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BJP promises to implement NRC in State

Manifesto also pledges to wipe out Naxalism

ROSHAN KUMAR ■ RANCHI

The State BJP on Wednesday pushed for implementation of National Register of Citizens (NRC) in Jharkhand saying illegal Bangladeshi migrants are eating away the benefits of the local Muslim residents of State.

The BJP — which released its election manifesto christened as vision document — has the mention of implementation of NRC in State so as to check intruders in State, raising the pitch on a simmering political issue ahead of Assembly elections.

The 64-page manifesto with punch line *Jharkhand Ki Samridhi Ka Sankalp* on first page and having the pictures of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Raghubar Das, was released at a function held at city-based hotel in presence of Union Law Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad, Chief Minister Raghubar Das, Union Tribal Affairs Minister Arjun Munda, State BJP election in-charge Om Prakash Mathur, State president Laxman Gilua, and State BJP co in-charge Ram Vihar Netam.

Prasad said, "The BJP manifesto is ubiquitous and omnipresent as interest of all sections has been taken care of. Special care and attention has been made to promote sports activities especially among tribal society."

Jharkhand Ki Samridhi Ka Sankalp

MANIFESTO HAS BEEN DIVIDED INTO 12 HEADS, which include agriculture and farmers' development, tribal development, industrial development, infrastructure development, improvement in health and education among others. **MANIFESTO TALKS ABOUT:**

- Providing medical insurance to lawyers, journalists and senior citizens under PM Ayushman Yojana among others
- Increasing reservation to OBC within six months on basis of a survey report
- Providing scholarship of ₹2,200 and 7,500 to pre-matric and postgraduate students
- To provide 33% reservation to women in State Government services along with providing jobs or self employment opportunities to one person from BPL families.
- Having a policy of zero corruption in governance, strengthening PDS, construction of agro-industrial corridor passing through Ranchi-Gola-Dumka, construction of Sahibganj-Baharagora corridor as part of Bharat Mala project, setting up industrial unit in mineral rich Palamu region among others

He also exuded confidence that the BJP will attain its target of mission 65 plus in Jharkhand, claiming that in Maharashtra too the BJP along with the Shiv Sena had attained majority, but Sena due to its stubborn attitude parted ways from the national party.

The draft committee headed by Palamu MP VD Ram and members, including Ayodhya Nath Mishra, former State BJP president Ravindra Rai, bureaucrat-turn-politician JB Tubid, among others were too present on the occasion.

The draft committee for preparing the manifesto has also collected feedback from people, journalists and persons

from different fields in preparing the manifesto.

In the column 'Self ruled, Safe State' the manifesto talks about implementing NRC in State at the same time making Jharkhand free from Left Wing Extremism (LWE) menace.

Chief Minister Raghubar Das, "Barring few incidents, which include the recent LWE attack on police patrolling van in Latehar, the State has not witnessed any major LWE incidents. We are committed to make Jharkhand free from LWE menace and will work in this direction."

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Union Minister for Law and Justice Ravi Shankar Prasad, Chief Minister Raghubar Das, Union Tribal Affairs Minister Arjun Munda, State BJP's election in-charge Om Mathur, State BJP president Laxman Gilua and senior leaders releases party's manifesto (Sankalp Patra) ahead of the Jharkhand Assembly Elections, in Ranchi on Wednesday. Vinay Murmu | Pioneer

ers' development, tribal development, infrastructure development, improvement in health and education among others.

In the column, Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas, the BJP manifesto talks about providing medical insurance to lawyers, journalists and senior citizens under PM Ayushman Yojana among others. Moreover, the manifesto talks about increasing the reservation to Other Backward Caste (OBC) within six months on the basis of a survey report.

However, JMM and BJP alliance partner AJSU party has promised to increase the reservation upto 73 per cent for

ST, SC and OBC.

The BJP manifesto also mentions about providing scholarship of ₹2,200 and 7,500 to pre-matric and post graduate students. The BJP to woo half the population (female) has promised to provide 33 per cent reservation to women in State Government services along with providing jobs or self employment opportunities to one person from Below Poverty Line (BPL) families.

The manifesto also talk about having a policy of zero corruption in governance, strengthening PDS, construction of agro industrial corridor passing through Ranchi-Gola-



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Uddhav's big leap from dad's karma bhoomi

Swearing-in at Shivaji Park; Dy CM post goes to NCP, Speaker to Cong

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

It will be an emotional moment for Uddhav Thackeray and a historic occasion for the Shiv Sena when he takes oath as the 19th Chief Minister of Maharashtra on Thursday evening, along with his team of Ministers from the "Maharashtra Vikas Aghadi" at the historic Shivaji Park ground, which in many ways remained his late father Bal Thackeray's "karma bhoomi" from the day he addressed his first-ever Dussehra rally 53 years ago and till he was cremated there seven years ago.

The first-ever Thackeray to assume a top elected position, 59-year-old Uddhav will be second-ever Shiv Sena leader — after Manohar Joshi — to be sworn in as the Chief Minister at "Shiv Thirth", better known as Shivaji Park. Late Thackeray, it may be recalled, had hand-picked and anointed Joshi as the first-ever Sena Chief Minister, after the Sena-BJP alliance rode to power for the first time in March 1995. It was another matter that the late Sena chief replaced Joshi with another leader Narayan Rane nearly four years later. Rane had taken oath of office at another venue.

Bal Thackeray, whose mortal remains were consigned to

flames in full public view, was emotionally attached to the Shivaji Park, where he had addressed his first Dussehra rally more than four months after he founded the Shiv Sena on June 19, 1966, and went on to address Dussehra rallies there every year thereafter, barring two years. In 2005, the Sena had cancelled the rally owing to heavy rain, while Thackeray could not make it to the October 24, 2012 Dussehra rally owing to his indisposition (but his video-recorded speech was played at that rally).

Though his party's official mouth-piece "Saamana" which began its publication on January 23, 1988, late Thackeray had all along effectively used Shivaji Park to send across his directives to lakh of supporters across Maharashtra. His son Uddhav is carrying on with the legacy.

Having aligned with the BJP for 30-long years (except for a brief period in the run-up 2014 Assembly polls) on the Hindutva plank, Uddhav will be embarking upon a new political journey both for himself and his party, as he teams up with new "secular" partners the NCP and the Congress who are ideologically polar opposite from the Sena and whom it had over the years criticised on various issues.

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जनसभा-2

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BATTLEGROUND JHARKHAND

PICK-DROP SERVICE FOR SPECIALLY-ABLED FOR VOTING DAY

- A special team will be constituted to visit house to house for the election process
- A proper video recording of the process will also be done. In East Singhbhum, there are 15,162 registered disabled voters

PNS ■ JAMSHEDPUR

Joining hands with district administration, several organisations have decided to provide pick-drop service for specially-abled voters on voting day on December 7. In order to increase voting percentage, various social organisations are using social media platforms and door to door awareness programmes to educate disabled people and their families to come out and vote.

Social organisations like Jharkhand Viklang Sansthan and Jharkhand Viklang Manch have decided to provide vehi-



Specially-abled people participate in an awareness programme organised by the East Singhbhum Administration. Pioneer photo

cles that would ferry disabled people to their polling vote and will drop them home.

Moreover, senior citizens and People with Disabilities (PwDs) will also be able to exer-

cise their franchise from their homes through postal ballot for the first time during this

Assembly elections, voters of these categories who want to cast their votes through the postal ballot will have to fill form-12 D. A special team will be constituted to visit house to house for the election process. A proper video recording of the process will also be done. In East Singhbhum, there are 15,162 registered disabled voters.

East Singhbhum Deputy Commissioner Ravi Shankar Shukla along with organisations also organised a meeting with various organisations. He motivated disabled people to visit polling booths to check if it is accessible for PwDs.

"We want to ensure that even specially-abled participate in voting. The administration is also supporting our initiative. We have been asked to see if all polling booths have easy accessibility for the specially-abled. If not we have been asked to report to the district administration who will

arrange the basic facilities. Many prefer to stay and home and avoid voting but we will ensure their participation," said an official of Jharkhand Viklang Sansthan.

The organisation working

for the welfare and legal rights of physically disabled people have also decided to provide some vehicles which can ferry disabled people to the polling booth.

Moreover, the social welfare department also organised a live

demonstration of EVM machine functioning for the special voters at School of Hope in Northern Town, Jeevika in Sonari and Parents Association of Mentally Handicapped (PAMHJ) in Dhatkidih.

MADHURI FAN EMBARKS ON VOTERS' AWARENESS DRIVE

PNS ■ JAMSHEDPUR

The die-hard fan of Bollywood actress Madhuri Dixit's Pappu Sardar on Wednesday embarked on a drive to educate voters.

In view of Assembly polls, he will spread the message on importance of voting and will educate people to actively participate in elections to exercise their franchise.

DC Ravi Shankar Shukla flagged off his vehicle. He also

appreciated the initiative taken by Pappu.

Pappu will visit different Assembly areas and motivating voters to participate in voting. He will continue with the drive by December 5.

He said people should actively participate to practice their franchise. He noted that idea is to reaching out to individual houses and urging residents to exercise their constitutional right by casting their vote in the coming elections.

"The voter awareness campaign hope to distribute handbills to voters, appealing to them to compulsorily exercise their franchise, not to accept money for voting, motivate their neighbours, friends and relatives to vote," the fan said.

He has urged the voters to cast their vote compulsorily and choose the candidate of their choice who could deliver goods to them and protect the interests of the region and the State.

Candidates eclipse issues in Palamu

PNS ■ DALTONGANJ

This Assembly election in Palamu seems to have become issueless, where faces of the candidates matter most as issues have taken a backseat or have gone underground. One recurring issue of Palamu is its proneness to drought but no political party or candidate has ever spoken a word about its drought proofing.

The issue of drought is as out from the rhetoric of the candidates as now onion prices have become a new issue. Instead of drought proofing, candidates promise moon to their voters.

The another issue is of displacement if and when Mandal dam gets operational like installation of its four gates there which will submerge six villages in all but no candidate ever speaks of this issue.

Although Mandal dam is located in Manika constituency of Latehar district but the six villages that it is to submerge are part of the Daltonganj Assembly constituency, but no leader be it the BJP, the Congress, the JVM, etc have spoken on this.

Sources said mining be it of sand or stone is a popular mode of earning fast money and here corruption is too high but no candidate has ever said a word about sand mining which affects the rich and the poor alike since sand is the prime requisite of any concrete construction.

Sand is dug up from the river bed in the dead of night and station trolley carries it so surreptitiously that one can't

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imagine. No political party has ever said anything to ease this man made crisis of sand.

Sources said when new traffic rules like wearing of helmet etc were launched across the country which saw bumper imposition of fine and Jharkhand Government's three months' reprieve is just to end by the time poll results will be out no concern or anxiety has been expressed by any candidate towards this.

Sources said this election is Raghubar das & Co. vs the others with Opposition not in any position to tell people as to what measures it has to ameliorate their hardships. There is only a tussle to unseat the seated one and to wrench it for next sitting.

Mukul Prasad, a resident of Daltonganj, said, "The candidates are fighting for their own privileges but none for the cause of the poor." He added, "Have you journalist seen any voter perusing manifesto?"

Menka Sardar faces tough task in retaining seat

PNS ■ JAMSHEDPUR

Potka MLA Menka Sardar, who is contesting the Assembly election for the fifth time from Potka is facing tough task to retain her seat. The political temperature of Potka is on rise these days as one of the prominent Assembly seats (ST) of Kolhan is set to witness tough triangular fight.

The 52-year-old BJP candidate expressed confidence that she will win the election. She is being challenged by JMM's Sanjeev Sardar and Ajsu Party's Bullu Rani Singh.

"I am confident to retain the seat. I have worked for the development and voters will support me," Menka said, adding she was seeking votes on development plank.

She said employment is a major concern in Potka but she was helpless. "People of Potka are not willing to give land for industrialisation. Though Bhushan Steel wanted to set up a plant but people were not willing to part with their land. I had convinced them a lot but they paid no heed," Menka.

Menka added she was not taking her opponents lightly and has a direct contest against JMM's Sardar, whom she beat by over 6,000 votes in the 2014 State elections. Menka, a BA (Hons) from Lal Bahadur Shastri Memorial College in Karandih, Jamshedpur is confident to win the election again.

Both Sardar and Bullu have intensified their campaign. Both are raising unemployment and education issues to convince the voters.

On the other hand according to reports Menka Sardar's popularity graph has declined over the years and party activists are angry with her. Despite being the sitting MLA it would be tough for her to regain the seat.

In 2005 Assembly elections 2005, Amulya Sardar had defeated arch rival Menka Sardar with a margin of 13,759 votes. While in 2000 Assembly elections, BJP candidate Menka Sardar trounced JMM candidate Krishna Mardi to win Potka seat.

Ramesh Murmu, a political activist said that the lack of



BJP candidate from Potka Menka Sardar

basic infrastructure facilities is still a distant dream for the residents of Potka.

Moreover, even during diarrhea outbreak the role of local administration was not satisfactory. People would vote for a change this time.

Meanwhile, the candidates in fray are working hard to ensure better booth management. Campaigning has also intensified to woo the voters.

"Several people have died in past years due to diarrhea. Our MLA has not taken any initiative in this regard. Moreover, even the Government schemes like Anganbadi Sevika are in mess at Potka," noted a local resident.

Meanwhile, a senior functionary of district BJP said it is true that Menka is facing challenge but the party is hopeful to sail through.

19-YEAR-OLD COMMITS SUICIDE

BERMO: A 19-year-old girl committed suicide after hanging herself from the ceiling at her house over a failed love affair, under the jurisdiction of Bokaro Thermal police station, on Wednesday. As per police reports, the deceased was identified as Kajal Kumari, who was a student of Intermediate Arts in Degree College, Bokaro Thermal.

Police said the girl's father Dharmendra Sharma, who works as carpenter in a private company in Patna told them that the entire family went to sleep after returning from a birthday party. When her mother woke up at around 3.10 am, she did not see Kajal in her room. Panicked, she started searching for her in the house and found her hanging from the ceiling in another room. "She used a scarf as a rope to hang herself from the ceiling," said station Officer in Charge of Bokaro thermal police station, Umesh Kumar Thakur officer in charge.

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'Modi Sarkar's efforts: Common Man takes flight'

PNS ■ RANCHI

Modi Sarkar has been working relentlessly to make air travel services and facilities more easily and affordably available to the common man.

On one hand, many towns and cities in the nation have been facilitated with air strips; while on the other hand, by managing competition in the market the prices for customers have been made very budget-friendly and economical.

Raghuvir Sarkar, in Jharkhand has taken measures for the same. State government has joined hands with the Airport Authority of India for the renovation and development of Dhalbhumgarh air-

port. Apart from this, the Civil Aviation Ministry, in accordance with the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS)-UDAN (Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik), has begun plans for operating on Chakulia Airport," said Hardeep Singh Puri, MOS, Civil Aviation (Independent Charge) replying to a question asked by MP Mahesh Poddar in Rajya Sabha on Wednesday.

The Government informed in the session that according to the Pre-Feasibility Study, conducted on Chakulia airport to make it operational, if the basic structural and additional land related necessities were to be fulfilled then this airport can be made operational for category



3 C aircraft take-offs and landings, like ATR 72 - 500.

According to the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN (Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik) the airports of Deoghar and Dhalbhumgarh are already under development.

Dumka, Hazaribagh and Jamshedpur Airports also come

Dhalbhumgarh Airport to be developed; Deoghar, Dumka, Hazaribagh sighted as prospects

under this scheme. By means of the UDAN yojana, started by the Centre in 2016, cheaper flight costs are being made available on 128 routes across the nation.

According to the DGCA, since September 2014 the number of domestic flight passengers has increased exponentially. Due to the growing competition amongst domestic air travel companies, India has maintained its reputation as the fastest growing civil aviation industry. International Air Transport Association (IATA) issued a report in 2018 which stated that the Indian domestic aviation market has seen the fastest growth of 18.6 per cent for the 4th consecutive year.

न्यायालय प्राधिकृत पदाधिकारी-सह-वन प्रमण्डल पदाधिकारी, वन्य प्राणी प्रमण्डल, राँची

सूचित किया जाता है कि दिनांक 17.10.2019 के पूर्वाह्न 11.30 बजे 68 पीस साल चिरान वाहन शक्तिमान -30 महेन्द्रा ट्रैक्टर ट्राली सहित (रजिस्ट्रेशन संख्या मिटा हुआ एवं अपठनीय) अवैध रूप से परिवहन के क्रम में वनकरमियों द्वारा जामडीपा, पालकोट में जप्त किया गया था। वाहन मालिक दिनांक 03.12.2019 को अपराहन 3.30 बजे अद्योहस्ताक्षरी के न्यायालय में उपस्थित होकर अपने बचाव में त्राफ़ पृच्छा दायर करें। उक्त तिथि को उपस्थित नहीं होने पर विधि संवत कार्रवाई करते हुये उक्त वाहन एवं जप्त वन पदार्थ को राज्यसात कर लिया जायेगा, जिसकी पूर्ण जिम्मेवारी जप्त वाहन के मालिक की होगी।

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एतद द्वारा सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि 27-चतरा विधान सभा क्षेत्र के मतदान की तिथि 30.11.2019 एवं 26-सिमरिया विधान सभा क्षेत्र के मतदान की तिथि-12.12.2019 के महेनजर मतदाताओं को प्रभावित करने के उद्देश्य से चतरा जिलान्तर्गत कहीं पर किसी राजनैतिक पार्टी /व्यक्ति विशेष के द्वारा यदि अवैध रूप से शराब को संचित अथवा वितरण किया जा रहा है तो इसकी सूचना चतरा के अधीक्षक उत्पाद, चतरा के मोबाईल नं०-9931003217 एवं अवर निरीक्षक उत्पाद, चतरा मोबाईल नं०-7004133024 पर तत्काल करें। सूचना देने वाले की पहचान पूर्णतः गोपनीय रखी जायेगी।

अधीक्षक उत्पाद, चतरा

PR 222329 (Excise)19-20'D

कार्यालय जिला निर्वाचन पदाधिकारी-सह-उपायुक्त, सिमडेगा (उत्पाद शाखा)

आदेश

सचिव, उत्पाद एवं मद्य निषेध विभाग, झारखण्ड, राँची के पत्रांक - 2649, दिनांक 06.11.2019 एवं भारत निर्वाचन आयोग, नई दिल्ली के लोक प्रतिनिधित्व अधिनियम 1951 की धारा - 135C के आलोक में गुमला जिला के 68-गुमला एवं 69-विशुनपुर विधान सभा क्षेत्रों के निर्धारित मतदान तिथि 30.11.2019 के मतदान समाप्ति के 48 घंटे पूर्व से मतदान समाप्ति तक सिमडेगा जिला के निम्नलिखित खुदरा उत्पाद दुकानों को बंद (शुष्क दिवस घोषित) करने का आदेश दिया जाता है।

1. विदेशी शराब दुकान कोलेविरा।
2. देशी शराब दुकान कोलेविरा।
3. विदेशी शराब दुकान बानो।
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जिला निर्वाचन पदाधिकारी-सह-उपायुक्त, सिमडेगा

PR 222295 (Simdega)19-20#D

जिला निर्वाचन पदाधिकारी-सह-उपायुक्त का कार्यालय, लोहरदगा (जिला निर्वाचन)

आम सूचना

विधानसभा आम चुनाव-2019

मतदाता पहचान पत्र (EPIC) की अनुपलब्धता की स्थिति में मतदाता पहचान हेतु वैकल्पिक दस्तावेज

1. पासपोर्ट।
2. ड्राइविंग लाइसेंस।
3. राज्य/केन्द्र सरकार के लोक उपक्रम, पब्लिक लिमिटेड कम्पनियों द्वारा अपने कर्मचारियों को जारी किए गए फोटोयुक्त सेवा पहचान पत्र।
4. बैंक / आकर्षण द्वारा जारी की गई फोटोयुक्त पासबुक।
5. पैन कार्ड।
6. एनएनओआर के अन्तर्गत आरओओआर द्वारा जारी किए स्मार्ट कार्ड।
7. नगरेणा लॉब कार्ड।
8. श्रम मंत्रालय की योजना के अन्तर्गत जारी स्वास्थ्य बीमा स्मार्ट कार्ड।
9. फोटोयुक्त रेशन दस्तावेज।
10. सार्वजनिक, निवृत्तियों / विधान परिषद् सदस्यों को जारी किए गए सरकारी पहचान पत्र।
11. आधार कार्ड।

जिला निर्वाचन पदाधिकारी-सह-उपायुक्त, लोहरदगा

PR 222343 Election (19-20)_D

कार्यालय, कार्यपालक अभियन्ता, लघु सिंचाई प्रमंडल, गुमला

निविदा स्थान सूचना

इस कार्यालय के अल्पकालीन E-Tender No.WRD/MID/Gumla-F2-22/2019-20 Renovation of Butkuri M.I. Scheme जिसका P.R.N. 218856 M.I.(2019-20) है, अपरिहार्य कारणों से Tender date में संशोधित किया गया था जिसका प्रकाशन P.R.N.219977 M.I. (2019-20)D है, इस योजना का पुनः Tender date में निम्न प्रकार संशोधित किया गया था जिसका P.R.No.221401 M.I. (2019-20) D है। इस निविदा को अपरिहार्य कारण से अगले प्रकाशन तक स्थगित किया जाता है।

कार्यपालक अभियन्ता, लघु सिंचाई प्रमंडल, गुमला।

P.R.222301 Minor Irrigation(19-20)-D

कार्यालय, महाप्रबंधक समेकित सहकारी विकास परियोजना, बोकारो

शुक्ति पत्र

निदेशानुसार एतद द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि दिनांक 02.11.2019 को पी.आर. नं० 221249 द्वारा प्रकाशित विज्ञापन चन्द्रपुरा पैक्स में फ्लावर मिल एवं राधानगर पैक्स में R.O/Mineral Water Plant Equipment System with Blower अधिष्ठापन हेतु मशीनरी पार्ट्स कय हेतु दिनांक 21.11.2019 के अपराहन 04:00 बजे तक प्राप्त निविदा को 23.11.2019 को खोली जानी थी। झारखण्ड विधानसभा निर्वाचन, 2019 हेतु आदर्श आचार संहिता प्रभावी होने से निविदा नहीं खोली गई। उक्त निविदा को खोलने की तिथि अगले आदेश तक के लिए स्थगित की जाती है।

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PR 222339 (Co-opretive)19-20"D -सह-जिला सहकारिता पदाधिकारी,बोकारो

Assembly Election- 2019 (Observer Cell), Dhanbad						
This is to inform that the Expenditure Observers deputed for Assembly Election- 2019 by The Election Commission of India, New Delhi would be available for any complain/suggestion regarding Assembly Election- 2019 on the following address:						
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Yours faithfully, H0 /- Assistant Commissioner Excise -cum- Nodal Officer,Observer Cell, Dhanbad.						

CM claims of achieving 90% of 2014 poll promises

PNS ■ RANCHI

Chief Minister Raghubar Das on Wednesday claimed that the BJP has fulfilled 90 per cent of promises, which the party had made in its last Assembly election 2014 manifesto. Das, on the occasion of release of BJP manifesto, also highlighted the achievements of his Government.

Das said, "The BJP is only party which believes in fulfilling its promises. In last five years the State Government has worked in fulfilling all the promises it has made in 2014 Assembly election." He said for the BJP its manifesto is like holy book, Geeta, Quran and Bible. He said the BJP in its manifesto in 2014 has strongly talked strengthening vigilance department, checking the illegal nexus involved in transfer/posting and the party is happy that it is successful in

attaining the goals.

Highlighting some of the schemes of his Government, Das said, "In the step towards women empowerment, we have successfully introduced Mukhyamantri Sukanya Samridhi Yojana under which girl child from her birth to 18 years get financial assistance. Similarly, the Government has introduced registry of property up to ₹50 lakh at token ₹1 for women. Strengthening sakhi mandals is another step in women empowerment."

The CM claimed that for welfare of farmers, the Government has successfully introduced CM Krishi Ashirwad Yojana under which farmers get ₹5,000 per acre for farm land.

Vice-President M Venkaiah Naidu this year in August launched the Mukhya Mantri Krishi Ashirwad Yojana (MMKAY). Farmers having



Chief Minister Raghubar Das during the release of BJP's manifesto for State Assembly elections in Ranchi on Wednesday. Vinay Murmu | Pioneer

agricultural land up to 5 acres are entitled to get ₹5,000 for each acre with maximum amount up to ₹25,000.

The MMKAY scheme of Raghubar Das Government is additional to PM Kishan scheme under which farmers will get ₹6,000 per acre in

three installments. The State Government through the scheme aims at disbursing ₹3,000 crore in the account of 35 lakh farmers by December this year.

The CM also said the State Government has increased the minimum support price (MSP)

in paddy by ₹150 so that the farmers get their right return of their agriculture produce.

Das added the State has established a record by giving jobs to over one lakh youths in the private sector in single day. In January this year, a total of 1,06,000 youths got jobs with Governor Droupadi Murmu, Chief Minister Raghubar Das and other guests handing over letters to some skill-trained youth symbolically during the 'Global Skill Summit, 2019'.

Echoing the views of Chief Minister, Union Tribal Affairs Minister Arjun Munda said in last five years from 2014 to 2019 the State Government to meet the aspirations of people has launched various welfare schemes.

Munda said, "The BJP believes in the policy of Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas and in this step the State Government has worked in meeting the aspira-

tions of all section of society. The works which has not been achieved will be met in next five years."

The BJP manifesto promises slew of measures for the farmers, including a loan of up to ₹3 lakh with easy repayment options and a mobile handset.

A Jharkhand Tribal Empowerment Institution will be set up in the State to address the problems faced by tribal people and welfare schemes will be initiated to uplift their standard of living. A National Tribal University will come up in Jharkhand in the next five years to encourage higher education among them, it claimed.

The BJP function was attended by Union Law Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad, State BJP election in-charge Om Prakash Mathur, State BJP president Laxman Gilua, State BJP in-charge Ram Vichar Netam among others.

JMM's 'Nishchay Patra' portrays uncertainties: BJP

PNS ■ RANCHI

State BJP Spokesperson Spratul Shahdeo on Wednesday termed JMM's 'Nishchay Patra' (manifesto) full of uncertainties.

He said the JMM's 'Anishchay Patra' talks about providing employment to five lakh youths in two years. He said that Hemant Soren should tell whether he gave jobs to even 14 youths during his 14 month tenure as chief minister. Pratul said that during the 14 month government of JMM the file of domicile policy did not even move 14 steps.

Shahdeo said the JMM in its 'Anishchay Patra' has promised to give tender of sand ghats upto ₹25 crore to locals. "They should first make it clear when the ownership rights of sand ghats were with the gram sabhas then why they snatched it from the villagers and gave it to capitalists of Mumbai?" he asked adding that there is a lot of difference between JMM's words and deeds.

The BJP spokesperson added at one hand the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha talks of giving employment to 5 lakh people and unemployment allowance on the other side.

"These are both contradictory and their cleverness is caught. The Jharkhand Mukti Morcha has promised loan waiver for the farmers in the 'Anishchay Patra'. They should understand that the Bharatiya Janata Party is providing farmers with an amount ranging from ₹11,000 to ₹31,000 to do farming. The BJP does not want the farmer to get caught in the debt trap. This is the basic difference between the BJP and JMM's point of view," he added.

Pratul said the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha has talked about



State BJP spokesperson Pratul Shahdeo. Pioneer photo



Ex-State BJP chief Tala Marandi joins AJSU



AJSU party chief Sudesh Kumar Mahto gives party membership slip to former State BJP president and Borio MLA Tala Marandi at party headquarter in Ranchi on Wednesday. Vinay Murmu | Pioneer

PNS ■ RANCHI

Former Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) State president and MLA from Borio constituency, Tala Marandi on Wednesday joined AJSU Party in the presence of the party Central Committee president Sudesh Kumar Mahto.

Marandi had joined Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) just a week ago after being denied ticket from the BJP. However, the JMM also did not allot him ticket from Borio. AJSU party on Wednesday confirmed that Marandi will contest as the party candidate from Borio. Marandi was removed from post of State BJP Chief for alleged involvement of his son and himself in a criminal case.

AJSU spokesperson, Deosharan Bhagat told that former BJP State president, Tala Marandi joined AJSU party during a meeting at AJSU party headquarters in the State capital. Marandi announced that he will work for AJSU party wholeheartedly.

After joining the party, Marandi said he was influenced by the AJSU party since the time of the student movement in Jharkhand. But, now he has got a chance to contribute to the development of the State by joining the party. Marandi also attacked the BJP and JMM and said that the BJP punished them for opposing the CNT-SPT Act and keeping their points vigorously on the matter.

At the same time, attacking the JMM, he said that after leaving the BJP, he also went to JMM, but there was a decep-

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tion in the name of tribal too.

Speaking on the occasion, Mahto said the party has gained strength in recent days, including Tala Marandi and Aquil Akhtar, the party is becoming stronger in Santhal region. With this, the party will be able to contribute significantly in the development of the State, he added.

"In the coming time, the party will try to develop the land of Santhal Parganas. This is very opportune day for the party as prominent leader of the region joined AJSU Party from now the party will pave new way in the region for its expansion in Santhal Paragana," he added.

Mahato said the party, through its many social workers, has been continuously trying to promote the culture of the State and the party is continuously hearing problems of local people of the State. "This is the reason, which attracts the leaders to join the AJSU party, excluding other parties," he added.

A couple of days earlier former JMM MLA from Maheshpur, Sufal Marandi, Director of Rasik Besra Memorial Trust, Steffi Teresa Murmu joined AJSU Party in presence of Mahto.

JVM-P promises special law against mob lynching

50% reservation for women in Govt jobs

PNS ■ RANCHI

Former Chief Minister Babulal Marandi-led Jharkhand Vikas Morcha-Prajatantrik (JVM-P) on Wednesday promised to frame a special law for dealing with mob lynching cases — a problem that has plagued Jharkhand for several years and been a reason for hue and cry across the country. The assurance of a special law for dealing with mob lynching was among the several alluring promises that the party made in its manifesto, which was released on Wednesday in Ranchi.

Marandi released the six-page manifesto of his party at the JVM-P State headquarters and promised to rectify all the 'wrongdoings' of the incumbent Government. "Our primary objective will be to improve the law and order situation in the State in order to ensure unhindered development throughout Jharkhand," he said.

Marandi has been a vocal



JVM Chief Babulal Marandi along with senior leaders releases the party manifesto for State Assembly elections, at party headquarter in Ranchi on Wednesday. Vinay Murmu | Pioneer

critic of the incumbent Government's stand against mob violence in the State and has raised concern over rising cases of mob-justice and hate crimes. As per figures with the State police, at least 39 cases of mob lynching have been reported in Jharkhand so far. And at least 51 people have been arrested in connection with four such cases.

The party, in its manifesto, promised to depute at least one woman police officer in each police station across Jharkhand in order to make police stations women-friendly. It also assured

to strengthen the surrender policy for Left Wing Extremists in a bid to reduce extremism in the red corridor of Jharkhand and encourage rebels to join the mainstream.

Among the several promises that the party made to improve the education system in the State, it stressed the importance of giving due respect to teachers. It assured to solve the perennial issue of para teachers here within 90 days if the party is voted to power and relieve all Government teachers from responsibilities that were not directly related to academics.

"We will try and set up an IIT in Jharkhand. Besides, we will provide coaching to students from economically weaker sections of the society," Marandi said.

The JVM-P manifesto also promised to increase the daily wage of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) workers from ₹171 to ₹300. The manifesto also has a lot in store for rural voters. It promises to appoint at least two health workers in each Panchayat and set up hospitals in villages. According to the manifesto, the party will also provide residence to every family of rural Jharkhand within 10 years and ration card to every rural household within 90 days if it is voted to power.

