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# Ayodhya hearing ends, SC order in a month

## Acrimonious exchanges between parties on last day of arguments

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Wednesday wrapped up the 40-day hearing in the decades-old temple-mosque dispute in Ayodhya — the second longest proceedings in its history — and reserved its verdict in the politically sensitive case that is expected in a month's time.

The concluding day of the marathon hearing during which Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi heading a 5-judge Constitution bench observed “enough is enough” was marked by high drama when Rajeev Dhawan, a senior counsel for the Muslim parties, tore a pictorial map provided by Hindu Mahasabha purportedly showing the exact birth place of Lord Ram in Ayodhya in Uttar Pradesh.

The high voltage hearing in the Ram Janambhoomi-Babri Masjid dispute involving 2.77 acres of land is the second longest after the landmark Keshavnand Bharti case in 1973



Mahant Dharam Das of the Nirwani Akhara with Jamaat Ulama-e-Hind president Molana Suhaib Qasmi on the Supreme Court premises after the conclusion of hearing on the Ayodhya title suit, in New Delhi on Wednesday

during which the proceedings for propounding the doctrine of basic structure of the Constitution continued for 68 days. The hearing on the validity of Aadhaar scheme lasted for

38 days in the top court which came into existence in 1950. The Bench, also comprising SA Bobde, DY Chandrachud, Ashok Bhushan and SA Nazeer, came out with

schedules for hearing more than once and the arguments, which were first fixed to be concluded by October 18, was advanced to October 17, but on Wednesday, it decided to wrap

it up saying “enough is enough”. The Bench is racing against time since the verdict has to be delivered before Justice Gogoi demits office on November 17.

It also granted three days to contesting parties to file written notes on ‘moulding of relief’ or narrowing down the issues on which the court is required to adjudicate.

The hearing was marked by heated exchanges between the lawyers of the Hindu and Muslim sides and midway the issue of settling the dispute through mediation once again cropped up.

The first mediation bid failed to find an amicable resolution leading to the commencement of day-to-day hearing from August 6. Later, the panel, which comprised FMI Kallifulla, a former apex court judge, Sri Sri Ravi Shankar, founder of Art of Living Foundation and Sriram Panchu, an acclaimed mediator, was allowed to continue mediation proceedings.

## Lawyer tears janmasthan map, stirs up controversy

PTI/AGENCIES ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Wednesday witnessed a dramatic scenes as infuriated Rajeev Dhawan, lawyer for Sunni Wafk Board and other Muslim parties in the Ayodhya title case, tore up the pictorial map provided by a Hindu party purportedly showing the exact birthplace of Lord Ram on the concluding day of the marathon hearing.

As the news of tearing of pictorial map spread like wildfire on social media, Dhavan told the court during the post-lunch session, “The incident is going viral.”

Dhavan took strong objection to senior advocate Vikas Singh, appearing for a faction of All India Hindu Mahasabha (AIHM), relying on the site map and books written by

foreign and Indian authors to buttress claims that the central dome of the now demolished structure was the birthplace of deity “Ram Lalla”.

Dhavan said such documents (maps) cannot be relied upon in the matter now as the issue of location of “janm-sthan” was discussed by the Allahabad High Court on other documents.

When he vigorously raised objections to the reliance on the pictorial map, which is also part of the book “*Ayodhya Revisited*” by former Bihar cadre IPS officer Kishore Kunal, Singh said he will not press the pictorial map to be taken on record. Following this, Dhawan was seen tearing the pictorial map to the utter shock of the lawyers and visitors in the packed courtroom. Chief Justice of India

Ranjan Gogoi at this point told Dhavan, “You can shred it further, Mr Dhavan.”

After Dhawan did so, the exasperated CJJ commented, “If these are the kind of arguments going on, then, we can just get up and walk out.”

The drama did not end there and during the hearing in the post lunch session, Dhavan again referred to the pre-lunch incident and said that “outside the court, it has become viral”.

“The news that has become viral is that I on my own tore the papers,” he said.

Dhavan said he had asked and sought the permission of the Bench whether those papers can be thrown and the reply from the CJJ was “if it is irrelevant, you can tear it”.

“The CJJ said I could shred the papers and I just followed the order,” Dhavan said.

## CAPSULE

### PM RAPS OPP FOR LINKING ART 370 WITH MAHA POLL

**Mumbai:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday slammed Opposition leaders seeking a link between the abrogation of Article 370 and the Maharashtra Assembly polls, and told them to go down (*doob maro*) for their stance.

### INDIA'S POVERTY RATE HALVED SINCE 1990s: WB

**Washington:** India has halved its poverty rate since the 1990s and achieved a seven plus growth rate over the last 15 years, the World Bank said on Tuesday.

### CHHATTISGARH LABOURER SHOT DEAD IN KASHMIR

**Srinagar:** A migrant labourer from Chhattisgarh was shot dead on Wednesday by terrorists in militant-infested Pulwama district of south Kashmir, the second such incident within three days, police said.

### 3 TERRORISTS KILLED IN ANANTNAG GUNFIGHT

**Srinagar:** Three local terrorists, who had joined terror groups recently, were killed on Wednesday in an encounter with security forces in Jammu & Kashmir's Anantnag district.

### SOUTHWEST MONSOON WITHDRAWS: IMD

**New Delhi:** The Southwest Monsoon withdrew from the entire country, the IMD announced, eight days after it started receding from northwest India. This is also perhaps the fastest withdrawal of the Southwest Monsoon, it said. The IMD also announced onset of Northeast Monsoon that brings rainfall to Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Kerala.

## India slips to 102nd rank on hunger index

### Far behind Nepal, Bangladesh, Pak

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

On hunger index, India has slipped from the 95th rank in 2010 to the 102nd in 2019, behind Nepal, Bangladesh and Pakistan. In 2018, India occupied 55th rank.

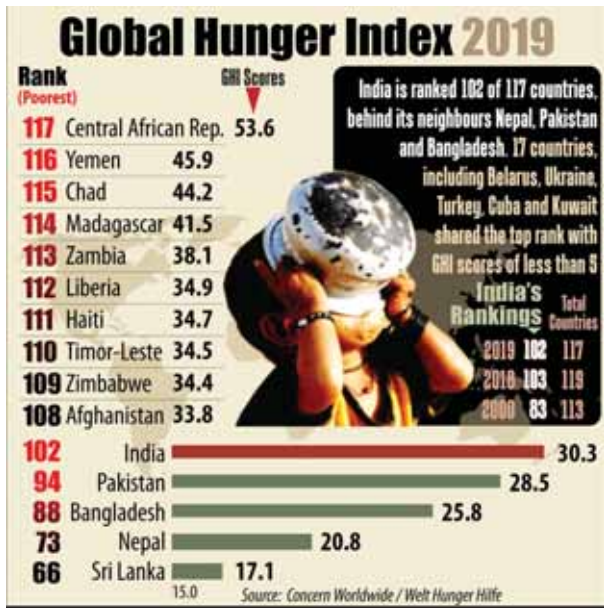
The Global Hunger Index (GHI) measures the level of hunger and undernutrition worldwide. The four indicators for the index are undernourishment, child stunting, child wasting (weight for age) and child mortality.

A report released by the International Food Policy Research Institute points out

that among the 117 listed countries, 47 are on ‘serious’ and ‘alarming’ hunger levels and one in ‘critically alarming’.

India's dismal performance on hunger is directly linked to the high level of child undernourishment. Over one in every five children in India is “wasted” (low weight for height), the highest for any country in the report.

India is way behind its much poorer neighbours such as Nepal (73rd), Sri Lanka (66th), Bangladesh (88th), Myanmar (69th) and Pakistan (94th), the report said.



## MP Govt submits reply to HC on raising OBC reservation

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Submitting its reply with the High Court on the decision to hike OBC reservation from 14 to 27 per cent, the State Government on Wednesday told the court that the said move is aimed at doing away with the backwardness of the OBC categories.

However the petitioner who had challenged the OBC reservation hike said he did not consider the reply in accordance with the constitution.

In the last hearing HC had expressed displeasure over non-submission of reply from the state government. Following which during the hearing on Wednesday, the state government submitted a detailed 500 page response with the court.

The reply mentioned that population of OBC categories in Madhya Pradesh is around 51 per cent and in order to and their social economical backwardness, reservation has been hiked from 14 to 27 per cent.

The HC put the reply in the record while the petitioner sought time to present his arguments. On this the court assigned two weeks time to the petitioner.

The petitioner also questioned State Government's reply alleging that it is no less than any vote bank politics. **Continued on P4**

## IAS body writes to CS on info leakage before completion of probe



STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

The IAS Association has on Wednesday written to the Chief Secretary registering objection of the leakage of the information to media before completion of the investigation in the cases.

President of the Association Gauri Singh in a letter to the Chief Secretary sought and advisory to be issued to the investigating agencies.

President of the Association Gauri Singh told in the letter, “I write this letter to bring to your notice the recent trend of seeking publicity by officer holding responsible positions in investigation agencies wherein, even before conducting proper enquiry into the merits of the case, details of the case/ complaint and likely conclusions are shared with the press. This is naturally quite demoralizing for government servants and adversely affects decision making.”

As you are aware, officers have to often take complex decision, involving multiple stakeholders, in their official capacity. There are cases, where stakeholders/ competitors who have been adversely impacted by the final decision, approach expected that these investigating agencies will objectively enquire into these complaints while ensuring that repetitions of institution and individuals is not unnecessarily tarnished.

A recent case is one relating to a senior officer and his tenure in the Urban Development department. “I understand that the same matter had surfaced earlier and the present Principal Secretary has submitted a report on the issue, wherein among other things, he stated that proper and transparent process were followed. It is therefore surprising that the officer heading the EOW decides to brief the press, without even seeking facts and details from the department.”

## As expected, ED arrests PC after grilling in Tihar

### Court to decide on 14-day custody plea today

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Wednesday arrested former Finance Minister P Chidambaram after grilling him inside Tihar Jail in connection with the INX Media money laundering case.

Chidambaram was undergoing judicial custody in a related CBI case in which he was probed under Prevention of Corruption Act (PCA).

Shortly after his arrest, the ED filed a petition before Special judge Ajay Kumar Kuhar seeking a 14-day custodial interrogation of the 74-year-old Congress veteran.

While issuing a production warrant against Chidambaram in the ED case, the court said it will take up the remand plea on Thursday when his judicial custody in the CBI case expires.

The court directed the jail authorities to produce Chidambaram at 3 pm on Thursday.

CBI sources, meanwhile, said the probe agency is all set to file a chargesheet in the corruption case in which it is likely to name Chidambaram and his son Karti.

The ED's action against Chidambaram comes after the special judge on Tuesday allowed the agency to interrogate Chidambaram in jail and arrest him, if necessary.

A three-member ED team arrived at the prison at 8.15 am, and remained in the premises for about two hours during which they briefly questioned Chidambaram after he was placed under arrest.

The arrest was made under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) and his statement was also recorded under the same provision of law, officials said.

The ED had questioned Chidambaram a number of times in the past in connection with the money laundering probe but the Rajya Sabha member was not arrested due to a court directive barring the agency from taking any coercive action.

The ED's move also comes against the backdrop of fresh leads from foreign countries in response to Letter Rogatory (judicial request) and his custodial interrogation will further help in unearthing the money laundering conspiracy and aid in establishing the proceeds of crime, officials said.



## Pak given 4-month deadline to avert FATF blacklisting

PTI ■ ISLAMABAD

The Financial Action Task Force (FATF) has decided, in principle, to keep Pakistan in its Grey List till February 2020, directing Islamabad to take extra measures for complete elimination of terror financing and money laundering, according to reports on Wednesday.

A formal announcement about the interim developments will be made on Friday, the last day of the FATF's session, the report said. The FATF will take a final decision on Pakistan in February 2020.

The FATF has given respite of four months to Pakistan to help her implement remaining recommendations of the task force, Aaj TV reported.

Pakistan was placed on

the Grey List by the Paris-based watchdog in June last year and was given a plan of action to complete it by October 2019, or face the risk of being placed on the black list with Iran and North Korea.

If Pakistan continues in the Grey List, it would be very difficult for the country to get financial aid from the IMF, the World Bank and the European Union, making its financial condition more precarious. Islamabad is obligated to report its performance to the group every three months.

However, Pakistan's Finance Ministry spokesperson Omar Hameed Khan rejected the reports of the country remaining in the Grey List, saying “it is not true and nothing before October 18 (can be confirmed)”.

## Great India Drive from iconic Statue of Unity



BY KUSHAN MITRA

Much of Indian historical heritage is biased towards the Gangetic plains but, as Champaner proves, there is much to see in parts of India you don't expect to find much history at. This is an ancient land and there is something at every corner which we will discover during the third edition of Hyundai India's “Great India Drive.”

Flagged off at the Statue of Unity near Vadodara by Hyundai India Managing Director SS Kim, we intend to explore some of Gujarat's impressive historical sites such as Champaner, Rani Ki Vay, the Modhera Sun Temple and the historic centre of Ahmedabad.



Gujarat has some of the most impressive historical sites in India, which are usually off the tourist trail but need to be exposed to the driving holiday circuit.

The Statue of Unity of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, independent India's first Home

Minister who effectively brought in the 550 disparate princely states into the Union, is extremely impressive. Built over five years, between October 2013 till its inauguration in October 2018, it is the tallest statue in the world at 192 metres. Clad in over 6,500

bronze plates weighing 1,700 tonnes, the statue overlooks the equally impressive Sardar Sarovar Dam and the reservoir behind. The dam, which was highly controversial, is the second largest cement dam in the world and has the world's third largest reservoir behind it. Not only does the reservoir water the parched lands of Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan, it also generates 1,450 megawatts of clean energy.

After the flag-off, The Pioneer team was joined by Talish Ray, lawyer and history buff, and travelled to the less-visited site of Champaner, the one-time capital of the Gujarat sultanate and before that of the Chavda empire and the Rajputs afterwards. Champaner is a fascinating site and is the only surviving example of a pre-Mughal Islamic city. It was recently added as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This less-visited site is preserved to perfection and the city, as we

know it today, was built by Mehmd “Begadha” in the mid-15th century. It was sacked by Mughal Emperor Humayun after his defeat by Sher Shah Suri.

The hill of Pavagadh that overlooks the city is the only major elevation for miles around and as such was a

strategic perch as controlling it meant controlling the plains to the east leading to the prosperous Malwa region. There are several buildings built on the Pavagadh hill that date back to the 1400s and it is topped with an ancient Kali Mandir, which is believed to have existed since circa 600CE.





# Govt, NASSCOM to sign MoU to create jobs in MP

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Pursuant to constant efforts to create more jobs for the youth by promoting investment in information technology, sector an MoU would be signed between the State Government and the National Organization of Software and Services Companies, NASSCOM. This proposal has been approved by Chief Minister Kamal Nath. It is being considered an important step for the IT sector.

The MoU will be signed by Debjani Ghosh, President of NASSCOM. She is the former managing director of Intel South Asia and, the first female president of NASSCOM. This MoU is being signed in the presence of NITI Aayog CEO Amitabh Kant during October 18 at Indore.

Industries should come up in the state with handsome investment. Along with this, employment opportunities should be available to the youth through IT sector.

Kamal Nath is continuously working in this direction.

According to an IT based news portal MPPost.com, Chief Minister Kamal Nath is going to have an MoU with NASSCOM, the only and recognized institution in the country, of the IT sector. The IT



department has prepared a proposal in this regard which is being sent for ratification of the Council of Ministers.

Since Chief Minister Nath has been a Minister of Commerce and Industry, he has experience of working with recognized organizations of the industry like CII and FICCI and ASSOCHAM and knows the functioning of these institutions.

According to Chief Minister Nath, as CII, FICCI and ASSOCHAM works for industrial units, working with NASSCOM in order to bring investments in the state with employment is a major step.

There will be a contract for

technical advice between NASSCOM and MAPIT. NASSCOM will help in providing deep technology information, will help in choosing a stretcher partner for the startup. It will provide support for cyber security and cyber forensics and help in making proposals in the direction. NASSCOM will assist in organizing flagships and tech events in the state. There will be a three-year contract with NASSCOM. They will operate their office in Madhya Pradesh and will help in opening the start-up. NASSCOM and MAPIT will spend more than 2.5 crores for the setup of this project.

# Miscreants attack doctor in Hamidia hospital



STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Panic prevailed at Hamidia hospital premises after a doctor was attacked with a sharp-edged weapon by an unidentified miscreant in the early morning hours on Wednesday.

The victim Dr Dayashankar Tripathi who is posted with the skin treatment department as doctor with the Hamidia hospital was attacked with a sharp edged weapon in his leg.

ASP Zone 3 Manu Vyas said that the reason behind the attack could not be ascertained as the victim doctor is not able to provide details that could have lead to any breakthrough. The victim sustained injuries in his hands and thigh which were minor as the miscreant fearing of nabbing escaped the spot.

The victim lives at Peergate and was assaulted when he

reached main gate of the hospital. The investigation conducted so far suggested that the victim was attacked with the intention to harm only as no attempt to rob any valuable was made by the miscreant.

Police faced hard time to pacify doctors who gathered in the protest against the attack on the doctor near the premises. Victim was rushed to the hospital where his condition is stable.

The police have registered against the unidentified miscreant and have started further investigation. Police have denied the fact that the victim misbehaved with the relative's of the miscreant who came for treatment few days ago.

The doctors who protested the incident on Wednesday told media persons that the assault took place at around 9 am and at the time of the incident, no security guard was present.

# Gang promising jobs in AIIMS busted by STF



STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

The STF Bhopal has busted a gang involving in cheating over 50 victims in the name of facilitating job of nurse AIIMS (All India Institute of Medical Sciences) and provides fake appointment letters.

The kingpin Dilshad Khan of Jabalpur and Alok Kumar Bamne of Bhopal were nabbed by STF. The gang has duped lakhs of rupees from these victims who have completed nursing course from different colleges and where in search for a good job.

In the investigation police found that the accused used to

trap the victims by luring them of job of nurse at AIIMS and other government colleges.

During the investigation police found that Dilshad married to five women who were involved in the nexus. His fourth wife is operating a private hospital in Jabalpur. The wife of the second accused, Alok Bamne, is posted as the superintendent at the Government Girls Hostel Patel Nagar Bhopal and his role is also investigated.

Meanwhile, Ashoka Garden police have nabbed a 34-year-old man on Tuesday for publishing fake advertisement of facilitating job jobs and used name of minister of health

Tulsi Silavat who inaugurated their venture.

Police have nabbed director of Last Chance Production Pvt Ltd Lalit Singh of Khajuri Kalan Bhopal while Director of Innotech Health India Gabbar Thavar remained absconding who have published misleading advertisement which was published in a Hindi daily on October 14.

Lalit Singh was posted as constable with police wireless at the Dial-100 headquarters and has not reported on duty September 4 2019. Police have started search for Gabbar Thawre who is tracked in Delhi and police team is dispatched for arrest.

# National Putul Samaroh begins with fervour

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

The 'National Putul Samaroh' began with a lot of fervour from Wednesday at Madhya Pradesh Tribal Museum showing various styles of puppet art.

At the event on Wednesday, Sudeep Gupta Kolkata staged 'Taming of the Wild' in the rods style with his fellow cast members. The presentation was based on the rhythm and melody of the music. At the beginning of the performance, the artists showed a family of fishes through puppets. The artists then presented the beauty of nature to the audience with their artistic puppet handling skills. After this, the artists portrayed how the music is inherent in nature through puppet operations on the stage through puppets.

Sudeep Gupta wrapped up his presentation by presenting the audience to the audience focused on the ill effects caused

by the constant exploitation of nature by fellow artists.

In four parts, the artist presented the puppet art with the artistic skills. The time limit for this presentation was about 1 hour. This presentation was directed by Sudeep Gupta. The rods control the puppet in puppet style with a puppet cast stick was done from behind the screen. It is mainly popular in eastern India.

Indigenous cuisine and traditional clothing fair of Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Assam, Sikkim, Bihar and Odissi states are also put up from 2 to 16 pm from October 16 to 20.

On October 19 and 20, 2019, from 3 pm to 5 pm, Dilip Masoom (Bhopal) will be performing puppet art in thread thread style with his fellow artists. On the last day of the ceremony, on October 20, Sarita Saj (New Delhi) along with her fellow artists will sing Suraj songs from 6 pm on the occasion of 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.



A dumper being fished out with the help of cranes after it fell down in the water from a culvert in a road accident near Bhadphada dam in Bhopal on Wednesday

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# 54-yr-old hangs self from tree, dies

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

A 54-year old man committing suicide by hanging from a tree at Barri village under Gunga police station area late in the night on Tuesday.

According to the police, Suresh Kumar Yadav was found hanging from a tree after he went missing in the evening on Tuesday. He was taken to hospital where he was declared dead.

Police said that the deceased was suffering from mental disorder and used to

leave home without informing family members.

In the afternoon on Tuesday he left the house after and went he failed to return family members went to search him and found him hanging from a tree.

The family members were not aware of the reason behind the death. The reason behind the death would be investigated in the further investigation as police suspect that the death was suspicious.

After the preliminary investigation the body was

sent for the post mortem. The police have registered a case under section 174 of the CrPC and have started further investigation.

The circumstantial evidences suggest that the deceased committed suicide but other possibilities could not be ruled out and would be investigated.

Statements of the family members are yet to be recorded which could reveal reason behind the death.

Meanwhile a 22-year-old youth died on Tuesday who met accident on October 9 at

Ayodhya Nagar; bike of the youth skid which proved fatal. The deceased identified as Mahendra Malviya, who was undergoing treatment after his bike skid and he sustained multiple injuries died on Tuesday. Police registered case and started investigation.

# Maheshwari Samaj elects Suresh Lahoti as chairman



STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Elections of Maheshwari Samaj Bhopal, Dakshinchal were held in Bhopal on Wednesday. The session of elected officials is scheduled for 2019-22. After the entire election process by Election Officer Trilok Jaju and Supervisor Om Prakash Kabra, the entire executive of Maheshwari Samaj was declared.

The body includes- Suresh Lahoti as Chairman, Kaushal Biyani, Ramesh Lakhota and Bhuvanesh Kabra as Vice Presidents, Bhupesh

Rathi Secretary, Ranjan Baheti as Treasurer, Ravindra Bangad as Organization and publicity Secretary, Joint Secretaries Shekhar Maheshwari Baheti, Pawan Bhattar, Rajkumar Bajaj and Rajiv Chandak.

Former president of the society Sunil Laddha and Sanjay Kabra Secretary were especially present on this special occasion to take charge of the newly elected members.

The newly elected members took pledge to do social and constructive work for the society. Besides, a plantation programme was also organised on this occasion.

# BHEL's Bhopal plant gets metal cutting gas plant

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

A 1900 kg capacity metal-cutting gas plant, set up at BHEL's Bhopal unit, was inaugurated on Wednesday by AR Sihag, Secretary, Department of Heavy Industry (DHI), Govt of India in the presence of Nalin Shinghal, Chairman and Managing Director, BHEL, Amit Varadan, Joint Secretary, DHI and DK Thakur, Executive Director, BHEL, Bhopal.

Other senior officers and employees of BHEL were also present on the occasion. Significantly, this plant, installed at the Gas & Power Plant Division in the unit, is the first industrial set-up for metal cutting in this capacity range. On this occasion the dignitaries also visited various manufacturing blocks of the unit and held discussion with the senior officials of the unit, reviewing the operations of the unit.



Governor Lalji Tandon reviews the meeting of the officials for efforts being made for quality of higher education in the Universities, at Raj Bhawan in Bhopal on Wednesday

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# Iconic School celebrates Kalam's birthday with Quiz competition



STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

To commemorate the Birth Anniversary of His Excellency Former President Dr APJ Abdul Kalam, The Iconic School organized an Inter School Quiz Competition on the life of Dr Kalam.

Overall 7 schools participated in the event. All the teams performed to the best of their abilities. DPS Neelbad were the winners followed by Sagar Public School, Gandhinagar as Runner's Up.

Padmakar Dhananjay Saraf, Retired Chief Scientist,

National Geophysical Research Institute, Hyderabad graced the occasion by being the Chief Guest. Saraf congratulated the participants and The Iconic School for organizing an event which gave everyone an insight about the life and contribution of The People's President.



# Efforts on for 1K MW floating solar project

**Solar park of 1000 MW is proposed to be set up in Sagar district**

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

The State Government has taken the initiative to develop a 1000 megawatt ultra mega floating solar project in the first phase on Indira Sagar dam. The establishment of the project will benefit the State in many ways, in which the reservoir will be used as an alternative to the land. Its installation will lead to more generation of cheaper electricity and reduction in evaporation will promote water conservation. The water quality will increase. This way the project will be unique in its own way. Notably, the Indira Sagar reservoir of Madhya Pradesh has the distinction of being the largest water body in Asia. The minimum area of the water body in this reservoir is 26,710 hectares, which can accommodate 13,000 MW

solar project. In view of this, this project will be developed here.

One-fourth of the state's electricity consumption is of renewable energy. Madhya Pradesh has succeeded in establishing its own identity in the renewable energy sector by generating about five thousand megawatts of electricity. The Government is paying special attention to the generation of power from renewable sources available in abundance in Madhya Pradesh, which is rich in natural resources. As of September-2019, 2071 MW is being produced from solar power, 2444 MW from wind power, 117 MW from biomass power and 96 MW from small hydro power is being produced.

Solar parks are being set up in various districts with a view to further developing renewable energy. In this, a 750 MW capacity ultra mega solar power plant has been set up in Gurh tehsil of Rewa district. Out of the power generated from this project, 24 percent power is being provided to Delhi Metro. Historical rates of Rs. 2.97 per unit power tariff have been

received for this project, which will help the state save approximately Rs. 1600 crores and Delhi Metro Rs. 790 crores. From the point of view of environmental protection, this project will reduce carbon dioxide emissions by 5.14 lakh tonnes per year. A 250 MW solar park has been established on 685 hectare land in Mandsaur district. The establishment of solar park of 1500 MW in three districts is in its last phase. Under this, the procedure of setting up solar parks of 500 MW (969 hectare revenue land) in Neemuch district, 550 MW (1404 hectare revenue land) in Aagar and 450 MW (1066) hectare revenue land) in Shajapur district is under consideration. MPPMC and Indian Railways are committed to purchase cheap solar power produced in the state.

Similarly, solar park of 1000 MW is proposed to be set up in Sagar district, 800 MW in Chhatarpur district under the Ultra Mega Renewable Power Project-1 and 800 MW solar park in Morena district and 1000 MW solar park in Indira Sagar Dam under Project-2.

**MP Kabbadi team wins winner, runner up positions**

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

The players of Madhya Pradesh Kabbadi team showcased a brilliant performance at the State level Kabaddi Championship. The team of RCC (Regional Coaching Center) Bhopal won the winner and runner-up positions in the championship.

Interestingly, the team won the positions in both the senior men's category and in the junior girls section of the state level kabaddi event. The championship was played in Indore. It is worth mentioning that Kabaddi player Nidhi Singh of RCC Bhopal was awarded the best player award.

The players of the winning and runners-up teams participated in the championship met Director Sports and Youth Welfare SL Thoussen here on Wednesday at TT Nagar stadium. The Director of Sports congratulated and congratulated the players for their excellent performance and said that the players of RCC Bhopal have enhanced the pride of Bhopal by showing excellent talent in the competition.

# Dance competetion for students held at Sagar Public School

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

With the aim of honing the dancing skills of the students, under the aegis of Sahodaya Group of CBSE Schools, an Inter school Dance Competition 'Nrityollas' was held at Sagar Public School, Gandhi Nagar in presence of Secretary, Sahodaya Group and Principal, Father Agnel School, Sojan Joseph.

The stage came alive when the students of 11 different schools from Bhopal staged spectacular dance performances in the competition. The dance troupes from schools mesmerized the audience with their performances based on the theme 'Vasundhara – Rhythmic Nature'.

The attractive classical dance forms, costumes, dance movements and fascinating props made it tough for the judges Bharti Hombal and Rashmi Pandey to decide the



winners. The first position of the competition was bagged by Team Carmel Convent Senior Secondary School, BHEL Bhopal with second position by Team DPS Neelbad and third position by Team Sagar Public School, Rohit Nagar. Lauding the performances, Principal, Sagar Public School, Gandhi Nagar, Alpa Prabhu said that dancing is the most beautiful art as it is not mere translation or abstraction from life, it is life itself. The programme concluded with the vote of thanks followed by Prize Distribution and memento presentation to all the escort teachers along with their group photographs as a souvenir.

# Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya organises 10-day workshop on tribal woodcraft

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya organized a 10 day workshop on traditional tribal woodcraft and Dhokra art titled as 'Katha-Srishti', at Tribal Habitat open air exhibition area of Sangrahalaya. In this workshop Tribal artists from Madhya Pradesh & Chhattisgarh are being made by our traditional crafts from wood and metal in front of audience.

On this occasion, Pramod Kumar Sharma, Programme Coordinator said that, The Tribal artist have not any formal training of this tribal arts, rather they are accepting that art by instead working with his family. At present through this workshop these artists are doing the work of saving their old traditional context by transforming traditional art into contemporary form.

A long and rich tradition of wood art has been present in Bastar. The artifacts of personal use of tribal life here as well as beautiful wooden artifacts in ritual, dance ceremony are made by skilled wood craftsmen of Muria community. There are being made our traditional crafts in front of audience, in this workshop, Sanjay



An artist participates in ten-day workshop on traditional tribal woodcraft and Dhokra art titled Katha-Srishti at Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya (IGRMS) in Bhopal on Wednesday

Pioneer photo

Sapre (Modeling Assistant, IGRMS) added.

