indication that sometimes it is just the simplest of flavours that can create a deeply satisfying experience.

Having had our fill, we waited for the dessert. And this too was a bit of a surprise. Something like a tikki was placed before us. Made with sweet potato and yam, it was slathered over with coconut milk and sprinkled with almond bits, it did not seem to have any added sugar but seemed to derive the sweetness on the strength of its ingredients.

A slightly less sweet end to the meal where it was the reigning flavour.

‘Nothing like Indian cuisine’

Chef LATA TONDON, who recently created a Guinness record by cooking for the longest marathon, wants to explore cuisines from lesser known regions of India. By TEAM VIVA

It seems nearly impossible and exhausting even as one starts to imagine cooking for 87 hours and 45 minutes at a stretch. How would you describe your experience and the entire journey?

It was a gruelling but at the same time an exhilarating experience for me. I was allowed only a five-minute break every hour and my limbs were heavy and sore halfway into the cooking marathon. I remember, after a point of time I was at the peak of exhaustion but my drive kept me going.

In my journey, yoga and meditation have helped me a lot to prepare for the process. I also led an active lifestyle and worked out regularly, which allowed my body to build up resistance and endurance for such a long cook. This was not just a physical but also an emotionally-driven experience for me. The love and support I received from my family, friends and everyone who came and cheered me at the event, helped me cross the finish line.

How challenging was it to cook for 20,000 people and maintain the right flavours simultaneously?

Cooking in large batches is always a challenging task for any chef. There are multiple factors one has to keep in mind, be it selecting the right ingredients, pre-proportioning them and scaling recipes properly to maintain the flavour profiles. It is a mammoth task. In an outdoor cook one has to also take extra precautions to maintain proper hygiene standards to avoid food contamination. And I had to do all of the above and make sure no one goes hungry at the same time.

My aim was to use hacks that I have picked up in my years of training as a professional chef that made the entire process more efficient and allowed me to achieve my goal as per the Guinness specifications.

Vada paos and sandwiches are very common meals. Why didn't you experiment with some specific cuisine?

Because it was such a long cook, I had to strategically plan a menu which would enable me to endure the pressure and withstand long cooking hours. It is not possible for anyone to continuously stand for the entire duration which it takes to

cook. I included some simple options like vada pav and sandwiches because they allowed me to sit during the prep time and gave my legs a much-needed rest. I also designed my menu keeping in mind that I had to single-handedly prepare food in bulk. Complex dishes with multiple components would have required more labour and hours of food prep.

You have plans to open a restaurant



in London that will offer cuisine from India's lesser-known regions. Do you think Indian cuisine will ever become a world favourite?

Indian cuisine already enjoys a cult status worldwide. However over the years, a common misconception has been built that Indian food is simply about curries and spices. I want to change this perception. Through my new venture, I want to offer cuisines from India's lesser-known regions with a twist that appeals to all palates. There is an immense diversity in Indian cuisine and a lot still needs to be showcased. I want to explore lesser known regions of Indian food, and showcase cuisines from our country's more remote territories and borders at a global level.

What do you have to say about the current food culture in India?

Sadly over the years due to a hectic lifestyle, the concept of eating out today means surrendering your taste buds to fast food. Everyone is looking for a quick bite and the added convenience of getting a meal delivered on your doorstep has only added fuel to the fire. However, I do notice a welcome change in the eating habits of millennials. Young people these days prefer places with strong food ethics. They want to know how fresh or organic their food is, where their food is coming from and if it is ethically sourced or not.

Food is subjective to different people. Some may like a dish and others



won't. How do you deal with negative criticism to your food?

For me, food is like art. Everyone will perceive it and connect with it differently. I am always open to views and suggestions that can help me evolve as a cook. However, I will never let criticism dictate my true style of cooking. Having said that, at the end of the day like my dishes, I take all feedback with a pinch of salt.

How do you adapt your dishes to local ingredients while travelling?

I am a passionate traveller and love exploring authentic ingredients and forgotten recipes. I draw deep inspiration from local spices, vegetables and styles of cooking and I love fusing local ingredients with authentic Indian dishes. One of the dishes that is close to my heart is a fusion of red wine sauce, *Inderher ki Sabji* in authentic Vindhya dish. Another one is using different Indian flours and creating a healthy version of beetroot and chocolate brownies. I have also created *Kerala stew* which is smoked with maple wood chips.

What shaped your food logic while growing up? What are your inspirations? Any anecdotes to share?