JVM-P's manifesto also promises 50 per cent reservation for women in Government jobs and a police battalion of only sportspersons. In order to prevent migration and rehabilitate the families evicted during development works, the party promises to set up a rehabilitation commission within 60 days of forming a Government.

UP CM Adityanath campaigns for BJP

PNS ■ GARHWA

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Wednesday said Raghubar Das' Government will again come to power in Jharkhand and naxalism will be forever eliminated from the State.

While addressing an election rally in support of BJP candidate at Meral, Yogi said five years ago, the poor did not have their own house.

"Prime Minister Modi has given home to the poor under Prime Minister housing scheme. Modi has also given toilets to each family under swachh Bharat mission scheme. After giving insurance cover of ₹5 lakh to the poor for disease, under the Ayushman Bharat scheme, the Prime Minister gave the opportunity to stay healthy and lead a long life," he said.



Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Adityanath Yogi with BJP candidate Vinod Kumar Singh from Hussainabad constituency wave at their supporters during an election campaign rally ahead of the State Assembly elections, in Palamu district on Wednesday. Sanjib Dutta | Pioneer

BJP candidate and MLA Satyendranath Tiwari said there have been many work done in the BJP Government. 60 per cent houses under Prime Minister Awas Yojna constructed and 95 per cent poor peoples get second gas cylinder under Ujjwala yojna.

RaGa to address poll rally in Simdega on Dec 2

Baghel asks voters to objectively judge Govt's performance

PNS ■ RANCHI

Congress party's former President Rahul Gandhi will address an election rally in Simdega on December 2, a press communique from the Jharkhand Pradesh Congress Committee (JPCC) said on Wednesday. This will be Gandhi's first visit to Jharkhand since his resignation from the position of Congress president after the defeat in Lok Sabha polls earlier this year.

Gandhi, who had raised slogans of 'Chowkidar Chor Hai' during his last public appearance in Simdega on May 2 and projected the party as custodian of tribal rights, has stayed away from the political happenings in Jharkhand since. Earlier, in the month of March, he addressed a rally in Ranchi's Morhabadi Ground and won public applause for shaking a leg on tribal beats. "Rahulji will also seek votes for all the Mahagathbandhan candidates during his visit to Jharkhand and share the objectives of the Mahagathbandhan allies with the people of the State," said JPCC Spokesperson Alok Dubey.

Star campaigners of the Congress party have been frequenting Jharkhand as the State readies to go to polls on November 30. On Wednesday, Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh Bhupesh Baghel addressed election rallies in

Bhawanathpur and Daltonganj and asked the voters to scrutinise the works that the ruling Government claims to have done in the past five years. "It is time to objectively judge the work of the Government and see who all benefited. Are farmers happier? Have villages witnessed development? How many new factories were set up and how have they affected the life of common people? All this and more needs to be scrutinised," Baghel said.

Farmers are dying of hunger and qualified youth are roaming jobless in State, Baghel said, adding the people of Jharkhand need to take a decision for their betterment. JPCC incharge RPN Singh, who shared the stage with Baghel, accused the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) of arrogance and fascism. "The Government is laced with corruption and believes in being arrogant. This arrogance will lead to their downfall," he said.

The Congress party is contesting the elections here as a part of an alliance with Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) and Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD). The Congress party has fielded candidates for 31 of 81 seats here, while the

JMM will contest 43 seats. RJD, as per the seat sharing equation of the allies, will contest the remaining seven seats.



PNS ■ RANCHI

As many as 2,15,892 young voters of the age group of 18-19 years are expected to cast their votes in first two phases of the Assembly elections in State.

The first phase of polling is scheduled on November 30 spread over 13 constituencies. A total of 1,05,822 voters will cast their votes in the first phase, which includes 57,687 male voters and 48,135 female voters respectively.

The second phase of polling will be held for 20 constituencies scheduled on December 7. About 1,10,070 are registered with the electoral roll which includes 58,204 male, 51,857 female voters and nine transgender voters.

"A drive was launched to register women and especially first time voters for which a tremendous response has been received in the last two months.

Over 2.15L millennials to exercise voting right in 1st 2 phases

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It is being expected that the young voters will come out in large numbers to cast their votes on poll day to strengthen the democratic institution," said Chief Electoral Officer, Vinay Kumar Chaubey.

A wide range of activities under SVEEP (Systematic Voters Education and Electoral Participation) have also been conducted across the State to encourage the young voters to be a part of the upcoming elections. "SVEEP activities have been held across the State to inculcate the youth who too have participated in large numbers. All the District Election Officers (DEO) are leaving no

stone unturned to engage the youth. As all the DEOs too are very young themselves, so it is fairly easy to relate with the youngsters. The youth of Jharkhand too is very enthusiastic to exercise their voting right," added Chaubey.

The last date for registration or inclusion in the electoral roll was November 23. As per the official statistics, in the 2014 Assembly elections, Jharkhand had a total of 41,67,954 young voters (18- 25 years). In this about 22,60,413 were male, 19,07,529 female and 12 third gender voters.

Preeti, a first year college student is very keen to exercise

her voting rights this election. "Voting is a very important process as every single vote counts and the leader chosen is responsible for the betterment of our lives in the coming years. My vote will be for the party addressing issues like better job opportunities, education and health facilities."

Ankit Basu a first year MBA student feels that the Government which would come to power should do something about the increasing pollution levels. "The rising level of pollution is a very pressing issue and needs immediate attention. I hope my vote will help in bringing such a Government to power that will take necessary steps in protecting the environment."

Young voters take part in an awareness rally in Ranchi. Pioneer photo



जिला-निर्वाचन पदाधिकारी-सह-उपायुक्त का कार्यालय धनबाद
व्यय अनुश्रवण कोषांग, धनबाद

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38 तिन्दरी, 39 निरवा, 40 धनबाद, 41 झरिया, 42 दुण्डी एवं 43 बाघमरा विधानसभा क्षेत्र के अम्थरियों को सूचित किया जाता है कि लोक प्रतिनिधित्व अधिनियम 1951 की धारा 77 के तहत नामांकन की तिथि से चुनाव परिणाम घोषणा की तिथि तक आपके या आपके प्राधिकृत एजेंट के द्वारा की गई चुनाव खर्च की जीव हेतु व्यय पंजी जीव की तिथि एवं स्थान निम्नवत् निर्धारित किया जाता है:-

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व्यय अनुश्रवण कोषांग, धनबाद

PR 222323 Dhanbad (19-20)_D

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झारखण्ड विधान सभा आम चुनाव 2019 के निमित्त गढ़वा जिला के विभिन्न प्रखण्ड मुख्यालयों में कार्यरत कमी, जो बीहारीन पदाधिकारी / मतदान अधिकारी के रूप में नियुक्त हैं, को डिस्पैच सेंटर (श्री सत्यनुर जगजीत सिंह नामधारी महाविद्यालय, गढ़वा) तक लाने हेतु गढ़वा जिला के सभी प्रखण्ड मुख्यालयों से वाहनों की व्यवस्था की गई है। उक्त वाहन प्रखण्ड मुख्यालय से आतः 5:00 बजे प्रस्थान करींगे। विवरणी निम्नवत् है:-

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2	कोतार	23	01 BUS	120	02 BUS	प्रखंड मुख्यालय, कोतार
3	भनगामपुर	43	01 BUS (प्रखंड मुख्यालय, बाघमरा से)	197	04 BUS	प्रखंड मुख्यालय, भनगामपुर से 2 बस एवं लाइसेंस से 2 बस
4	कांडी	10	02 LMV	272	04 BUS	प्रखंड मुख्यालय, कांडी
5	बरीहीडा	5	01 LMV	134	03 BUS	प्रखंड मुख्यालय, बरीहीडा
6	मंडिराव	9	02 LMV	199	04 BUS	प्रखंड मुख्यालय, मंडिराव
7	विष्णुपुरा	17	02 LMV	54	01 BUS	प्रखंड मुख्यालय, विष्णुपुरा
8	रमवा	31	01 BUS	145	02 BUS	प्रखंड मुख्यालय, रमवा
9	नगर उंटरी	46	01 BUS	207	04 BUS	प्रखंड मुख्यालय, नगरउंटरी
10	सगवा	23	01 BUS	79	01 BUS	प्रखंड मुख्यालय, सगवा
11	पुर्ली	29	01 BUS	144	03 BUS	प्रखंड मुख्यालय, पुर्ली
12	डंडई	35	01 BUS	148	03 BUS	प्रखंड मुख्यालय, डंडई
13	सिर्गिया	17	02 LMV	121	03 BUS	प्रखंड मुख्यालय, सिर्गिया
14	मेराल	33	01 BUS	322	03 BUS	प्रखंड मुख्यालय, मेराल
15	डण्डा	-	-	59	01 BUS	प्रखंड मुख्यालय, डण्डा
16	रंका	20	01 BUS (प्रखंड मुख्यालय, रंका से)	343	05 BUS	प्रखंड मुख्यालय, रंका से एवं रावदागा से 1 बस एवं लाइसेंस से 1 बस
17	एकडा	15	02 LMV	114	02 BUS	प्रखंड मुख्यालय, एकडा
18	महादिया	5	01 BUS	192	05 BUS	प्रखंड मुख्यालय, महादिया
19	बड़गढ़	1	01 BUS	41	01 BUS	प्रखंड मुख्यालय, बड़गढ़

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(आदर्श आचार संहिता-सह-तिथि व्यवस्था कोषांग, रामगढ़)
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विधानसभा निर्वाचन, 2019 के तिथियों की घोषणा की जा चुकी है। आदर्श आचार संहिता लागू है। आदर्श आचार संहिता लागू होने की स्थिति में वाहनों के उपयोग /रिजुजिशन / झण्डा /बैनर /लाइटस्वीकर के उपयोग के संबंध में भारत निर्वाचन आयोग द्वारा दिये गये निर्देशों के आलोक में निम्न प्रकार निर्देश निर्गत किये जाते हैं, इनका अक्षरशः अनुपालन सभी संबंधितों के लिए अतिआवश्यक होगा। अनुपालन नहीं होने की स्थिति में विधि सम्मत कार्रवाई की जायेगी।

- सरकारी वाहनों (केन्द्र सरकार, राज्य सरकार / केन्द्र शासित प्रदेश प्रशासन, केन्द्र एवं राज्य सरकार के उपक्रमों, लोकल बॉडी, नगर निकाय, पंचायत निकाय, मार्केटिंग बोर्ड, कॉर्पोरेट सोसाइटी, रक्षाशी जिला परिषद आदि-आदि) के किसी भी राजनैतिक दल /अम्थर्यी अथवा किसी भी व्यक्ति जो निर्वाचन से जुड़ा हुआ हो (निर्वाचन कार्य से जुड़े हुए सरकारी पदाधिकारी / कमी को छोड़कर) के द्वारा निर्वाचन प्रक्रिया की समाप्ति तक, उपयोग पर पूर्णतः रोक लगाई जाती है।
- किसी भी Convoy में Security Vehicles को छोड़कर दस वाहनों से ज्यादा शामिल नहीं किये जायेंगे। दस सेअधिक वाहन होने पर 100 मीटर की दूरी बना कर चलेंगे।
- राजनैतिक दलों /अम्थर्यी / पार्टी कार्यकर्ताओं द्वारा चुनावी उद्देश्य के लिए यद्यपि वाहनों के उपयोग की कोई सीमा निर्धारित नहीं है, बावजूद इसके बिना अनुमति प्राप्त वाहनों के उपयोग पर पूर्ण प्रतिबंध लगाया जाता है। चुनावी उद्देश्य के लिए सक्षम प्राधिकार से अनुमति लेकर ही, अनुमति प्राप्त मात्र में वाहनों का उपयोग करना है तथा आय-व्यय कोषांग को इससे संबंधित खर्च का ब्यौरा उपलब्ध करा देना होगा।
- RP Act, 1951 की धारा 160 के अन्तर्गत रिक्शा भी एक वाहन के रूप में परिभाषित है। अतः चुनाव प्रचार में इसके प्रयोग की अनुमति प्राप्त कर पूरी विस्तृत सूची मान्यता प्राप्त राजनैतिक दल /अम्थर्यी /पार्टी कार्यकर्ता को आय-व्यय कोषांग को उपलब्ध कराना होगा तथा इन पर किये गये व्यय का ब्यौरा भी आय-व्यय कोषांग उपलब्ध कराया जाय।
- किसी वाहनों के चुनावी उद्देश्य में दुरुपयोग (इस वाहन का असामाजिक तत्वों द्वारा मतदाताओं को डराने हेतु लाने ले जाने, अवैध अस्त्र-शस्त्र /लिकर का Movevent) नहीं किया जायेगा। यदि ऐसा पाया जायेगा, तो संबंधित वाहन को निर्वाचन की प्रक्रिया की समाप्ति तक जप्त कर लिया जायेगा तथा इस वाहन के उपयोग से संबंधित वाहन मालिक, वाहन के उपयोग में शामिल व्यक्तियों, संबंधित अम्थर्यी /राजनैतिक दल के विरुद्ध IPC की सुसंगत धाराओं के आलोक में अग्रतर कार्रवाई की जायेगी।
- निर्वाचन के दिन के लिए वाहनों की अनुमति निम्न प्रकार दी जायेगी।
 - पूरे विधानसभा क्षेत्र में अम्थर्यी के उपयोग के लिए एक वाहन (Will be allowed to used only Four/Three/Two Wheelers Vehicles, Four Wheeler vehicles not more than five persons, including driver will be allowed to move on the day of Poll.)।
 - पूरे विधानसभा क्षेत्र में अम्थर्यी के निर्वाचन कार्यकर्ता के उपयोग के लिए एक वाहन (Will be allowed to used only Four/Three/Two Wheelers Vehicles, Four Wheeler vehicles not more than five persons, including driver will be allowed to move on the day of Poll.)।
 - पूरे विधानसभा क्षेत्र में अम्थर्यी के कार्यकर्ता / पार्टी कार्यकर्ता के उपयोग के लिए एक वाहन (Will be allowed to used only Four/Three/Two Wheelers Vehicles, Four Wheeler vehicles not more than five persons, including driver will be allowed to move on the day of Poll.)।
- किसी भी अम्थर्यी /राजनैतिक दल को Video Vans की अनुमति जिला निर्वाचन पदाधिकारी के स्तर से नहीं दी जायेगी। इसकी अनुमति मुख्य निर्वाचन पदाधिकारी के स्तर से दी जायेगी। परन्तु ये Video Vans उन्ही सामगियों /कार्यक्रमों का प्रचार-प्रसार कर सकेगा, जो MCMC द्वारा पूर्व से सत्यापित हो। इसके अतिरिक्त Video Vans के रूट के संबंध में पूर्व से ही जिला निर्वाचन पदाधिकारी को जानकारी दी जानी चाहिए एवं इस पर व्यय का ब्यौरा भी आय-व्यय कोषांग को उपलब्ध कराया जाना चाहिए।
- Bike को भी एक Two Wheeler माना गया है तथा Campaign के दौरान 10 Bike से ज्यादा का उपयोग Convoy में नहीं किया जा सकता है। साथ ही इसके उपयोग की पूर्वानुमति लेनी होगी एवं एक Bike पर 2 Feet x 1 Feet का झण्डा 3 फीट के डेडे में उपयोग किया जा सकेगा।
- निर्वाचन के दौरान किसी भी रोड शो के लिए सक्षम प्राधिकार से अनुमति लेना आवश्यक होगा। इस रोड शो में कितने मात्र में वाहन /व्यक्ति शामिल होंगे, इसकी सूचना पूर्व से देनी होगी। रोड शो में सड़क की कुल चौड़ाई के आधा से अधिक भाग को Engage नहीं किया जा सकेगा। रोड शो में सभी प्रकार के वाहनों को मिलाकर Convoy में दस से अधिक वाहन शामिल नहीं हो सकते हैं। यदि इससे अधिक वाहन हैं, तो एक Convoy से दूसरे Convoy के बीच में 100 मीटर की दूरी बनाकर रखना अनिवार्य होगा। रोड शो में पटाखों एवं Fire Arms के प्रयोग पर पूर्णतः प्रतिबंध लगाया जाता है। जानवरों, बच्चों विशेष रूप से स्कूली बच्चों के शामिल करने पर रोक लगाई जाती है। भारत निर्वाचन आयोग के निर्देशों के आलोक में अनुमति प्राप्त कर लाइसेंसीकर, बैनर / झण्डा का प्रयोग किया जा सकेगा। झण्डा का साईज 1 Feet x ½ Feet का होगा तथा बैनर का साईज 6 Feet x 4 Feet से ज्यादा का नहीं होगा। No spot/ Focus/Flashing/Search Light and Hooters shall be put on any campaign vehicles. रोड शो में झण्डा के उपयोग से पूर्व निर्वाची पदाधिकारी की अनुमति आवश्यक होगी।
- वाहनों पर चुनाव प्रचार हेतु निम्नांकित साईज का झण्डा उपयोग किया जायेगा, इसके संबंध में निम्न प्रकार निर्देश दिये जाते हैं :-

क्र०	वाहनों का प्रकार	उपयोग किये जाने वाले झण्डा की संख्या	उपयोग किये जाने वाले स्टिकर की संख्या	झण्डा का अधिकतम साईज
1	Two Wheeler	One Flag	One or Two small stickers	1 Feet X ½ Feet
2	Three Wheeler/Four Wheeler/ E- Rickshaw	One Flag	One or Two small stickers	1 Feet X ½ Feet
3	For a Road Show	One Flag	-	1 Feet X ½ Feet
4	Lenth of Pole/ Stick Carring Flag	-	-	3 Feet
5	Road Show Banner	-	-	6 Feet X 4 Feet

- वाहनों पर झण्डा /बैनर /स्टीकर का उपयोग सक्षम प्राधिकार की अनुमति से ही किया जा सकेगा। बिना अनुमति उपयोग करने पर विधि सम्मत कार्रवाई की जायेगी।
- चुनाव प्रचार हेतु Processions/ Rallies में झण्डा /बैनर /कट-आउट आदि का उपयोग करने एवं टोपी मार्क आदि की पहनने की अनुमति प्राप्त किया जा सकता है। इन पर व्यय का ब्यौरा आय-व्यय कोषांग क देना होगा।
- किसी भी राजनैतिक दल /अम्थर्यी द्वारा दिये गये साड़ी /सर्ट /टी-सर्ट आदि के उपयोग पर पूर्णतः पारबंद लगायी जाती है।

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Ex-Bihar Cong chief to contest poll as JMM candidate



Fomer Bihar Congress chief Sarfaraz Ahmed joins JMM in the presence of party executive president Hemant Soren on Tuesday
Pioneer photo

MRITUANJAY KUMAR ■ RANCHI

The Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) on Wednesday released its final list of candidates for the State Assembly elections in Jharkhand and at the same time the party intensified its poll campaign in full swing. The party announced former Bihar Pradesh Congress Committee Chief Sarfaraz Ahmad as JMM candidate from Gandey constituency and Parimal Singh from Sarath constituency. The party Executive President Hemant Soren handed over the party symbol to the candidates on Wednesday morning. At the same time the party intensified its poll campaign for State Assembly Elections. Soren addressed four public meetings at different places in support of JMM candidates.

Soren addressed public rally in Garhwa Assembly constituency for party candidate Mithilesh Kumar Thakur, in Bishunpur for the party candidates Chama Linda, in Latehar Assembly constituency for JMM candidate Baidynath Ram and he addressed a rally in Potka for the party candidate Sanjive Sardar. The party Executive president appealed the voters to defeat Raghubar Das led Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) during his address at all public meetings. Accusing poor condition of law and order situation prevailing in the State Soren said that the Das Government is claiming that the nexalism ended from the State but the incident of Latehar exhibited the original condition of law and order situation of the State. This is businessmen's govern-

ment and it doing nothing for the local, aboriginal, women, youths, unemployed, exploited and others, he added.

“The voter of the State must understand that it is very important election for the State. The government resorted to Lathi Charge on agitating Anganwadi workers and similar behaviour of the Government was faced by agitating Para teachers. The Government is behaving like dictator. Das had vowed that double engine government will develop the State with double speed but it had done nothing in last five years for the State's development and looted with double speed,” said Soren.

The party Executive president during his public meetings said that the State Government has closed around five thousand government schools opened to provide easy education for poor children in rural areas opened by then UPA Government by saying that the Government has no fund to run them. He accused the Government that it had organise programme like Momentum Jharkhand to lure investors and provide jobs to the youths but what happened result was zero.

“The Government has not filled any vacancy through Jharkhand Public Service Commission (JPSC) in last five years. Local students are not getting job here, only students from outside of the State are getting job,” said Soren.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is for notice of the general public that a political party is proposed to be registered by the name of Bhartiya Manavata Nirman Party. The office of the party is located at Shri Santosh Kumar Singh, Bhartiya Manavata Nirman Party, Lala Lajpat Nagar, Post - Pundag, P.S. Jagannathpur, District-Ranchi-834004. This Party has submitted application to the Election Commission of India, New Delhi for its registration as Political Party under Section 29A of the Representation of People Act, 1951 -Names/Address of the office bearers of the Party are as follows: President/Chairman: Santosh Kumar Singh, Lala Lajpat Nagar, Post - Pundag, P.S. Jagannathpur, District-Ranchi General Secretary/ Secretary: Khushnud Anwar. No-110, Anand Vihar, Kadru, Doranda, Ranchi. Treasurer: Birendra Kumar, Shringerika, Near Panch Mandir, Harmu Bazar Chowk, Ranchi. If any one has any objection to the registration of Bhartiya Manavata Nirman Party they may send their Objection with reasons thereof, to the Secretary (Political Party) Election Commission of India, Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi –110001 within 30 days of the publication of this notice.

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E-TENDER NOTICE

- Name of the work:- CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDING FOR EKLA/VYA AAWASIYA VIDHYALAY AT KHATIMA, DISTRICT - UDHAM SINGH NAGAR
- Estimated Cost.- Rs. 1012.64 Lakh
- Period of Completion.- 09 Month
- Date and Time of availability of Bid documents in the portal: 27.11.2019 (17.00hrs)
- Last Date / Time of receipt of bids in the portal: 12.12.2019 (17.00 hrs)
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Ref no. 1863/Nvids/435 Date: 26.11.2019

E-TENDER NOTICE

- Name of the work:- CONSTRUCTION OF MODEL GOVT. DEGREE COLLEGE, KICHHA DISTRICT - UDHAM SINGH NAGAR
- Estimated Cost.- Rs. 903.04 Lakh
- Period of Completion.- 09 Month
- Date and Time of availability of Bid documents in the portal: 27.11.2019 (17.00hrs)
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Ref no. 1866/Nvids/437 Date: 26.11.2019

E-TENDER NOTICE

- Name of the work:- CONSTRUCTION OF EKLA/VYA AAWASIYA VIDHYALAY AND APPURTENANCE WORKS AT BAZPUR, DISTRICT-UDHAM SINGH NAGAR
- Estimated Cost.- Rs. 1089.93 Lakh
- Period of Completion.- 09 Month
- Date and Time of availability of Bid documents in the portal: 27.11.2019 (17.00hrs)
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IWCZ HOLDS TALK ON CHILD ABUSE

Inner Wheel Club Jamshedpur Zest conducted an awareness talk on child abuse at Narberham English School campus on Wednesday. Addressing the gather, Shruti Jhunjhunwala said that child protection is any measure or initiative that addresses or prevents children from situations of violence, abuse, neglect and exploitation. It refers to protecting children from or against any perceived or real danger/risk. It helps to reduce their vulnerability in harmful situations. The speaker for the talk show was Shruti Jhunjhunwala. A total of 280 students participated in the session. President Reema Adesara and Neha Shangari were present on the occasion.



SBPS, DEEPSHIKHA CELEBRATE 'SPANDAN'

SBPS, Ranchi in collaboration with Deepshikha, an institute for child development and mental health celebrated 'Spandan'-meet your special buddy on the eve of International Disability Week. The programme commenced with the welcome of the eminent guests, Satbir Singh Sahota, Assistant Area Director, SOB Jharkhand and Mukesh Kanchan, former captain of the Indian Cricket team for Disabled, president of DCCI (Divyang Cricket Control Board of India) and Brand Ambassador of Skill India Council for Physically Challenged with tokens of gratitude and a melodious welcome song. Sahota gave a brief introduction of unified sports after which the Unified cricket commenced between the teams of SBPS and Deepshikha with the rendition of National anthem. A huge crowd of students gathered in the ground to cheer both the teams. It was a thrilling experience for the students of SBPS to play with the talented students of Deepshikha.



DPS STUDENTS' ACTIVITY

The students of nursery class at DPS, Ranchi conducted an activity on the topic "My body Parts" and "Sense Organs" here on Wednesday. Little Dipsties engaged them in talking about the various body parts and understood how the power of sight, smell, hearing, taste, and touch impact their daily lives. They recognized the importance of their five senses by reciting poems like "Ten little fingers, the eyes on my face...with great zeal.

ICFAI CELEBRATES CONSTITUTION DAY

The 70th Constitution Day celebrations were held at ICFAI University on Wednesday. Prashant Kumar Singh, Member of the Bar Council of India was the chief guest while Rajesh Pandey, Secretary of Jharkhand State Bar Council was the guest of honour. Vice Chancellor Prof ORS Rao said, "The Indian Constitution has stood the test of time and is embedded to provide social and economic justice." Singh said, "Law is a way of life and it is the only profession where you can hold your head high." Abhishek Kumar, Secretary District Legal Services Authorities (DLSA) Ranchi along with other faculty members and students attended the programme. Various competitions were also held and students of NUSRL, Amity University, St Xaviers College participated with zeal.



EPFO ON SHARING USER DETAILS

The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) has requested the subscribers to not share their user identity, password, Aadhar and PAN number with anyone as it may lead to fraud. The Department clarified that the subscribers receiving misleading and malicious messages regarding benefits of Rs 80,000 are fraud.

RRB holds customer meet

PNS ■ RANCHI

A customer meet was organised under the chairmanship of Additional Divisional Railway Manager Operations MM Pandit at the Divisional Railway Management Office of the Ranchi Railway Board. Pandit said, "Customer satisfactions is paramount for the railways and the board is eager to solve any problem being faced." Customer problems were heard while there was also a discussion on the payment of dues.

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SPG Bill OK'd amid Cong walkout

Congress concerned only about Gandhi family, says Amit Shah

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Accusing Congress of being concerned only about the security of the Gandhi family, Home Minister Amit Shah on Wednesday in the Lok Sabha said the SPG protection enjoyed by the family was withdrawn only after the through security review.

Replying to the allegations raised by Congress MPs during the debate on the amendments to the SPG Act, the Home Minister said Congress never raised noise on the security of former Prime Ministers like Chandra Sekhar, Narasimha Rao, Deve Gowda or IK Gujral and reiterated that the Gandhi family's current security by the CRPF is foolproof. The Bill was passed amid a walkout by the Congress.

Replying to the debate on the SPG (Amendment) Bill, he asserted that the BJP did not carry out any action with a vindictive approach and it was the Congress which took many such decisions in the past. He said that the security cover has in fact been increased for the Gandhi family. Home Minister also narrated several instances of family members skipping the SPG cover and creating problems for the security personnel.

"Impression is being created that the SPG Act is amended to withdraw security from the Gandhi family. This is not the fact. Security of the Gandhi family has not been withdrawn but changed to 'Z-plus' with advance security liaison and ambulance that will be given across the country," he said.



Union Home Minister Amit Shah speaks in the Lok Sabha during the Winter Session of Parliament in New Delhi on Wednesday

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According to the amendment, the SPG will now protect the Prime Minister and members of his immediate family residing with him at his official residence. It will also provide security to former Prime Ministers and their immediate family members staying with them at the residence allotted for a period of five years from the date on which they cease to hold the office.

"This Government wants to provide security to every political party and is already providing the same. But political leaders can't be given equal security as provided to the Prime Minister of the country," he said. Shah said after 2015, Rahul Gandhi has in fact travelled 1,892 times in India and 247 times abroad without informing the SPG. "Members of the Gandhi family have travelled abroad on many occasions without informing the SPG. Instances like this has happened about 600 times," he said. He said Sonia Gandhi had

travelled 50 times in Delhi, 13 times in various parts of India and 29 times abroad without informing the SPG. Priyanka Gandhi had travelled 339 times in Delhi without taking the SPG cover, 64 times in different parts of the country and 94 times abroad, he said.

Shah said the Director of the Intelligence Bureau personally went to meet former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and conveyed to him about withdrawing SPG cover and assured him that after threat assessment, there was no need for the SPG. "Manmohan Singh Ji himself asked Director IB to do what he feels is right. There's no point of not responding to his letter," he said.

The Home Minister said the IB Director sought time from the members of the Gandhi family to inform them about the decision of withdrawal of SPG coverage but was told "whatever you want to do, please go ahead". Shah said post

threat-assessment, protection was removed for family members of IK Gujral and Narasimha Rao among others.

"No one made a noise... I want to assure that no security has been reduced. Instead, it has been increased. Why do you need the SPG cover? Congress needs to learn to accept the people's mandate. They are not in power anymore," he said.

Without taking name of Rahul Gandhi, the Home Minister at one point said to agitating Congress MPs that one of the person concerned used to go for late night bike ride in the capital at a speed of 100 km per hour.

Participating in the debate, Congress MPs Manish Tewari and Gaurav Gogoi said the SPG withdrawal shows the negative attitude of the BJP Government against its political opponents. Satya Pal Singh (BJP) said that SPG cover should be provided only to Prime Minister and not to anyone else. A Raja (DMK) claimed the amendment was being undertaken for political reasons.

Sudip Bandyopadhyay (Trinamool Congress) said that the Government should review the CRPF security being provided to various persons including political leaders. KG Madhav (YSRCP) and Rajiv Ranjan Singh (JD-U) said that security should not be linked to social status but must be based on threat perception. PR Natarajan (CPI-M) said that law making should be undertaken to settle personal vendetta and urged the Home Minister to withdraw the Bill.

SC Benches among other issues discussed in RS

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Issues like demand for setting Regional Benches of the Supreme Court to make justice affordable to all, release of funds yearly for various activities of Member of Parliament Local Area Development (MPLAD) and unabated supply of adulterated milk thereby causing health hazard figured prominently in the Rajya Sabha on Wednesday. Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu complimented the members for well articulating their concerns and said it moved him to "tears."

He made this observation after the Zero Hour where the MPs raised problems faced by people in various parts of the country and hoped the House will maintain the 'wonderful' tradition. Earlier, BK Hariprasad (Congress) staged a walkout after Naidu cut short his speech as he raised the issue of floods in North Karnataka.

Naidu ordered that Hariprasad's remarks will not go

on record the moment the Congress lawmaker began stating that Prime Minister Narendra Modi tweets on every issue but had ignored the floods in North Karnataka. Earlier, at the start of house proceedings, Naidu had warned Vijay Goel (BJP) for speaking without the permission of chair.

Raising the issue of apex court benches, Vaiko (MDMK) sought a bench in Chennai as litigants at present had to travel to the national Capital thereby incurring huge expenditure. Stating that more than 54,000 cases were pending in the Supreme Court, he said the setting up of benches will ease the pressure on the court.

Backing his appeal, P Wilson (DMK) said even the standing committee of parliament had recommended benches of the apex court in four regions of the country. The entire Opposition aligned itself with the issue.

Seeking payment of MPLAD funds yearly, DP Vats (BJP) said the funds of ₹5 crore

should be released irrespective of utilisation fund. Currently it takes two-three years for the funds to be released as first an estimate is made, sanction done and only after completion of work are the funds released, he said adding the delay was more prominent in construction works. Naidu, however, asked who would be the loser if the money is released and not spent. The entire House backed Vats demand.

Flagging the issue of adulterated milk, Harnath Singh Yadav (BJP) demanded death or life sentence for people engaging in this trade. He said adulterated milk posed grave health hazard adding while milk production was 14 crore litres but milk consumption was 64 crore litres thereby indicating that 50 crore litres was adulterated.

Labour Minister Santosh Gangwar assured the Elders that the government will hold discussions with trade unions which have threatened to go on a nationwide strike on January

8 next year.

