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SC shifts Assam **NRC** chief to MP

In an unprecedented order of its type, the Supreme Court on Friday directed the Centre and the Assam Government to immediately transfer the State's National Register of Citizens (NRC) Coordinator Prateek Hajela to Madhya Pradesh for the maximum period possible. Hajela has been facing threats and criticism from several quarters for exclusion of names from the updated NRC list.

A native of Madhya Pradesh and a 1995 batch IAS officer of Assam-Meghalaya cadre with BTech in Electronics cadre with BTech in Electronics from Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi, Hajela was appointed the NRC coordinator by the top court to oversee the mammoth and sensitive exercise of finalising and publication of Assam NRC data.

A special Bench comprising Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi and justices SA Bobde and RF

and justices SA Bobde and RF Nariman ordered the inter-cadre transfer of Hajela on deputation to his native State for maximum possible period.

Attorney General KK Venugopal, appearing for the Centre, sought to know the reason behind the unprecedented order of the top court, to which the CJI responded, "can any order be passed without a cause or reason". The Bench, however, did not spec-



ify the cause or the reason for passing the order, leading to speculation that the officer might be apprehending some kind of threat.

Two FIRs were filed last month against Hajela for "dis-crepancies" in the final updat-ed NRC list. A lawyer and indigenous Muslim students' organisation — All Assam Goriya-Moriya Yuva Chatra Parishad (AAGMYCP) — filed separate FIRs against Hajela in Dibrugarh and Guwahati.

Chandan Mazumdar, whose name does not figure in the final NRC list, filed the complaint against Hajela at Dibrugarh police station. Mazumdar alleged that he had submitted all documents, but his name was not included in the updated NRC due to "inefficiency and criminal conspir-

acy of employees."

The FIR held Hajela responsible for "discrepancies", as he was tasked with supervising the NRC updation exer-

Court provides no reason; order comes against backdrop of life threat to Hajela

Hajela had overseen the mammoth exercise of finalisation and publication of Assam NRC

O No report sought from

- Assam Police about threat to Hajela, says IGP Prateek Hajela, a native of Madhya Pradesh, is a 1995-
- batch IAS officer of the Assam-Meghalaya cadre with BTech in Electronics from Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi

cise in Assam.

Another complaint was lodged against the NRC coordinator at Guwahati's Latasil police station by the AAGMY-CP, claiming "deliberate" anomalies in the final list. "The names of many indigenous people were excluded from the list, and it was done deliberately by the NRC State Coordinator," the FIR filed by the students organisation said.

Meanwhile, IG (Special Branch) Hiren Nath said no report was sought from Assam

police about threat to Hajela.

"Reports about threat perception to Hajela have not been sought from us. There have been, however, criticism against Hajela in the social media. Various organisations in Assam are vocal on the NRC with many speaking against the NRC and the State Coordinator," he said.

Industrialists hail Nath at MP Investor Summit

Top industrialists of the country not only lauded Chief Minister Kamal Nath for the works undertaken by him in such a short tenure but also approved the trust creat-ed for investment in the State at Magnificent MP Investor Summit which began at Indore today, to bring reliable investment, generate extensive employment opportunities in Madhya Pradesh and create an enriched and prosperous Madhya Pradesh.

Chairman of Reliance Group and country's top indus-trialist Mukesh Ambani said that Madhya Pradesh has got a visionary and dedicated leader in CM. Taking part in Magnificent MP through web-cast he said that during his last meeting with Chief Minister Kamal Nath's Mumbai visit, he was stunned by his commit-ment towards investment.

Ambani said that I wanted to take part in this prestigious event but due to the Reliance event but due to the Reliance Group board meeting, am unable to attend the pro-gramme. Congratulating the Chief Minister for the imple-mentation of the pro-investors policy he said that I have spe-cial attachment for Madhya Pradesh. The jungle, wildlife and ecology of the state is very significant for its economy. He said that Madhya Pradesh is the only state in the country, where only state in the country, where Jio data is used maximum compared to Korea, Germany



Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Kamal Nath addresses National Council meeting of Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) in Indore on Friday Pioneer photo

and France. For this, he thanked the people of the state. Ambani said that there is a probusiness and pro-growth policy in Madhya Pradesh, which will lead to all-round development of the state. Ambani said that he will build logistics cen-tre at 45 places in Madhya Pradesh. Chairman of India Cement, N Srinivasan said that in my 50 years of professional life, I have never seen a leader like Kamal Nath. Madhya Pradesh has found a leader in the true sense of the word who has leadership ability, vision and commitment to the development of the state. He is a leader who has recognized the power of Madhya Pradesh and has a clear vision for the development of the state. He told that during the meetings with

him over investment in Madhya Pradesh, he was impressed by his decision making capacity. He is a fast -paced

Chief Minister.

The Chairman of Godrej
Group Adi Godrej said that the
development policy of the
Chief Minister Kamal Nath encourages investment in Madhya Pradesh. He men-tioned that he has had a deep relation with the state. He will invest in the expansion activities in future too, he added.

The Chairman of the Kirloskar Group Vikram Kirloskar said that a clear impression of Kamal Nath's work, pace and vision is reflecting in the Magnificent MP Summit. He is such a political leader, who does what he says.

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Several big cos promised investment in MP, says CM

Declining to go into number of MoUs inked during the investors' summit — Magnificent MP, organised at Indore on Friday, Chief Minister Kamal Nath said he does not believe in optical illu-sion adding that several big corporations have promised investment in Madhya Pradesh

during the mega event.
'We in the last ten months have changed the way in governance and we introduced the investors to this change in the summit," said the CM addressing the media on the side-lines of the summit attended by leading business delegates including - Adi Godrej of Godrej group, N Shrinivasan of India Cements, Vikram Kirloskar from Kirloskar from Kirloskar group, Rakesh Bharti from Bharti Enterprises, Lapp India's Marc Jarrault, Dilip Sanghvi from Sun Pharma, Ravi Jhunjhunwala from HEG and others attended the meet

Claiming that the summit has led to numerous investment proposals but he won't get into them as he don't wish to convert the event into a cosmetic event and wishes to boost economic activities which would benefit the public. You people have seen such summits in the past as well and all know what was the final result, said Nath in an apparent dig at BJP government's investors'

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Sonia gives Haryana rally a miss, Rahul called in to fill void

PNS NEW DELHI

In an embarrassment for the Congress, two days before the crucial Assembly elections in Haryana, party chief Sonia Gandhi cancelled her only poll rally scheduled for Friday in Mahendragath

Mahendragarth.
Partymen had prepared round the clock to make the rally a huge success and expect-ed that Sonia will use the occa-sion to counter the highpitched campaign by BJP leaders, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

This was scheduled to be Ins was scheduled to be Sonia's first public appearance after taking as interim president from her son Rahul Gandhi post the Lok Sabha debacle. In her place, Rahul Gandhi addressed the rally.

"She has a viral infection, so she asked me to meet you and talk to you. I will come even at the last second on your call," Rahul Gandhi said

The news of Sonia's can-



celling her programme came through a social media message from Haryana Congress.

"@RahulGandhi ji will be addressing a public meeting at Mahendragarh today, at 2 PM. @INCIndia president Sonia Gandhi ji will not be able to attend the meeting due to unavoidable reasons," the Haryana Congress said. Rahul Gandhi has already

held rallies for the October 21 Assembly polls in Maharashtra and Haryana and it was his second rally in Harvana

Sainik schools to open doors for girls after Rajnath's nod

In a major initiative to empower girls, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has given the nod for their admis-sion into Sainik schools all over the country. So far, only boys were allowed to study in these schools. There are 31 such schools. The project to have such schools to serve as nurs-ery for grooming future Service ersonnel was started in 1961.

Giving details of the new endeavour here on Friday, Defence Ministry officials said the Minister approved the admission of girls from academic session 2021-22 in a phased manner. The decision is in line with strengthening the motto of "Beti Bachao Beti Padhao" propagated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

"The decision has been taken following the success of the pilot project started by the Ministry of Defence for admission of girl children in Sainik School Chhingchhip in Mizoram two years ago," the Continued on Page 4 | Ministry said in a statement



Officials also said Singh has directed authorities to ensure availability of necessary infrastructure and sufficient female staff in Sainik schools for smooth implementation of the directive. Moreover, the decision is in line with the objective of the Government towards greater inclusiveness, gender equality and enabling greater participation of women in

armed forces. Most of the Sainik schools are residential and run by the Defence Ministry except in Lucknow which is adminis-tered and funded by the UP

Continued on Page 4 | of involvement in the criminal

CBI chargesheets PC, Karti, former Secy for conspiracy, cheating in INX media case

PNS NEW DELHI

The CBI on Friday filed a chargehseet in the INX Media corruption case, naming 14 individuals and entities, including former Finance Minister P Chidambaram, his son Karti, and then additional secretary in Department of Economic Affairs Sindhushree Khullar.

They have been charged with committing offences under various IPC sections relating to criminal conspiracy and cheating and also under the Prevention of Corruption Act for causing loss to the exchequer.

Then Director in the

Board Prabodh Saxena, then Joint Secretary and Undersecretary in the Undersecretary in the Department of Economic Affairs Anup K Pujari and R Prasad respectively have also been chargesheeted, CBI offi-cials said. All the chargesheeted persons have been accused



conspiracy for irregular clearance of FDI to INX to the tune of ₹307 crore.

Two companies allegedly controlled by Karti — Singapore unit Advantage Strategic Consultancy Private Limited and Chess Limited and Chess Management Services Private have also been

named in the chargesheet.

These companies are alleged to have laundered the bribe money. Then INX promoters Peter Mukherjea and his then wife Indrani allegedly trans-ferred money to these compa-nies for alleged favours in the ar approval of the FDI.



out, day after drama in lion's enclosure PNS NEW DELHI

Zoo director shunted

Hours after the Delhi Zoo (National Zoological Park) witnessed a high drama when a man jumped inside the enclosure of a lion but was saved unhurt, the Union Environment Ministry removed zoo's director Renu Singh, an IFS officer, who was bolding the poet since 2017

Singh, an IPS officer, who was holding the post since 2017.
Renu Singh, a UP cadre officer, has joined the Ministry as Deputy Inspector General of Forest (DIGF), a post held by Suneesh Buxy, who has been given the additional charge of the National Zoological Park (NZP) till the appointment of the new director. the new director

The NZP has been in the news for quite some time for illegal procurement of ani-mals, mismanagement, and violation of the rights of the zoo inmates Faced with widespread criticism, the Ministry on September 16, 2019 handed over the control of the NZP Continued on Page 4 | to the Central Zoo Authority



Rehan Khan, who jumped inside the enclosure of a lion in Delhi Zoo on

(CZA), a statutory body formed under the Wildlife (Protection) Act 1972. Till then, the Ministry had been directly overseeing the zoo's administration.

Justifying the move. a senior Environment Ministry official said transfer was aimed at streamlining the functioning of the Delhi Zoo

Snatchers have free run! Secy to Delhi Speaker latest victim

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

 $M^{
m obile}$ snatchers are having a field day in Delhi. After mugging Prime Minister Narendra Modi's niece Damayanti Ben Modi in North Delhi's Civil Lines area earlier this month, bike-borne snatchers targeted Delhi Assembly Speaker Ram Niwas Goel's secrêtary Ajay Rawal and a senior Indian Air Force official on

Thursday.
According to police, while wrenched from his grasp by three bike-borne men when he was walking to a market near his home in outer Delhi's Paschim Vihar in the evening, the IAF senior official's mobile was snatched at Connaught Place in highly secured New Delhi district in the morning on the same day.

pm to go to GH-13 block mar-ket in Paschim Vihar. I was walking near Kendriya Vidyalaya when the three men came on a bike. I was talking to someone on the phone when one of the pillion riders snatched the phone from my hand and fled on bike." Rawal. 42, who lives with his family in Ambika Vihar in Paschim

Vihar, said in his complaint.

"A case under section 356/379/34 of IPC has been registered at Paschim Vihar police station. Police teams are scanning CCTV footage in the area to identify and nab the snatchers," said a police official.
In the 51-year-old senior

IAF official case, police said they received a complaint from the victim identified as G Thomas, who stated that he was cycling in Connaught Place

in the morning when two bike-borne people, in their 20s, snatched his pouch containing

a One Plus 6 phone and ₹200. "The miscreants then sped off. The IAF officer was near Baba Kharak Singh Marg at the time of incident. A case has been registered and police teams are analysing CCTV footage to nab the accused," said the senior police official.

Earlier this week on Monday, two bike-borne men snatched the mobile phone of a metropolitan magistrate in North Delhi's Kamla Nagar while he was talking on his phone in front of his house. On September 22, a woman jour-nalist was injured after she attempted to resist a snatching bid in South Delhi's CR Park while she was returning home in an auto-rickshaw.

BY KUSHAN MITRA For those of you who have seen the new ₹100 note, you would have noticed that there

a stepwell featured on it. Stepwells are a common feature across many parts of western India and were commonly used by Rajput kings and their pre-decessors in the earliest example of rainwater harvesting. Many of them have fallen into disrepair and disuse though they were all ornate at one time. Many, because they were often associated with religion, were destroyed when invading armies came into the region. tto-rickshaw. But not the stepwell we see on the ₹100 note. The Rani Ki Vav

HYUNDAI the pioneer

 $\#StatueOfUnity \ | \ \#IncredibleIndia \ | \ @HyundaiIndia \ | \ @souindia$ at Patan, Guiarat, survived thanks to it being covered in sand and mud.

Whether that was a deliberate act to protect it from armies that raided the prosperous traders of Gujarat is unknown, but it survived. It was

not affected by the large-scale loot of antiquities by colonial powers thanks to it being lost in time and it was not "discovered" until after Independence and excavated in 1958. We might criticise the

INDIA DRIVE

State might be famous for its businessmen but it has some of the most significant historical sites in the country

(ASI) for several things, including the large-scale "disappear-ance" of historical monuments in a city like New Delhi but it must be complimented for the astounding work it has done in restoring the Rani Ki Vay, which is a major reason that UNESCO made it a world heritage site. However, if there is any criticism of the ASI, it is that there can be much more information on the importance of the gods and goddesses of the Hindu pantheon, who have been painstakingly carved in three-dimensional ways into the stone. This site is a tremendous validation of the skills of craftsmen from Guiarat.

Ride with long-lost treasures an hour from Patan, with its 12 carved "adityas" or manifestations inside, which is a mustvisit. Both the well and the tem-ple were built during the rule of Bhima I, the founder of the great Solanki dynasty, the well being built by his consort, Oueen Udaymati. These sites, just a couple of hours from Ahmedabad, are a reminder of not only the great wealth of this part of the nation, which is as true now as it was then, but also the skill and patience of the rulers and the people.

It is a crying shame that

there are fewer and fewer people taking up some of these intricate crafts. The Patola saris of Patan for example, with geometrical designs inspired by patterns on the vav, and the "double-ikat" method, requiring an understanding of complex mathematics, used to be made by 200 families.

Solar plan to boost irrigation facilities

 $W_{\text{proper irrigation facilities}}^{\text{ith a view to provide}}$ and other amenities to the agricultural sector the Government has initiated a scheme for farmers for the installation of solar pumps and grid connected solar power plants. Through this scheme the farmers will receive grant for 90% for 3 HP capacity and 85 % for 3 to 5 HP capac-

ity solar pumps.
According to sources, the departments of forest, agri-culture and public health will work in collaboration to popularize this scheme among farmers. The sources said that the scheme is expected to provide financial and water security to farmers. Apart from saving in electricity bills the solar pumps will also play a vital role in reducing pollution and ing the environ-

to the officials of the Energy Development Corporation more than 2800 solar pumps have already

been installed in the Gwalion Chambal area which is in addition to the 19000 pumps that have been installed in the state.

The sources also said that services of trained professionals will be utilized to give proper training and advice to farmers. They added that the state government, in addition to this scheme has also initiated many other schemes for the welfare of the farmers.

Providing jobs to the chil-dren of farmers is one of the

and a scheme by name Mukva Mantyri Krishak Udhyami Yojana has been initiated to provide jobs to the children of farmers. According to this scheme children of farmers in the age group of 18 to 45, and who have passed the tenth class can apply for various positions. The scheme also has provisions to give loans to agricultural projects with capital investments of Rs 50000 to

guard at Azad Market

STAFF REPORTER
BHOPAL

A 60-year-old man was security guard was found murdered in mysterious circumstances at Azad Market area late in the night on Thursday. The police found a deep injury mark in the head.

Sensation prevailed in the area after the old aged man was found dead on Thursday. The man who was declared dead after he was taken to hospital and he was identified as Devendranath Singh, a resident of Ghora Nakkas and used to work as a security guard to keep eye on roadside stalls of vegetables and fruit sellers at Azad Market.

Kotwali police said said that there is visible mark of injury and which is not accidental. He was hit so hard that the fracture in the back part of the head could be seen while

the body was taken to hospital. The deceased was hit on his head by blunt object as wound was found in the head which would be revealed in

the post mortem report.

The body was sent for the post mortem after the preliminary investigation. The police have registered a case under section 302 of the IPC and have started further investigation. The shop keepers would be questioned.

During the investigation it was found that the deceased used to work in the night as security guard after the mar-ket used to get close and would leave only after the stalls were opened by the veg-etable and fruit sellers. Injuries over face were also found which suggest that he was attacked but reason of attack remained unknown and would

Mystery shrouds death of 60-year-old security | Mahi Lama bags bronze medal in Asian Junior Women's Boxing Asian Junior Women's Boxing

Player Mahi Lama show-cased an impressive per-formance in the Asian Junior Championship and bagged a bronze medal.

The championship was held at Fujairah (UAE) from October 8 to 18, Boxing Academy player Mahi Lama represented the Indian team and won the bronze medal. Mahi won this medal in the 66 kg category. On this achievement of

Mahi Lama, Minister of Sports and Youth Welfare, Jeetu Patwari and Director Sport and Youth Welfare SL Thoussen congratulated her and praised the performance by Mahi Lama at the Asian Junior Women's Boxing

Championship.

Mahi Lama started the boxing game in the year 2013 with the 'Summer Camp' and then made the sport his goal. Due to Mahi's superior per-formance, he was selected for the day-boarding scheme of the academy in the year 2014-15. Mahi is a boarding player since the year 2016.

Mahi Lama, who won three national medals, pre-sented Madhya Pradesh with a gold medal at the Open Junior National Boxing Championship held in Rohtak

While she won two bronze medals at School National. Boxing player Mahi Lama, studying in Class XI of Kamla Nehru Higher Secondary School, participated in international competition for the first time and made Madhya Pradesh proud by winning bronze. Mahi Lama is trained under the guidance of Roshanlal, the Chief Instructor of Boxing Academy.