Traditional wood carver, Milan Korram told that, A large part of wooden art of Bastar associated with the Ghotul culture of the Muria tribe. They make more Carved doors, Mata Jhula, deceased pillars and tribal statues, combs etc.

Santu Korram told that Mata Jhula is a symbol of Opulence, prestige and splendor. In Bastar, It's very important for Devgudi and ritual work. In this, only female deity can sit on, male deity cannot sit on it. In Bastar, Mata Jhula is done established in the courtyard of

Devguri and we check by Gunia whether Goddess or not.

Phool Singh Besra told about the Ghadhwa metal craft and said that Tribal metal-work is prepared using the lost-wax method. This is an elaborate procedure of metal-casting involving several steps and raw materials. A wax model of the desired figurine or statue is made and covered with clay. The clay hardens to create a thick shell. Molten brass is poured on this clay-covered wax model. This melts the wax, which escapes from holes made in the clay covering. The clay is then broken and a metal figurine emerges.

# Vikas Nigam completes tender process for rooftop solar project

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

The Madhya Pradesh Urja Vikas Nigam (MPUVN) has on Tuesday completed tender process for solar power plants on rooftop of the industries in Mandideep. The lowest tariff of the electricity from the tender would cost Rs 4.61 per unit.

The electricity tariff discovered under this tender will be same for all 164 industrial beneficiaries.

The tender for 10.8 MW was oversubscribed by 33%. The reverse auction for this tender lasted for almost three hours and a solar tariff of Rs 4.61/unit was discovered. M/s Hero Rooftop Energy Pvt Ltd was the L1 and M/s NTPC Vidyut Vypar Nigam Limited was the L2 with Rs 4.62/unit. As per the tender conditions L2 has to match L1 rate to become eligible to get the remaining capacity after capacity allocation to L1.

Industrial beneficiaries located in Mandideep Industrial area are presently paying an electricity tariff of Rs 7.00/ unit to state utility, electricity under this tender will be supplied at a 34% dis-



count compared to their existing rate. This will result in to a first year saving of Rs 2.39 Cr and cumulative saving of Rs 233 Cr for industrial beneficiaries over a life of 25 years.

Notably, the MPUVN has already introduced two projects- Renewable Energy Service Company (RESCO) I & II rooftop solar, last year. Under this, the low tariff of Rs 1.58 and Rs 1.38 per unit respectively was achieved.

The industrial beneficiaries under this tender are a mix of small, medium and large industries having different financial profile, contract demand, electricity consumption profile and rooftop size. All the beneficiaries under this tender were

grouped into three packages of 3.6 MW each such that each package is similar in terms of capacity of rooftop systems, their counts and financial profile (EBITDA/ credit ratings) of beneficiaries. Bidders can bid for one or more packages.

## CHANGE OF NAME

I Mohammed Abul M Arif Siddiqui son of Hakim Mohammed Siddique age adult resident of house no 68 sunrise apartment sunrise colony Idgaha hills Bhopal MP declare that in my sons school record his name Mohd Afnan Siddiqui and my name M-A-M Siddiqui is registered but in other government records my sons correct name is MOHAMMED AFNAN SIDDIQUI and my correct name is MOHAMMED ABUL-MARIF SIDDIQUI is registered.


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**E- TENDER NOTICE**  
**NIT NO :** SECL/SGP/SO(M)/e-Tender/ 35 / 19-20/ 451, **Date** 04.10.2019, **Tender ID:** 2019\_SECL\_151914\_1, **Location of work:** Damini UG Mine of Sohagpur Area , **Estimated Cost:** 33,28,650.00/- **Description of Work:** Carrying out roof bolting in u/g by portable haydraulic roof bolting machine in development panels at Damini UG Mine of Sohagpur Area period- 150 days. **Start Date & Time for Submission of bid:** 15.10.2019 at 10:00 AM, **Last Date & Time for Submission of bid:** 29.10.2019 at 05:00 PM, **Date & Time for Opening of bid:** 31.10.2019 at 11:00 AM.

**SO(Mining),Sohagpur Area**  
**Note:** For details and submission of bid please visit website [www.eprocure.gov.in](http://www.eprocure.gov.in), and e-procurement portal of CIL <https://coalindiatenders.nic.in> & [www.secl-cil.in](http://www.secl-cil.in). In Case of any Misprinting/Error, details as per website document will be considered as final.

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**E-TENDER NOTICE**  
**1.NIT No:** SECL/SGP/MMW/OWT-078, **date** 09.10.2019, **Tender ID:** 2019\_SECL\_152094\_1, **Location of work:** Sohagpur Area, **Estimated Cost:** 80,90,305 **Description of Work:** Supply of Eimco Elecon Make LHD Spares. **Start date & time for submission of bid:** 10.10.2019 at 06 PM, **Last date & time for submission of bid:** 09.11.2019 at 03.30 PM, **Date & time for opening of bid:** 11.11.2019 at 03.30 PM,

**SO(MM), Sohagpur Area**  
**2.NIT No:** SECL/SGP/MMW/OWT-077, **date** 09.10.2019, **Tender ID:** 2019\_SECL\_152097\_1, **Location of work:** Sohagpur Area, **Estimated Cost:** 41,94,369 **Description of Work:** Final Drive Gear Pinion Set for EKG shovel. **Start date & time for submission of bid:** 09.10.2019 at 06 PM, **Last date & time for submission of bid:** 09.11.2019 at 03.30 PM, **Date & time for opening of bid:** 11.11.2019 at 03.30 PM,

**SO(MM), Sohagpur Area**  
**3.NIT No:** SECL/JHL/SO(E&M)/19-20/ET/192012, **date** 09.10.2019, **Tender ID:** 2019\_SECL\_152148\_1, **Location of work:** Johilla Area, **Estimated Cost:** 8,87,373 **Description of Work:** Supply, installation and commissioning of 15 metric GI Pole for mounting IP Cameras at 20 different locations of Johilla Area. **Start date & time for submission of bid:** 11.10.2019 at 10 AM, **Last date & time for submission of bid:** 24.10.2019 at 05 PM, **Date & time for opening of bid:** 25.10.2019 at 05 PM,

**GM(E&M)/SO(E&M),Johilla Area**  
**Note:** For details and submission of bid please visit website [www.eprocure.gov.in](http://www.eprocure.gov.in), and e-procurement portal of CIL <https://coalindiatenders.nic.in> & [www.secl-cil.in](http://www.secl-cil.in). In Case of any Misprinting/Error, details as per website document will be considered as final.

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# Pritesh Khare bags Best Destination Blogger 2019 award

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Pritesh Khare bagged the Best Destination Blogger 2019 award.

Pritesh Khare won the best destination blogger, 2019 after the National award of Excellence for India voyage. The award is an honour for excellence in the field of travel and tourism. India Voyage is a travel platform owned and launched by Pritesh Khare who is an Engineer Turned Voyager. Pritesh hails from Indore, Madhya Pradesh and he started his journey from Indore with Indore Voyager and later transformed it into India Voyage which will work across India.

"This award means a lot to me and our team has been working day and night with

enthusiasm. We aim to transform the travel and tourism Industry in India as India voyage will be the face of India" said Pritesh Khare.

The company has already worked with giants like Decathlon, Sayaji Hotels, Pepsico, Ice Kraft international and other brands. Voyage's videos went viral on youtube with more than 250k views.

Adding to the conversation Pritesh said that "Indore Voyage never stepped into Food Reviews as there were enough food blogs about Indore and doing similar things is not my cup of tea. Now, that the platform is big I would get to explore a new and comparative side of food. India Voyage is start-ing a tile of food reviews and research as well".

Pritesh turned Indore

Voyage into a Half Yearly Coffee Table Book that consisted of all the filtered content from Indore Voyage related to travel, food and lifestyle. After Successfully publishing 4 is-ues of Indore Voyage magazine and being the first media organisation to have done research on the misunderstood history of Indore, Pritesh received token of appreciation from various personalities and organisations and the award of Best Destination Blogger in 2019.

India Voyage is now all set to a mission of exploring all the 29 states of the country afresh. Pritesh has vigorously started the chapter and is on the Voyage of India now. Also the new book is coming soon that has chapters of Manali, Konark, Jaipur , Agra, Delhi, Pune, Mumbai.

**कार्यालय सिविल सर्जन सह-मुख्य अस्पताल अधीक्षक**  
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राष्ट्रीय स्वास्थ्य मिशन म.प्र. शासन भोपाल द्वारा स्वीकृत कार्ययोजनानुसार वित्तिय वर्ष 2019-20 हेतु जिला चिकित्सालय अगर मालवा में आउट सोर्सिंग ई-हॉस्पिटल व्यवस्था/साफ-सफाई एवं सुरक्षा व्यवस्था हेतु ऑनलाईन निविदा वेब पोर्टल-<https://mptenders.gov.in> के माध्यम से आमंत्रित की जा रही है।

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**Changing Rules Changing Lives**  
**E-Auction Sale Notice**  
 Pursuant to taking possession of the secured asset mentioned hereunder by the Authorized Officer of Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Limited under the **Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002** for the recovery of amount due from borrower/s, offers are invited by the undersigned in sealed covers for purchase of immovable property, as described hereunder, which is in the physical possession, on **‘As Is Where Is Basis’, ‘As Is What Is Basis’ and ‘Whatever Is There Is Basis’,** Particulars of which are given below:-

Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Total Loan Outstanding (As on 4 Aug. 2019) in ₹)	Description of the Immovable Property	Reserve Price (RP) In ₹)	Earnest Money Deposit( EMD) (10% of RP)
(Loan Code No. 000010991), (Indore Branch) Rajesh Bais (Borrower)	22/12/2017 For Rs. 9,14,668/- (Rupees Nine Lakh Fourteen Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Eight Only)	Rs. 9,85,832/- (Rupees Nine Lakh Eighty Five Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Two Only)	All the Part and Parcel of Property bearing Plot No. CW-15 To CW-24 Flat No. 5F-A-105 , Gyanshila Township Dewas Naka Indore Indore Indore Madhya Pradesh 452001	Rs. 7,62,400/- (Rupees Seven Lakh Sixty Two Thousand Four Hundred Only)	Rs. 76,240/- (Rupees Seventy Six Thousand Two Hundred Forty Only)
(Loan Code No. 00002382), (Bhopal Branch) Amardas Bairagi (Borrower)	21/09/2017 For Rs. 7,15,117/- (Rupees Seven Lakh Fifteen Thousand one Hundred Seventeen Only)	Rs. 9,01,039/- (Rupees Nine Lakh One Thousand Thirty Nine Only)	All the Part and Parcel of Property bearing Plot No- D 55 Uma Dham Village- Kharkhedi Bhopal Bhopal Madhya Pradesh 462030	Rs. 6,93,800/- (Rupees Six Lakh Ninety Three Thousand Eight Hundred Only)	Rs. 69,380/- (Rupees Sixty Nine Thousand Three Hundred Eighty Only)
(Loan Code No. 000041754), (Bhopal Branch) Kanhaiya Lal (Borrower)	24/10/2018 For Rs. 14,61,976/- (Rupees Fourteen Lakh Sixty One Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Six Only)	Rs. 16,04,771/- (Rupees Sixteen Lakh Four Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy One Only)	All the Part and Parcel of Property bearing Flat No. 5-03, Plot No. 438, Sector B Mahamaya Apartment, Sarvdharm Colony Kolar Road, Bhopal, Bhopal- 462001	Rs. 10,23,200/- (Rupees Ten Lakh Twenty Three Thousand Two Hundred Only)	Rs. 1,02,320/- (Rupees One Lakh Two Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Only)
(Loan Code No. 00002857), (Bhopal Branch) Sunil Kumar Mishra (Borrower)	13/11/2017 For Rs. 12,84,543/- (Rupees Twelve Lakh Eighty Four Thousand Six Hundred Forty Three Only)	Rs. 13,35,664/- (Rupees Thirteen Lakh Thirty Five Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Four Only)	All the Part and Parcel of Property bearing Plot No. 238, Sector-C Raksha Vihar BDA Colony Bhopal Bhopal Madhya Pradesh 462001	Rs. 8,34,900/- (Rupees Eight Lakh Thirty Four Thousand Nine Hundred Only)	Rs. 83,490/- (Rupees Eighty Three Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Only)

**The Terms and Conditions of the E-Auction are as under:**  
 1. E-Auction is being held on “AS IS WHERE IS BASIS”, “AS IS WHAT IS BASIS”, and “WHATEVER IS THERE IS BASIS” and will be conducted “Online”. The Auction will be conducted through the DHFL approved auction service provider “**NexXen Solutions Private Limited**”  
 2. **Last Date of Submission of Tender/Sealed Bid/Offer** in the prescribed tender forms along with EMD and KYC is **19/ 11/2019 up to 5:00 PM** at the Zonal/Branch Office address mentioned herein above. Tenders that are not filled up or tenders received beyond last date will be considered as invalid tender and shall accordingly be rejected. No interest shall be paid on the EMD.  
 3. **Date of E-Auction for Property is 21/11/2019** at the web portal (<https://disposalhub.com/DHFL>) from **11:00 AM to 2:00 PM** with unlimited extensions of **5 Minutes each**.  
 4. The tender/Sealed Bid/offer will be opened in the presence of the Authorised Officer.  
 5. **Date of Inspection of the Immovable Property is on 16/11/2019 between 11:00 AM to 2.00 PM.**  
 6. The tenderer/online bidder hereby agrees that once he/she has formally registered a qualified tender before authorized officer will have to express their interest to participate through the E-auction bidding platform, by submitting this document. It shall be the tenderer's/online bidder's sole responsibility to procure his/her login id and password from auction service provider  
 7. Further interest will be charged as applicable, as per the Loan Agreement on the amount outstanding in the notice and incidental expenses, costs, etc., is due and payable till its realization.  
 8. The notice is hereby given to the Borrower/s and Guarantor/s they can bring the intending buyers/purchasers for purchasing the immovable property as described herein above, as per the particulars of terms and Conditions of Sale.  
 9. **The Borrower(s)/Co-Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s) are hereby given 30 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002** to pay the sum mentioned as above before the date of Auction failing which the immovable property will be auctioned and balance, if any, will be recovered with interest and costs. If the Borrower pays the amount due to Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Ltd., in full before the date of sale, auction is liable to be stopped.  
 10. The detail terms and conditions of the auction sale are incorporated in the prescribed tender form. Tender forms are available at the above mentioned National/Zonal/Branch office.  
 11. The immovable property will be sold to the highest tenderer/Bidder in E- Auction. The Authorized Officer reserves the absolute discretion to allow inter se bidding with minimum Bid increment amount. The Property as mentioned will not be sold below Reserve Price.  
 12. The Tenderer(s) / Offerer(s) / Prospective Bidder(s) / Purchaser(s) are hereby notified that the secured asset will be sold with the Encumbrances and dues payable to Statutory Authority (if any) and are also requested, in their own interest, to satisfy himself / themselves/ itself with regard to the above and other relevant details pertaining to the above mentioned secured asset before submitting the tenders.  
 13. **DHFL is not responsible for any liabilities whatsoever pending upon the property as mentioned above. The Property shall be auctioned on ‘As Is Where Is Basis’, ‘As Is What Is Basis’ and ‘Whatever Is There Is Basis’.**  
 14. The Total Loan Outstanding amount is not the loan foreclosure amount. All other charges (if any) shall be calculated at the time of closure of the loan.  
 15. The Demand Draft Should be made in favor of ‘**Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Limited**’ or ‘**DHFL**’ **Only**.  
 16. Wherever applicable , its responsibility of auction purchaser to deduct Tax at Source (TDS ) @ 1% of the total sale consideration on behalf of the resident owner on the transfer of immovable property having consideration equal to Rs 50 lacs and above and deposit the same with appropriate authority u/s 194 IA of Income Tax act.  
 For further details, contact the Authorised Officer, at the above mentioned Office address.

**Date: 17-10/2019**  
**Place: Indore/Bhopal**

**Sd/**  
**Authorised Officer**  
**Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Limited**



# Cong can't take stand on nationalism: Shah

**PNS ■ FARIDABAD/PANIPAT/CHANDIGARH**

Launching a blistering attack on the Congress, Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Wednesday said for the sake of vote bank politics, the Opposition party could not take a stand on natonalism and Article 370, triple talaq and the NRC.

Addressing a poll rally near Faridabad, the BJP president repeated his assertion that every illegal migrant in the country will be sent home before the next Lok Sabha polls in 2024. Citing the Government's recent move on Article 370, Shah said terrorism will be "eliminated" from the country.

Shah also targeted former Haryana Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda, alleging that he had usurped farm land for the son-in-law of the Gandhi family, an apparent reference to Robert Vadra.

The Home Minister said Prime Minister Narendra Modi had fulfilled the long-pending wish of the people with the abrogation of the special status for Jammu & Kashmir under Article 370, and making Kashmir an integral part of the nation. "Several parties came, several CMs, PMs came in the last 70 years, but nobody dared to nullify Article 370," Shah said.

The Home Minister said Modi had sent a strong signal by nullifying Article 370, adding that that the BJP Government will root out terrorism. "We will not let any sign ('naamo nishan') of terrorism remain in this country," he said.

He said the BJP, its allies



Union Home Minister Amit Shah addresses an election campaign rally in Faridabad on Wednesday

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and several other parties supported the abrogation of Article 370. "On the other side, the Congress opposed it."

"It is not a new thing. Whenever there is a question of nationalism, the Congress party keeps mum ("Congress party ko saanp soongh jaata hai"), he charged. "They cannot take a stand because of their vote bank," he added.

"The Congress should make clear its stand, whether it is in favour of removal of Article 370 or not. Friends, they will not speak. Instead of the country, they like power and the vote bank," he said.

He alleged that former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh kept mum "when

On the National Register of Citizens (NRC) update in Assam, Shah said the Congress opposed the move against illegal immigrants. "The Congress is asking why you are throwing out infiltrators. Where will they go, what will they eat and where will they stay?" he said.

"Hooda sahib, why are you worried? Are they related to you," he said, directing a barb against the Congress Legislature Party chief in Haryana. Shah said before 2024, each "infiltrator" will be ousted by the BJP Government.

Shah accused Bhupinder Singh Hooda, who has been Haryana Chief Minister twice, of usurping farmers' land to benefit Congress president Sonia Gandhi's son-in-law Robert Vadra. "These people were doing 'dalali' (acting as middlemen)," he alleged. Whenever a Congress government came, corruption grew and "gundagardi" and casteism rose," he said.

He said Chief Minister M L Khattar had provided a corruption-free Government for the past five years and now there is no need for "sifarish" or lobbying for Government jobs and transfers.

He said past Congress Governments were guided by "the 3 Ds" — "Darbari, Damad and Damad ke dalal". Shah was referring to the culture of courtiers or "Darbaris" in the party and to Congress interim President Sonia Gandhi's son-in-law Robert Vadra and his land deals, while mentioning "Damad and Damad ke dalal".

"Congress ki sarkaar teen

"D" ke siddhant par chalti thi. Pehla "D" darbariyon ki sarkar, doosra "D" damaad ki sarkar aur teesra "D" damaad ke dalalon ki sarkaar," he said at an election rally in Panipat in Haryana.

Launching a scathing attack on former Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda, Shah accused him of "surrendering the lands of Haryana farmers at the Dilli Durbar" in a veiled attack on the Gandhi family. Shah questioned, "Do you want a government in Haryana that will bid for the son-in-law of the Gandhi family who will indulge in corruption in Haryana or a Government that is corruption-free?"

Making a comparison between the amount of central assistance for Haryana during the UPA and NDA regimes, Shah made a case for the BJP in the State that was rocked by several allegations of corruption during the rule of Hooda.

He accused the Congress Government for ignoring the cities of Faridabad and Gurugram in allocating funds for development in spite of these two cities contributing handsome amount to the exchequer.

Talking about the achievements of Khattar Government, the Union Home Minister said that there are LPG cylinders in every home, even in remote villages.

He said that most of the parts of the state are provided electricity round the clock and people can feel the difference what they have been facing prior to the BJP rule.

## KEDARNATH DISASTER VICTIMS' REMAINS

# HC directs petitioner to make WIHG party in case



## The High Court division bench of chief justice Ramesh Ranganathan and justice Alok Kumar Verma issued this direction

**PNS ■ NAINITAL**

Hearing the case of the petitioner seeking DNA tests of remains of the persons killed in the 2013 Kedarnath disaster, the high court of Uttarakhand has directed the petitioner to also make the Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology (WIHG) a party in the case. The high court division bench of chief justice Ramesh Ranganathan and justice Alok Kumar Verma issued this direction while hearing on the petition on

Wednesday.

According to the case details, Delhi resident Ajay Gautam had filed a Public Interest Litigation in the high court. He had stated in the petition that since the 2013 Kedarnath disaster, at least 4,200 persons were missing out of which the skeletal remains of only 600 had been found by the authorities. About six years after the disaster, the remains of at least 3,200 persons remain buried in the Kedar valley.

The Government is not making any effort to extract the remains of these thousands of deceased. In the past too the high court had directed the state government to extract the remains of the deceased and conduct their last rites.

However, the state government has taken no action in this direction so far.

# Ashok Tanwar extends support to JJP

**PNS ■ CHANDIGARH**

In another setback to the Congress, sacked Haryana unit president Ashok Tanwar on Wednesday announced his support to Dushyant Chautala-led Jananayak Janta Party (JJP) in the Assembly elections to be held next week.

At loggerheads with Congress strongman from Haryana Bhupinder Singh Hooda, Tanwar had protested outside Congress president Sonia Gandhi's residence over alleged irregularities in ticket distribution and later resigned from the party.

In the run-up to the elections, he was replaced as Congress's Haryana unit president by Kumari Selja and

Hooda was appointed as legislative party leader in September.

Addressing a press conference in New Delhi with Chautala, Tanwar said he left Congress with pain and now his workers want him to support the JJP. "My workers want to support JJP so we are doing so, Dushyant Chautala should become Chief Minister of the State," he said.

Tanwar said workers were ignored in the Congress because of "some arrogant people" in the party.

"There are some arrogant people in the party whose hubris need to be destroyed," he said.

Emphasising that now Congress is forced to fight for the third or fourth position in the State Assembly elec-



# ED fully prepared for free, fair and transparent polls: CEO

**MANOJ KUMAR ■ CHANDIGARH**

Haryana Chief Electoral officer (CEO) Anurag Agarwal has been working hard for the last several weeks a free fair and transparent Assembly polls and now says that all preparations are complete now. With the deployment of 57,000 State police forces and 130 companies of Centre Armed Police Force (CAPF) personnel, fool-proof security arrangements have been made at each polling booths and polling centres in the State.

The Commission so far has received more than 4,400 complaints regarding violation of model code of conduct in various districts of the State and 3,601 were found valid. The returning officers of the districts concerned had served notices to the candidates concerned.

Apart from this, a total of ₹5.26 crore has been seized so far and appropriate action has been taken by the returning officer in districts concerned. In addition to this, around 6.73 crore litre liquor has been seized from various parts of the State. The CEO said voters have been appealed to exercise their votes fearlessly. The State has a total number of 1,81,91,228 voters, including 97,30,169 males and 84,61,059 female as general electors while 1,07,486 are enrolled as Service Voters, taking the final electoral rolls to 1,82,98,714 who will exercise their franchise in 19,425 polling stations.

In an exclusive interview with **The Pioneer**, CEO Agarwal reveals State's preparations for the Assembly polls scheduled to be held on October 21. **Excerpts from the interview:**

**Very few days are left ahead for Haryana Assembly polls. What are the steps being taken to conduct free and fair election in the State?**

As per the guidelines of the Election Commission of India,

followed by 10 each in Hisar and Palwal, 7 each in Mewat, Hansi, Sirsa and Panipat, 5 each in Jind and Bhiwani, 3 each in Yamunanagar and Dadri, 2 in Mahendergarh and 1 each in Gurugram and Kaithal. Similarly, regarding vulnerable polling stations district Mewat has maximum 342 followed by Gurugram, Sirsa and Jhajjar with the figure of 3,08, 292 and 254 respectively. Other polling stations identified as vulnerable include 199 in Faridabad, 143 in Panipat, 142 in Ambala, 141 each in Rohtak and Fatehabad, 119 in Kurukshetra, 98 in Panchkula, 78 in Yamunanagar, 29 in kaithal, 24 in Karnal, 64 in Sonapat, 29 in Jind, 49 in Hisar, 46 in Hansi, 85 in Bhiwani, 91 in Dadri, 107 in Mahendergarh, 60 in Rewari and 82 in Palwal. The State has a total of about 19,500 polling stations in 10,309 locations.

**How do you categorise critical, vulnerable polling stations?**

As per Election Commission of India guidelines, a booth which has witnessed 90 per cent of voting and where more than 75 per cent of polling recorded in favour of a single candidate, in the past general election, such polling station is put in the category of critical polling stations. A vulnerable polling station or area is where the voters were either intimidated or influenced to vote using unlawful means in the past elections or there is a potential of the same in the Election. After this vulnerability mapping the District authorities are required to take follow up action both prior to the polls and even on the polling day to ensure free and fair polls in the vulnerable areas or polling stations.

**What are additional facilities being provided to divyang and other voters during polling?**



ANURAG AGARWAL, CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

For the convenience of visually impaired voters in the State, Electors Photo Identity Cards (Epic), and photo voter slips have been printed in Braille script. Apart from this, many types of facilities are being provided to differently-abled voters, including the provision of wheelchairs, ramps at polling stations and transport facilities.

**It has been seen that political parties are using all means to win the election. Money and muscle power are commonly used. What are the steps being taken regarding this issue?**

As per the ECI's guidelines, the returning officers and police officers have also been directed to ensure that during elections, no candidate or party influences the voters by giving them any kind of freebies to get their votes. As per Commission guidelines, instruction has been given to every officer that they should go to the field and identify such areas and booths

which fall under the category of expenditure sensitive constituencies and pockets. The returning officers of the districts concerned had served notices to the candidates concerned. Apart from this, a total of ₹5.26 crore has been seized which were being carried out by the persons illegally. Action has been taken by the returning officers concerned in the district. In addition to this, 6.73 crore liter liquors have been seized from various parts of the State.

**Political parties are now using social networking sites on a large scale to woo voters. To prevent the party leaders and workers seeking votes in the name of caste or religion, what are the steps being taken by the authorities concerned?**

Regarding the same issue, the Returning officers have been given all necessary instructions. An FIR can be registered under the IT Act, if any candidate or political party uploads any video in favour of caste, religion or any derogatory material on the YouTube channel, violating the Model Code of Conduct, during the election. The Commission has received more than 4,400 complaints regarding violation of model code of conduct in various districts of the State. Out of which 3,601 were found valid complaints. The returning officers of the districts concerned had served notices to the candidates concerned.

**Haryana shares its boundary with several States. What are the steps being taken to in this direction?**

The ROs have already been directed by the deputy Commissioners and Superintendents of Police of the districts to keep a close vigil on the police check post across the State and also speed up the submission of licensed arms process. The officers should keep a check

on the illegal liquor and cash movement. During the inter-state police check post, the officers should have proper coordination with the neighboring states to maintain law and order. The police officers should intensify police patrolling and go for constant checking of the inter-district and inter-state posts apart from putting flying squad and static surveillance team active and alert.

**How many companies of Central Police forces would be needed to conduct free and fair Assembly election? As per report, you had sought 200 companies of CAPF from the Centre.**

The Central Government has approved 130 companies of CAPF personnel for the Assembly polls. Earlier, 120 companies were approved. But we had sought another 10 companies. So far 127 companies of CAPF personnel have reached Haryana and remaining forces are expected to reach in a couple of days. Police personnel will be deployed based on sensitive nature of polling stations. The police station officers have been conducting verification drives in hotels, other commercial establishments and residences in various localities to stop undesirable elements from staying in their jurisdiction. The police officers have been directed to ensure fool-proof security at markets, bus stands, railway stations, cinemas and the like in the State.

**What are the preventive steps being taken ahead of Assembly polls?**

To ensure smooth conduct of the Vidhan Sabha elections, State Police had already launched a crackdown on wanted criminals and notorious elements in the State. This drive was aimed at arresting criminals and to unearth illicit

it arms/liquor/narcotic substances throughout the State. All the Commissioners of Police and district Superintendents of Police have been directed to nail down the warrants, other criminals and notorious elements in their respective areas. The special drive was focused on arrest of proclaimed offenders, bail jumpers, parole or furlough jumpers, most-wanted criminals, convicts who have not surrendered after rejection of their appeals by different courts, bad characters, unearthing of illicit arms, seizure of illicit liquor and narcotics substances and execution of non-bailable warrants. All out efforts were being made to prevent and control heinous crime by intensifying police patrolling and maintain vigilance in the State. State Police will continue to vigorously enforce the law, pursue the campaign against drugs and prevent crimes to ensure safety and security of people.

**Illegal drugs and liquor is being used during elections. What steps have you taken to put a check on it?**

Huge quantity of drugs worth crores of rupees has also been seized in recent months. The returning officer and senior police officers have already been directed to intensify police patrolling and go for constant checking of the inter-district and inter-state posts. 6.73 crore liters liquor have been seized from various parts of the State.

**What are the other steps have been taken regarding peaceful elections?**

All instructions and guidelines have been given to the returning officers and police officers and they should implement it strictly. Election will be conducted free, fair and transparent manner in the State.