Stating that the Government has till date not received any notice for a nationwide strike, the Minister said it was learnt through various media reports that some Central Trade Unions (CTUs) have given a call for a nationwide general strike on January 8, 2020.

In September, Central trade unions had given a call for a nationwide general strike on January 8 against Government's alleged failure to respond to demands of workers. As many as 10 central unions announced the strike in national open mass convention of workers. The unions are pressing for a 12-point Charter of Demands.

Gangwar also said the Government has proposed to make a 14-day prior notice mandatory for employees to go on strike under new labour laws. This is part of the new labour law which the Government is bringing and the Ministry is in touch with the various State Governments, he said.

14-day prior notice must for employees to go on strike under new labour laws

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Centre on Wednesday proposed to make a 14-day prior notice mandatory for employees to go on strike under new labour laws, Labour Minister Santosh Kumar Gangwar informed the Rajya Sabha that if there is a strike in any unit, they (employees) would have to inform at least 14 days in advance.

Gangwar said this is part of the new labour law which the Government is bringing and the ministry is in touch with the various state governments. Noting that the government is bringing reforms in labour laws, the minister said as part of that, it is clubbing 44 labour

laws into four codes.

He also informed that according to a 2016 survey, there are 10 crore migrant workers in the country which is around 20 per cent of the labour force. "The government understands the issue," he said and added, "We would discuss the issue of migrant workers in the code as well."

Gangwar, who also sought suggestion from the members, was replying to the issue raised by Rakesh Sinha and Digvijaya Singh of the Congress. Singh asked the government to conduct a district wise survey of migration of people, on which Gangwar said that he has asked the State Governments to prepare a list.

₹5 CR ASSETS OF JEWELLERS ATTACHED IN BANK FRAUD CASE

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The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Wednesday attached immovable properties worth ₹5.11 crore of Jaipur-based jewellers Shanti Kumar Chordia, Umrao Mal Chordia and Nayantara Chordia in a bank fraud case.

The attached assets include four immovable properties valued at ₹3.80 crore including three residential-cum-business houses in Jaipur and a flat located in a posh locality in Mumbai besides fixed deposit of ₹1.31 crore in SBI, Jaipur.

Earlier, the ED had attached an immovable property in the form of a residential bungalow valued ₹1 crore situated in Shyam Nagar, Jaipur.

Investigation under PMLA was initiated on the basis of FIR and chargesheet filed by CBI

against the Chordias and firms linked to them like Vipul Gems Pvt. Ltd., KV Exports and Vipul Gems.

These entities had cheated the Bank and also dishonestly and fraudulently with criminal intention prevented the Bank from recovering the loan amounts. The bank had incurred a loss of about ₹30 Crores towards advance given to these borrowers. The ED probe revealed that three entities were engaged in export of precious stones and had availed packing credit (advance for purchase of raw material and to meet export related expenses) of ₹29 crore from BoB, Nehru Place Branch in Jaipur during the period 2006-07. The entities had furnished forged and fabricated documents to the avail the loan that was diverted from the stated use.

Rahul, Priyanka meet Chidambaram in Tihar



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Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra met former Union Minister P Chidambaram at Tihar Jail on Wednesday and expressed solidarity with the former Finance Minister who has been in custody for over three months. The meeting came ahead of a Supreme Court hearing on Chidambaram's bail application in the INX Media corruption case.

The senior Congress leader was first arrested by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on August 21 in the INX Media corruption case and was granted bail by the Supreme Court on October 22. He was arrested by the Enforcement Directorate in the money laundering case on October 16 and is in judicial custody till November 27 under the order of a trial court.

"It's been 99 days today. It's rather unfair that one needs to be kept in custody for 99 days only as a remand. He is not even an under-trial but on remand. The system is unfair. I hope we will get justice in the Supreme Court and he will back home soon," said Karti Chidambaram, who was also present during the meeting that lasted for close to 50 minutes.

Karti Chidambaram said that with the visit of Priyanka Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi, it is clear that the Congress party is with him. "We are particularly pleased that both Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra came and met him. This sends a very powerful signal that the Congress party is completely with my father in this exercise where he is facing the onslaught and wrath of the state in a pure political vendetta case," he said.

Sources said Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi expressed solidarity with Chidambaram. Former prime minister Manmohan Singh and Congress president Sonia Gandhi had also met Chidambaram at Tihar Jail in September. The party "fully" stands behind Chidambaram and will fight the case politically, Sonia Gandhi was quoted as having said during the meeting.

Senior Congress leaders Shashi Tharoor and Manish Tewari had met Chidambaram on Monday. The ED on Tuesday opposed in the Supreme Court the bail plea of Chidambaram in the INX Media money laundering case claiming that he used the "influential office" of finance minister for "personal gains" and laundered proceeds of crime to conceal "tainted money".

Former Navy Chief Admiral Sushil Kumar passes away



PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Former Navy Chief Admiral Sushil Kumar passed away early morning on Wednesday at the Army's Research and Referral Hospital here due to illness. He was 79. A specialist in hydrography and amphibious warfare, he was Navy Chief between 1998 and 2001 and oversaw naval operations during the Kargil conflict of 1999.

He recently authored a book "A Prime Minister to Remember- Memories of a Military Chief" on Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee in which termed he called the conflict as Vajpayee's "finest hour" and credited him for turning a "strategic tactical loss into a massive victory."

Prime Minister Narendra Modi condoled the former Navy chief's demise, saying Kumar contributed towards strengthening the country's maritime security.

"Admiral Sushil Kumar will be remembered for his great service to the nation. He contributed to the strengthening of our maritime security. Anguished by his demise. May his soul rest in peace," the Prime Minister's Office tweeted quoting Modi.

Known for his strategic thinking, Kumar had pushed for significantly expanding Indian Navy's presence in the Indian Ocean Region. He was also part of the high-level group devising strategy during the Kargil war in 1999.

Kumar was Chairman of the Chiefs of Staff Committee (CoSC) when India had planned Operation Parakram in the wake of the terror attack on Indian Parliament in 2001. The CoSC comprises the Army, Navy and IAF chiefs.

High-level panels formed to curb onion price

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Despite various measures put in place by the Central Government, onion prices have once again breached the psychological mark of ₹100 a kg in several parts of the country. The buffer stock of onion has already been liquidated. The situation is expected to remain the same till December end as onion supply in domestic markets yet to be improved. Two high-level committees — one headed by Union Home Minister Amit Shah and second by Cabinet Secretary Rajiv Gauba — have been set up to look into the skyrocketing onion prices.

Sources said that the Government is making an effort to import onion from Turkey, Egypt and Holland immediately to cool down the retail level spike. According to Food and

Consumer Affairs minister Ramvilas Paswan the season for onion cultivation is mostly over across the world except for Egypt, Turkey and Holland. "Indian Missions in these countries are also trying to facilitate the movement of stock from these countries," he said. Officials said that the buffer stock of 56,000 tonnes of onion has already been liquidated. "There is a shortfall of 50 per cent in supply in the local markets due to shortage," sources added.

According to sources, the time period for stock holding limit has been extended until further December end and the stock holding limits will remain the same.

On Wednesday, onion was selling for anything between Rs 100 and 70 a kg in the national capital. In Coimbatore, onion

was selling between Rs 120 and 150 a kg. Similarly, the retail prices of onions in Chennai breached the Rs 120 a kg mark. The wholesale prices of onions were between Rs 50 and Rs 60 a kg and the retail price Rs 80 a kg last week. In Lasalgaon and Nashik mandis, the wholesale price of onion was crossed Rs 70 per kg. Onion prices witnessed a sharp jump since October, with rates in local markets across the country touching Rs 100 per kg. However, prices till last week were hovering between Rs 60 and ₹70 per kg in several parts of the country.

In a move to control prices, the Government halted the export of onions, is importing (this will go on for a bit, not like all of it is in the country) and cracked down on those suspected of hoarding. The current rise in onion prices is a

result of last year's drought and a delayed monsoon this year. The situation is compounded by excessive rainfall in onion-growing areas, which has delayed the harvest period by a week or so. About 90 per cent of India's onion comes from the states of Karnataka, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and West Bengal. Of this, Maharashtra contributes to nearly one-third of the country's production of the vegetable.

The ministry has written to Chief Secretaries of all States asking them to suitably reduce the stock limits further in their States as per the availability and prices. They have also been exhorted to strictly enforce these stock limits and send an action taken report on a weekly basis.

Govt mulls making BIS standard mandatory for piped drinking water

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Taking note of samples drawn from 20 State capitals were not as per the specification 'Indian Standard (IS)-10500:2012' for drinking water, the Ministry of Consumer Affairs is working on a plan to make the BIS standards on piped drinking water mandatory to ensure safe and quality water to people.

The proposal comes amid tests conducted by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on drinking water, which found water quality in Mumbai as per standard but poor in many state capitals, including Delhi. The Ministry of Consumer Affairs has written to Jal Shakti Ministry to this effect. According to Food and Consumer Affairs Minister Ram Vilas Paswan, the Centre has the power to make BIS standard (on piped drinking water) mandatory.

None of the samples drawn from Chandigarh, Thiruvananthapuram, Patna, Bhopal, Guwahati, Bengaluru, Gandhinagar, Lucknow, Jammu, Jaipur, Dehradun, Chennai, Kolkata complied with the requirements. "The Consumer Affairs ministry has written a letter to the Jal Shakti ministry to make it mandatory," Paswan said.

The minister said his mission is

to ensure safe and quality water to people of not only the national capital but across India. He, however, spoke about the implementation challenge in case BIS standards on piped water are made mandatory. "If states do not follow standards, we cannot ban supply of water."

Paswan also accused that Delhi government is not serious about quality of drinking water and rather playing politics. Rejecting Aam Aadmi Party's (AAP) charge that he was favouring RO (water purifier) companies, Paswan alleged that the Delhi chief minister wants to favour such companies by continuing to supply poor quality water.

Paswan reiterated his demand that a joint committee, comprising officials of the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) and the Delhi Jal Board (DJB), be constituted to retest the tap water supplied in the national capital.

The BIS is the national standard body established under the BIS Act 2016 for harmonious development of the activities of standardisation, marking and quality certification of goods.

BIS Director General Pramod Kumar Tiwari said that under the BIS Act, there is provision that standards formulated for any products can be made mandatory.

13th Tibetan Religious Conference begins

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The 13th Tibetan Religious Conference began in Dharamshala on Wednesday where religious issues like the reincarnation of the Dalai Lama are likely to be discussed.

The annual event comes after a gap of two years as the programme was cancelled last year ostensibly due to the unavailability of the 17th Karmapa Gyen Trinley Dorje.

The Karmapa did not return to India despite repeated prodding by the Dalai Lama who decided to go ahead with the conference in the absence of Dorje who had fled from India last year following money laundering charges.

The Dalai Lama has invited the heads of all the sects of Tibetan Buddhism for the three-day Conference that deliberates on religious issues concerning the Tibetan community. Kagyu sect Karmapa Gyen Trinley Dorje, who is recognised by the Dalai Lama, is facing challenge to his title by Trinley Thaye Dorje who also claims to be the Karmapa of the sect.

While Gyen was given refugee status by the Government of India, Thaye holds an Indian passport. Gyen who is facing a money laundering case in Himachal Pradesh fled surreptitiously from India last year and later acquired a Dominican Republic passport. Following this, he did not return to India, leading to the cancellation of the 13th religious conference last year. This year, the Government has refused to grant him a visa to attend the Conference, sources said.

The Dalai Lama recently articulated that while Karmapa is an important spiritual teacher but it is not the individual who should be relied upon. Dalai Lama's assertions come in the wake of his sincere efforts to keep Tibetan Buddhists united. Dalai Lama had been consistently asking the fugitive Karmapa to return to India but to no avail. The Dalai Lama had even facilitated a meeting of the two Karmapas last year in France in his bid to keep the two factions united.

Bill to ban e-cigarettes passed

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Leaving the e-cigarettes lobby squirming, the Lok Sabha on Wednesday gave green signal to the Bill that seeks prohibition of e-cigarettes in India with Union Health Minister, Harsh Vardhan, calling the ban as a "pre-emptive strike" on the "hazardous" addiction.

E-cigarettes are battery-operated devices that produce aerosol by heating a solution containing nicotine. These include all forms of Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS), Heat Not Burn Products, e-hookah and the likes.

Harsh Vardhan said in the Lok Sabha that with the Prohibition of Electronic Cigarettes (Production, Manufacture, Import, Export, Transport, Sale, Distribution, Storage and Advertisement) Bill, 2019, the government wants to save the large youth population of the country that

would have been targeted by e-cigarette companies.

He said that vaping is harmful for the health of the people and "less harmful does not mean it is not harmful" as people claim it is less harmful than cigarettes.

"The government felt the need to stop the growing use of e-cigarettes and similar products among youth. It is difficult to ban a product such as tobacco and alcohol once it gains a large consumer base and social acceptance. Currently, e-cigarettes do not have a large consumer base in the country.

Therefore, the ban will be highly effective," Harsh Vardhan told Lok Sabha during the discussion after introducing the bill in the house on 22 November.

"Lack of ban on tobacco cannot be the justification for not banning a new addiction which India cannot afford. Chemicals in nicotine used for e-cigarette can cause cancer,

cardiovascular diseases and effects adolescent brains," he said. The statutory resolution moved by opposition members to oppose the ordinance was defeated by a voice vote. The House also rejected several amendments moved by opposition members.

According to the Bill that seeks to replace an ordinance issued on September 18, any person who contravenes these provisions will be punishable with imprisonment of up to one year, or a fine of up to one lakh rupees, or both. For any subsequent offence, imprisonment of up to three years along with a fine of up to five lakh rupees. The proposed legislation prohibits to use any place for the storage of any stock of e-cigarettes and a person storing stock of e-cigarettes, will be punishable with an imprisonment of up to six months, or a fine of up to Rs 50,000, or both.

Lok Sabha members argued over regulation instead

of complete ban on e-cigarettes. Explaining the challenge, Harsh Vardhan said that unlike traditional cigarettes, e-cigarettes do not contain tobacco and therefore are not regulated under the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act (COTPA), 2003. The COTPA Act, regulates the sale, production, and distribution of cigarettes and other tobacco products in India, and prohibits advertisement of cigarettes.

During the debate in the lower house, members also questioned not punishing the users of ENDS. In reply to the discussion, health minister said that the Government did not want to punish the users, who are anyway the victims of e-cigarettes. "We didn't want to criminalise the usage of e-cigarettes because it was way more difficult to regulate the users. The idea is to eventually make e-cigarettes unavailable in the market so that people cannot use them," Harsh Vardhan said.

GOVT FORMATION MAHARASHTRA

Fadnavis: Will speak about Ajit's support at right time

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Maharashtra caretaker Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Wednesday said he will speak at "right time" about the support extended by NCP leader Ajit Pawar to the BJP in forming the Government last week, which collapsed on Tuesday.

"I will speak about it at the right time," Fadnavis said when asked by reporters on the Vidhan Bhavan premises about the support extended by Ajit Pawar to the BJP in forming a government on November 23. The BJP formed Government on November 23 morning after Ajit Pawar broke ranks with the NCP and aligned with the saffron party. Fadnavis and Ajit Pawar then took oath as CM and deputy CM, respectively.

The four-day-old



The four-day-old BJP Govt, collapsed on Tuesday, after Ajit Pawar resigned citing 'personal reasons'



Government, however, collapsed on Tuesday, after Ajit Pawar resigned citing "personal reasons". Fadnavis also stepped down.

Shiv Sena-NCP-Congress nominee Uddhav Thackeray will take oath as the next Chief Minister of Maharashtra on Thursday.

Sena, NCP, Congress to decide portfolio-sharing in 2 days, says Thorat

Mumbai: Maharashtra Congress chief Balasaheb Thorat on Wednesday said the sharing of portfolios among the Shiv Sena, NCP and Congress in the next State Government will be finalised in a couple of days.

The 'Maharashtra Vikas Aghadi', comprising the Shiv Sena, NCP and Congress along with some small parties and Independents, has decided to stake claim for Government formation in the state after the BJP-led Government collapsed on Tuesday.

Speaking to reporters after taking oath as member of the 14th State Assembly on Wednesday, Thorat, the Congress Legislature Party leader in the House, said, "The ratio of portfolio-sharing will be finalised in next two days. The number of Cabinet and Minister of State (MoS) posts

to be given to each party will also be finalised in next two days."

The NCP has announced that Shiv Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray would be the next Chief Minister of Maharashtra.

He will be sworn in CM on Thursday evening at Shivaji Park in Dadar, the place where his party holds traditional Dussehra rally each year. Thackeray is currently not a member of any House in the State legislature.

Asked whether Congress president Sonia Gandhi or party leader Rahul Gandhi would attend Thackeray's swearing-in ceremony, Thorat said, "Nothing has been finalised so far on this."

He also said that there will be more clarity on some issues, like speaker of the Assembly, after a couple of days. **PTI**

Won't oppose formation of MVA Govt: CPI(M)

Mumbai: The CPI(M) on Wednesday said it will not oppose formation of the new Maharashtra Vikas Aghadi (MVA) Government of the Shiv Sena, the NCP and the Congress to ensure that the BJP does not return to power.

The party also demanded sacking of Maharashtra Governor Bhagat Singh Koshiyari for playing a "partisan role at the behest of the Prime Minister and the Home Minister". The CPI(M) issued a statement on Wednesday, a day after the four-day-old BJP Government of Devendra Fadnavis supported by NCP's Ajit Pawar collapsed due to lack of majority in House. The party has one MLA in the 288-member Legislative Assembly. "To ensure that the BJP does not return to power, the CPI (M) has decided that it will not oppose the formation of the new Maharashtra Vikas Aghadi Government," it stated. **PTI**

Mamata invited to Uddhav swearing-in

PTI ■ KOLKATA

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has been invited to the swearing-in of Shiv Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray as the new Chief Minister of Maharashtra, sources at the CMO here said on Wednesday.

The invitation to Banerjee, who is a staunch critic of the BJP, for the Thursday oath taking reached the CMO Wednesday afternoon, they said.

Whether Banerjee will be in Mumbai for the swearing-in is yet to be confirmed, the sources said.

Thackeray will be sworn in as the 17th Chief Minister of Maharashtra at a grand ceremony at the Shivaji Park in Dadar in central Mumbai on Thursday evening, a month after the results of the Assembly polls were announced due to a slew political developments in



the State.

The State had been under President's Rule for 13 days between November 12 and 23 after no political party was able to form a Government.

The BJP-led Government, which was formed with the support of NCP leader Ajit Pawar on November 23, collapsed on Tuesday afternoon when Devendra Fadnavis stepped down as Chief Minister. The NCP has announced that Shiv Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray would be the next Chief Minister of Maharashtra.

Shiv Sena chief meets Sharad Pawar ahead of swearing-in ceremony

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Maharashtra Chief Minister-designate Uddhav Thackeray on Wednesday met NCP president Sharad Pawar here, a day ahead of the former's oath-taking ceremony as the process of forming the new Council of Ministers gathered momentum.

The meeting between the two top leaders is taking place in the wake of Pawar's parleys with senior Congress functionaries Ahmed Patel, KC Venugopal and others earlier in the day.

Pawar and Thackeray, chief of the Shiv Sena, are expected

to discuss issues related to the latter's Ministerial council and the swearing-in ceremony, to be held at Shivaji Park in Dadar on Thursday evening.

The Sena, the NCP and the Congress on Tuesday named Thackeray as the Chief Ministerial nominee of their 'Maharashtra Vikas Aghadi' that will form the next government in the state.

Ever since the Sena reached out to the NCP and the Congress for a pre-poll alliance, Pawar has been at the centre of Government formation talks between the three parties.

Congress leaders meet NCP chief ahead of Uddhav's swearing-in

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Senior Congress leaders, including Ahmed Patel, on Wednesday met NCP chief Sharad Pawar at his residence here to discuss issues pertaining to Maharashtra's Ministerial council and oath-taking ceremony.

Shiv Sena president Uddhav Thackeray, who will be sworn in as the State's Chief Minister on Thursday, is also expected to attend the meeting, being held at Pawar's residence 'Silver Oak'.

AICC general secretary K C Venugopal, Maharashtra

Congress chief Balasaheb Thorat and senior party leader Prithviraj Chavan were also present at the meeting.

The three parties have already named Thackeray as the Chief Ministerial face of the 'Maharashtra Vikas Aghadi' (MVA) they have formed.

"The leaders are expected to discuss the Ministerial council and leaders to be invited for the swearing-in ceremony," sources said.

Thackeray's swearing-in ceremony will take place on Thursday evening at Shivaji Park in Dadar here.

Khadse: Leaders like me could've helped BJP win more seats

Mumbai: Senior BJP leader Eknath Khadse on Wednesday said the BJP could have won 20 to 25 seats more in the last month's Maharashtra Assembly polls, if he and some other party leaders were actively involved in the election campaign.

The former Revenue Minister, who resigned in 2016 over allegations of corruption, said leaders like him, Chandrashekhar Bawankule, Vinod Tawde and some others were "deliberately kept out" of the State election campaign.

"This decision cost the party dearly. Had we been involved in a better way, the BJP could have won at least 20 to 25 seats more," he claimed while talking to reporters

BJP made 'aghor' attempts to retain power, says Raut

Mumbai: The BJP made "aghor" (barbaric) attempts to retain power in Maharashtra but the State's people foiled it, marking the beginning of a change in the country's politics, Shiv Sena leader Sanjay Raut said on Wednesday.

Addressing reporters here, Raut said it will not be surprising if the Shiv Sena forms Government at the Centre after having installed its Chief Minister (Uddhav Thackeray) in Maharashtra. Raut, who addressed the media regularly over the past one month as he took the BJP head-on, aggressively putting forth his party's side, also said that he would not be holding regular press briefings from Thursday and revert to his work pertaining to the Sena's mouthpiece 'Saamana'.

The Rajya Sabha member is also the executive editor of Marathi daily 'Saamana'. The BJP last Saturday formed Government in Maharashtra with the support of NCP's Ajit Pawar, after refusing to do so initially for want of numbers. The Government led by Devendra Fadnavis collapsed on Tuesday after Pawar resigned as his Deputy, citing "personal reasons". **PTI**

KARNATAKA BYPOLLS

Sonia's decision should be watched out for: Gowda

Bengaluru: Congress President Sonia Gandhi's decision should be watched out for, JD(S) patriarch HD Deve Gowda said on Wednesday, in a cryptic remark made in the context of the December 5 bypolls in Karnataka.

"...What happens after election results, the supreme leader is Sonia Gandhi. What she will decide everybody has to accept it in the Congress. We (JD(S) don't have any supreme leader. We have to see what happens after the election result is out," Gowda said.

Speaking to reporters in Mysuru, he said such a situation would not have existed had the coalition Government continued.

To a question about differences between Congress and JD(S) after the collapse of the coalition Government, he shot back "Do you expect us (Congress-JDS) to become one, immediately after the collapse (of the Government)?"

The ruling BJP needs to win at least six seats in the bypolls to 15 constituencies to remain in a majority in the 224-member Assembly, which would still have two vacant seats — Maski and R R Nagar.

On the other hand, Gowda's son and former Chief Minister H D Kumaraswamy told reporters while campaigning in Mandya district that there would be a stable Government in the State after the bypolls, but not necessarily that of BJP.

"...But have we said which (party) Government will be stable... Who has said BJP Government will be stable? We have said- there will be a Government. Why are you guessing it as BJP Government?" he said in response to a question.

Asked whether there would again be a coalition Government in the State, he said, "let's see after (December) 9. I will tell you. **PTI**

BJP announces Ramamurthy as party's RS candidate

Bengaluru: The BJP on Wednesday announced KC Ramamurthy as the party's candidate for the December 12 by-election to the Rajya Sabha from Karnataka to fill the vacancy caused due to his resignation as member from the Congress party.

Ramamurthy, who represented the Congress in the Upper House and whose term was up to June 2022, tendered his resignation on October 16 to the House Chairman and Vice-President M Venkaiah Nadu, who accepted it.

BJP's central election committee has decided to field Ramamurthy, according to a party release.

The former IPS officer had also resigned from the Congress and subsequently joined the BJP. **PTI**

Protests against CAB continue in Assam

Guwahati: Amid reports that Citizenship (Amendment) Bill might come up during ongoing session of Parliament, protests against the contentious legislation continued in Assam with prominent youth organisation Asom Jatiyabadi Yuba Chhatra Parishad (AJYCP) taking out a huge protest rally here on Wednesday opposing CAB.

Holding banners and placards, the agitators marched on Guwahati Club point of the city demanding CAB be scrapped as it is "unconstitutional" and goes against the "existence of the indigenous people of Assam and other North East States".

The AJYCP has been protesting against the bill since early this year along with influential All Assam Students' Union (AASU) and social organisation Krishak Mukti Sangram Parishad (KMSS), asserting that the legislation will not be accepted at any cost by the people of the State.

AJYCP general secretary Palash Changmai leading the march told reporters "the BJP-led Government at the centre in its political interest to hold on to power wants to impose this legislation on us which threatens the existence of the people of Assam and the Northeast."

"Chief Minister of Assam who was



given the title 'Jatiya Nayaak' (Peoples Hero) because he had got the illegal migrants (determination) by Tribunals Act scrapped is today silent on CAB when his counterparts in the N-E are strongly opposing it.

"This goes to show this Chief Minister is not standing with the indigenous people of the State. So we the people and all organisations have to come out to the street to protest against the CAB", Changmai said.

"We demand a plebiscite on CAB and then the Government take a decision whether to or not bring the law based on its outcome", maintained the leader of AJYCP. One of the demonstrators holding banners and placards against the bill, averred: "the people of Assam cannot accept CAB

as it will make the indigenous people and their language extinct with the settlement of people from other countries here". The anti-CAB movement has intensified since November 11 when AJYCP, AASU, RTI activist Akhil Gogoi-led KMSS and the Indigenous Forum, Assam, led by pro-talk ULFA leaders Anup Chetia, Mrinal Hazarika and human rights activists Lachit Bordoloi have been separately protesting across Assam.

They have been raising slogans against the BJP-led central and Assam governments for allegedly adopting an "anti-Assam policy to settle illegal Hindu migrants in the state by amending the Citizenship Act, thereby changing the demographic pattern of the State". **PTI**

21 Pakistani migrants granted Indian citizenship by Rajasthan Govt

Jaipur: The Rajasthan Government on Wednesday granted Indian citizenship to 21 Pakistani migrants who have been living here for about 19 years, officials said.

These people were living here after being displaced from Pakistan. As they had no Indian citizenship, they were finding difficulties in getting government jobs and availing benefits of various schemes, District Collector, Jaipur, Jagroop Singh Yadav said.

A total of 35 Pakistani migrants now have been awarded Indian citizenship in the last two months, he said.

Yadav said 28 more citizenship applications are currently under process and another 63 cases are being investigated.

Efforts are on to give Indian citizenship to them soon, he added. Yadav said Jaipur is pioneer in issuing Indian citizenship certificates to Pakistani migrants through online process. Besides Jaipur, district collectors in Jodhpur and Jaisalmer in the State have the right to grant Indian citizenship to Pakistani migrants after thorough investigation. **PTI**

ISRO's tracking centre assumes control of CARTOSAT-3

PTI ■ SRIHARIKOTA(AP)

The Telemetry Tracking and Command Network of Indian Space Research Organisation has assumed control of the CARTOSAT-3 satellite which was successfully launched on Wednesday.

PSLV-C47 lifted-off in cloudy skies at 09.28 hrs from the second launch pad at the spaceport here.

After 17 minutes, CARTOSAT-3 was successfully injected into a sun synchronous orbit of 509kms, the spaceagency said in a statement.

"Subsequently, all the 13 nanosatellites of US were injected into their intended orbits," it said.

"After separation of the CARTOSAT-3, its solar arrays were deployed automatically and the ISRO's Telemetry Tracking and Command Network at Bengaluru assumed control of the satellite," ISRO



Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle, PSLV-C47 carrying India's earth observation satellite Cartosat-3 and 13 nano-satellites from the US lifts-off from Sriharikota, in Andhra Pradesh on Wednesday **PTI**

said adding in the coming days, the satellite would be brought to its final operational configuration.

According to ISRO Chief K Sivan, CARTOSAT-3 was the most complex and advanced earth observation satellite ever

built by the space agency.

He congratulated and complimented the launch vehicle and satellite teams involved in Wednesday's mission.

CARTOSAT-3 would address increased user's demands for large scale urban

planning, rural resource and infrastructure development, coastal land use and land cover apart from defense and military purposes.

PSLV-C47 is the 49th flight and the mission life of CARTOSAT-3 is five years.

PM congratulates ISRO on Cartosat-3 satellite launch

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated ISRO on Wednesday for the successful launch of Cartosat-3 satellite.

"I heartily congratulate the entire ISRO team on yet another successful launch of PSLV-C47 carrying indigenous Cartosat-3 satellite and over a dozen nano satellites of USA," he tweeted.

CARTOSAT-3 is a third generation agile advanced satellite having high resolution imaging capability.

"The advanced Cartosat-3 will augment our high resolution imaging capability. ISRO has once again made the nation proud!", the PM said.

Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) on Wednesday successfully injected into orbit its earth imaging and mapping satellite CAR-

TOSAT-3 along with 13 commercial nano satellites from the United States.

ISRO Chairman K Sivan described the launch as a "wonderful success". With cloudy skies in the background, the 44.4 metre tall PSLV C47 rocket lifted off at 9.28 am from the second launch pad at this spaceport here.

CARTOSAT-3, India's most complex and advanced earth imaging satellite built so far, was placed into orbit 17 minutes and 46 seconds after lift-off, the immediate mission after Chandrayaan 2, where the lander crashed while making a soft descent on the lunar surface on September 7.

All the 13 nano satellites from the US were released into the orbit at 26 minutes and 56 seconds after liftoff, ISRO said. **PTI**

RJD MLA reaches Bihar Assembly wearing garland of onion

PTI ■ PATNA

An MLA of the Opposition ARJD in Bihar turned up at the Assembly wearing a garland of onion on Wednesday, in an obvious gesture aimed at highlighting the spiralling prices of the vegetable.

Shutterbugs present at the sprawling Vidhan Sabha premises furiously clicked away, as Raja Pakar MLA Shiv Chandra Ram arrived with onion bulbs adorning his neck.

"The growing prices will deprive the people of their staple food. Onions, which used to come for less than ₹ 50 a kilo, are now coming at no less than ₹ 80 per kilo. In fact, I had to purchase these (pointing towards his midriff) for ₹ 100 per kg," Ram claimed.

He also attacked the Nitish

Kumar Government in the State for his "empty promises" of setting up stalls where the staple vegetable would be available for a price as low as ₹ 35 per kg.

"I am yet to see any such stall. I am going inside the House wearing this mala (garland) as I want the honorable chief minister to behold this sight. I hope that it would compel him to take some serious action. It is my demand that the Government provide onions to the poor for ₹ 10 per kg," Ram told reporters before walking inside the premises. It was not clear as to whether the legislator got an opportunity to present himself, as desired, before the Chief Minister who had not arrived in the House during the pre-lunch session.

War of words between Didi, Guv deepens

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

The ongoing war of words between Bengal Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar and Mamata Banerjee Government intensified on Wednesday with the former complaining about the way the Chief Minister's behavior left him "bewildered and stumped" on Tuesday and senior Ministers wondering whether there was a need of the post of the Governor at all.

Referring to the Tuesday's incident when the two dignitaries twice came face to face without acknowledging each other's presence during Constitution Day function at the Assembly House, Dhankhar accused Banerjee of "keeping aloof".

He tweeted, "What struck odd about the strategy at the Assembly was that the leader of the House Hon'ble CM just kept aloof and took no step while I alighted or made way

for floral tribute to Dr Ambedkar at his statue. I expected otherwise," saying her behavior left him "bewildered and stumped."