My childhood revolved around food and that really helped shape me into the cook I am today. I remember my visits to the local vegetable and meat market with my grandfather and how he taught me to rely on my senses to pick out the best ingredients. I was exposed to different Indian cuisines courtesy my mother and my extended family. My aunt cooked Sindhi dishes for me, and I developed my love for Punjabi cuisine due to my mother-in-law. All these instances have helped me develop a strong sense of identity and that is what I try and reflect in my cooking today. (She is the first woman to achieve the international honour in this category.)

gorgeous



Adding a new offering to its wide range of Indian *mithai*, Khoya, in association with jewellery brand, Art Karat, has on offer an exquisite range of traditional flavours and certified edible gold. The collection consists of *Pista longe*, *Badam longe*, *Kesar khoya Ladoo*, *Jammu chocolate*, *Pink motichoor ladoo*, *Paan peda* and much more. **Price:** 15,000 (signature box of 16 pieces.)

Maachis offers *Tapas*-style menu, which will bring Indian cuisine with a twist. It has Gun powder potatoes from the coastal belt, Irani *samosa*, Upma fingers from South, *Methi* sticks from North, Flavoured fox nuts from different regions, gun powder peanuts served with *achari* dip and *kasundi* mayo. **Date:** Till November **Price:** ₹1,200 for two (plus taxes) **Time:** 12 noon to 12 am **Venue:** Ardee mall, Sector 52, Gurugram.



Pier 38, an Indo Arabic Kitchen & Cocktail bar, hosts Winter Cocktail Fiesta. It presents suave drinks like Pomegranate Mojito, Monk Mule, Pier 38 Mulled Special, Ruby Red Honey, Rum Blast, Bloody Maria, Doctors Suggestion and many more. **Price:** ₹550 onwards **Time:** 12 am to 12 pm **Date:** Till December 10 **Venue:** Pier 38 Indo Arabic Kitchen & Cocktail Bar, Gurugram.

SodaBottleOpenerWala has launched an all new menu by chef Irfan Pabaney. It goes beyond the classic Bombay and Parsi flavours, encompassing dishes inspired by communities living in Bombay. Some of the new additions include Kundapuri prawn, *achari murg*, Bombay *raasta* sandwich, the classic egg sandwich and many more. **Time:** 8:30 am to 12:30 am **Price:** ₹1,200 (for two) **Venue:** All 3 outlets (CyberHub, DLF Mall and Khan Market).



Fat Tiger, a modern tea shop & dim sum parlour, brings internationally acclaimed teas and dumplings to the city. The brand brings some much-loved and familiar flavours with a twist and QSR format. **Price:** ₹500 (for two) **Time:** 11 am to 11 pm **Venue:** DLF Promenade mall, Vasant Kunj.

Friction is serving munchies with chilled drinks. It has chicken tarts, Mumbai *sev* plum *papdi*, Indian style *khurchan* chicken *quesadilla*, *chakhna* tiffin, *muska* chicken *maggi*, *malai* soya chaap, *margherita kulcha*. **Price:** ₹1,800 for two **Date:** Till December 15 **Venue:** Sector 29, Gurugram.



CHEDDAR STUFFED GRILLED CHICKEN WITH PUMPKIN CURRY

WHAT YOU NEED

- Chicken breast boneless: 250 gm
- Chopped onions
- Minced chicken: 100 gm
- Cheddar cheese-grated: 2 tbsp
- Fresh mint: 2-3 leaves
- Pumpkin: 200 gm
- Tomato: 200 gm
- Cinnamon
- Green cardamom: 2
- Cloves: 2

- Bay leaf: 1
- Ginger and garlic paste: 2 tbsp
- Coriander leaves: 1 tbsp
- Kasoori methi: ½ tsp
- Yoghurt: ½ cup
- Turmeric powder: 1 tsp
- Chilli powder: 1/2 tsp
- Cumin powder: 2-3 tsp
- Garam masala: 1 tsp
- Olive oil: 2 tbsp
- Salt to taste

METHOD

- Finely chop the onions and sauté them with ginger and garlic paste, add some cumin powder



and let it cool.

- Mix the above with minced chicken, season with salt and mint leaves and grated cheddar cheese to it.
- Slit the chicken breast from the side and open it, evenly spread the onion and cheese mix. Use the blunt end of the knife blade, pat and close the chicken breast so that the mixture does not ooze out while cooking.
- Take a few drops of olive oil, add ginger garlic paste, salt, cumin powder, a pinch of garam masala and turmeric powder. Marinate the stuffed chicken with this and leave it aside for at least 30 minutes.