Meanwhile, sportspersons of Madhya Pradesh State Karate Academy performed brilliantly at the SGFI (School State Karate Games being played in Jabalpur from October 15 to 19 earning seven medals including six gold and one silver in two consecutive

Expressing happiness on this achievement achieved by the academy's sports daughters Director Sports and Youth Welfare S. L. Thoussen has congratulated the medal winning players. He has expressed hope that the academy's players will still receive more medals in the competition.

Academy players Gargi Singh Parihar, Sanskriti Soni, Isha Malviya, Anvesha Chauhan and Yogita Raj Goswami and under-17 Anshita Rawat bagged one gold each in the under-19 individual Kumite competition. While Academy player Arya Chaudhary won the silver

The said players are getting training in karate sports from Karate Academy chief instruc-

In a first, real estate policy formulated

 $F^{\text{or the first time in Madhya}}_{\text{Pradesh, a real estate policy has been formulated keep-}}$ ing in view everybody's interest. Efforts are being made to eliminate red tapism in all the urban bodies. A single window system has been created for other important tasks including registration, mutation and stamp duty. Urban Development and Housing Minister Jaivardhan Singh said this at the 'Urban Mobility and Real Estate' parallel session of Magnificent MP Investors Summit-2019.

Singh said that various development works at a cost of about Rs one lakh 8 thousand 722 crore will be undertaken in the next five years in the cities. Singh said that for the first

time in the state, Chief Minister Kamal Nath has reduced the collector guide line rate to sion has been made to give NOC of Najul in 30 days. Singh said that under the new real estate policy, permission has been given to build a colony in less than 2 hectare

Singh said that arrange ment of one-state-one regis-tration has been made for colonizers. It will have to be renewed every 5 years. Land use certificate will be available online. Apart from developing satellite townships near big cities, cities will also be expanded. Singh said that all cities do not have large industries, but all cities have builders. It is impor-

tant to encourage them.

He said that along with the metro train, work will also be undertaken on rapid rail transport. The metro train will run inside the city and the rapid rail between two cities. He informed that more than 2

run in cities in the next 5 years. A new e-vehicle policy has been formed for this. Only one percent tax will be payable on electric vehicles.

RERA Chairman Antony DeSa said that many important changes have been made in the interest of citizens, colonizers and investors in the state. He said that the main objective of RERA is to get the possession of the house on time. DeSa informed that now the Rehwasi Sangharsh Samiti is being formed in place of Rehwasi Sahyog Samiti in the colonies.
Principal Secretary Sanjay
Dubey elaborated on MP Real

Estate Policy-2019 and E-Vehicle Policy. He said that the citizens need to submit only 5 documents now in place of 27 for building permission.
Permission will be given to the colonies, situated on more than 24 meter broad roads for commercial activities on the prescribed conditions. Mortgage plots will be freed in three phases. Also permission for phase manner development in

colonies will be given.

He informed that there will be no binding for con-structing EWS. The amount received for this will be used for building houses for poor. Permission for additional FAR will be given for affordable housing and investors will get a facility of land pooling. Retail housing will also be promoted Dubey also informed about the ongoing works and measures taken under the various schemes.

Chairman and Managing Director of India Cements N Shriniyasan said that Madhya Pradesh is a pioneer state in terms of urban mobility and real estate. He mentioned that Madhya Pradesh is on right

34 surgeries performed at urology camp

STAFF REPORTER BHOPAL

Surgeries of 34 patients of Various urinary disorder have been performed on Friday in 95 th Free Urology Camp held at Sewa Sadan Eye Hospital, Sant Hirdaram Nagar Rhonal

The hospital, in a statement said that total 544 patients have registered their names for treatment. After their preliminary investigations, about 145 patients were identified for 145 patients were identified for their surgeries of various urinary disorders. Efforts are being made to perform all surgeries before and upto October 20, 2019.

This camp is being orga-nized with the help of Jai Shiv Shakti Health and Educational Foundation Bangaluru and Jeev Sewa Sansthan Sant Hirdaram Nagar. Urologist Dr Shiban Jacob Taylor and Dr Dana

from America, Dr Pankaj Patel from Vadodara Prateek Amlani, Dr D h r u t i Kalsariya, Dr Jitendra Amlani and Dr Amish Mehta from Raikot, Dr CP Dewani, Dr S u d h i r Lokwani from performed surgeries on Friday.

Radiologist Dr Deepak Jhangiani from

Mumbai, Anesthetist Dr. Deepak Jain, Dr Shailendra Singh, Pediatrician Dr Dilip Chotrani, Physician Dr GT ing their honorary services. Admitted patients are being patients are being free examination, provided imaging and pathology inves-tigation facilities, admission

Fruit, Milk, Medicines and post operative care. Disciples of Sant Hirdaram Sahib ji are taking care of the patients with full attention throughout day

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

PRE-MATRIC, POST-MATRIC AND MERIT-CUM-MEANS

SCHOLARSHIP -

Ministry of Minority Affairs (MoMA) provides an opportunity to the students belonging to six Minority communities notified by the Government of India (Jain, Buddhist, Sikh, Zoroastrian (Parsis), Muslim and Christian) for availing scholarships under three scholarship schemes viz. Pre-Matric. Post-Matric and Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship for the year 2019-20.

Timeline

Last Date for submission of online applications

for fresh scholarship (first time applicant) and Renewal scholarship (applicant who has got scholarship during 2018-19) by students.

Pre-Matric Scholarship

i. Post-Matric Scholarship &

ii. Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship

31st October 2019

31st October 2019

Eligibility

- . The applicant should be the student of the notified minority communities (Jain Buddhist, Sikh, Zoroastrian (Parsis), Muslim and Christian).
- The applicant should be pursuing studies in India in Government or recognized Private University/Institute/College/School.
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- . The applicant should have secured 50% marks in the last annual Board/Class examination.

Instructions

For Applicants

- . Applicants are advised to apply online against any one of the scholarship schemes on the website of National Scholarship Portal at-www.scholarships.gov.in (a link to the site is also available at-www.minorityaffairs.gov.in) or Mobile App-National Scholarships (NSP).
- Detailed 'Instructions' for filling in online application and 'Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)' are available on the National Scholarship Portal homepage.
- . Applicant is advised to give only that bank account details which remains in active mode or compliant as per bank's instructions so that payment of Scholarship does not fail.
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- All Universities/Institutes/Colleges/Schools, where a minority student is studying, should get themselves registered (if not done earlier) on National Scholarship Portal immediately.

For detailed information:

Visit the website of Ministry of Minority Affairs, i.e. www.minorityaffairs.gov.in. Samadhaan Helpline (Toll Free) - 1800-11-2001 (Timing 9:00 AM to 5:30 PM, Monday to Friday, except holidays).

Madad Hamari, Manzil Aapki

Beach volleyball competition to be organised in Bhopal

STAFF REPORTER BHOPAL

¬he Madhva Pradesh State I (female and male) beach volleyball competition will be organized for the first time in

The championship is being organised under joint aegis of Madhya Pradesh Volleyball Association and Sports and Youth Welfare Department from October 20 to 23. It will be played in the city stadium.

As many as 13 teams of men and 12 teams of women vill participate in the competition. The competition was launched on Sunday, October 20 at 6.00 pm. The Chairman (Director General) of Madhya Pradesh Police Housing Corporation Limited, Shailendra Srivastava will inaugurate the championship.

These teams will continue to participate
A total of 25 teams from

different districts of the state

will participate in the three-day state level competition. RCC Bhopal, Narsinghpur and Ratlam in Men's Pool, A, Bhopal Corporation in Pool B, Narsinghpur District and Gwalior Corporation in Pool C. Gwalior District, Jabalpur Corp., Betul District and Pool D in Jabalpur District, PA. Teams from Gwalior, Khargone and Mandsaur districts are included.

Similarly, in women's section Pool A, Jabalpur District, Bhopal Corporation, Hoshangabad District, Pool B RCC Bhopal, Chhindwara and Ratlam District, Narsinghpur, Khargone and Shajapur District in Pool C and Jabalpur Corp. in Pool D, Narsinghbur ACA, And teams from Mandsaur district. It is to be noted that beach

volleyball is involved in national, Asian and Olympic games.
The beach volleyball game played on the sand on beach is included in the National, Asian and Olympic

mes. In Madhya Pradesh, with the aim of creating excellent sportspersons by promoting this game. The beach volleyball has been launched by the sports department on Director Sports and Youth Welfare SL

noussen's initiative.

Notably, a beach volleyball court has been built in the city stadium complex. Minister of Sports and Youth Welfare, Jeetu Patwari, recently During the tour of the city stadium, it was appreciated by visiting the beach volleyball court and the talent of the players trained

He stressed the need to promote this game in other districts as well. Sports Director Thoussen informed that apart from Bhopal, a court of beach volleyball has been made in Narsinghpur, while in the districts of Hoshangabad, Jabalpur, Gwalior, Ujjain, Sagar, Chhindwara, it is pro-posed to set up a court of vol-leyball.

On third day of Putul Samaroh Luv Kush, Aladdin stories staged

 $M^{
m arking}$ the the third day of National Putul Samaroh Luv Kush and Aladdin stories were staged here on Friday.

in the hospital, surgery, Food,

At the event on Friday, Pradeepnath Tripathi (Lucknow) staged 'Luv Kush and Aladdin' in the rooster effigy style with his fellow artists on the Muktakash Manch of the museum.

The artists presented this presentation in two parts to the audience through a puppet medium. The first part has the story of Luv-Kush, which is based on the epic Ramayana composed by Valmiki. The presentation begins with

the arrival of Goddess Sita at the Valmiki ashram and then Love Kush is born. A time comes when Shriram Ashwamedha leaves Ashwa for the yagna and Shriram's sons Luv and Kush stop that horse in Tapovan.
Therefore, Hanuman also

cannot face Lav-Kush Ultimately, Sriram fights with Luv-Kush and the union of father and sons. At the end of the presentation, it is shown through puppets how Sita enters the earth.

After the Luv-Kush-centric presentation, Aladdin, based on Arabian Nights, was staged by the artists through their artistic puppet operations. This story is the story of a poor boy named Aladdin, who lives with his mother. One day he sud-denly gets a lot of money and

a lamp in a mountain pass. Aladdin brings her home and sees her mother, who suddenly comes out of the lamp due to weariness. So both of them get scared, but Jin tells that he is a slave to the owner of the lamp and can fulfill their orders. In this way Jin Aladdin

fulfills all the requirements.

The presentation was staged with the help of about 20 puppets. The time limit for this presentation was about 1 hour 10 minutes. This presentation numers. In spresentation was directed by Pradeepnath Tripathi. In the puppet style, the puppet artist controls the stick with a stick from behind the correct the pupper style. the screen. It is mainly popular style of Eastern India

Body of BJP MLA's brother BHEL Bhopal organises found at Kaliasot Dam

A²⁶-year-old youth was found dead under suspicious circumstances at Kaliasot Dam on Friday. The deceased was brother of Ram Dangore, BJP MLA from Pandhana assembly con-

stituency of Khandwa district.
After it was suspected that he might have committed suicide, a rescue operation was launched on Thursday, but in then ight it was stopped. The body was fished out in the early morning on Friday. SHO Chunabhatti police Chen Singh Raghuvanshi said that the deceased identified as

Chandrapal Dangore was

death.

On Thursday after his bike was recovered near the dam it was confirmed that he

committed suicide. The body was handed over to his relatives who took it for last rites in Khandwa, he added. The statements of family members are vet to be record ed which could help in revealing the reason behind the

In the initial investigation police found that the deceased used to work as driver with senior official of Agriculture Department.

On the receipt of the information police team rushed to the spot and start-

ed the further investigation. The rescue operation was started but the team failed to find the body and halted the operation due to low night and resumed the operation in the morning on Friday and at around 9 am the body was fished out.

During the investigation police found have parked bike and suspect that the deceased might have swept and drown still other possibilities could not be ruled out said police.

Body was sent for the post mortem and a case under section 174 of the CrPC was registered. The deceased used to live with his wife and children in MLA quarters area.

poster competition at Kasturba Nursing College

STAFF REPORTER BHOPAL

As part of Vigilance Awareness Week-2019, Vigilance Division of BHEL Bhopal, organised a Poster making competition in Kasturba Nursing College Bhopal on the theme 'Integrity-A Way of Life'. On this theme, all the participants made beautiful posters with

strong messages.
Principal Lilly Christopher welcomed all the guests. AGM & HOD (Vigilance) Amit Sharma, shed light on the pur-pose and importance of cele-

brating vigilance awareness week. BHEL's GM TCB & President BSM Vinay Nigam, distributed prizes to the winning students. In his address, he said that one has to be honest with self then only honesty with others will come, and integrity will become a way of life

Vote of thanks was pro posed by AGM (Vigilance) Sanjay Dhavle. Other senior Chatterjee, Pankaj Jha and BN Choudhary were also present on this occasion. The first prize was won by Justina Biju.

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Min woos pharma cos at summit | 'CM Nath committed to textile industry'

Minister for Public Health and Family Welfare Tulsiram Silawat said that there is a wide scope of development in Madhya Pradesh for Pharmaceutical Industry. Concrete efforts will be made for establishing special image of Madhya Pradesh in Madhya Pharmaceutical sector according to the expectations of the investors. He further mentioned that employment oppor tunities will be provided to the large number of people through industries. Silawat was addressing the

session ' MP the Emerging Pharmaceutical Destination' during the 'Magnificent MP Summit' on Friday. He stated that the Pharmaceutical Industry of Indore holds a special image in the state.

Silawat said that the state government will pay full attention to the interests of small industrial units of this sector. He urged the investors for investing in health care, research sector and cosmetic sector along with medicine production. He informed that after the formation of new government, an amount of Rs 700 crore has been invested in the pharmaceutical industry and over 10,000 employment opportunities have been creat-

In the parallel session. Dilip Sanghvi of Sun Pharmaceutical Industry informed that he aimed at to make available the quality medicine to the consumers. His group is also working in the field of research along with medicine production. Research is being conducted on vacci-

Concrete efforts will be made for establishing special image of Madhya **Pradesh in Pharmaceutical sector** according to the expectations of the investors. He further mentioned that employment opportunities will be provided to the large number of people through industries, Minister added

in Indore too. He urged to

make the lump sum subsidy

given to this sector, to year after

nation to make Mandla district Malaria free. sanghvi said that there is good scope of investin skill training in this

Industrialist Varun Gaira explained the potential for investment in medical equipment production. Industrialist Sunil Bansal of Bansal Group informed that his industrial group is working in 8 sectors. In Bhopal, 300 bed Super S Ishwar Reddy briefed on the good potential of the products specialty hospital has received of the pharmaceutical industry a good response. The capacity of the hospital is being expanded to one thousand bed. Apart abroad. Parikshit Sethi of Herbal Dreams Indore highfrom this, a 300 bed hospital is lighted the potential for investbeing established by the group ment in cosmetic sector.

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(From 09.11.2019 to 17.11.2019)

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(Sunday)

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Arrival

ALLAHABAD

03.45 hrs

BANDRA (T)

13.30 hrs

(Friday)

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At the Magnificent MP Summit, the industrialists invited in the session 'Textile and Garment Manufacturing: Stitching for Young India' gave several important suggestions

today.

The suggestions given by various main establishments connected to the industry include more incentives to new entrepreneurs, increase in participation of women entrepreneurs and expansion of rail and other transport facilities.
The Additional Chief

Secretary Energy Mohammad Suleman, while addressing the session as coordinator said that the Chief Minister Kamal Nath is paying a special attention to give boost to this sector. The CM has directed to develop four new textile parks in Indore, Chhindwara, Ratlam



and Bhopal districts of the state. These parks are to be developed in an area of about 140 hectares. Efforts are also being made to encourage small entrepreneurs in the traditional textile industry of Madhya Pradesh. He said that the Chief Minister will be apprised of the suggestions received in the Magnificent MP.

Suleman said that Madhva Pradesh is not only geographically but also culturally the heart land of the country. He informed about the infra-structure facilities available for industrial purpose in Madhya Pradesh along with land, container depot, air and rail facilities. The session was conducted by the Journalist

During the session, Gaurav Uppal of Richa Global Exports, Gurgaon said that the Chief Minister Kamal Nath is committed to promote industries. The Efforts of the Chief Minister will

the Chief Minister will yield very good results. In the session, Leading industrialists connected to the textile industry including Chairman of Trident

Group Rajinder Gupta, Shri Sachit Jain of Vardhman Textiles, Shreyaskar Chaudhary of Pratibha Synthetics, MD of Gokul Das Group Shiva Ganpathi, Akhilesh Rathi and others expressed their views. Sachit Jain said that the textile industry has become important for positive transformation in the

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Additional Chief secy: Huge potential in State for food processing

dditional Chief Secretary Additional Cond Horticulture and Food Processing Iqbal Singh Bains, while addressing the investors in the session 'Feeding India-Opportunities in Food Processing' during the Processing' during the Magnificent MP Investors Summit 2019 today, said that there is a huge potential for food processing industry in the state. It has affordable land, electrici-ty, and other basic amenities ty and other basic amenities

including water.

The Additional Chief Secretary informed that there are investment opportunities in the Horticulture hub in two

districts, Babai of Hoshangabad and Chhindwara. The land is being given at a nominal rate of Rs 5 lakh per acre for green houses, cold storages, etc.

Twenty five percent grant for food processing industry up to a maximum of Rs 2.5 crore and 50 percent for cold chain infrastructure up to a maximum of Rs 10 crore is being given by the government. The state holds a leading position in the country in the production of oranges, tomatoes, garlic, oilseeds and

Bains said that farmers will be encouraged in the state to grow quality produces as per the industrial demand to promote export of processed food items. Aromatic and medicinal plants are being cultivated on 300

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Date: 17.10.2019 Place: Bhopal

acres of land in the State. There is a target to grow them in 2000 acres next year.

The CEO of ITC Chitranjan

Dar said that Madhya Pradesh has vast potential in the field of food processing. There is a wide opportunity in packaged food in the state. Industry friendly system prevails here for spice industry, dehydrated onion, tomato puree, fruit juices, etc He said that it is a right time to invest in MP now.

The government machin-ery, led by Chief Minister Kamal Nath, is playing a positive role with promptness. The situation in the state is also advan tageous from the logistics point of view

Dar further said 'I am very satisfied with the cooperative attitude of the government. It is for the first time that the Government is actively completing the work for invest-ment.