While senior Bengal Minister Partho Chattarjee promptly retorted wondering whether the post of the Governor had become redundant his Ministerial colleague Chandrima Bhattacharya said a Governor's conduct should be commensurate to his high post and should not resemble that of a common man.

Dhankhar and Banerjee did not greet each other or make eye contact before or after the programme, even though they were present close to each other. When the Speaker Biman Banerjee, Opposition Leader Abdul Mannan and Left Assembly party leader Sujan Chakrabarty and other senior officials came out to formally see off the Governor once again he



encountered the Chief Minister but the duo would not exchange formal greetings and simply looked the other way.

The Chief Minister subsequently a pained Chief Minister told the media about her feeling saying "even the Prime Minister smiles and talks when he meets me. He never behaves like this," while Partho Chattarjee said "for the past few years the expenditure of the Governor's House has increased several times. One wonders whether there is a

need of the Governor's post any further."

Chandrima Bhattacharya complained against the Governor for referring to Prime Minister's achievements only and not mentioning the name of the Chief Minister for a while.

"It is as if Prime Minister Narendra Modi has done everything and the Chief Minister has done nothing ... his (Governor's) attitude was such that he had come to belittle the Chief Minister during

his speech ... and remember that he is the Governor of this State."

Earlier the Governor had said that the "Constitutional head of the state has been compromised."

Following regular confrontations between the Nabanna (Secretariat) and the Raj Bhavan the TMC leadership had complained against the Governor to the Union Home Minister Amit Shah requesting him to teach him a lesson or two about his office.

Senior TMC leader and MP Sudip Bandyopadhyay told Shah how Dhankhar had been running a parallel administration in the State disregarding norms of parliamentary democracy. "I have told Home Minister Amit Shah about how the honourable Governor had been running a parallel government breaking all the norms of parliamentary democracy," Bandyopadhyay said.

Kerala: NIA court sentences six ISIS accused in terror plot case

KUMAR CHELLEPPAN ■ CHENNAI/KOCHI

A Special Court in Kochi hearing the National Investigation Agency (NIA) cases on Wednesday sentenced six of the eight ISIS associates arrested in connection with the 2016 conspiracy case from Kanakamala in Kerala's Kannur district to various terms of imprisonment and fine.

Manseel Mohammed alias Omar al-Hindi, the first accused, was sentenced to 14 years rigorous imprisonment and a fine of ₹ 15,000 while the second accused Swalith Mohammed of Chelad in Kerala was slapped with a prison term of ten years and a fine of ₹15,000.

The judge also declared that the first and second

accused have been found to be working with terrorist organizations.

While the court acquitted sixth accused NK Jasim for want of evidence, the seventh accused Sajeer was killed in a terrorist attack in Afghanistan. Rasheed Ali (third accused) was sentenced to seven years rigorous imprisonment and a fine of ₹ 15,000 NK Rasheed, the 4th accused was sentenced to 3 years imprisonment and fine of ₹ 25,000.

Safvan, the fifth accused was sentenced to a prison term of five years and a fine of ₹ 10,000. The eighth accused in the case Moynuddeen was sentenced to three years imprisonment and a fine of ₹ 50,000.

The charges against the accused were that they con-

spired and hammered out a plan to launch series of terrorist attacks all over South India.

They had also drawn out plans to kill many political and social leaders besides targeting institutions of strategic importance.

The NIA also established that they had hatched a plan to kill Jewish tourists who were planning to visit Kodaikanal in Tamil Nadu.

The terrorists, all owing allegiance to the ISIS and working as a module of the same, were arrested from Kanakamala forests of Kannur district in October 2016.

They were taken into custody from the deep forests even as they were holding a "clandestine meeting" giving finishing touches to their operations.

Fresh snowfall in higher reaches of J&K, Ladakh

Jammu: Srinagar and higher reaches of Kashmir received snowfall, while rain lashed other parts of Jammu and Kashmir on Wednesday, the meteorological department said.

Snowfall also occurred in some parts of Ladakh, it said. The inclement weather in most parts of the two Union Territories dipped the day temperature several degrees below the season's average, an official of the MeT department said.

He said the night temperature in most parts of the region settled above average except in Leh which recorded the lowest minimum temperature of minus 7.3 degrees Celsius.

After being battered by rains since Tuesday night, snowfall started in Srinagar at around 6.15 pm, the second of the season so far, he said.

The city had recorded



heavy snowfall on November 6 and 7 and is reeling under severe cold conditions since then.

The maximum temperature in Srinagar, where 23.6 mm of rainfall was recorded since Tuesday, fell to 6.1 degrees Celsius against the normal temperature of 12.1 degrees Celsius during this season, the official said.

The minimum temperature in Srinagar was 2.7 degrees Celsius. He said the famous ski resort of Gulmarg in north Kashmir recorded 9.5 inches of

snowfall during the day.

"Light rain and moderate snow occurred at most places of Kashmir, while moderate snowfall was reported from Zojila, Meenamarg, and some other higher reaches of Jammu and Ladakh regions," the official said.

Widespread light to moderate rain in the plains of Jammu & Kashmir and moderate to heavy snowfall on higher reaches, including Gulmarg, is very likely to continue for the next 12 hours, he said.

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Security beefed up in Kashmir Valley day after blasts

Srinagar: Security was beefed up in Srinagar on Wednesday, a day after two blasts rocked Kashmir killing two persons and injuring several others, officials said.

They said security personnel have been deployed at sensitive locations, including a few market places, to keep an eye on miscreants.

This is to ensure that the citizens get a sense of security and businesses operate normally, the officials added.

The deployment of security personnel comes a day after two blasts in Anantnag and Hazratnagar area of the city here left two persons dead and several others injured.

Meanwhile, shops opened Wednesday morning at most places across the valley, including Srinagar, the officials said.

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NC: J&K pushed into 'unprecedented' crisis

Jammu: The National Conference on Wednesday expressed concern over the continued detention of political leaders and said "the worrisome political stalemate for over 111 days speaks volumes about the lack of understanding and insensitivity of the ruling dispensation that has pushed Jammu & Kashmir into an unprecedented crisis".

It sought immediate restoration of political activity by lifting curbs and releasing all leaders, including its president Farooq Abdullah and vice president Omar Abdullah, saying "the democracy being in peril in this part of the country is in

nobody's interest".

In a joint statement issued from its headquarters here, NC leaders, including provincial president Devender Singh Rana and several former ministers and legislators, expressed concern over continued detention of political leaders and communication blockade in Jammu & Kashmir.

"There could be nothing ironical than the fact that loudest representative voice from Jammu & Kashmir has been choked in the ongoing session of Parliament by putting towering political leader of the country and senior MP Farooq Abdullah under detention," the release said.

PTI

WB Govt directs hospitals to follow WHO guidelines on dengue treatment

Kolkata: With dengue deaths in West Bengal since January touching 25, the State Health Department has issued an advisory to hospitals asking them to strictly follow the treatment protocol based on WHO guidelines after several medical establishments were found flouting it.

The advisory, issued last week, has made it mandatory for all government and private hospitals in the state to conduct dengue and scrub typhus tests on any person suffering from fever for five days, officials said on Wednesday.

"It has come to our notice that the World Health Organisation (WHO) guidelines on conducting tests for dengue and scrub typhus were

not being followed by several medical establishments, following which the advisory was issued. "We have been abiding by the protocol in the state for several years as per norms prevalent across the globe," a health department official said.

He said the department would monitor the medical institutions to ensure that the protocol is being followed.

"Establishments found flouting it will be penalised," he said. Some 25 people have succumbed to dengue and more than 40,000 have been affected by the disease in the state since January, officials said.

Besides, two deaths due to scrub typhus have also been reported from the districts of the state, they said.

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T Cabinet to discuss RTC issue today

PTI ■ HYDERABAD

The Telangana Cabinet will on Thursday discuss steps to end the 'impasse' over the Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TSRTC) employees strike issue, among others.

"The State Cabinet meeting will be held here at Pragati Bhavan on Nov 28 at 2 P.M. There is a possibility that the meeting may extend to Friday," a release from the Chief Minister's office said.

The Cabinet meeting will "discuss at length the measures to be taken to end the RTC impasse in the State," it said.

Over 48,000 employees of the Telangana State Road Transport Corporation had called off their 52-day-long strike on November 25 and expressed readiness to rejoin duty.



However the TSRTC management had said they could not allow them to rejoin duty as the matter was pending before the labour commissioner as per the directives of High Court.

Consequently, employees who turned up for work on Tuesday and also on Wednesday, were turned away by officials and police.

On November 22, the Telangana High Court had dismissed a petition, challenging the state cabinet decision to privatise over 5,000 bus routes.

The court, while dismissing the petition challenging the cabinet's November 2 decision to privatise permits of 5,100 bus routes, had said the state government is empowered to take a decision on the matter.

On November 18, it had directed the Commissioner of Labour to decide whether the strike should be referred to the Labour Court or not, in two weeks to decide the legality of the stir.

Meanwhile, State BJP president K Laxman said in Delhi on Wednesday that Union Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari spoke to Chief Minister K Chandrababhan Rao on the RTC issue.

BJP and Congress MPs from Telangana had met Gadkari separately and sought the Centre's intervention in the matter.

The RTC employees, who began their strike on October 5, withdrew their stir though they did not get any positive response from either the RTC management or state government on their demands.

The unions Joint Action Committee leader Aswathama Reddy had said their decision to withdraw the stir was taken to halt alleged attempts by the government to "privatise RTC".

The management had said it was not possible to take back the workers until the process prescribed by the High Court was concluded.

The Government had earlier said the RTC was not in a position to accept the employees' demands as the Corporation has been running at a loss.

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NIT. NO.77 (ITEM NO.1) (2019-20) E.E (NORTH)-II

S. No.	Name of work	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	Date of release of tender in e-procurement solution	Earnest Money	Tender fee (Non-refundable)	Last date/time of receipt of tender through e-procurement solution
1	Providing and laying 450/500 mm dia sewer line from Trenchless Technology for making separate out fall for E.F.A.B and K-Block Model Town in AC-18, Model Town under E.E (North)-II. LD 2019. DUB 184509.1	27,07,704/-	27.11.2019	54,200/-	500/-	Technical bid will be received 18.12.2019, 3:00 PM & opening of Financial bid after completion of technical bid & confirmation of EMD from Bank.

Further details in this regard can be seen at <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in> ISSUED BY P.R.O. (WATER) Advt. No. J.S.V. 587/2019-20

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (N-II)

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that an unidentified deadbody of male Age : 45 years, Complexion : Wheatish, Height : 5'6", wearing light grey colour shirt, blue colour jeans and sky blue colour hoodie, was found dead on 21.11.2019 at footpath in front of Nai Sadak, Town Hall, Chandni Chowk, Delhi. In this regard a DD No. 04-A dated 21.11.2019 U/s 174 Cr.P.C. has been lodged at P.S. Kotwali, Delhi. The deadbody has been preserved for 72 hours for Identification in the mortuary of Subzi Mandi, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about this found person may kindly inform to the following:-
SHO : P.S. Kotwali, Delhi
Tel. No. 011-23953442, 23977100

SEARCH FOR MISSING BOY



General public is hereby informed that one boy namely Rohit, S/o Rajesh, R/o Jhuggi No. N-49/161, JJ Camp, Ayurvedic Hospital, Haiderpur, Delhi, Age 19 years, Height 5'6", Complexion Wheatish, Long Face, Medium Built, Wearing Purple colour shirt, blue colour jeans pant and shoes in feet is missing since 27.10.19. In this regard a vide DD No. 16-A dated 29.10.19 has been lodged at PS Shalimar Bagh, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about this missing boy may kindly inform to the following.

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No. CEPJ/10395 Date :- 21.11.2019

EXTENSION NO. 2

Due to poor response, the last date for submission of e-bid against e-NIT No. 11 of 2019-20/RAPDRP-B/ AKHNOOR, POONCH AND RAJOURI TOWN in Jammu Province under RAPDRP-B Dated :- 18.10.2019 is hereby extended as per below given details.

S. No. 1. Project Detail :- HT ABC, LT ABC, New 11 KV Lines, Installation of New Distribution Transformers, Conversion of Existing LT lines on Bare Conductor to ABC & associated works in AKHNOOR, POONCH AND RAJOURI TOWN e-NIT No. / Date :- 11 of 2019-20/RAPDRP-B/ AKHNOOR, POONCH AND RAJOURI TOWN in Jammu Province under RAPDRP-B Dated :- 18.10.2019 Last date for Submission of e-Bid (extended) :- 06.12.2019 4 P.M Last date for Submission of Hard Copy of tender fee (extended) :- 07.12.2019 4 P.M

No. DIP/J-9822/19 Sd/- Chief Engineer, Projects, JPDCL. Dated :- 26.11.2019

NORTHERN RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE

Invitation of Tender through E-Tendering (E-Procurement Systems)

N.I.T. No.	24(A,B,C)/19-20 dated 27.11.2019
1 Name of work with its location	A) Outsourcing of maintenance activities to provide habitable conditions in Sarojini Nagar, Sewa Nagar, Lodhi colony, Gulabi Bagh, Lajpat Nagar, Nizamuddin & Jangpura Rly. colonies under ADEN/E-I. B) Outsourcing of maintenance activities to provide habitable conditions in Railway colony Minto Bridge in the S/o SSE/W/MNTS under ADEN/E-I. C) Outsourcing of maintenance activities to provide habitable conditions at Punjabi Bagh and Shakurbasti Railway colonies in the Section SSE/WPB & SSB under ADEN/E-VI
2 Approx. Cost of work	A) Rs. 3176432.19 B) Rs. 32786580.3 C) Rs. 12199311.57
3 Earnest Money	(It should be in the form of net banking or payment gateway Only. Note:- FDR will not be accepted as EMD for tender invited on IREPS, as per Railway Boards letter no 2015/CE-1/C7/51 dated 31.08.2016) A) Rs. 315900.00 B) Rs. 313900.00 C) Rs. 211000.00
4 Completion period of Work	A) 550 Days B) 687 Days C) 295 Days
5 Cost of tender on cash/ by post	(It should be in the form of net banking or payment gateway Only. Note:- FDR will not be accepted as EMD for tender invited on IREPS, as per Railway Boards letter no 2015/CE-1/C7/51 dated 31.08.2016) A) 11800 B) 11800 C) 5900
6 Date and time for submission of tender and opening of tender	Upto 15.00 hrs on 20.12.2019 Opening of tender at 15.00 hrs. On 20.12.2019
7 Website particulars notice board location complete details of tender can be seen and address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased etc.	Above tender available on IREPS site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in

No. 128-W/269/OET/19-20/WE/NIT 24 (A,B,C) Dated: 27.11.2019. 3814/19

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Online tenders are invited from the Overseas Buyers or their authorized agents in India having confirmed contract for the Export sale of Molasses of approximate 30000 MTs lying with various Cooperative Sugar Mills in the State of Punjab. Online tenders will have to be submitted in two bid system i.e Technical and Financial bids on or before 5.00 PM on 19-12-2019 alongwith EMD and other supportive documents as required. Technical Bids will be opened on next day i.e 20-12-2019 at 2.30 PM. Financial Bids of the technically qualified bidders shall be opened on 20-12-2019 at 4.30 PM. in the presence of bidders who wish to be present. Pre Bid Conference will be held on 12-12-2019 at 11 A.M. in the office of Sugarfed, Punjab, SCO No. 53, Sector 54, Opposite Bassi Theatre, S.A.S. Nagar: Mohali (Punjab)

The Earnest Money is @ Rs. 50.00 per quintals. The details for submission of e-bids will be available on the e-tender portal <http://eproc.punjab.gov.in> and also on website www.smbatala.com. The Batala Coop. Sugar Mills Ltd. Batala reserves the right to cancel any or all the e-Bids without assigning any reason.

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1	Name of work	Sale of Accumulated Waste Paper Sweepings Consisting of Torn Bits Carbon Gatta, Old record etc. of Northern Railway, Headquarters Office, Baroda House, New Delhi
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3	Earnest money	₹ 11,400/-
4	Period of Completion	12 Months
5	Last Date & time of Submission of Tender	27.12.2019 at 14:30 hrs
6	Validity of offer	90 days
7	Date from which tender documents will be sold and available on website: www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in	28.11.2019 to 27.12.2019 Between 10:30 hours to 13:30 hours on any working day)
8	Date, time & place of opening	27.12.2019 at 15:00 hrs. in the Office of Dy. GM/G Northern Railway, Headquarters Office, Baroda House, New Delhi.

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No.	Name of work	Supply and Installation of Laboratory Equipment(s) for University School of Chemical Technology at Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University, Sector 16 C, Dwarka, New Delhi 110078.
2	Last date and time for tender submission	13/12/2019 Up to 3:00 p.m.
3	EMD	EMD and other details will be www.ipu.ac.in and www.govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in
4	Date and time of opening of Financial Bid	Date and time will be notified on e-tender website. www.govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in
5	Estimated cost of the Supply and Installation of Laboratory Equipment(s)	Approximately 28 lakhs.
6	The bids shall be submitted only through e-procurement website i.e. www.govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in	

REGISTRAR

Touching new heights

2019 has been a very successful year for Indian space missions. But there's a steady long way to go



Despite the public failure of India's mission to land a probe on the lunar surface, 2019 has seen the country take massive strides in space exploration. Those who remember how Indian rockets used to blow up at every second launch not that long ago, are all amazed at how we have come. We have sent missions to the moon and Mars. Plans are afoot to have a manned spaceflight within the next five years. But the latest milestone by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is telling. The 49th flight of India's PSLV rocket not only launched a new image-mapping satellite into the orbit but also carried 13 nano-satellites, barely much larger than a hardcover book. These are being used by smaller nations as well as research institutes across the world, who are exploring the final frontier as well. With the 13 satellites launched by PSLV C-47 — all from the US — India has now carried over 300 such for foreign nations. Even though we cannot compete with the commercial launch abilities of the US, Russia and the European Space Agency, we have carved out a niche for ourselves with our precision and cost-competitiveness. One that has resulted in a ₹6,289 crore revenue for ISRO in the last three years. Besides CARTOSAT will address the needs of large-scale urban planning, rural resource and infrastructure development, coastal land use and cover. This data is of value to any policy-maker. We must, however, remain wary of the tremendous developments being worked on by private space entrepreneurs in the US, particularly Elon Musk and Jeff Bezos, both of whom are driving organisations, making some critical breakthroughs in reusable space hardware. They will likely power the US' future space endeavours as the general public across the world has begun to wonder why man abandoned the deep space exploration on the 50th anniversary of Neil Armstrong's first steps on the moon.

If there is an area where the Indian space missions could do better, it is to intensify collaboration with other space agencies. No Indian citizen has been into space since Wing Commander Rakesh Sharma in 1984. Although astronauts like Kalpana Chawla and Sunita Williams made it, they became American citizens. It is unfortunate that no Indian, or for that matter Chinese, has been to the International Space Station. Of course, as a cartoon in a global newspaper highlighted, there is still a horribly racist tinge to the way many foreign Governments look at India's space ambitions. We have to be open to new ideas as well as technology. While there are some inherent risks, it would be silly to spend thousands of crores in duplicating technologies that have already been perfected in other nations. And while it might seem like a controversial idea to some, India could also look at collaborating with China, which is seemingly locked out of the Western space race, and jointly develop some projects. While ISRO is a matter of pride and our prudence with costs is a good thing, the fact is that given the economic times we are living in, we have to tighten our purse strings and make every rupee count for more. Collaboration with other nations as well as private organisations might not be a bad thing.

Down the toilet

The Government's tall claims on ODF status have fallen flat after the NSSO report reveals uncomfortable truths



Unfortunately, the thin line between truth and lies has blurred so much that we do not know where fact-finding ends and myth-making begins when it comes to government data. The resultant trust deficit has not only cost the Narendra Modi Government its image but some of its good intentions. There's no gainsaying that the Swachh Bharat Mission did bring about a toilet revolution in the country but there are miles to go yet. So though Modi announced that 99 per cent of our villages had declared themselves open-defecation free (ODF), neither he nor us can overlook reality. And now his Government's own figures belie his claim. The National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) data shows that only 71.3 per cent of rural households had toilets built in their homes. Not only that, about one-fourth of them had no access to toilets till December 2018, indicating a tardy pace of implementation instead of mission-mode seriousness. Of much concern is the fact that respondents of the survey were coerced into giving out false figures in return for availing benefits of other Government schemes. Besides faltering on releasing inconsistent data, the Government committed a larger offence: Withholding the NSSO data, which ought to have been released before Modi's announcement. Clearly, this was done to build up a propagandist swell before the Assembly elections and blow some trumpet before the international community. So the Government arrogantly decided to keep to its fables and bubbles of self-gratification. This even after it faced the heat of economists and statisticians for concealing crucial employment data, which was released only after the general elections were over. Actually the Swachh Bharat Mission was one project that did not need dressing up. Given the scale of its implementation, it must be accepted that it has achieved much more than any other drive aimed at improving rural sanitation. The Government could have harped on "significant progress" rather than exaggerating figures. Among those households that have access to toilets, 94.7 per cent males and 95.7 per cent females in rural areas regularly use them.

The pursuit of this mission should not be hasty but multi-pronged and there should be no rush for a tag until all parameters have been met. For example, the lack of water supply is the biggest hindrance. There is still insufficient knowledge about how to manage the faecal sludge in pits and sewer tanks, dispose them in the absence of an outlet or convert them to manure and biogas. In other words, a sanitary sub-structure that has been mandated by the Jal Shakti Ministry needs to be completed as a second-tier plan before we pin convenient tags. With the Government emphasising the construction of twin leach pit toilets, which can address the issue to an extent, only 30 per cent of our total toilets is of this variant. Sludge management itself is a complex procedure. To compound the problem, most States do not have sufficient sewage treatment plants (STPs). If the Government doesn't want to live with another unfinished agenda, then it needs to first ensure a forward linkage of waste management and a uniform protocol that will help bring about attitudinal and behavioural change among the masses. Yet it continues to wear the blinkers, choosing instead to lambast the NSSO data and refusing to accept that eventually, no fudging is smart and will get detected. A robust solution comes only with the acceptance of reality, not its denial. Data collection needs to be transparent and a strict methodology must be adhered to. Otherwise, policy-makers will be flying blind as they grapple with our development goals. Should we be a winner or just pose as one? That is the question we need to answer as the world doesn't exactly float on hot air.

opinion 08

Don't play with data

Recent accusations of data manipulation do no good either to the Modi Government or the country. The refusal to face the truth will hurt the economy



ARVIND CHATURVEDI

Last week, over 200 researchers, academicians and planners from India and abroad signed a petition, demanding that the Union Government release the survey on household consumption expenditure conducted by the National Sample Survey Office (NSSO), now the National Statistical Office (NSO), which has allegedly been withheld by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI). Academicians have also urged the Government to make all other survey data public. A few days ago, the MoSPI had announced its decision to not release the NSO's household consumption expenditure data for 2017-2018. According to a report that was leaked to the Press, the monthly per capita consumption expenditure by an Indian fell by 3.7 per cent. The NSO report was supposed to be released in June this year but was scrapped on account of data quality issues. According to the Government, there are sharp differences between estimates of the NSO survey data and that of the National Accounts Statistics (NAS).

Any data user in the country knows how the Indian statistical system works. In fact, consumption surveys are known to give results that diverge from macro-economic estimates of the national accounts. While the NAS presents the estimates of macro-economic aggregates, the consumption expenditure is calculated on micro-level data, based on the household survey. Therefore, the Government's reason that it has withheld the reports because of "data quality" issues does not hold ground.

With the Government making tall claims of its successful performance on the economic front, the decline in average consumption must have come as a real embarrassment for the simple reason that this happened for the first time in the last four decades and supports the argument that the economy is indeed seeing a downturn. According to the last NSSO report in 2011-12, the per capita monthly consumer expenditure stood at ₹1,501 and the leaked report has pegged it at ₹1,446 for 2017-18. This shows a sharp decline in consumption expenditure in the period during the Modi 1.0 regime. On the economic front, contrary to the Government's claim of a 6.5 per cent growth rate, the actual figures are off the mark. Since demonetisation and the Goods and Services Tax (GST) were the two major headwinds that held back India's economic growth, it would have been more embarrassing for the Government to admit a reduction in household expenditure after these two major economic steps of the Modi regime backfired.

The NSO collects data on various aspects of the economy from time to time by taking periodic sample surveys. While small sample surveys are annual, large surveys, like on consumer expenditure, are conducted every five years. The NSO's most vital survey is on household consumer expenditure, which forms the basis for assessing the country's economic progress, the success or failure of poverty alleviation schemes, estimates of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and disparity between various economic/social groups, among other things. To recall, the NSSO's household consumer expenditure survey for 2009-10 had become a subject of much controversy amid questions over poverty estimates, which were based on the survey.



The then UPA-II Government had appointed a committee headed by economist C Rangarajan to review the methods used for calculating poverty ratio. The 2009-10 survey was cancelled and a fresh one ordered. It was only in January 2015 that a new series of NAS was introduced. It is not yet clear whether the gap between the 2017-18 NSSO data and NAS was due to this change. The NAS's new survey was based on new base-year and the method of estimating the GDP, too, was revised.

No wonder then, the 2017-18 report was delayed. After 2011-12, the next round of data collection should have taken place in 2016-17. But now, while the 2017-18 data has been scrapped, the Government is exploring the feasibility of conducting the next Consumer Expenditure Survey in 2020-2021 and 2021-22 after incorporating all data quality refinements in the survey process. This means that new data will not be available before July 2023. This is a travesty considering that India is one of those countries where there is no official data collection

of household or individual income. And the entire economic planning is done on the basis of consumption expenditure data. This reflects poorly on a country that once boasted a transparent system where the methodology and estimates of the surveys were clearly understood and were applauded by the international community, too.

The is not for the first time that the NDA Government has undertaken this data manipulation exercise. There are many incidents in the recent past where the data produced by the Modi Government have been a subject to controversy. Questions were raised on former Chief Economic Advisor Arvind Subramanian's dramatic claim that the real GDP grew at a rate between 3.5 per cent and 5.5 per cent during 2011-12 to 2016-17. After quitting his post, Subramanian had questioned the methodology used to calculate GDP. Using other macro-level indicators, he showed that actual growth rate could be much lower than claimed. Since this data was based on new series of NAS, many pointed fingers. It should also be mentioned that the back series calculations done by the Central Statistical Office (CSO) were different from the one presented by the National Statistical Commission (NSC). This issue was also much debated among economists working on Indian data. Even data collection for GDP estimates has not been free from blemishes. In 2016-17, the NSSO found that more than 35

per cent of the firms, from where the data was sourced, were either non-existent or wrongly classified in the database.

Controversy also arose over the alleged suppression of the findings of the annual Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) on labour force. Divergent views were expressed by the Government and independent researchers on the rate of unemployment among all social groups. In this case, too, the Government tried to suppress the data, which was already made public, unofficially. Ultimately, the data collected by NSC was held up and the Government was accused of manipulating data. Over the years, there have been improvements in the timeliness of data compilation and dissemination. But the Indian statistical system is yet to match global standards. Most macro reports on all aspects of the economy are regularly published every year. This may be due to statutory requirement of placing annual reports before the Parliament. The most crucial weakness pertains to the survey based on data and the periodicity of its release. Most surveys, where data has to be gathered from the public, is conducted every four or five years. Its publication takes about 18 months (on an average). There is sufficient scope for improvements in the way we collect and disseminate data.

The NSC, too, remains mired in controversies. After its chairman and an external

member resigned, expressing disappointment over the treatment being meted out by the Government, questions have been raised on the internal functioning of the organisation. It is welcome that the Government gave more teeth to it with a legislation. In order to streamline the functioning of data collection, the two arms of the MoSPI — NSSO and the Central Statistics Office (CSO) — were merged a few months ago. This move will likely foster better coordination as the NSO now comes directly under the Government, headed by the secretary of MoSPI.

It is unfortunate that the NSSO data on household expenditure has been withdrawn altogether. Releasing data selectively, which ensures positive results, and at the same time withholding uncomfortable data reflects the lack of honesty on the Government's part. It also puts a question mark on the credibility of official statistics, which will always be a matter of suspicion now. Statisticians and economists know the limitations of data based on sample surveys. MoSPI should have released the data on time with a disclaimer about the limitations. Data delayed is data denied. The Government must deal with real problems head-on and find tangible solutions instead of hiding behind the bush.

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SOUNDBITE

The BJP made *aghor* (barbaric) attempts to retain power in Maharashtra but people foiled it, marking the beginning of a change in the country's politics.

Shiv Sena leader
—Sanjay Raut



My priority is to do different roles. I say no to anything I have done before. Also, I end up saying no to a lot of things because the politics I believe in is very important.

Actor
—Sayani Gupta



The Security Council is being called upon to address increasingly complex issues of international peace and security. Yet, it lacks legitimacy and accountability.

Indian envoy to the UN
—Syed Akbaruddin



I have nothing to say (right now), I will speak at the right time. I had said earlier also, I am in the NCP and I will remain here. There's no reason to create confusion.

NCP leader
—Ajit Pawar



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Welcome experiment

Sir — The Indian cricket team has come out with flying colours in its first-ever "pink-ball" day-night Test match. The squad not only emerged victorious but also set a record by becoming the first team to register four consecutive Test wins by the margin of an innings. At a time when Twenty20 internationals are rapidly gaining popularity, the huge turnout of spectators at the Eden Gardens stadium in Kolkata to watch the longest format of the game in a new *avatar* goes to show that day-night Test matches are here to stay. The cricket-loving nation has welcomed it with open arms.

When the decision to use the pink ball was declared by the new president of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), Sourav Ganguly, many people had doubts about whether it would turn out to be a successful move. However, the day-night Test proved that Ganguly's decision was correct.

Ganguly also hopes to take the pink-ball game to all parts of the country and revive Test cricket, which has not been in the

Lessons for the BJP in Maharashtra

This refers to the editorial, "Exit Fadnavis" (November 27). That politicians make strange bedfellows was evident from the coming together of regional satraps with divergent views and conflicting ideologies after the Assembly elections in Maharashtra. It was not surprising to see bitter relations between various traditional rivals turn cordial and demagogues finding resonance in their views on secularism, social justice, agrarian crisis and governance to "save democracy." Each faction was led by an overly ambitious political leader, who tried to inflame regional passions for more political space. The incumbent BJP dispensation was projected as arrogant, anti-development and anti-minority and could be defeated only by a "pro-poor" and "secular" alliance.

It is unfortunate that despite the *Mahayuti* of BJP-Shiv Sena being rewarded with the mandate to form Government, the two parties could not iron out their differences, leading to an eventual political breakdown. The BJP's nocturnal capture of power and the Governor's interference were equally reprehensible. Former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, when faced with a floor test in Parliament, had made an oblique reference to Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) supremo Sharad Pawar and said, "If power comes in my hand by breaking the party and forming a new alliance for power, I would not like to even touch such power with a pair of tongs." It is time the Union Government refrains from indulging



Shreyans Jain
Delhi

in political misadventurism by attempting to install a Government either run or backed by defectors. Toppling popularly-elected State Governments and then resuscitating them by offering outside support in non-BJP ruled States or usurping power through political skulduggery that goes against the democratic norms and established procedure will hurt the democratic set-up of the nation in the long-run. It is imperative for all stakeholders to act as guardians of the Constitutional order than as collaborators in a clandestine, political scheme.

M Pradyu
Kannur

Define Governor's role

Sir — This refers to the editorial, "Exit Fadnavis" (November 27). The Supreme Court's ruling, asking political parties in Maharashtra to prove majority on the floor of the House, forced Ajit Pawar and subsequently Devendra Fadnavis to resign, 72 hours after they were sworn in on Saturday morning.

The sequence of events in Maharashtra has dented the country's image as the largest democracy in the world. At the outset, the Governor should not have invited Fadnavis to form the Government without ascertaining the real strength of the BJP-NCP combine. There seems to be no limit for the lust for power among our leaders. But given that there have been several incidents in the past where the Governor's actions have been put to judicial review, it's high time the apex court comes up with a detailed set of rules on the dos and don'ts that must be followed in such situations.