# Stone pelting kingpin held from Srinagar

**RAKESH K SINGH ■ NEW DELHI**

In a major success for the security forces, the Jammu & Kashmir Police on Wednesday arrested the most wanted mastermind of stone pelting in downtown Srinagar, Hayat Dar, from the State Capital. The Intelligence-based operation to nab Dar was carried out following inputs suggesting his renewed role in masterminding stone-pelting post-abrogation of special status to Jammu & Kashmir under Article 370 on August 5.

Dar is alleged to have been instigating the area residents of Anchar Lake and Soura localities in Srinagar for indulging in stone pelting against the security forces as also disturbing the law and order situation.

Dar was in the past booked under the stringent Public Safety Act besides three cases under anti-terror law Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act.

Sources said Dar was also in regular touch with the terror operators in Pakistan and is said to have been indulging in rumour mongering to incite people for hitting the security

forces and maximise the impact of such illegal acts. Dar was on the radar of the agencies in Jammu & Kashmir as a discernible pattern was noticed in the protests and stone pelting after the annulment of the provisions of Article 370 and other inputs also suggested his role in vitiating the law and order situation.

The agencies are expected to jointly interrogate Dar to unravel the larger nexus behind stone pelting and modus operandi of such activities and the network of operators across the Valley and their patronage from Pakistan besides the funding mechanism. Officials expect the role and the financing pattern will also be unraveled during Dar's grilling by the sleuths.

Inputs also indicate a portion of the proceeds from illegal farming of opium in South Kashmir by the cadres of Pakistan-based terror groups in the Valley is used for funding stone pelting across the Valley. Other funding mechanisms include money transfers through hawala operators by the Lashkar-e-Tayyba and Jaish-e-Mohammad.

# Fearing poll setback, top Congmen refrain from full-throttle campaign

**DEEPAK KUMAR JHA ■ NEW DELHI**

Fearing a setback in Haryana and Maharashtra, the top Congress leadership has refrained itself from going ahead with a full-throttle poll campaign for the October 21 Assembly election in the two States.

While Congress president Sonia Gandhi will address just one public rally in Haryana, her predecessor Rahul Gandhi has made a late entry in the campaign after returning from Bangkok.

Former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh too will join the party's campaign in only in the last lap and that too, just in neighboring Haryana.

Congress General Secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, who jumped into mainstream politics couple of months before the Lok Sabha polls, and is in the star campaigner list for both the States, is yet to hit the campaign trail and that has caused worry in the grand old party which is also reportedly hit by cash crunch to meet the poll expenses.

The campaigning in both the states will come to an end on Saturday. Contrary to the Congress, the top ruling party leaders including Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah



have addressed many rallies in both the States.

While the Congress, which is fighting internal squabbling in both the States, is again banking on a reluctant Rahul Gandhi, who as per AICC sources did not show any interest in the selection of even the candidates for the polls. Rahul has so far addressed five rallies in Maharashtra and one in Haryana while Sonia and Manmohan Singh will join the party's campaign only in its final end at Mahendragarh district on Friday. The former PM, however, will address two Press conferences in Mumbai and in Chandigarh during the next two days of campaign.

Congress is facing elections after Rahul Gandhi resigned as party chief following the debacle in Lok Sabha polls and Sonia Gandhi was chosen as interim president of the party by the Congress Working Committee (CWC). "Sonia has kept a low profile and is yet to address her first rally. This is a cause of worry as party workers were moti-

vated soon after she took over as the boss," sources said.

While BJP has been talking of achievements of abrogation of special status to Jammu & Kashmir under Article 370, triple talaq etc, Congress has been taking on the BJP-led Government on the economic slowdown and restlessness per se jobs.

The Congress is fighting the Haryana polls on its own under the leadership of former Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda, it is in alliance with NCP in Maharashtra and faces an uphill task to counter the image of Modi.

Rahul's rallies, have, in fact, seen the absence of popular Mumbai leaders like Milind Deora and Sanjay Nirupam. The candidates too are not getting enough funds to support and sustain their campaigns. Many Congress candidates in Maharashtra claimed that they have not been given any party funds for their campaign. Usually, the party gives around ₹10 lakh to each candidate.

# NCERT to review national curriculum framework

**PNS ■ NEW DELHI**

The National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) is planning to review the 14-year-old National Curriculum Framework (NCF) in accordance with a new national education policy (NEP) and set up a committee for the purpose.

According to NCERT Director Hrushikesh Senapaty, the council is going to announce a committee by the end of this month which will revisit the NCF to bring it on lines of the new education policy.

The NCF has been revised four times so far — in 1975, 1988, 2000 and 2005. The new proposed revision will be the fifth of the framework. "We are just waiting for the new education policy to be finalised and a committee for reviewing the NCF will be announced by month-end. The committee, however, will keep NEP as the base of revision. Ultimately the textbooks will be revised as per the new framework," Senapaty told news agencies.

"It has been over 14 years since the last framework was revised. We did review the textbooks in last two years but once the new education policy is in place, the curriculum framework will need thorough revision," he said. The council is also undertaking a survey in

six blocks to analyse the quality of primary education available and the areas that need change.

"The blocks that have been identified for the preliminary survey are in Shillong, Mysore, Rajasthan, Bhopaland Orissa. A team of NCERT officials is visiting each of the block and conducting the survey. Once the finding are received, the survey will be conducted in more areas and the findings will also be reviewed for the new curriculum framework," Senapaty said.

The revision of NCERT textbooks has also been recommended in the new education policy draft. It has been advised that the textbooks should be revised to contain only the essential core material in each subject, keeping in mind a constructivist, discovery-based, analysis-based, engaging, and enjoyable style of learning.

A panel led by former Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) chief K Kasturirangan had submitted the draft of the new national education policy to Union Human Resource Development Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' when he took charge. The draft was then put in public domain to seek feedback from various stakeholders and over two lakh suggestions were received by the HRD Ministry about the same.

# 1 in 3 kids under 5 suffers due to poor diets across globe

**PNS ■ NEW DELHI**

All the technological, acultural and social advances of the last few decades notwithstanding, society is failing its kids in providing healthy diets. For, at least one in three children under five across the globe are suffering due to poor diets and faulty food system, a latest report of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) has said.

The alarming revelation comes just months after a study in the Lancet warned that two-thirds of the 1.04 million deaths in children underfive years in India are still attributable to malnutrition. This accounts for 68.2 per cent of the total under-5 deaths, translating into 706,000 deaths (due to malnutrition).

As per the 'The State of the World's Children 2019: Children, food and nutrition' at least 1 in 3 children under five - or over 200 million - is either undernourished or overweight. Almost 2 in 3 children between six months and two years of age are not fed food that supports their rapidly growing bodies and brains.

This puts them at risk of poor brain development, weak learning, low immunity, increased infections and, in many cases, death, warns the report.

"Despite all the technological, cultural and social advances of the last few decades, we have lost sight of this most basic fact: If children eat poorly, they live poorly," said Henrietta Fore, UNICEF Executive Director.

"Millions of children subsist on an unhealthy diet because they simply do not have a better choice. The way we understand and respond to malnutrition needs to change: It is not just about getting children enough to eat; it is above all about getting them the right food to eat. That is our common challenge today."

The report provides the most comprehensive assessment yet of 21st century child malnutrition in all its forms. It describes a triple burden of malnutrition: Undernutrition, hidden hunger caused by a lack of essential nutrients, and overweight among children under the age of five.

The report warns that poor eating and feeding practices



start from the earliest days of a child's life. Though breastfeeding can save lives, for example, only 42 per cent of children under six months of age are exclusively breastfed and an increasing number of children are fed infant formula. Sales of milk-based formula grew by 72 per cent between 2008 and 2013 in upper middle-income countries such as Brazil, China and Turkey, largely due to inappropriate marketing and weak policies and programmes to protect, promote and support breastfeeding.

As children begin transitioning to soft or solid foods around the six-month mark, too many are introduced to the wrong kind of diet, according to the report. Worldwide, close to 45 per cent of children between six months and two

years of age are not fed any fruits or vegetables. Nearly 60 per cent do not eat any eggs, dairy, fish or meat.

As children grow older, their exposure to unhealthy food becomes alarming, driven largely by inappropriate marketing and advertising, the abundance of ultra-processed foods in cities but also in remote areas, and increasing access to fast food and highly sweetened beverages.

In India too, two-thirds of the 1.04 million deaths in children under five years in India are still attributable to malnutrition. According to a report published in the The Lancet Child & Adolescent Health by the India State-Level Disease Burden malnutrition in children varies 7-fold among the States and is highest in Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Assam, followed by Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Nagaland and Tripura.

It said malnutrition continue to be the leading risk factor for death in children under five years, and is also the leading risk factor for disease burden for all ages considered together in most States.

# Left leaders stir against Govt's economic policies

**PNS ■ NEW DELHI**

Blaming the Government for the current state of economic crisis and unemployment in the country, the Left parties on Wednesday held a protest rally at Jantar Mantar and said the BJP-led NDA dispensation's "negative policies" has affected the economy.

Left leaders like CPI(M) general secretary Sitaram Yechury, Secretary, AIPWA, Kavita Krishnan and CPI general secretary D Raja along with the party workers led the protest and marched towards the Parliament street police station, where barricades were placed.

The left parties alleged that the government was "plundering" the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and banks to bailout corporates, instead of boosting demand by raising minimum wages, old-age pension.

Yechury, while addressing the demonstration, pointed out that the economic slowdown in the country is a direct result of the "negative policies of the Government". He said



this includes demonetisation and faulty implementation of GST, which have adversely affected the economy.

"India's economy was already reeling under increasing unemployment, price rise, retrenchment and livelihood issues. The Modi Government has been ignoring the high rate of unemployment, contract system, low wages and agrarian crisis. This has put huge burdens on the vast working sections of the country," he said.

The parties also alleged that the Government has withdrawn ₹1.76 lakh crore from the RBI and instead of using it for public expenditure, which can generate new jobs and increase domestic demand, it wants to compensate the fiscal deficit of ₹1.70 lakh crore, which was a result of demonetisation and Goods and Services Tax (GST).

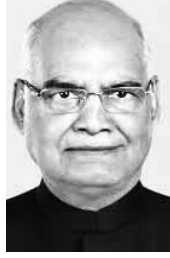
# Prez to embark on 2-nation trip from today

**PNS ■ NEW DELHI**

President Ram Nath Kovind will embark on a week-long two-nation trip to the Philippines and Japan, starting October 17. He will visit the Philippines from October 17-21 and Japan from October 21-23.

Vijay Thakur Singh, MEA Secretary (East), said: "The President's visit to the Philippines is being undertaken with a view to carry forward the high-level engagement that we have with them."

"The Philippines is a key partner of India in the ASEAN region and relations with the Philippines have been friendly and we have common values and our economic relationship has been growing," she told reporters.



## INSHORT

### CONG LEADER RESIGNS FROM RS, MAY JOIN BJP

**New Delhi:** In another jolt to the Congress, its Rajya Sabha MP from Karnataka KC Ramamurthy on Wednesday tendered his resignation as a member of the Upper House and is likely to join the BJP. His resignation has been accepted by House Chairman M VenkaiahNadu. With Ramamurthy quitting, Congress' strength in Rajya Sabha has come down to 45 and the BJP, due to its bigger numbers in the state assembly, is likely to grab the seat when the bypoll is held there, taking its tally to 83 in the 245-member House, which now has five vacancies. The combined strength of the ruling NDA is around 106.



### PASWAN ASKS STAFFERS TO PROMOTE HINDI



**New Delhi:** Food and Consumer Affairs Minister Ram Vilas Paswan on Wednesday asked employees in his Ministry to promote Hindi language and use simple words for better understanding. "Paswan distributed the Hindi Pakhwada Awards, 2019, to employees of the Department of Consumer Affairs," an official statement said. The Minister mentioned that great leaders like Mahatma Gandhi and Subhash Chandra Bose favoured the adoption of Hindi as the national language.

### ARMY ORGANISES YEAR OF NEXT OF KIN EVENT

**New Delhi:** The Army has organised and planned a number of events to mark the 'Year of Next of Kin'—from ultimate run to lectures. Staffers of the Directorate of Indian Army Veterans (DIAV) have delivered a number of lectures and presentations on entitlements of next of kin, in formations to raise awareness among the units and family members, and more are in the offing.

### MIN LAUNCHES FOOD SAFETY MITRAS SCHEME

**New Delhi:** Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan on Wednesday launched a scheme for engaging 'food safety mitras' to sensitise street food vendors on hygiene aspects and assist businessmen to comply with standards and facilitate licensing and registration.



## FROM THE SUPREME COURT

# Order reserved on convict's plea seeking review of death penalty

**New Delhi:** The Supreme Court on Wednesday reserved its verdict on a plea by a death row convict seeking review of the apex court's judgement affirming the capital punishment imposed on him for "horribly" gang-raping a minor girl and killing her along with her

brother in Coimbatore in 2010.

A three-judge bench of Justices R F Nariman, Sanjiv Khanna and Surya Kant reserved the judgement and asked the counsel appearing for the state to file written submissions within a week. "Heard Siddharth Luthra, senior advocate,

appearing on behalf of the petitioner. He has furnished a detailed written submission, which will be considered by us. We give one week's time to Yogesh Kanna, counsel appearing on behalf of the State do so. Judgment reserved," the bench said. **PTI**

# PMC Bank customers plea to be heard on Friday

**New Delhi:** The Supreme Court on Wednesday agreed to hear on October 18 a plea seeking directions for interim protective measures for insuring around 15 lakh customers whose money is blocked in the scam-hit PMC Bank.

The Punjab & Maharashtra

Co-operative Bank has been put under restrictions by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) following the discovery of a ₹4,355-crore scam.

Deposit withdrawals have been capped at ₹40,000 over a six-month period, causing panic and distress among the depositors. **PTI**

# Indians opt for crossbreed cattle over desi: Report

**RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI**

Indians are opting more for exotic and crossbred cattle than the desi ones, as per the latest livestock census report. While the population of desi cattle in India has declined by nearly one crore in the last seven years — between the last livestock Census in 2012 to the current one in 2019 to be precise — the population of exotic and crossbred cattle has witnessed an increase of 1.14 crore during the same period. Interestingly, the overall livestock numbers have, however, increased with the female cow population registering an 18 per cent rise.

The total livestock population is 535.78 million, an increase of 4.6 percent, as compared to the previous census. As per the report, the population of desi cattle is estimated at 142.11 million compared to the previous 2012 census figure of 151.17

million. There is a decline of 6 % in the total Indigenous/non-descript cattle population over the previous census. However, the pace of decline of Indigenous/ Non-descript cattle population during 2012-2019 is much lesser than as compared to the 2007-12 which was about 9 percent. The population of desi cattle is decreasing since 1992, when it population was recorded at 189.37 million.

The 20th Livestock Census was carried out in about 6.6 lakh villages and 89000 urban wards across the country covering more than 27 crores of households and non-households.

The female cattle or cow population is 145.12 million which an increase of 18 percent over the previous census while total milch animals (cows and buffaloes) is estimated 125.34 million, an increase of 6 percent over the last census. This is an indicator that farmers pre-

fer to crossbreds to get more milk. According to farmers, indigenous cow gives 700-800 litres over a 300-305 days lactation cycle, compared to 4000-5000 litres of crossbreds.

The latest census also points that the exotic and crossbred cattle population has jumped to 50.42 million in 2019 as compared to 39 million in 2012.

The total bovine population (cattle, buffalo, mithun and yak) is 302.79 million which shows an increase of about one percent over the last census. The total number of cattle in the country is 192.49 million, an increase of 0.8 percent as compared to the last census. The population of buffaloes is 109.85 million showing an increase of about 1.0 percent over previous census.

The total population of sheep is 74.26 million, an increase of 14.1 percent while goat population is 148.88 mil-

lion, an increase of 10.1 percent over the previous census. There is a decline of 12.01 percent in pig's population in the country. Pig is 9.06 million in the country while the combined population of other livestock including mithun, yak, horses, ponies, mule, donkeys and camel is 1.24 million.

As per the report, the total poultry in the country is 851.81 million, an increase of 16.8 percent from 729.9 million in 2012. The total birds in the backyard poultry is 317.07 million which is showing an increase of 46 percent as compared to the previous census. On the other hand, the total commercial poultry is 534.74 million which is an increase of 4.5 percent over previous census.

In 2012, India's livestock population — including cattle, buffaloes, sheep, goats, pigs, horses and ponies, mules, donkeys, camels, mithun and yaks - was 51.2 crore, a fall of 3.3%

over the previous census, conducted in 2007. Cattle count declined from 19.9 crore in 2007 to 19 crore in 2012.

The Livestock Census has been conducted in the country periodically since 1919-20. The Livestock Census covers all domesticated animals and its headcounts. So far 19 such censuses have been conducted in participation with State Governments and UT Administrations.

Officials said that the enumeration was done both in rural and urban areas. "Various species of animals (Cattle, Buffalo, Mithun, Yak, Sheep, Goat, Pig, Horse, Pony, Mule, Donkey Camel, Dog, Rabbit and Elephant)/poultry birds (Fowl, Duck, Emu, Turkeys, Quail and other poultry birds) possessed by the households, household enterprises/non-household enterprises and institutions have been counted at their site," they said.

# Southwest monsoon withdraws completely from country: IMD

**PNS ■ NEW DELHI**

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) announced that the southwest monsoon has withdrawn completely from the entire country on Wednesday, just 8-9 days after it started receding from northwest India.

Its withdrawal on Wednesday was accompanied by the arrival of the northeast monsoon, which is the primary rainy season for Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Kerala. This is also perhaps the fastest withdrawal of the southwest monsoon. According to the IMD, it was also unusual since both the withdrawal of southwest monsoon and arrival of the northeast monsoon took place on the same day — October 16.

"The Southwest Monsoon

has withdrawn from the entire country and simultaneously Northeast Monsoon rains have commenced over Tamil Nadu and adjoining areas of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Kerala," the IMD said in a statement.

Normally, the monsoon begins withdrawing around September 1, with the retreat complete by October 15. This year, though, the retreat began on October 9, marking the longest ever delay, and was complete by October 16.

Unlike the southwest monsoon which brings rainfall over the entire country, north-east monsoon brings rainfall only over Tamil Nadu, coastal Andhra Pradesh, Rayalseema, Kerala, and south-interior Karnataka during October to December. It is also crucial for cultivation of rabi crops such as

wheat.

The four-month southwest monsoon season is crucial for India, as it accounts for over 75% of the country's annual rainfall. It determines the agricultural production and thus impacts the economy. Unlike last year, when 9% below normal rains left various parts of the country reeling under droughts, the seasonal rainfall this year was in excess of 10%.

The IMD said that a cyclonic circulation lies over east-central Arabian Sea off south Karnataka coast at lower levels. A trough runs from north Sri Lanka coast to above cyclonic circulation at lower levels.

A trough in easterlies runs from southwest Bay of Bengal off south Tamil Nadu coast to west-central Bay of Bengal at lower levels, it added.



## Lessons from PMC

Considering the impact on savings of ordinary mortals, cooperative banks need to be part of the RBI's strictest vigil



The extent of a crisis is not felt until it impacts human lives. And the stress felt by account-holders of the now collapsed Punjab and Maharashtra Cooperative (PMC) Bank became all too evident when three depositors died, two out of anxiety-induced cardiac arrests and one committing suicide. The desperation becomes palpable as cooperative banks have ordinary individuals parking their savings of a lifetime with them, usually small businessmen, farmers, retired professionals and even cooperative group housing societies.

Basically, honest people, who want to make sure that they get by life on a rainy day under the safety net of a bank and breathe easy risk-free. Now they've found their lives and trust completely overturned. While unscrupulous businessmen and scamsters — who have made good by defrauding big banks and fled to safe havens — have left public banks red-faced, the ₹4,355 crore PMC scam has been more intensely felt simply because the neighbourhood bank suddenly doesn't seem at all trustworthy. It has shaken what welds a community, faith. Of course, the Government has stepped in to assure account holders and a regulatory mechanism is kicking in with fury. But why were signs being ignored for such a long time and actionable triggers allowed to pile up? According to Reserve Bank of India's (RBI's) own data till March 31, 46 of the 1,542 urban cooperative banks had built up liabilities and 26 were ticked off. Also, RBI itself had been putting some of these banks under severe restrictions all too frequently, indicating a cascading malaise that ought to have been acted upon strictly. This year itself, RBI had red circled four cooperative banks and restricted them between January and September, PMC included. The bank had a deposit base of over ₹11,000 crore, reported a net profit of nearly ₹100 crore even though its non-performing assets (NPAs) more than doubled. Yet nobody considered the last as a travesty or had foreseen the precipice. With the alert mode off, officials continued their dubious lendings to one group, HDIL, despite its falling fortune.

What is alarming is that the fraud actually began from 2008 with many of the bank's senior employees involved in creating fictitious accounts to loan money without scrutiny. PMC chairman Waryam Singh was a board member of HDIL and even though RBI sought his removal in October 2018, there was no follow-up crackdown. Such oversights and laxity led to a sharp rise in NPAs that eroded a small bank's profits. Even the State Government wasn't aware though the crony capitalism between banks, politicians and businessmen is not new and the nexus, too, is expected to reveal some important beneficiaries. Clearly, there is a need for an incisive regulatory mechanism that doesn't allow for the slightest oversight and becomes a trigger for corrective action. Even if a regulatory check is in place, poor governance and professionalism and an aversion to technological processes that guarantee transparency have kept smaller banks out of a codified protocol. That carelessness needs to be done away with right now at the micro level. A phased withdrawal quota, so that depositors can take their money out, or cancellation of licence when the damage has been done, cannot be the solution. Investors, too, need to watch out for the fundamentals of such banks than just falling for the relatively higher rates on deposits offered by them over commercial ones. They should remain vigilant about a bank's capital base, see that it hasn't dipped to negative. Other safety nets, of course, include the Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation of India scheme. But the insurance limit here is only up to ₹1 lakh. There is no guarantee for the rest of the depositor money in case of failures. Of course, the government of the day has predictably resorted to a blame game with Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman admitting that all public banks were allowed to continue fraudulent practices because of "phone call" recommendations in the UPA regime. The issue has further gained traction with Nobel-winning economist Abhijit Banerjee predicting that PMC was just the "tip of the iceberg", that the government simply does not have the bandwidth to write off loans and rescue ailing banks and that it should, therefore, sell them off. But cooperative banks by their very nature are not meant to look like a corporate behemoth but inculcate a habit of banking among unserved sectors. There will always be a social dimension to look into and, therefore, greater accountability must not be just monitored but embedded and made systemic.

## Sports to poll icons

BJP is relying on international medal-winners to break through in constituencies it has never won



Though the BJP seems all set to win a second stint in the Haryana polls, it is leaving no stone unturned to ensure its victory and has harnessed the star power of sportspersons in a State that accounted for every third medal India brought home at the 2018 Commonwealth Games. The party hardly faces any impediment — what with the Congress riven with faction fights and the Om Prakash Chautala-led INLD still reeling from a split — but this move seems essentially aimed at shining up the Manohar Lal Khattar

regime's own achievements and making a breakthrough in seats the party has never won. Haryana has traditionally been a successful model of sports nurseries and the Khattar government has encouraged them further, particularly with regard to women's participation. The BJP is also hoping that the three international sports stars will take the voters away from the deep caste divide, set a neutral context and pull crowds during campaigning. Commonwealth Games gold-winning wrestler Babita Phogat is contesting from Dadri seat in Bhiwani Lok Sabha constituency, former Indian hockey captain Sandeep Singh has been fielded from Pehowa in Kurukshetra and 2012 London Olympics bronze winning wrestler Yogeshwar Dutt from Sonapat's Baroda Assembly segment. BJP has not won in any of these seats before, which have been with the Congress. While Singh and Dutt have already emerged as star attractions, Babita is expected to be the *brahmastra*. Apart from her credentials as a sportswoman, what adds to her crowd appeal is that sports-obsessed Bhiwani has 12 wrestling and eight boxing clubs. It is the only district in the country to have four Dronacharya and 24 Arjuna awardees. The fact that the Bollywood blockbuster *Dangal* was inspired by Babita's life story is just gold dust as her tale finds consonance with the "*beti bachao, beti padhao*" campaign of the Narendra Modi Government at the Centre and also tugs at the heartstrings of a State where many households have female wrestlers.

Will this gamble work? Electing a sportsperson does not necessarily mean jobs and prosperity on the ground. For instance, Madhya Pradesh's hockey infrastructure did not see any development despite Aslam Sher Khan becoming a Union Minister, nor did Navjot Singh Sidhu's electoral victory do anything for cricket or the youth of Punjab. Also, Haryana's poster boy Vijender Singh contested the recent Lok Sabha elections on a Congress ticket and lost.

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## Rescue biodiversity first

India has a crucial decision to make. Should it conserve its biodiversity and germplasm for future generations or surrender its heritage to corporations and foreign treaties?



INDRA SHEKHAR SINGH

Come November, India is about to enter key negotiations on the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA) at its eighth general body meeting in Rome. But what is at stake? All of India's future as these talks may impact the country's biodiversity and germplasm relating to food and agriculture. In the delegates' own words, "The ITPGRFA, adopted in 2001, is a global response to promote the conservation of plant genetic resources and to protect farmers' rights to access and have fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising out of their use." But let us examine the agenda behind this treaty.

As per ITPFRA/Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) data, India is the top destination for plant genetic resources for food and agriculture (PGFRA), numbering 725,117. Briefly put, these negotiations are about how other countries can access all these PGFRAs at the minimum price possible. It is also to be kept in mind that India is a signatory to the Convention of Biological Diversity (CBD) and Nagoya Protocol, which cover all of its biodiversity already. These two treaties protect bio-piracy and have worked favourably for a biodiversity/germplasm rich country as ours.

The first issue in the discussion comes from Switzerland, which has been advocating a "Multilateral System (MLS) to cover all other plant genetic resources for food and agriculture in accordance with Article 3 of the international treaty." One should consider that Switzerland has only 39,953 accessions stored with it. Given that India has one of the highest stored ascensions in the world — 395,001 — we would legally be bound to contribute all of them to the treaty. In this sense, we will become one of the biggest donors, too. But is this economically sound and in the interest of the nation? After the emergence of climate crisis, Brexit and Trumpism, it may not be the best option.

Regarding the Swiss proposal to cover all other PGRs for food and agriculture, India should think of its national interest first and only those crop species should be included and PGR accessions designated, which are already available in the public domain (ie accessible to everyone). Article 1 of the treaty should also explicitly declare the crop species, which we do not want to make available under the MLS. In fact, all crops, for which we have geographical indication (GI) for now or for the future, should be excluded from the treaty. China is currently not part of this treaty and is negotiating on its terms to make inroads. India should do the same. Our only bargaining chip is our vast plant genetic resource (PGR), let's not allow it to be taken without any benefit to our country. The US recently joined on the insistence of the private sector and in a matter of years, it is the chairperson. So the treaty is heavily influenced by big global agricultural corporations and geopolitics. India has held a conservative position



until now and given only 26,530 accessions to the MLS. But we are not the only ones. A cold and wet island off the north-west coast of Europe, the United Kingdom, has a total of 834,451 accessions, out of which it has put only 44,069 accessions in the MLS. Before considering the inclusion of all PGRs in Annexure 1, the Government of India and the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)-National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources (NBPGR) must analyse how many PGRs have been accessed by Indian firms through MLS and how much we have contributed to other nations. A policy paper needs to be published on this so that citizens are aware of the benefits.

NBPGR must also work out the economic, agricultural and social benefits of Indian seed companies under MLS. It must also make sure there is no vagueness or secrecy regarding these negotiations. We need a clear plan of how if we contribute our PGRs, the MLS will reciprocate in nation-building.

The MNCs and foreign companies, which will access the PGRs from the Indian collection, should maintain strict compliance with national legislations, especially related to the Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Authority, Convention on Biological

Diversity (CBD), Seed Act, seed rules and other prevailing legislations. Otherwise we will see a situation where Indian farmers are growing cotton and the mills of Manchester are making the cloth. Ultimately, Indians will buy their own cotton at 400 per cent times the actual price. This model will be emulated for seeds, too. In this case, especially as some nations allow for patents on seeds, our germplasm can be patented as part of a foreign product. Then the same seed must be sold to Indian farmers. We must think carefully and ensure Indian legislations go with all our germplasm, too.

There is also an attempt to introduce international union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV) convention through this treaty. India should advocate farmers' rights in ITPGFRFA in accordance with provisions of their rights available under the Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Act, 2001. Any dilution of farmers' and breeders rights must not be negotiated/accepted, especially when we are not signatories of the UPOV.

India must seek an expansion of the MLS in such a way that PGR-rich countries get appropriate benefits and advantage for conserving and preserving germplasm. This can be done through capacity-building,

development and expansion of Research and development (R&D) activities in India and in other PGR-rich nations. We can propose that every State should have ex-situ and in-situ PGR conservation project funded by this treaty.

Speaking of funds, the other critical issue is of the corpus (FAO trust fund) created for sharing benefits. India must first strongly urge to be on the board committee of this fund and also ensure that there is adequate representation from PGR donor countries. This can be done according to the availability/contribution of PGR resources. The project allotted for conservation and R&D should be commensurate with the PGR donations. The Government of India and NBPGR must also analyse that during the last seven to eight years how many projects for PGR activities have been funded under the ITPGRFRA trust fund versus other countries.