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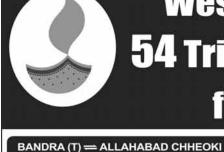
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BANDRA (T) = GAYA JN.

(Weekly Super Fast Humsafar Train)

(From 26.10.2019 to 03.11.2019)

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BANDRA (T) = BARAUNI JN (Humsafar Special Train) (From 05.11.2019 to 14.11.2019)



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(From 25.10.2019 to 09.11.2019)

Arrival

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BANDRA (T) = GORAKHPUR

(From 15.11.2019 to 30.11.2019)

Halts: Borivali, Vapi, Surat, Vadodara, Godhra, Dahod, Ratlar

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Arrival

18.20 hrs.

(Saturday)

BANDRA (T)

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Halts: Borivali, Vapi, Surat, Vadodara, Ratlam, Ujjain, Saint Hardaram Nagar, Bina, Jhansi, Orai, and Kanpur Central stations

UDHANA = CHHAPRA

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(From 17.11.2019 to 26.11.2019)

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Harda, Etarsi, Pipariya, Jabalpur, Katni, Satna, Manikpur Allahabad Chheoki, Varanasi and Ballia stations in both

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06.15 hrs.

(Tuesday)

UDHANA

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(Wednesday)

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(Sunday)

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BANDRA (T) 25 Oct. 2019 & 06.40 hrs. 18.20 hrs. 1, 8 Nov. 2019 BANDRA (T) 82916 GORAKHPUR 21.20 hrs. 09.20 hrs. (Monday) (Saturday)

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Gauhar Mahal lighted with 2019 earthen diyas



People light lamps at Deep Utsav Fair-2019 ahead of Diwali at historical Gauhar Mahal in Bhopal on Friday

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

The historical building of the city, Gauhar Mahal was lighted with 2019 earthen diyas adding to its rustic beauty. At Deep Utsav 2019, the vendors, shoppers and other visitors lit 2019 earthen diyas at Gauhar Mahal creating a memorable envoirnment at the exhibition cum sale. It is to be noted that every year at Deep Utsav earth-en diyas are lit up at the Gauhar Mahal premises to mark the

Raghuwanshi told The Pioneer, "We organize Deep Utsav every year for the shopaholics to shop for Diwali. We began the ritual of lighting up the earth-en diyas from year 2011."

Since then the event of lighting up the diyas is organ-ised. Raghuwanshi further informed that each year the number of diyas increases. After lighting up the earthen diyas, the beauty of Gauhar Mahal amplified as the light of diyas added charm to the historic building.

Grestival of lights Diwali.
Organiser at Gauhar
Mahal, Brijendra Singh

"It is believed that after diwali the vendors and weavers starts their new year and so we

organize this event so that all of them can welcome their new year together in a traditional

manner, added Raghuwanshi.

It is to be noted that the fair is evoking a good response by the female participants as they are enchanted with the home décor item available at the mela. As the mela shares a major collection of dress materials and foot wears are enthralling the ladies. Various types of diyas are available at the fair for the coming diwali. There is also a collection of Chanderi and Maheshwari dress materials for

the festive season.

In two separate school |Zoo director bas accidents, 3 die, 18 receive injuries



STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

wo road accidents involv-Ting school van and bus were reported in Shajapur and Hoshangabad of Madhya Pradesh respectively on Friday. Three children including a

girl died and more than 18 others sustained injuries in the accident reported in the vicinity Richhonda village of Shajapur. The school van car-rying 22 students fell into a well.

Police said, the school van had dropped few children at a private school and was taking reverse for going away, when it fall is the real! fell in the well.

Besides, a school bus carrying 26 children overturned on Bandrabhan Road near

Hoshangabad district headquarters on Friday. No child suffered serious injuries in the

mishap.
As many as 22 students of Campion School were treated for minor injuries at the district hospital, area tehsildar (revenue officer) Shailendra Badonia

Campion School director Vijay Seth said the bus driver vijay Seth said the bus driver lost control when a tractor-trol-ley overtook the vehicle at Sangakheda-Kala village, around 11 km from the district headquarters in Madhya

According to eyewitnesses, the bus was being driven recklessly at the time of the incident. Babai area police are probing the accident.

shunted out...

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The Ministry in its letter issued on October 17 said, "It has been decided with the approval of the competent authority that Singh will be laterally shifted to the Ministry as

On September 17, the Ministry had suspended a Delhi Zoo veterinary officer after he was found guilty of "negligence in animal care, inspection and maintenance of records."

The suspension of veterinary officer, Abhijit Bhawa was based on recommendation of a high-level panel set up by of a high-level panel set up by the Ministry to probe into the allegations against him for poor handling of the zoo inmates. Renu Singh whose transfer

order came on Thursday, too had written to the CZA and the Ministry alleging that the well-

being of animals was in danger under Bhawal's care. On January 8, 2019, in an explosive affidavit filed before the Delhi High Court, a panel led by then CZA member secretary DN Singh (who is retired now), pointed out several irreg-ularities such as fudging of animal death data, not carrying post-mortem in case of unnat-ural animal death, concealing of animal deaths, and mysteri-ous nature of deaths among others. The panel had sought action against the erring offi-

CM calls upon industrialists for State's development

hief Minister Kamal Nath Chas said that the govern-ment will not back out in taking any steps and adopting new methods to make Madhya Pradesh an investment -friendly state. He called upon the industrial community to participate in the development of the state and help in maximum employment generation. The government is committed to welcoming new investment and encouraging earlier invest-ment. We will work as an accountable government and will not let investors down. Chief Minister Kamal Nath was addressing the 'Magnificent MP' at Brilliant

Convention Centre in Indore

Nath said that today's event is not for namesake and it is not a platform for signing of MoUs in which deals worth thousands of crores are made and are far from ground reality. The Chief Minister said that our goal is that actual investments are made, more employment opportunities are generated, the state becomes economically strong and a new era of economic activities begins in the whole state which will help every section of the society to flourish. He said that we want to take the state above the category of a state that provides

that I want to tell the industrial groups and investors that in the current scenario, Madhya Pradesh is a state on which they can rely on. We want to make it clear that Madhya Pradesh puts its words into action. This is the reason why we are gathered here today. We have confidence in ourselves and our

reliability is unwavering.

The Chief Minister said that the government is aware of the requirements of the industries. They want excellent, physical and social infrastructure. Nath said that in the last ten months we have put in extra efforts and achieved the impossible. Major reforms have been made in the prop-erty guidelines to encourage real estate sector. Indore-Bhopal metro work has been started. Permit and license fee of colonizers have been reduced from 27 percent to 5 percent and a provision has been made to give one colo-nizers' license to the entire

state. The Chief Minister said that in the field of infrastruc-ture development, Bhopal, Indore Industrial Corridor is being developed under which a satellite city will also be developed. RRTS will be arranged to connect Bhopal and Indore to metro.

Industrialists hail CM....

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Vice Chairman of Bharti Enterprises and Managing Director Rakesh Bharti commended the land bank policy of the Chief Minister Kamal Nath. Appreciating the skill development methods of the Chief Minister, he informed that an amount of Rs 8,500 crore has been invested by his company in the state. Bharti further said that professional education should be started in 4,000 schools of the state so that the children should possess at least one skill at the time of passing 12th class. Bharti also praised the steps taken by the government for giving prioirty to the food processing sector.

the food processing sector.

Commending the focus of the Magnificent Madhya Pradesh Summit, the Chairman of ITC Sanjeev Puri said that it is a positive indication for Madhya Pradesh that a special attention is being paid to food processing and agriculture based industries. He appreciated the vision of the Chief Minister for the investment and industrial development. Puri assured that he will cooperate fully with the state. erate fully with the state.

The Managing Director of Lapp India Marc Jarrault said that new opportunities of investment are emerging in the state under the guidance of the Chief Minister Kamal Nath. He further men-tioned that there is abundant availability of resources especially water and electricity to boost investment in the state

The Inaugural Ceremony was also addressed by the Chairman of Sun Pharmaceuticals Dilip Sanghvi, Chairman of HEG Ravi Jhunjhunwala and Director General of CII Chandrajeet

Several big cos promise investment...

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Nath on the occasion announced that he has formulated a policy to do away with all the permission for new investors saying companies coming to the state could directly start their project, given they comply with the local norms. An inspection would take place after three years and we would omly take action in case the investor flouts our norms. "The

idea is that if some company is expressing faith in us, we would also reciprocate."

"This year we organised the event with theme 'Emerging Economic Tiger' but in next two years, we wish to remove this emerging tag," Nath said, claiming that they are formulating separate policies for different sectors and won't persist with a single policy as all industries have different kind of needs.

Speaking on IT sector, Nath said efforts are made to boost the sector so much that our local talents working elsewhere return to the state. He also promised a business district in MP like Bandra-Kurla Complex of Mumbai.

CBI chargesheets PC.....

Others named in the chargesheet, include Section Officer Ajit Kumar Dungdung and OSD in Finance Ministry Pradeep Bagga, Peter Mukherjea and chartered accountant S Bhaskaraman.

Initial probe by the CBI had revealed that FDI worth Rs 307 crore but detailed investigation led to a finding of foreign investment in INX to the tune of Rs 403 crore.

The chargesheet has also mentioned that Peter and Indrani allegedly in conspiracy with Chidambaram and FIPB officials disregarded FIPB rules to settle the issue as INX was initially granted an FIPB approval of only Rs 4.62 crore but actual investment in the company stood at Rs 403.7 crore. Under Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA), INX was liable for a payment

Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA), INX was liable for a payment of penalty to the tune of Rs 300 crore but the company was saved due to the alleged favours by the then Finance Ministry and FIPB officials.

The chargesheet was filed before a special court. It said an illegal gratification of Rs 9,96 lakh was received by Advantage Strategic, controlled by Karti for alleged illegal facilitation to regularise the excess FDI received by INX. The CBI had in May 2017 registered a case for alleged irregularities in granting the FIPB clearance to the INX Media. Based on the CBI's FIR, the Enforcement Directorate later registered a money laundering case under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act

the Prevention of Money Laundering Act.

One of the then promoters of INX Indrani later turned approver in the case and is a key link in the CBI probe. "Prabodh Saxena and Rabindra Prasad are currently serving as principal secretaries in the Himachal Pradesh Government," an official said.

Haryana rally a

From Page 1 AICC sources said Sonia has been advised to avoid public appearances to prevent catching infection as she has not been keeping well. She addressed only a couple of public meetings dur-

meeting wen. Sabha campaigns.

Meanwhile, addressing the rally, Rahul alleged that Prime Minister has no understanding of the economy and the world is mocking India due to his Government's divisive politics that pitted people against each other. He said Modi keeps diverting the attention of the people from real issues facing the country.

"The world is mocking India. The country which used to w the way to the world, used to live with love, used to progress

fast... Today one caste is fighting the other, one religion is fight

ing the other and the country's pride, its economy, Narendra Modi has destroyed it," Rahul said.

He also slammed the media, saying it was scared and not showing the truth. "Media persons say 'we know the truth but we can't show it because we will lose our jobs," he said. Modi had

criticised MNREGA and he has "no understanding" of the econ-

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miss, Rahul....

Sonia gives

ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF ASKS ENGINEERS TO USE FLY ASH Engineer in Chief of the Public Works Department RK Mehra has direct all the Chief Engineers to use Fly ash in all the construction works. He asked them to use fly ash, bricks and other products made up of fly ash in roads, over-bridge and embedment works of the department.The E-in-C has said that it is necessary to get the agreement done between the thermal power houses and contactors for the use of fly ash products. Along with this, it will be mandatory for the contractor to submit annual return every year pertaining to the use of fly ash.

MINISTER DEDICATES NATURE CAMP TO PEOPLE

Mnister for Forest Umang Singhar will dedicate Touriya Gate and Nature Camp at Pench national Park, Seoni on October 20. After touring the National park, Singhar will review the activities of the Pench National Park, Seoni and Chhindwara Forest Circle. Singhar will return to Bhopal

MAN HELD FOR KILLING SISTER IN KAMLA NAGAR

Kamla Nagar police have nabbed a 32-year-old man for smothering her 35-year-old sister to death at Ambedkar Nagar on October 11; accused was arrested after it was revealed that woman was smothered to death The accused identified as Bablu alias Mahesh Bhumarkar revealed that he killed his sister Vandana Bhumarkar who used to run a physiotherapy clinic as she used to take care of all expenses of their house and after her marriage to manage household expenses would become problem. The accused is unemployed and liquor addict.

GUV ADDRESSES BR AMBEDKAR UNIVERSITY MEET

Addressing a meeting of the governing body of BR Ambedkar University of Social Sciences, Mhow, Governor Lalji Tandon said that the university should be made a centre of excellence as per Baba Saheb's thinking. A phased action plan should be prepared for the development of the university. Principal Secretaries of the member departments of the governing body were present in the meeting. Governor Tandon said that excellent libraries and laboratories should be established in the university The campus of the university should be clean and green along with proper arrangements for cleanliness should be made. He instructed the university to immediately fulfill the requirements for obtaining NAAC grading. Tandon directed the officers and vice-chancellors of the member departments of the committee to take effective action. Principal Secretary Scheduled Caste Welfare Vinod Kumar, Principal Secretary Scheduled Tribe Welfare Deepali Rastogi, Principal Secretary Higher Education Hariranjan Rao, Principal Secretary Law Legislative Affairs Satyendra Singh, Secretary Finance Mukesh Chandra Gupta and Secretary to Governor Manohar Dubey were also present at the meeting.

Snatchers have free run! Secy to **Delhi Speaker....**

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According to Delhi Police fficials, street crime has been a nagging problem for more than two decades now. "Several crimogenic factors have significantly contributed to incidence of street crime in Delhi the most important of which would be porous borders and proximate location of affluent and under-privileged residential colonies. A major challenge has been the fact that almost 95 per cent of those involved in such crimes are first-timers.

Sainik schools to open doors....

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was the first one to induct girls in 2016. The girls were given admission in Class IX. Also, this school is the only one which admits boys from Class VII onwards unlike other schools where the children are admitted from Class VI onwards. The decision comes after the Government allowed women pilots to fly fighter jets and at least seven pilots are undergoing the gruelling training.

Visitors going through a photographic exhibition during Bhopal Photography Festival organised by MP Tourism, at Swarai Bhawan in Bhopal on Friday Pioneer photo

A woman artist gives finishing touch to the idols of Goddess Laxmi ahead of Diwali festival in Bhopal on Friday

Wherever they (BJP) go, they make people fight, be it Hindu-Muslims, Jat-non Jat. A country cannot develop through divi-

Today just three Salvi fam-

Ride with longlost treasures From Page 1

ilies are in the trade. But Patola saris are still in demand while the kite-makers of Jamalpur in Ahmedabad are not so much, heir creations being supplant ed by cheap Chinese imports. These are also vital handicraft skills that we must all do more to preserve. The Hyundai Venue has been a boon con sidering the roads around Patan and Modhera are a bit on the poor side. There were roadworks ongoing but the car negotiated the tough rides without a problem.





₹35K-cr mark: Army chief

With the Government giv-ing a determined push to 'Make in India' in the defence sector to achieve indigenisation, Army Chief General Bipin Rawat on Friday said attempts are on to further 'lower bureaucratic barriers" and simplify procedures to promote domestic defence manufacturing. He also said the Government is reducing processes and focusing resolutely on the outcome of these processes.

Reiterating what Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said a few days ago, the Army chief said exports of Indian weapon systems will touch the ₹35,000crore mark by 2024 from the ₹11,000 crore annually at pre-

The energy and enterprise of 'Make in India' will be spanned further in defence corridors being set up with a "bouquet of advantages we offer in the form of land clearances and tax concession. The initiative will fundamentally transform the defence landscape in our country," Rawat said. He also urged to the defence industry to provide solutions for the armed forces.

In the last few years, numerous initiatives have been taken and various schemes launched to energise the defence sector in India, so we remain deeply committed to the ethos of indigenisation,

Rawat said.
"We are manufacturing weapons and ammunition not just to arm our defence forces but now we are gradually becoming an export oriented industry. Our defence exports currently range just about ₹11,000 crore annually are set to grow to ₹35,000 crore by 2024," he said while addressing the 4th Defence Attaches con-clave jointly organised by the Defence Ministry and news



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh is received by Chief of the Army Staff General Bipin Rawat at the Army Commanders' Conference in New Delhi on Friday

Capabilities through

ooperation. Newly-formed_IDEEA (Indigenous Equipment Defence Equipment Exporters Association) was also launched on the occasion

Talking of Def Expo 2020 to be held in Lucknow, Rawat said several new technologies will be on display and added, "We will be coming forward to certify some of the equipment on display."

Speaking at the conclave, Vice Chief of Army Lt General MM Naravane said Indian officers posted as Defence Attaches abroad "have been tasked to interact and advertise with host countries of the Indian equipment available."

Addressing the conclave, Navy Chief Admiral Karambir Singh spoke of the foreign cooperation initiatives which include capacity building, training, exchanges and joint exercises. "India is hosting a

portal Bharat Shakti. The theme of the event was MILAN 2020 at Enhancing Defence Visakhapatnam and we have invited 41 countries," he stated.

All patents developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) numbering over 1,700 are now available for use by the Indian industry, said Dr. Sateesh Reddy, Chairman DRDO. He added that the Defence Ministry has just unveiled a policy under which all technologies will be available free of cost for use by the Indian industry. Rawat also said India is

committed to peace and stabil-ity in the neighbourhood as also in the "wider region" and the Army will continue to partner with friends to "confront any kind of emerging threats."

The Navy chief cited mar

itime threats such as piracy, which, he said, has "trans-national" ramifications. He pitched for having greater maritime cooperation and leveraging "collective military competency" of the world.

Defence export to touch Ultrasound machine notified under Drugs and Cosmetics Act

From November 1, next year, import, manufacture and sale of the ultrasound machines will be allowed only under the

legal ambit of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940.

The Union Health Ministry has issued a notifica-tion in this regard on Thursday according to which the device intended for external or inter-nal use in human beings has been categorised as drug with effect from November 1, 2020.

The step aims to regulate the import, manufacture and sale of the devices to stem the drastic decline in India's sex ratio, as per the Ministry. The move followed recommendation from the Drug Technical Advisory Board (DTAB), the Government's chief advisory

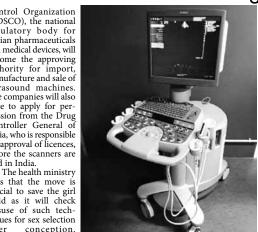
body on drugs.