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FIRST COLUMN

The real truth about Rama

If he had been the king of India today, he would have punished those who lynched Muslims, vandalised churches or oppressed the Dalits



MARKANDEY KATJU

Today, in the polarised and emotionally-surcharged and communalised atmosphere which has been created by the "Hindutva" forces that have taken control of India, Rama may be depicted and regarded by the Indian minorities (particularly the Muslims) as a fearsome oppressive entity, which symbolises lynching, terrorising and atrocities on them. But was Rama really like that?

We need not go into the controversy whether Rama was a mythological or historical figure, though it may be mentioned that behind every mythology there is usually some history. Homer's epic poem *Iliad* is regarded as Greek mythology but some evidence of a Trojan war has been found by archaeologists.

Similarly, my own opinion is that Rama was a great king who did good deeds and was later transformed into a god.

Indeed, in the original *Ramayana* of Valmiki (in Sanskrit) Rama is not a god but a human being. He was a prince, who later became the king of Ayodhya. It was about 2,000 years later, in the 16th century, that he was transformed into a god by Tulsidas in his epic *Ramcharitmanas*.

In Valmiki's *Ramayana* (which is the original *Ramayana*) there is a scene where king Dasharatha of Ayodhya, having become old, wants to anoint his eldest son Rama as his successor. But before doing so, he invites the people of Ayodhya and seeks their opinion on the issue. He wants to know whether they think that Rama deserves to be the king after him.

The people of Ayodhya reply: "*Nikhilenanu poorva cha pita putraan iva aurasaan. Shrushushante cha woh shishya kachit varmasu danshitaah. Iti woh purush vyaagrah sada Ramobhivaashate. Vyasanesu manushyaanam bhrisham bhavati dukhita. Utsaveshu cha sarveshu pitev paritushyati.*" (O King, your son Rama indeed deserves to be the king. He behaves like a father to the people. He grieves when the people are in sorrow due to some calamity or tragedy and is pleased like a father when the people celebrate festivals.)"

So, in the original *Ramayana*, prince Rama is described as a father to the people of the kingdom, who cares for all of them. A true father is one who takes care of all his children and not he that looks after only some and oppresses the others.

So if Rama had been the king of India today, he would have looked after the welfare of all the people of the country and not that he would have only looked after the Hindus and oppressed the Christians, the Muslims, the Sikhs, the Parsis, the Dalits and other religious minorities. In fact, without a doubt, the just king Rama, would have given severe punishment to those who lynched Muslims or committed atrocities on them, vandalised churches or oppressed the Dalits and other marginalised or weaker sections of Indian society.

In fact, I consider Rama, the just king, to be the great grandfather of the Indian nation. Just as I consider the third Mughal emperor Akbar, who reigned from 1556 to 1605, the "father of the Indian nation" and Emperor Ashoka, who ruled from 268 to 232 BC, the "grandfather of the Indian nation."

Let me explain why I called Akbar, the "father of the Indian nation." What we Indians are today is largely because of the solid foundation laid by Akbar, who gave equal respect to all religions. Because of Akbar, we are Indians, not just Hindus, Muslims, Sikhs, Christians, Jains, Parsis and so on. And yet the tragedy is that many Hindus call Akbar a Muslim, while many Muslims call him a Hindu (because he observed many Hindu festivals and ceremonies).

The truth is that while being a Sunni Muslim, Akbar was a true Indian and saw that Bharat was a country of great diversity. Hence the only way to keep the country united was by giving equal respect to all communities and sects. It was because of this realisation that Akbar adopted the wise policy of *Suleh-e-Kul*, that is, universal toleration of all religions. This was in the 16th century when Europeans were massacring each other in the name of religion, Catholics killing Protestants and vice versa, and both murdering the Jews.

Going on to emperor Ashoka. I called him the "grandfather of the Indian nation" because of what he said in his 12th major rock edict: "All religions should be honoured. Whoever praises his own religion due to excessive devotion and condemns others, with the thought 'Let me glorify my own belief' only harms his own religion. Therefore contact (between faiths) is good. One should listen to and respect the doctrines professed by others."

These men were far ahead of their times in their thinking and were true Indians in every sense of the word and Rama is the great grandfather of the Indian nation.

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

AJIT PAWAR CAME TO US WITH THE LETTER OF SUPPORT, SO WE WENT AHEAD. THE BJP NEVER COMPROMISED ITS IDEOLOGY BY GOING WITH AJIT.

—UNION HOME MINISTER

AMIT SHAH

POINT COUNTERPOINT



THE BJP SHOULD NOT HAVE TAKEN THE SUPPORT OF AJIT. HE IS AN ACCUSED IN THE MASSIVE IRRIGATION SCAM AND FACES MANY ALLEGATIONS.

—SENIOR BJP LEADER

EKNATH KHADSE

Don't experiment on the poor

Underprivileged societies are being used as guinea pigs by development scientists. Encouraging the poor to take risks raises ethical questions because it is they, and not outsiders, who pay the price of failure



MOÏN QAZI

India has long been a testing ground for Euro-American products, particularly in agriculture and medicine — and of late, finance and insurance — whose producers make the most of loose regulations and the diversity of a huge population. This cuts research costs dramatically for lucrative products to be sold in those countries, as also to promote the agenda of globalisation.

The relationship is highly exploitative and many believe it represents a new form of colonialism. Development is a new and fertile ground for such experimentation upon the underprivileged. Poor societies have become guinea pigs for development scientists. The Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences, funded by the Bank of Sweden, was recently awarded for such randomised, controlled trials that have changed the face of development economics. What was earlier used for clinical trials of medicines has now become a tool for gauging the efficacy of financial and social medicines.

On account of a lack of proper awareness and failure of institutions to properly guide them, people buy insurance policies without planning and give up midway because they do not have money to pay the premium. Aggressive selling prevents the agents from properly assessing the consistency in income streams of the buyers for servicing their policies. The customers end up losing heavily due to harsh penalties. There's a popular term to describe this, it is called "mis-selling".

We often mistake innovation for invention. Innovators are anything but inventors. They offer deliverables because their focus is on taking something already known and improving it. Inventions are the real breakthroughs as they transforming entire cultures for the better.

The commercial pitch: A fresh nuance in the innovation discourse is the concept of ideas which have potential business value or a strong commercial proposition. In the new paradigm, the net benefit to society is usually outweighed by the profit accruing to the innovators' financial backers — the investors and political actors who now form a new and important element in the ecosystem. Most innovations are now being measured in terms of their commercial and business worth, and how effectively they can be pitched to the investment world. The language of innovation is now increasingly couched in financial jargon and we must acknowledge this new development, however disdainful it may appear to us. There may be innovations which bring substantial net benefits to society, particularly to those excluded from mainstream development but these may not find strong adherents because they don't have a robust business value.

Such innovations are oftentimes skewed and tailored to meet the needs of the rigid financial framework of the funders. This usually results in a compliance culture that is highly regimented, leaving little scope for creativity and attention to other dimensions of clients' well-being.

This new dimension of development and innovation has both pros and cons. While it is being made out to be a win-win formula for the creators of the model and the recipients, given the influential position that the proponents enjoy on account of their financial and political muscle, it has degenerated into a monopolistic power for the funders. Microfinance is perhaps the starkest example of this.

There is now huge money in the field of inno-

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vation. But much of it comes from business-minded investors who are using this double-edged sword for their own hidden agenda. They claim to be investing money for the betterment of society and often benefit from this claim. However, they do not give the faintest hint of their larger commercial and business objective. Large commercial investors are usually social innovators who are targeting larger social problems. The strategy has several advantages. Since the targeted population is mostly illiterate and unempowered, the innovations are usually not subject to any rigorous scrutiny and negative objectives are brushed off with deft publicity efforts. Since the beneficiaries are from low-income and vulnerable segments, even a small benefit, despite some sections of the population suffering evil consequences, is telescoped into a great messianic act.

Moreover, since such innovations have the backing of powerful people, they can easily demolish even genuine resistance based on authentic evidence of wrongs being done in the name of innovation. The real paradox is that most investors take an exit immediately after they have reaped benefits on their investment. They don't wait to see the longer term outcome of their investments and may not be around to answer and make themselves accountable when the evil consequences start appearing. There are times when entrepreneurs are quite well-intentioned but their funders may have a narrow agenda. Start-ups should think before going for external funding as the moment they do, the investors will run and govern the business and the founder can think only about returns and exit for the investors.

Flawed innovations: One must be very clear about the deeper and ongoing benefit and purpose of innovation.

It may be aimed at simplifying processes, refining products or addressing bottlenecks in a system to improve delivery for beneficiaries or client. But, we cannot remain oblivious to the new problems that arise as byproducts of the new system.

They could be perhaps more damaging than the ones they propose to fix. Much damage has been done to the enterprise and field of innovation by certification agencies and award juries who have been lazy in studying the actual worth of innovation or have shown haste in obliging their fellow ideologists or have been driven by non-ethical considerations in awarding innovators. Several juries have severe ideological biases and that has vitiated the entire climate for innovation.

Encouraging the vulnerable to take risks raises ethical questions. This is really tragic because it is they and not outsiders, who have to pay the price of failure.

A painstaking reflection of such interventions is imperative. New agricultural practices are being propagated with extravagant promises. By manipulating the choices of consumers at the low-income pyramid, the poor are being disempowered. The damage to the economy and ecology of these already fragile societies is now starkly visible. The cost of bearing the failure of these experiments can be significantly high for those who, apart from coping with harmful effects, also face the opportunity cost of setting them right.

Gandhian engineering: But not everything is bleak and dark. There is a tribe of socially-committed and conscientious entrepreneurs which is engaged in Gandhian engineering or frugal engineering. Its practitioners have pioneered the science of breaking up complex products or business models into their most basic forms and then

rebuilding them in the most economic manner possible to tap the bottom of a market.

These conscientious entrepreneurs have successfully designed and introduced a wide range of affordable products that are sturdy enough to survive the demanding environment and are easy enough for a wide range of people to use. These range from solar-powered ATM bank machines to a detergent requiring little water.

A similar example is the "sachetisation" of commodities. The FMCG industry found that rural Indians wanted the same things as everyone else but they could only afford it in bite-sized packets. We can see streams of sachets dangling from crowded shelves and filled with anything from shampoo and cough syrup to coconut oil and mobile phone minutes.

A better way to drive a revolution of this type is through empathy. Not a form of sympathy that comes from superiority but one born of profound humility. It is an offering of respect, a moment of listening to stand in the shoes of another. The most successful leaders are those who recognise this truth and invoke it in the developmental interventions they shepherd. When we design solutions that recognise all as equal partners, we have a real chance of making it to the goalpost.

Every society is going through different stages of development and the necessary solutions and interventions must be appropriate for its unique cultural and economic context. By respecting the cultural outlook of the people and embracing their concerns we enlist their buy-in and that is what paves the way for enduring and sustainable success.

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Offshore wind power generation not in full force

At the end of 2018, the global offshore wind energy generated stood at 23 GW compared to 540 GW from onshore projects. With wind speed being a given asset, offshore production should have overtaken that of onshore operations



KOTA SRIRAJ

Offshore wind energy utilisation is a natural offshoot of the land-based wind power programme. However, despite the phenomenal progress in this decade, offshore wind energy is still a nascent sector with only two decades of serious research and development efforts.

At the end of 2018, the global offshore wind energy generated stood at 23 gigawatts (GW) compared to 540 GW from onshore projects. With wind speed potential being a given asset, offshore production should have overtaken the onshore creation statistics long ago but this is not the case.

Now, countries are removing obstacles in order to make offshore

wind energy generation a major success. For instance, the last two years have seen installations to the tune of 4.5 GW each around the world, supported by technological advancements and supportive policies. The main contributors to this power capacity are the United Kingdom (UK), Germany, the Netherlands and China. These countries have also made policies attractive for investors in these projects.

For instance, Nordic countries like Denmark and Norway have removed penalties for project failure, emphasising on the importance of learning, over operation. As the offshore wind energy sector is based on expensive technology, pilot projects need support. This is generally in the form of investment subsidies. For instance, the UK provided large grants, to the tune of £10 million per plant, to the early offshore developers.

Given the fast-paced global developments in this sector, India, with its over 7,000 km-long coastline, has immense offshore wind power gener-



ation potential and has made appreciable efforts in this direction. However, we are not quite there yet, even though the green energy portfolio aims at harnessing its entirely unexploited potential. For India, this is the right time to focus on offshore projects. This is because there is a lull in onshore wind energy generation in the country, with only 3.3 GW added in the last two years. Also, the whole world is focussing on renewable offshore wind power at the moment, so India can't be seen as lagging behind in this sector.

One of the main reasons for the

slowdown in the onshore segment is the fact that repowering of old wind farms with higher capacity turbines does not offer the same scale of generation as offshore projects. Keeping this in mind and the upbeat global sentiment, the Government has set an ambitious target of developing five GW of offshore capacity by 2022 and a further 30 GW by 2030. The National Offshore Wind Policy, 2015 provides the basic framework for offshore project development in the country as it allows for setting up of offshore wind farms up to 200 nautical miles. However, in a rider that may

not go down too well with many, developers can undertake project exploration and construction activities with just a 35-year lease from the Government, as per the Draft Offshore Wind Energy Lease Rules, 2019. Despite lofty targets aided by an ambitious Government policy, the ground realities are a bit different. The pace of development in many instances has been slow and the five GW target is out of reach. This is because project incubation itself takes six to seven years. While the Government is busy preparing the tenders, supply chain issues have been left unaddressed. Cost too is becoming a pressing issue.

The capital cost of offshore wind projects is roughly five-seven times higher than that of onshore projects. While turbines account for 60-80 per cent of the capital cost of an onshore project, they are only 30-50 per cent of the cost in case of an offshore project. Instead, the share of grid connection costs is higher at 15-30 per cent in case of offshore wind farms due to

the requirement of laying sub-sea cables. The Government must remove these bottlenecks immediately if success has to be achieved in getting the targeted power generation. The policy must make arrangements for the reduction of costs through customised turbine designs made for low-wind conditions, low labour cost as well as tax waivers.

Moreover, at present the tax burden on the industry is estimated to be 30-31 per cent, which has led the developers to request the Government to waive off custom duties and impose only five per cent Goods and Services Tax (GST), in line with the concessions being provided to the oil and gas industry. This is crucial, considering that most of the projects are at present dependent on foreign technology. Unless these matters are resolved, the progress of offshore wind energy projects in India will be like taking two steps forward and three steps backward.

(The writer is an environmental journalist)



FOREIGN EYE



CRUSHING UNREST IS NOT A SOLUTION

Tehran will have been well prepared for the protests that broke out in Iran recently, given the unrest of the last two years and its role in Lebanon and Iraq, also gripped by demonstrations. Yet more dissent will surely come. Accusing the US, UK and others of stoking unrest, as the regime has done, will do nothing to persuade people that their complaint is being addressed. Brutal crackdowns only fuel their grievances.

(The Guardian editorial)

India's fiscal deficit to be about 3.7% in FY20: Moody's

IAN S ■ NEW DELHI

Ratings agency Moody's Investors Service has projected India's fiscal deficit to be about 3.7 per cent of the gross domestic product (GDP) in 2019-20, which will be slightly wider than the 3.4 per cent posted in fiscal 2019.

The Government has kept a fiscal deficit target of 3.3 per cent of the GDP for 2019-20.

The agency, in a report, said the persistent spending pressures and slower economic growth will result in continued widening of the fiscal deficit.

"At fiscal year-end March 2020 (fiscal 2020), we project Government deficit will be about 3.7 per cent of gross domestic product (GDP) for the Central Government and around 3 per cent for States, adding up to a general Government deficit of about 6.7 per cent," the report said.

In the report, the agency cited that large fiscal deficits of some State Governments will also constrain Centre's medium-term consolidation goals.

According to the agency, Indian States, which do not



generate sufficient revenue sources for their spending needs, remain dependent on Central Government's grants. These States have recorded larger deficits in recent years.

"The introduction of the GST replaced many indirect taxes previously levied by the States, reducing the share of own source revenue in their total revenue. As a result, States now rely on the Central Government or the GST Council for a majority of their

revenue, with variations across States," the report said.

"Moreover, GST revenue has been below expectations since its launch, though the Central Government has agreed to compensate states for any revenue shortfalls due to the GST for five years."

States' gross borrowing needs are budgeted at ₹7.5 trillion (\$104 billion or 3.4 per cent of the national GDP) for fiscal 2020, a 28 per cent increase over fiscal 2019. levels.

Trai unlikely to intervene in tariffs, floor price for now: Sources

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

With large telecom operators planning a rate hike in coming days, Trai is unlikely to make an immediate intervention on tariff issues, including fixation of any floor price as of now, sources said.

Sources aware of Trai's views on the issue said that making any fresh move on floor prices or intervention does not make sense at this point, given that operators have already announced plans to hike tariffs in coming days.

The sources told PTI that any move by Trai now may "derail" the process which has been initiated at the operators' end. The regulator considers intervention to be the "last resort".

As operators have already announced that they will increase tariffs, Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (Trai) will wait to see how the entire situation unfolds.

The floor price was among key issues flagged by the industry representatives at a crucial meeting held at Trai on



Wednesday to chalk out the regulatory agenda for 2020. A section of the industry wanted a regulatory intervention by Trai on the tariff issue, the sources said.

According to industry sources, older operators attending the meeting told Trai that tariffs may require a "regulatory intervention" as the sector faces excessive competition which makes it difficult for players to raise prices of mobile services. Hence, they felt that a regulatory intervention will be desirable and that fixing floor price on tariffs by Trai would be a more effective mechanism.

However, they said, there is no decision in Trai on floor price as of now, and any call on the issue will be taken only at a later date. The regulator is in the process of finalising its agenda for 2020, and 6-7 issues

As operators have already announced that they will increase tariffs, Trai will wait to see how the entire situation unfolds

are expected to be taken up in the coming year. Issues that have been flagged by the industry for inclusion in Trai's 2020 agenda are tariff floor price, redefinition of adjusted gross revenue (AGR) and infrastructure sharing, among others.

It is pertinent to mention here that telecom operators have announced plans to hike rates in the coming days, although they have not indicated just how much the tariffs will increase. On November 18, Bharti Airtel and Vodafone Idea announced a hike in mobile phone call and data charges from December saying the increase was warranted for viability of their business.

The following day, billionaire Mukesh Ambani's Reliance Jio said it will increase mobile phone call and data charges in the next few weeks in compliance with rules.

Bharti Airtel, Vodafone Idea and other telecom operators have to pay ₹1.47 lakh crore in outstanding statutory dues following a Supreme Court order on October 24 that

Trai moots idea of tariff calculator, more transparent disclosures

New Delhi: Telecom regulator Trai on Wednesday invited public views on enhancing transparency in disclosure of phone services rates and mooted an idea of introducing tariff calculator to help customers find the best plans to suit their usage.

Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (Trai) has sought views on higher transparency in details of unlimited data plans, where promised speed is provided only up to a certain level of usage and information is concealed in service thereafter.

"The transparency in communication is not only relevant to ensure that consumers benefit from the access to critical information regarding the product/service but also to maintain and increase the competition intensity, vital for growth and development of the sector," Trai said in its consultation paper on transparency in publishing of tariff offers.

The consultation paper from Trai has been issued when telecom operators have announced their plan to raise tariffs. PTI

UPI transactions hit 2.7 bn, clocks ₹4.6 trillion in value in Q3

IAN S ■ NEW DELHI

The total volume of Unified Payments Interface (UPI) transactions in Q3 2019 touched 2.7 billion, a whopping 183 per cent increase from the same July-September quarter a year ago. In terms of value, UPI clocked ₹4.6 trillion, up 189 per cent from Q3 2018, a new report said on Wednesday.

The number of transactions done on mobile wallets was 1.04 billion, an increase of just 5 per cent over previous year period while the value of transactions in the July-September period was ₹466 billion, an increase of 2 per cent over Q3 of the previous year, said the Worldline report titled "India Digital Payments Report — Q3 2019".

"The growth of mobile wallets has not taken off much following the emergence of UPI. The transactions done using mobile wallets in Q3 2019 are only 10 per cent of the size of the total transaction value on the UPI platform," the report noted.

Starting with just 21 member banks and less than 1 million transactions in August 2016, UPI is now adopted by 141 banks and achieved a milestone transaction volume of 1 billion in October this year.

"The Reserve Bank of India, in its efforts to promote digital payments recently notified that it will operationalize the Acceptance Development Fund from January 1, 2020. This will clearly expedite the task of enabling Tier III, IV markets with acceptance infrastructure," said Deepak Chandnani Managing Director, Worldline South Asia & Middle East.

"Though POS terminals are increasing at a steady pace and have reached 4.59 million till September 2019, we still have a long way to go to cater close to 900 million cards in circulation," he added.

In Q3 2019, the total number of credit card transactions was 540 million, an increase of 25.6 per cent over the previous year and the total number of debit card transactions was 3.7 billion, an increase of 6.4 per cent over the previous year.

The average ticket size on POS terminals for credit card transactions was ₹3,324 and ₹1,357 for debit card transactions.

IMPS continued its strong growth in Q3 2019. IMPS recorded 594 million transactions, a 50 per cent increase from Q3 2018 and in terms of value, IMPS clocked ₹5.5 trillion, up 51 per cent from Q3 2018.

India seeks review of FTAs with ASEAN, Japan: Goyal

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India has sought review of its existing free trade agreements (FTAs) with ASEAN and Japan, Parliament was informed on Wednesday.

Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said that eight rounds of negotiations have been held with South Korea for upgrading the existing comprehensive FTA.

"India has sought review of its existing trade agreements with both ASEAN and Japan," he said in a written reply to the Lok Sabha. He also said that India and the European Union have held eight stock taking level meetings since the resumption of their negotiations in 2016 on a proposed Bilateral Trade and Investment Agreement (BTIA).

In a separate reply, he said that India is engaging bilaterally, plurilaterally and multilaterally to pursue opportunities for furthering its trade ties, including opportunities for suitable trade agreements, keeping in mind the national interest. As per the WTO data released in April for 2018, India's share in global exports for merchandise was 1.7 per cent and in global imports was 2.6 per cent. For the service sector, its share in global exports was 3.5 per cent and imports was 3.2 per cent in the last year.

No proposal to reduce retirement age: Govt

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

There is no proposal to reduce the retirement age of employees from 60 years to 58 years, the Government said on Wednesday.

"No Sir. Presently, there is no proposal to reduce age of retirement on superannuation from 60 years to 58 years," Minister of State for Personnel Jitendra Singh said in a written reply to Lok Sabha.

He said there are provisions under Fundamental Rules 56(j), Rule 48 of Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1972 and Rule 16(3) (Amended) of All India Services (Death-cum-

Retirement Benefits) Rules, 1958, according to which the government has the absolute right to retire officials prematurely, on the ground of lack of integrity or ineffectiveness, in public interest, by giving notice of not less than three months in writing or three months' pay and allowances in lieu of such notice.

Such provisions can be applicable on a government employee if he is, in group 'A' or group 'B' service or post in a substantive, quasi-permanent or temporary capacity and had entered service before attaining the age of 35 years, and is over the age of 50 years, the Minister said.

Air India would be closed if not privatised: Minister in RS

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Loss-making Air India will have to be closed down if not privatised, Civil Aviation Minister Hardeep Singh Puri informed Rajya Sabha on Wednesday and said the government is committed to secure a favourable deal for all employees of the state-owned carrier.

The government is in the process of finalising invitation of bids, he said, adding interests of employees of the state-owned carrier Air India would be protected and there would be no job loss till its privatisation.

"Your airlines would have to be closed down if not pri-

privatised," Puri said while replying to a supplementary question.

"... The process of disinvestment is underway. The issue of getting bids will arise only after we complete the processing. So far, the alternative mechanism, under the chairmanship of the Home Minister, has been made," he said.

"We have taken some decisions. Other decisions are being processed. Once we invite bids, then, we will see how many bids have come in," Puri added.

Talking about employees' concern, he said, "Issues being related to current employees,

their health cover, how many would remain and what would happen, we are committed to secure a favourable deal for all employees."

Puri said there is a decline in global freight traffic but there might not be any impact in India.

"There is a decline in global freight traffic but if you look at the Indian scenario, I think that transportation by air is taking off and I don't see too much of a decline there."

The minister highlighted that earlier it used to take 116 hours to import a particular product and now it has come down to 39 hours.

Action taken against 1,271 firms for misusing export promotion scheme: Minister

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Commerce Ministry has taken action against 1,271 companies for misusing facilities under the export promotion scheme during the last three years, Parliament was informed on Wednesday.

For misuse of facilities, companies have been denied further facilities under the export promotion scheme, their importer exporter code

(IEC) has been cancelled/suspended, financial penalty imposed, and recovery proceedings initiated, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said in a written reply to the Lok Sabha.

"Action for misuse of facilities under Export Promotion Scheme during the last three years has been taken against 1,271 companies by Directorate General of Foreign Trade," he said.

Google issued 12K warnings to users globally

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Google sent out over 12,000 warnings to users globally, including 500 in India, between July and September this year to sound them out against being targeted by "government-backed attackers".

The disclosure comes close on the heels of messaging giant WhatsApp stating that an Israeli spyware called Pegasus had been used to spy on journalists and human rights activists globally, including 121 people in India.

PMC scam: Court gives nod to sell two jets, yacht of Wadhawans

PTI ■ MUMBAI

A court here has allowed the ARBI-appointed administrator for the PMC Bank to sell two airplanes and a yacht belonging to HDIL group firms owned by Rakesh Wadhawan and his son Sarang, the prime accused in the ₹4,355-crore scam at the cooperative lender.

Chief Metropolitan Magistrate R K Rajbhoshale on Monday allowed the sale of two aircraft- Falcon 2000 (VT-HDL) and Challenger 300 (VT-

PIL)- and one yacht (Ferreti 881 HT).

The administrator had moved the court, seeking its direction to sell the movable assets attached by the probe agencies in connection with the scam at the Punjab & Maharashtra Co-operative Bank (PMC Bank).

The administrator, represented by advocate Ramesh Dube-Patil, told the court that due to the restrictions, the depositors cannot withdraw more than the amount prescribed by the apex bank.

SEARCH FOR MISSING



General public is hereby informed that this girl (depicted in the photo) namely: **Neetu D/o Late Bhoop Singh R/o H. No. 1/4420 Main Mandoli Road, Near Ganga Jewellers, Delhi**, has been missing/kidnapped from area of PS MS Park since **02.11.2019**. In this regard DD No. **1-A Dated 03.11.2019** has been registered at **PS MS Park, Delhi**. 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:** 28 years, **Height:** 5'1" ft., **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Face:** Round, **Built:** Normal, **ID Mark:** A Mole over Chin & Mentally Weak, **Wearing:** Pink Suit & Green Salwar.
Any person is having information or clue about this missing/kidnapped girl may kindly inform to the following:-
SHO
Website: <http://cbl.nic.in> **P.S. MS Park, Delhi**
E-mail: cic@cbl.gov.in **Ph. No.: 011-22599374**
Tel. No.: 011-24368638/24368641 **Mob. No.: 7065036029**
Fax No.: 011-24368639 **DP/1288/SHD/19**

SEARCH FOR MISSING FEMALE



General public is hereby informed that one female namely **Suman Devi W/o Sh. Satish R/o H.No. B-45, Gali No. 19, Mangal Bazar Road, Dass Garden, Delhi**. Age about 38 years, Height 5', Complexion Wheatish, Face long, wearing Pink colour Suit-Salwar & Hawai Chappal in feet is missing/kidnapped since **12.11.2019** from the area of PS Ranhola, Delhi.

In this regard a DD No. **28-A** dated **14.11.2019** has been lodged at PS Ranhola, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about this missing/kidnapped female may kindly inform to the undersigned at the address or telephone nos. given below.
Website: <http://cbl.nic.in> **SHO**
Email: cic@cbl.gov.in **PS Ranhola, Delhi**
Fax: 011-24368639 **Ph. 011-24368638, 24368641**
Ph. 011-24368638, 24368641 **Ph. 011-28363001, 28363002-03**
DP/2897/OD/19

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that an **unidentified dead body of a male namely Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, was found on 18.11.2019 at Kalkatiya Gate, Katha Kunj Park, Jamuna Bazar, Kashmere Gate, Delhi**. In this regard **DD No. 32-A, dated 18.11.2019** has been lodged at Police Station, Kashmere Gate, Delhi. Identification of unidentified dead body of male is as under:
Name: Unknown, Age: 70 Years, Height: 5'5", Complexion: Wheatish, Wearing: White colour pajama only
If anyone have any information or clue about this male deceased may kindly be inform undersigned.
SHO
Police Station, Kashmere Gate, Delhi
Ph.: 011-23967889, 8750870123
DP/679/N/19

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Website:- www.pspcl.in

Tender Enquiry No. **223/DIT-1007/ Dated: 26-11-2019**
Short Description: Procurement of Desktop PCs, Multi-Functional Printers, Network Laser Printers, Dot Matrix Printers, UPS & Bar Code Readers for various offices of PSPCL.
Start date for downloading of Specification/ tender documents: Date of uploading of tender
Last Date for downloading of Specification/ tender documents: **27-12-2019 (11:00 AM)**
Last date for Bid Submission: **30-12-2019 (11:00 AM)**
Bid Opening date: **30-12-2019 (12:00 Noon)**
Note:- The prospective bidders are requested to get clarification from this office and/or M/s e-procurement Technologies Ltd. Contact No. +91-(79)-4001 6866/4038/18/21 in case of any difficulty regarding uploading of the tender well in time. It is also requested to get their digital signature well in time so as to submit tenders through e-tendering only. It is informed that in case the tender process is not completed due to any reason, no corrigendum will be published in newspapers. Detail regarding corrigendum may be seen on PSPCL official website i.e. (<https://pspcl.abcpocure.com>)
C-478/19 DPR/27NOV/19/ C7961 Dt. 27-11-2019
Sr. XENIT (NSP), PSPCL, Patiala

SEARCH FOR MISSING



General public is hereby informed that this boy (depicted in the photo) namely: **Aakash S/o Sh. Sompal R/o T-28, AO-Block, Shalimar Bagh, Delhi** has been missing/kidnapped since **11.11.2019**. In this regard DD No. **46-A** dated **12.11.2019** has been registered at **PS. Shalimar Bagh, Delhi**. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the boy but no clue has come to light so far.