We have to stress on the fact that monetary benefits arising after the commercialisation of PGR should be made directly to the PGR donor country. In addition, the product developed using the PGR should be made available to the donor country, especially to the farmers, at relatively lower costs. There should be relaxations for public institutes like ICAR and small and medi-

um companies of India, too.

The meeting in Rome will also discuss the dematerialised use of PGR. With advancements in technology such as gene editing, Digital Sequence Information (DSI), physical plant material may not be required to develop new varieties. Gene sequences will be enough. While the world and organisation such as the CBD are doing expert studies on them, India should support that DSI and other future technologies (CRISPR) should be added under the benefit-sharing scheme so that our efforts in conserving PGR are not left out.

But perhaps the biggest elephant in the room is: Who is India really negotiating with? Is it the developed countries or trans-national big agricultural corporations in the garb of countries? Such corporations are present in each country today, including India, and are lobbying to have access to PGR through a second channel. In fact, through their Indian subsidiaries, they are even consulting with the Government for a softer stance on ITPGRFA. And why would they do that? Because nations such as India expressed sovereign right over their PGR and have many restrictions for foreign MNCs to access Indian biodiversity under the Biological Diversity Act. If the Swiss proposal is accepted, Indian legislations will be bypassed and all doors to PGR will be opened to them without restrictions — all for a nominal percentage of profits.

Once they have Indian PGR available to them in any part of the world, we will see the emergence of "seed sweat shops", much like clothes sweat shops in countries like Bangladesh. The design is European or American, raw material is Indian and clothes are made in Bangladesh for a few cents an hour and then sold in boutique stores for thousands of dollars. Countries with the cheapest farm labour costs will be selected to mass produce seeds and then the produce will be exported to nations which can pay higher prices. Indian farmers and women, who have preserved seeds and biodiversity, may be alienated and all of their biodiversity commercialised by big agricultural companies of the developed world.

Given the threat of climate change, we cannot allow for rampant exploitation of our PGRs only to participate in foreign treaties. We should learn from China and be more conservative and nationalistic in our approach towards our biological heritage.

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## SOUNDBITE

I strongly believe that the Chinese students should come to India and the Indian institutes should also welcome them.

**Spiritual leader**  
—Dalai Lama



If we talk about the misuse of freedom in the absence of censorship, we are all becoming Right-wing. We are trying to ban everything.

**Actor**  
—Radhika Apte



India should opt for further monetary policy easing and broad-based structural reforms to reverse a cyclical demand slowdown.

**IMF chief economist**  
—Gita Gopinath



I have been slammed with IPC 307. My self-respect proved too costly for me. Now, the accusation that I have stolen goats and hens will also remain with me!

**Samajwadi Party leader**  
—Azam Khan



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Economic takeaways

Sir — This refers to the editorial, "Bangla pride" (October 15). Sheer information or official declaration may testify that Abhijit Banerjee, along with Esther Duflo and Michael Kremer, has won the Nobel Prize for Economics just like Amartya Sen was honoured with the same in the similar field. But the underlying fact remains that the Nobel Committee has actually honoured the embedded humanity within the trio and previously Sen. After all, the economics pursued by them wasn't related to stock market with an inclined pro-rich growth story. Rather, they pursued economics with a humanitarian approach. Their sole focus was on exploring strategies to alleviate poverty, improving children's education and expand access to healthcare.

Since education and health form the two most important pillars upon which a society thrives and prospers, indifference to these two can never eradicate the curse of poverty from society. All the fight against it can be initiated only through an able healthy nutritious body, enriched with

### Tradition or superstition?

Politicians wedded to the Hindutva ideology are adept at converting every event as an opportunity to declare their commitment to the beliefs, rituals and superstitions associated with the new breed of Hindu religion, shaped to implement a certain political agenda. Recently, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh was in France to receive the first Rafale fighter aircraft from Dassault Aviation. An amused French audience watched him perform "Shastra Puja" before the delivery of the jet. To create a protective charm, to repel evil eyes and ward off evil spirits, he placed lemons under its wheels along with a strategic placement of Indian chillies. A few days later, in Mamallapuram, Brahmin priests clad in white dhotis welcomed Chinese President Xi Jinping with traditional music and *poorna kumbam*. The image of a New India is clearer as our leaders seem inclined to believe in lemons and red chillies as protective shields for *astras* (weapons). Astrology and pseudo-science are being referred to as "Vedic astrology" to determine dates and destiny.

However, these deeds and words became fodder for the troll army, as they are fondly referred to in social media. Trolls that went "viral" recently were about the

basic academic/vocational education and skills. Also, quality education and health can be ensured in this commercialised society only when people are uplifted from poverty.

So it is seen that poverty, education and health are intertwined

and all these three subjects need to be pursued at one go.

India and the developing nations must take cue from the humanitarian approach of the three and learn to accord utmost priority towards alleviating poverty and ensuring education and

health to the deprived by investing maximum resource, energy and time. Nothing is more crucial than human capital. Proper nurturing and utilisation of it will ensure the achievement of all other goals.

**Kajal Chatterjee**  
Kolkata



Chandrayan-II mission being under the spell of an evil eye that doomed the lander and the rover. If only lemons and red chillies had been attached to the spacecraft, it would not have hurtled off the lunar surface. The troll army also wondered why coconuts were not broken before the lift-off. It's high time we ponder over how close we have come in prototyping the future of a much-anticipated Hindu *rashtra*.

**Haridasan Rajan**  
Kozhikode

### Time to course-correct

Sir — This refers to the editorial, "Bengal pride" (October 15). The policy adopted by Abhijit Banerjee must inspire our policymakers to take a leaf out of his randomised controlled field trials (RCTs) model and propel them to course-correct. Instead of working towards reducing the burden of the corporate class, our lawmakers will do well to increase the purchasing power of the poor, minimise income inequalities and enhance the quality of life of the people.

**Yash**  
Via email

### Brewing trouble

Sir — The number of deals signed between China and Nepal have made it clear that Kathmandu no longer wants to be dependant on India nor will it encourage any Indian dominance. New Delhi needs to be wary of the growing Nepal-China cooperation.

**Shambhavi**  
Via email


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FIRST COLUMN

# Cruelty in shifting elephants

Allegations against forest officials, of mishandling the pachyderms while removing them from their homes, need to be probed thoroughly



HIRANMAY KARLEKAR

The Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) needs to order an inquiry into the circumstances in which three elephants — Sandhya (45), Indumati (35) and Jayanti (21) — were shifted on September 26 evening from the facility in which they had been living, to the State-run Elephant Care Facility at the MR Palayam Elephant Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre, Trichy, Tamil Nadu. According to a petition addressed to the Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Prakash Javadekar, by the Federation of Indian Animal Protection Organisations (FIAPO), and hosted by Change.Org, “forest department officers along with six mahouts who were called in from Anamalai Tiger Reserve, brutally and inhumanely transferred these gentle animals into a truck — shoving them with an earth-mover, dragging them with ropes, beating them and using bullhooks (also known as *ankush*) in the process.”

That the allegation cannot be dismissed off-hand is clear from a report by Nandalal published in *The New Indian Express* on September 27 under the heading, “Tamil Nadu: Forest officials accused of beating elephants, using JCB to shift them.” A paragraph in the report reads, “According to sources at the EleFriends101 elephant care facility, these men, who were in a tearing hurry, resorted to hitting them with bamboo sticks. The youngest elephant, Jayanthi, even had to endure beatings with a bullhook for putting up a resistance.” The report added, “The officers were having a tough time trying to get the elephants into the trucks. They even used a JCB to push them into the trucks,” said a staff member at the centre, who did not want to be named.

Are the allegations correct? The newspaper report further stated, “When contacted, the forest officer denied the use of bamboo sticks and bullhooks to make the elephants climb the trucks. But the videos sent from the site and what we witnessed tell an entirely different tale.” If there is an iota of truth in the allegations, the conduct of the forest department officials involved clearly violated the provisions of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act. The latter refers in Section 11. (1) (a), to any person who “beats, kicks, over-rides, over-drives, overloads, tortures or otherwise treats any animal so as to subject it to unnecessary pain or suffering or causes, or being the owner permits, any animal to be so treated.” It then states later in the same section that such a person would be punishable by fine “or with imprisonment for a term which may extend, to three months, or with both.”

It should also be investigated whether the manner of transporting the three elephants violated any provision of the “Guidelines for the Care and Management of Captive Elephants” issued on January 8, 2008 by Project Elephant under what was then the Union Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF). Particular attention should be paid to two aspects. The first is the provision under the heading “Norms and Standard for Transportation” which reads, “The elephant should be fed and given water before loading.” Was this done? Second, a provision under the heading “Transportation of Elephants” reads, “A valid health certificate from a veterinary doctor to the effect that the elephant is fit to travel by road or rail, as the case may be, and is not showing any sign of infection or contagious disease shall be obtained.” Was such a certificate obtained? If so, when were the three elephants in question examined? It is imperative to ask another question in this context: Did any veterinary doctor from the forest department visit the facility to examine them prior to September 26? If not, the health certificate had to be issued by a veterinary doctor accompanying the team forcibly removing the three elephants. Even if such a doctor had accompanied the team, could he/she have done an adequate job of medically examining them in the midst of the hurry and forcible removal that, by all accounts, had occurred?

What is particularly horrifying is that the allegations, which, *prima facie*, can by no means be dismissed, have been levelled against forest department officials who are supposed to adhere to and enforce laws and guidelines and not violate these blatantly. Not only should a credible and thorough investigation, covering all aspects of the incident, be held but exemplary punishment given to those, if any, found guilty. Violations of laws and guidelines will tend to become routine throughout India if those guilty go unpunished. More, the proneness to perpetrate illegal acts reflects a certain tendency. If not countered at every step, it will grow and in the case of wildlife, come to include offences like complicity with poachers, allegations of which are not unknown. In fact, the entire approach of the officials shows total unfamiliarity with the psyche of elephants, who are highly intelligent animals, sensitive to human attitudes and capable of understanding the thrust of human speech. Instead of just arriving one evening to take the elephants away from a place where they had lived for three-and-a-half years, the officials should have visited them several times earlier to win their trust and friendship. It might have been a very different story then. India has over 2,400 captive elephants. Should such officials have anything to do with their fates?

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IT IS DUE TO SAVARKAR'S *SANSKARS* (VALUES) THAT WE PUT NATIONALISM AS THE BASIS FOR NATION-BUILDING. —PRIME MINISTER NARENDRA MODI

# Mind barriers in M&As

Overpriced acquisitions are not a new phenomenon. But what makes a firm ignore evidence and overpay for acquisitions? The answer lies mostly in behavioural theories



It is well-known that 70-90 per cent of mergers and acquisitions (M&As) fail to create value for shareholders, yet the deals are getting bigger by the year. According to the *India M&A Report 2019* by Bain & Company, M&A activity has remained buoyant from 2015 well into 2019 with more than 3,600 deals with an aggregate value of more than \$310 billion. During this period, several developments led to an unprecedented re-organisation of asset ownership in corporate India. The present landscape offers a tremendous opportunity for well-managed businesses with a strong deal thesis, looking for new avenues of growth and/or improving profitability. Large deals doubled in value between 2015 and 2016 to \$23 billion. Over 2017 to 2018, large deal value doubled again, to \$56 billion. Deal size also grew during this period, averaging \$0.7 billion in 2015 to more than \$2.6 billion in 2017 and 2018. Deal volume has been robust across sectors, with industrial goods, energy and telecom and media representing more than 60 per cent deals by volume and value.

Although deal values and volumes increase every year, most of them eventually fail to create synergy. Among other reasons, like nasty surprises due to poor due-diligence, poor governance, poor communication channels, weak leadership, paying a high price for acquisition and non-integration of culture, are the main reason why M&As fail. There are many examples of companies that have destroyed shareholder value by overpaying to acquire other companies. Quaker Oats' acquisition of Snapple for \$1.7 billion in 1994 still rings a bell as it sold Snapple to Triarc for \$300 million 27 months after buying it, losing a whopping \$1.4 billion, making it one of the worst flops in corporate-merger history. India Inc also has countless examples of overpriced purchases. Subex, once a fairly well-known, Bengaluru-based telecom software maker, tipped into bankruptcy by the disastrous acquisition of Canadian telecom software company Syndesis for \$164 million in 2007, which was four times its annual revenue. This deal turned out to be overpriced as the revenue of Syndesis in the following year halved.

Overpriced acquisitions are not a new phenomenon. But what makes a company ignore evidence and overpay for acquisitions? The answer lies mostly in behavioural theories. Agency problem is one of the main reasons for this, as in most of the cases, senior executives earn bonuses and stock grants based on metrics that have no real connect to value. Corporate governance and activist shareholders take a backseat as executives have a higher influence on the process. So, they push the deals where they can make more money. Second, when valuations are generally high, as in India, companies fall into the overvaluation trap and end up making flashy acquisitions. Proposed by Michael Jensen of Harvard Business School, it is a behavioural trap, where managers try to generate the expected performance in the short run, all the way knowing, that maintaining higher performance is not possible, and in turn making investments that will ultimately fall short. By making such investments, companies postpone the consequences of their bad investment decision. Too much money chasing relatively scarce investment opportunities, is also one of the reasons why companies end up paying more for their acquisitions. Ego, the driving force that helps individ-

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uals reach the top of any organisation, is at play, when it comes to acquisitions as well. It pushes executives to overpay for acquisitions so they can get bigger and bigger, or so that they can stop a competitor from getting bigger than them. In addition, managers are also susceptible to the Pollyanna Principle, a psychological bias that overrates positive memories and discounts negative ones. This means that executives take a cue from a few overpriced deals that were successful — like buying of PayPal by eBay for \$1.5 billion or Google paying \$1.6 billion for YouTube — and turn a blind eye towards scores of overpriced deals that went kaput such as the disastrous AOL/Time Warner merger that led to a \$45 billion write-down.


Even experienced managers, sometimes, get attached to a deal, making them susceptible to bad decisions. In this situation, how should managers decide how much to pay or when to walk away? In this flashy corporate world, executives routinely get caught up in the excitement of the race, fall prey to it and offer more than they should. So the first criterion is to be disciplined and detached and the key to success in buying another company is knowing the maximum price one can pay and then having the discipline not to pay a penny more. A company should be able to walk away from a deal if the synergy value is not being created. In addition to overpriced acquisitions, culture has also emerged as one of the dominant barriers to effective integrations and more than half of the mergers fail due to lack of cultural integration. Culture is the long-standing, largely implicit shared values, beliefs, and assumptions that influence behaviour, attitudes and meaning in a company or society. Since, it is a soft concept having a set of implicit influences, and it is difficult to account for completely or accurately, therefore, it becomes the responsibility of the top management to stop culture clashes from undermining their desired goals.

History is replete with examples of well-analysed and thought-of mergers having failed due to cultural clashes as they play a role in preventing post-integration plans from being properly executed. January happens to be the 18th anniversary of one of the worst mergers in corporate history — Time Warner and AOL. Merging the cultures of these two companies was problematic from the word go. The aggressive and, apparently “arrogant” AOL people shocked the sober and corporate Time Warner side. Cooperation and promised synergies failed to materialise as mutual disrespect came to colour their relationships. When German Daimler (the makers of Mercedes-Benz) merged with American company Chrysler in the late 1990s, it was called a “merger of equals.” A few years later, due to discordant company cultures like differences in the level of formality, philosophy on issues such as pay and expenses, and operating styles, the merger turned into a fiasco. After major losses and layoffs, in 2007, Daimler sold Chrysler to Cerberus Capital Management for \$6 billion. Taking an example from India, the merger between Kingfisher Airlines and Air Deccan failed due to their cultural differences with Kingfisher being a full-flight service catering to premium segment and Air Deccan's vision to empower every Indian to fly.

Meanwhile, some mergers endured the cultural challenges to turn failures into success stories. One such example is that of Hewlett Packard and Compaq. In 2001, struggling computing giant Hewlett Packard acquired similarly struggling competitor Compaq. There were major cultural differences as HP's engineering-driven culture was based on consensus and the sales-driven Compaq culture on rapid decision making. This poor cultural fit resulted in years of bitter infighting in the new company, and resulted in a loss of an estimated \$13 billion in market cap-

# Dialogue is better than deadlock

The non-cancellation of the visit by either side despite other irritants like undermining New Delhi's role in international institutions and China's reluctance to support India's entry into the Nuclear Suppliers Group, has signalled the growing maturity of both the powerful leaders of Asia



ANNPURNA NAUTIYAL

The second informal summit at Mamallapuram between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Chinese President Xi Jinping, in the wake of the abrogation of Article 370 in Jammu & Kashmir and China's reaction towards it, had generated apprehension.

Most analysts were speculating the cancellation of this summit because of bilateral tensions due to Xi's statements on the Kashmir issue and Beijing's open tilt in favour of Pakistan even before the start of his visit, but the continuation of the “Chennai Connect” proved them wrong. This summit indicated a

new form of diplomacy meant to break the impasse between India and China despite Beijing's close ties with Pakistan, insistence on resolution of the Kashmir problem as per the UN resolution and hosting of Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan just before Xi's India visit.

The non-cancellation of the visit by either side despite other irritants, like undermining New Delhi's role in international institutions, China's reluctance to support India's entry into the Nuclear Suppliers Group and trapping India's neighbours through aid and connectivity, has signalled the growing maturity of both the powerful leaders of Asia. This also reflects that both have understood that dialogue is better than a deadlock as it will lead nowhere. Though the terse body language of Xi throughout the visit was also analysed but the agreement to host the next summit in China has made the “Chennai Connect” more interesting for assessing the impact and

relevance of such summits in the emerging global scenario wherein China is trying to redefine a new global order with its money, infrastructure development, connectivity and expansion of trade.

This becomes more important when one sees it in connection with the US, which is aiming not only to change the Chinese-promoted global order through protectionism of trade but also such measures which have resulted in trade wars with China and India. This tit-for-tat approach of countries, in way of reciprocal tariffs, is a bad omen for not only the world economy but global harmony. The narrow approach of the US and China signals not only the geo-economical aspects of the US-China competition but also anti-multilateralism, which India views as necessary for spreading its power and influence, especially in the Indo-Pacific and Asia.

The US understands China's tactics and its greedy geo-economic

and geo-political initiatives, which are aimed at replacing and challenging America as a key security provider and stabiliser in the Indo-Pacific. However, its obsession with Iran, Turkey, North Korea, non-clarity on global issues and isolationist tendencies reflected through the “America First” policy have made China bold enough to expand its reach and influence in all continents, including Europe, Asia, Africa, Southeast and South Asia. This is something that India is dreading, as in New Delhi's perception, an economically and geo-politically powerful China is an obstacle to its dream of becoming a leading power of Asia. China's constant moral, economic, military and infrastructural support to its all-weather friend Pakistan, Xi's visit to Nepal after India and cementing of many agreements, including a trans-Himalayan corridor between China and Nepal (CNEC), a railway line to connect Tibet and Kathmandu, Chinese engagement in

Myanmar, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka, expansion of naval power across the Indian Ocean Region, connectivity and infrastructure development through Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) confirm India's apprehensions.

On the one hand it shows that India's encirclement from all directions by China is complete, but on the other hand it also signals the desire of neighbouring countries to venture out of India's ambit. In view of this, the expanding connectivity through BRI is becoming a very serious issue for India as some BRI-funded projects are in the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) in Pakistan Occupied Kashmir (PoK) and in the absence of transparency, sustainability and rule of law, the neighbours are being trapped in a Chinese debt-trap. Although during the second Belt and Road Forum, in April, Xi had promised to take care of India's concerns, nothing concrete is visible.

However, despite showing firmness not to support BRI and attempts to save the neighbours from a debt trap, the complex world order has forced India to play its role carefully and engage with China wisely. In Bangkok, during the Quad meeting, while supporting the idea of partnerships to promote a transparent, rule-based approach to trans-boundary challenges, India avoided any statements, which could offend China.

India is also collaborating with Vietnam, Japan and other regional powers, but without annoying China. The unresolved border dispute, frequent scuffles with Indian troops, trade imbalance, the growing power disparity between India and China and unpredictability of US support have also forced India to play its card with precision. Despite knowing about China eating into Indian territory in Ladakh and Pakistan's aid to various terrorist outfits, a face-saving exit from Afghanistan has forced the US to ignore Islamabad's activi-

ties and support it even at the cost of India's national interests. The helplessness of New Delhi has made the challenge more serious for India. Therefore, while working closely with like-minded countries and exposing the Pakistan-China connection at all international forums, engaging with China through such summits is a good policy, though it may not bring the desired results. But as the choices are very limited, India's move of not unnecessarily engaging in acrimonious matters is being seen as the gains of this meeting which has paved the way for the next summit.

Although it is not a game-changing move but if India plans it well and also tries to explore opportunities to hit China where it can, then in future, the maturity shown by both leaders and strength and weakness of one another will prove that dialogue is better than deadlock.

(The writer is professor of Political Science at HNB Garhwal University)

## MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

Sagar was targeted by the terrorists while he was heading

Chinar Corps, Lt-Gen KJS Dhillon Wednesday said all

operation.

According to the police

Incriminating material including arms & ammunition were recovered from the site of encounter, police spokesman said.

PTI ■ HYDERABAD

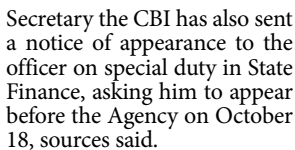
Reddy said leaders of the national transport workers

The State Government has been running some buses from RTC's fleet, besides private vehicles.

Former MP and state Congress working president Ponnam Prabhakar on Wednesday said his party would intensify its stir after the October 19 state bandh if the TRS government failed to resolve the RTC strike issue by then.

**PNS ■ KOLKATA**

Apart from the Chief



The latest development comes within a month of the CBI facing a judicial reversal in Rajiv Kumar case with the Calcutta High Court allowing

The CBI says that the State police and in particular Kumar had despite repeated requests failed to produce the relevant papers and inventories to it for the probe to be taken to its logical end.

**KUMAR CHELLAPPAN** ■  
CHENNAI

helped in saving precious fuel

This handicap came in the

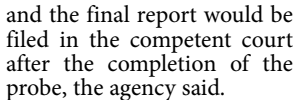
Thanks to the collaborative research and development initiative by INCOIS and the

GAGAN system consists of three geosynchronous satellites (GSAT-8, GSAT-10 and GSAT-15). GAGAN foot-print covers the entire Indian Ocean round the clock. "To receive the messages transmitted through the GAGAN satellites, INCOIS together with AAI developed a

He explained that the GEM-INI device receives and transfers the data received from GAGAN to a mobile through Bluetooth communication. "A mobile application developed by INCOIS decodes and displays the information in nine regional languages," said Dr Balakrishnan. Fishermen will start getting details about Potential Fishing Zones three days in advance and this would give them enough time and space to set sail for the catch well in advance.

## POLLACHI SEXUAL HARASSMENT CASE

The agency said some videos which were recovered from the mobile phones of the accused were being scanned



Later during probe, it emerged that several other women had been sexually harassed by the gang.

PTI ■ MUMBAI

"After preparing the manifesto, we met heads of all the parties last week and requested them to incorporate our demands in their poll manifestos. Few parties found our document worthy and borrowed some of our points. We are now hitting the streets to sensitise the voters," he said.

PTI ■ BENGALURU

The bypolls to 15 of the 17 seats represented by disqualified MLAs, which the Election Commission had earlier decided to defer until the apex Court decides on their plea challenging disqualification, has now been scheduled for December five. Among the 15 constituencies going for the polls, 12 were represented by Congress and three by ID(S).

**SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA**

Stating that the "main goal of the government is to take the State ahead in the path of development," making it number one state in the country Banerjee said Bengal's planned expenditure had gone up more than six times while the agricultural growth had witnessed a nine-fold jump.

Later in the day the Chief Minister visited the house of India's latest Nobel Laureate Abhijit Vinayak Banerjee where she met her mother also an economist for more than half-an-hour and discussed her Government's economic policies with her.

The Chief Minister's statement comes hours after critics said Home Minister and BJP leader Amit Shah had a hand in Ganguly's becoming the BCCI president.

**MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU**

Interestingly, none of the politicians are standing with the project executing agency-National Highway Authority of India (NHAI).

On its part, Project Director,

Union Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (PMO), Dr Jitendra Singh also intervened in the matter. After

Meanwhile, opposition parties, Congress, National Conference, Panthers Party, Peoples Democratic Party and several other organisations came out on the streets and held protest demonstrations seeking scrapping of the toll plaza at Sarore.

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

Addressing a huge election rally at Panvel in the neighbouring Raigad district, Modi said: "You have re-installed Narendra in Delhi. I appeal to the voters to re-install Devendra with the same strength. Delhi me Narendra, Mumbai me Devendra .. Narendra-Devendra formula has been a super-hit during the

Modi also heaped praise on Maharashtra for its key role in India becoming the third start-up friendly nation in the world. Maharashtra has played a key role in our becoming the third start-up friendly nation in the world. Youngsters from here have played a big role in this.

<b>NORTHERN RAILWAY</b> <b>(Open E-Tender Notice)</b>						
<b>No. 23AC/393/New Proposal Parking/2018 P-I-I</b> <b>The Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager / Coaching, Northern Railway, Delhi Division, New Delhi invites e-tender for the parking contracts for the period of 3 years, at the following stations/locations.</b>					<b>Dated : 15.10.2019</b>	
<b>S N</b>	<b>Name of work with its location / Railway Station</b>	<b>Advertise value/ Modified RP of one year in (Rs)</b>	<b>Date and Time of submission of tender bid and opening of tender</b>	<b>Cost of Tender document &amp; 18% GST in (Rs.)</b>	<b>Earnest Money Deposit (in Rs.)</b>	<b>Website particulars where complete details of tender document can be seen</b>
1	Parking contract of Car-Bus-Truck-Tempo at Rohtak Railway station (ROK) "A" Category, with measuring an area of 504 sq mtrs	4,94,727	15:00 hrs on 11.11.2019	2,360	29,700	<a href="https://ireps.gov.in/tender-no: Parking123-2019">https://ireps.gov.in/tender-no: Parking123-2019</a>
2	Parking contract of Cycle-Scooter-Car at Kurukshetra Railway Station (KKDE), "B" Category, with measuring an area of 800 sq mtrs	11,02,080	15:00 hrs on 11.11.2019	3,540	66,200	<a href="https://ireps.gov.in/tender-no: Parking124-2019">https://ireps.gov.in/tender-no: Parking124-2019</a>
3	Parking contract of Car-Bus-Truck-Tempo at Panipat Railway station (PNP) 1st entry, "A" Category, with measuring an area of 515.2 sq sqmrs	8,06,185	15:00 hrs on 11.11.2019	3,540	48,400	<a href="https://ireps.gov.in/tender-no: Parking125-2019">https://ireps.gov.in/tender-no: Parking125-2019</a>
4	Parking contract of Cycle-Scooter-Car at Badli Railway Station (BHD) opposite to the existing parking, "D" Category, with measuring an area of 1376.4 sq mtrs	12,73,996	15:00 hrs on 11.11.2019	3,540	76,500	<a href="https://ireps.gov.in/tender-no: Parking126-2019">https://ireps.gov.in/tender-no: Parking126-2019</a>



Form no. 4  
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL  
(H. No. 797- II, Shantikunj,  
South Civil Lines) Jabalpur  
(Area for Jurisdiction- Madhya Pradesh)  
SUMMON FOR APPEARANCE  
& SHOW- CAUSE

Summon to defendant under section 19 (4) of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and financial institutions Act, 1993 read with Rules 12 & 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1993  
Original Application no. 1228 of 2019

ICICI Bank ...Applicant  
Versus  
Mankeshwar Kumar Singh & Ors. ...Defendants

To,  
01. Mankeshwar Kumar Singh S/o Shri Vishnu Dutt Singh.  
Address:- Flat No. 116, Suraj Apartments Suraj Kund Pul Phelpadpur, New Delhi.

Also at:- Village & Post- Bhittherwan, District Gopal Ganj, Bihar.

2. Mrs. Binita Singh W/o Mankeshwar Kumar Singh.

Address:- Flat No. 116, Suraj Apartments Suraj Kund Road Pul Phelpadpur, New Delhi.

Also at:- Village & Post- Bhittherwan, District Gopal Ganj, Bihar.

03. Mahatwakanchhi Builders (P) Ltd. Having its registered office at Beside Hindu Milan Mandir, Ashwad Bhawan Road, Risali Bhilai, C.G.

4. M/s Siddharth Real Estate having its corporate office at HIG-162, Padmanabhpur, Durg through its Partner / Power of Attorney Holder Vishnu Pathak S/o Shri Ramdeo Pathak R/o 91/2, VIP Nagar, Raisaili Tehsil & District- Durg, C.G.

Whereas, OA No. 1228/19 was listed before the Hon'ble Presiding officer On 7/8/19

Whereas this Hon'ble Tribunal pleased to issue summons/ notice on this said application under 19 (4) of the act, OA filed against you recovery of debts of Rs. 57,59,971.00/- with expenses & future interest ( application along with copies of documents etc. annexed)

In accordance with sub section 4 of section 19 of the act you, the defendants are directed as under.

1. To show cause within 30 days of the service of summons as to why relief prayed for should not be granted.

2. To disclose particulars of properties or assets other than properties & assets specified by the applicant under serial number 3A of the original application.

3. You are restrained from dealing with or disposing of secured assets of such other assets & properties disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application, pending hearing & disposal of the application of the attachment of properties.

4. You shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise, except in the ordinary course of his business any of the assets over which security interest is created and/or other assets & properties specified or disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application without the prior approval of the Tribunal.