According to an official from the Ministry, from November next year, the Central Drugs Standard

Control Organization (CDSCO), the national regulatory body for Indian pharmaceuticals and medical devices, will become the approving authority for import, manufacture and sale of ultrasound machines. The companies will also have to apply for permission from the Drug Controller General of India, who is responsible for approval of licences, before the scanners are sold in India.

feels that the move is crucial to save the girl child as it will check misuse of such techniques for sex selection after conception. Imported machines have flooded the market, in the absence of any regulatory check, they cannot be tracked

The Pre Conception and Natal Diagnostic



Techniques (PC-PNDT) Act, sale of ultrasound machines only to entities registered under

was not finding the existing rules suffi-cient to deter the medical professionals and the user, to avoid ultrasound to determine the sex of the foetus. Mainly because of its easy availability on online as well. Under

Medical Device Rules (MDR) and the D&C Act the government will regulate addition-ally the quality import and manufacturing of the equipment, he While welcoming

the move, Rajiv Nath, Forum Coordinator of the AiMeD, an umbrella association

of Indian Manufacturers of Medical Devices covering all types of medical devices including consumables, disposables, how-ever was not happy at the

turers have been confused with informally and arbitrary choosing of products and notifying them as drugs. "At AiMeD we welcome regulations but not of these kinds. Our members seek a predictable and com-prehensive regulatory frame-work that allows for adequate transition and is predictable. Only then will investments speed up as manufacturers get discouraged to be regulated as

Drugs, item by item and not as a category," said Rajiv Nath.
The move is also not in keeping with the Health Ministry-DTAB Roadmap that aimed to regulate all devices in a phased manner and assured an adequate transition period of nearly four years for high Risk and near High Risk Devices. "The one year transi-tion period is not as per the he added.

Khadi-Thago organised in Bhutan to promote eco-friendly fabric

The Narendra Modi Government's vision to pro-mote Khadi as a global fabric has received a boost with a pro-posal to set up Khadi India's first international venture in Bhutan. Indian Embassy in Bhutan, Khadi and Village industry Commission (KVIC) and Royal Textile Academy (RTA), Thimpu has organised an event 'Khadi-Thago', on October 16 to jointly celebrate the textile heritage fo Khadi and traditional Bhutanese fabric on the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. The Fashion

Design Council of India (FDCI) curated the fashion show. Khadi-Thagzo, organised at the RTA, which is also one of the most prominent tourist spots in Thimphu, witnessed

presence of high-profile audience including Her Majesty the Queen Mother Ashi Sangay Choden Wangchuck as the Chief Guest, Vinai Saxena, KVIC Chairman as the Guest of Honour, Prime Minister of Bhutan Dr. Lotay Tshering, Cabinet Ministers, Ambassadors and several other distinguished guests, during the event.

The Indian ambassador

Ruchika khamboj said that the objective of this event was to promote environmental friendy fabric Khadi of India with ly fabric Khadi of India with Bhutanese designers, to enhance the Khadi foot print in the country. KVIC chairman Vinai Saxena said khadi means Sincerity, purity, honesty and

swaraj. Indian designers Anamika Khanna, Rajesh Pratap Singh

garment lines along with works of Chadrika Tamang, Kencho on Chadrika Tainang, Kencho Wangmo, Tshering Choden and Sangay Choden of Bhutan. In addition, Anjana Bhargay, Nitin Bal Chauhan, Paras Gairoliya, Payal Jain, Rahul Mishra & Renu Tandon curated special Khadi ensembles which were also displayed in the event followed by Banarasi Satvik Bhojan, Sunil Sethi of

Satvik Bhojan. Sumi Sethi of FDCI was also present. Interestingly the four Bhutanese textile designers who showcased their work at the Khadi-Thagzo, had also visited India on invitation from FDCI . A Bhutanese designer,

Dorothy Gurung, would be opening the first Indian Khadi outlet in Bhutan towards the

Govt shows no signs of concern over slowdown: Yechury

 $M_{
m household\ consumption}$ had slumped to a seven-year low, CPI(M) general secretary Sitaram Yechury on Friday alleged the "callous" Government was enthusiastic about writing off unpaid loans of rich borrowers and tax cuts for the super-rich but shows no signs of concern over the slow-

the agrarian distress and near-stagnant rural incomes have been there for long but the Modi government is busy with

trying to "divide and polarise".

A media report said in the September quarter, rural India grew at five per cent in terms of value, sharply slower than 20 per cent reported in the year earlier. Urban India grew at eight per cent compared with 14 per cent in the year-ago period, he said. "A callous Central government shows no signs of concern over the slow-down tumbling into a much graver problem. There is enthusiasm in Modi govt only for tax cuts for the super-rich and writing off unpaid loans of rich

"The signs of the prolonged agrarian distress and near-stagnant rural incomes have been there for long. But this govt is busy with trying to divide and polarise," Yechury

Willing to give some land for Ravidas temple in Delhi, Centre tells SC

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

¬he Centre on Friday told the The Centre On Than, Supreme Court that it was willing to hand over land measuring 200 sq m to devotees for construction of Guru Ravidas temple in South Delhi but with certain conditions.

A bench of justices Arun Mishra and S Ravindra Bhat took on record the offer made by Attorney General KK Attorney General KK Venugopal, appearing for the Centre, and asked parties seeking construction of the temple to submit objections, if any, by October 21. At the outset, Venugopal said he had held con-sultation with all parties including devotees and government officials and Centre has agreed to give the same piece of land considering sensitivity and faith of devotees for the site.

"That same 200 square metre area of the site can be handed over to a committee of temple but with certain conditions," Venugopal said, adding that five out of seven petitioners, who approached court against demolition of temple have agreed to the proposal. He said that only two of the

petitioners are not agreeable to the proposal but "the entire belief and faith of the devotees of Guru Ravidas is at the site where he stayed and therefore in the interest of peace and harmony we want to return the site to the devotees". Counsel appearing for one of the petitioner, who have objected to the proposal said that they need to see the offer and file their response.

Muslim parties, sans the Sunni Waqf Board, made clear on Friday that they do not accept the Supreme Court-appointed mediation panel's proposal on purported settle-ment to resolve the Ayodhya land dispute and expressed surprise over reports suggesting that the Board was willing to withdraw the claim on the site of the mosque.

The mediation panel head-ed by former apex court judge Justice FMI Kallifulla had filed a report in a sealed cover in the Supreme Court indicating a "sort of a settlement" between the Hindu and the Muslim parties in which the Wakf Board agreed to give up its claim over 2.77 acre disputed land at the Ram Janmbhoomi-Babri masjid site if certain conditions

"We are taken aback by the



Don't accept Ayodhya panel 'settlement': Muslim parties

Shahid Rizvi, advocate on record that Uttar Pradesh Sunni Central Waqf Board was willing to withdraw the claim on site of the Babri Masjid," Eijaz Maqbool, counsel for legal representatives of key Muslim litigants M Siddiq and Misbahuddeen, and four other advocates for Muslim parties said in a statement.

The lawyers said the medi-ation panel's report was leaked to the media and they do not approve the procedures adopted in the process and the suggested compromise formula of withdrawal of the lawsuit "Accordingly, we must make it absolutely clear that we the appel-lants before Supreme Court do not accept the

proposal made which has been leaked out to the Press, nor the procedure by which the mediation has taken place nor the manner in which a withdrawal of the claim has been suggested as a compromise," the statement reads.

'This was broadcasted by all Media agencies and news-papers that UP Sunni Central Waqf Board has agreed to abandon their claim subject to certain conditions. This news was obviously leaked out either

Nirvani Akhara which claim the right on the Mosque or oth-ers," it said, adding that the "leak was in total violation of the orders of the Supreme court that had directed that such proceedings should remain confidential."

The statement said it was "difficult" to accept that any mediation could have been done especially when the main Hindu parties (deity 'Ram Lalla' through next friend and others) had clearly stated that they were not open to any settlement and wanted a judicial

The recent attempts before Mediation Committee were not representative," it said.
On October 16, when a

five-judge Constitution bench headed by Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi reserved its verdict in the case after 40 days of hearing, the mediation panel's report was also submit-ted to the court.

CJI Ranjan Gogoi recommends Justice SA Bobde as his successor

Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi on Friday sent a let-ter to the Centre recommending Iustice SA Bobde, who is next in

seniority, as his successor.
Official Sources told PTI that Justice Gogoi wrote a letter to the Ministry of Law and Justice recommending Justice Bobde to be the next chief jus-

Justice Gogoi, who was sworn in as the 46th Chief Justice of India on October 3, 2018, will demit office on November 17.

Official sources said the chief justice has gone by the convention to recommend the name of the next senior judge after

SC turns away PMC account holders



Justice Gogoi as the Chief tice has a tenure of 13 months and 15 days while Justice Bobde, who will be sworn in as CJI on November 18, will have a tenure of about 18 months.

According to the Memorandum of Procedure, which governs the appointment of members of the higher judiciary, "appointment to the office of the Chief Justice of India should be of the senior-most judge of the Supreme Court considered fit to hold the office".

NDA will make clean sweep in Bihar: Paswan

PNS NEW DELHI

The ruling NDA will win byelections to all five Assembly seas and one Lok Sabha seat in Bihar on October 21, claimed BJP ally and Union Minister Ram Vilas Paswan on

He said a "divided and discredited" Opposition in the State stands no chance to give an equal fight to the ruling alliance

Polls will be held in five Assembly seats and the Lok Sabha constituency of Samastipur as incumbent MLAs were elected to Parliament during the recent general election while MP Ram Chandra Paswan, brother of Ramvilas Paswan, died of a

All three NDA parties — BJP, JD(U) and LJP — are contesting elections. While Chief Minister Nitish Kumar-led JD(U) is contesting on four Assembly seats, the BJP and the LJP have put up their candidates in an Assembly and the Lok Sabha seat respectively. Ram Chandra Paswan's son Prince Raj is fighting from Samastipur.



"All our candidates will emerge victorious. We have run a united campaign and people have full faith in the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Nitish Kumar," LJP president Ram Vilas Paswan

BJP president this week gave a boost to the unity of BJP-JDU-LJP alliance in the state by dismissing any change in the alliance pattern in Bihar and saying unambiguously that the next assembly elections to the state would be fought collectively under the leadership of JDU leader Nitish Kumar.

Paswan said the opposition 'mahagathbandhan' (grand alliance) is divided and dis-

credited. With unity eluding the grand alliance, some of its partners have put up their can-didates after its two main partners, RID and the Congress divided all the seats between

His party, he said, has also deployed its workers to campaign for the BJP in Maharashtra and Haryana Assembly polls. He expressed confidence that the saffron arty will retain power in both the states. BOX

Leaders from other parties continued to switch over to the BJP. Former MLA Kartar Singh Bhadana from poll-bound Haryana quit the BSP to join BJP on Friday. He said BJP is not new to him as he was with the party earlier. Bhadana is brother of Congress leader Avtar Singh Bhadana and the family has influence, especially in the Gurjar community. Kartar Singh Bhadana has been an MLA from Haryana two times and from Uttar Pradesh once. Haryana is scheduled to have assembly election on October 21 and the counting of votes is due on October 24.

EC replaces observers in Nashik, Ambala for poor performance

Deploys spl observer for Sikkim bypoll

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Citing unsatisfactory per-formance, the EC on Friday replaced the police observer and a returning offi-cer of Nashik in Maharashtra, and the expenditure observer of Ambala in Haryana, ahead of the October 21 Assembly elections. It also appointed a former IPS officer as a special observer for the Assembly bypolls being held in Sikkim on Monday.

"The Election Commission has replaced police observer of Nashik and one returning officer of Nashik district after reviewing the electoral pre-paredness of the state of Maharashtra," the EC said in a statement. It said the police observer was removed for performing the task of obser-

vation satisfactorily".

On the basis of input regarding progress of photo voter slip distribution, which was very important to inform each and every elector timely, it was found that the performance of an assembly constituency in Nashik district was "very poor", it said.

Reviewing this, the com-

mission ordered replacement of the returning officer of Nashik West. The new officers will join on Friday itself. The poll panel also ordered

replacement of the expenditure observer of Ambala for "not supervising the enforcement activities in right earnest". It said his overall performance was not found satisfactory.

The EC has appointed retired IPS officer of Andhra Pradesh cadre Vivek Dube as pecial observer for the assem bypolls of Sikkim. Dube has been deputed to

specifically report to the EC about the law and order situation and oversee the deploy ment and other security related issues there. "The commis sion has taken the decision in view of inputs and complaints received," it said. Three seats in Sikkim are going for by-elections on Monday.

Dube was deputed earlier also as special observer to West Bengal during the Lok Sabha in April.

seeking end to cash withdrawal

The Supreme Court on Friday refused to entertain a plea filed on behalf of scam-hit PMC Bank account holders seeking lifting of restric-tions imposed by the Reserve Bank of India on cash withdrawals. A bench headed by Chief Justice of India

Ranjan Gogoi said, "We are not inclined to entertain this petition under article 32 (writ jurisdiction). Petitioner can approach the high court concerned for appropriate relief". The Punjab & Maharashtra Co-operative Bank has been put

under restrictions by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) following the discovery of a Rs 4,355-crore scam. Deposit withdrawals have

been capped at Rs 40,000 over a six-month period, causing panic and distress among During the hearing on Friday, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta said the government is aware of the seriousness of the situation and the Enforcement Directorate is taking appropri-ate action against the culprit. Advocate Shashank Sudhi,

court sought a direction for issuance of "exhaustive and comprehensive guideline" to



appearing for petitioner Bejon Kumar Mishra, said he has filed the petition on behalf of 500 PMC Bank account hold-ers seeking lifting of restrictions imposed by the RBI on cash

withdrawals.
On Wednesday, around 50 depositories of the PMC Bank staged a protest outside the RBI demanding revoking restrictions on cash withdrawal, currently capped at Rs 40,000 over

a six-month period. A depositor of PMC Bank allegedly committed suicide in Mumbai on Tuesday while nother died of a heart attack a few hours after taking part in a protest by bank customers seeking their money back.

The petition filed before the

cooperative deposits in the eventuality of emergency financial crisis where citizens are financially stranded by acts of a few "unscrupulous persons". The plea said the Centre and the RBI should

plete insulation and insurdeposited money of people in various cooperative banks, including nationalised banks, by enacting an appropriate measure of 100 per cent insur-ance coverage towards the

deposited amount. It said that a high-powered committee should be constituted to look into complete affairs of working and their operation in all cooperative banks in order to have a robust and transparent mechanism which can inspire confidence of common public in cooperative

Real estate firm HDIL allegedly accounted for 70 per cent of the bank's Rs 9,000 crore advances. According to the Mumbai Police's Economic Offences Wing, HDIL's loans turned non-performing assets, but the bank management hid this from the RBI's scrutiny. facebook.com/dailypioneer | @TheDailyPioneer | instagram.com/dailypioneer/

PAPER WITH PASSION **Unholy cow**

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Cow protectionism is turning counter-productive as nobody is owning responsibility for increased stray cattle



t is ironic that in the most heightened time of their protection and vigilantism, cows are becoming pariahs more than ever before. The increasing mechanisation at farms has meant that bulls are no longer needed for heavy-lifting except for reproductive purposes. A ban on cattle slaughter and sales at animal fairs, coupled with the fear of being booked by cow vigilantes on some pretext or the other, have meant that non-lactating cows are now a stressed asset in the farm economy. The cow has, therefore, dropped off the value chain and

many farmers, who frankly cannot afford the costly fodder, are turfing out the old and unproductive herd and abandoning them in open areas or outside village limits. In rural areas, this is creating havoc as starving bovines, out of sheer desperation, raid fields for food, their large numbers enough to wipe out crops of small holdings in no time. Fearing crop destruction, farmers have now added a night vigil on *machans* in their fields to their routine. Some farmers have even been driven to debts and depression with the sudden decimation of the season's produce. In the urban areas, wandering cattle are posing traffic hazards as they raid central verges for food and generally move around disoriented, causing traffic jams and accidents on busy roads. In the end, out of favour and unloved by their keepers, cow protection seems like a selfish human pursuit, good as long as the animals serve a purpose and evicted from a cultural consciousness, one that accords them the status of a mother or Mata, the moment they become unprofitable and old. Worse, dying out of starvation and thirst, theirs is a manufactured death routine. As it is, strict curbs on cow movement and use have meant that they are being substituted by buffaloes. With their castaway status following curbs, the indigenous cattle population has declined by 29 per cent from the last cow census seven years ago though that of the milch variety, including cross-breeds, is up by six per cent. Rakshaks are many for dead meat but there are none to save the cow. Or build a natural shelter where the old can be kept and fed to last out their lifetime.