- In the meantime, prepare the gravy.
- Heat olive oil and add cardamom, cinnamon, black pepper, cloves and bay leaf. Once the spices begin to sizzle, add ginger garlic paste.
- After cooking for five minutes over medium heat, add peeled and cubed pumpkin pieces with some salt and sauté it for 10 minutes.
- Now add tomato pieces and cook it for 10 minutes till pumpkin and tomato becomes soft and mushy.
- Now grind the above cooked mix and make a paste.
- Pour the paste on to a fresh pan

- and sprinkle the dry masalas like coriander powder, cumin powder, turmeric powder and bring to boil.
- Now add *kasoori methi* and adjust the seasoning as per your taste
- While the gravy is simmering, heat and oil a grilling pan over medium flame.
- Grill the stuffed chicken carefully to avoid overcooking.
- Place the grilled stuffed chicken on a plate and pour the pumpkin gravy over it.
- Garnish with coriander leaves and serve hot.

Courtesy: Corporate Chef, Sidharth Sharma, Saints n Sinners.

MSG combine for Barca win

Messi scores, assists one each for Suarez & Griezmann as Liga leaders confirm last 16 place; late equaliser sees Leipzig through

AFP ■ BARCELONA

Lionel Messi-inspired Barcelona booked their place in the Champions League knockout stages on Wednesday by crushing a desperate Borussia Dortmund 3-1, while RB Leipzig made the last 16 for the first time with an incredible stoppage time comeback.

Lucien Favre's position as Dortmund coach looks increasingly in peril following the thumping at the Camp Nou, orchestrated by a sensational Messi, that ensured Barça's progress to the last 16 as Group F winners and leaves the Germans in danger of not qualifying.

The Argentine scored one and set up the other two for Luis Suarez and Antoine Griezmann to inflict a punishing defeat on Dortmund and move up to 11 points, four ahead of the Germans and Inter Milan, who won 3-1 at Slavia Prague.

"He (Messi) was incredible," said Barcelona coach Ernesto Valverde. "It's all about what he does and when he does it. It was a performance to put us through."

Messi got the ball rolling with a neat pass which allowed Suarez to open the scoring in the 29th minute, before the Uruguayan returned the favour four minutes later to lay on Messi for his 613th Barca goal on his 700th appearance.

Messi, who has scored 10 times in his last nine games, was also at the heart of the goal which extinguished Dortmund's hopes of a result in the 67th minute, slipping a wonderful through ball for Griezmann that the Frenchman could happily stroke first time past Roman Burki.

Dortmund slip down to third behind Antonio Conte's Inter side, who roared to a fine win which keeps alive their hopes of a place in the next round.

Romelu Lukaku's first Champions League goal for Inter and a Lautaro Martinez double saw off a spirited Slavia side that had levelled in the 37th minute through a VAR-awarded Tomas Soucek penalty after Lukaku thought he had doubled his side's lead.

Lukaku had another strike ruled out for offside by VAR in the dying moments, but it made no difference to the result and now a win over Barca at the San Siro next month will guarantee them a place in the last 16.

"We've given meaning to the match with Barca by winning tonight," said Conte.



Lionel Messi celebrates with his Barcelona teammates Antoine Griezmann and Luis Suarez after the French forward scores third goal against Borussia Dortmund AP

"We are expecting a tough, great match, but we know that we can count on 80,000 people who will come to the stadium to push us on."

BACK FROM DEAD

Leipzig made the knockout stages in dramatic style after Emil Forsberg fired them back from two goals down in the final minute to draw 2-2 with Benfica.

The Germans needed a point to qualify but looked down and out as the match dragged towards added time, but Forsberg pulled a goal back from the penalty spot in the 90th

minute before hitting the leveler six minutes later, sparking wild celebrations.

The draw gave Lyon a big let-off after they failed to snatch a knockout spot when they fell to 2-0 defeat at Zenit Saint Petersburg.

Liverpool and Napoli were made to wait



R Lukaku hugs L Martinez after win Inter/Twitter

for their spots with a tense 1-1 draw at Anfield.

Dries Mertens opened the scoring with a sweetly struck opener midway through the first half, before Dejan Lovren's header salvaged a point to keep the Reds top of Group E.

However the European champions still need to get at least a point away to Salzburg next month to secure their passage into the last 16, while Napoli need a draw with bottom side Genk to claim their spot.

Ajax also need a point to go through thanks to a 2-0 win at Lille that featured the fastest goal of this year's competition to open a two-point lead at the top of Group H.

Hakim Ziyech netted after 94 seconds at eliminated Lille with Quincy Promes hitting his fourth of the tournament on the hour mark.