His physical description is as under:-
Sex: Male, **Age:** 21 years, **Height:** 5'5" ft., **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Face:** Long, **Built:** Thin, **Wearing:** White Shirt and Blue Jeans and Sport Shoes in feet.
Any person is having information or clue about this missing/kidnapped boy may kindly inform to the following:-
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Website: <http://cbl.nic.in> **P.S. Shalimar Bagh, Delhi**
E-mail: cic@cbl.gov.in **Ph. No.: 011-27495198**
Tel. No.: 011-24368638/24368641 **Mob. No.: 8750870227**
Fax No.: 011-24368639 **DP/9541/NW/19**

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



General public is hereby informed that a girl namely **Durga, D/o Ramvilash R/o Jhuggi No. 4, Ambedkar nagar, Haiderpur, Delhi** has been missing/kidnapped since **28.10.2019**. In this regard, **FIR No. 552/19 u/s 363 IPC dated 29.10.2019** has been registered at **P.S. Shalimar Bagh, Delhi**. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the missing/ Kidnapped girl but no clue has come to light so far. The description of the missing/ kidnapped girl is as under:
Name: Durga, **Gender:** Female, **Age:** 15 years, **Height:** 5', **Complexion:** Shallow, **Face:** Round, **Built:** Thin, **Wearing:** Black and yellow colour t-shirt and black colour lower.
If anyone has any information regarding this missing/ kidnapped Girl, kindly inform SHO/ Shalimar Bagh, Delhi.
E-mail: cic@cbl.gov.in **SHO**
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DP/9538/NW/19

SEARCH FOR MISSING



General Public is hereby informed that one person namely **Narender Bhakta S/o Sh. Sakal Dev Bhakta R/o H.No. 3, Kewal Park Extn. Sishe Wali Gali Near Shiv Shakti Glass, Azadpur, Delhi** **Age-62 years, Height-5'5", Complexion-Fair, Face-Long, Built-Thin, Wearing- Gray Colour T-Shirt and Red Colour Short** has been missing since dated **26.10.2019**. In this regard a **DD No.34-A dated 29.10.2019** has been lodged at **P.S. Adarsh Nagar, Delhi**.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the person but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone having any information about this person but please inform undersigned.
E-mail: cic@cbl.gov.in **SHO**
Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641 **P.S. Adarsh Nagar, Delhi**
Fax: 011-24368639 **Ph.:** 011-27674452, 27495198
DP/9533/NW/19 8750870233

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that this person **Named: Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: 60 Years, Sex: Male, Height: 5'7", Face: Oval, Complexion: Wheatish, Built: Normal, Wearing: Blue Shirt and Jeans Pant** was found dead in the jurisdiction of **PS Mahendra Park, Delhi** on **03.11.2019** at **16:30**. In this regard a **FIR/DD No.434/19, dated 03.11.2019** has been registered at **P.S. Mahendra Park, 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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Sensex, Nifty scale fresh closing peaks

Yes Bank rallies over 7 per cent

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Market benchmark Sensex and Nifty on Wednesday scaled fresh closing peaks on hectic buying in banking, oil & gas and auto stocks amid positive trends from global markets as investors latched onto hopes of a trade deal between the US and China. The 30-share Sensex rose by 199.31 points or 0.49 per cent to end at a new life-time high of 41,020.61 as 24 of its constituents ended in the green.

The broader NSE Nifty gained 63 points or 0.52 per cent to settle at a new peak of 12,100.70. According to analysts, sustained foreign fund inflow also buoyed the market sentiment. Foreign investors purchased shares worth Rs 4,677.75 crore on a net basis on Tuesday, provisional exchange data showed. Banking stocks advanced on rising expectations of a rate cut by the RBI.

Yes Bank was the biggest gainer in the Sensex pack, rallying 7.65 per cent. SBI rose by 2.43 per cent after SBI Cards filed its IPO papers with SEBI. Kotak Bank was up 1 per cent, and IndusInd Bank by 0.64 per cent. HDFC gained 1.41 per cent at the close while HDFC Bank



edged up 0.29 per cent. Among other major gainers, SBI rose by 2.43 per cent, Maruti by 2.38 per cent, Sun Pharma by 1.87 per cent, HUL by 1.78 per cent and ONGC by 1.72 per cent. Tata Motors, Bajaj Auto and Hero MotoCorp rose more than 1 per cent. Infosys, HCL Tech, Reliance Industries and Vedanta Ltd also gained. Growing hopes that the US and China may soon reach an agreement to settle their trade disputes drove the market sentiment in global markets. US President Donald Trump said the talks were “in the final throes”.

“Market was cheerful with the hope that the government will consider new scrappage policy while metals were positive about developments of the first phase US-China trade deal. Rate sensitive stocks like banks did well in expectation of rate cut

in RBI policy,” Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services said. Short-covering ahead of the expiry of November derivatives contracts on Thursday also contributed to the rally, traders said.

Paras Bothra, President of Equity Research, Ashika Stock Broking said, “Domestic markets were volatile but eventually ended with gains led by positive global cues over US-China trade deal while F&O expiry and upcoming GDP data kept scepticism alive.” L&T was the top loser among Sensex stocks, ending 2.05 per cent lower. ICICI Bank, ITC, Tata Steel, NTPC and Axis Bank too closed in the red. Broader BSE midcap and small-cap advanced up to 0.82 per cent. Sectorally, BSE auto, oil and gas, basic materials, metal, energy and healthcare indices ended up to 1.22 per cent higher. Most of the Asian markets were up on expectations of the US-China trade deal. Hong Kong gained 0.2 per cent, Tokyo rose by 0.3 per cent and Sydney by 0.9 per cent. However, Shanghai settled lower. On the currency front, the rupee closed up by 15 paise at 71.35 against the US dollar.

Brent futures rose 0.18 per cent er barrel.

₹ gains 15 paise to end at over 2-week high on forex inflows

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The rupee on Wednesday appreciated by 15 paise to close at more than two-week high of 71.35 against the US dollar on gains in domestic equities and sustained foreign fund inflows.

Forex traders said the rupee appreciated for the second straight day on foreign inflows in primary as well as secondary equity market.

At the interbank foreign exchange market, the rupee opened strong at 71.43 against the US dollar. During the day, the domestic unit fluctuated between a high of 71.30 and a low of 71.48.

“The biggest factors for appreciation in rupee remains foreign fund inflows. For the current fiscal, RBI has purchased dollar more than USD 36 billion which helped rupee appreciation,” said V K Sharma, Head PCG & Capital Markets Strategy, HDFC securities.

Foreign investors remained net buyers of Indian equities with a purchase of ₹46.93 crore of shares on a net basis on Wednesday. FIIs bought shares of more than ₹5,100 crore on a net basis in the past two sessions.

“Rupee rallied primarily supported by gains in domes-

tic equities and fund inflows by the FIIs in the equity segment,” Gaurang Somaiyaa, Forex & Bullion Analyst, Motilal Oswal Financial Services Private Ltd. This month, FIIs poured in funds of \$3.4 billion (around ₹24,266 crore) in the equity segment until now as compared to inflow of USD 1.7 billion (around ₹12,130 crore) in the previous month.

Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, rose 0.06 per cent to 98.31.

Meanwhile, the 10-year government bond yield was at 6.47 per cent on Wednesday.

Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, rose 0.37 per cent to \$64.51 per barrel in futures trade.

Key stock indices rose to fresh life-time highs in line with gains in Asian markets. The 30-share Sensex rose by 199.31 points or 0.49 per cent to end at a new life-time high of 41,020.61 while the Nifty gained 63 points or 0.52 per cent to settle at a new peak of 12,100.70.

The Financial Benchmark India Private Ltd (FBIL) set the reference rate for the rupee/dollar at 71.5909 and for rupee/euro at 78.8540.

‘Govt chalks out plan for ₹100L cr investment in infra over 5 yrs’

New Delhi (PTI): The Centre has chalked out a plan envisaging an investment of Rs 100 lakh crore in the infrastructure sector over the next five years, Union Minister Piyush Goyal said on Wednesday. “The investment will transform availability and quality of infrastructure at airports, roads, highways, railways, ports... All infrastructure-related sectors (aviation, shipping, electricity, and oil & gas) are going to see a huge thrust in the next five years,” Goyal said.

The railways and commerce & industry minister said that “Rs 100 lakh crore in the next five years is not a small amount”. He said the railways has drawn up a 12-year plan entailing an investment of Rs 50 lakh crore. “Rs 50 lakh crore in 12 years is an unheard-of investment spree that the railways is planning. Obviously, the government cannot put in this kind of money so we will have to engage the private sector. We will have to work closely through the public-private partnership model,” Goyal said. The minister said PM Narendra Modi's decision not to join the mega trade deal RCEP was a bold decision to stand up to and protect the rights and the interests of the Indian business community and ensure fair access.

Carmakers should focus on alternative fuel vehicles: Gadkari

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Terming huge crude oil import a “big economic challenge” for the country, Union Minister Nitin Gadkari on Wednesday urged automakers to focus on alternative fuel vehicles as well and ensured Government's support in the venture. Gadkari also stressed the need for diversifying agriculture towards power and energy to meet the goal of bio-fuel generation.

“I am giving you the confidence from the government that we are all supporter of this sector...you have lot of apprehensions about the future policy but the government is keenly interested to support and encourage you for new development (alternative fuel vehicles).go ahead with old manufacturing but also encourage alternative fuel,” Gadkari said addressing “NuGen Mobility Summit 2019”.

He said the government's approach is “import substitute, pollution free and cost effective” alternative to crude oil and the prime minister has specially given instructions to the Cabinet Secretary and Principal Adviser to work in this direction including on coal gasification and making methanol from that. “The problem which is related to

our economy is that our import bill is 20 per cent of our capital cost...it is a big economic challenge for the country. ..This is the time we have to find out some solution,” the minister said stressing that the automobile sector is one sector which provides good revenue to the government with maximum employment potential.

Promising that the problems of the automobile sector will be resolved, Gadkari said the intention of the government was not to create obstacles for them. Citing popular brands like Toyota and Hyundai, he said when these can manufacture flexi engines in Brazil why can't they do so in India where consumers can choose from various options including the alternative fuel.

The road, transport and highways minister said India is the fastest growing economy and by 2030 it is expected to become the third largest economy in the world. Apart from crude oil imports, another major problem faced by the economy is in the agriculture sector with surplus production of sugar, rice and wheat, he said adding that there is a need for diversification of agriculture and forest towards producing alternative fuel power and energy.

SCRIP	OPEN	High	LOW	LTP	CHANGE
NIFTY 50	12068.50	12114.90	12055.15	12100.70	63.00
YESBANK	68.10	69.00	65.65	68.40	5.20
ULTRACEMCO	4123.65	4250.00	4123.65	4240.00	127.15
SBIN	335.95	345.55	334.05	345.10	9.60
MARUTI	7166.60	7300.00	7166.60	7299.00	174.00
HINDALCO	199.40	203.50	199.40	203.05	4.35
BPL	544.20	554.90	544.20	553.00	11.30
UPCL	493.00	509.25	488.00	507.00	10.35
SUNPHARMA	449.95	461.00	447.55	459.25	8.50
ONGC	130.40	133.05	129.55	132.70	2.45
COALINDIA	197.50	201.70	196.20	201.10	3.35
HINDUNILVR	2062.25	2099.90	2055.85	2090.00	31.65
TATAMOTORS	165.30	169.30	165.05	165.90	2.50
BAJAJFINSV	9141.00	9260.30	9121.30	9255.20	133.90
BRITANNIA	3060.00	3100.00	3060.00	3100.00	44.75
HCLTECH	1109.00	1134.40	1109.00	1123.70	15.65
HDFC	2316.00	2352.00	2308.40	2336.00	31.35
IOC	129.35	131.65	129.05	131.05	1.75
WIPRO	239.00	240.90	238.05	240.35	2.80
BAJAJ-AUTO	3188.15	3217.25	3180.00	3212.30	39.30
KOTAKBANK	1604.95	1624.00	1601.70	1621.55	17.15
RELIANCE	1559.95	1575.50	1556.10	1575.10	14.85
VEDL	145.00	148.80	144.65	146.40	1.30
EICHERMOT	22990.80	23400.00	22872.40	23005.60	199.90
HEROMOTOCO	2495.90	2534.00	2491.55	2515.70	21.10
INFY	694.25	697.65	690.10	696.15	5.55
BHARTIARTL	433.50	437.00	426.40	435.55	3.20
INDUSINDBK	1519.00	1534.90	1508.00	1526.00	10.10
BAFINANCE	4121.00	4127.40	4095.00	4124.00	25.65
TECHM	762.85	769.55	757.35	768.00	4.40
ASIANPAINT	1714.00	1731.00	1704.60	1719.80	9.50
ADANIPORTS	372.00	374.35	367.25	372.20	1.80
POWERGRID	194.95	196.00	194.10	195.25	0.85
TCS	2052.00	2071.70	2046.55	2055.00	8.35
M&M	542.00	554.50	535.00	540.70	2.10
NESTLEIND	14560.00	14700.00	14226.85	14574.00	49.60
HDFCBANK	1276.00	1285.75	1271.20	1278.60	3.55
TITAN	1170.00	1182.50	1161.00	1167.15	1.05
ZEEL	315.00	329.90	311.40	319.00	-0.70
DRREDDY	2960.00	2991.95	2942.30	2959.05	-6.80
JSWSTEEL	254.10	257.95	251.90	252.45	-0.85
AXISBANK	755.00	763.75	748.40	749.10	-3.15
GRASIM	787.00	802.80	785.00	787.65	-3.40
GAIL	125.60	126.50	123.45	124.45	-0.55
NTPC	116.80	117.30	115.45	116.00	-0.65
TATASTEEL	425.30	427.00	419.20	421.15	-3.00
ICICIBANK	513.90	515.85	504.30	506.75	-3.95
ITC	249.75	250.05	246.60	246.65	-2.50
LT	1365.00	1370.00	1314.15	1339.10	-23.90
CIPLA	475.00	475.40	464.55	468.00	-10.55
INFRADEL	235.00	240.40	223.25	225.20	-7.45

SCRIP	OPEN	High	LOW	LTP	CHANGE
NIFTY NEXT 50	28357.40	28497.95	28289.30	28468.70	204.65
L&T	104.00	108.80	103.50	107.65	4.80
BIOCON	269.95	279.30	268.10	276.30	11.95
GICRE	255.05	269.60	252.00	263.85	9.80
IBULHSGFIN	265.10	270.70	259.10	268.20	9.10
NARDA	1798.30	1850.00	1793.50	1847.00	59.80
PETRONET	268.35	276.25	268.05	272.50	8.20
GODREJCP	706.00	724.80	704.00	720.10	17.60
BANKBARODA	100.30	102.70	99.40	102.35	2.45
BERGEPAINT	484.00	503.35	466.80	500.90	10.50
MARICO	315.20	338.50	315.05	337.40	22.05
SUNTRANSFIN	118.00	118.15	117.00	117.40	7.00
UPL	1220.00	1258.60	1210.75	1249.65	33.80
AMBUJACEM	207.50	205.20	200.05	203.75	3.45
AUROPHARMA	446.60	457.00	445.35	453.05	7.80
DIVISLAB	1785.00	1818.00	1773.80	1814.80	30.55
PAGEIND	21615.00	21999.45	21301.50	21851.55	365.20
BANDHANBANK	546.75	556.40	540.05	552.80	8.75
SHREECEM	20098.00	21393.65	20841.95	21377.00	337.15
HDFCAML	3670.00	3690.00	3604.40	3633.00	54.15
ASHOKLEY	83.00	83.40	80.80	81.95	1.15
HINDZINC	211.00	215.10	210.60	212.80	2.90
ACC	148.85	151.70	148.85	150.15	18.95
DABUR	466.15	470.45	462.85	468.60	5.85
HAVELLS	672.00	680.00	663.50	677.60	6.90
INDIGO	101.20	102.25	101.10	101.80	0.95
NMDCL	1410.00	1439.95	1392.00	1425.00	11.90
P&N	63.60	63.90	62.85	63.70	0.50
OFSS	2932.90	2941.70	2917.25	2930.00	18.50
PIDILITIND	1313.70	1321.80	1306.00	1313.50	7.90
LUPIN	789.00	797.70	782.15	792.45	6.50
PGHH	11290.00	11748.00	11290.00	11333.00	40.35
NIAL	150.00	157.70	148.85	150.70	0.35
BOSCHLTD	16600.00	17260.30	16451.05	16600.00	3.35
ICICIPRULI	490.00	500.80	487.50	497.00	0.00
CEL	1761.35	1795.00	1750.15	1761.00	-0.50
CADILAHC	255.80	258.95	252.40	255.60	-0.20
MOTHERSUMI	139.00	139.00	132.25	133.70	-0.15
BAJAJHINDL	3666.00	3681.75	3629.35	3665.00	-4.05
MCOWELL-N	611.90	613.75	602.00	607.15	-2.50
NHPC	23.95	24.00	23.85	23.85	-0.10
ICICI	1344.60	1355.70	1334.00	1336.80	-11.90
HINDPETRO	287.00	291.00	285.10	286.50	-2.30
SIEMENS	1479.80	1484.00	1448.00	1478.20	-15.70
COLPAL	1484.00	1487.90	1470.00	1472.10	-16.80
CONCOR	957.00	960.50	950.30	950.35	-6.80
SBILIFE	540.00	965.20	943.30	946.10	-12.85
PDFC	116.95	116.95	113.00	114.95	-1.85
IDEA	6.20	6.40	5.75	5.90	-0.10
DLF	217.85	218.15	213.60	215.65	-4.40
HDFCLIFE	598.10	599.40	582.75	585.05	-12.55

BSE 500

Script	Open	High	Low	LTP
YESBANK	68.30	68.85	65.70	68.25
LEMONTREE	59.85	61.85	59.50	60.50
IBULHSGFIN	265.40	270.20	259.20	268.10
ZEEL	315.90	329.85	311.50	319.50
RBLBANK	355.00	371.00	353.50	367.65
ICICIBANK	514.50	516.05	504.35	505.65
MARUTI	7150.00	7300.00	7150.00	7296.70
AXISBANK	753.00	763.95	749.00	749.90
SBIN	336.50	345.45	334.00	343.60
IT	1368.00	1370.00	1315.05	1334.90
TATASTEEL	425.90	427.00	419.00	421.00
TATAMOTORS	165.80	169.25	165.00	165.75
IDEA	6.24	6.37	5.77	5.89
HDFC	2313.20	2352.80	2308.40	2336.30
RELIANCE	1561.00	1575.00	1556.40	1569.75
BHARTIARTL	432.95	436.80	426.40	435.45
BHCL	493.50	508.95	488.00	505.50
TCS	2048.15	2071.00	2047.55	2053.45
JINDALSTEL	156.00	160.00	154.95	159.85
MOTHERSUMI	139.10	140.25	132.40	133.55
LAURUSLABS	334.20	362.10	333.95	353.50
HDFCAML	3660.00	3688.20	3606.00	3642.15
BIOCON	270.00	279.10	268.75	275.55
INDUSINDBK	1520.00	1537.10	1508.60	1526.75
L&T	103.30	108.80	103.50	107.65
GRAPHITE	317.00	335.05	312.00	331.85
ABFRL	219.00	222.50	214.70	219.80
ASHOKLEY	83.30	83.40	80.80	81.80
UPL	544.65	554.90	544.65	552.15
SUNPHARMA	452.00	461.10	447.85	459.15
ADANIENIT	208.00	215.10	208.00	213.75
ABCAPITAL	106.75	110.30	103.00	109.15
HEG	1085.75	1159.00	1057.75	1147.10
NCC	59.60	60.35	56.65	57.85
HINDUNILVR	2090.00	2098.65	2056.50	2100.00
VEDL	217.80	218.40	215.10	217.80
ULTRACEMCO	4125.20	4248.75	4125.20	4241.00
RANKBARODA	100.35	102.70	99.40	102.20
M&M	544.00	554.40	535.30	539.80
HDFCBANK	1282.95	1285.80	1271.30	1278.30
DMART	1805.00	1857.00	1793.50	1844.95
ACC	1482.00	1510.00	1482.00	1501.90
BERGEPAINT	488.75	503.00	467.00	492.25
ITC	250.00	250.00	246.55	246.95
DELTAACORP	205.25	219.50	205.10	218.35
INFY	695.70	697.60	690.20	696.05
UJIVAN	308.80	328.00	309.80	324.05
VOLTA	713.95	713.95	692.90	705.00
VEDL	145.75	148.70	144.55	146.95
PEL	1774.80	1795.00	1750.45	1765.50
INFRACEL	237.50	239.80	225.65	225.30
INDIGO	1424.00	1441.00	1393.00	1425.00
ADANIIGREEN	115.25	126.65	115.25	125.85
NTPC	110.00	117.20	115.50	115.75
GLENMARK	348.00	358.00	343.75	346.25
JSWSTEEL	253.95	257.90	252.00	253.10
HEROMOTOCO	2495.15	2533.00	2493.40	2521.60
KOLPAL	1490.00	1490.00	1470.50	1476.00
KOTAKBANK	1607.00	1624.00	1607.15	1618.55
GODFREYPHLP	1263.00	1354.00	1232.50	1335.35
PNB	63.70	63.90	62.85	63.75
BELM	985.05	1024.00	984.00	1016.30
CONCOR	556.50	565.30	550.20	550.20
OMAXE	182.50	180.05	180.50	181.65
BANKINDIA	75.60	77.40	74.75	76.90
SPIRICEE	103.60	107.80	103.60	104.00
SIEMENS	1483.00	1484.20	1448.25	1474.90
TITAN	1180.00	1182.90	1160.90	1167.00
BALKRISIND	869.00	888.95	858.00	885.00
BAJFINANCE	412.04	412.90	409.35	412.00
PIDILITIND	1324.90	1324.90	1307.00	1314.05
HDFCLIFE	598.95	599.45	583.00	585.40
GRASIM	790.85	802.50	785.30	788.65
DISHTV	15.00	15.10	13.76	13.99
CANBK	223.65	227.90	222.65	227.10
RNAM	371.35	377.00	363.00	370.50
IROC	129.50	131.40	129.10	131.00
DREDDEY	2961.00	2990.00	2942.50	2955.00
KAJARIACER	515.85	524.25	515.20	516.75
ALKEM	2097.50	2103.40	1980.05	1999.55
ORIENTECAL	198.00	202.05	197.80	199.90
AUROPHARMA	448.00	456.90	446.25	453.35
EICHERMOT	2290.00	2356.35	2288.25	2330.00
INDIGO	119.00	119.00	116.10	119.00
HINDALCO	199.85	203.60	199.00	202.95
APOLLOHOSP	1470.70	1480.00	1460.00	1465.00
SRILIFE	963.30	964.80	943.50	945.10
CEATLTD	945.00	951.00	928.00	937.00
CIPLA	474.80	474.80	464.90	468.00
STAR	396.85	396.85	387.40	391.50
ESCORTS	650.00	660.45	644.00	647.00
PIIND	1409.00	1442.90	1401.30	1474.95
MGL	1032.00	1084.00	1030.65	1038.75
SOBHA	383.60	393.60	381.00	391.10
TVSTMOTOR	452.95	476.00	452.95	474.00
SAIL	39.00	39.35	38.35	38.90
ANSANPAINT	1710.70	1730.55	1705.65	1715.70
HINDPETRO	288.00	291.00	285.20	286.55
JUSTDIAL	565.95	568.00	554.90	563.10
BAJAJFINSV	9105.00	9260.65	9105.00	9253.30
LUPIN	787.00	797.70	782.00	792.60
BATAINDIA	1610.10	1631.00	1607.00	1614.55
TATAMTRDRV	76.00	76.90	74.00	74.15
LIGHSFIN	436.00	447.20	433.15	442.75
GAIL	125.50	126.95	123.45	124.45
TATAGLOBAL	303.00	308.55	298.70	307.60
BANDHANBNK	547.00	556.40	544.40	552.55
BHEL	54.00	54.35	52.90	53.30
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Congressional Committee invites Trump to attend impeachment hearing

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

A key Congressional Committee in the House of Representatives has invited US President Donald Trump to attend or send his officials to participate in the impeachment hearings against him.

House Judiciary Committee on Tuesday announced to hold its first impeachment hearing against Trump next week.

Titled, "The Impeachment Inquiry into President Donald J Trump: Constitutional Grounds for Presidential Impeachment" — is the first in the third phase of the investigation, by the Democratic Party controlled House, into whether Trump abused his powers in pressing Ukrainian leaders to find dirt on his political opponents.

House Judiciary Chairman Jerrold Nadler said that the impeachment proceedings

against Trump is entering a new phase. That hearing will take place next Wednesday, December 4th at 10:00 am.

"Our first task is to explore the framework put in place to respond to serious allegations of impeachable misconduct like those against President Trump," Nadler said.

Nadler said that he has also written to Trump to remind him that the Committee's impeachment inquiry rules allow for the President to attend the hearing and for his counsel to question the witness panel.

"At base, the President has a choice to make: he can take this opportunity to be represented in the impeachment hearings, or he can stop complaining about the process. I hope that he chooses to participate in the inquiry, directly or through counsel, as other Presidents have done before him," Nadler

said. Meanwhile in a series of tweets, Trump said that he would love to have his officials testify before the Congressional committees on impeachment, but he is block them as he wants to protect future presidents.

"The DC Wolves and Fake News Media are reading far too much into people being forced by Courts to testify before Congress. I am fighting for future Presidents and the Office of the President," he said.

"Other than that, I would actually like people to testify. Don McGahn's respected lawyer has already stated that I did nothing wrong. John Bolton is a patriot and may know that I held back the money from Ukraine because it is considered a corrupt country, & I wanted to know why nearby European countries weren't putting up money also," he tweeted.

2016 Dhaka cafe attack: 7 Islamists get death penalty

Dhaka: A special Bangladeshi tribunal sentenced seven of the eight suspects to death on Wednesday for their involvement in the 2016 Islamist attack on a Dhaka cafe that killed 20 people, including an Indian girl, the worst terror attack in the country's history.

"They shall be hanged by neck until their death," Dhaka's Anti-Terrorism Special Tribunal judge Mojibur Rahman pronounced at the crowded court complex in Old Dhaka as the convicts appeared in the dock under heavy security.

The convicts were found to have financed, supplied weapons, or assisted those who directly took part in the attack on Holey Artisan Bakery in Dhaka's up market Gulshan area on July 1, 2016.

The judge acquitted the eighth suspect as the prosecution

side could not prove his links to the attack by the outlawed Neo-Jamaatul Mujahideen Bangladesh (Neo-JMB).

Investigators earlier said that all the five neo-JMB operatives who directly took part in the attack were killed next morning in a counter assault by the military commandos.

The counter attack, however, killed an employee of the bakery and fatally wounded another who succumbed to his wounds two days later.

The 17 foreigners killed in the attack included nine Italians, seven Japanese, one Indian girl. Two Bangladeshi police officers were also killed during the siege.

The Indian girl, Tarishi Jain, a student of the University of California in Berkeley, was among those killed in the attack. She was in Dhaka on vacation.

The judge in his verdict iden-

tified Bangladeshi Canadian Tamim Chowdhury as the mastermind of the attack, who later was killed during a nationwide anti-militancy security clamp-down.

The verdict simultaneously observed that Chowdhury tried to draw Islamic State (IS) support to militant attacks in Bangladesh.

The IS had immediately claimed responsibility of the Holey Artisan attack and several other subsequent militant assaults in the country.

But Bangladesh repeatedly declined the presence of any foreign terrorist group in the country attributing the incidents to homegrown terrorists.

Security analysts and officials, however, said several Bangladeshi homegrown militant groups were in touch with or influenced by international terrorist outfits.

Suspect in Indian-American's murder grew angry after she refused to talk to him

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

The man charged with the sexual assault and murder of a teenage Indian-American student in Chicago grabbed her around the neck from behind and put her in a chokehold after she refused to talk to him or acknowledge his catcalls, prosecutors have said.

Donald Thurman, 26, is charged with the first-degree murder and sexual assault of Ruth George, whose body was found Saturday in the backseat of her family's car at a campus parking garage.

The gruesome details of the crime emerged during a bail hearing of Thurman.

The prosecutors told the court on Tuesday that Thurman had confessed to the crime.

George, 19, originally hailing from Hyderabad, was a second-year honours student at University of Illinois in Chicago. The medical examiner has ruled her death a homicide by strangulation.

Cook County prosecutor James Murphy said Thurman became angry after George did not respond to his catcalls when she was walking from the campus to the parking garage early Saturday. He then followed George to the garage. Thurman "thought she was pretty" and wanted to talk to George. She did not respond. This made him angry.

THANKSGIVING TRADITION Trump pardons two turkeys

Washington: Continuing with the decades-old Thanksgiving tradition, Trump pardoned two turkeys — Bread and Butter — but not without making fun of the Democrat leading the impeachment inquiry that threatens his presidency. The turkeys named by students of Harrells Christian Academy in North Carolina, appeared before a battery of White House reporters in the Rose Garden where Trump announced his pardon. **PTI**

Next Trump impeachment hearings on Dec 4

Washington: The House Judiciary Committee said Tuesday it would begin hearings on December 4 in the next phase of the impeachment inquiry into Donald Trump — inviting the US president and his lawyer to attend, Jerry Nadler, chairman of the Democratic-controlled committee, said the first hearing would begin at 10:00 am (1500 GMT). "The Committee looks forward to your participation in the impeachment inquiry as the Committee fulfils its constitutional duties," Nadler said. **AFP**



People gather on the Roemerberg Square to visit the traditional Christmas market in Frankfurt, Germany, on Tuesday **AP**

South Korea fires warning shots at North Korean ship

Seoul: South Korea's military fired warning shots on Wednesday to repel a North Korean merchant ship after it violated their disputed western sea boundary, Seoul officials said, the second such incident in two months.

Seoul's Joint Chiefs of Staff said in a statement that it believes the North Korean ship crossed the sea boundary due to bad weather and an engine problem. No further violence was reported. It's the second time that South Korea has fired warning shots to drive back a North Korean ship in the area since South Korea's current liberal government took office in 2017. The first incident happened in September, according to South Korea's military. Ties between the two Koreas are strained amid a stalemate in US-led diplomacy on ending the North Korean nuclear crisis. North Korea said Monday its troops conducted artillery firing drills near the sea boundary. South Korea on Tuesday sent a formal protest message to North Korea, saying the drills violated last year's inter-Korean agreements aimed at reducing front-line military animosities. **AP**

Labour accuses UK PM of plot to 'sell' NHS to Trump

London: Britain's main opposition Labour party on Wednesday accused Prime Minister Boris Johnson of plotting a "toxic" deal with Donald Trump to allow US pharmaceutical companies access to the state health service. Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn held up what he said were 451 pages of previously secret documents that proved Johnson was seeking to put the National Health Service (NHS) on the table in a post-Brexit trade deal. Britain goes to the polls on December 12, with Johnson hoping to secure a majority to be able to push through his divorce deal to take the country out of the European Union. **AFP**

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

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

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
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Date : 28-11-2019 **Place:** Delhi/ NCR **Authorized Officer** ICICI Bank Limited

Iranians foiled 'very dangerous' plot, says Supreme leader

Tehran: Iran's supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei on Wednesday praised the country's people for foiling a "very dangerous" plot, after violence erupted during protests this month against a fuel price hike. The demonstrations broke out on November 15, hours after the shock announcement at midnight that the price of petrol would be immediately raised by as much as 200 per cent.

They quickly turned violent and saw petrol pumps

torched, police stations attacked and shops looted, before being quashed within a few days.

Officials have not yet given overall figures on the number of casualties or arrests made during the unrest which affected much of the country. "The people foiled a deep, vast and very dangerous conspiracy on which a lot of money was spent for destruction, viciousness and the killing of people," Khamenei said, quoted by state television. **AFP**

HK Police plans to enter ransacked campus today

Hong Kong: Hong Kong Police plan to send officers on Thursday morning into the ransacked remains of a university campus where authorities faced off for days with barricaded pro-democracy protesters, an official said on Wednesday.

The announcement came as university leaders called for police to lift their siege given the sprawling facility appeared to be deserted. Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU) was 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. **AFP**

Pak SC adjourns hearing on Gen Bajwa's extension till Thursday

Islamabad: Pakistan's top court on Wednesday adjourned until Thursday the hearing of a crucial case whose outcome may block the Army chief Gen Qamar Javed Bajwa from serving another three-year term.

PM Imran Khan through an official notification of August 19 granted a three-year extension to General Bajwa, citing "regional security environment". Bajwa's original tenure is set to expire on November 29 and he can continue as the Army chief if the SC decides the case in his favour before Friday. "There is still time. The government should step back and assess what it is doing," said Chief Justice Asif Saeed Khosa, who is heading a three-member apex court bench comprising Justices Mazhar Alam Khan Miankhal and Syed Mansoor Ali Shah. **PTI**

Metro Railway, Kolkata
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SUPPLY OF WATCH & WARD PERSONNEL

Tender Notice for e-tendering is invited by Principal Chief Engineer, Metro Railway for and on behalf of the President of India for the following work:
Name of work: "Supply of watch & ward personnel (without arms) in three shifts (One person per shift of 8 hours) for security/guarding of assets at three locations (Officers' quarter complex at: (1) 90, Chowringhee Road, Kolkata-700020, (2) 6, Ramesh Mitra Road, Kolkata-700025 & (3) 200X, S.P. Mukherjee Road, Kolkata-700026 of Metro Railway, Kolkata) for a period of 24 months". **Tender Value :** Rs. 64,98,513/- **Cost of tender document :** Rs. 5,000/- **Earnest Money:** Rs. 1,30,000/- **Completion Period:** 24 months. **Date of Closing:** 02.01.2020 at 12.00 hrs. The Tender Document and other details can be obtained from the website www.reps.gov.in. The bidding for the tender is to be submitted only through e-tendering on above website. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any manual offer, if received shall not be accepted and will be summarily rejected.