5. You shall be liable to account for the sale proceeds realized by sale of secured assets or other assets & properties in the ordinary course of business & deposit such sale proceeds in the account maintained with the bank or financial institutions holding security interest over such assets.

You are also directed to file the written statement with a copy thereof furnished to the applicant & to appear before Registrar on 29/11/2019 at 10.30 am failing which the application shall be heard & decided in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal This 1st Day of October 2019

Authorized officer  
Debts Recovery Tribunal,  
Jabalpur

# Doob maro, Modi tells Opp over stance on Article 370

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday slammed Opposition leaders seeking a link between the abrogation of Article 370 and the Maharashtra Assembly polls, and told them to go drown (doob maro) for their stance.

Modi made the acerbic remarks in Akola district of Vidarbha region during a campaign rally for the October 21 Maharashtra Assembly elections.

"How can they (Opposition) say that Jammu and Kashmir has nothing to do with Maharashtra? They should be ashamed of such thoughts. Don't they have any shame? Doob maro," he said, using the two-word phrase in Hindi.

Modi lambasted the Congress and NCP chief Sharad Pawar, who had accused the ruling BJP of

"diverting attention from its failures by harping on Article 370 abrogation."

"A shameless Opposition is asking what is the connection between Article 370 and Maharashtra. We are proud of the children of Maharashtra who sacrificed everything for Jammu and Kashmir," he said.

Modi said he was shocked that such voices are being raised for political gains in the land of Shivaji Maharaj.

Pawar had said on Tuesday that the BJP does not have anything concrete to show and so was harping on abrogation of Article 370. "If you question them about farmers' suicides, unemployment, closure of industries, the BJP responds with Article 370," the NCP leader had said.

Modi, who also addressed poll rallies in Jalna and Raigad districts later, said the Congress now is not the same party that fought for Independence.

"The (Congress) party is

taking its last breath. It sees 'rashtira bhakti' (nationalism) in 'parivar bhakti' (devotion to a family)," he said without taking any names.

"The Congress, which is taking its last breath, sees nationalism in devotion to a family," Modi said.

Modi said Hindutva ideology V D Savarkar's "san-skar" (values) are the basis for nation-building, and rued that Babasaheb Ambedkar was denied the Bharat Ratna, India's highest civilian honour.

"It is due to Savarkar's 'san-skar' that we put nationalism as the basis for nation-building," Modi said.

His remarks came a day after BJP's Maharashtra unit sought Bharat Ratna for Savarkar in its poll manifesto.

Modi said the Marathwada region in Maharashtra gave three chief ministers to the state, but the area is still backward in terms of development.

# Opp parties wanted power to loot State: Adityanath

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

Attacking the Opposition, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said that parties like Samajwadi Party, Bahujan Samaj Party and Congress wanted power to loot, not to serve the people as they were not concerned about nation's interest but only about their personal interests.

Addressing a series of rallies in Bahraich and Mau on Wednesday, the Chief Minister said that the character of the SP, the BSP and the Congress was similar.

"They are families, not political parties and they are not concerned about the progress of the citizens," he said.

"Anarchy, corruption and dishonesty remain their sole agenda after they come to power. In order to maintain their vote banks to retain power, they oppose the decisions taken in the interest of the country. They do not even shy away from supporting terrorism. Such people are not liking abrogation of Article 370 and they speak the language of Pakistan," Yogi said.

The Chief Minister said that improvement in law and order and curbing corruption were the priorities of his Government.

"Criminals have got a

clear message and they have understood the motive of the government. Those who did not understand this in the beginning, have been made to acknowledge it and now either they are behind bars or have fled the state," he said.

"During the rule of Samajwadi Party, riots took place every other day. There was loss of property and restrictions were imposed on celebration of festivals. But now, no riots take place and all festivals are celebrated with zeal," he said.

The Chief Minister said that during his 30-month rule, the Bharatiya Janata Party government had provided employment to 2.25 lakh youth in a transparent manner and no complaint of wrongful means was reported. "People who came under suspicion were expelled at once," he said.

Speaking at a rally in Bahraich's Balha town, the Chief Minister said that the state government constructed a medical college in the name of Maharaj Suheldev.

"Admissions will start here from this year and this will provide better health facilities to the people of Bahraich," he said.

"In addition, the state government is also promoting sports by constructing open gymnasium and sports grounds in every village," the

Chief Minister said.

Yogi said the BJP was the only democratic party in the country. "It is only the BJP where any booth level worker can become prime minister and national president of the party," he said.

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No..... Date.....  
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Original Application no. 1230 of 2019

ICICI Bank ...Applicant  
Versus  
Rajate Gurudeva Tiwari & Ors. ...Defendants

To,  
01. Rajate Gurudeva Tiwari S/o Shri Devendra Gurudeva Tiwari. Address:- Tower No. D5, House No. 1401, The Pranayam Sector 8285, Faridabad Haryana, Faridabad- 121001

2. Smt. Sumita Gurudeva Tiwari W/o Shri Rajate Gurudeva Tiwari Address:- Tower No. D5, House No. 1401, The Pranayam Sector 8285, Faridabad Haryana, Faridabad- 121001

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Whereas, OA No. 1230/19 was listed before the Hon'ble Presiding officer On 7/8/19

Whereas this Hon'ble Tribunal pleased to issue summons/ notice on this said application under 19 (4) of the act, OA filed against you recovery of debts of Rs. 48,82,059.00/- with expenses & future interest ( application along with copies of documents etc. annexed)

In accordance with sub section 4 of section 19 of the act you, the defendants are directed as under.

1. To show cause within 30 days of the service of summons as to why relief prayed for should not be granted.

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3. You are restrained from dealing with or disposing of secured assets of such other assets & properties disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application, pending hearing & disposal of the application of the attachment of properties.

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Authorized officer  
Debts Recovery Tribunal,  
Jabalpur

# Sister, daughter of Farooq Abdullah released

PTI ■ SRINAGAR

Women protesters, including National Conference President Farooq Abdullah's sister and daughter, who were arrested on Tuesday after they took out a protest march, were

released on bail by a court here this evening, officials said.

Abdullah's sister Suraiya, his daughter Safiya and 11 other women furnished a personal bond of Rs 10,000 and surety of Rs 40,000 each under section 107 of criminal procedure code,

giving an assurance that they would maintain peace, the officials said. The women, who were lodged in central jail Srinagar, were released around 6 pm on Wednesday after the court of Chief Judicial Magistrate granted them bail, they said.

Suraiya and Safiya were leading a group of women activists, who wore black arm bands and held placards, while protesting against abrogation of provisions of Article 370 and bifurcation of Jammu and Kashmir into two union territories.

**NORTH DELHI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION**  
Office of the Executive Engineer (M)-City-SPZ  
Nigam Bhawan, Kashmere Gate, Delhi  
**NOTICE INVITING TENDER**  
No. : EE\_M\_I\_City\_SPZ\_TC\_2019\_20\_21 Dated : 14.10.2019

Seq. No.	North Delhi Municipal Corporation Stage	Start Date	Expiry Time
1	Request of Tender Document From	24.10.2019	17:30 PM
2	Request of Tender Document to	05.11.2019	15:00 PM
3	Issue of Tender Document From	24.10.2019	17:31 PM
4	Issue of Tender Document to	05.11.2019	15:01 PM
5	Tender Closing Date & Time	06.11.2019	15:00 PM
6	Opening Date	07.11.2019	15:30 PM

For online tendering time table please refer to <http://www.tenderwizard.com/NORTHDMCETENDER>. Sealed percentage/tem rate tenders are invited for the execution of the following works by the NORTH DMC from approved and eligible contractors and will be received as per time table and will be opened at **07.11.2019 at 15:30 PM** on the [www.tenderwizard.com/NORTHDMCETENDER](http://www.tenderwizard.com/NORTHDMCETENDER) by Ex. Engineer (M)-I/City-SPZ. The registered contractor of MCD only are eligible to tender for the amount they have registered in their respective category subject to the conditions that they are neither black-listed nor debarred at the time of purchase of tender.

S. No.	Name of Work	Tender Amount (Rs.)	Estimated Amount (Rs.)	Earnest Money (Rs.)
1.	Imp. Dev. of Lanes in Anand Nagar of Ward No. C-82N/CSPZ. 1. Imp. Dev. of Lane from P. No. 52 to P.No.43-A, Sarodaya Kanya Vidyalaya Walli, P. No. 37A to P. No. -116 in Anand Nagar by Pdg. RMC and Drainage in Ward No. C-82N/CSPZ. 2. Imp. Dev. of Lane from P. No.-107 (313/61B) to P.No.-112 (313/58/1) in Anand Nagar by Pdg. RMC and Drainage in Ward C-82N/CSPZ.	29,24,571/-	31,62,300/-	58,500/-
2.	Imp. Dev. of Lanes in Tulsai Nagar of Ward No. C-82N/CSPZ. 1. Imp. Dev. of Lane from H. No. 313/101-H to H.No. 313/101-P in Tulsai Nagar Gali No. 15 by Pdg. RMC and Drainage in Ward No. C-82N/CSPZ. 2. Imp. Dev. of Lane from H. No. 313/37-A to MCD Park and Adjoining Line in Tulsai Nagar Gali No. 2 by Pdg. RMC and Drainage in Ward C-82N/CSPZ. 3. Imp. Dev. of Lane from H. No. 313/105-I to H. No. 313/101 in Tulsai Nagar Gali No. 14 by Pdg. RMC and Drainage in Ward C-82N/CSPZ. 4. Imp. Dev. of Lane from H. No. 313/91-I to H. No. 313/91-E in Tulsai Nagar Gali No.-8 by Pdg. RMC and Drainage in Ward C-82N/CSPZ. 5. Imp. Dev. of Lane from H. No. 313/84 to Shiv Mandir and Adjoining Line in Tulsai Nagar Gali No. 3 Pdg. RMC and Drainage in Ward C-82N/CSPZ. 6. Imp. Dev. of Lane from H. No. 313/4 DA to H. No. 313/91 in Tulsai Nagar by Pdg. RMC and Drainage in Ward C-82N/CSPZ.	48,65,013/-	52,60,400/-	97,400/-
3.	Imp. Dev. of Lanes in Anand Parbat Area of Ward No. C-82N/CSPZ. 1. Imp. Dev. of Lane from P. No. 17/31-4 to P. No. B-5, P. No. B-5 to P.B. No. B-7 in Anand Parbat Ind. Area by Pdg. RMC and Drainage in Ward No. C782N/CSPZ. 2. Imp. Dev. of Lane from P. No. 23/2-11 to DUSIB CTC in Gali No. 11 in Anand Parbat Ind. Area by Pdg. RMC and Drainage in Ward No. C-82N/CSPZ. 3. Imp. Dev. of Lane from P. No. -R-A-14 to OM Dharam Kata in Anand Parbat Ind. Area by Pdg. RMC and Drainage in Ward No. C-82N/CSPZ. 4. Imp. Dev. of Lane from P. No. M-24A to P. No. M-28 and P. No. 10/13 to P. No. N-3-C in Anand Parbat Ind. Area by Pdg. RMC and Drainage in Ward No. C-82N/CSPZ.	57,18,516/-	61,83,400/-	1,14,500/-
4.	Imp. and Dev. of Road by RMC and Drainage System of Shish Mahal, Teliwara, Tokriwalan, Pahardiheraj in Ward No. 80N/CSPZ. 1. Imp. Dev. of Road by RMC and Drainage System from Masjid Imli to H. No. 698 at Shish Mahal in Ward No. C-80N/CSPZ. 2. Imp. Dev. of Road by RMC and Drainage System at Gali Abdul Karim in Ward No. C-80N/CSPZ. 3. Imp. Dev. of Road by RMC and Drainage System from H. No. 9495 to H. No. 9279 at Tokriwalan in Ward No. C-80N/CSPZ. 4. Imp. Dev. of Road by RMC and Drainage System in Metal Market at Gali Barna in Ward No. C-80N/CSPZ.	32,34,906/-	34,97,900/-	64,700/-
5.	Imp. and Dev. of Road by RMC and Drainage System of Beriwalla Bagh, Naya Mohalla, Bara Hindu Rao, Kharia Mohalla in Ward No. 80N/CSPZ. 1. Imp. Dev. of Road by RMC and Drainage System of Beriwalla Bagh in Ward No. C-80N/CSPZ. 2. Imp. Dev. of Road by RMC and Drainage System H. No. 7986 to H. No. 8226 at Kharia Mohalla in Ward No. C-80N/CSPZ. 3. Imp. Dev. of Road by RMC and Drainage System of Chowk and Side lanes at Beriwalla Bagh in Ward No. C-80N/CSPZ. 4. Imp. Dev. of Road by RMC and Drainage System H. No. 8978 to MCD School at Naya Mohalla in Ward No. C-80N/CSPZ. 5. Imp. and Dev. of Road by RMC and Drainage System in Pakki Gali from H. No. 6171 to H. No. 6122 and H. No. 6181 to H. No. 6188 in Ward No. C-80N/CSPZ.	43,78,934/-	47,34,900/-	87,600/-
6.	Imp. and Dev. of Roads in Padam Nagar Ward No. 81, Kishan Ganj, CSPZ. 1. Imp. Dev. of Road from H. No. 193 to H. No. 171/1 in Gali No. 1 and its side lanes by Providing RMC in Padam Nagar in Ward No. 81, Kishan Ganj, CSPZ. 2. Imp. Dev. of Road from H. No. 180 to H. No. 195 in Gali No. 2 and its side lanes by Providing RMC in Padam Nagar in Ward No. 81, Kishan Ganj, CSPZ. 3. Imp. Dev. of road from H. No.217/1C to H. No. 224 in Gali No. 7 in Padam Nagar and its side lanes by providing RMC in Ward No. 81, Kishan Ganj, CSPZ. 4. Imp. Dev. of Katra Chowk 221/48 and its side lanes by Providing RMC in Padam Nagar in Ward No. 81, Kishan Ganj, CSPZ.	36,79,228/-	39,78,300/-	73,600/-
7.	Imp. and Dev. of Road in Vivekanandpuri, Swami Dayanand Colony and East Moti Bagh in Ward No. 81, Kishan Ganj, CSPZ. 1. Imp. Dev. of Bhagwan Das Chowk Gali No. 3 and its side lanes by providing RMC in East Moti Bagh Ward No. 81, Kishan Ganj, CSPZ. 2. Imp. Dev. of Road from H. No. 18/136 to H. No. 18/75 and H. No. 172/3 to 18/91F Gali No. 1 and its side lanes by providing RMC in East Moti Bagh Ward No. 81, Kishan Ganj, CSPZ. 3. Imp. Dev. of Road from H. No. 126 to H. No. 140 and its side lanes by providing RMC in Vivekanandpuri Ward No. 81, Kishan Ganj, CSPZ. 4. Imp. Dev. of Road from H. No. 43 to H. No. 52 and its side lanes by providing RMC in Vivekanandpuri Ward No. 81, Kishan Ganj, CSPZ. 5. Imp. Dev. of Road from H. No. E-99 and to H. No. E-83 and H. No. I-178 to I-195 and its side lanes by providing RMC in Swami Dayanand Colony Ward No. 81, Kishan Ganj, CSPZ.	35,44,006/-	38,32,100/-	70,900/-
8.	Imp. and Dev. of various lanes of area in and around Quresh Nagar and Modal Basti by P/L RMC and Imp of Drainage System in Ward No. 89N, CSPZ. 1. Imp. Dev. of lane from House No. 8355/105 to 8355/136 in Katra Gauri Shankar by P/L RMC and Imp of Drainage System in Ward No. 89N, CSPZ. 2. Imp. Dev. of lane from House No. 8355/32 to 8355/87 in Katra Gauri Shankar by P/L RMC and Imp of Drainage System in Ward No. 89N, CSPZ. 3. Dev. of lane from house No. 8355/31 to 8355/131 in Katra Gori Shankar by P/L RMC and Imp of Drainage System in Ward No. 89N, CSPZ. 4. Imp. Dev. of Gali Gurudware Wali and its side lane from House No. T-275 to T-275/10 by P/L RMC and Imp of Drainage System in Ward No. 89N, CSPZ. 5. Imp. Dev. of Road near Dhalao Quresh Nagar from H. No. T-275 to T-335 near Tikona Park by P/L RMC and Imp of Drainage System in Ward No. 89N, CSPZ. 32,11,211/- 34,72,200/- 64,250/-	44,16,259/-	47,75,400/-	88,350/-
9.	Imp. and Dev. of Various Lanes of Area in and Around Ahata Kidara and Chamelon Road by P/L RMC and Imp of Drainage System in Ward No. 89N, CSPZ. 1. Imp. Dev. of lane from House No. 7016 to 7002 in Gali Tanki Wali by P/L RMC and Imp of Drainage System in Ward No. 89N, CSPZ. 2. Imp. Dev. of Gash Mandi Road from Gali Pahar Wali to Ahata Kidara Chowk by P/L RMC and Imp of Drainage System in Ward No. 89N, CSPZ. 3. Imp. Dev. of Gash Mandi from Ghante Wali Masjid to Gali Pahar Wali and its side lanes by P/L RMC and Imp of Drainage System in Ward No. 89N, CSPZ. 4. Imp. Dev. of Sadar Nallah Road from Shop No. 1403 to 1493-94 by P/L RMC and Imp of Drainage System in Ward No. 89N, CSPZ. 5. Imp. Dev. of Nai Basti Main Gali by P/L RMC and Imp of Drainage System in Ward No. 89N, CSPZ. 6. Imp. Dev. of Sadar Nallah Road from Shop No. 1280 to 1244 by P/L RMC and Imp of Drainage System in Ward No. 89N, CSPZ. 7. Imp. Dev. of Katra Aatma Ram by P/L RMC and Imp of Drainage System in Ward No. 89N, CSPZ.	42,43,410/-	45,88,400/-	85,000/-
10.	Imp. Dev. of Ballimaran Road from Chandani Chowk to Chawri Bazar by Pdg. Dense Bitumenous Carpeting in Ward No. 90N/CSPZ (Ballimaran).	42,43,410/-	45,88,400/-	85,000/-
11.	Imp. and Dev. of Various Galis/Lanes of Katra Baryan and Nai Sarak Area by P/L RMC and Drainage System in Ward No. 90N, CSPZ. 1. P/C CC Pavement and Drainage in Gali Rani Sati Mandir in Ward No. 90N, CSPZ. (Ballimaran). 2. P/C CC Pavement and Drainage in Jogiwara (from Nai Sarak to Ballimaran Road) in Ward No. 90N, CSPZ. (Ballimaran)/CSPZ. 3. P/C CC Pavement and Drainage in Gali Masjid Tehwar Khan and Adj. Lanes in Ward No. 90N, (Ballimaran) CSPZ. 4. P/C CC Pavement and Drainage in Gali Mem Wali in Ward No. 90N, (Ballimaran) CSPZ.	28,85,102/-	31,19,700/-	57,710/-
12.	Imp. and Dev. of Various Galis / Lanes of Lal Kuan, Ballimaran Area by			

P/L RMC and Drainage System in Ward No. 90/N, CSPZ. 1. P/C CC Pavement and Drainage in Gali Abdul Kadir in Ward No. 90/N, (Ballimaran) CSPZ. 2. P/C CC Pavement and Drainage in Gali Behran Beg in Ward No. 90/N, (Ballimaran) CSPZ. 3. P/C CC Pavement and Drainage in Gali Kabadi Wali and Gali Sammer at Lalkuan Road in Ward No. 90/N, (Ballimaran) CSPZ. 4. P/CLCC Pavement and Drainage in Gali Ghasiram at Lal Kuan Road in Ward No. 90/N, (Ballimaran) CSPZ. 5. P/C CC Pavement and Drainage in Gali Jaimpuri at Lal Kuan in Ward No. 90/N, (Ballimaran) CSPZ. 6. P/C CC Pavement and Drainage in Gali Peerji in Ward No. 90/N, (Ballimaran) CSPZ. 7. P/C CC Pavement and Drainage in Gali Hakim Bakka abd Charandas H. No. 3718 to 3544 in Ward No. 90/N, (Ballimaran) CSPZ. 8. P/C CC Pavement and Drainage in Gali Kucha Ustad in Ward No. 90/N, (Ballimaran) CSPZ. 9. P/C CC Pavement and Drainage in Gali Indara Kuan and Shishe Wali in Ward No. 90/N, (Ballimaran) CSPZ.	40,79,023/-	44,10,600/-	81,600/-
13. Imp. Dev. of Naya Bans Road and Lalkuan Road from Khari Baoli to Hawzqazi by pdg. Dense Bituminous Carpeting in Ward No. 90/N (Ballimaran) CSPZ.	42,42,417/-	45,87,300/-	85,000/-



# India halved poverty rate since 1990s: WB

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

India has halved its poverty rate since the 1990s and achieved a seven plus growth rate over the last 15 years, the World Bank said on Tuesday.

India is both critical to the success of global development efforts, including eliminating extreme poverty, and as an influential leader for global goods such as addressing climate change, the bank said ahead of the annual meeting between it and the International Monetary Fund.

The country has achieved annual growth exceeding seven per cent over the last 15 years, halved its poverty rate since the 1990s, and enjoyed strong improvements in most human development outcomes, the World Bank said.

Noting that India's growth



is expected to continue and elimination of extreme poverty in the decade is within reach, it said at the same time, the country's development trajectory nonetheless faces con-

siderable challenges.

For this, the World Bank said, India will need to achieve greater resource efficiency as it sustains growth, given its resource endowments and large

population.

Land will need to be used more productively in urban areas by the spatial transformation of cities achieving "agglomeration economies"

and in rural areas by increased agricultural productivity, it said.

India's water management will need to provide for shifting water allocation to higher-value uses and policies to increase the value of water use within sectors.

In addition, 230 million people are not properly connected to the electricity grid while generation will need to be less carbon intensive, the World Bank pointed out.

"More generally, India's rapidly growing economy needs investment in infrastructure, an estimated 8.8 per cent of GDP or \$343 billion a year until 2030," it said.

Second, sustained growth will also need to accelerate inclusion, especially to create more and better jobs. While an estimated 13 million people

enter the working age population each year, only three million new jobs are being generated on an annual basis, the financial institution said.

The World Bank said a particular challenge lies in India's declining female labour force participation, which at 27 per cent is among the lowest in the world despite overcoming gender gaps in education.

"Finally, India's public sector institutions will need to be modernised to deliver services and regulations that match the aspirations of a middle income country; this will entail improving accountability and effectiveness, improving the ability of the state to interface with the private sector, and strengthening the compact among tiers of government to improve service delivery," the bank said.

## Gadkari pitches for ₹10Kcr fund to buy shares of MSMEs listing on bourses

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Union Minister Nitin Gadkari on Wednesday said the MSME Ministry has sought a fund of ₹10,000 crore to buy equity in small businesses wanting to list on the stock exchanges.

"We have requested the Finance Ministry to sanction us ₹10,000 crore and whichever MSE (micro and small enterprises) wants to list their equity on the stock exchanges, we will buy 10 per cent in them."

"I believe this 10 per cent of our equity will increase by two to three times in 3-4 years. So this will increase value of our capital so that we can keep rolling this fund as the government alone cannot do all the things in this age and

time," the Minister for micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME) said at the 'India MSE Awards 2019'.

Gadkari, who is also the union minister for road transport and highways, said he wants to increase the revenue of the ministry to ₹1 lakh crore in next five years without seeking any help from the Government by monetising road assets.

He said roadside amenities such as providing space for charging stations or petrol pumps and charging commission from companies, can be tapped to increase the revenue of the ministry.

The minister also said there is huge potential for small units and businesses in India for export competitiveness.

## Important for India to keep fiscal deficit in check, says IMF chief economist

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

It is important for India to keep fiscal deficit in check, even though its revenue projections look optimistic, Chief Economist of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) Gita Gopinath has said.

As against India's real growth rate of 6.8 per cent in 2018, the IMF in its latest World Economic Outlook released on Tuesday, projected the country's growth rate at 6.1 per cent for 2019 and noted that the Indian economy is expected to pick up at 7 per cent in 2020.

In India's case, there has been a negative impact on growth that has come from financial vulnerabilities and the non-bank financial sector, and the impact on consumer borrowing and borrowing of small and medium enterprises, Gopinath said.

The Indian-American economist was speaking to reporters ahead of the annual meeting of the IMF and the

World Bank.

On the projections in the World Economic Outlook report, Gopinath said appropriate steps have been taken.

Appreciative of the recent steps being taken by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman to address the economic challenges being faced by India, she said there is still a lot more that needs to be done.

Prominent among these include cleaning up of balance sheets of regular commercial banks, Gopinath said.

"In our projections we have that India will recover to 7 per cent growth in 2020. And the premise is that these particular bottlenecks will clear up," she said.

On the fiscal side for India, there have been some recent measures, including the corporate tax cut. There has not been an announcement about how that will be offset to revenues at this point, Gopinath said.

## India's fuel demand dips to lowest

New Delhi: India's fuel demand slipped to its lowest in over two years in September after a fall in diesel and industrial fuel consumption negated the rise in petrol and LPG consumption.

Consumption of petroleum products in September dropped to 16.01 million tonnes, its lowest since July 2017, from 16.06 million tonnes in the same month last year, according to data from the

Petroleum Planning and Analysis Cell (PPAC).

Diesel, the most used fuel in the country, saw demand drop by 3.2 per cent to 5.8 million tonnes, while naphtha sales were down by a quarter to 8.44,000 tonnes.

Bitumen, used in road construction, too saw consumption drop by 7.3 per cent to 343,000 tonnes. Fuel oil sales edged 3.8 per cent lower in September to

525,000 tonnes.

These downward trends negated the rise in cooking gas (LPG) and petrol demand.

The sale of petrol rose 6.2 per cent to 2.37 million tonnes, but sale of jet fuel or ATF fell 1.6 per cent to 6.66,000 tonnes.

LPG consumption surged 6 per cent to 2.18 million tonnes on the back of Government's push for the use of cleaner fuel.

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## IMF urges largest economies to be prepared to engage in coordinated policy action

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

The IMF on Wednesday urged the largest economies of the world, including India, to be prepared to engage in a coordinated policy action, a day after it downgraded the 2019 global growth rate to 3 per cent — the slowest pace since the 2008 global financial crisis.

The remarks by Vitor Gaspar, Director of the International Monetary Fund's Fiscal Affairs Department, came a day after the IMF painted a grim picture of the global economy.

"It is timely for the largest

economies to be prepared to engage in a coordinated policy action if downside risks to

the global economic growth materialise," Gaspar told PTI in an interview.

## US-China trade war to drag down global growth: IMF

IANS ■ WASHINGTON

The trade war between the United States and China will drag the global economy down with the gloomiest growth forecast for 2019 and 2020 since the financial crisis,

warned the International Monetary Fund.

Predictions estimate the world economy will grow by only 3 per cent in 2019 picking up to 3.4 per cent by 2020, a considerable slowdown from 2017's 3.8 per cent growth.

## PSBs had worst phase under Manmohan, Rajan: Sitharaman

PTI ■ NEW YORK

India's public sector banks had the "worst phase" under the "combination" of former prime minister Manmohan Singh and ex-RBI governor Raghuram Rajan, and giving the ailing banks a "lifeline" was her primary duty now, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has said.

The public sector banks have been grappling with bad loans and the government has been taking measures to address the issue. In August, the government announced upfront capital infusion to the tune of ₹70,000 crore into the public sector banks. Besides, 10 public sector banks are being consolidated into four.

Delivering a lecture at the



prestigious Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs here on Tuesday, Sitharaman said:

"While economists can take a view of what prevails today or prevailed years ago, but I will also want answers for the time when Rajan was in the Governor's post speaking about the Indian banks, for which today to give a lifeline is the primary duty of the Finance Minister of India. And the lifeline-kind of an emergency has not come overnight."

"I do respect Raghuram Rajan as a great scholar who chose to be in the central bank in India at a time when the Indian economy was all buoyant," she said during the lecture organised by the Deepak and Neera Raj Centre on Indian Economic Policies of the Columbia University.

Asked about the ex-RBI governor's comments during a recent lecture at Brown University in which he had apparently mentioned that in its first term, the Narendra Modi government had not done better on the economy because the government was extremely centralised and the leadership does not appear to have a consistent articulated vision on how to achieve economic growth.

## Fundamentals of economy 'very very strong': CEA

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Chief Economic Advisor KV Subramanian on Wednesday called upon the industry to start making investments, stressing that the fundamentals of the economy are "very very strong".

On more than ₹40,000 crore of dues pending to small companies, he nudged large corporates to ensure timely payment to the MSME sector as small players are dependent on cash flows.

Large companies must play

a critical role in clearing cash dues to smaller companies, he said at an event organised by industry chamber Ficci being attended by several corporates.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Monday had said that according to returns filed by large corporates to the Corporate Affairs Ministry, as much as ₹40,000 crore was due to the MSME sector.

The CEA further said the slowdown in the economy is due to a decline in investment, which is a key driver.

## DoT trying to get more spectrum in mid-bands: Secy

New Delhi: The Telecom Department (DoT) is trying to get more spectrum free in the 3.3-3.6 Ghz band for 5G services, a top official said on Wednesday. The industry has raised concerns over the limited availability of spectrum in the mid frequency bands marked for 5G services.

With the defence and the space departments claiming frequencies in the 3.3-3.6 Ghz band, which has been recommended for 5G services by the regulator Trai.