Four-time European champions Ajax have 10 points from five games, two more than Valencia and Chelsea who fought out a hugely entertaining 2-2 draw in Spain ear-

FIGURATIVELY

5 Red Bull Salzburg's Erling Haaland has become the first teenager in the history of the European Cup/UEFA Champions League to score in five consecutive appearances in the competition

11 James Milner has 11 assists in the Champions League since the start of the 2017-18 campaign; no player has provided more

34 Leo Messi has scored against 34 different teams in the UCL, more than any other player in the competition

100 Jurgen Klopp oversees his 100th European match on Wednesday - his current record stands at P100 W52 D23 L25

7 Antoine Griezmann has become the seventh player to score for and against Barcelona in the Champions League, after Phillip Cocu, Cesc Fàbregas, Eidur Gudjohnsen, Zlatan Ibrahimovic, Gaizka Mendieta and Marc Overmars

8 Erik ten Hag has yet to lose a Champions League away game; he is the third manager to stay unbeaten in his first nine CL away games, after Louis van Gaal & Pep Guardiola

4 Jadon Sancho has become just the fourth different Englishman to score a Champions League goal against Barcelona at Camp Nou, after Andy Cole, Steve McManaman and Frank Lampard

4 Lautaro Martinez has become just the fourth Inter Milan player to score in four consecutive Champions League matches for the club after Samuel Eto'o, Christian Vieri and Hernán Crespo

16 Lille are winless in their last 16 games in European competitions (D7 L9), the longest run ever for a French side.

lier in the day.

Ajax host Valencia in their concluding fixture next month, while Chelsea welcome Lille to Stamford Bridge knowing a win would be enough to ensure their place in the draw.

Man City owners buy majority stake in Mumbai City FC



Ranbir Kapoor speaks via video message ISL/Twitter

MUMBAI: English Premier League champions Manchester City's parent company City Football Group on Thursday bought a majority 65 percent stake in Indian Super League (ISL) franchise Mumbai City FC.

This is the first time a top European club has acquired a majority stake of a club in India, and the development is also expected to bring its renowned manager, Pep Guardiola, closer to the country.

News of the acquisition was revealed in front of the club's fans by CFG Chief Executive Officer, Ferran Soriano together with chairperson, Football Sports Development Limited and Reliance Foundation, Nita Ambani.

The deal with the Pep Guardiola-managed club's group will see Mumbai City FC benefit from its commercial and football know-how, while at the same time delivering a new and exciting element to the CFG global commercial platform.

Soriano said Manchester City's Spanish manager Pep Guardiola will be in touch with their Mumbai City FC coach.

"Pep is part of our network of coaches. And they speak all the time. The example I gave you is our Chinese coach was in Manchester last week coaching with Manchester City team, trying to learn.

"The coach we have in Mumbai City will have a relationship with Pep Guardiola and with all our other coaches," Soriano said, adding grassroots will be their priority.

CFG will become the majority stakeholder of the franchise alongside existing shareholders, actor Ranbir Kapoor and Bimal Parekh, who will keep the remaining 35 per cent.

Co-owner Ranbir Kapoor said, "I am super thrilled for this day. All of us at the Mumbai City FC, the ambition is to make it the best football club in Asia."

"With this tie up, we hope to replicate what Manchester City has done in English Premier League and that is to win everything in front us. City Football Group's interest in India shows the growth opportunities the country presents in football," added Kapoor.

PTI ■ NUR-SULTAN

A formidable India is expected to demolish the challenge of a depleted Pakistan in a Davis Cup tie starting here today, after the fixture was shifted to a neutral venue following a drama-filled build up.

While it resolved the security concerns, the shifting of the tie did no good to the competition. India, with players of the caliber of Sumit Nagal, Ramkumar Ramanathan and veteran Leander Paes, was already expected to win easy but pulling out of Pakistan top players Aisam-ul-haq Qureshi and Aqeel Khan has made it a no-contest.

While the Indian players have Grand Slam experience behind them, the Pakistanis are still struggling to make a mark even at the ITF Futures level.

At least, the doubles rubber would have been competitive if Pakistan's top players were there but they chose not to play, protesting against shifting of the tie.

It will be a learning experience for Pakistan's junior players, who will lead their country's challenge in the tie, the winner of which will travel to Croatia in March 2020 for the World Group Qualifiers.

Strong India set to steamroll Pak

Pakistan vs India
Live from 1:30pm IST
DD NETWORK

The tie will offer 46-year-old Paes a chance to further better his Davis Cup record for most doubles win. He stands on top with 43 wins, which he had achieved last year.

A 44th win beckons Paes, the owner of 18 Grand Slam trophies, as he will be partnering Jeevan Nedunchezhiyan, who is set to make his Davis Cup debut.

The left-handed Chennai lad will become India's 75th player to play a Davis Cup tie. In-form Nagal has an opportunity to earn his first Davis Cup win as he has lost both his singles matches so far – against Spain (2016) and China (2018).