Abridged e-Tender Notice No.: Civil-2307-2019 (Re-Call) (Open)
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CENTRAL COUNCIL FOR RESEARCH IN UNANI MEDICINE
(Ministry of AYUSH, Govt. of India)
61-65, Institutional Area, Opp. D-Block, Janakpuri, New Delhi-110 058

Walk-in-Interview

The Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine is an Autonomous Organization under the Ministry of AYUSH, Govt. of India. The Council is holding Walk-in-Interview for engagement to the following contractual posts. Eligible candidates are invited for Walk-in-Interview on the date and time indicated against each post, at the CCRUM Hqrs, 61-65, Institutional Area, Opp. D-Block, Janakpuri, Delhi-110058

Sr. No.	Name of the post	Date of Walk-in-Interview	Reporting time
1.	SRF/JRF (Unani)	06.12.2019	10:00 am
2.	Professor (Moalijat)	06.12.2019	10:00 am
3.	Reader (Moalijat)	06.12.2019	10:00 am
4.	Reader (Ilmul Advia)	06.12.2019	10:00 am
5.	Senior Consultant (Technical)	06.12.2019	10:00 am

- Full details of the number of posts in each category, eligibility conditions, age limit, remuneration, location of the post etc., are available on the website of the Council, i.e., ccrum.res.in
- The eligibility of the candidates will be determined as on the date of advertisement.
- The requirement is purely for a short duration and engagement shall be initially for a period of six months.
- Eligible applicants should come with the Curriculum Vitae in the prescribed format, which can be downloaded from the website of the Council, i.e., ccrum.res.in. They should also bring original educational/professional qualification certificates, experience certificate(s), with a set of photocopies and two recent passport size photographs.
- Candidates already in service should also bring a 'No Objection Certificate' from their employer.
- In case the number of eligible candidates appearing for interview for any post exceeds 50, written test will be conducted for short-listing of candidates on the same date.

Assistant Director (ACRM)
for and on behalf of Director General, CCNM

UJVN LIMITED
H.O. "Ujjwal" Maharani Bagh, GMS Road, Dehradun-248006, Telephone:- 0135-2763508, 2763808, Fax: 0135-2763507, CIN No. U40101UR2001SGC025866

TENDER NOTICE

The office of Executive Engineer, (E&M), Maneri Dam, Uttarkashi-249194 invites sealed tender from interested parties. Brief summary of work & details of tender is given below.

Tender Notice No - 05/EE (E&M)/Maneri Dam/2019-20
Name of work - "Annual operation and routine maintenance contract of Sirmor Irrigation lift scheme at Heena, Uttarkashi".

Approximate value of Tender(Rs.) - ₹ 790662.00 tax extra
Tender Cost (Rs.) - ₹ 590.00
Earnest Money (Rs.) - ₹ 24000.00
Date of start for downloading of tender documents - 28-11-2019
Last date for downloading of tender document - 19-12-2019
Last date for submitting the tender documents - Up to 19-12-2019 at 15.00 Hrs.
Due date for opening of tender documents - On 21-12-2019 at 11:00 Hrs

For eligibility, criteria and fuller & further details kindly visit our website, www.uttarakhandjalvidyut.com. Bidders are advised to regularly visit our website for tender notice. The Tenders can be had only by downloading from our website and their cost has to be paid at the time of submission of the tender.

Executive Engineer

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CIN - U93000BR2018SGC038181

Registered Office - First Floor, Administrative Building, Biharsharif Municipal Corporation, Nalanda

REW NIT No.9/2019-20

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

Chief Executive Officer, Bihar Sharif Smart City Limited, Bihar Sharif invites online Bids on two stage system for the following works; on the website- <http://www.e-procbihar.gov.in>.

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Earnest Money	Cost of tender form	Duration of Contract including O&M Period
	Establishment and Operation, Maintenance of 30 TPD (Tonne per Day) Capacity Construction and Demolition waste processing plant at Biharsharif	Rs. 1.00 Lac (DD or FDR in favour of CEO, BSSCL, Payable at Biharsharif)	Rs. 10,000/-	10 years (Excluding 1 Year for construction period)

Key Dates :-

Sl. No	Description	Date & Time
1.	NIT Invitation Date	23.11.2019
2.	Online Tender purchase (document downloading) date	10.12.2019 to 26.12.2019 till 17:30 hrs.
3.	Place, Date & Time of Pre-bid meeting	PMC BSSCL Office, 1 st Floor, Admin. Building, BSMC, Nalanda (Bihar); 17.12.2019 at 11:00 hrs.
4.	Online Bid Submission End date	27.12.2019 till 17:30 hrs.
5.	Technical Proposal open Date and Time	30.12.2019 at 15:30 hrs.
6.	Financial Bid Opening Date	To be notified

- Original EMD & Technical document should reach in the PMC BSSCL Office, 1st Floor Administrative Building, Bihar Sharif Municipal Corporation, Nalanda, Bihar, Biharsharif, by 28.12.2019 up to 15:00 hours any other details or information can be received from the office of the undersigned.
- For additional details such as estimated cost, important date, detailed information, qualification and eligibility criteria, visit website <http://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in> for downloading of RFB
- For participating in the above e-tender, the bidders shall have to get them registered with <http://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in> and get user ID, password, Class 3, digital signatures Certificate (DSC) is mandatory to participate in the e-tendering process. For any clarification/ difficulty/ regarding e-tendering process bidders can contact helpdesk on the phone numbers mentioned in the Website.
- The bidders should keep checking the website for any addenda/corrigenda and the bidder should incorporate the same in their bid documents. No addenda/corrigenda shall be published in the newspaper.
- RFP document can also be downloaded from link given below (but bid can only be processed)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (CEO)
Bihar Sharif Smart City Limited, Biharsharif

PR. 11252 (Ni Ni) 2019-20 बिटिया मेरी अभी पढ़ेगी, शादी की सूली नहीं चढ़ेगी।

NORTHERN RAILWAY
E-Tender Notice

The Sr. Divisional Security Commissioner(RPF/Co-ordination, Northern Railway, New Delhi invites E-Tender for the following work:

1. Name of work with its location	Hiring of 08 nos. road vehicle Non AC Tata Sumo/Bolero for movement of RPF Personnel day & night in jurisdiction of RPF Post, Panipat, Jakhai, Jind, Rohtak, Kurukshetra, Gurugram (Haryana) Sakhrubasti & Adarsh Nagar Delhi, Delhi west Division on monthly basis for two year. Approx Cost of work Rs. 1,08,28,800/- with GST.
2. Tender Number	17 RPF/MT/Vehicle-Hiring Tender/DLI-West/2018-19
3. Office Address	Sr. DSC (Co-ordination)/RPF, P.K. Road, New Delhi-110001
4. Period of works	For Two years
5. Approx. Cost of work	Rs. 1,08,28,800/- with GST as applicable
6. Earnest Money	Rs. 2,04,200/-
7. The Tender Document available on website	w.e.f. 30.11.2019
8. Date and Time of closing tender bid	30.12.2019 & 15.00 hrs.
9. Tender open date & time	30.12.2019 & 15.00 hrs
10. Website particulars where complete details of tender documents can be seen	www.ireps.gov.in
11. Cost of tender documents	Rs. 10,000/- + 1800 (GST) total Rs. 11,800/- payment of Tender Document Fee in respect of e-tendering should be accepted through net banking or payment gateway only.

No.:17 RPF/MT/Vehicle-Hiring Tender/DLI-West/2018-19 Dated: 26.11.2019 3807/2019
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BHAGALPUR SMART CITY LIMITED
CIN- U93090BR2016SGC033046

Letter No.: 390
CORRIGENDUM - 1

Tender Title - Request for Proposal (RFP) for selection of Project Development and Management Consultant (PDMC) for preparation of DPR & RFP for River Front Development, Conservation of built & cultural heritage, Market development & skill training, Energy efficient & Pollution control, Urban Poor & Slums, Informal sector & hawkers, Improve quality of health, education & safety, Integrated Solid Waste Management and Construction Supervision & Quality Control of entire projects of Bhagalpur Smart City Limited under the Smart City Mission.

This is with reference to IPRD_PR_009890/19-20 by which Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) no. BSCL/PDMC/2019/14 dated 26.10.2019 has been published in various newspaper and release of the same notice on <https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in> and <http://www.smartcitybhagalpur.org>.

The response to the prebidqueries are uploaded on <https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in> and <http://www.smartcitybhagalpur.org> with this corrigendum.

The other terms and conditions mentioned in RFP and NIT no. BSCL/PDMC/2019/14 remains same.

Chief Executive Officer,
Bhagalpur Smart City Limited

PR. No. 011283 (Ni Ni) 2019-20
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Trend Blazer

This year's wish list is complete: Richa

As the year ends, actor **RICHA CHADHA** is happy because she has fulfilled all the wishes she had hoped to, in 2019.

"At the start of the year, I wanted to do three things and I am glad that I have done all of them. I wanted to learn a dance form and bike riding, I did both of them. I am learning a fusion dance form that involves belly dance and a tribal dancing style. I also wanted to try something very new in performing art, so I tried stand-up comedy. So, I have successfully ticked all my wishes!" Richa said.

She was recently seen in the stand-up comedy show, *One Mic Stand*.



'You can't share your pain or struggle with anyone else but when you have the support of your parents, husband and children, then the struggle doesn't feel like one. I was really shocked when Milind said that a lot of women, when they have cancer, especially in the rural belt, are abandoned. I wish every husband and wife is there for each other through thick and thin.' —Tahira Kashyap

ANTHONY MARAS' debut film *Hotel Mumbai*, which is headlined by **DEV PATEL, ARMIE HAMMER, ANUPAM KHER** and which presents a fresh perspective on the Taj Mahal Palace attacks of Mumbai in on November 26, 2008, was screened on the event's 11th anniversary.

Hemant Oberoi, then chef at Taj, said, "I am honoured and feel very emotional. The film is brilliant and I am thankful to everyone who's been a part of it. I am grateful to those who helped save the lives of others. I feel humans are selfish but an act of kindness really saves humanity."



Selena had a powerful 2019

Singer-actress **SELENA GOMEZ** says she is proud of her "really powerful" 2019. In an interview, Gomez looked back at the events of 2019.

"I think every time the holidays come up, there's some part of you where you kind of sit and reflect on the year. This year was really, really powerful for me. I can say that I'm so proud of how hard I worked," she said.

Gomez added that, for the holidays, she is "excited to just sit back with my family, and enjoy, and turn off everything."

She said, "I always just think about what happened, and where I want to go in life, and hope for the best."

Gomez has launched *Lose You To Love Me* and *Look At Her How* this year.



Preserving the monuments merely for their architectural and historic value and turning them into selfie spots for tourists would only represent heritage as a thing of the past. To keep it alive, they should be open for community engagement, says **CHAHAK MITTAL**

Monuments convey the thought and legacy of their creators in the timeline of human existence. We may agree or disagree with the legacy they embody. But one cannot ignore them as footnotes of our evolutionary history. Which is why we need to coopt them in our context and rebuild them with our own histories, add our own subtexts, drawing from lived experiences of the past. One way of doing that is to open these as venues of public engagement.

World over examples abound. The Musée Picasso, which has 4,251 works of the painter, is housed in five adjoining medieval palaces in Barcelona's La Ribera neighbourhood, in the Old City. The World Heritage Site of Qal'at al-Bahrain hosts archaeology walkathons every once in a while to enable people to learn about its architecture, maybe imbibe lessons or reinterpret them completely. The Hellenic Ministry of Culture and Sports Ephorate of Antiquities of Eastern Attica, Greece, conducts guided tours and folk performances at the archaeological site of Ramnous in Attica. The Agora of Athens is another archaeological site, which after many destruction and rebuilding cycles, has now been exposed to important functions and events ranging from the Archaic to Greco-Roman and Byzantine times. The Leeds Castle in England hosts various activities throughout the year like the Christmas Market, Annual Leeds Music Concert, and the Carnival of History.

Delhi, too, is quietly making this transition as a city with a living heritage. The Drishyakala artwalks by DAG at the Red Fort, a three-floor exhibition that housed 450 artworks that represent the 16th century Indian history; the Delhi International Arts Festival at the Purana Qila; clas-

sical music concerts at the Lotus Temple and Old Fort, are some of the instances, where arts and culture have been moored by the surrounding relics. The State Archaeology Department (SAD) has also recently identified four monuments — Qudsia Bagh, Bhuli Bhatrayi Ka Mahal, Bawana Zail, and Bade Lao Ka Gumbad — and thrown them open for cultural events like *mushairas*, *qawwalis*, *shayari*, exhibitions, artwalks, theatre, classical dance and music nights, and *dastangoi* sessions. Sahitya Kala Parishad, Shriram Bharatiya Kala Kendra and many other cultural academies have been roped in to host the events.

Another such example is also of the Kathakar Storytelling Festival, which was held at the recently-revived Sunder Nursery. Shaguna Gahilote, co-director of the festival, tells us the reason for choosing this particular venue. She says, "While working with the UNESCO, we talked about how monuments need to be opened for public gatherings. Since the festival was about storytelling, we didn't want it to be in a closed space. We wanted it to be in the open, especially if possible, under a tree, because the storytelling tradition had begun from that very place. And then, we felt, why not Sunder Nursery? But yes, the maintenance and cleanliness should be kept in mind and no damage should be done to the property if the space is being made available."

Filmmaker and storyteller Imtiaz Ali had also said at the festival that since the Sunder Nursery was a place to share and create stories, "the theme of storytelling is adding to the place's vibe."

Art and heritage expert Asif Ali, who has closely worked on the restoration of the Nizamuddin Basti and Humayun's Tomb as a community project, says that



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even though there have been several events taking place around such monuments in the city, it is still a long way to go. He adds, "Not many programmes in the premises of historical buildings have been organised since taking permissions is a tedious job. *Jahan-e-Khusrau* festival, a programme conducted by Muzaffar Ali at the Humayun's Tomb has now stopped. And the reasons are still unknown. Being a part of the tourism industry, I have realised that organising heritage tours isn't sufficient. We need to get traction, especially during the evenings that will generate good revenue."

Indeed, preserving the monuments merely for their architectural and historic value and turning them into selfie spots for tourists would only represent heritage as a thing of the past. To keep it alive, it should be made inclusive in the evolving culture



and traditions. Asif, therefore, calls for a codified policy. "Opening these historic buildings for the community needs a well-crafted policy. It could be a wonder for the next generation." One of the best examples, he points out, is of the revival of the Nizamuddin Basti and Humayun's Tomb, where people of the community were engaged with the conservation project closely and were also provided with appropriate and dignified employment opportunities. Inclusion of the people from the neighbourhood is the next and most critical

aspect of the overall development, he adds.

Mehrauli Archaeological Park, Hauz Khas Village, Zafar Mahal in Mehrauli village, Tughlaqabad Fort, Lodi Garden and Mirza Ghalib ki Haveli are also being opened up in fits and starts. Opening up more such spaces has a critical role in making the society "resilient to social prejudice" and strengthening the relationships beyond socio-economic differences. Explains Asif, "The lack of multi-purpose utility leads to ignorance among the masses. Which is why historic places are least important for people. So, far, we have had cultural programmes in such spaces. However, we have not devised any policy around their commercial use for events that would likely generate employment, awareness and substantial revenue for the government as well."

However, Atul Dev, con-

venor, INTACH Gurugram Chapter, warns against the kind of event to be held. "A mechanism needs to be set up for physical protection of monuments and for making people aware about their significance before we open spaces. Also, community gatherings are one thing and social meetings quite the other. One can organise festivals at such places related to the era the place belongs to. Currently, such places are only restricted to *mushairas*, *shayaris* and so on... because such events can take place against such backdrops. Since a number of monuments in Delhi are tombs or places of worship, constructed by several generations of rulers, something like contemporary dances or modern music cannot be held against such backdrops. It wouldn't immerse in the aura of the place."

An official from SAD had also earlier said, "The theme of an event will be chosen on the basis of location of the structure. For instance, Bawana Zail, once the revenue office of the erstwhile British rule, will host rural folk programmes, which will facilitate community engagement."

When we discuss about how heritage can be saved in the face of rampant urbanisation, Shaguna feels that community ownership of such sites is the first step. "In the West, many parks and heritage sites have already been opened for public use. It not only revives the value of that building but also gives the citizens a sense of ownership. Cities are quickly transforming so how can we conserve the traditional structures, monuments and buildings and save them from encroachment? It's time to make these spaces available for the common public and arts to flourish more than just museums," she adds.

Fleshing out the contours

Actor **AAMIR BASHIR** tells **SAKSHI SHARMA** that finding an older and more mature character within himself, for his forthcoming *Inside Edge 2*, was not easy

Enacting a character, the perception of whom has already been set in people's mind in the first season, is almost like doing a biopic," says actor Aamir Bashir, who portrays the character of Bhausaab in Amazon Prime Video's *Inside Edge 2*.

But Bashir is weighed down by expectations. In the first season, the character was omnipresent though nobody had seen him. Says he, "Everyone had formed a distinctively appealing image of Bhausaab. It was practically as if the audience was begging that this character should be revealed because they had their own interpretations of it. Bringing a fictional character to life was very exciting."

In the series, Aamir's characters wants to change the face of cricket by transforming it into a global sport rather than just being a Commonwealth one. But it is yet to be seen whether he is doing all this for the love of the game or if there's a different motive behind it. The season also has Arvind Vashista (Angad Bedi) and Yash Raghavan (Tanuj Virwani) pitted against each other as they are the captains of two different teams. They shared a great bond in the first season.

Bhausaab is a middle-aged man and playing an older and more mature character was exciting for Aamir. "Older people are more experienced and have more shades of grey. This allowed me to explore myself to a greater extent. I can recall one of my school plays where I played an old man and got a standing ovation for it. That was the first time I felt I am good at it," says he.



However, portraying yourself as a person who is more mature than your actual age comes with its own challenges. "Finding an older, more mature and powerful character within yourself is not easy. But finding the kind of motivation the character has, was exciting. Every person has his/her own strengths, weaknesses and obsession. So you have to translate that in the character you are playing. This makes the challenge very personal. It is always about finding the darker or lighter area within yourself," he says.

But the actor sees it as an opportunity to explore and learn something new as it demands coming out of your comfort zone. Recently, in *Sacred Games* (2019), he played the role of Majid Khan, which was very different from this one. He says, "Majid was in his 30s and a bit more

energetic, who had the power to manipulate people to make some change. Physically, he is laidback and a lot slower than Bhausaab but at the same time, a little more measured. So by playing different roles, one's comfort zone also shifts."

After doing one of his films, *A Wednesday*, Aamir felt typecast. For a year and a half, he got similar roles. But as the digital space expands, it has given the actors a lot more scope to flesh out different roles. "It is always more gratifying to have some thing like the OTT platform. And this makes it an exciting time for actors as the format allows them space to experiment. You can give more layers to the role and make it more meaty. It's really a boom time, I hope it lasts," says he.

The two seasons differ from each other in various aspects, especially on account of the introduction of Bhausaab. Aamir says that from season 1, "You know that he is the one whom people look up to even though they haven't seen or met him. So here all of that comes to life. You will get to see him in all his glory and how he overcomes the challenges that he faces. This season is more exciting, eventful, with lots of twists and turns. And the threads that were left hanging in season 1 get fleshed out in this one."

(The series releases on December 6.)

Rhythm flows from the tree of life

Padma Shri **SHOVANA NARAYAN** believes that the best part about writing is that you get to revisit your own knowledge. By **RISHABH ARORA**

Many might think of Indian theatre and dance merely as entertainment but the traditional art forms have contributed to the growth and evolution of our civilisation and culture. Speaking at the launch of her new book, *Indian Theatre Traditions*, Padma Shri Shovana Narayan endorses the same. She says it has been a pleasure to be born an Indian, a country which has a beautiful and expansive culture with so much to learn.

The book explores the multi-dimensional theatrical traditions of India that include drama, dance and music, folk and other classical art forms. It covers areas of puppetry, martial arts and the tradition of masks and delves into the roots of various streams of Indian culture, including a deep reflection on the applicability of the ancient treatise on Dramaturgy, the *Natayasastra*.

Translating a performing art form into words might appear to be challenging but Shovana feels that her journey as a writer has been amazing. "When one loves what s/he is doing, one wants to share her/his experiences," she says. Dancing has been her way of expressing herself which made writing about it a wonderful experience. She

adds, "The best part about writing is that you get to know yourself and revisit your own knowledge. This has been an enriching experience."

In India, dance and theatre traditions are linked to spirituality but the younger generation sees it only as a form of entertainment. She explains, "If you see something as entertainment, it is momentary and will not give you lasting peace of mind. But when you look at something in depth and get involved in it, you derive

anand (joy) from it. That is the first stage of spirituality and will give you an inner peace and harmony," she says and adds,

"Nowadays, youngsters are running after peace which is elusive and momentary but if you want it to last and also achieve harmony, you have to find something deeper and more stable."

Sanjay Arya, founder and publisher, Shubhi Publications, says, "It is my sixth book with her and it has been a wonderful journey." He already has plans for some more. He adds, "These books are worth reading especially by students who are pursuing their post-graduation in dance and theatre. It is a must to read for them and should be included as their syllabus textbook."





Made indigenously

The *Aadi Mahotsav* is an attempt to showcase the arts and crafts of the tribal communities in order to enhance their skills, business and incomes

The advent of winter signals the beginning of fests and trade fairs in the city. At every corner you can see people making a beeline to various events. An important one in the cultural calendar of the city is Aadi Mahotsav with the theme — *A Celebration of the Spirit of Tribal Crafts, Culture and Commerce*. The festival featured exhibition-cum-sale of tribal handicrafts, art, paintings, fabric, jewellery and much more through 150 stalls. It was inaugurated by Home Minister Amit Shah.

As the name suggests, it is the 'aadi' factor that is important about this festival. The *adivasi* way of life is guided by primal truths and a natural simplicity. The greatness of the tribes is that they have managed to retain their skills. This quality gives their art and craft a timeless appeal.

The tribes of India have a wide range of handicrafts — handwoven cotton, wool and silk fabrics, woodcrafts, metal craft, terracotta, bead-work, masks and other objects. They also produce vivid paintings. It is therefore important that their natural skills must be channelled to augment their income sources. So the government promotes interaction between the tribal artisans



and the mainstream designers. The idea is to expand the product range and designs.

The Government has formed the Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED) which has embraced e-commerce and digital platforms in pursuit of the aim.

Om Birla, Speaker of Lok Sabha was the chief guest on Day 2 of the festival. He along with Arjun Munda, Union Minister for Tribal Affairs and Pravir

Krishna, IAS, MD, TRIFED, visited stalls on the second day.

There was a cultural performance by Padma Shri awardee Malini Awasthi on third day of the festival and Qawwali by Chanchal Bharti and her group on the fourth day.

Classic flautist Pandit Hariprasad Chaurasia performed on the fifth day. Hema Malini, MP was the chief guest on Day 6 of the festival.

Indian Hockey team was the chief guest on Day 7 of the festival. There was

a fashion show showcasing tribal products from different states and cultural performance by Sadhna.

Eminent fashion personalities were the guests on day 8. AWWA President Madhulika Rawat and other eminent fashion personalities were the chief guests on Day 9 of the festival.

There was a mesmerising performance by sufi singer Manak Ali on Day 10 which also saw a visit by the Chhattisgarh governor.

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 has been attracting the attention of all the visitors. Traditional tribal jewellery and items made of bamboo are the other items which have found favour with the buyers. Tribal handicrafts are being sold through 100 stalls by tribal artisans.

The *mahotsav*, which is on till November 30, is an effort to take tribal commerce to the next level of digital and electronic transactions. Apart from the exotic handicrafts the festival is also showcasing the electronic and digital skills of the tribals as a special attraction.

The land of *Ramayana*

The Sri Lanka Convention Bureau (SLCB) conducted MICE promotion in Mumbai and Pune to encourage more Indian travellers to visit the country

The Sri Lanka Convention Bureau (SLCB) organised a MICE promotion in Mumbai and Pune in collaboration with Sri Lanka Consulate General. Several MICE professionals attended the event as well as interacted with the SLCB team that consists of 15 companies from Sri Lanka. The meet aimed to understand the unique offerings for Indian travellers in Sri Lanka.

In 2018, there have been 63,733 MICE arrivals in Sri Lanka as compared to 57,694 in 2017 and 53,510 in 2016. The year, 2018 saw a rapid increase with approximately 4,24,887 Indian tourists visiting Sri Lanka, as compared to 3,84,628 arrivals in 2017 and 3,56,729 in 2016.

The country is a top-notch tourist destination and is known as 'Wonder of Asia' for its long-preserved culture and heritage. Witnessing the growth and potential from India, SLCB has taken a step forward in consolidating their presence in the Indian market. The following initiatives were taken by Sri Lanka to attract MICE travelers from India:

- Lotus Tower or the State of the Art tower has been made operational. It is the tallest tower in South East Asia and houses a conference facility for 1,000 people.
- Strengthening cooperation with large tour operators such as Thomas Cook, SOTC, Travel & Tours, and FCM, which have large network of corporate working with them.
- The *Ramayana* trail, in which the most popular sites in Sri Lanka linked to the ancient Hindu epic *Ramayana*, have been developed with proper infrastructure facilities and a brochure



with its details has been printed.

- A number of wedding planners are being facilitated to visit Sri Lanka to make them aware of how the country could be a great location for those looking to tie the knot.

- Initiatives have been taken to ensure minimum hotel rates to facilitate more MICE visitors.

- Simplifying of the visa on arrival procedure for Indian travellers.

Chamari Rodrigo, Consul General, Consulate General of Sri Lanka, Mumbai, who was present and leading the events, stated, "Sri Lanka has been gaining immense popularity in India and has experienced a consistent growth over the period." She further added that the cultural and regional similarities between India and

Sri Lanka make it easy for tourism to flourish in the country.

Adding to this Malkanthi Welikala, manager marketing, SLCB, says, "We have been extending our presence and commitment to the Indian markets like Mumbai and Pune. With an extensive direct airline connectivity of 121 flights per week from 11 airports in India to Sri Lanka and further, Sri Lanka becomes an easily accessible destination for MICE from India. The network has been complemented by SpiceJet, Indigo, Air India and Vistara. We not only want to encourage Indian travellers to holiday in Sri Lanka but also develop a stronger cultural bond and cooperation between the two nations, which makes Indian visitors feel at home in Sri Lanka."

NFL completes CSR project



Under the initiative of CSR, NFL undertook project on detection of cervical cancer among women in Noida. The camps were organised in Khoda, Mamura and Sarfabad, wherein 2,000 women were screened for cervical cancer detection. The programme aimed at sensitising women for prevention of disease by adopting better sanitation practices. The test reports of the

screening were distributed to women. To inculcate better hygiene practice, the organisation also distributed free one year supply of sanitary napkins.

The women who need further test/treatment are being given suitable guidance. The project has been executed through Sahbhagita International Foundation under the expert guidance of doctors from AIIMS.



Oriental Bank holds meeting

Oriental Bank of Commerce as convener for State Level Bankers' Committee, NCT of Delhi, organised the 97th SLBC meeting. Representatives of all the banks and other organisations participated. The meeting was chaired by Mukesh Kumar Jain, MD and CEO, Oriental Bank of Commerce.

On the occasion of Constitution Day, the house took a pledge. Mukesh, addressed the house and shared performance of all the banks under various parameters and government sponsored schemes in financial inclusion.

Ajay Kumar, regional director, RBI, in his speech, informed about the latest developments made by RBI. The other dignitaries also shared their views. Sukesh Kumar Gupta, GM, SLBC-NCT of Delhi, pointed out all the agendas in the meeting.

The other banking parameters such as Priority sector advances, Agriculture advances, MSME advances, Export, Housing, Education were discussed and reviewed. The meeting was very informative and banks were guided for better growth of government schemes.

VIT partners with NASSCOM



As part of its ongoing efforts to promote hiring across the industry and ensuring there is a well equipped and industry ready workforce, the National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM) announced that it has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT), Tamil Nadu. The objective of this collaboration is to showcase the conduct of assessments and certification on Qualification Packs (QP) and National Occupational Standards (NOS). The partnership will portray the employability skills of candidates from VIT and the Licensed Training Provider (LTP) by their adoption of the NOS.

The MoU was signed by Amit Aggarwal, CEO, IT-ITeS, Sector Skills Council (SSC) NASSCOM and Dr G Viswanathan, Chancellor of VIT.

The university has signed up for 7,500 licenses under NASSCOM's Future Skills platform along with three QP adoptions. NASSCOM will ensure timely completion of assessment and its certification developed by NSDC through the SSC for all candidates of VIT. The university will in turn avail the qualification pack coursework as guides for the student handbook and to develop training modules. The faculty would even have access to the Train-The-Trainer programme provided by SSC NASSCOM and will be certified by them as well.

Speaking on the partnership, Amit said, "This is a prominent landmark in the journey of NASSCOM's Sector Skills Council. It builds on our initiative to accelerate the skills at the university level. The common objective we share is to showcase India as the global hub for talent development in emerging technologies as well as globally recognised process structures. I am confident that such an initiative will contribute to building a future-ready workforce and benefit the technology sector of the country."

Expressing his delight on the partnership, Dr Viswanathan said, "It's really great to see that VIT's skill development courses will be offered to 7,500 students of all four different campuses." The partnership also involves direct updates being shared with NASSCOM on new and existing batches registered on SDMS that are to be assessed. NASSCOM will also generate secured certificates through their partner, Pitney Bowes, for successful candidates who complete the programme. It will also work towards transforming the higher education system by enabling a robust supply of digital talent for the industry and country as a whole. Such a collaboration will form an alliance that works towards the government initiatives to support the IT sector and technology workforce of the country.

Photo: Ranjan Dimri

IN SHORT

The capital has witnessed a two-day expo and conference on the Logistics and Transport sectors on the theme — Rediscovering India's Logistic Sector: Efficiency, Costs and Technology. The expo was organised by the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport, India (CILT India) in association with Exhibitions India Group at the National Rail Museum in New Delhi. It was supported by the Union Ministries of Commerce and Industry, Railways, Shipping, Road Transport and Highways, and Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.



On the occasion of 70th anniversary of the Constitution of India, *Samvidhan Diwas*, a cultural programme was organised. SB Shashank, director of Women and Child Development, along with other senior officials, chairperson and members of Child Welfare committee graced the event. The programme commenced with the lighting of lamps by director, WCD. Thereafter, the preamble was read out followed by various cultural programmes. Shashank explained the residents, the role of constitution and importance of this day.



National Cadet Corps (NCC), celebrated its 71st Raising Day. The function was marked by paying homage to the martyrs at the National War Memorial. The defence secretary, Dr Ajay Kumar and DG NCC Lt General Rajeev Chopra, AVSM, laid wreaths on behalf of the entire NCC fraternity. This year, the NCC cadets have contributed in the relief operations carried out during the Maharashtra, Odisha, Bihar and Kerala floods. They also participated in *swachhta abhiyan*, *swachhta* cycle rally, mega pollution *pakhwada* and played a pivotal role in spreading awareness about various government initiatives. The multifaceted activities and varied curriculum of NCC provides unique opportunities to youth for self development.