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**RAJASTHAN STATE ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION**  
PARIVAHAN MARG, HEAD OFFICE, JAIPUR

**Notice inviting bid for fabrication of super express blue line bodies with passenger bus seats for 2019-20**

Online bids in the prescribed form are invited for fabrication of super express blue line bus bodies with passenger bus seats for 2019-20. The detail information of the Bid will be available at RSRTC website, <https://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in/rsrtc> and <http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in> also on <https://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in> after 10-10-2019. Online Bids will be accepted on above website up to dated 06.11.2019 till 16.00 Hrs. and technical bids will be open on 07.11.2019 at 11.00 a 11.00 Hrs. in the office of the undersigned.

UBN No. RTC/1920/WLOB00311  
Raj. Samwad/C/3199/2019-20

General Manager (B/B)

**NORTHERN RAILWAY**  
**TENDER NOTICE**  
(through e-tendering)

Tender No. 558-Sig/16/M/Tender/1314		Dated : 16.10.2019					
S. N.	Name of work with its Location	App cost of the work (in Rs.)	Tender Inviting Officer Address	Tender Document Fee (in Rs.)	Earnest Money to be deposited (in Rs.)	Date & Time for closed of tender	Website particular & notice board location where complete details of the tender can be seen etc.
1	Signaling work in connection with replacement of turn outs and trap points for CTR (P), TRR, (FS+CS+CMSC), TTR, (CMSC), TPR (P), TRR (P), CTR (P/S) on 'A' route of Delhi Division.	Rs. 2,47,49,346/- only	Sr. Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer/C, Northern Railway, 3rd Floor, Annex-1, DRM office New Delhi-110055	Rs. 11,800/- only	Rs. 2,73,800.00 only	Tender uploaded date & time- 06.11.2019 up to 15:00 hrs.	See the N. Rly. website <a href="http://www.ireps.gov.in">www.ireps.gov.in</a> & Notice board at S&T branch, 3rd Floor DRM office, State Entry Road, New Delhi-110055

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**SEARCH FOR MISSING**

General public is hereby informed that one male namely **Manbir S/o Sh. Keshav Dev** R/o H.N. A-132, Main Road, Chander Vihar, Mandawali, Delhi has been missing from the area of P.S Madhu Vihar, Delhi since 08.05.2019. In this regard, a case **DD No. 49-A Dated 18.05.2019** has been registered at P.S. Madhu Vihar, Delhi. The description of the missing male is as under.

**Age:** 22 Years, **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Height:** 5'5", **Face:** Round, **Wearing:** Blue colour shirt and violet pant. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out him but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone has any information about the missing male then please inform P.S. Madhu Vihar, Delhi at following Tel No. / e-mail: [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in) and Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>

**Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641**  
**Fax No. 011-24368639**

**Sd/- S.H.O.**  
**P.S. Madhu Vihar, Delhi**  
**Ph. 011-22732427**

**DP/6839/ED/19**

**SEARCH FOR MISSING**

General public is hereby informed that a Boy namely **Atul S/o Sh. Rajkumar**, R/o **E-49/K-122/B-150, Gali No. 4, Janta Majdur Colony, New Zafrabad, Delhi**, Age : 21 yrs., Height : 5'8", Complexion : **Wheatish**, Face : **Long**, Built : **Medium**, Wearing : **Underwear**, has been missing since 15.08.2019 from Yamuna River when he taking the bath. In this regard a case **DD. No. 59-A dated 15.08.2019** has been lodged at P.S. Timarpur, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local Police to trace out the missing Boy but no clue has come to light so far. if anyone have any information about this missing Boy please inform undersigned.

Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>, Email: [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in), Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641, Fax : 011-24368639

**SHO**  
**PS. Timarpur, Delhi**  
**Ph.: 011-23812734, 8750870130**

**DP/367/N/19.**

**PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON**  
(See Section 82 Cr.PC)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that **Nakhat Mal Suthar S/o Anda Ram R/o Near White House, Madhav Market, Nagar, Road, Falodi Jodpur, Rajasthan**, have committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **Cr. No. 7520/17, P.S. Shalimar Bagh, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused Nakhat Mal Suthar cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Nakhat Mal Suthar has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Nakhat Mal Suthar of **Cr. No. 7520/17, P.S. Shalimar Bagh, Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **14.01.2019**.

**By Order,**  
**Ms. Pooja Aggarwal,**  
**Metropolitan Magistrate, Rohini Courts, Room No. 112, DP/9473/NW/19 - (Court Matter)**

**PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED**  
(See Section 82 Cr. PC)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused two persons **(1) Rani @ Renu W/o Natwar @ Babar R/o H.No. 1343/C, Top Floor, Gali No.9, Govind Puri, New Delhi** and **2nd Address Vill-Jatkhedhi PS:Pachor, Distt: Rajgarh, MP** (2) **Nisha @ Varsha W/o Kamal R/o H.No. 1343/C, Top Floor, Gali No.9, Govind Puri, New Delhi** and **2nd Address Vill-Jatkhedhi PS:Pachor, Distt: Rajgarh, MP** have committed (or are suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No. 149/17u/s 380/34 IPC** registered at PS Tilak Nagar, Delhi and it have been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **(1) Rani @ Renu** (2) **Nisha @ Varsha** could not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **(1) Rani @ Renu** (2) **Nisha @ Varsha** have absconded (or are concealing themselves to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused persons **(1) Rani @ Renu** (2) **Nisha @ Varsha** of **FIR No. 149/17u/s 380/34 IPC PS Tilak Nagar, Delhi** are required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before **28.11.2019**.

**By order**  
**Sh. Atul Krishana Agarwal**  
**Metropolitan Magistrate,**  
**Room No. 25, Tis Hazari Court,**  
**New Delhi**

**DP/8466/WD/19**

**MINISTRY OF DEFENCE**  
**INDIAN AIR FORCE**  
**AIR HEADQUARTERS**

**E-TENDER NOTICE**

On behalf of the President of India, **ONLINE BIDS** on prescribed tender form **UNDER TWO BID SYSTEM** are invited from firms who are registered with **ANY CENTRAL GOVERNMENT ORGANISATION** on Defence procurement portal using their personal digital signature and developed sources for supply of the following item. Details are as under:-

Description and specification	PROCUREMENT OF IAF PUBLICITY ITEMS Specification as per RFP	PROCUREMENT OF IAF PUBLICITY ITEMS (SKAT) Specification as per RFP
Tender ID	2019_IAF_288778_3 dated 11 OCT 2019	2019_IAF_288892_1 dated 11 Oct 2019
Period and terms of delivery	As per RFP terms and conditions	As per RFP terms and conditions
Online Bid submission start date and time	24 Oct. 2019 at 1000 Hrs.	24 Oct. 2019 at 1000 Hrs.
Online Bid submission end date and time	02 Nov. 2019 at 1730 Hrs.	04 Nov. 2019 at 1030 Hrs.
Address of the website for bidding	<a href="http://www.defeproc.gov.in">www.defeproc.gov.in</a> *	<a href="http://www.defeproc.gov.in">www.defeproc.gov.in</a> *
Time and date for opening of Online bids	04 Nov. 2019 at 1100 Hrs.	05 Nov 2019 at 1130 Hrs.

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**No.-WF/4711/3(1)/EE-C-2/DUSIB/2019-20/D-517** Dt. 11.10.2019

**Press Notice for inviting E-Tendering**

The Executive Engineer—C-2 (DUSIB) Govt. of N.C.T. Delhi invites on behalf of DUSIB online Percentage rate bid on two bid system for the under mentioned work.

**NIT NO:- 25/C-2/DUSIB/2019-20 Tender ID No. 2019\_DUSIB\_182088\_1**  
**Dated 11.10.2019**

**Name of work:- Improvement of SC/ST/OBC Minorities Basties**  
**Sub-Head:- Reconstruction of Balmiki Chaupal at Village Kamrudin Nagar (AC-08) PID-12403**

**Estimated Cost:- Rs. 1,28,71,861.00, Earnest Money:- Rs. 2,57,500.00**  
**Tender Cost:- Rs.1000.00, Time allowed:- 240 days**

**NIT NO:- 26/C-2/DUSIB/2019-20 Tender ID No. 2019\_DUSIB\_182089\_1**  
**Dated 11.10.2019 Name of work Improvement of SC/ST Basties**  
**Sub-Head:- Proposed balance work in Community Hall four storeyed at J Block (Site No.II) JJ Colony Shakurpur (Anand Vihar). (PID-000012441)**

**Estimated Cost:- Rs. 30,39,961.00, Earnest Money:- Rs.60,800.00**  
**Tender Cost:- Rs. 500.00, Time allowed:- 90 days**

The tender forms & other details can be obtained from (<https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>) 18.10.2019 15.00Hrs. to 28.10.2019 15.00Hrs

**Note :-** Any amendment/change/clarification (if any) will be uploaded only on <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>, therefore, intending tenderers may inspect the website regularly.

**Sd/-**  
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**Corrigendum**

The following changes in opening date modified against **Tender No. 02191390** due date : 14.10.2019, **E-Procurement Tender Notice No : 13/19-20 dt. 23.09.2019**. Instead of Old Tender closing date : 14.10.2019 at 14.00 hrs. modified Tender closing date should be read as **30.10.2019 at 14.00 hrs. PCMM/Metro Railway/Kolkata**

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**CORRIGENDUM TO E-TENDER NOTICE**

This office e-tender specification no. CCP-II/35/2018-2019 invited previously for Construction of 2x3 MVA, 33/11KV Indoor Type Substation at Sonprayag, Distt- Rudraprayag on Semi turnkey basis are hereby extended due to unavoidable reasons. The e-tender can be purchased and submitted upto 17:00 hrs of 24.10.2019 Part-I of the e-tender shall be opened on 25.10.2019 at 12:00 hrs.

Other terms & conditions will remain same as per original tender notice. For further details, please visit our website [www.uktdenders.gov.in](http://www.uktdenders.gov.in).

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**Dt. 15.10.2019**

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# Turkey defiant on Syria operation

Trump demands ceasefire

**Ceylanpinar (Turkey):** Turkey rebuffed international pressure to curb its military offensive against Kurdish militants in Syria on Wednesday as US President Donald Trump dispatched his deputy Mike Pence to Ankara to demand a ceasefire.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan rejected any negotiations, telling parliament the only way to solve Syria's problems was for the Kurdish forces to "lay down their arms... Destroy all their traps and get out of the safe zone that we have designated."

Battles raged in the key Syrian border town of Ras al-Ain on Wednesday, with Kurdish fighters burning tyres in a bid to blind Ankara's warplanes and digging in against a ground offensive by Turkish-backed Syrian rebels.

The operation, now in its second week, has triggered a flurry of diplomacy among major powers.

Trump sent Pence along

with his top diplomat Mike Pompeo to Turkey amid the greatest crisis in relations for decades between the NATO allies.

Moscow has stepped into the void left by Trump's withdrawal of US troops from northern Syria, deploying patrols to prevent clashes between Syrian and Turkish forces.

The Kremlin said it would host Erdogan for a meeting with his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin in the coming days, to ensure the operation does not turn into all-out war between Turkey and Syria.

Trump has hit back at Erdogan, slapping sanctions on three cabinet officials and raising tariffs on Turkish steel.

Pence's office released a statement that he would meet Erdogan on Thursday and "voice the United States' commitment to reach an immediate ceasefire and the conditions for a negotiated settlement".

He reiterated that Trump will pursue "punishing economic sanctions" until a resolution is reached.

There was confusion after

Erdogan told reporters he would not meet with Pence — a position that was later reversed by his office.

## INVASION SPARKS NATO CRISIS BUT EVICTION UNLIKELY

**Brussels:** Turkey's invasion of northern Syria — along with the criticism and threats of sanctions brandished by fellow NATO members at Ankara over the offensive — is close to sparking a crisis at the world's biggest military alliance. But despite the high political-military tensions, Turkey is very unlikely to be ejected from the 29-member alliance, for NATO has seen tense times and survived them before.

From the Suez Canal crisis in 1956 to France leaving its military command structure in 1967 — which forced the alliance to move its headquarters to Brussels in Belgium — to the deep split among allies over the Iraq war in 2003, NATO bonds have been tested. But no country has left the alliance or been forced out.

# ISIS prisoners: What we know

**Beirut:** The prospect that thousands of the world's most fanatic jihadists could break out in the chaos caused by Turkey's invasion of northeastern Syria is causing widespread alarm.

The Kurdish administration guarding those suspected members of the Islamic State group is crumbling and their fate has never seemed more uncertain.

This is what we know about the detainees, whose fate has been a security and diplomatic hot potato for months:

**How many?** According to the Kurdish administration, there are around 12,000 suspected ISIS fighters in the custody of Kurdish security forces across northeastern Syria.

At least 2,500 of them are non-Iraqi foreigners of more than 50 different nationalities. Tunisia is thought to have the

biggest contingent. Officials in Paris say 60 to 70 French nationals are among those held. The rest are around 4,000 Syrians and roughly the same number of Iraqis.

**Where?** The fighters, who were detained mostly in the course of operations led by Kurdish forces and backed by the US-led coalition against ISIS, are detained in at least seven facilities.

The Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces do not reveal the exact locations but some of them are known, including in Roj, in Dashiha, Jerkin, Navkur and Derik.

Given the high value of some of the detainees, the security levels at these facilities are poor. "They are only buildings" and not heavily fortified, said one top official.

## GLOBE TROTTER

### MANY ISSUES UNRESOLVED IN BREXIT TALKS: IRISH PM

**Dublin:** Irish Prime Minister Leo Varadkar on Wednesday said he remained hopeful that Britain would secure a deal to leave the EU but sticking points remained as a deadline for talks loomed. "I am convinced that all parties are serious about getting an agreement by the end of this month," he said in Dublin. "There is a pathway to a possible deal but there are many issues that still need to be resolved."

### LANKA POLLS: ARMY CHIEF CREATES CONTROVERSY

**Colombo:** Sri Lanka's election chief said on Wednesday that he has asked for an explanation from the defense ministry on why the Army commander features in an advertisement promoting a candidate for next month's presidential election.

### 51 ARRESTED DURING CATALAN PROTESTS


**Madrid:** Police in Spain said on Wednesday they arrested 51 people across Catalonia overnight after violent protests over the jailing of nine separatist leaders for their role in a failed 2017 independence bid. The protests descended into clashes with police in many cities.

## PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED (See Section 82 Cr.PC.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person Akram, S/o Siraj Ahmad, R/o Jhuggi No. 401, LNJUP Colony, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 178/14 U/S 379/411 IPC PS Kamla Market, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused Akram can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Akram has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Akram of case FIR No. 178/14 U/S 379/411 IPC PS Kamla Market, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 23.12.19.

By Order  
Ms. Prigya Gupta  
Metropolitan Magistrate-12  
Room No. 21, Tis Hazari Court, Delhi

DP/6646/CD/18



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**PUBLIC NOTICE - TENDER CUM AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET**  
(See proviso to rule 8(6))  
**Notice for sale of movable assets**

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of movable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described movable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the **physical** possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Ltd. will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" as per the brief particulars given hereunder;

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s) /Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(G)	(H)
1.	Mr. Jitender Ahlawat (Borrower) LAROH00031282177	Make- MARUTI UDYOG LTD. Model- CIAZ ZDI, Registration No. HR12Y5821,	Rs. 5,18,103/- (As on 09-Oct-2019)	Rs. 3,58,000/- Rs. 35,800/-	All working days from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM	21-Nov-2019 from 11:00AM to 01:00PM

The online auction will be conducted on website ([URL Link- www.cartradexchange.com](http://www.cartradexchange.com)) of our auction agency Car Trade Exchange. The Mortgagees/noticee are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till **Nov 20, 2019**. Before **05:00 PM**, else these secured assets will be sold as per schedule.

The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit their offer along with the earnest money deposit (refer column E) in a sealed envelope that mentions "Offer for purchase of property" to **ICICI BANK LTD 2ND VIDEOCON TOWER BLOCK E 1 JHANEWALAN EXTENSION RANI JHANSI ROAD NEW DELHI 110055** or to our marketing agent **Car Trade Exchange at 2nd Floor, Best Sky Tower, Netaji Subhash Place, Pitampura, New Delhi - 110034** on or before **Nov 20, 2019** before **05:00 PM**. The marketing agency has also been engaged as auctioneer for proper conduct of auction. Earnest Money Deposit **DD/PO** should be from a Nationalised/Scheduled Bank in favour of **"ICICI Bank Limited"** payable at **Delhi**.

For any further clarifications with regards to inspection, terms and conditions of the auction or submission of tenders, kindly contact **ICICI Bank Limited** on **865749734** or Car Trade Exchange on **9958769761**. Tenders which are acknowledged by the Bank/e-auction vendor official and registered before the cut-off time with complete details shall only be considered for auction.

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**Date: October 17, 2019**  
**Place: Delhi/ NCR**

**Sd/-**  
**Authorized Officer**  
**ICICI Bank Limited**

## Public Notice

It is for general information that I ASHOK KUMAR S/o RAM NIWAS residing at H.No.-68, Pocket-12, Sector-20, Rohini, Delhi-110086 declare that name of mine and my wife has been wrongly written as ASHOK SHARMA and RENU SHARMA in my minor son ARYAN SHARMA aged 14 years in his School Records. The actual name of mine and my wife are ASHOK KUMAR and RENU respectively, which may be amended accordingly,

### S. E. RAILWAY TENDER

Open Tender Notice (**Tender Notice No. ST-PROJ-ADA-29DT-11-10-19**) is invited by the Dy. Chief Signal & Telecom Engineer (Project), South Eastern Railway, Adra for and on behalf of the President of India for the following works. **Name of the work:** "Provision of Design, manufacture, Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Electronic Interlocking system including installation, testing and commissioning of related indoor and outdoor equipments, laying of various cables, various track circuiting, construction of service buildings and electrification of service buildings including power connections for Electronic Interlocking system at ILO, TRAN, SSIA, LTMD & JHMR Station in RNC Division and SANKA Station in Adra Division of South Eastern Railway. **Advised Value of Tender:** Rs. 33.00.19.816/- **Earnest Money:** Rs. 18,00.100/- **Tender Document Cost:** Rs. 10,000/- **Tender closing Date & Time:** 19.11.2019 at 15.00 hrs. The tender can be viewed at website: [www.iimps.gov.in](http://www.iimps.gov.in). (PR-856)

### M/s Z Landholding LLP

LLPIN: AAB-4222  
**Registered Office:** 60B, Sainik Farms New Delhi, New Delhi-110062, NCR.

**Before the Central Government, Registrar of Companies, Ministry of Corporate Affairs,**  
4th Floor, IFCI Tower, 61, Nehru Place, New Delhi-110019, NCR.

In the matter of Section 13(3) of the Limited Liability Partnership Act, 2008

And  
In the matter of M/s Z Landholding LLP, a Limited Liability Partnership having its registered office situated at 60B, Sainik Farms, New Delhi, New Delhi-110062, NCR.

**Applicant.**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Notice is hereby given to the General Public that M/s Z Landholding LLP proposes to make application to the Central Government under Section 13(3) of the Limited Liability Partnership Act, 2008 seeking confirmation of alteration of the Agreement of the LLP in terms of the special resolution passed at the Meeting of all Partners held on 03.10.2019 to enable the LLP to change its Registered Office from **New Delhi** in the "State of NCR" to **Bhubaneswar** in the "State of Odisha". Any person whose interest is likely to be affected by the proposed change of the registered office of the LLP may deliver either on the MCA-21 portal ([www.mca.gov.in](http://www.mca.gov.in)) by filing investor complaint form or cause to be delivered or send by registered post of his/her objection supported by an affidavit stating the nature of his/her interest and grounds of opposition to the **Registrar of Companies, Ministry of Corporate Affairs, 4th Floor, IFCI Tower, 61, Nehru Place, New Delhi-110019**, NCR within **Fourteen** days from the date of publication of this notice with a copy to the applicant LLP at its registered office at the address mentioned above.

**For and on behalf of the Applicant**  
**M/s Z Landholding LLP**  
**Sd/- Jagdeep Singh Pathwa**  
**Designated Partner**  
**Date: 15.10.2019, Place: New Delhi**

## CORRIGENDUM

### ICICI Bank


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The symbolic possession notice under section 13(4) of the SARFAESI ACT was published in The Pioneer (English & Hindi) dated 27th- Sep- 2019, for Loan AccountNo. LBDEL00003788759, with applicant as Subal Jalan, and other co-applicants as per loan documents, the address should be read as **Marvella Flat No- 1202, 12th Floor, Mahagun Moderne, Plot No- GH- 02, Sector - 78, Noida, Gautam Budh Nagar- 201305**

**Dated: 17-10-2019**  
**Place : Delhi/NCR**

**Sd/-**  
**Authorized Officer**  
**ICICI Bank Limited**

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A notice is hereby given that the following borrower/s have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the loans facility obtained by them from the Bank and the loans have been classified as Non Performing Assets (NPA). The notice dated were issued to them under Section 13 (2) of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act-2002 on their last known addresses as provided to the bank by them, that in addition thereto for the purposes of information of the said borrowers enumerated below, the said borrowers are being informed by way of this public notice.				
Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor (Loan Account Number) & Address	Property Address of Secured Asset/ Asset to be Enforced	Date of Notice Sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
1.	Sri Prakash, Minakshi Ranjan, 31-A Srijan Appt, Pdzl Housing Society, Plot No.- B9/8, Sec- 62 Noida Uttar Pradesh, Noida, A/c No:-LBNOD00002019545	Flat No. 1B- 026, 2nd Floor Green View-ii Sahakari Awas Samiti Limited Plot No. 4, Chrosia Estate Sector-pi Gautam Budh Nagar Greater Noida Uttar Pradesh	09-Sep-2019, Rs. 20,16,095/-	31/10/ 2018
2.	Ankush Punder, Pappu Singh Pundir, Flat No. 2, Peerwali Gali Goel Nagar, Sec 107 Salar Pur Kheda G B Nagar, Noida, Noida Uttar Pradesh A/c No:-LBNOD00003397980	Flat No. Sun 2-2001, 20th Floor Migsun Wynn, Plot No. GH-1B(1) Sector- Eta- II, Greater Noida Uttar Pradesh	09-Sep-2019, Rs. 21,67,207/-	31/03/ 2019
3.	Bimal Prasad Achary, Soudamini Achary, 1104/A- 10, First Floor Street No-10, Delhi, Govindpuri Kalkajee A/c No:-LBDEL00001903518	Uni Homes, Ph-ii, Plot No.- GPH-0001, Sector-117, Noida- 201301 Uttar Pradesh	09-Sep-2019, Rs. 27,77,767/-	31/03/ 2019
4.	Dharmendra Nagar, Poonam Nagar, A-11/19, Delhi, Sec-132, Rohini A/c No:-LBDEL00001970438	House No-179, Block E, Sector Beta- 1 Gautam Budh Nagar Greater Noida Uttar Pradesh	09-Sep-2019, Rs. 34,95,341/-	31/12/ 2018
5.	Hemant Sharma, Parul Kumar, Fe-33 2nd Floor, Delhi, A/c No:-LBDEL00002044113	Gf 08, Tower B, Plot No.10, Sector-75, Noida Uttar Pradesh	09-Sep-2019, Rs. 48,16,789/-	31/03/ 2019
6.	Rajju Kumar Sharma, Rani Sharma, H No. 794, Gali No.- 1, Sai Nagar, Delhi, Molar Band Extn, Badarpur A/c No:-LBDEL00002099866	Unit No.-TA-12A05, 13 Floor, Block The Aranya Residency Towers Plot No. GH- 02, Sector-119, Noida-201301	09-Sep-2019, Rs. 41,97,862/-	31/01/ 2019
7.	Shikha Anand, Sudershan Kumar, J- 65 1st Floor, Gali No.- B-9, Pandav Nagar, Delhi, Near Akshardham Temple A/c No:-LBDEL00002130320	Flat No.- 803 8th Floor, Amritsar One, Shubham Enclave, Nh- 1 Tower- A, Amritsar- 143002 Punjab	09-Sep-2019, Rs. 20,17,406/-	28/02/ 2019
8.	Pradeep Kumar Gupta, Niliyag Gupta, N R Nhpl Chowk B- 4110, Gate No. 11, Faridabad, Green Feild Colony, A/c No:-LBDEL00002201151	1801, Unnati The Aranya Residency Tower B Plot No.- GH-02 Sector- 119 Noida Utta Pradesh	09-Sep-2019, Rs. 46,22,578/-	28/02/ 2019
9.	Anil Verma, Neetu Varma, Flat No. 304, Plot No. 298 A, Ghaziabad, Sector 4 A/c No:-LBDEL00002856901	Flat No. 28 B, 1st Floor Amritsar One Block Knh1 Amritsar- 143002 Punjab	09-Sep-2019, Rs. 32,87,642/-	30/06/ 2019
10.	Sanjeet Kumar, Harekrishna Prasad Gupta, C/132 Gali No.10, Delhi, Meer Viharmadan Pur, Dabas A/c No:-LBDEL00002868284	Podium Floors Unnati The Aranya Heights Tower T1, Ph- 02, Plot No. GH- 02 Sec-119 Noida Gautam Buddha Nagar- 201301 Uttar Pradesh	09-Sep-2019, Rs. 39,31,910/-	31/01/ 2019
11.	Jyoti Prakash Gupta, Madhulika Gupta, S M Industries 10 1st Floor, Noida, Sec 22 A/c No:- LBDEL00003109531	D- 337, 1st Floor Divine City Plotted Revenue Estate Of Garhi Kesri Sec 13 Vill Barhi Teh Ganaur Sonapat-131001 Haryana	09-Sep-2019, Rs. 37,40,517/-	28/02/ 2019
12.	Laxmi Kumari, Lal Prasad Sharma, 3-A Jia Sarai Village, Delhi, A/c No:-LBDEL00002951237	21st Floor Tower 12 And 13, Flat No.- 2101 Exotica Dreamville Plot No Gh 01asec 16c Greater Noida-201307 Uttar Pradesh	09-Sep-2019, Rs. 33,73,426/-	31/03/ 2019
13.	Naba Jyoti Bura, Jonali Naba Jyoti Bura, H No. 153, Saurav Nagar, Guwahati, Bela Tala A/c No:-LBDEL00003147242	1504, 15th Floor Tower D Meghdutam Encore, Tower C And D, Sc 1Gh 05 Sector, Adjoining, Techzone 4 Gautam Buddha Nagar- 201301 Uttar Pradesh	09-Sep-2019, Rs. 22,42,449/-	30/04/ 2018
14.	Dharmesh Narayan Tripathi, Kushum Tripathi, Pearl Global Ltd 751, Gurgaon, Pace City 2 Sec 37 A/c No:-LBGUR00001881235	Silver Tulip, B 12 A, Revenue Estate, Bhokaralan, Farukh Nagar Gurgaon- 122003 Haryana	09-Sep-2019, Rs. 47,33,927.46/-	31/08/ 2018
15.	Ajit Singh, Nihal Singh, House No 7, Cashia Marg, Gurgaon, Df Phase 2 A/c No:-LBGUR00002682549	Flat no - 702, tower- 7, 7th floor pyramid urdan homes sec- 70a, gurgaon- 122001 Haryana	09-Sep-2019, Rs. 20,01,739/-	28/02/ 2019
16.	Arunav Biswas, Manju Kumari, Flat No E 1706 Cloud 9, Ghaziabad, Ahinsa Khand 2 Indrapuram A/c No:-LBGUR00003262538	E-1603, Plot No. GH- 04B- 1, Sector-16, Greater Noida- 201330	09-Sep-2019, Rs. 46,07,424/-	31/10/ 2018
17.	Ravi Kant, Suneeta Singh,1362 L-Block, Delhi, Mangol Puri A/c No:-LBNOD00002430154	21th Floor Block-A1/ 2105 Eco Village- 3GH- 06 Sector- 16B Greater Noida- 201303 Uttar Pradesh	09-Sep-2019, Rs. 21,28,676/-	31/01/ 2019
18.	Ruhi Gulati, Namita Gulati, 536 - B, Sec- 23, Haryana, Gurgaon A/c No:-LBDEL00001990287	Flat No P- 061202, On The Floor Of The Building To Be Named As Crescent Part C Green Parc II, "The Petioles", Sec- 92, Gurgaon, Haryana-122001	09-Sep-2019, Rs. 36,27,450/-	30/04/ 2019
19.	Himanshu Aggarwal, Asha, A 1 /52 Sector 07 Rohini Near M2k Narela, North West Delhi, Delhi A/c No:-LBDEL00002855194	Flat No P- 040403, 4th Floor, P04 Tower Petioles P04, Green Parc II Township, Sec-92, Gurgaon, Haryana-122001	09-Sep-2019, Rs. 1,01,39,465/-	30/06/ 2019
20.	Karan Prabhakar, Sarthak Prabhakar, 140 Banu Enclave 2nd Floor, Pitampura, Delhi, A/c No:-LBDEL00003316119	Plot No. C-118, Entire 1st Floor, Ashoka Enclave Ext II, Faridabad Forming Part Of Rectangle No.6, Killa No.5 Min, Situated Within Revenue Estate Of Village Palla, Faridabad, Tehsil & District Faridabad, Haryana-121003	09-Sep-2019, Rs. 49,53,360/-	31/05/ 2019
21.	Prema Saxena, Trapti Kumar Shukla, C 804 Aditya Celebrity Homes Sector 76 Noida, Noida, A/c No:-LBNOD00003137030	Flat No.- 2403, 24th Floor, Tower-D, Misty Heights, Plot No. GH- 01, Adjoining Techzone- IV, Sports City, Greater Noida, Gautam Buddha Nagar- 201301	09-Sep-2019, Rs. 15,81,638/-	31/07/ 2018
22.	Sunita Agrawal, Shailendra Kumar Agarwal, D-1009 G/F LG/F New Friends Colony Delhi, Delhi, A/c No:-LBNOD00002082390	Ats Tourmaline, Village Babu Pursector 109 B Flat No. 4182, Floor 18, Tower 4, Gurgaon, Haryana-122001	09-Sep-2019, Rs. 1,48,58,413/-	30/6/ 2019
23.	Asim Alam Imam, Sana Saeed, Al-Madi Estate Musaad Ansari Street North- Aruba Road Olayya Rilyadh Mobile No.- 00966504192673, Riyadh, Riyadh A/c No:-LBDEL00001866155	Third Floor Tower- D5, Aloha Aez, Inspiration, Sector- 57, 301A 302A, Gurgaon, Haryana -122001	09-Sep-2019, Rs. 1,37,40,443.9/-	31/3/ 2019
24.	Pankaj Kumar Tiwary, Ritu Tiwari, Ebix Software India P Ltd, Plot No.- 122 123 Ebix Nse2, Phase II Noida Uttar Pradesh, Noida, A/c No:-LBNOD00003056265 & LBNOD00002997611	Flat No. T1- 303, 3rd Floor The Aranya Heights Tower- 01, Plot No. GH- 02 Sector-119 Noida Uttar Pradesh	09-Sep-2019, Rs. 2,40,677/- Rs. 53,78,561/-	30/06/ 2019
25.	Priti Bhasin, Vikas Bhasin, F- 86, Ground Floor Front Side, Lalpat Nagar-I, Delhi, A/c No:-LBDEL00001950434 & LBDEL00001943644	Apartment No. Amn0250105 Aman Jaypee Greens Sector- 151 Noida Uttar Pradesh	09-Sep-2019, Rs. 55,409/- Rs. 22,28,315/-	30/06/ 2019
26.	Kamal Bhatnagar, Neha Bhatnagar, T-502, Parsunath Residency, Sec- 51, Uttar Pradesh, Noida A/c No:-LBDEL00002065329	11th Floor Flat No.111 C, Golf View Apartment, Big Sky Tower Sector-I, Pocket D, Sushant Golf City, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, 200015	12-Sep-2019, Rs. 1,01,71,673/-	31/01/ 2019
27.	Vikas Bajaj, Poojabajaj, C- 52, Milan Apts, West Enclave, Delhi, Pitam Pura A/c No:-LBDEL00002371836	9th Floor Tower, 16 Lotus Boulevard, Gh 003, Sector 100, Flat No. 901, Noida, Uttar Pradesh, 201301	12-Sep-2019, Rs. 99,62,207/-	30/04/ 2019
28.	Shilpa Urhekar, Shajahanavadi, Welspun Energy Limited, C 11, Sector 65, Uttar Pradesh, Noida A/c No:-LBNOD00002098792	Tower A1, Gardenia Gateway, Plot No 10, Sector 75A, GF 01, Ground Floor, Noida, Uttar Pradesh, 201305	12-Sep-2019, Rs. 98,11,144/-	31/05/ 2019
29.	Raj Verma, Avinashverma, B - 89, III Rd Floor, Sec- 8, Delhi, Dwaraka A/c No:-LBGUR00004004187	18th Floor, Sun World Arista, Sector 168, Tower No 4, Flat No. T4/ 1806, Noida, Uttar Pradesh, 201301	12-Sep-2019, Rs. 97,66,038/-	30/04/ 2019
30.	Ajay Goel, Krishanagol, House No 10084, Sobha Aspire, Naga Sandra, Karnataka, Bangalore A/c No:-LBGHZ00002281296	17th Floor, Gardenia Glory , Sector- 46, Unit No C1- 1702, Block- C1, Noida, Uttar Pradesh, 201301	12-Sep-2019, Rs. 87,12,719/-	30/06/ 2019
31.	Ravinder Choudhary, Rituchoudhary, 1/ 3014, S/F Gali No.- 16, Ram Nagar Extn, Delhi, Shahdara A/c No:-LBDEL00003840633	Ground Floor, Tower 21, Plot No. GH- 005, Lotus Panache, Sector- 110, Apartment No. 03, Noida, Uttar Pradesh, 201301	12-Sep-2019, Rs. 88,68,242.68/-	28/02/ 2019
32.	Rajvinder Singh Bedi, Anusharma, Tower B Flat No. 7B Belgravia Central Park Resorts Sector 48, Near Subhash Chowk, Haryana, Gurgaon A/c No:-LBDEL00002422645	5th Floor Tower- D, Chintels Paradiiso, Sector- 109, Flat No.- D-504, Gurgoan, Haryana, 122005	12-Sep-2019, Rs. 75,81,377/-	30-04- 2019
33.	Naymer Rana, Parulrana, House No.- 9, Yamtha Vihar, Sec-49, Uttar Pradesh, Noida A/c No:-LBGUR00003018710			31-05- 2019
34.	Geeta Yadav, Satish Kapoor, Flat No. 178, 2nd Floor, Delhi, Noida A/c No:-LBDEL00002877986	5th Floor, Tower T15, Village Wazipur Mewka, Sector- 92, Flat No. T15 0505, Haryana, 122003	12-Sep-2019, Rs. 67,15,988/-	31-05- 2019
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# Dada wants to know what selectors think about MS' future