Ramkumar, who will go into this tie as the number two singles player, can also better his win-loss record. So far he has 7-7 record in eight ties.

Ramkumar will open the tie today against Muhammad Shoaib, who has not even won a single match in the main draw of an ITF Futures tournament. The 17-year-old has not played a single match in the entire 2019 season.

In the second singles, Nagal will take on Huzaifa Abdul Rehman, who did well on the junior ITF circuit.

India's non-playing captain Rohit Rajpal said they are looking for a whitewash.

"Pakistan has young players who seem to be hitting well and free. They are playing against a tough Indian team with nothing to loose. I was told that in their press conference they said they are fighter and will fight till the end. We are looking to white-wash them," Rajpal said.

The tie is being played on indoor hard courts due to sub-zero temperature.

On the second day of the tie, Paes & Nedunchezhiyan will take on the combination of Shoaib and Huzaifa before the reverse singles are played.

Even if India take an unsailable 3-0 lead, the fourth rubber will be played. The teams have a choice of not playing the inconsequential fifth rubber.

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PROVINCIAL DIVISION, P.W.D MATHURA
E-Tender Notice

Letter No. : 6370 /A-7/2019-20 Date : 20.11.2019

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2. Time allowed for completion is including Rainy Season.
3. Bid document with detailed terms and conditions will be available online on website <http://tender.up.nic.in> from 06-12-2019 upto 12-30 Hours. Bids must be submitted online only at e-tendering portal of <http://tender.up.nic.in> on or before 12-30 Hours on 11-12-2019. Technical Bid received online will be opened 12-12-2019 at 12:30 Hours
4. The prospective bidders who do not possess Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) must get the same issued from approved agencies before submission of bids.
5. Contractor should Quote their rates without GST, Which shall be paid extra as per applicable at the time of payment.
6. The bidders are required to submit Original receipt of Internet Banking of E-tender portal Account as per G.O. No.-742/78-2-2018-42 I.T/2017 T.C., I.T. & Electronics Section-2 Dated-03-12-2018 follows as :
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(Sansveer)
Executive Engineer
Provincial Division, PWD, Mathura

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Title : The Traditional Perspectives on Project and Project Management are Outdated!
Professor Emeritus of project management at BI Norwegian Business School.

Yvonne Butler (Australia)
Title : The New Iron Triangle - Value Creation Through Projects .
Managing Director, The Information Resource, Australia.

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Vice President at Siemens AG and partner at Siemens Management Consulting.

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Title : Do We Need to Disrupt The Project Management's Current State of Practice?
Co-founder and the Chief Executive Officer of SUKAD Corp.

Raphael Albergarias (Brazil)
Title : Management 3.0, Industry 4.0 and The Challenges to Deliver Results Through Integrative Project Management.
Founder and President of IPMA Brazil.

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Title : Findings from the AXELOS 2019 PPM Benchmark Report.
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WAKE UP PANT

VVS believes Rishabh needs to justify team's faith soon or else lose place to Samson

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Former Indian batsman VVS Laxman says Rishabh Pant is fast running out of time to justify the time invested in him by the team management and might lose his place to Sanju Samson if he doesn't regain his form soon.

Laxman said Sanju Samson's selection in the squad for the three T20 Internationals against the West Indies is a "strong message" for Pant to either perform or perish.

"The team management and the selection committee have passed on a strong message that we got a backup in the form of Sanju Samson. Rishabh Pant has been given a lot of opportunities and I'm sure that they will be communicating and giving him that security within that group," Laxman told *Star Sports*.

"But then ultimately the player has to justify the faith the team management, the selection committee has been imposing on him," he said.

"Unfortunately, Rishabh hasn't been able to do that, but he is that X factor. I still feel that he is an exclusive batsman who can come and change the course of the match just by his ability to hit good balls out of the park."

"As a batsman — there's no clarity of thoughts, there's no doubt that he's under pressure, because how many times have you seen Rishabh Pant, when he is in full flow, play and he has a different mindset and technique against the spinners. I feel he will be under tremendous pressure to retain his place in the playing eleven," Laxman said.

The 45-year-old former batsman said Pant is still India's first-choice wicketkeeper batsman ahead of Samson for next year's T20 World Cup but veteran MS Dhoni is also very much in the picture.

"I think MS Dhoni will wait with patience to see the performance of Rishabh Pant and Sanju Samson. Whenever he gets an opportunity and he will take a call after the IPL because the way I am seeing it, MS Dhoni is preparing himself for the IPL. I'm sure he will do well like he has done whenever he plays and leads CSK," said



Sanju Samson chats with Rishabh Pant at the end of India's practice session ahead of third T20I against Bangladesh

AP/File Picture

Laxman about Dhoni's future.