There was a Memorandum of Understanding signed between BIRAC and Punjab to nurture the biotech ecosystem of the state. There were nine new BIRAC supported products launched along with the BIRAC Compendium. The event witnessed academia, innovators, researchers, start-ups, medium and large companies coming together on the same platform to facilitate acceleration of the innovation ecosystem. The Railways and Commerce & Industry Minister Piyush Goyal launched e-portal of biotech solutions that showcases BIRAC supported commercialised biotech products and technologies.

The Bio Angels Network (BioAngels) was launched by Secretary DBT Dr Renu Swarup, which would bring together 50+ angel investors, HNIs, early-stage VCs, 10 corporate/family officers leading to 150 investments in three years in biotech start-ups.

A unique programme — *India Accelerator Platform for Healthcare Innovations* was also announced by United Nation's Health Innovation Exchange (UNHIE), Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC) and Social Alpha. This programme aspires to unlock the potential of the Indian Medical Technologies and Digital Health innovations through successful adoption of 100 Indian innovations in the next five years.

Nurturing the biotech ecosystem

The Global Bio-India award ceremony was held on Day 2, and was graced by Piyush Goyal. Other dignitaries included Dr Vinod Paul, member health, NITI Aayog, Dr Renu Swarup, secretary DBT and chairperson BIRAC among others. The session saw the announcement of several DBT and BIRAC awards such as the DBT Biotech Product Process Development and Commercialisation Awards, the BIRAC Innovator Awards, the BIRAC National Award for Indigenous Commercialisation, and the winners of



the second edition of the BIRAC — Women in Entrepreneurial research awards (WinER).

Global Bio India was also an opportunity for industry, companies, and institutions, departments and individuals to connect with each other at the event through bio-partnering.

The event closed with a special address by Gautami Tadimalla, founder, Life Again Foundation and closing remarks from the partners of Global Bio India, CII, ABLE, Make in India. Dr Renu Swarup also thanked the participants, speakers, panelists, partners and organisers for the event.

It saw 190 exhibitors, 2500+ delegates, 25+ countries, 100+ start-ups, 50+ incubators, 60+ research institutes, 800+ business meetings scheduling and representation from nine states.

The event showcased India's potential in the biotech sector within the country and to the world. It also charted out an actionable roadmap to leapfrog the industry into the next phase.

HE'S BACK

Mourinho wins on his debut game at White Hart Lane as Kane leads 4-2 comeback, Lewandowski hits four for Bayern

AFP ■ LONDON

Tottenham Hotspur came from two goals down to beat Olympiakos 4-2 and qualify for the Champions League last 16 on Jose Mourinho's home debut on Tuesday, while Robert Lewandowski continued his incredible season by scoring four times for Bayern Munich.

Spurs were one of three teams to secure their place in the knockout phase with one game to spare as Manchester City and Real Madrid also made it to the last 16.

However, it looked like it might not be Tottenham's night as they went 2-0 down inside 19 minutes in north London with a Youssef El Arabi strike followed by a Ruben Semedo tap-in for Olympiakos.

Mourinho, though, had been unbeaten in his first home game in charge of each of the seven previous clubs he had coached, including in each of his two spells at Chelsea.

Dele Alli pulled one back for Spurs just before the interval, and Lucas Moura set up Harry Kane to equalise five minutes after the break.

KANE SCORES BRACE

A thumping Serge Aurier strike completed the turnaround on 73 minutes before Kane headed in Christian Eriksen's free-kick to become, on his 24th appearance, the quickest player to 20 goals in Champions League history.

"The boys gave everything, the feeling is good and we have difficult



matches to come. We can look to the Bayern Munich game with different eyes," Mourinho told *BT Sport*.

Tottenham will finish second in Group B behind their final-day opponents Bayern, who made it five wins from five in Europe this season as Lewandowski's quadruple helped them to a 6-0 win at Red Star Belgrade.

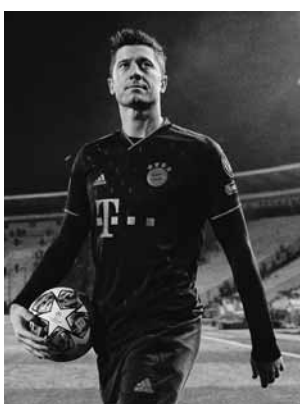
Lewandowski scored four goals in the space of 16 second-half minutes, the first of them a penalty, in between goals by Leon Goretzka and Corentin Tolisso.

Lewandowski has scored four times in a Champions League game once before, for Borussia Dortmund against Real Madrid in 2013. He now has 27 goals for Bayern this season.

"I am just as happy when I don't score and we win," the Polish striker told *German Sky*.

SUBDUED CITY

Pep Guardiola's Manchester City got the point they needed to progress from Group C, drawing 1-1 with



Shakhtar Donetsk. On a subdued occasion, Ilkay Gundogan got a 56th-minute opener, but Manoran Solomon levelled for the Ukrainians.

"The group stage is always tricky but the target was to qualify and we

have done it," Guardiola said.

City will finish top of the group while Shakhtar will join them by winning their final game against Atalanta.

The Italians are still in contention to qualify after beating Dinamo Zagreb 2-0 thanks to Luis Muriel's penalty and a cracking Alejandro 'Papu' Gomez goal.

Atalanta remain bottom of the group but can still go through if they win their final game, provided Dinamo do not beat City.

Meanwhile, Paulo Dybala overshadowed Cristiano Ronaldo by scoring a superb free-kick to give Juventus a 1-0 home win over Atletico Madrid.

That result confirmed Juventus as Group D winners, and left second-placed Atletico one point ahead of Bayer Leverkusen. They won 2-0 at Lokomotiv Moscow thanks to Rifat Zhemaletdinov's own goal and Sven Bender's volley.



Just 2 minutes

PSG score twice in space of 120 seconds against Real Madrid to confirm top spot

AFP ■ MADRID

Kylian Mbappe instigated a dramatic Champions League comeback on Tuesday as Paris Saint-Germain scored twice in two minutes to rescue a 2-2 draw against Real Madrid and secure first place in Group A.

Madrid dominated the majority of a pulsating contest at the Santiago Bernabeu and looked to have sewn up an impressive victory when Karim Benzema scored his second goal in the 79th minute.

But PSG pulled off an unlikely turnaround as Mbappe capitalised on a defensive mix-up to pull one back in the 81st minute before Pablo Sarabia, once of Real, drove into the top corner second later.

"Real were better for long periods," said PSG coach Thomas Tuchel. "We were lucky but that's not a crime."

Gareth Bale, who came on as a substitute to a mixed reception from the home fans, almost won it in injury-time when his bending free-kick struck the post.

The draw means PSG will go through as group winners

while Madrid are guaranteed to finish second after Club Brugge drew 1-1 at Galatasaray in the early kick-off.

Madrid's late capitulation tarnished an excellent display that highlighted their transformation since the 3-0 thrashing at the Parc des Princes in September.

"It was a great performance," said Zinedine Zidane. "The players are not happy with the result but you have to be happy with what we have done for 80 minutes. I'd take that performance all day long."

RELIEF FOR REAL

Eden Hazard's ankle injury is not as serious as first feared, with Real Madrid confirming on Wednesday he only suffered "bruising" during draw against Paris Saint-Germain.

He is expected to return within two weeks, meaning he should be fit for the first Clasico of the season against Barcelona at Camp Nou on December 18.

"After the tests performed on our player Eden Hazard by the Real Madrid medical services he has been diagnosed with bruising in his right leg," Real Madrid said in a statement.

City want to keep Pep for years to come

AFP ■ LONDON

Manchester City want to keep Pep Guardiola at the helm for many years to come, says the English champions chairman Khaldoon Al Mubarak.

Guardiola — who stayed for four seasons with Barcelona and three terms with Bayern Munich — took over at City in 2016 and is under contract till 2021.

The Spaniard — who has guided City to successive league titles and an unprecedented domestic treble last term — nipped speculation in the bud that he would leave at the end of this campaign by saying last week he wanted to stay longer.

Al Mubarak said Guardiola was much more than just a great manager and he would like him to remain at the club for a long time to come.

"Pep has been an incredible asset to this organisation," Al Mubarak told *Sky Sports*.

"We can speak about his managerial accomplishments for hours but I think as a person, as an individual, as a friend, he's been a core part of what we've accomplished here over the last three years.

"He's very committed, we're committed to him.

"We have a great relationship, we have a great environment here.

"The people around him, the team we have in place today, the relationships I have with them, this is really an environment that's conducive to success for both him and everyone involved in this organisation.

"So I'm very satisfied with his commitment and our commitment to him and I'm looking forward to the continuity of this for years to come."

Al Mubarak is also confident that Guardiola can turn the tables on Liverpool in the title race.

SINGLES

KLINSMANN TAKES HERTHA CHARGE

BERLIN: Former Germany and United States boss Jurgen Klinsmann has taken over as head coach of Bundesliga side Hertha Berlin until the end of the season. The 55-year-old former European and world champion with Germany, was appointed to Hertha's supervisory board at the start of November and takes over with the club just above the relegation zone. His first game in charge of Hertha will be Saturday's home game against Borussia Dortmund at Berlin's Olympic Stadium.

BAILEY APPOINTED AUS SELECTOR

SYDNEY: Former Australia Twenty20 captain George Bailey was appointed as one of the country's three national selectors, replacing the retired Greg Chappell. He joins chairman Trevor Hohns and coach Justin Langer and draws the curtain on his long playing career after the domestic Big Bash League in early February to take on the role full-time. "I have been fortunate enough to contribute as a player for quite a few years, and to now have the opportunity to continue in the role of selector is a tremendous honour," said Bailey. "I'm confident I can add value to the selection process and that my experience will be complementary to that of Trevor and Justin."

FIFA HAPPY AT SALT LAKE INFRASTRUCTURE

KOLKATA: An eight-member FIFA inspection team on Wednesday expressed happiness at the state of infrastructure at the Salt Lake Stadium, one of the venues for the 2020 U-17 Women's World Cup. "The stadium has already hosted a FIFA World Cup (U-17) so the core infrastructure is in place. It is great to see that the legacy from 2017 — the infrastructure is in good shape, and that the same operational plan is being used," Local Organising Committee of U-17 Women's World Cup said in a statement. "With new technology and new innovation in sport, it is also important to keep improving. We want to ensure that we provide the best possible facilities and environment for FIFA U17WWC India 2020."

POB INVITES SA FOR 3 T20IS

KARACHI: Pakistan has invited South Africa to tour the country for a three-match T20 International series next year, according to a Cricket Board source. A source in the Pakistan Cricket Board said on Wednesday that a formal invite has been sent to Cricket South Africa to play three T20I matches in Pakistan after the Proteas' ODI series in India next year. "We have invited them to stop in Pakistan and play three T20 matches as well and their response has been good," he said. The series if confirmed is likely to be held after the Pakistan Super League in the last week of March.

BANEGA PENALTY SENDS SEVILLA THIRD

LUCKNOW: Top Indian shuttlers Kidambi Srikanth, B Sai Praneeth and H S Prannoy advanced to the second round of the men's singles event in the Syed Modi International Badminton tournament here on Wednesday. Third seed Srikanth beat Russia's Vladimir Malkov in straight games to set up a second-round clash with fellow Indian Parupalli Kashyap. Srikanth won 21-12, 21-11 in his 36-minute opening round clash, while Kashyap got a walkover from Frenchman Lucas Corvee. Later in the day, fourth seed Sai Praneeth defeated Malaysia's Iskandar Zulkarnain 21-16, 22-20 in a 47-minute contest to set up a clash against Kunlavut Vitidsarn of Thailand. Prannoy, unseeded here, got the better of Chinese shuttler Li Shi Feng in a tough three-game contest 18-21, 22-20, 21-13. He will face eighth seed Wang Tzu Wei of Chinese Taipei next. Also, 18-year-old Lakshya Sen got a walkover. **AGENCIES**



Emery looking for Europa salvation

AFP ■ PARIS

Unai Emery has the chance to relieve some of the pressure surrounding his position today by securing qualification for the knockout rounds of the Europa League with a match to spare.

Speculation over Emery's job has ramped up after his Gunners side were booted off at the end of their 2-2 draw with lowly Southampton at the Emirates Stadium on Saturday, gained only thanks to a 96th-minute leveller from Lacazette.

However he can remove some of the gloom hovering over North London by booking their place in the last 32 with a win over Eintracht Frankfurt.

Group F leaders Arsenal are four points ahead of both third-placed Eintracht and Standard Liege with two matches remaining, and will also qualify if Standard don't win at bottom side Vitoria Guimaraes.

Emery was publicly backed by the Arsenal hierarchy at the start of the international break but the pressure has continued to grow following a run of just two wins in their last 11 Premier League games, with bookmakers in the United Kingdom placing him among the favourites to be the next manager ousted.

The Spaniard said he was "disappointed and frustrated" after the draw, which denied the Saints a first win at Arsenal since 1997.

"I understand the supporters, we didn't deserve any more today, we lost a big opportunity to connect with our supporters," he said.

"We had the chance to take confidence from today but we didn't do that."

They face an Eintracht side that have lost their last three in all competitions and come into today's clash in London having lost at home to Wolfsburg despite their opponents having to play the

entire second half with 10 men.

However they will have their captain David Abraham available for a match that could be crucial to the European hopes of last season's semi-finalists after he was banned until 2020 in the Bundesliga for barging over Freiburg coach Christian Streich earlier this month.

Seen as potential candidates to challenge for the trophy at the start of the season, Serie A rivals Roma and Lazio are both fighting for survival in the competition, with Roma out if they lose at Group J leaders Istanbul Basaksehir and Borussia Moenchengladbach win at Austrian outfit Wolfsburg.

That would also send Bundesliga leaders Moenchengladbach through to the last 32.

Lazio, who are third in Group E, must beat CFR Cluj at the Stadio Olimpico to have any hope of staying in the competition, as they are six points behind the Romanians after suffering two late defeats by group leaders Celtic in their previous two matches.

Celtic have already qualified thanks to those two wins over Lazio and they will be joined by local rivals Rangers if they win at Group G's bottom side Feyenoord and Porto don't beat leaders Young Boys.

Steven Gerrard's side are second, level on seven points with Young Boys in a tight group that has all four sides separated by three points.

Wolves are also on the brink of the knockouts in their first European adventure for nearly four decades.

Nuno Espirito Santo's side need a draw at Group K leaders Braga to guarantee passage to the last 32 — although they will also go through if third-placed Slovan Bratislava fail to beat Besiktas — and go into the match having lost just once since falling 1-0 to Braga in mid-September.

Bhubaneswar, Rourkela to host 2023 WC

PTI ■ BHUBANESWAR

The 2023 Men's Hockey World Cup will be held in Bhubaneswar and Rourkela, Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik announced on Wednesday.

The announcement was made to mark the one-year anniversary of the start of 2018 Men's Hockey World Cup which too was hosted by Bhubaneswar.

India will host the Men's Hockey World Cup for the second consecutive time after the country was picked to stage the game's showpiece event in 2023 by the International Hockey Federation (FIH) earlier this month.

The tournament will be held from January 13 to 29.

"Odisha has always been the cradle of hockey, and with the successful organising of the Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup Bhubaneswar 2018, we showcased a very different side of our state," Patnaik said.

"We have always had a very passionate crowd which supports the sport of hockey, and with the presence of world-class, top-of-the-line facilities I would like



to announce that the 2023 Hockey World Cup will again be held in Bhubaneswar and Rourkela. Are you happy. I am happy," he said, while addressing the crowd at the Kalinga Stadium in a brief ceremony.

The event was also attended by

International Hockey Federation (FIH) and Indian Olympic Association president Narinder Batra, Hockey India president Mohd Mushtaque Ahmed, Odisha Sports Minister Tusharkanti Behera, former India captain Dilip Tirkey, among others.

Batra extended his gratitude to the Chief Minister and the hockey loving fans of the state.

"On behalf of FIH, I would like to extend our sincerest thanks to the Government of Odisha and Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha Shri Naveen Patnaik in particular for their great and permanent support to hockey over the years," he said. "This really is remarkable and contributes to grow our sport not only in India but in the world also."

FIH CEO Thierry Weil added: "We are glad to come back to Odisha where everyone, from the fans to the teams and the officials, had such a great experience a year ago."

Bhubaneswar's Kalinga Stadium will host the game's showpiece tournament for the second consecutive time after successfully conducting the event in 2018, which was won by Belgium.

No place for 'disloyal' Moreno

AFP ■ MADRID

Spain's returning coach Luis Enrique described his predecessor Robert Moreno as "disloyal" on Wednesday and confirmed he will not be part of his coaching team for Euro 2020.

Moreno was removed as coach last week to make way for Luis Enrique's return, despite Moreno leading Spain through an unbeaten qualifying campaign that ended with a 5-0 thrashing of Romania.

After the game, Moreno did not appear for his post-match press conference and reportedly left the players' dressing room in tears.

He had been promoted from assistant to head coach after Luis Enrique resigned in June to take care of his daughter, Xana, who died in August of cancer.

Luis Enrique and Moreno had been close friends after previously working together at Barcelona, Celta Vigo and Roma.

"The only one responsible for Moreno not being part of my staff is me," said Luis Enrique at his unveiling on Wednesday.

"The disagreement came on September 12, it is the only day I had contact with him. He called me and we met at my house and it seemed he wanted to continue for the European Championships and then if I wanted to, he would be my assistant again.

"I understand that he is excited to be a coach and I understand that it is a dream of a lifetime and that he has



worked hard for it. But I also understand that he is disloyal — I would never do that and I do not want someone like that in my staff."

Moreno said in a press conference on September 3 that he would be "the first and most delighted to step aside" if Luis Enrique decided he wanted to come back.

"I feel responsible and I am not proud of how everything ended. I do not like to see people suffer," Luis Enrique said.

Luis Enrique confirmed that he has signed a three-year contract until the World Cup in Qatar in 2022.

"I have no problem if the president (of the Spanish Football Federation, Luis Rubiales) believes someone else can do better. I have no problem leaving."



Abhishek-Jyothi combine for Gold

BANGKOK: Abhishek Verma and Jyothi Surekha Vennam claimed the top honours in compound mixed pair event to fetch India's lone Gold at the 21st Asian Archery Championships, which ended here on Wednesday with the country picking up seven medals in all.

Verma and Vennam won the mixed pair Gold by overwhelming their Chinese Taipei opponents Yi-Hsuan Chen and Chieh-Luh Chen 158-151. India ended with one Gold, two Silver and four Bronze medals.

Earlier in the day, Verma endured some disappointment, missing the compound team Gold medal by just one point when the side lost to Korea 232-233 to settle for a Silver.

"The conditions were windy and this was the last chance for us to win a Gold and we were successful. It's a good sign for the whole team," Verma said.

Defending their title in the compound women's team event, Jyothi, Muskan Kirar and Priya Gurjar also lost the battle to Korea, going down 215-231 in a one-sided affair.

But Verma and Jyothi returned strongly in the compound mixed pair final. **PTI**

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Opener Shikhar Dhawan was on Wednesday ruled out of the T20 International series against the West Indies due to a knee injury, making way for Sanju Samson, who was dropped without getting a chance in the recent series against Bangladesh.

Dhawan suffered a deep cut on his left knee during a Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy game against Maharashtra in Surat, the BCCI said in a statement.

"The BCCI Medical Team assessed him on Tuesday to review the healing of his wound. The BCCI Medical Team has suggested that Dhawan needs some more time for his stitches to come off and his wound to heal completely," the BCCI revealed.

"The All-India Senior Selection Committee has named Sanju Samson as Dhawan's replacement for the T20I series," it added.

The T20 series against the West Indies gets underway on December 6 in Hyderabad. The other two matches will be played in Thiruvananthapuram (December 8) and Mumbai (December 11).

Kerala player Samson was dropped from the side without getting a single game in the home series against Bangladesh earlier this month. The dropping drew criticism with several former players questioning the logic of not playing him at all against Bangladesh.

The 33-year-old Dhawan is expected to be fit for the one-dayers against the Caribbean team but is under tremendous pressure due to his patchy recent form. The three-match ODI series against the West Indies starts on December 15 in Chennai.

Dhawan was off-colour in the recent series against Bangladesh accounting for 91 runs in three appearances. His form hasn't exactly been the best even in the ongoing Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy.

Besides, the BCCI said Test wicketkeeper Wriddhiman Saha underwent a surgery on his right ring finger after sustaining a fracture during the recent Day/Night Test against Bangladesh, which India won by an innings and 46 runs.

"The BCCI Medical Team consulted a hand and wrist specialist and it was suggested that Saha undergoes a surgical fixation of the fracture," the Board stated.

"Subsequently, he underwent a successful surgery in Mumbai on Tuesday and will soon commence his rehabilitation at the National Cricket Academy, Bengaluru," it added.

Sanju is back

Samson replaces injured Dhawan for T20 series against West Indies



Open to keeping wickets, team is priority: Samson

IAN S ■ NEW DELHI

While the likes of Rahul Dravid and Gautam Gambhir have time and again praised the talent he possesses, critics have often said that consistency is an issue with Sanju Samson. And with head coach Ravi Shastri making it clear that the spot of a batsman who can keep is still open for the World T20 in Australia next year, the question on everyone's mind is if Samson can be the answer.

After replacing injured Shikhar Dhawan in the T20I team for the Windies series, Sanju said that while he is open to keeping wickets, consistency isn't something that he loses sleep over. For the 25-year-old, it is more about playing match-winning knocks and seeing his team finish on top than personal glory.

"I have never thought of that (consistency) as an issue. What I have understood is that I am a bit different type of a player where I just feel that I should go and dominate the bowlers. So, when I have a style and I am looking to dominate the bowlers, it can happen...if I go behind consistency, I will lose my style of batting. I don't want to change my style of playing to bring in consistency.

"I like to keep things as simple as possible and when I get the opportunity I look to score big. If I get five innings, I want to score big in one or two innings and win matches for my team. Consistency in my innings won't win matches for my team. It is more important to play an outstanding innings to win my team games. I go behind that kind of idea," he explained.

Coming to the next most important aspect — keeping wickets. Samson says that he has never shied away from the responsibility and it is the team management which makes those calls.

"I have been keeping wickets in white-ball cricket for Kerala for the last five or six years and have also kept in the Ranji Trophy format. I keep that as an open thing. Whatever my team requires, I do it accordingly. In the IPL, whenever my team wanted me to keep I did. But they at time felt I could contribute more on the field, so I did that. I prepare for myself both as a keeper and fielder because you never know what the team is looking at," he pointed.

Rishabh taking undue pressure by trying to fill Dhoni's shoes: MSK

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Chief selector MSK Prasad feels the struggling Rishabh Pant is putting himself under undue pressure by trying to prove himself as the rightful heir to the great M S Dhoni and he should rather back his "unbelievable talent" to bounce back.

Not so long ago, Pant was India's number one wicketkeeper batsman in all three formats but has endured an erratic run of form for some time now.

With Wriddhiman Saha back in the team, he has now lost his place in the Test eleven and his place in the limited-overs format has also been questioned for lack of runs and his poor work with the gloves.

However, the team management and selectors continue to back him. Rohit Sharma even urged his critics to leave him alone and let him play with freedom while the legendary Sunil Gavaskar says pressure is bound to be there when one is playing for India.

"I agree with the both the versions of Rohit and Sunny sir. Rishabh is going through a bit of rough period. He needs a couple of good knocks that can bring him back to his best. I had a discussion with the team management on this and they said that they are seriously working on him to bring him back to his best," Prasad, who is nearing the end of his term, said.

"With regard to the point raised regarding pressure, Rishabh should definitely realise that pressure is part of this game at this level and the one who comes out of this pressure is a true champion. He has live examples in front of him in Virat and Rohit."

Prasad, who was appointed as the selection committee chief in 2016, said Pant should never try to fill Dhoni's big boots.

"Rishabh should also realise that he has his own identity and he should never compare himself with MSD which I feel is working on his mind. MSD has built his career and image playing for over a decade and half. His confidence stems from his stellar performances both at domestic and international levels.

"Suddenly when one starts comparing himself with that legend, then subconsciously you are putting



enormous pressure on yourself. Personally I feel Rishabh is an unbelievable talent and he should believe and back his abilities and instincts rather than stepping into someone else's shoes," added the 44-year-old former India wicketkeeper-batsman who played six Tests and 17 ODIs.

In the past as well, Prasad has spoken about Pant's rare talent and the southpaw was seen as the heir apparent to Dhoni whose future remains an intense subject of speculation as he has not played since India lost to New Zealand in the World Cup semifinal in July.

Some players don't get a lot of opportunities while the likes of K L Rahul, who has lost his place in the Test side but remains a constant in the limited overs set-up, and Pant get a longer rope.

Prasad backed both of them to do justice to their rich talent.

"KL and Rishabh are supremely talented. They are match winners and they can single handedly take the game away from the opposition. Having identified this immense potential in both of them our committee has backed them despite dip in their form.

"I am sure both of them will bounce back strong from the current form and help Indian team to win many matches in times to come," he added.

Cornwall's 7/75 hold Afghans for 187



Rakheem Cornwall celebrates after taking wicket on first day of 1st Test

PTI ■ LUCKNOW

Burly off-spinner Rahkeem Cornwall picked up a career-best seven-wicket haul to help West Indies bowl out Afghanistan for a paltry 187 and give his side the upper hand on the opening day of the lone Test here on Wednesday.

Cornwall (7/75) spun a web around the Afghanistan batsmen on a turning track to shoot them out in 68.3 overs after West Indies won the toss and opted to field.

At stumps, West Indies were 68 for two in 22 overs, still trailing Afghanistan by 119 runs. Sent into bat, Afghanistan start-

ed cautiously with the pair of Ibrahim Zadran (17) and Javed Ahmadi (39) stitching 28 runs off 12.2 overs. Cornwall gave West Indies the breakthrough by removing Zadran.

Afghanistan lost two more wickets before lunch to be placed at 90 for three in 30.4 overs. Thereafter, it was all a Cornwall show as the off-spinner wreaked havoc by picking up the wickets of Rahmat Shah (4), Asghar Afghan (4), Nasir Jamal (2) and Afsar Zazai (32) to reduce Afghanistan to 165 for eight at tea.

West Indies skipper Jason Holder (2/22) also contributed two wickets with his medium pace by removing his counterpart Rashid Khan (1) and Amit Hamza (34) before Cornwall put an end to the Afghanistan innings by dismissing Yamin Ahmadzai (18).

In reply, West Indies lost opener Kraigg Braithwaite (11) and Shai Hope (7) early before John Campbell (30 not out) and Shamrah Brooks (19 not out) steadied the ship.

Left-arm spinner Amir Hamza (1/25) and Rashid (1/24) shared the honours for Afghanistan.

Saha hopeful of quick recovery

Wriddhiman says it shouldn't take more than five weeks to get fit

PTI ■ KOLKATA

Laid low by yet another injury, Indian wicketkeeper-batsman Wriddhiman Saha on Wednesday sought to play down the latest setback and said he expects to recover in a month's time.

Speaking to PTI after undergoing a surgery in Mumbai to fix a fracture on the ring finger of his right hand, Saha said, "It's like a normal fracture. It should not take more than five weeks to recover. I will take some rest at home and then the rehab process (at the National Cricket Academy) will follow."

Saha has enough time to be fit for India's next Test assignment -- two Tests in New Zealand beginning February 21 and has flown to his hometown Siliguri for the time being.



The 35-year-old sustained the injury during the historic Day/Night Test Test against Bangladesh here. He had made a comeback to the side just a month back in the Tests against South Africa after undergoing a shoulder surgery following last year's Indian Premier League (IPL).

Speaking about the Day/Night Test, Saha said visibility was an issue because of the hazy conditions due to the onset of winter in the city.

"It was definitely challenging, especially under lights in the twilight period. The conditions were also hazy. The fielders at the boundary line were

not able to sight the ball at one go," Saha said.

"I guess we would not have faced this problem if the match was held in summer and not during winter," he added.

Regarded as one of the best wicket-keepers in the world, the seasoned stumper once again impressed with his sharp reflexes against the heavily-lacquered swerving pink ball.

His low catch of Mahmudullah, outstretched at the first slip, was the highlight of his keeping on the opening day when he completed a milestone of 100 dismissals in longest format.

Saha felt the sightsscreen colour, white for pink ball Tests, could be improved.

"I wish the background (sightsscreen) was brighter

so the visibility could have been a bit better. The pink ball was definitely challenging," he said.

Saha had previously faced the Kookaburra pink ball challenge at the domestic level.

On his assessment of the SG pink ball, Saha said: "It's like the SG ball we were used to getting in the domestic one-dayers. There will be movements when the ball is new but when there's a bit of dew you won't get any swing at all."

The response to India's maiden pink ball Test was overwhelming and the Eden Gardens was packed on the first two days. Indian pacers hogged the limelight by grabbing all the 19 wickets that fell to hand the side an innings and 46-run victory inside three days.

Gayle says no to India ODIs

PTI ■ JOHANNESBURG

West Indies great Chris Gayle has said no to playing the three ODIs in India next month and rather wants to focus on his plans for 2020.

West Indies are scheduled to play three T20s and as many ODIs in India starting December 6. He is also unlikely to feature in the T20 games.

"West Indies called me to play ODIs, but I am not going to play," Gayle was quoted as saying by ESPNcricinfo following his team Jozi Stars' defeat in the MSL in South Africa.

"They (selectors) want me to play with the youngsters but for this year I am going to take a break."

Gayle will also not play in the upcoming edition of Big Bash League in Australia.

"I am not going to the Big Bash. I'm not sure what cricket will come up, I don't even know how my name reached the BPL (Bangladesh league), but I have been drafted in a team and I don't even know how that happened."

Delhi's disappointing campaign ends with loss

PTI ■ SURAT

Washington Sundar and M Siddharth spun a web around Jharkhand as Tamil Nadu registered an eight-wicket win in their last Super League match of the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy T20 tournament here on Wednesday.

However, despite Tamil Nadu's big win, the semi-final lineup will only be clear after the conclusion of the Punjab- Mumbai game, which is currently underway.

Left-arm spinner Siddharth (4-18) and off-spinner Sundar (3-10) ran through the Jharkhand batting lineup, as they bundled out the opposition for a paltry 85, which Tamil Nadu later chased down in 13.5 overs.

Jharkhand skipper Saurabh Tiwary's decision to bat first was proven wrong by Sundar and Siddharth's magic with the ball.



Tiwary (24 off 27 balls) and wicket-keeper Sumit Kumar (19 off 25 balls) were the only ones to

show some fight, as the rest of the Jharkhand batsmen faltered in the crucial game.

Jharkhand were reeling at 29-3 and their innings never quite gathered steam, as Tamil Nadu

picked up wickets at regular intervals.

Spinners have been delivering for their captain Dinesh Karthik and Wednesday was no different at the C B Patel ground.

Kumar Deobrat (1), Virat Singh (2), Supriyo Chakraborty (8) and Utkarsh Singh (5) fell cheaply, as Jharkhand's wickets collapsed like a pack of cards.

Spinners R Sai Kishore (1-15) and Murugan Ashwin (1-13) also played their parts to perfection.

For Tamil Nadu, the chase began on a horrendous note, as they lost their in-form opener C Hari Nishanth (7) early.

They were also struggling at 35-2, as Jharkhand grabbed the wicket of Shahrulh Khan (24 off 28 balls).

However, Sundar (38 not out off 22 balls), promoted up the order, took the game away from Jharkhand with his whirlwind

knock.

He smashed three towering sixes and stitched a match-winning unbroken 51-run stand with skipper Karthik (13 not out) to steer the side to victory.

In the second game of the day, Rajasthan eked out a two-run win against Delhi as their bowlers held their nervous.

Spotlight was firmly on wicket-keeper Rishabh Pant (30 off 27 balls) again failed to convert his start while Delhi were chasing the 134-run target.

Delhi middle-order collapsed, but Lalit Yadav (30) and Varun Sood (24 not out) raised hopes of a Delhi win, but eventually they fell short by two runs.

In another game, Maharashtra also recorded a narrow two-run win over Haryana.

Defending the 168-run target, Maharashtra bowlers also held their nerves to record a win in match that went down the wire.