PTI ■ KOLKATA

The BCCI president-elect Sourav Ganguly has made it clear that he would like to know the selection committee's plans with regards to Mahendra Singh Dhoni's future and then give his opinion on the matter.

The 39-year-old Dhoni has been on a sabbatical post India's World Cup exit and is unlikely to feature in three-match T20 series against Bangladesh, set to be picked on October 24.

While Dhoni has not announced his international retirement, the selectors have time and again made clear that they intend to move forward keeping next year's World T20 in mind.

"I will find out from the selectors when I meet them on October 24. We will find out what the selectors are thinking and then I will put forth my opinion," the soon-to-be board supremo Ganguly told reporters at Eden Gardens.

Ganguly also said that he would like to speak to Dhoni and know what he wants.

"We will have to see what Dhoni wants. I will also speak to him what he wants to do and what he does not want to do."



BCCI President-designate Sourav Ganguly receives a bouquet from Cricket Association of Bengal Joint Secretary Abhishek Dalmia, at CAB in Kolkata on Tuesday

He said that since he was not in the picture, he had no clarity on Dhoni's future.

"Since I was not in the picture, it maybe a case that it's not clear with me as of now. Now will be in

October 23.

Earlier the selection meeting was scheduled on October 21 but now it will be held on October 24 along with selection of India A, B and C teams for the Deodhar Trophy.

"During all this time, I was nowhere in picture. My first selection committee meeting will be on October 24. So I will ask the selectors and talk with the captain. Coach (Ravi Shastri) won't be there as per the new Constitution," Ganguly said.

Asked if Ravi Shastri's appointment will be subject to discussions since there were questions with regards to validity of the Kapil Dev-led panel, Ganguly replied in negative.

"I don't think so that it will jeopardise the selection of Ravi Shastri. I am not sure though. Even we had selected the coach when there was this conflict issue," said Ganguly.

For the record, the president will not be a part of the selection committee meeting as secretary Jay Shah is the designated convenor. Obviously once the team is selected, it can be made public after BCCI president's mandatory approval.

## Sometimes less is more in life: Ganguly on ICC's plans to host WC every 3 years

PTI ■ KOLKATA

Sourav Ganguly, who is going to be BCCI president, expressed his reservations over the ICC's attempt to stage the 50-over World Cup every three years.

The World Cup has traditionally been a quadrennial event since its first edition in 1975. However, the 1992 edition was held after a five-year gap and the 1999 edition after a three-year gap.

"Sometimes less is more in life. So we have got to be careful with that. And the football World Cup happens every four years and you see the madness," Ganguly told reporters at the Cricket Association of Bengal office.

The International Cricket Council (ICC) is planning to propose a Futures Tours Programme (FTP) in which T20 World Cup will be played every year and the 50-over World Cup

once every three years.

"That's a decision the ICC has to make I'm not in a position to talk or comment on it. As in when I get an opportunity to be a part of the discussion, I will speak," the former India captain said.

The 47-year-old however said back to back T20 World Cup is the way forward with the rising popularity of the shortest format.

"When Champions Trophy first came in, I played the tournament in 1998. I've captained two Champions Trophies getting to finals in both and being the joint winners in one so at that time it was a huge tournament.

"But with the advent of T20, people come to the ground more than any other tournament. So I think that's the reason ICC has changed it.

The demands will change according to the situation and ICC will have to deal with it."



Shreyas Iyer posts picture with Yashasvi Jaiswal on his Twitter account after the 17-year old scores double century

## Yashasvi youngest to score double century

PTI ■ BENGALURU

Seventeen-year-old Yashasvi Jaiswal struck a blazing 203 as Mumbai beat Jharkhand by 39 runs in their final Elite Group A match of the Vijay Hazare Trophy here on Wednesday.

The left-handed Jaiswal, at 17 years and 192 days, became the first male teenager in the world to score a double-century in List-A cricket. Before him, the youngest was Alan Barrow who scored a double ton at the age of 20 years, 273 days in South Africa in 1975.

Jaiswal's knock comes just days after Kerala wicket-keeper batsman Sanju Samson hit an unbeaten 212 in the Hazare Trophy.

Jaiswal's knock was ninth instance of an Indian scoring a List A double-ton, and he joined the elite list of Sachin Tendulkar, Rohit Sharma and Virender Sehwag.

Riding on Jaiswal's double hundred, Mumbai posted 358 for 3 in 50 overs and bowled out the opposition for 319.

He struck 17 fours and 12 sixes and also built a mammoth 200-run stand with experienced wicket-keeper batsman Aditya Tare, who played the perfect second fiddle with a knock of 78 off 102 balls.

After the game, Jaiswal said that he would enjoy the moment, but work even harder in future.

"It is a good feeling but I need to work more and this is just the beginning and I need to focus on my next tournament. I am happy for today and will try to ensure I continue to play these kinds of knocks," he said.

Jaiswal had stayed in the tent of his club in south Mumbai during his early days as he could not afford to rent a house, and sold *paani puri* in the streets before he was spotted by coach Jwala Singh.

## Saina out of Denmark Open

PTI ■ ODENSE

Ace Indian shuttler Saina Nehwal's struggles continued with a first round loss against Japan's Sayaka Takahashi in the Denmark Open here on Wednesday.

The world number 8 Saina lost 15-21, 21-23 in the women's singles match that lasted 37 minutes to crash out of the \$775,000 tournament. The 29-year-old was the runner-up last year.

Saina has been going through a tough phase with fitness issues since claiming the Indonesia Masters in January. She had also made first-round exits at the China Open and Korea Open.

Sameer Verma, however, crossed the first hurdle in the men's singles when he beat Kanta Tsuneyama of Japan 21-11, 21-11 in 29 minutes to advance to the second round. The Indian mixed doubles pair of Pranaav Jerry Chopra and N Sikki Reddy



also made it to the second round with a 21-16, 21-11 win over the German duo of Marvin Seidel and Linda Efler.

In another mixed doubles first round match, Satwiksairaj Ranki and Ashwini Ponnappa did not take the court and conceded a walk over to the second seeded Chinese pair of Wang Yi Lyu and Huang Dong Ping.

PTI ■ JAIPUR

Tamil Nadu thrashed Gujarat by 78 runs in its final Group C match of the Vijay Hazare here on Wednesday to finish with an all-win record in the 10-team group.

Tamil Nadu, who topped the group with 36 points from nine games and second-placed Gujarat (32 points) qualified for the knockout phase to be held in Bengaluru from October 20.

Gujarat captain Parthiv Patel won the toss and put Tamil Nadu in to bat and saw the experienced Abhinav Mukund (79, 68 balls, 13 fours) and Murali Vijay (94, 106 balls, 8 fours, 2 sixes) rattle up 130 for the first wicket.

All-rounder Washington Sundar, pushed up the order, made 42 (65 balls, 2 fours) and added 82 runs for the second wicket with Vijay.

However, Tamil Nadu suffered a jolt, losing Vijay and the prolific skipper Dinesh Karthik (0) in quick succession. Barring a partnership of 43 runs

## All-win

Tamil Nadu beat Gujarat by 78 runs to make it 9 win in a row



between all-rounder Vijay Shankar (23, 28 balls, 1 six) and the in-form Baba Aparajith (25, 22 balls, 1 four, 2 sixes), the Tamil Nadu lower order fell apart.

From 268 for 4, Gujarat bowlers did well to restrict Tamil Nadu to 274 for 9 in 50 overs.

Faced with the task of making 280 to finish with nine wins from nine games, Gujarat saw two of its best batsmen — Parthiv Patel (6) and Priyank Panchal 12 (11 balls, 1 four) fall early.

Bhargav Merai (44) played aggressively and hit a few superb shots and his 50-run third wicket partnership with Manprit Juneja (24) appeared to revive Gujarat's hopes.

Juneja became the first of M Mohammad's three victims before Merai was run out by Mukund.

Left-hander Axar Patel (55, 55 balls, 3 fours, 2 sixes) resisted Tamil Nadu's surge.

Leg-spinner Murugan Ashwin (2/35) castled Nagwaswalla (4) to end Gujarat's innings at 196.

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# HOOKAH AS TOXIC AS CIGARETTES



Young college students preferring hookah, finds Team Viva

Similar to cigarettes, hookah smoking delivers the addictive drug nicotine and it is at least as toxic as cigarette smoking. While many hookah smokers may consider this practice less harmful than smoking cigarettes, hookah smoking carries many of the same health risks as cigarettes.

Hookahs are water pipes that are used to smoke specially made tobacco that is usually flavored. They are also called a number of different names, including waterpipe, narghile, argileh, shisha, hubble-bubble, and goza. Hookah smoking is typically practiced in groups, with the same mouthpiece passed from person to person. In recent years, there has been an increase in hookah use around the world, most notably among youth and college students.

Put down your pipes, flavored smoke lovers, that hookah is worse than a cigarette. Hookah, often considered a less dangerous, more socially acceptable alternative to smoking, has grown in popularity both nationally and around the world. But while many users, particularly teens, seem to believe that smoking hookah eliminates the risks associated with traditional cigarettes, recent studies have proven quite the opposite to be true.

Given hookah's particular popularity among high school and college students, the misconceptions about its health consequences are especially dangerous. In the past few years, the appeal of hookah has boomed, and its use has increased dramatically. This rise popularity coincides with a decrease in cigarette use according to survey reports is at its lowest rate in the history of the study.

Much of this shift may be attributed to misunderstandings about the dangers associated with hookah. While anti-cigarette campaigns have been in play for



decades, the same health warnings have not been as widely applied (or as widely regarded) to other forms of smoking. The charcoal used to heat tobacco in the hookah increases the health risks by producing smoke that contains high levels of carbon monoxide, metals, and cancer-causing chemicals.

A typical 1-hour-long hookah smoking session involves 200 puffs, while an average cigarette is 20 puffs. The volume of smoke inhaled during a typical hookah session is about 90,000 milliliters, compared with 500 to 600 milliliters inhaled when smoking a cigarette. Using a hookah to smoke tobacco poses a serious potential health hazard to smokers and others exposed to the emitted smoke.

Hookah is also known as shisha, narghile, hubble-bubble, argileh, goza, and water pipe. It involves the smoking of

substances through a water pipe so that the smoke passes through water and is cooled before being inhaled. New forms of electronic hookah smoking are also available. It is now growing in popularity worldwide and is also becoming popular among youth. An estimated 15% to 41% of college students smoke hookah, 18% of high school seniors have used it in the past year, and nearly half of middle and high school students report being aware of hookah.

Education of health professionals, regulators, and the public at large is urgently needed about the risks of hookah smoking, including high potential levels of second-hand exposure among children, pregnant women, and others. Hookahs and hookah tobacco should be subjected to the same regulations as cigarettes and other tobacco products. Hookahs and hookah tobacco should include strong

health warnings. Claims of harm reduction and safety should be prohibited. Misleading labeling, such as "contains 0 MG tar," which may imply safety, should be prohibited. Waterpipes should be included in comprehensive tobacco control efforts, including prevention strategies and cessation interventions. Hookahs should be prohibited in places consistent with bans on cigarette and other forms of tobacco smoking.

**Hookah, often considered a less dangerous, more socially acceptable alternative to smoking, has grown in popularity both nationally and around the world**

Hookah is a flavored tobacco that is smoked through a water pipe. It has become increasingly popular, especially among young people -- at home or at hookah bars and cafes. Potential long-term health problems from smoking hookah are more harmful than immediate reactions, but some effects can occur immediately.

Hookah is smoked through an oversized pipe. The water in the pipe helps to cool the smoke, though it does not elim-

inate all of the tobacco in the bowl. When the smoker inhales, though, the smoke passes through water before inhalation and can subsequently be held in the lungs longer. The tobacco is usually flavored, and the flavorings can make the activity seem more appealing. Smoking hookah is possibly more dangerous than smoking cigarettes, and the World Health Organization says that in one smoking session, the average hookah smoker can inhale the equivalent of roughly 100 cigarettes.

According to study by American Lung Association potential lightheadedness can take place during an experience smoking hookah, or shortly after because smoking hookah can be a pleasant experience, and individuals who are trying hookah for the first time may end up inhaling too much. Another factor is dehydration, which can occur if the individual hasn't been drinking enough water prior to smoking hookah.

More than 20 possible flavors of hookah, which makes it possible that individuals will have different reactions to flavors -- and some flavors may not sit well with the hookah smoker. Inhaling too sharply can lead to coughing or spitting up tobacco, and coughing can also occur if someone else blows smoke in your face. The World Health Organization explains that cigarette smokers tend to smoke until they satisfy their need and know when to stop to avoid nausea. Water pipes for hookah use contain less nicotine, though, which may cause an individual to smoke more and not know when to stop. This may lead to a stomachache or nausea.

Sharing the same pipe as someone else can spread sickness and disease like lung cancer, heart disease and reduced fertility as just a few of the long-term harmful effects of hookah smoking. Hookah smoke also carries the danger of secondhand smoke, which can affect an individual immediately. Addiction is a long-term effect of smoking hookah. The World Health Organization explains that the water in the hookah pipe can absorb some of the nicotine from the tobacco, but not all of it, so the nicotine that smokers absorb can still lead to serious addiction and other long-term health problems.




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**Bhumi wants versatility**

Actor **BHUMI PEDNEKAR**, who has three films lined up for release, says that she craves for versatility as an actor. She will be seen in *Saand Ki Aankh*, *Bala* and *Pati Patni Aur Woh* in the coming months.


“I crave for versatility as an actor and my next three films will showcase my diversity of choosing films. All three are incredible scripts and are close to my heart. They have an important message that will touch the hearts of the audience,” says she.

Ever since her debut in 2015 with *Dum Laga Ke Haisha*, Bhumi has been seen in films as different as chalk and cheese.



**‘This is the first time I am doing an intense love story in my film Shiddat. I have earlier done rom-coms and drama, but have never done such a film. It’s going to be interesting because it has a different story. There is a story within the love story, which is why I decided to do the film. We will start shooting in three weeks. I am really looking forward to work in it because it’s great to go back to the place where my career started.’**

**—Diana Penty**



Actor **AKSHAY KUMAR** along with his *Housefull 4* co-stars Riteish Deshmukh, Bobby Deol, Kriti Sanon, Pooja Hegde, Kriti Kharbanda and Chunky Panday commenced a special promotional rail journey from Mumbai to Delhi.

This activity was a part of Indian Railways *Promotion on Wheels*, which is a new concept that was kicked off with the film’s cast for its promotions.

Produced by Nadiadwala Grandson and co-produced by Fox Star Studios, the film is slated to release on October 25.


**A sequel to The Addams Family**

Actor **CHARLIZE THERON**’s *The Addams Family* will get a sequel, which will release on October 22, 2021.

The animated family comedy opened to \$30 million, well above forecasts in the \$21 million to \$27 million range. The film follows Morticia, Gomez, Pugsley and Uncle Fester as they bring their love of the macabre to 21st century life to New Jersey.

The voice cast includes Oscar Isaac, Theron, Chloe Grace Moretz, Finn Wolfhard, Nick Kroll, Bette Midler, Allison Janney, Elsie Fisher and Snoop Dogg.

The film originated in 150 single panel cartoons by Charles Addams, about half of which were published in *The New Yorker* between 1938 and Addams’ death in 1988.



# Cowgirls don’t get the blues

Brands have grasped the significance of women’s empowerment and incorporate it as the central theme in their campaigns. By SAKSHI SHARMA

From advertisements showcasing adventurous girls climbing mountains (and in some cases, even moving them) to women leading corporate teams and facing every challenge that comes their way, brands have now turned their attention towards shattering the image of Indian women which operated within confines of honour and boundaries. They are motivating the better half of the human species to unleash their potential. The brands have identified the power that their platforms hold because of their extensive reach. So, they couple fashion with acts that empower women instead of adhering to the standard focus on consumerism.

In turn, they not only grab eyeballs and are applauded for their work, but also initiate a discussion around these points and reflect on the world we ought to live in. Recently, brands such as Levis, AND, H&M, Puma and others have come out with advertisements and campaigns enunciating the idea in myriad ways. On International Women’s Day and Women’s History Month, Levis launched its *I Shape My World*, a global initiative dedicated to celebrate and elevate the extraordinary women who move the world forward every day. The campaign celebrated the spirit of women empowerment and their determination to inspire change. Through this unified global campaign, they tried to create an inclusive world.

Another campaign, ANDIRISE of AND celebrated women who broke societal stereotypes. It introduced a world where women believe in themselves and propel themselves to the top. They believe that their dreams are bigger than the challenges they face. H&M created a splash on social media by smashing stereotypes with its campaign, *She’s A Lady*. The campaign was designed to break down gender norms and encourage self-expression by encouraging women to be fierce and fearless with their fashion choices rather than fitting into the restrictive definitions of a lady.

The most recent example

of such an initiative is Puma’s new campaign *Propah Lady* in collaboration with Digitas, which counters the conventional idea of what makes women proper and redefines it. It celebrates the shift from women being told what to do, to them writing their own rules. The campaign recognises how women are owning their space and living unapologetically. It encourages them to live life in keeping with their own mantra.

It brings together Indian Olympic boxer, Mary Kom, International athlete, Dutee Chand, Sara Ali Khan and transgender model, Anjali Lama.

Mary, who has rewritten the history of Indian sports says, “I’ve always been clear about my goals and what I wanted to achieve. Through this campaign, Puma celebrates the shift in our society where women fearlessly chase their goals.” She feels proud leading the movement and believes that this will set an example to encourage young girls to pursue their passion.

Another athlete, Dutee who credits all her success to hard work, says, “As long as you work hard to achieve your goals, you shouldn’t worry about what others think. I broke many shackles to get where I am and how I want to live.”

She is the first lesbian athlete to reveal her sexuality and relationship with a woman from her village. She found the courage to do so after article 377 was scrapped in September last year. Talking about the change it has brought, she says, “Many things have changed since the decriminalisation of 377, most importantly people’s mindset. They have become positive. The LGBTQ community now openly discusses their identities.” As a girl from a small village in Orissa, naturally, the challenges that she faced in coming out and discussing it openly were higher. But now with the decriminalisation, she says that, even her villagers’ mindset is changing. They have adapted to the changing ways of life. She is hopeful about the extension of this law to same sex marriages.

For the campaign, she says, “I am happy that Puma is changing the narrative for women in a progressive and positive way. They are promoting girls to go forward in life and make India proud.”

Anjali, who is the first transgender model to walk at the Lakme Fashion Week in 2017, says that it is good to see that the brands are stressing upon issues like women empowerment and gender equality. “In fact, all brands should do something in this direction because the youth looks upto such brands. They see, learn and follow what they promote, for example *Propah Lady* inspires a woman to be

herself. This will help many women watching the campaign.

As a transgender, Anjali’s journey was not easy. During her childhood, people taunted her for the way she dressed up, did make-up and carried herself. She says that when she disclosed her identity in 2005, she was abandoned by her family and friends. But slowly and gradually, when she started achieving her goals, they returned to her life.

“Today I feel proud impacting a lot of lives. People get inspired by my powerful stories. I always believe that one should never be afraid to tell the world who you are.

Girls worry a lot about ‘what will people say?’ when they want to do anything beyond the traditionally accepted notions. They often step back and, then, are left behind,” says she.

When asked about what drives her, she pauses for a while but couldn’t come up with an answer. She then says, “I don’t know. Very few people have this strength and courage to overcome their fears. I had it and maybe that is the reason I am here. I am glad that my story and experience match the concept of this campaign, so, believe in yourself.”

Photo: Pankaj Kumar

## ‘Incomplete without workout’

Actor Sara Ali Khan says she ensures that she takes out time for workout, no matter how caught up she is with work or family commitments. “Between shoots and workouts and now Diwali celebrations, it’s easy to forget about our skin. So I strongly advocate going back to the basics,” Sara said.

The *Simmba* actor, who is brand ambassador for Garnier Serum Sheet Masks, shared skincare and beauty tips for the festive season.

❖ Exercise, not just to drop a size: The healthiest way to detox your skin is to sweat it out. It helps clear your skin from all the pore clogging toxins. No matter how caught up I am with work or family commitments, I always include at least 30 minutes of workout in my routine, my day just feels incomplete without that.

❖ Eat well and eat right: The ‘besan ladoos’, ‘chole bhature’ and ‘kulfis’ feed the soul, I agree! But it is also important to check on portions and eat healthy to ensure acne and dullness don’t wear you down during these celebrations.

❖ Less is more: I strongly believe in this mantra, beauty lies in minimalism and being true to yourself. Keep it subtle, keep it original and wear your confidence.

❖ Hydration all the way: Always make sure to keep your body and skin hydrated. Drink enough water and moisturise your skin well. For me, putting on a sheet mask is the quickest way to hydrate my skin while I am shifting gears from hectic shoots and early morning rehearsals to late-night card parties with my friends.

❖ Get some me-time: The festive season can get chaotic. Grab some me-time not just for you, but also for your skin. Kick back, relax, put on a sheet mask and chill! Trust me, all it takes is 15 minutes and your skin will thank you for it.

❖ Get that beauty sleep: Don’t compromise on your sleep! Eight hours of sleep is ideal but try to get at least six hours of shuteye during the festive madness. But no matter how late it is, don’t forget to take off your make-up before going to bed. Residual make-up can cause your skin to break out.

—IANS

### ❑What is the collection about?

Based on theme ‘Love is Love’ and the Chinese character ‘Tuzki’ (an illustrated bunny character), the collection has some of our classic archival pieces which we are sharing with an online shopping site. We are also celebrating one year of decriminalising of Section 377 by making it a unisex collection. It is a huge step for an Indian e-tailer to come up with clothes which are meant for everybody. Tuzki is such a fascinating character. While its homeland is China, it’s immensely popular all across the world. I am a fan myself and knew about it even before the collaboration happened. What I loved about Tuzki is that it gives people, especially millennials, the opportunity to express themselves without any language barrier. As a part of my Fall-Winter collection at Paris Fashion Week 2018, Tuzki was the inspiration for a special line of accessories and apparel, *Orange is the new Zen*. Incorporating its ability to communicate a story universally blended well with my vision for the collection. In fact, I am ecstatic to see the response from the international market and cannot wait for Indians to enjoy the accessories and apparel. Therefore, when the idea of collaboration came up, I was quite excited given my love for the character. The collection is a mix of eclectic pieces that consist of denims, t-shirts, dresses, jackets, active wear and accessories.

With this collaboration, we intend to target the young audience, who look for bold colours, quirky elements, fun and versatility. And the ones who aspire to have a Manish Arora outfit but are not able to. Although my brand has its reach among the younger generation, the category is niche and we do not manage to reach everybody. Online shopping websites have a much wider reach. Therefore, the goal is to achieve as many followers as possible.

## Inclusive clothing for a divided world

Fashion designer MANISH ARORA aims to spread the message of love, happiness and hope for a brighter future by subtly embedding his collections with elements of the rainbow signifying a celebration of the idea of ‘Life is Beautiful’ and ‘Love is Love.’ By AYUSHI SHARMA

### ❑How would you define the idea of unisex wear?

Gender fluid clothes are the biggest trend this year and I think, the trend will remain popular for the longest time. Standing out from the crowd and not being shy of what and how you want to represent yourself is the new trend for both men as well as women. With changing times, fashion is becoming unisex. Women are more confident to wear their partner’s clothes even while heading out. In fact, they feel bold and fearless as these look sporty. I feel clothes aren’t defined by gender, rather they are to be worn by people. Today, even men don’t shy away from wearing colorful, bold prints, which was not the case in the past. We are trying to explore the same.

### ❑What is that inclination that you have towards the psychedel-

### ic colour palette?

The Manish Arora aesthetic revolves around colour and nothing else, which is one of the main reasons we have come together — to have my style adapted to their collaboration. The psychedelic colour palette defines me. The collection have a potpourri of bright, shiny-pop colours such as neons, pink, gold, blue, orange, yellow, black, white, red any many more.

### ❑Fashion consciousness is increasingly acknowledged by the Indian population, how do you think this change has come about?