"If both these youngsters don't grab their opportunities, probably there is a thought that MS Dhoni can come back provided he shows that form in the IPL leading up to the World Cup.

"At the moment Rishabh Pant would be the first choice, his back up would be Sanju Samson and if both these youngsters don't grab these opportunities then you can probably look at MS Dhoni, keeping mind how he performs in the IPL," he added.

Laxman was also impressed with Shreyas Iyer's maturity but feels, in the absence of an injured Shikhar Dhawan,

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KL Rahul should open the innings with Rohit Sharma in the upcoming series against the West Indies.

"I was very impressed with the way Shreyas Iyer has batted so far. The best part about him was when during the last T20 International in Nagpur (against Bangladesh) when India lost their top 3 batsmen, he had the ability to assess the condition very well and was very versatile in his approach," he said.



SINGLES

VIKAS RETURNS TO AMATEUR FOLD WITH SAG

NEW DELHI: Decorated Indian boxer Vikas Krishan has made his first breakthrough in the amateur circuit since putting his professional career on hold by getting selected for the upcoming South Asian Games (SAG) in Nepal in a new weight category. The 27-year-old, who fought two winning bouts in the US pro circuit before returning to the amateur fold earlier this year, said that he would not attempt another professional stint until after the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. He also revealed that he will now compete in the 69kg category instead of 75kg. The South Asian Games are scheduled in Kathmandu and Pokhara, starting with the opening ceremony on December 1.

FIFA HAPPY POST INSPECTION IN GUWAHATI

GUWAHATI: The FIFA delegation along with members of the Local Organising Committee visited the Indira Gandhi Athletic International Stadium, and had a comprehensive look at the stadium and the training facilities. Delegates from the football's governing body were satisfied with the conditions in Guwahati. FIFA's Project Lead for FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup India 2020, Oliver Vogt remarked: "We are very happy to be back after 2017. We know the passion for football in this part of the country, and are confident we will repeat the success of 2017 if Guwahati is picked as a venue for FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup next year."

NKWE TO COACH SA IN ENGLAND TESTS

DURBAN: Interim team director Enoch Nkwe will be in charge of the South African team for the Test series against England starting next month, a Cricket South Africa spokesman said on Thursday. "There is no way we will go into an important series against England without having our ducks in a row," said Thami Mthembu, CSA head of media and communications. He said former first-class cricketer Nkwe would remain in his interim director role, together with the support staff who oversaw a humiliating 3-0 Test series defeat in India last month. "Enoch Nkwe and all the other members of his team remain in place, all except Corrie van Zyl," said Mthembu, who added that a disciplinary process with Van Zyl was under way.

SILENT HEROES WIN DIVYANG CRICKET LEAGUE

CHANDIGARH: Team Silent Heroes emerged victorious and lifted the 5th Usha Divyang Cricket League 2019 trophy by beating team Beas XI in the finals. Supported by Usha International, one of India's leading consumer durables company, this sporting event was organized by the All India Cricket Association for the Deaf (AICAD) and Deaf Cricket Federation. In the final, Silent Heroes rode on Harshal Yadav's fabulous innings of 119* to reach a total of 181 runs in 20 overs. He also took 4 wickets in 4 overs during chase leading his team to victory. He was selected as the Man of the Match and the Man of the Series.

SANIA TO RETURN WITH HOBART INTL TENNIS

MUMBAI: Indian tennis ace Sania Mirza on Thursday confirmed that she will be back to competitive tennis at Hobart International in January 2020, two years after taking a maternity break. The 33-year-old, who last played at China Open in October 2017, will team up with Ukraine's Nadiia Kichenok, the current world number 38. "I am playing in Hobart, then I am playing the Australian Open. I am planning to play a tournament in Mumbai, which is a \$25,000 (ITF women event) next month, but I am 50-50 about it, so let's see how my wrist behaves. We will see, but Hobart and Australian Open (for sure)," she said at a press conference. Sania, winner of six Grand Slam titles, said she will partner American Rajeev Ram for the mixed doubles at the Australian Open. **AGENCIES**



England wicketkeeper Jos Buttler reacts after he missed fielding a ball

AP

Eng worried over Jos' injury

HAMILTON: England said Jofra Archer is ready to fire in the second Test against New Zealand despite suffering racist abuse, but a new injury concern has emerged over wicketkeeper Jos Buttler.