Many cities have evolved their own ways to control stray cattle but they are mostly of a rudimentary nature, using cattle catchers to move them from one place to another. Cow sheds and goshalas are many, with new ones being set up following the government's renewed protectionism but are mostly unauthorised, overcrowded and closer to human settlements when they should be located near the outskirts to avoid man-animal conflicts. Besides, there must be a uniform code for dairies and sheds in both cities and villages, including the number of cattle and staff required to maintain them. For example, the longevity of their licences and permits must be correlated to the physical health of their cattle and ensuring they do not leave the precincts. Penalties for illegal dairies should be stricter, snapping their water and power lines. Besides, some corporations have also sought to impose fines on errant dairies who cannot rein in their herd and even barcoding cows to trace their keepers. State governments individually have resorted to their own methods. For example, the Uttar Pradesh (UP) Government has decided to make sex-sorted bovine semen available in large quantities so that most offspring is female. Both Madhya Pradesh and Haryana have made abandonment a punishable offence. Yet it is the UP Government, the most driven on cow protection and which had appointed a committee, where policies have been counter-productive. Its committee had suggested practical solutions like a fodder bank, State subsidies for stray shelters, grants for animal upkeep, controlled prices for products prepared from excreta and even asking MPs and MLAs to commit a part of their funds for a higher cause. But even this framework fell prey to bureaucratic corruption. Just recently, the government had to suspend a District Magistrate and four officials for irregularities; they deliberately over-reported the number of cattle in a shelter to misuse public funds. If we are indeed serious about cow protection, then we better look at nurturing cow health and welfare as we would any human resource. For the BJP may promote itself as protector but banning cow slaughter has been encoded in Article 48 of the Constitution. To convert the sacredness of a fundamental duty into political tokenism is the greatest disservice to Kamadhenu, the mother of all cows

Bangla firing

On the face of it, the BSF-BGB shootout seems to be over smuggling but we cannot let it escalate for strategic reasons



ross-border firing is something we associate with Pakistan from across the Line of Control (LoC). So when such a flareup happens on our eastern borders, considering that the 4,000 km-long India-Bangladesh boundary has largely been peaceful for two decades, then it is a matter of concern. As it turns out, the Border Guards Bangladesh (BGB) opened fire at the Border Security Force (BSF) personnel, who had gone for a flag meeting to discuss the arrest of an Indian tisherman A BSF head constable died while another troop-

er got wounded. Though the authorities on both sides were guick to intervene and neutralise the situation, describing it as a one-off aberration, it did remind us of the 2001 armed conflict between the BSF and the Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) that led to the deaths of 15 of our jawans and three of theirs. Coming as it does in the wake of the just-concluded meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Bangladesh counterpart, Sheikh Hasina, during which the two countries struck crucial deals to further strengthen bilateral relations, and which has been largely cordial, questions arise if this was motivated. Speculations are rife if this was done to undercut the success of the recent trip where both sides smoothened some creases that had crept into the relationship in recent times. Truth be told, Dhaka has been a valuable ally in helping India build bridges with the Islamic world. Sheikh Hasina has largely been responsible for reining in militant groups operating along fluid border stretches. She has also negotiated the tricky binary between India and China by calling our ties organic and the latter economic. It is in acknowledgement that India has not only embarked on a new phase of economic cooperation with Hasina but has also promised that no immigrant, who doesn't make the cut in the National Register for Citizens (NRC), will be repatriated to Bangladesh. Perhaps, this incident was intended to tarnish her "winwin" sheen. The Opposition BNP (Bangladesh Nationalist Party) has been demonising her latest visit to India and the deals as "anti-state" and a "sellout"

This incident has also shed light on the larger issue of border management. which remains a challenge due to smuggling of fish, narcotics, cross-border human trafficking, cattle thefts and gun-running by cartels on both sides. Though cooperation on this has taken off with both sides conducting meetings biennially, they need to adopt a more humanitarian and interactive approach. The current shootout should not be allowed to aggravate and propel hostilities in a relationship which will get complex in a multi-polar world.

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Why Cong owes an answer

The Congress minus Sonia-Rahul-Priyanka is thinkable but Indian politics without it is unthinkable. The grand old party may be critically weakened but not wrecked as yet



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olitical parties are central to the functioning of a representative democracy because a multi-party system generates different policy options for the public. The options thus considered are aimed at fulfilling the interests and aspirations of the electorate. The Opposition, especially inter-party coalitions, is a key concept in a liberal democracy. However, interestingly, political parties have one function in common: All of them seek political power to form a Government or to take the role of the Opposition.

The 2019 Lok Sabha elections are over

While the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)-led National Democratic Alliance's (NDA's) roaring success in both 2014 and 2019 parliamentary elections has made it the largest party, the Congress has been facing debacle after debacle in successive elections. In this year's general election, the BJP won 303 seats and along with its allies, the NDA took its tally to 352 seats. The United Progressive Allianceled Congress was reduced to 91 seats with it barely crossing the half-century mark with 52 seats. With the BJP's winning percentage reaching 70 per cent (it contested in 437 seats and won 303 of them), the main Opposition party, the Congress, stared at a major exis-tential crisis. The BJP's spectacular win has left the Opposition, the Congress in particular, weak, clueless and irrelevant.

But why is the Opposition so significant? Its importance lies not just in providing a means to express negative reaction to the Government's decisions but to also tirelessly hold the ruling party to account, offer con-structive criticism and project a progressive alternative to the Government. On this front, the Congress lacks comprehensive strategy and stamina to take on the might of the BJP's power duo of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah.

It's true that people are often accused of seeing the world the way they want it to be rather than how it is. But do we really need binoculars to see the fall of a once great polit-ical party? Leaders from the top-level to the low-rung as well as legislators have been quit-ting the Congress. The prominent among them are airing their views against the party line. Indications are also there of deep intra-party disputes and conflicts. On a close look, ever, one will find the real reason why the leaders took the decision to leave the party/air views. And it wouldn't be surprising for those

who have a grasp of the reality.

Last April, I had mentioned in an article tilled, Congress Needs to Make a Comeback for Democracy to Sustain Itself: "In the world's largest democracy, the shrinking political space of a 133-year-old national party is as disconcerting for the party as it is for democracy itself. And, therefore, the Congress' revival is crucial for the nation and challenging for its party leadership. The task is made tougher as sub-optimal leadership faces the task of rebuilding the party and restructuring its shattered image and appeal."

One and a half years later, the Congress' state of affairs is even worse than what people had feared. I had earlier explained the to-do list for the grand old party, which remains prerequisite til



- tic political party is always good for a democracy. And, therefore, establishing intra-party democ ratic norms is no longer an option but a necessity. It's likely to prevent disintegration of the party, make politicians accountable and encourage meaningful deliberation.
- It should get rid of selfseeking and corrupt old guards. There are capable young leaders, who can flush out the party's old, withered arteries.
- Short-term political advantages have always assured long-term political disadvantages. Compromising politics had the Congress falling from 364 out of 489 Lok Sabha seats in the first-ever general election in 1952 to 44 out of 545 in 2014. While people's expecta tions from the party are really low, the need for it to rise has



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ture in politics as it is in life, it is said. Those who resist such a change will find themselves pushing against a sea of opin-ion and positioned on the wrong side of history.

Most relevant for presentday Congress is an observation by Mohammed Ayoob, Professor, Michigan State University, who writes that even after two major electoral debacles, the dynasty refuses to give up control and deliberately fails to realise that it is destroying the chances of the Congress bouncing back. The equation of the party with the

family has destroyed any possi-bility of its renaissance. Buoyed by its stupendous victory in this year's parliamen-tary elections when the BJP is gearing up for the 2024 gener al election, targetting 333 MPs the Congress is seen as a small snivelling, struggling party. As a matter of fact, the Congress' decline began years ago but accelerated in 2014 with the election of Narendra Modi. It's not that the BJP-led

NDA Government is running flawlessly. Apart from the economic mess, the political culture born out of the personality cult, ultra-nationalism and hate politics concerns the common man the most. Besides, the Government has failed to address other critical issues: From agrarian distress to unemployment to dissatisfaction among the urban middle classes and the poor. India's rank in

the Global Hunger Index (GHI) has slipped further — from 95 in 2010 to 117 this year.

So, for the Congress, there are enough political opportunities. It's just about how to make an opportunity fit, not the other way around. It's about seizing opportunities in right earnest

and at the right time.

By giving the reins of the party again to a family member. the Congress might have arrest-ed disintegration within but it will commit a grave mistake if it thinks that it can emerge stronger anytime soon. The party leadership must recognise that something far bigger and deeper is at work in the intraparty realm of politics. In the prevailing political culture, for the Congress, if it wishes to be an alternative to the BJP, even disintegration would be a better option if a wider acceptability of the younger generation eludes the party rank and file.

INC, minus Sonia-Rahul-Priyanka, is thinkable but Indian politics minus the Congress is unthinkable and if indeed it happens, it would be sad and may be the most unfortunate turn, which may forever change who we are. The Congress may be critically weakened but it is not wrecked

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UNDBITE

Prime Minister Modi and Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman should steal Lok Sabha poll manifesto to tackle the economic mess

Congress leader —Rahul Gandhi



In the age of digital streaming and social media that is slowly but surely isolating without boundaries inhibitions and fear



He (Erdogan) is a friend of mine and I'm glad we didn' have a problem because and he's a tough man. He did the right thing



India is committed to peace and stability in the neighbourhood as also in the wider region. The Army will continue to partne with friends to confront any



TTERS EDI

Wait for the verdict

Sir — This refers to the editorial, "Ayodhya closure" (October 18). A five-judge Constitution bench, headed by Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi, has reserved its verdict on one of the most sensitive case of the Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masiid land dispute in Ayodhya. What will ow next is a race against time as the verdict will be delivered in a month's time before Gogoi demits office.

In a democracy, any judicial verdict is premised on facts, which entail reliable evidence, satisfactory proof and eyewit-nesses. If indeed a settlement is reached, it will be a victory for parties concerned and the mediators, too. Whatever decision the court takes must be accepted

Finally, the country must move out from its past and focus on more important issues pertaining to the economy. The young generation is faced with a serious unemployment crisis. We need a strong economy and not court cases.

Azhar A Khan

India's hunger crisis calls for a policy overhaul

his refers to the editorial, "Still too hungry" (October 18). Identical findings by the 2019 Global Hunger Index (GHI) and UNICEF's report titled, 'The State of the World's Children 2019' prove beyond doubt that the incidence of malnutrition is alarmingly high in India. They also underline the enormous task before the Nationa Nutrition Mission (NNM), which was launched last year, to fulfill its goal of a "malnutrition-free India" by 2022. That India is among the worst-performing countries on the acute under-nutrition parameter is particularly worrying. Further, over 90 per cent of the children aged between six months and two years are not fed a "mini-mally acceptable diet." UNICEF data put the stunting rate among India's under-fives at 37.9 per cent, an abysmal

index that would be unacceptable for any country.

It is a proven fact that the diet — during the first 1.000 days after conception — lays the foundation for a child's physical growth and mental development. A proper diet in the early stages of life is half the battle won. Quality food and in adequate quantity is vital for a child's often a product of poverty, poor sanitation, unhygienic living conditions, lack of access to clean water and igno-



rance. It follows that the economic malaise afflicting the country has to be fought to make the fight against ous levels of hunger" a success. It is a paradox of our times that while granaries overflow, people go hungry available is a failure of the system to deliver. This calls for a strict implementation of the existing policies to ensure that the country's children are given n

G David Milton

attractive deposit rates than commercial banks and this is why they strive on an ecosystem

under the purview of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). The Central bank must maintain a strict vigil and audit all ailing banks so that scams like PMC never happen again and the faith of the depositor remains intact.

Harvinder Singh Chugh

Hunger challenge

This refers to the editorial, "Still too hungry" (October 18). It is unfortunate that despite being the second-largest food producer, India ranks poorly on the hunger levels. To tackle the problem, there is a need for the Government to increase the budget for children's health.

The problem is all the more complex because the food basket differs from region to region. It is, therefore, essential that we have an efficient integrated system for food production, processing, preservation and distribution which can cater to the changing tastes of the nation.

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Strict vigilance needed life of the people. While these banks have been able to come

Sir — This refers to the editorial, "Lessons from PMC" (October 17). The purpose of setting up cooperative banks was to further economic development and social

banks have been able to fulfill their role partially, a major impediment has been the elected members of borrowers, who are more concerned about furthering their own interests.

Cooperative banks offer

of small business, traders and petty service providers. In a country like ours, where finan-cial literacy is not so high, it is essential that all banks come

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FIRSTCOLUMN

More to this than meets the eye

The Turkish-Syrian border drama could have been masterminded by Russia to get USA out and restore the Assad Govt's control over eastern Syria



ussia and its Syrian ally Bashar al-Assad win, the Kurds lose, and the United States (US) leaves in unsquare, it may been a hectic few days on the Turkish-Syrian border. After a phone and its properties on October 7. call with Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan on October 7, Donald Trump abruptly abandoned America's Kurdish allies in Syria. As US troops pulled out of their positions along Syria's northern border, where they had been protecting the Kurds from a Turkish attack, Erdogan moved fast. The Turkish President declared that he would take over a big chunk of northern Syria to drive out the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF), the Kurdish-dominated militia that has been America's key ally in the fight against the Islamic State (ISIS). Erdogan described the SDF as "terrorists" and a threat to Turkey but they are nothing of the sort.

Syrian Kurds are the majority population in the border region with Turkey. They created the SDF to resist the ISIS' attempts to conquer the region five years ago, after the Syrian regular army pulled out of the region to fight rebels elsewhere in the country. The SDF became America's key local ally in the fight against the ISIS. Over 10,000 Kurds died in that war, while the US gave them air support. By the end of last year they had destroyed ISIS and the whole region was at peace. The local Kurds and their Arab neigh-bours were running it themselves. The Kurds did want autonomy within Syria but they never demanded independence and they have made no attacks on Turkey, terrorist or otherwise. So why did Erdogan want to attack them?

Erdogan is paranoid about the Kurds, because one-fifth of Turkey's own population are ethnic Kurds, and some of them have waged a guerrilla and terrorist struggle for decades, seeking an independent state. Other Kurdish minorities in the region, including those in Syria, are not at war with the Turks but Erdogan did-

n't like having the Kurdish-run SDF on his border. Turkey invaded last Saturday and after about 36 hours the despairing Syrian Kurds did the obvious thing: they asked the Syrian army to come back and save them. They don't love Syria's dictator, Bashar al-Assad, but it's better than being invaded by Turkey and losing their homes permanently.

But there was something puzzling about all this. Why would

Assad's Russian allies approve a Syrian army move that might bring it into direct conflict with the Turkish army? After all, Vladimir Putin has been courting Erdogan as a potential ally (even though Turkey is currently a North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) mem-

The Syrian army is now driving back into the northeastern part of the country unopposed by the SDF. They will re-occupy the whole region (which is Syrian sovereign territory). The Syrian Kurds may still be able to negotiate an autonomy deal with Damascus, on the grounds that they are Syria's only non-Arab minority. In any case, they have no other alternative

Erdogan can either back down and be humiliated, or he can press on and risk a war not only with the Syrian army but also the Russian air force. That's the way it looks on the surface and maybe that's all that's going on here. But we must also consider the possibility that the whole thing has been a charade, masterminded by the Russians, to get the Americans out of Syria and restore the Assad Government's control over all of eastern

First, Erdogan puts the frighteners on Trump in the famous phone-call, and Trump abandons the Kurds and starts pulling the US troops out. Then Erdogan launches the threatened invasion, and the Syrian Kurds understandably panic and make a deal with Damascus.

The Syrian army returns to the northern border for the first time in five years without having to fire a shot, carefully avoiding the points along the border where the Turks have already entered the country. Erdogan declares a ceasefire and eventually withdraws his troops, stating that he is satisfied that the Kurdish "threat" has been ended because the Syrian army, not the SDF, now controls the border. Even Iran is satisfied, because this eliminates the possibility that the US forces could be an obstacle to its planned secure corridor across Syria to Lebanon.

There's no proof of this but it makes sense. The Russians are smart enough and Trump is inept or compromised enough. It would explain why the Russians looked like they were backing the Syrians at the risk of alienating their new Turkish friend. Maybe there was

no risk. Maybe Erdogan was in on the deal.

And don't worry about a revival of the ISIS. For the thousands of ISIS fighters now held prisoner by the Kurds, there can be no

worse fate than falling into the hands of the Syrian army.
(Gwynne Dyer's new book is 'Growing Pains: The Future of

POINTCOUNTERPOINT

THE CONGRESS PARTY, WHEN THE BILL CAME IN PARLIAMENT ON ARTICLE 370, WHEN DISCUSSIONS CAME UP, VOTED FOR IT, NOT AGAINST IT. —FORMER PRIME MINISTER MANMOHAN SINGH





IN THE PAST SINGH SUPPRESSED FACTS AND PROVIDED COVER FOR THE CONGRESS. IT DOES NOT BEHOVE A FORMER PM TO MISREPRESENT FACTS. -BJP SOCIAL MEDIA CELL CHIEF

Fuelling new partnerships

India must broaden its vision of oil security which should go beyond increasing indigenous production, to cover arrangements with other nations for assured supplies of crude and gas



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espite loud talk by successive Governments about increasing domestic production of oil and gas to make India self-sufficient in energy, we are producing less than 20 per cent of our requirement. The balance, over 80 per cent, continues to be imported. This heightens our vulnerability to a point whereby the slightest disruption in any of the major sources of imports (be it imposition of sanctions by the US against Iran or an attack on oil instal lations in Saudi Arabia) creates major ripples that have the potential to destabilise the country's

The problem is not lack of resources. India as 26 Sedimentary Basins (SBs) covering an area of 3.14 million square kilometres (sq km). But of 3.14 million square kinonetres (sq. kin). But, the lack of a conducive policy environment and cumbersome regulatory processes have deterred global firms (who have the technology, expertise and capital) from investing in their exploration, development and commercialisation. At present, only six SBs covering 0.518 million sq km or barely 16 per cent of the total area are under commercial exploitation. Even these six SBs are suboptimally utilised.

An overwhelming share of throughput

comes from fields discovered over four decades ago in the 1970s, namely Bombay High and the South Bassein fields and so on, with no major discoveries in recent times. The only exception were finds in the Krishna Godavari (KG) basin in the early 2000s, touted as ones that would conin the early 2000s, tolled as ones that would contribute nearly 50 per cent of the country's total gas production. Even that turned out to be a damp squib with the high-profile KG-D6 operated by Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) ending up with meagre reserves of about two trillion cubic feet (Tcf) against an initial estimate of 10 Tcf 10 Tcf.
The Narendra Modi Government has tried

to entice global energy giants by assuring a higher price for difficult deep/ultra-deep water fields on the one hand and giving flexibility to operators in choosing new areas with freedom of pricing and marketing under the 2017 Hydrocarbon Exploration and Licensing Policy (HELP) on the other. It has also tried to simplifications of the control of th y processes for approval and reduce bureaucrat ic red tape. But controls on supply, distribution

and use remain, even as multiple pricing regimes, depending on the supply source and hydrocarbon type, give confusing signals.

In the absence of any major breakthrough in securing a jump in production from fields already given under the 1999 New Exploration and Licensing Policy (NELP) and given the lukewarm response to the first three rounds of bidding held under HELP, it is unlikely that India would be able to reduce dependence on imports even by 10 per cent as committed by the Modi overnment. The Centre will, therefore, need to plore other options for meeting the country's oil and gas requirements.