Today’s Indian consumer is fashion conscious owing to globalisation and the awareness that comes with it. The strength and reach of digital media has now empowered a world that is truly connected — through and through, which offers an influen-

tial platform to the happenings around the world. It has now become easier to connect to a wider range of audience where they can see — launches, fashion shows and trend reports and make their choices for themselves — in real time. The presence of celebrities and fashion influencers is another aspect that adds to an increased sense of awareness, as they have the ability to impact various minds collectively.

### ❑Indians are increasingly becoming comfortable of global trends, styling and silhouettes. The definition of informal wear has undergone a change. How have you hacked this change in your works?

I always think of comfort when designing ready-to-wear silhouettes and thus have always expressed that one should feel

comfortable and not restricted in the garments one is wearing. Ease of wear fused with functionality is what ensures that your designs are well-received. India, as a market, is no different from any international one. Indians are equally aware, tasteful and are well-travelled with an eye for fashion. In fact, a part of my Fall-Winter 19 collection features athleisure — sweatshirts, bombers and track pants with intricate embroideries and hand applique that can be worn all day from morning to evening. And what could be more relaxing yet fashionable?

### ❑Fashion designers have to keep abreast of changes with every season. How do you keep yourself updated and handle the pressure? What keeps you going?

All designers have their own unique aesthetic that they com-

municate through their designs and these eventually become trends. Seeking inspiration from my travels across the globe, I am a keen observer of everything around me — nature, landscapes and people. Whatever I do, I design with an objective to make people happy and give them a chance to see that life is truly beautiful and that it should be embraced every day.

### ❑What is the biggest thing that you stand for and support as designers?

For those who know me, spreading love, happiness and joy with my designs is my translation of art and supporting individualistic fashion has been my motto. Love is the most beautiful emotion for me and I believe that everyone is unique and should be confident in what they wear, irrespective of what the world around you is doing.





# LEAVE ONLY FOOTPRINTS

Khanabadosh in Mashobra will awaken your senses and make you experience nature in all its glory

Have you ever visited a place which made you feel that you belong there? Where you breathed easily, your mind quietened and you encountered beauty all around. Long back, a little girl listened to stories — of valour and friendship, love and spiritualism, wealth and magic, struggles and religions — and her young mind wandered across the battlegrounds of Ancient India.

Through these stories, she experienced sitting by the mighty rivers of the East, shivering in the cold snow bound mountains of the North, dancing in the magnificent temples of the South. She travelled through those stories, like a gypsy, awestruck and in love with something new every evening. Years later, she craved to bring out that gypsy again, to travel to new lands, live in different homes, wake up to sunrises in different places and tell those stories. As a first step towards realising her dream, she moved out of the city and chose Mashobra, in Himachal Pradesh as her initial home. The endeavour was to absorb the local colours, aromas, tastes, stories and culture of Himachal and then move on in a few years, to a new environment and a different place. And this is how Khanabadosh, the travelling bed and breakfast came to be.

Khanabadosh in Mashobra is a beautiful, luxurious, modern B&B in soulful

touch and local earthiness. The magical quality of mountain air coaxes you to slow down the pace of your feet, heart and soul. It will make you stop and gaze at the view, hear the musical cooing of birds or smell the flowers. Everyone — children, women, men of all ages, colour, religion and sexual orientation — is welcome here. Artists, writers, poets and people with the ability to appreciate the finer things will especially rejoice in the place.

If you are an early riser, you will see the sun come up in front, winning battles with fluffs of white and grey. Step out and you'll also find tiny wild flowers wake up and smile at the effulgence. When you look hard enough, and you'll see gossamer cobwebs in the grass, tiny spiders glistening like moon dust, butterflies dutifully saying hello to suede soft pansies that hold clear drops of water, like proud trophies. There are vagabond poppies lining the fringe of the garden and dew drops glistening on leaves like mini moons. There is a magical scent in the air and you will instantly recognise it as that of the earth. When you close your eyes and inhale in deep, the mélange registers as a sweet mix of apples, roses, love and grass vapour. It is a clean, heavenly, intoxicating smell. This is the little village of Purani Koti in Mashobra where Khanabadosh is located, 18 kilometres from

the madding crowds that throng Shimla. It is a perfect refuge for those seeking peace and tranquility.

With four beautifully appointed rooms, it is truly a private escape. The decor is quirky yet elegant with plush beds piled high with pillows and cloud soft eiderdowns, and antique wood furniture. The Kings Room, the only one on the second floor was originally an attic and now boasts of a 200-year-old four poster bed, exquisite jamawar throws and antique brass statues.

Framed handwritten notes from the owner's mother adorn the walls of the property and tell stories of shared laughter and conversations. Antiques collected from around the world are placed throughout which reflect the gypsy soul of the place.

Guests will delight in a fabulous assortment of luxurious amenities when they travel. At Khanabadosh, they truly push convention and try to give their patrons something unique. Guests get a choice of coloured and white towels and fluffy robes that one could get lost in. Every room has a tea and coffee caddy which offers unusual options like Green Pea Flower, Jasmine and Matcha.

Undoubtedly, the heart of Khanabadosh is its hearth. Heavenly aromas waft out of the kitchen. In fact, if there's something that

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you particularly like during a meal, you can try your hand at it and learn to cook it. Sumptuous food is available all day starting with an elaborate breakfast with freshly squeezed apple juice from fruit from their own garden. Afternoon tea, pre-dinner snacks and an elaborate dinner is served lovingly by the host in the gorgeous living room.

But that is not all. There is also "The Secret," a stash kept for those who wake up hungry in the middle of the night. Each day at Khanabadosh, they organise a snack or make some cookies and conceal them in accessible places. Its location and the fare changes with each sunset. Make sure, you find out what's on and where because in the mountains, nightly hunger pangs aren't uncommon.

You could just stay here, unwind, sleep, meditate, eat, read, paint, write, sketch, dream, laugh, fall in love or simply find yourself. The possibilities are endless and the choice is yours. Discover a beautiful trail, go out bird watching or hunting for mushrooms and baby fiddlehead ferns. They also have mountain bikes if that is your preferred mode of discovery. Yoga by the huge stone Buddha in the garden can help you heal your body and soul. Then there is the crackling fire late in the evening to warm your soul. You can get cosy

on the couch in the library or just soak in the warm mountain sun sitting under the parasol, the choice is yours.

There is an extensive library in the house, books bought and collected from all over. Bookworms would be spoilt for choice. Fiction or history? Philosophy or travel book? So they have tried to make it easy and fun for the guests. The table at the first floor lobby has a selection of favourites, covered in brown paper, with tantalising descriptions where you can try your luck with a 'Blind Date with a Book' Who knows, you might end up falling in love!

Team work is imperative in the successful running of any establishment and it is no different here. Guests often find themselves being served by the owner. A shy but cheerful lady, who is the housekeeper, comes in everyday clinking her bangles to announce her arrival. This is the team that runs Khanabadosh to perfection. But the real owners, are the two oversized goldens, Gabbar Singh and Sultan. They eat fallen apples, sleep, roll around in the vast gardens and cuddle with guests. The biggest attractions of this place is that they will welcome you with vigorous tail wags and wide doggie smiles. If for nothing else, make a trip to Khanabadosh to meet these two and allow yourself to drown in an ocean full of unconditional love!

## New director appointed for BHEL



Engineering graduate from IIT Roorkee. He has also done a certificate course on Statistical Quality Control and Operations Research from Indian Statistical Institute, Chennai.

He has 37 years of holistic and hands-on experience in quality, technology and manufacturing functions in addition to human resource management. Kapoor's work approach is people-oriented and has been instrumental in implementing various innovative and flagship projects conceived by Government of India like Skill Development, Udyan Shalini, Swachh Bharat, and Cashless initiatives.

He started his career with BHEL as an engineer trainee at the company's corporate office in the capital and subsequently moved to its Heavy Electrical Equipment Plant (HEEP), Haridwar, where he contributed in various areas and different capacities.

Under his leadership, BHEL has been honoured with various awards and accolades in the areas of HR excellence, safety and CSR. Kapoor has also been honoured with BHEL Excel Award twice for innovative technological developments.

Kapoor is an Electrical

## BIS celebrates World Standards Day



The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) organised a national seminar on *Video Standards Create a Global Stage* in the capital to commemorate the 50th World Standards Day.

Each year, International Organisation for Standardisation (ISO) decides a theme for the occasion based on the current aspects of standardisation. The theme of WSD 2019, *Video Standards Create a Global Stage*, is very relevant as industries are embracing new video technologies that have constantly pushed the limits. The event was inaugurated by the Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Ram Vilas Paswan. He highlighted the importance of standards in facilitating technological growth and advancement of industries. He said that India is keen on adopting digi-

tal technologies to promote government initiatives like Digital India to transform the economy into a digitally-empowered one. He informed the gathering about the several initiatives taken by BIS in standardisation activities of emerging technologies through various technical committees that have been created for Artificial Intelligence, IoT, Block Chain, Smart Cities and Smart Manufacturing.

Speaking on the occasion, Avinash Kumar Srivastava, secretary, Department of Consumer Affairs, said that digital and video technology is the modern medium of expression and BIS has been actively involved in the international standardisation work through the technical committee 'ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 29', which involves coding of audio, picture,

multimedia and hypermedia information. "It is responsible for developing standards for video compression," he added.

Rohit Kumar Parmar, DG, BIS, in his inaugural address, said that the advancements in electronics and information technology in the second half of the 20th century has boosted video production and technological developments in the last couple of decades. He added, "It has made producing and storing videos more portable. Standardisation plays a crucial role in this area where Video Standards enables different manufacturers to work together across a range of applications."

The ceremony also saw three Indian experts — Surendra Jhalora, Bapu Gawade, Rajiv Sharma — being felicitated with the IEC 1906 award conferred by the International

Electro-Technical Commission for their contribution. The awards to all the winners were presented by Paswan.

There were also some technical sessions and panel discussions, which turned out to an enriching experience for the audience. They were delivered by eminent speakers — Dr Scott Steedman, director of Standards, British Standards Institution, Dr Ujwal Nirgudkar, chairman, Society of Motion Pictures & Television Engineers (SMPTe), India Section, and Oscar Academy Member, Dr Shashi Bhusan Gogia, President SATHI, founding fellow of IAHSI, Dr Dinesh MS, senior research scientist, Philips India, Bengaluru, Murali Babu Muthukrishnan, director, Ittiam Systems (P) Ltd — and Mahesh D Kulkarni, senior director, CDAC, chaired the technical session. The occasion was also celebrated in BIS' regional and branch offices through seminars wherein deliberations over the theme of the World Standards Day were held.

The day is recognised as an international day of observance since 1970. The occasion provided a perfect opportunity to reflect how Standards work in the real world and the benefits they bring to business, society and the environment.

## IN SHORT



A 1,900-kg capacity metal-cutting gas plant, set up at BHEL's Bhopal unit, was inaugurated on Wednesday by Dr AR Sihag, secretary, Department of Heavy Industry (DHI), Government of India. Dr Nalin Shinghal, chairman and managing director, BHEL, Amit Varadan, joint secretary, DHI and DK Thakur, executive director, BHEL, Bhopal, and other senior officials of BHEL were also present. Significantly, this plant, which is installed at the Gas & Power Plant Division in the unit, is the first industrial set-up for metal-cutting in this capacity range.



Oriental bank of Commerce was presented with a cheque of ₹1.41 crore as a reward towards issuance of RuPay Platinum cards in FY17-18 and FY18-19 from NPCI. The bank is among the top issuers of RuPay Platinum Cards in the industry. This reward was handed over by NPCI officials to Balakrishna Alse S, executive director. Kuldeep Bhalla, general manager, Digital Banking Department, and Ram Janam Verma, deputy general manager, Digital Banking Department.



Malnutrition is emerging as a huge socio-economic problem, particularly among children below five years who are undernourished. Nationally, malnutrition in children below five could fall into three categories — children whose weight does not correspond to their age; children whose height does not correspond to their age; children whose weight and height both do not correspond to their age. As per the National Family and Health Survey 2015-16, 35.7 per cent of children are malnourished and the figure in Chhattisgarh stands at 37.7 per cent. However, the same indicator from the *Vazan Tyohaar* initiative by Chhattisgarh

## Chhattisgarh combats malnutrition

Several medical care programmes are being initiated in the state to ensure a holistic change in the delivery of health services to every citizen, says TARAN PRAKASH SINHA

government pegs the figure at 23.37 per cent in 2019. According to the latest Lancet Journal report released on September 17, malnutrition was the predominant risk factor for death in children below five years of age in every state of India in 2017, accounting for 68.2 per cent of the total under five deaths. The situation is very alarming.

Taking cognisance of this situation, strategic steps against malnourishment in Chhattisgarh have been taken as the top priority, making it a public movement. And with the current status of malnutrition, development of infrastructure and other physical amenities would be meaningless. Moreover, the worst-affected areas, predominantly the tribal areas of the state, compel us to rethink the social cost and meaning of economic development. It also brings to the fore the understanding that the most severe

cases of malnourished children are from the regions of the state, where most of the natural resources are being extracted. In these areas, especially in Bastar, women and mothers between 15 to 49 years of age are reported to be anaemic with an alarming figure of more than 65 per cent.

Government of Chhattisgarh has initiated many schemes and programmes to combat the challenge. Bastar and Surguja divisions of the state are the most-affected areas. Tribal areas are being provided protein-rich food, including eggs and pulses on a pilot basis. The districts covered under the pilot programme include Bastar, Dantewada, Korba, Surguja, Koriya and a few other. The scheme was planned to be scaled up to cover the entire state on October 2, 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.



DMF funds will be managed by a committee headed by a State Cabinet Minister instead of the District Collector. The money will be utilised primarily for health, nutrition, education, training, livelihood, community-focussed activities. Social audit of the disbursed amount will be mandated. The state is also implementing the 'universal health scheme', where all the touch points in the health ecosystem will be improved and quality will be assured to bring about a holistic change in the delivery of health services to every citizen. This year, 17 Mother-Baby hospitals will be set up all over the state. Free health services to expectant mothers will be available across the state. Besides this, many specialised health services like facilities for sickle cell examination, dialysis, pathologies, etc., will be provided.

One of the most important initiatives has been the access to health services across every nook and corner of the state. This

became possible with the 'CM Haat Bazaar Health Initiative' during the weekly haat, which is a special feature across Chhattisgarh's villages. Health services are being made available in Haat Bazaar, which happens to be a suitable place to create health awareness amongst masses and also to create touch points for service delivery. The Chhattisgarh government understands and realises that implementing the aforementioned activities and working towards the objectives may be a tough task but the constant dialogue between the stakeholders and the implementers will help find solutions of the problems constantly. Both short-term as well as long-term objectives have been taken into consideration, which will lead to holistic and sustainable solutions to all health issues plaguing the state.

One healthy family is capable of making wise choices and several wise choices lead up to a healthy society. Such a society, we believe, will be able to take Chhattisgarh forward in all matters of development in the decades to come.

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AFP ■ STOCKHOLM

Rodrigo Moreno fired Spain into Euro 2020 with a last-gasp equaliser in Sweden while the Republic of Ireland's chances of reaching the finals are still in the balance after they fell 2-0 in Switzerland. Spain became the sixth team to qualify for next summer's tournament thanks to Rodrigo, who came off the bench to score a dramatic injury-time leveller in a 1-1 draw in Stockholm, sparking wild celebrations on the touchline.

"Qualification is a must for a team like Spain but achieving it still has value," said Moreno. "It releases the pressure and gives us time to work."

Robert Moreno's side are top of Group F on 20 points after drawing their last two matches. They are five ahead of Sweden and six above Romania, who missed the chance to take second spot when Norway's Alexander Sorloth snatched a late 1-1 draw in Bucharest.

However it was a far from vintage display from Spain, who started brightly but faded as the match wore on against the lively hosts, who were distraught after missing out on a famous victory right at the death.

A celebratory night was tempered slightly by the loss of goalkeeper David de Gea to a thigh injury in the second half, although that will worry his club Manchester United more ahead their meeting with Premier League leaders Liverpool this weekend.

IRELAND LEFT SWEATING

In Group D, Haris Seferovic's early strike and Shane Duffy's late own goal kept Switzerland's hopes of automatic qualification alive with a 2-0 victory over the Republic of Ireland.

The win in Geneva means the Swiss are just a point behind group leaders Ireland and Denmark with two matches remaining in their campaign, compared to just the one for the Irish, who host the Danes on November 18 needing a win to guarantee qualification.

"It's a cup final. Beat Denmark to reach Euro 2020. I would have taken that at the start and I'll take it now," said the Republic's coach Mick McCarthy.

# Last minute success

Rodrigo's injury time equaliser takes Spain to Euro 2020; Italy maintain perfect record



Rodrigo Moreno celebrates with his Spain teammates after scoring equaliser against Sweden

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The Swiss, who also have the better of the head-to-head record with the Irish as the two teams drew 1-1 in September, take on group minnows Georgia and Gibraltar in their final two games.

"The result doesn't mean a lot in the group, we still need to get results in our next two games. If we get the



Italy players celebrate after scoring fifth goal against Liechtenstein during Euro 2020 qualifiers

points we need against Georgia and Gibraltar we can turn our attentions to Euro 2020," said Switzerland coach Vladimir Petkovic.

FINLAND TOWARDS HISTORY

Finland inched closer to qualifying for their first ever European Championships after Teemu Pukki took his qualifying tally to seven in eight matches with a double that helped Finland sweep aside Armenia 3-0 in Turku.

Fredrik Jensen gave the Finns a 31th minute lead. Norwich City striker Pukki then scored just after the hour and got his second two minutes from the end with a neat dinked finish.

Markku Kanerva's side stay nine points behind Group J winners Italy,

who maintained their 100 percent record with an eighth straight win, 5-0 against Liechtenstein.

Finland need a win over rock-bottom Liechtenstein to qualify for their first major tournament after fourth-placed Bosnia & Herzegovina lost 2-1 in Greece with an 88th-minute own goal from Adnan Kovacevic.

Israel kept their hopes of qualifying from Group G alive after seeing off Latvia 3-1 as Eran Zahavi scored his 11th goal of the qualifying campaign.

Andi Herzog's side are level on 11 points with North Macedonia and Slovenia and five behind second-place Austria, meaning they still have a chance with two games remaining.



Sunil Chhetri is surrounded by Bangladeshi defenders during WC qualifiers

## Team will learn from B'desh draw: Bhutia

IANS ■ KOLKATA

Former India captain Bhaichung Bhutia on Wednesday said India's 1-1 draw against Bangladesh in the Group E World Cup qualifiers was "unfortunate", adding that the team needs to learn from their mistakes and move on.

A last-gasp Adil Khan goal saved India the blushes as they held a spirited Bangladesh, ranked 83 places below them, to a draw.

"I could not watch the match so I won't be able to comment much on it, but it's unfortunate," Bhutia said.

India held Asian champions Qatar to a 0-0 draw last month and were hot favourites to win against Bangladesh who lost to Qatar 0-2 at home before this match.

"They are a young side. They have talented players and

they will only learn from this. Yes it's not a great result but these boys and the team needs to continue the work they are doing. They will get better," Bhutia said.

India captain Sunil Chhetri also expressed his disappointment as he and other players came close to scoring but just could not get the ball past the goalpost until the 88th minute when Adil scored off a corner to draw level.

Taking to Twitter, Chhetri expressed gratitude to the fans who turned up in large numbers to support the Indian team.

"We couldn't deliver a performance to match the atmosphere at the Salt Lake last night, and the dressing room is very disappointed about it. We couldn't capitalise on the chances we got, but this is a process on the pitch and in the stands. You turned up, we'll keep attempting to," Chhetri tweeted.

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Spin great Anil Kumble says One of the biggest learnings from his previous coaching stints, including the controversial one with the Indian team, is to "back off and help the players relax".

Kumble resigned as India head coach after the 2017 Champions Trophy final due to an "untenable relationship" with skipper Virat Kohli though the team did well under his tutelage.

The 48-year-old is back to coaching again, this time as director of cricket operations at Kings XI Punjab. He also held mentorship roles at Royal Challengers Bangalore and Mumbai Indians.

"With RCB we did not win the title but we came close a couple of times. With Mumbai, we had wonderful

success those three years I was there. It is nice to have experience of crossing the line. It certainly helps (you as a coach)," Kumble told PTI on Wednesday.

"It is all about a game of cricket at the end of it. If you simplify like that the job becomes a lot easier. The moment you start putting importance to result, wins, trophies then it puts more pressure on the players. So the learning is just to back off and help the players relax and when they are relaxed they tend to perform better."

At an event here on Wednesday, EbixCash was announced as Kings XI Punjab's title sponsor for three



Anil Kumble poses for photo with Kings XI Punjab new jersey

years.

Kings XI Punjab have never won the IPL and Kumble has come on board to end the title drought. Kumble, who wants to add more experience to the Punjab squad,

will soon start strategising for the IPL auction in December.

"You learn from the previous experiences you have had

as a player, as a coach but IPL is a rollercoaster ride. You need to be patient and then back the players you have.

"Generally because of certain results you tend to start looking at other teams and that starts influencing your decision and that is the last thing you want."

Earlier this week, Kings XI Punjab co-owner Ness Wadia told PTI that the franchise board had a rethink on Ravichandran Ashwin and it has decided to retain him. Ashwin captained the side in the previous two seasons but failed to take them to the playoffs. Kumble said it is not certain that Ashwin will captain the side again.

"We have not decided that yet. Some decisions need to be made but we don't need to decide at this moment. IPL is still five months away. There is an auction coming up, we will start to build a squad around that as well.

"Ashwin had a wonderful two years but of course we did not get the right results but we have not made any decision who the captain will be."

Kumble conceded that any decision will not be an easy one as he is a senior player. Ashwin has also done well for India in Tests of late, having made a comeback into the playing eleven in the ongoing home series against South Africa.

## Delhi, Bengal to play PKL final



PTI ■ AHMEDABAD

Naveen Kumar was the star as Dabang Delhi on Wednesday beat defending champions Bengaluru Bulls 44-38 to book their maiden summit clash berth in the Pro Kabaddi League here.

The Delhi team produced an all-round performance, with Naveen Kumar impressing with his raids (15 raid points) and Anil Kumar dominating with his tackles (4 points) to win in front of a packed stadium at the EKA Arena by TransStadia.

This was the first time Debanag Delhi

has qualified for the PKL final.

The Bulls, just like in the Eliminator against UP Yoddha, had a slow start, with Delhi dominating the first few plays. Ravinder Pahal seemed keen to maintain his dominance in duels against Pawan Sehrawat and started the match with a clean ankle hold of the 'High flyer'.

Delhi dominated in all departments, with Naveen Kumar spearheading the attack, and inflicted the first All-Out of the match in the fifth minute to open up a 6-point lead.

Pawan secured a three-point Super Raid

in the seventh minute to reduce the margin but Delhi maintained their momentum thanks to an unstoppable Naveen Kumar. They inflicted another All-Out in the 13th minute to open up an 11-point lead as Naveen Kumar secured another Super 10 (his 20th consecutive).

Naveen did make a rookie error as he failed to complete a raid on time which gave the Bulls some hope going into the break. Delhi led Bulls 26-18 at half time.

The Bulls opted for a more aggressive approach in the second half with the defenders consistently getting better of the Delhi raiders in do-or-die situations.

But what makes Delhi a complete unit is the presence of versatile all-rounders and the likes of Chandran Ranjit and Vijay stepped up with valuable raid and tackle points to always maintain a healthy lead of six or seven points.

Delhi were aware of what Pawan Sehrawat could do on the mat and were keen on keeping the league's best raider in the dugout as much as possible. Bulls' star raider spent more than 20 minutes away from the mat as they struggled to reduce Delhi's lead.

At the other end, Delhi ensured Naveen Kumar spent very little time on the bench, and that helped them sure another All-Out with three minutes left in the match.

Despite Pawan's attempts in the last few minutes, Delhi defenders held firm to clinch a berth in the grand finale on Saturday.

## Nikhat to approach Rijiju as BFI backs Mary for Oly qualifier



IANS ■ KOLKATA

Asian Championships Bronze medalist Nikhat Zareen cried foul on Wednesday after the Boxing Federation of India (BFI) hinted that there would no trial between her and Mary Kom in the 51kg category for participating in the Tokyo Olympic qualifiers in Wuhan from February 3 to 14.

BFI president Ajay Singh told reporters that Mary Kom, could possibly be their automatic choice for the China event. And that hasn't pleased the youngster looking to make a mark.

"Today morning I got to know that the President had told the media that there would be no trials," Nikhat said.

"Anyone can win any day. It's boxing, I am not saying send me, but give me a fair chance. I will try to talk to them (BFI). They said before that only Gold and Silver medalist at the Worlds will automatically be selected for the Olympic qualifiers but now they are changing that rule for even women," she said.

Six-time champion Mary Kom settled for the Bronze in the Women's World Boxing Championships after losing her semi-final bout of the 51-kg flyweight category to second-seed Busenaz Cakiroglu of Turkey in a split 1:4 verdict.

Ahead of the Worlds, BFI had a selection policy for both the men and women boxers which said all the medal winners (Gold, Silver and Bronze) in the

men's section at the Worlds will automatically be picked for the Olympic qualifiers, without having to undergo trials.

However, for the Eves, the criteria was only applicable for Gold and Silver medalist winners at the Worlds.

"Now in December we have Nationals, again I have to go through the grind. Then if there are no trials, what is the use of all these competitions. No use right?" questioned the 23-year old boxer.

Asked about her next course of action, Nikhar said she will approach sports minister Kiren Rijiju after trying to contact BFI President Singh several times.

"Everything is in President's (Ajay Singh) hands. I am trying to contact him but he is not responding. I tried so many times. I will try to contact our Sports Minister and ministry also, then let's see what happens. If all this happens I cannot focus on my game," she said.

The BFI did not let Nikhat participate against Mary Kom at the trials for the Worlds, back in August also. Chairman of selectors Rajesh Bhandari had said that her bout wouldn't take place just to ensure that she is protected for the future and not exposed at a young age in the World Championships.

The move had come as a rude shock for both the boxer and her father who had travelled from Hyderabad to the national capital for the trials for the championship to be held in Russia in October.

## Icardi relieved focus back on football

AFP ■ PARIS

Argentina striker Mauro Icardi said Wednesday he was enjoying the focus being back on football and away from his private life at French club Paris Saint-Germain.

The former Inter Milan captain arrived in the French capital on loan this season and after recovering from injury has scored two goals in the Champions League and Ligue 1.

"In Italy a vicious circle had been created in certain journalistic circles where we always ended up talking a little too much about anything concerning me," Icardi said in an interview with Italian sports daily Gazzetta Dello Sport.

"Here in Paris it's not like this."

Icardi was the joint top-scorer in Serie A in 2017-18 with 29 goals. But last season, he was stripped of the club captaincy amid a long contract dispute and later barred from full training.

The 26-year-old's life with his television host wife Wanda Nara, who is also his agent, had also become the focus of many reports.

Despite parting on bad terms the forward said he had no hard feelings towards the Italian club he joined in 2013 and scored 120 goals in just over 220 matches.

"I can only wish the best for Inter in every competition," said Icardi.

"I'm good now, I'm up and running again even if I have to keep working because I had a complicated summer and I wasn't one hundred percent when I arrived in Paris."

PSG are unbeaten on top of Ligue 1, and are also leading their Champions League group

which includes Real Madrid. "I've always been used to pressure but I think it helps that we've almost always won so far," said the former Sampdoria player.

"It's a little different than Inter even though I don't have a real yardstick to compare because I haven't played in other great teams in the past."

"PSG has the right players to do well but the Champions is a trophy coveted by all the great teams."

Icardi said he had settled in to life in France even if he still considered Milan his home.

"I didn't expect so much support from the fans."

"They welcomed me right from my first warm-up at Parc des Princes. I then had the good fortune of playing right away against Real Madrid, before picking up a slight injury."

"(PSG coach Thomas) Tuchel is very friendly with the players. He talks a lot, jokes, tried to put me at ease from day one."

"I think I made a good impression on him."

"Neymar, (Kylian) Mbappé, (Edinson) Cavani, are all strong players."

"It is nice to play with star players who change matches even at the last minute, like Neymar does."

Icardi added that he had a healthy competition with Uruguayan striker Cavani.

"With Edy I have a great relationship. It's not rivalry, just healthy competition," said Icardi.

## Manju has no plans for 2020 Olympics

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

She may have just won Silver medal in her World Championship debut but Indian boxer Manju Rani has no plans to rejig her weight category and give it a shot to compete in the Tokyo 2020 Olympics. Instead, the young champion wants to develop her skills and prepare herself for 2024.

The 20-year old won her first World's medal in the recently concluded Women's championship in Ulan-Ude but since she competes in 48



Manju Rani poses with World C'Ship Silver

kg, which is not Olympic weight category. She cannot participate in the Tokyo games.

The only situation in which she can play in Japanese capital was if she switches to 51 kg or higher. But since 2012 Olympic Bronze medalist MC Mary Kom is expected to represent India in that, Manju didn't even want to think about challenging her and instead focus on the future events.

"I have a dream to compete in the Olympics since day one of my introduction to this sport. But right now I am

focused on preparing myself for 2024 Paris games. Frankly speaking, I have no plans for 2020. For Tokyo, Mary didi hai vo jayengi (Mary Kom is there, she will go). I want to prepare myself for the games after that," she responded clearly when asked about 2020 games.

"At present, I aim to establish myself in the 48kg category and perform. And with time I will think about switching to higher weight category and play in the Olympics," she said during the felicitation ceremony organized by Boxing Federation of India.