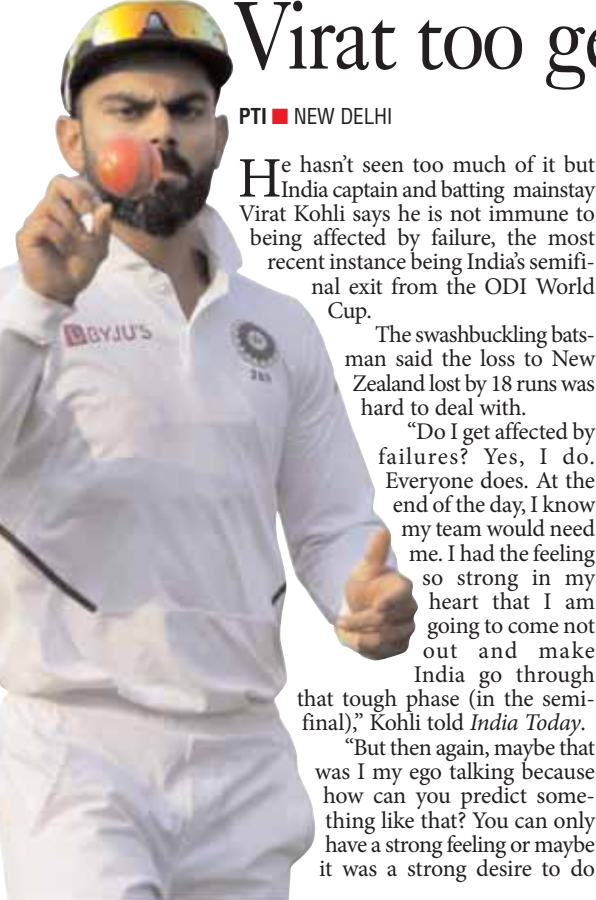
As the search continues for the heckler who racially taunted Archer during the first Test, captain Joe Root said the Barbados-born bowler is "absolutely fine to play" in Hamilton.

But Root told journalists England were not in a position to name their side on the eve of the second Test with a question mark over Buttler, who tweaked a back muscle while exercising. Although Ollie Pope was

considered the leading contender to replace Buttler if he could not take the gloves, Root said there were a number of other possibilities which would depend on a pitch inspection before toss.

New Zealand were also waiting for a late pitch inspection before deciding whether Matt Henry or Lockie Ferguson would replace Trent Boult, who strained a rib muscle.

They did, however, confirm one change in their line-up, with 28-year-old Daryl Mitchell to make his debut in place of Grandhomme, who has a torn abdominal muscle. **AFP**



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

He hasn't seen too much of it but India captain and batting mainstay Virat Kohli says he is not immune to being affected by failure, the most recent instance being India's semi-final exit from the ODI World Cup.

The swashbuckling batsman said the loss to New Zealand lost by 18 runs was hard to deal with.

"Do I get affected by failures? Yes, I do. Everyone does. At the end of the day, I know my team would need me. I had the feeling so strong in my heart that I am going to come out and make India go through that tough phase (in the semi-final)," Kohli told *India Today*.

"But then again, maybe that was I my ego talking because how can you predict something like that? You can only have a strong feeling or maybe it was a strong desire to do

Srikanth, Sourabh enter quarters

PTI ■ LUCKNOW

Former champion Kidambi Srikanth and Sourabh Verma advanced to the quarterfinals but young Lakshya Sen bowed out of the men's singles contest at the Syed Modi International Badminton tournament here on Thursday.

Third seed Srikanth, who had lifted the title in 2016, eked out a thrilling 18-21, 22-20, 21-16 win over compatriot Parupalli Kashyap.

The world No 12 Indian will next square off against seventh seed Son Wan Ho of Korea.

Sourabh, a winner at two Super 100 events in Hyderabad and Vietnam this year, defeated fellow Indian Alap Mishra 21-11, 21-18 to set up a clash with Thailand's Kunlavut Vitidsarn, who accounted for World Championships Bronze medalist B Sai Praneeth 21-11, 21-17 in another round two match.

In women's singles, Shruti Mundada and Rituparna Das entered the quarterfinals with straight game wins.

While Shruti beat Belgium's Lianne Tan 21-18, 21-14, Rituparna defeated Tanvi Lad 21-16, 21-13.

However, Lakshya couldn't produce his best and went down 14-21 17-21 to the experienced Son Wan Ho, a former world No 1.

Virat too gets affected by failures

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Kohli shouldn't back away from Paine's challenge

IAN S ■ NEW DELHI

Australia skipper Tim Paine recently pushed the idea that India after hosting Bangladesh in their maiden Day-Night Test should now look to play one against the Aussies when Virat Kohli and boys travel Down Under. And former India opener Gautam Gambhir believes that Kohli and boys shouldn't back down and should take on the challenge.