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The first option involves sourcing a major share of requirements under long-term arrangements with exporters, leaving a small gap, say 10-15 per cent, for buying spot to take advantage of price fluctuations, depending on global-demand

India being the third-largest importer of oil and gas, we may leverage this to negotiate bet-ter prices. Joining hands with another major

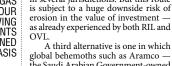


SHOULD ORCHESTRATE ITS STRATEGY COMBINING THE **AVAILABLE** OPTIONS LIKE BOOSTING DOMESTIC PRODUCTION, LONG-TERM CONTRACTS FOR SUPPLIES LETTING GLOBAL OIL MAJORS OWN **EQUITY IN THF** COUNTRY'S REFINERS AND RETAILERS AND INDIAN COMPANIES ACQUIRING OIL ASSETS ABROAD

FOR ENSURING ADEQUATE SUPPLIES OF CRUDE AND GAS TO MEET OUR REQUIREMENTS ON A SUSTAINED



buyer, say China, could further improve the country's bargaining power (but this is easier said than done). However, the threat of disruption always remains; due to the force majeure clause in such tie-A second alternative is for Indian A second alternative is for Indian companies to pick up equity stakes in foreign oil and gas assets with arrangements for buy-back. For instance, ONGC Videsh Limited (OVL), a Public Control Lindshelm (DCLV), a Public Control Lindshelm (DCLV).



global behemoths such as Aramco — the Saudi Arabian Government-owned biggest petro giant and the world's largest oil exporter — pick up stake in Indian companies which are focussed on refining and marketing of oil products. This route is free from the vulnerabilities inherent under the above two

Sector Undertaking (PSU), holds par-

ticipating interest in over 40 assets in 20 countries. RIL, too, acquired assets

in several jurisdictions. But this route

Already, in sync with Saudi Arabia's intent to invest \$ 100 billion in India's downstream sector, including refining, petrochemicals, retailing and so on, Aramco has proposed to acquire 25 per cent equity in the \$ 60 billion West Coast refinery (another 25 per cent will come from the Abu Dhabi National Oil come from the Abu Dhabi National Oil Company-Adnoc) and petrochemical project in Maharashtra in which the other 50 per cent will be owned by Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) and Hindustan

Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL).

It is also contemplating picking up 20 per cent equity in oil and gas assets of RIL. The most crucial feature of this partnership/joint venture is assured supply of crude oil by Aramco to meet 50 per cent of the requirement of the West Coast refinery. The arrangement is mutually beneficial. While, on one hand, India gets what it needs the most, that is crude in desired quantities on a long-term basis without any disruption, on the other, Saudi Arabia also gets what it needs the most, which is an opportunity to diversify its sources of income, thereby reducing its overdependence on crude alone. There could not be a more apt example of the two countries exploiting synergies to

the advantage of both.

Indian companies can pursue similar arrangements with other major sup-pliers of crude oil like Iraq, Iran and the United Arab Emirates (UAE), who will also be very keen to reduce their over-dependence on crude alone and make their economies immune to vulnerabilities resulting from price fluctu-

From our perspective, even if there is loss of output in their crude produc-tion facilities, being a co-owner in Indian firms, they won't cut supplies to the country. To take it a step further, the Government may even consider divesting its entire stake in oil refining and marketing PSUs to strategic investors who have ownership and control over crude assets

As part of its ambitious programme of disinvestment to garner ₹105,000 crore during the current year, it has policy analyst)

decided to divest all of its 53.3 per cent shareholding in BPCL. If, it is sold to say Aramco or Adnoc, this will not only yield a whopping ₹57,000 crore (at current market capitalisation of ₹107,000 crore) but also ensure assured supplies

crore) but also ensure assured supplies of crude.

The Modi Government may also consider sale of HPCL — at present owned by ONGC which in turn is majority-owned by itself — to global energy majors. The sale of BPCL and HPCL won't face any legal hurdles as the relevant legislations, which led to the creation of these PSUs, have already been renealed in 2016. een repealed in 2016.
While, pursuing these initiatives,

While, pursuing these initiatives, India's political class needs to broaden its vision of oil security which should go beyond increasing indigenous production to cover arrangements for assured supplies of crude from all sources. It also needs to unshackle itself from the "coribilet are", "nijedate that from the "socialist era" mindset that crucial assets such as oil must necessar-ily be owned by PSUs. In a world wherein supply chains are globally integrated, the focus should be on how best our onomic interests are served rather than worrying about ownership.

The Modi Government should

orchestrate its strategy combining the best of all available options like boost-ing domestic production, long-term contracts for supplies, letting global oil majors own equity in the country's refiners and retailers and Indian companies acquiring oil assets abroad for ensuring adequate supplies of crude and gas to meet our growing requirements on a sustained basis. (The writer is a New Delhi-based

Vital tools in India's healthcare delivery 17:401 400

While equipment manufacturers have mostly focussed on improving the quality of care and life expectancy, they also need to increase affordability so that there is a largescale impact



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uccessful healthcare delivery epends both on the availability of personnel and technologies. Medical devices are an important cog in the delivery system as they equip health service providers with the nec-essary tools to perform their job effectively. Though the country's healthcare industry has grown significantly over the last decade, our health ecosystem is plagued by the lack of availability and affordability of quality services. In fact, India lags behind Brazil, Russia, China and South Africa and a number of other developing countries in this regard. While technological advancements have expanded to encompass almost every stage of the healthcare contin-

den of lifestyle diseases is added to the burden of communicable diseases such as tuberculosis. Non-communicable diseases are currently responsi-ble for 61 per cent of the deaths in the country, a number that is only set to go up in the coming years. While both the Government and private participants have undertaken several measures to address the lack of quality services, these efforts have been execut-

ed in discrete silos. In this scenario, medical appliances play a key role in offering better screening, diagnosis and treatment along with restoration and monitor ing of health indicators to boost prevention. While equipment manufacturers have mostly focussed on improving the quality of care and life expectancy, they also need to increase affordability so that there is a large

scale impact.

Technology has improved the complexity and accuracy of screening

uum, accessibility and democratic availability remains a hurdle. India faces a dual challenge as the rising burprimary healthcare level, provide care at home and resulted in improved health outcomes and patient satisfaction. It has also improved the access to quality care in underserved and remote regions, while also making it possible for patients to avail treatment outside traditional healthcare facilities.

Technological advancements in surgical equipment have enabled doc-tors to treat highly complex and critical cases and reduce the length of extended hospital stays. It has increasingly made it possible for elective and complex operations such as knee replacement and bariatric surgery to be moved to short stay/outpatient surgery centres. For example, laproscopic surgery procedures remarkably improve outcomes; reduce length of hospital stays as well as cost of treat-

Rehabilitative centres and hospitals are making it easier for patients to recuperate and return to a relatively

normal life with the help of advanced restorative and assistive devices. Advancements in curative technolo gy have also allowed people with disabilities to lead productive lives.

Advancements in screening devices have enabled patients to mon-itor their condition at home, keeping a close track on all major health indi-cators. Furthermore, smart appliances are being increasingly used to remotely monitor patients and diagnose life-threatening conditions early, reducing the need for hospital visits and bringing down the pressure on overburdened healthcare centres. However, there is a need for a more congenial ecosystem for indigenous manufacturers as medical technology is a significant contributor to the cost of healthcare delivery. According to conservative estimates, medical equipment contributes to at least 30 per cent of the capital of setting up a secondary or tertiary care center. Moreover, diagnostics and medical devices contribute to at least 20 per cent of the cost of medical services. Unfortunately, the

ecosystem is not very conducive for the sector to drive affordability and accessibility. The Goods and Services Tax (GST) on devices currently stands toms duty is low. This tax policy negatively impacts indigenous production and supports imports, which is counter-intuitive to the 'Make in India' initiative. As the inverted duty structure favors bringing in finished goods over raw material, imports constitute 75 per cent of the industry's sales. As a result, local manufacturers make products at the lower end of the

The Government must consider revising its tax policy to help local manufacturers gain a larger share of the market. This will also help them make products at more affordable

With a changing regulatory and onomic environment, the medical device sector is set to grow in the future and there are a range of factors fuelling it. According to estimates, non-communicable diseases will cause

75 per cent of the deaths in the country by 2025, with an increasing number of people suffering from diabetes, heart disease and progressive lung diseases. The geriatric population is also set to increase and would require a higher need for quality healthcare and medical devices, both at homes and health facilities.

Apart from devising a more con-genial tax structure, the country needs to strengthen its regulatory mechanisms and testing procedures to ensure highest standards of quality are met. According to news reports, the NITI Aayog has prepared a roadmap to ensure better regulation of medical equipment under which all devices — imported or locally manufactured will have to be certified by the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO). While improving regulation is welcome, the authorities must ensure that the process remains

smooth, hassle-free and fast. (The writer is director of a medical device marketing and distribution company)



BACK THE GREEN

NEW DEAL For many years, the World

Bank and the IMF were the international manifestation of the New Deal. They backed expansionary economic policies and were mindful of the rights of individual countries to govern. There are now proposals, backed by the UN, for a global Green New Deal. It would be a good thing for global economy. the planet and for their own long-term prospects, if the IMF and World Bank chose to back the idea.

(The Guardian editorial)

Opp slams Goyal for 'belittling' Abhijit | Bengal Guv hits out at State

 Γ he Bengal political parties and civil society have slammed Union Minister Piyush Goyal for attacking Nobel Laureate Abhijit Banerjee for his alleged Leftist leanings.

Faulting Goyal for, "unnecessarily bringing politics to malign a Nobel Laureate who has made India proud" Bengal Congress leader and MP Pradip Bhattacharya on Friday said "it is unfortunate that our Ministers are so uneducated and biased that they do not even think twice to belittle a Nobel Laureate who has made India proud by unnecessarily brining politics to malign him."

Scoffing at Goyal he said, "the literacy level of our Ministers is so high that they do not even think twice to invoke Newton's second law in Albert Einstein's name," and wondered why a stalwart will have to be belittled just because he has Left lean-

Earlier while congratulating Abhijit for his remarkable achievements in the field of economics



Laureate's scholarly findings. It is a

political party that got the people's mandate and not the theory of

Nyay' which was supported by

Abhijit Banerjee," he said.
"Considering the sliding eco-

nomic condition of the country

during the BJP's rule the time is com-ing when the people who are attack-

ing day will go to him and sit at his

Goyal said, "I congratulate Abhijit Banerjee for winning the Nobel Prize ... (but) you all know that his thinking is totally Left-leaning." He backed his comments by saying how "Banerjee supported Nyay (poverty alleviation scheme of the Congress) but people of India reject-

ed that ideology."

Questioning Goyal's "political wisdom" the Congress MP said "just because a political party got a man-

Nyay found political success or not. The question is

whether the prescription of Mamata which has won him the Nobel Prize is relevant and affective in conquering poverty'

-Bangla poet Subodh Ghosh

feet to take lessons on economic development," he maintained.

Bangla poet Subodh Ghosh also

attacked Goyal for "failing to under-stand Banerjee's achievements as an economist." He said "it is irrelevant whether the Nyay found political success or not. The question is whether the prescription of Banerjee which has won him the Nobel Prize is relevant and affective in conquering poverty.

Economist and State Financial Advisor Abhiroop Sarkar said, "it is unfortunate that someone of Abhijit Banerjee's strature will get such reception from the national govern-

Ministers' sense of decorum

Even as the distance between Raj Bhavan and Nabanna (State Secretariat) widened, Bengal Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar once again lambasted the Trinamool Congress Ministers for repeatedly making adverse comments against him

Speaking to an audience Dhankar on Friday said "every time Governor (Dhankhar) does something sensible you (Ministers) come out with a statement defying decorum. I am not a tourist. I am here to discharge my constitu-tional duties which I will continue

doing."

The Governor was particularly referring to senior State leader and Minister Subroto Mukherjee's comments questioning his initiative to hold an administrative meeting in North Bengal town of Siliguri.
"It is nothing but a gimmick,"
Mukherjee had said adding the

Governor was just a "tourist in the

He said "some call me a tourist, others called the Siliguri visit a gim-mick" and vowed to "continue dis-charging" his constitutional duties, reminding that he was not the one who crossed his Laxman Rekha and adding it was upon Chief Minister Mamata Baneriee to take action on her Ministers.

The distance between the Trinamool Congress and Dhankhar had been widening ever since he personally went down to Jadavpur University to rescue Union Minister Babul Supriyo who was trapped amid agitating stu-

Subsequently he told the media about his being "humiliated" by the State Government during the Durga Puja carnival which was hosted by Chief Minister Mamata

An emotional Governor said he "felt insulted at the carnival. I am

deeply hurt and disturbed. The insult was not to me but to every people of West Bengal. They will never digest such as insult. I am a servant of the people of West Bengal. Nothing can deter me from performing my constitution-al duties," with his voice literally

"Speaking out of my injured heart" the Governor said "for four hours or more I was there and your press coverage was totally blacked out...This is unheard of. You will never find it anywhere else. Someone told me it was reminiscent of the Emergency."

Subroto

Mukherjee once again attacked the Centre for breaking all consti-tutional norms and rules of federalism by bringing the Governor under Z category security to be provided by the central forces. "This is an utter infringement on State's federal rights," Mukherjee

to reduce commuter sufferings

West Bengal Government has decided to run 100 minibuses in the northern outskirts of the city from November one to reduce the hardship of people caused by closing of Tallah Bridge on the arterial B T Road for heavy vehicles, State Minister Suvendu Adhikary said on Friday.

Movement of buses has been stopped across the bridge after experts found it to be in a rickety condition.

The Barrackpore Trunk (B T) Road connects vast parts of the northern outskirts and North 24 Parganas district to the city. Adhikary, the transport into service to reduce the

problem of the people travel-ling on these routes.

Diversion of bus routes to avoid Tallah Bridge have also led to pulling off services by many operators citing losses owing to increased fuel costs and lack of passengers.

To compensate for the reduced number of buses on this route, the government will run 100 minibuses of West Bengal Transport Corporation (WBTC) on diverted routes bypassing the bridge, Adhikary said.

He said the Metro Railway has also agreed to run 10 extra trains from northern terminal station Noapara to cater to the increased load of passengers.

WB Govt to run 100 minibuses | Mamata assures legel help to kin of murdered schoolteacher

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Friday assured the relatives of the murdered schoolteacher of Murshidabad district of providing all legal help if needed in connection with the case. Six relatives of the dead

teacher Bondhu Prakash Paul. whose body was found along with that of his wife Beauty and six-year-old son lying in polls of blood at their house at Jiagunj on October 8 during the Durga Puja festival, had met Mamata at the State Secretariat on Thursday.

The killings took on a political colour when the BJP slammed the state government



that the man was its support-er. Both RSS and BJP had claimed that Pal used to par-ticipate in 'Milan' the Sangh's weekly programme.

The man's mother and his

relatives have denied any involvement by him with RSS. The chief minister assured

us of providing legal assistance if required. We have not

asked for any financial help from her, Rajesh Ghosh, his cousin, told newsmen at the

We are happy with the police investigation into the murder and appier now after meeting the chief minister, he

Asked they said, "There is no political connection with the family. A mason, from whom Paul

had taken money promising an insurance policy has been arrested for allegedly killing the

relatives went to the state police headquarters at Bhawani Bhawan in the city and met senior police officers in con-nection with the case.



Hindu Jagran Manch members protest at District Collector's office against alleged killing of an RSS worker and his family

Anti-development face of In UP, mini version Opp stands exposed: Yogi

PTI ■ LUCKNOW

Uttar Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath attacked the opposition in his election rallies in the State on Friday and said their anti-development

face has been exposed.

Adityanath also accused the Opposition of indulging in hooliganism and corruption while in power and claimed that the BJP worked for the

welfare of people.
The CM was addressing rallies in Aligarh, Rampur and Saharanpur for the bypolls in

"Only those people are not admiring our work during whose tenure the power was merely a synonym for anarchy, corruption and hooliganism. The SP, BSP and the Congress were all involved in this," he

. "They never had development on their mind And now when their anti-development face has been exposed, people have been rejecting them since 2014," he claimed.

Mentioning the develop-



ment works carried out by his party, the UP Chief Minister said during the tenure of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. around three crore people got

'The Avushman Bharat Yojana has become a boon for the destitute. Free houses and gas connections were distrib-uted among the poor. Farmers of the state were benefited under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Yojana," said the CM, adding that the government had been working to "double" farmers' income.

"By making them happy, we want to realise dreams of Chaudhary Charan Singh," he

Lambasting the Congress, the chief minsiter said, "It only gave us terrorism, corruption and insulted Babasaheb Bhimro Ambedkar by granting a special status to Jammu and Kashmir under Article

He claimed that the BJP achieved what the other parties could not in the past 70 years. "The Congress needs the power to loot. The SP and BSP

continued with their corrupt practices. The BJP brought an end to all this and paved a way for the prosperity of people," he

Referring to Aligarh Muslim University, Adityanath said Raja Mahendra Pratap Singh played a very significant role in establishing the institu-

"He had given land for it but his name has not been mentioned on any plaque," Adityanath said, adding that the UP government was reviving the lock industry in Aligarh through the 'one district, one product' programme.

of Assembly polls tomorrow

PTI ■ LUCKNOW

Uttar Pradesh will on O Monday see a mini version of Assembly elections with bypolls in 11 constituencies, coming just months after the BJP swept the State in the Lok Sabha elections.

The UP bypolls for Gangoh, Rampur, Iglas (SC), Lucknow Cantonment, Govindnagar, Manikpur, Pratapgarh, Zaidpur (SC), Jalalpur, Balha (SC) and Ghosi seats are being held along with the Assembly elections in

Maharashtra and Haryana.
It is a four-cornered contest with the BJP, Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP), Samajwadi Party (SP) and Congress field-ing candidates on all 11 assem-

bly seats.

While the ruling BJP will try to build on its Lok Sabha success, the opposition parties hope the results will help them galvanise its cadres ahead of the 2022 elections for the 403-member Uttar Pradesh

Assembly

The Congress, in particular, hopes to show signs of revival in UP after its battering in the Lok Sabha polls in when it won just one seat, party chief Sonia Gandhi's Rae Bareli constituency.

In contrast, the BJP won 62 of the 80 parliamentary seats in the state and an ally bagged

We have several challenges before us. But with the blessings of the seniors and the support of the youth, no one will be able to stop the party from coming to power in 2022," newly appointed Congress state president Ajay Kumar Lallu said recent-

Lallu said the Congress will become the voice of the deprived, farmers, youth and women in the state. He exhorted workers to

overcome all hurdles through determination and hard work, and function unitedly.

UP's political outfit chief found murdered at home

PTI ■ LUCKNOW

The president of a little Known Hindu Samaj Party was found murdered at his home in the congested Naka Hindola area of the city here, police said on Friday.

Kamlesh Tiwari (45) was of the Hindu Mahasabha, they said.
The Akhil Bharatiya Hindu

Mahasabha in a statement condemned the incident. Police said briefs protests

were held in the area by local residents after the murder.
"Kamlesh Tiwari was found murdered inside his house. Two persons had come to meet him. Both were speak-

ing to Tiwari when the latter sent one of his aides to get 'paan' for them," Vikas Tripathi, ASP (Lucknow West), told PTI.