"I like the way Australia skipper Tim Paine has 'flighted' one for India captain Virat Kohli, challenging him to play a day-night fix-

something like that," he said.

Talking about his desire to leave behind a legacy, Kohli, who has so far scored 11,520 and 7,202 runs in ODIs and Tests respectively, said: "I hate losing. I don't want to walk out and say I could have done this. When I step out on the field, it's a privilege.

ture on the next tour Down Under," Gambhir wrote in the *Times of India*.

"Knowing Virat he is not the one to back out. And why should he? A day-night Test match between India and Australia at Brisbane or the MCG will be quite a spectacle. And you can trust Aussies to make it a truly memorable game by some smart marketing.

"I haven't seen Virat's response for Paine, but if I was him I would have straight away told him to make some late night babysitting arrangements as we were ready!!!" he added.

"When I walk out, I want to have zero energy. We want to leave behind a legacy that future cricketers will say we want to play like that."

Kohli and his team is currently gearing up for the limited-overs series against the West Indies starting December .



Kuldeep Yadav chats with Yuzvendra Chahal in practice session

Kuldeep/Twitter

2020 IPL will be massive for Kuldeep: Bangar

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Former India batting coach Sanjay Bangar has reckoned that next year's IPL is going to be massive for Kuldeep Yadav, saying a good outing there will earn him a place in the T20 World Cup squad.

Kuldeep recently returned to India's T20I squad for the West Indies series after a gap of nine months. He had last played the shorter format against New Zealand in February early this year.

"I'm a massive Kuldeep Yadav fan and in terms of strike rates you see he is the quickest to 100 ODI wickets and even in the shorter format, if you look at the match we won in England, he picked up five wickets at a time where the opposition was running away from the match," Bangar told *Star Sports*.

"I wouldn't count out Kuldeep, it's just that he's had a couple of poor games in the IPL last season. For him, this IPL is going to be a massive factor and if he does really well, it will be very hard to keep him out."

Bangar also believed Ravinder Jadeja's bowling prowess makes him a better option than Krunal Pandya in India's World T20 squad.

"You require a wrist spinner in the T20 format, it has been a very major component in India's success wherein 2 wrist spinners played a massive role in most of

the one day's and T20 series the team has had across conditions hence you will need a bowler who is capable of bowling the complete 4 overs and also bat at No 7," he said.

"Hence, I feel Ravinder Jadeja edges over Krunal Pandya here as Krunal hasn't been able to deliver the complete 4 overs at times and Jadeja has been in great form recently."

However, batting great VVS Laxman said it is going to be tough for Kuldeep to earn a place in India's squad for next year's T20 World Cup.

"Kuldeep Yadav hit two blows when the team was under pressure; he and Krunal Pandya got those important runs at the finishing stage of the India's innings against West Indies in the first T20I last year," he said.

"I would invest in Sundar. With him, the advantage is that he can bowl in the power play and the tough overs. We have seen that and he can extract more bounce on the Australian wickets because the way he releases the ball, he can use the crease and in Australia it is not necessary you look to turn the ball, but you can vary the pace and extract the bounce and deceive the batsman as its going to be big grounds.

"So, I would think it would be tough for Kuldeep currently, but you never know what happens just before the World Cup," he added.

‘World will see new Bajrang in Olympics’



Bajrang Punia receives Khel Ratna award from Kiren Rijiju

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PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Sounding out a warning to his rivals, a fit-again Bajrang Punia on Thursday said the wrestling world will see a new *avatar* of him at the Tokyo Olympics, where he will be one of India's strongest medal contenders.

His weak leg defence is no secret and, of late, his rivals have successfully managed to use it to their advantage. For the same reason, most of his rivals,

their coaches and even the fans believe that Bajrang starts 4-5 points behind even before stepping on to the mat.

Some experts still believe the handicap could cost India's biggest medal contender dearly in next year's Games, the last two World Championships being a testimony.

However, despite this apparent weakness, Bajrang climbed to the number one ranking in the world in

the competitive 65kg category in 2018, thanks to his superior stamina and ability to strike in the second period.

"My coach says I should be able to surprise my opponents when I compete again. Obviously, I can't reveal what I am doing but you will see a new Bajrang on the mat when I will compete during the Olympics," Bajrang said.

"People will say that Bajrang's wrestling style is now very different. Whether it is technique, stamina, style, everything is being worked upon."

Bajrang spoke after receiving his 'Khel Ratna', the award ceremony of which he missed due to preparations for the World Championship.

The 25-year-old said the tear in his right elbow has completely healed, allowing him to resume full-fledged training.