"When his aide returned

from the market, he found Tiwari in a pool of blood," Tripathi added.

A senior UP Government official said the visitors shot Tiwari dead after talking to

him for little over half an hour. Police reached the spot and gathered the CCTV

otage.

UP DGP OP Singh told reporters, "Those who have murdered Tiwari are said to be his acquaintances. They spent over half an hour with him and even gave Tiwari a box of sweets and after it the murder took place. We have got some vital clues and based on CCTV footage and other evidences, we are working on

He said teams had been

the case?

rmed to crack the case.
"We have also got some call we have also got some call details. The special task force has been engaged in the case," he said, adding that it was "purely a criminal activity" done by two people.

"the UP DGP said there"

were "some minor law and order problem" in the area after the murder took place with local people saying that such incidents should not take

are patrolling the area. In the next 48 hours, we will catch the culprits," he said.

When asked whether there was any possible terror angle in was any possine terror angle in the incident, Additional Director General of Police (Law and Order) PV Ramasastry told PTI, "All the angles are being looked into. And, it would be improper to jump to any conclusion."

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Senior Superintendent of
Police Kalanidhi Naithani said
prima facie it seemed
to be a case of personal enmi-

He added that teams had been formed to crack the case. Naka Hindola SHO Sujeet Kumar Dubey said there were brief protests by angry local

residents after the incident.

The situation was normal, Dubey said.

An eyewitness, Saurashtra Singh, told reporters shortly after the incident that the police constable deployed at the house of Tiwari was sleeping while the gunner attached to "But, the situation now is under control. Police officers past a couple of days.

UP Govt hikes DA to 17%

PTI ■ LUCKNOW

The Uttar Pradesh Government on Friday increased the dearness allowance for state govern-ment employees to 17 per cent from 12 per cent.

In a statement, an official said apart from the state government employees, staff of aided educational institutions, technical educational institutions and urban local bodies would also get the enhanced DA.

The state government official said the increased rates would be applicable from July
1. The arrears of dearness
allowance from July 1 to
September 30 will be deposited in the PF account. The
amount payable from October 1 will be paid along with this month's salary, the official

Centre should follow economic policies of Narasimha Rao, Manmohan: Gehlot

Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot on Friday said the country's economy was weakening and the Centre should follow the policies of former prime minister P V Narasimha Rao and then france winister Maymohan finance minister Manmohan Singh to upend the downward

He said the World Bank, International Monetary Fund (IMF), Manmohan Singh and even the husband of Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman have expressed concern over India's economy.

In a newspaper article pub-lished on October 14, Sitharaman's husband Prabhakar took a swipe at the BJP-led government over its economic vision and asked it to embrace the economic archiecture offered by Narasimha Rao and Manmohan Singh.

"They (central govern-ment) should follow the poli-cies of Narasimha Rao and



Manmohan Singh, and start working. Then only the country will saved," Gehlot said at

a public rally here.
"Democracy is under threat... We are becoming weaker economically. The entire country and the world is saying this," he said, adding,
"You can imagine the state of
affairs when the finance minister's husband is writing an article that the government has no understanding of the onomic situation."

Because of the non-visionary policies of the government the country was heading towards a wrong direction. Growth rate is slowing, the chief minister said. "People are chanting

(Prime Minister Narendra) Modi's name despite the fact that there is no business, economy is falling and there are no jobs. Such is the situation, how ong will this country tolerate?

"We don't have any enmi-ty with Modi, (Amit) Shah, the BJP or RSS. This is a fight of ideology," he said. "They talk about nationalism during elections. Are we not nationalist? Will we have to seek certificate from BIP to become nationalists? Doing politics in the name of religion points in the name of rengion, provoking people of one reli-gion against another, is this (the way of doing) the politics in a democracy?" Gehlot

In the rally, he called upon the people to vote for Congress candidate Rita Chaudhary in Mandawa Assembly bypoll which will be held on October 21. State Congress president Sachin Pilot and other leaders were also present in the meet-

Pilot questions own Govt's move on mayors' polls

Rajasthan's Deputy Chief Minister Sachin Pilot on Friday questioned his own Government's decision on elections to the posts of heads of urban local bodies.

Taking a stand that appeared to go against the view of Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, Pilot made it clear he was not consulted on the decision that was notified on

Wednesday. Two other Ministers in the Congress-run State have separately opposed the move that allows people who are not elected councillors to contest for posts like mayors and chairpersons of corporations and municipalities.

The non-councillor candidates still have to be elected by councillors to the top posts.

"This is not a good deci-

sion and I do not agree with this. The decision is not practical and not politically right and there is a need to make changes to the decision," Pilot told reporters in Jhunjhunu.

"We decided to hold indi-rect election for the posts of mayor and chairperson. This was fine. But suddenly a new decision appeared that I came to know from newspapers. This was not discussed in the

cabinet or the legislative party

meeting," he said.
Pilot, who is the Rajasthan Congress president, claimed that the new system, which is being called a hybrid, will allow people to become urban body heads through the back

strengthened if a candidate who could not win a councillors' election is allowed to contest for the mayor's post.

He said democracy is not

"Our party and the Government have always said that democracy should be strengthened," he said. 'I do not think such a sys tem has been implemented in any state of the country," he said, adding that the decision

needs to be changed. A gazette notification to amend the rules on election of mayors and chairpersons was



issued on Wednesday

On Thursday, Food and Civil Supply Minister Ramesh Meena and Transport Minister Pratap Singh Khachariyawas separately expressed appre-hension, saying it could lead to resentment among party work-

Khachariyawas said the system was injustice to those who worked in the field and won councillors' elections

When asked about the comments by these two ministers, Chief Minister Gehlot said everyone is concerned about delivering good gover-

nance.
"The cabinet, all MLAs and the entire Government is engaged in that. Elections for the local bodies and the Panchayati Raj are coming. We will fight and will win the elections," the chief minister told reporters in Pilot and Gehlot were

together in Jhunjhunu where they addressed a rally in support of Rita Chaudhary, who is contesting the assembly bypolls for the Mandawa seat. Later, they talked sepa-rately with the media.

Rifts in Rajasthan Congress surfaced after the Assembly elections last December that were followed by intense lob-bying for the chief minister's

while Gehlot was picked by the central leadership for the top post, Pilot had to settle for

the deputy's spot.

Recently, Pilot expressed concern over the law and order situation in the state and his remark were seen as a com-ment on Gehlot's performance.



PM slams ex-FM PC for ruining economy

Singling out the Congress-NCP alliance leaders for a blistering attack on issues of corruption and alleged links with terrorists, Prime Minister Narendra Modi indirectly slammed former Finance Minister P Chidamdaram for "destroying" the country's economy and banking system and former Civil Aviation Minister Praful Patel for his alleged with late Iqbal Mirchi, an erstwhile close aide of Karachi-based underworld Dawood Ibrahim.

Addressing a large public rally at Bandra-Kurla Complex in north—central Mumbai, Modi took on Chidambaram and Patel without actually naming them but making an try. Compare them with us: we unmistakable reference to the former Finance Minister's presence in Tihar Jail and the ongoing investigations by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) into the an alleged property deal between the former Civil Aviation Minister and Hajra Iqbal, the wife of late Iqbal Mirchi. lakhs of crores of rupees of money through `phone bank-

Castigating Chidambaram

for "destroying" Indian econo The people in Maharashtra and across the country know my and banking system for ten years, Modi said: "Take the case who did all this. Those who destroyed the country's econof those (Congress) who had imposed angel tax in the coun-

are making corporate tax in the country conducive to the world. They had imposed hefty corporate tax in the world. Here we are who transfer accounts of common people. "They (congress) were those who had transferred

omy and banking system for 10 long years are languishing in Delhi's Tihar Jail or Mumbai jail. This is just beginning of tyhe cleaning up operation. You will get us speed up the work in the coming day," the Prime Minister said.

Charging that the Congress and allies failed in doing justice to the victim families of 1993 Mumbai serial blasts and tried protect those behind the asts, Modi targeted Patel for

ing BJP and Shiv Sena cannot make a single speech without mentioning him, Pawar said. The NCP chief also hit out

at Shah for repeatedly asking what did Pawar do for

Maharashtra, and listed his decisions such as giving 50 per

cent reservation to women in

local governing bodies and renaming Marathwada University after Dr B R

has for every issue including unemployment and agrarian crisis is "abrogation of Article

370", Pawar said.
The NCP was not opposed

to the scrapping of the provisions of the article which gave special status to Jammu and

Kashmir, but people's concerns needed to be addressed, he said.

He also reiterated the charge that "not even an inch of work" has been carried out

for constructing Shivaji Maharaj's memorial off the

Similarly, the work on Ambedkar's memorial in cen-

tral Mumbai's Dadar also has not made any headway, Pawar said.

Mumbai coast.

The only answer the BJP

Ambedkar.

his alleged links with late Mirch's family. "Whenever the issue of doing justice to the vic-tim families comes up, the Congress and its allies try to protect the terrorists. Mumbai, Maharashtra and the country will never forget the wounds of

1993 blasts.

The Government of the time did not do justice to the victims. Those behind the blasts fled the country. The reason behind the same has now come into the open.

"Instead of catching hold of the people (Dawood Ibrahim and his aides), these people are

with them. Kabhi mirchi ka vypar, Kabhi Mirchi se vyapar.. I request the people of Mumbai and Maharashtra to know these and get cautious about the parties they represent. They are not bothered about the prestige of Maharashtra and country," the Prime Minister

He also went onto slam the Congress and its supporters for creating an impression thath it was only the one family (Gandhi Nehru) that brought freedom to the country. "These are the same who had insulted late B R Ambedkar. These are the same people who are doing the same thing with the memo-rial being built in the name of Chhatrati Shivaji. Right from day one, they are creating hurdles in the way of construction of the Shivaji memorial," Modi

announced that the work on the mid-sea Shivaji memorial would begin. "The moment we get a green signal from the court, we will start the con-struction of the memorial," he

The Prime Minister

Bring back Art 370 when in power, Shah dares Pawar, Rahul

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday dared Congress leader Rahul Gandhi and NCP chief Sharad Pawar to bring back Article 370 in Jammu & Kashmir if they ever

return to power.

Addressing a poll rally in
Rajura seat here, Shah said the
Congress, NCP and other
opposition parties did not abrogate provisions of Article 370 due to vote-bank politics.
Article 370 had become the

"gateway for terrorists" in the last 70 years, leading to 40,000 killings in J&K, he claimed. He said the Narendra Modi

rie said the Narendra Modi government was elected with a bigger mandate in 2019 because people had full faith in his leadership and development works carried out by the

Centre.
"I am throwing a direct challenge to Rahul Gandhi and Sharad Pawar to restore Article 370 in Jammu & Kashmir after



He said the Congress, despite ruling the country for "70 years" had done nothing for Adivasis and Other Backward Castes, while the BJP government at the Centre had launched a slew of schemes

for their welfare. Vote for the BJP as it stood for development, while parties like Congress and NCP were centred around families, he exhorted the gathering.

The State goes to poll on October 21 while results will be

Modi misleading nation on Article 370 vote: Cong

PTI ■ MUMBAI

There was no vote in Parliament on the abrogation of provisions of Article 370 and Prime Minister Narendra Modi was misleading the nation on the issue, senior Congress leader Anand Sharma claimed here on Friday.

Addressing a Press conference ahead of the October 21 Maharashtra Assembly polls, Sharma said the Congress did not need a certificate from the BJP on patriotism, as two of its Prime Ministers sacrificed their ives in the fight against terror.

Modi and the BJP have Modi and the BJP have been targeting the Congress during the campaign for Assembly polls, claiming that the grand old party opposed the scrapping of Article 370. Article 370 was a tempo-

rary provision which was to go in a span of time. Parliament only needs to be notified about it. On August 5-6, the Government informed Parliament and there was no

BJP banks on Fadnavis' ex-aide to halt Congress hat-trick in Ausa

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Acomparatively low-profile Assembly segment, Ausa in central Maharashtra shot into limelight when Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis's former PA Abhimanyu Pawar jumped into the fray as the BJP candidate and all eyes will be on how he fares in his maiden poll foray.

The Ausa Assembly seat in

Latur district in the arid Marathwada region will see Pawar locking horns with two-time Congress MLA Basavraj

Traditionally a Shiv Sena seat, the BJP convinced its ally to part with the segment and gave nomination to Pawar, Fadnavis's former personal assistant (PA).

Overnight, Ausa became one of the most talked about Assembly seats of this election and Fadnavis's shadow looms large over the constituency given that he handpicked his close aide Pawar as the BJP can-

However, Pawar is unlikely to have a cakewalk as he is pitted against a strong candidate, sitting Congress MLA Patil.

We don't fight with kids: Pawar on CM's jibe about weak Opp

PTI ■ BEED/PANDHARPUR

NCP chief Sharad Pawar on Friday hit back at Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis over his jibe that `there is no wrestler to fight with in the Maharashtra Assembly polls, saying one doesn't fight with

The NCP patriarch was speaking at a campaign rally at Ambejogai in Beed district. "The Chief Minister says

their wrestler is in the poll bat-tle but there is no wrestler from the opposition in sight.

"There is this organisa-tion called Maharashtra State Wrestling Association, and its president's name is Sharad Pawar," the former Union minister said.

"I stand behind all the wrestlers, and he is telling us about wrestlers. We don't fight with kids," Pawar, 78, said.

If there was no contest, why Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath are holding rallies in the state,

He himself was not con-testing, but leaders of the rul-

Will replicate Delhi model of governance in Maha: Kejriwal

'Delhi was developing on all fronts because AAP had given corruption-free administration'

PTI ■ CHANDRAPUR

Aam Aadmi Party leader Aand Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Friday said his state's development model would be implemented in Maharashtra if it is elected to power in the October 21 Assembly polls.

Speaking at a rally in Brahmapuri, some 90 kilometres away from here, Kejriwal said Delhi was developing on all fronts because AAP had given "corruption-free admin-

"We are providing free electricity upto 200 units per month, and 20,000 litres of water per person annually. We improved the education system and standard of Government schools, and they are now better than the ones operated by the private sector, he said.

He said such initiatives would be replicated in Maharashtra to better the fortunes of its people.

Safe zones set up for fruit dealers in J&K's Shopian district

PTI ■ SRINAGAR

A uthorities have set up safe zones for fruit dealers in Jammu and Kashmir's Shopian district to procure and send the produce outside the State following recent attacks in which two traders were killed, officials said on Friday. Officials in the district

administration said eight to nine "safe zones" have been earmarked in Shopian along the main roads in south Kashmir, to facilitate the fruit dealers to procure the fruits from the farmers.

"Following the recent attacks on fruit dealers, the Government first identified

five areas and designated them as safe zones to facilitate the fruit growers and dealers. Now, we have eight to nine of them," an official said. These zones are on the

main roads of the district and closer to police, army and paramilitary CRPF establishments, the official said. "The zones are secure,

there are RoPs (road opening parties of security forces) who accompany them along with the forces' deployment. The fruit dealers and trucks have been pushed into these safer

The Government has been working on this idea for the last couple of days. It is a stop-gap sort of measure we have taken to ensure that there are no continued attacks," the official said.

Following the attacks, the official said, there were apprehensions that fruit trade would be severely affected, but "that did not happen" and the loading of fruits was going

"After these back-to-back attacks, we expected that peo-ple will be discouraged and the whole season will get derailed severely. That did not happen. The loading is still going on. The people have brought their produce in smaller vehicles to these secure zones which we have created and they are loading their fruit over there. There has not been a serious exodus of the truckers following the attacks," the official said.

There were inputs about ossible attacks on fruit dealers and as a security measure the district administration has also asked about 600 truckers to stay put in Poshana area -near Pir Ki Gali on the Mughal Road, the official said.

Over 90K people availed Internet facility at 20 kiosks

Over 90,000 people, mostly students, availed free Internet facility at 20 kiosks set up at the deputy commission-er's office here, officials said on

Friday.
The officials said the students availed the facility to register for various competitive examinations and access other academic information, besides to know their results or download admit cards for different examinations at the local and national level.

"Till date, 90,000 people, mostly students, availed the services of Internet facilities in the kiosks free-of-cost, besides contractors also availed the services to submit tenders for various developmental activities," the Srinagar district administration said in a statement.

The prominent exams for which students were facilitated in making registration included the GATE, the Joint Entrance Examination (JEE) Mains, the Council of Scientific

NET and the National Eligibility Cum Entrance Test (NEET), they said.

Internet facility has been

shut down across Kashmir since August 5 when the Centre announced its decision to withdraw Jammu and Kashmir's special status under Article 370 of the Constitution. However, the State administration has set up Internet kiosks in every district in the valley to facilitate students and people. The officials said the Internet facility was also used by students for filling admission forms and making appli-cations for scholarships at national and international institutions. The State administration has set up six terminals with operators at the tourist reception centre (TRC) to provide Internet facility.

The administration has

also made the Internet facility available at the National Informatics Centre (NIC) at district headquarters where e-tendering facilities are being provided to contractors as well.

GOVERNMENT OF TRIPURA URBAN DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

The Urban Development Department (UDD), Govt, of Tripura represented by its Executive Engineer- II (DDO Code - 08384), Engineering Wing, UDD, Agartala Tripura (West) invites, on behalf of the "Governor of Tripura", e- tender in double bid system against Press Notice Inviting e -Tender: No...../EE-II/UDD/EW/2019-20 dated..../10/2019 for "Engagement of Design Supervision & Management Consultancy (DSMC) services for 2 (two) numbers Ground Water Treatment Plant at Ushabazar (8 MLD) Panchamukh (8.5 MLD) under AMRUT scheme" With

- Estimated Cost: ₹ 2,29,86,510 (Rupees two crore) twenty nine lac eighty six thousand five hundred and ten) only
- ☐ Bid Security: 2.5% of the contract value.
- ☐ Bid Processing Fee: ₹ 5,000.00 (Rupees five thousand) only.
- ☐ Time of completion: 24 months.
- ☐ Period of downloading of Bidding Documents at http://tripuratenders.gov.in:- From 15/ 10/ 2019 to 18/ 11/2019 up to 15:00 Hours.
- □ Last date & time of uploading bidding documents: 18/11/2019 up to 16:00 Hours.

For details kindly visit https://tripuratenders.gov.in.

-urther details in this regard can be seen at https://govtprocurement.deihi.gov.in

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Garden ward 29 E, AC-62 in East-II.

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Police in forefront of tackling Pak-sponsored terrorism in J&K: DGP

Highlighting the multifarious duties being performed by Jammu & Kashmir Police, its chief Dilbagh Singh on Friday said the force has inthe forefront of tackling Pakistan-sponsored terrorism, radicalisation and law and order situation

In addition to the fight against terrorism along with other security agencies, the force has been very effective in dealing with unlawful activities, Singh told a group of about 50 IPS offi-cers from Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel National Police Academy Hyderabad

The probationary officers were given know-how about the function-ing of Jammu and Kashmir Police.

"J&K Police is doing multifarious duties and is countering terrorism at different fronts and a large number of terrorists have been eliminated and huge quantity of arms and ammunition has been seized in last three decades," the Director General of Police (DGP) said.

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He said the force has been in the forefront Pakistan-sponsored terrorism, radicalisation and law and order situations along with all other security forces working in Jammu &

"Police personnel are doing multifarious tasks which include police bandobast (arrangements), investigation and providing various services to the general people. Besides the police personnel are doing other specialized works to check social crimes and handle social media, terror funding, OGW (overground worker) networks terrorists and separatists," the DGP

said. IGP CRPF (Administration) Kashmir Ravideep Sahi, DIG central Kashmir V K Birdhi and other officers of CRPF and police were also present in the interactive session, a police spokesman said, adding a couple of days back, Additional Director General of Police, Armed, S J M Gillani also had an interactive session with the visiting

Savarkar a murderer, says Siddaramaiah

Calling Veer Savarkar a murderer, former Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah slammed the BJP on Friday for its plan to bestow Bharat Ratna to him posthumously.

He said Savarkar was one of the accused in the

assassination of Mahatma Gandhi, but the charges could not be proved due to lack of evidence and

"The murderer of Mahatma Gandhi is getting Bharat Ratna! Those who conspired to eliminate Gandhiji are getting Bharat Ratna! Should BJP be allowed to gain a foothold in Mangaluru, known as a land of intellectuals?"

Siddaramaiah asked party workers at a meeting

here.
The Maharashtra BJP unit had said in its elec tion manifesto that the party would ask the Centre to confer the Bharat Ratna, India's highest civilian award, on Vinayak Damodar Savarkar, popularly known as Veer Savarkar.

Claiming that the accused in 90 out of 100 cases are acquitted, Siddaramaiah alleged that Savarkar was part of the conspiracy to assassinate Gandhi.
"Now they have moved ahead to bestow
Bharat Ratna to him! What will happen to the

nation? That's why somebody said you give it (Bharat Ratna) to(Nathuram) Godse too. was the one who assassinated Gandhiji," he

Alleging that RSS and Hindu Mahasabha never took part in the freedom struggle, the former Chief Minister said they all had ganged up with the British.



LIST OF SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS BASERA, AFFORDABLE GROUP HOUSING

The list of successful applicants for the draw of flats for The Basera, affordable group housing project situated at Sector 79 & 79B Dist. Gurugram Urban Complex held at Block A, Nirvana Patio Club, Sector 50, South City-II Gurugram on 3rd October 2019, Thursday at 11:00 am

1 BHK Apartments

Applications No.: 259, 182, 352, 118, 115, 431, 600, 489

Applications No.: 269, 708, 493, 504, 252, 403, 505, 529, 256, 043, 711, 253, 545, 542, 518, 316, 267, 421, 036, 515, 506, 251, 546, 508, 305, 422, 705, 522, 528, 209, 543, 038, 263, 555, 300, 544, 131, 262, 526, 297, 255, 731, 092, 195, 035, 540, 418, 254, 523, 709, 306, 11502, 169, 047, 704, 490, 527, 520, 355, 128, 039, 129, 511, 510, 351, 513, 514, 719, 311, 166, 495, 525, 507, 258, 703, 512, 127, 266,492, 501, 270, 519, 724, 145, 524, 208, 730, 494, 502, 309, 213, 260, 516, 261, 548, 521, 048, 126, 147, 541, 125

The draw of flats for "The Basera" has been held as per Harvana affordable Housing policy under the Supervision of government officials

For more information log on to www.supertechlimited.com where list of successful applicant with name and flat number is available

License No. - 163 & 164 of 2014 dated 12.09.2014 HARERA: 108 of 2017. Dated: 24.08.2017

M/s Revital Reality Pvt Ltd. Corporate Office: Supertech House, B 28-29, Sector-58, Noida - 201307. Site Address: Sector 79 & 79B, Gurugram, Manesar.

*Conditions apply. All buildings, information, specification, etc. are tentative and subject to variation and modification by the company or the competent authorities sanctioning such plans. *1 sq.mtr. is equal to 10.764 sq.ft. & 1 sq.mtr. is equal to 1.969 sq.yd. Note: The details of ovals may be seen in our office

www.supertechlimited.com

DELHI JAL BOARD: GOVT.OF NCT OF DELHI OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (EAST)-II E-BLOCK: PREET VIHAR: DELHI-110092 PRESS NIT No. 36/ E-II (19-20)

Name of Work of receipt of tender E-Procurement Improvement of sewerage system by providing and laying 250 mm/300 mm dia sewer line and connecting/ replacing old sewer line from shafts of B-2 to B-18 DDA flats, B- block, Dilshad 05:00 PM

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PHE MECH. DIVISION NORTH JAMMU NOTICE INVITING TENDER e-NIT No. 66 of 2019-20

or and on behalf of Governor of J&K State, Executive Engineer, PHE Mech. Division North Jami

mode from the reputed/registered firms for the below mentioned work:

S. No. 1, Name of Work: - Providing and installation of 400 Amp MCCB for 125 KVA Automatic Volta allied works at CPS Bakshi Nagar.

Name of Division: - PHE Mech. Division North Jammu

ost of document / tender fee (in Rs.):-200/-

Cost of occument remotered (in Ks.): "Zour-Earnest money: 1-2% of quoted rates Validity of Rates: - 180 days Bid validity: -180 days Position of funds: Demanded Date of Publishing: 17-10-2019 04.00 pm. 1. Bid documents can be seen at and downloaded from the website http://jiktenders.gov.in from 17-10-2019 (04.00 pm) The Bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the website http://jktenders.gov.in from 17-10-2019 (04.00 pm) in

22-10-2019 (04.00 pm) No. DIP/J-7909/19 Dated: 18.10.2019 PHE Mech. Division North Jammu

RIL becomes first company to hit ₹9L cr m-cap mark

Reliance Industries (RIL) on Friday added another feather to its cap by becoming the first Indian firm to hit the ₹9 lakh crore market valuation mark in intra-day trade.

The company's market valuation zoomed to ₹9,05,214 crore on the BSE during the day. However, at close of trade. the company's market capitalisation (m-cap) settled at ₹8,97,179.47 crore.

Shares of the country's most valued company rose by 1.37 per cent to close at ₹1,415.30 ahead of its earnings announcement. During the day, it spurted 2.28 per cent to a record ₹1,428. In August 2018, RIL

became the first domestic firm to cross the ₹8 lakh crore mark in terms of market valuation. TCS is the second most



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record ₹1.428 valuable company after RIL with a m-cap of ₹7,71,996.87 crore, followed by HDFC Bank

Reliance reports record quarterly net profit of ₹11,262 crore in Q2 PTI ■ MUMBAI/NEW DELHI

ndia's most valuable company Reliance Industries on Friday posted a record quarterly net profit of ₹11,262 crore as a steady rise in the share of its consumer businesses of retail and telecom countered lower earnings from traditional petrochemical and refining

The oil-to-telecom conglomerate, led by richest Indian Mukesh Ambani, reported a net profit of ₹11,262 crore, or ₹18.6 per share, in July-September, up from ₹9,516 crore, or ₹16.1 a share, in the same period of the previous financial year, the company said in a statement.

This is the highest quarterly net profit earned by any private company, surpassing its own previous best of ₹10,362 crore in the January-March State-owned Indian Oil Corp (IOC) holds the distinction of posting highest ever quarterly profit by any Indian firm when it had reported a net profit of ₹14,512.81 crore in Ĵanuary-March 2013.

Reliance's standalone net profit of ₹9,702 crore was also a record high.

It clocked a 4.8 per cent rise in consolidated revenue at ₹163,854 crore in Q2.

The company opened 337 more retail stores and added 24 million subscribers to its Jio mobile phone service that helped increase the profitability of the venture, even as its traditional oil refining and petrochemical businesses continued to see weak earnings

Reliance reported record pre-tax profit from its retail and telecom businesses. The two now account for a third of its EBITDA, up from close to 25 per cent last financial year.

strength rising to 10,901 from 10,644 at the end of Q1, the retail business posted a 67 per cent jump in pre-tax profit to ₹2,322 crore and a 27 per cent rise in revenue at ₹41,202

Reliance Jio, the group? telecom arm, posted a stand-alone net profit of ₹990 crore, which was 45.4 per cent more than the previous year, as sub-scriber base swelled to 355.2 million from 331.2 million at the end of the June quarter and 252 million in Q2 of the pre-vious fiscal. Net subscriber addition was a shade lower than 24.6 million added in the previous quarter.

Earning per subscriber declined to ₹120 a month from ₹122 in the previous quarter. Earning per subscriber has been on a decline since the first quarter of 2018-19 when it clocked ₹134.3.

BUSINESS CORNER

COLLECTIVE EFFORT IS NEED OF HOUR: KAILASH



New Delhi: "Collective effort of all stock holders is need of hour to copup environmental challenges facing the society these days. The entire world is reeling under various spectra of environmental challenges and it can be mitigated only by joint initiatives of government and civil societies. There is no one point solution to these challenges," said Kailash Gahlot, Minister for Environment, Forest & Damp: Wild Life, Government of NCT of Delhi. He was speaking as a chief guest at the inaugural function of a workshop on "Environmental Challenges and Policy Making: The role of Education" organised jointly by the University School of Education, IP University, Dwarka and Earth Root Foundation

AK GAUTAM TAKES OVER AS DIRECTOR, NTPC

New Delhi: Anil Kumar Gautam has taken ove as Director (Finance), NTPC w.e.f from 18th October, 2019. AK Gautam (aged 57 years) is CMA & LLB. He has over 34 years of experience in the power sector in the area of project construction accounting, corporate accounts resource mobilisation from domestic and international markets, long-term financial planning, investment appraisals, formulation of capital budgets and regulatory affairs.



Another PMC Bank depositor dies; 'had no funds for surgery'

PTI ■ MUMBAI

An 83-year-old depositor of the troubled PMC Bank died on Friday, with his family claiming that it could not raise money for his heart surgery after restrictions were imposed on fund withdrawals.

This is a fourth incident of the death of a depositor of the Punjab & Maharashtra Cooperative Bank after the RBI appointed administrator on the city-headquartered

Two of the depositors had died of cardiac arrest, while another, a woman doctor, allegedly committed suicide. Murlidhar Dharra (83)

died at his home in suburban Mulund on Friday, his son Prem Dharra told PTI.

The family had a total of ₹80 lakh in deposits with the bank (which was placed under restrictions since September 24), he said.

Doctors had recommended heart surgery for his father, but they could not arrange the money as the deposits are stuck at the bank, Prem said.

It can be noted that under the RBI directions, exceptions can be made for medical emergencies. It was not known immediately whether the PMC

Bank refused a request from the family under this provision.

After an alleged ₹4,355 crore scam came to light at the bank, the RBI initially capped withdrawals at ₹1.000 in view of liquidity crisis, and later hiked it to ₹40,000 in three

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restrictions since September 24), he said. Doctors had recommended

heart surgery for his father, but they could not arrange the money as the deposits are stuck at the bank

moves. The depositors have been protesting over the last three weeks, seeking their money back.

On Tuesday, 51-year-old Sanjay Gulati, who had recently lost his job with Jet Airways when the airline was ground-ed, died of a heart attack hours after attending a depositors'

HDIL promoters have been arrested in the case.

CAIT, CCI discuss 'unethical competition' by e-commerce firms

raders' body CAIT on Traders body Chir on Friday said it has held discussion with the CCI on "unethical competition" per-petrated by e-commerce firms, a day after Union minister Piyush Goyal said the govern-ment was looking into alleged predatory pricing by Walmartowned Flipkart and Amazon.

(₹6,72,466.30 crore), HUL

(₹4,55,952.72 crore), HDFC (₹3,61,801.97 crore), Infosys

(₹3,29,751.88 crore), Kotak

Mahindra Bank (₹3,08,708.32 crore), ITC (₹3,02,861.98

(₹2,82,783.39 crore) and Bajaj Finance (₹2,39,947.60 crore) in

the top-10 list.

The m-cap figures of companies change daily with stock

ICICI Bank

According to a statement issued by the Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT), CCI Chairman Ashok Kumar Gupta said it is committed to establishing a uniform and competitive business environment in

the country and if anyone adopts unhealthy trading practices, influencing prices in any manner, the Commission will surely take action as per law.

CAIT Secretary General Praveen Khandelwal claimed that due to unethical commercial practices of Amazon and Flipkart, around 40,000 mobile shops are on the verge of closure by Diwali.

A delegation of CAIT met with the CCI Chairman and apprised him about how e-commerce companies are trapping the country's business in vicious cycle of unethical com-petition, CAIT said.

Despite IMF projections, India still among fastest growing economies: FM PTI ■ WASHINGTON

India remains among the fastest growing economies of the world and efforts are being made to make it grow faster, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has said.

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has pro jected a reduced growth rate for India, but the country's econindia, but the country's economy is "still growing as the fastest", she told a group of Indian reporters on Thursday.

The minister is here to

attend the annual meeting of the IMF and the World Bank. Sitharaman said she is "cer-

tainly not risking a comparison" with China, even though the two countries growth rates have been projected at 6.1 per cent in a latest IMF report.

"The IMF (in its latest projections) reduces the growth (rate) for all the global economies. It reduces the growth for India too. But even otherwise, even with that India is still growing as the fastest growing economy," she said.

As against India's real growth rate of 6.8 per cent in 2018, the IMF in its latest

internal peace & Department of the North Eastern States, as also issues related to Indo Myanmar Border Management. It shall also deliberate upon issues like Force Modernization, Smart Solution and Leveraging Technology for Operational, Administrative & Developerational, Developerational,

'GOVT TO GO ALL THE WAY TO ACHIEVE 1 BN PRODUCTION

ASSAM RIFLES COMMANDERS' CONFERENCE AT LAITKOR **New Delhi:** The two day Annual Assam Rifles Commanders' Conference begins at HQ, DGAR at Laitkor (Shillong) on Friday. Held every year, the

conference is attended by the Inspector Generals of the Force HOs, Sector Commanders and Commandants alongwith other officials from

the elite Assam Rifles Force, Chaired by Lt Gen Sukheep Sangwan, Sena Medal and Bar, DG Assam Rifles, the conference is expected to seek solutions to the challenges faced by the Force while maintaining the



New Delhi: Dedicates "Continuous Miner" at CCL's Churi UG Project to Nation Hon'ble Minister of Coal, Parliamentary Affairs and Mines Pralhad Joshi on his maiden two-day visit to Central Coal fields Limited (CCL), Ranchi dedicated "Continuous Miner" at Churi Underground (UG) Mines, NK Area to the Nation. The miner will add a new chapter in the long history of Churi UG mines with commencement of mass production technology having capacity to produce upto 4,000 tonne per day. Earlier, the production at Churi UG was 4,000 tonne/annum, after installation of mass production technology through continuous miner production is expected to rise upto 5 lakh tonnes per annum. The coareserve at Churi underground mine has low ash content with high heating capacity. The Churi UG under NK Area of CCL has extractable coal reserve of 7.5 mt. Minister also visited Ashoka Project Mines under Piparwar Area of CCL. Shri Joshi took stock of the day to day operation and challenges faced by the Mines and other hurdles. Addressing to local people, Joshi said that Government will go all the way to achieve 1 billion coal production at earliest and end dependence on imported coal.

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING
THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

(See Section 82 Cr. P.C.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that Ravi S/o

Rajender Singh R/o H. No. 335, Near Badi Chaupal,

Village-Dariyapur Kalan, Delhi, has committed (or is suspected to

have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 187/19 Dt.

26.04.2019 u/s 323/308/506/34 IPC P.S. Bawana, Delhi and it has

been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said

Ravi can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my

satisfaction that the said Ravi has absconded (or is concealing

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Ravi of FIR

No. 187/19 Dt. 26.04.2019 u/s 323/308/506/34 IPC P.S. Bawana,

Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said

himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

complaint on or before 20.11.2019.

China's GDP growth slows to 6% in Q3, slowest

world's second largest economy

domestic demand, according to

since 1992 PTI ■ BEIJING hina's growth slumped to 6 oper cent in the third quarter of 2019, its lowest level in nearly three decades, as the

It was followed by alleged suicide of Dr Nivedita Bijlani, and death of Mulund-resident Fatto Punjabi due to cardiac

The crisis at the bank is being attributed to loans given to realty player HDIL, which were allegedly hidden from regulators scrutiny, turning non-performing assets.

Five persons including

US imposes tariffs on EU goods, targeting Airbus, wine, whisky

AFP ■ WASHINGTON

The United States imposed tariffs on a record \$7.5-billion worth of European Union struggled to overcome the impact of a bruising trade war with the US and sluggish goods on Friday, despite threats of retaliation, with Airbus, French wine and Scottish whiskies among the high-profile targets.

official data released on Friday. The GDP figures emerged The tariffs, which took just one week after the US and China reached a tentative trade truce to avoid more damages to effect just after midnight in Washington (0401 GMT), the world's two largest economies. China's gross came after talks between European officials and US trade domestic product grew at 6 per representatives failed to win a cent in the quarter ended September, the weakest quar-terly growth rate since 1992.

last-minute reprieve.

The WTO-endorsed onslaught from US President

Donald Trump also comes a Washington is mired in a trade war with China and could risk destabilising the global econo

my further.

In the line of fire are civilian aircraft from Britain France, Germany and Spain the countries that formed Airbus -- which will now cost 10 percent more when import-

ed to the US.

But the tariffs also target consumer products such as French wine, which Trump had vowed to attack in recent months. Wine from France, Spain and Germany will now face 25 percent tariffs.

off disconcerting data out of China Bangkok: Global markets large-

Global markets brush

ly brushed off more disconcerting economic signals from China, which on Friday reported that its economy grew at its slowest pace in 26 years last quarter. The 6% growth pace China reported for July-September was worse than most economists were expecting, highlighting a global economy that is slowing. global economy that is slowing. Domestically, Beijing is

under significant pressure to head off job losses as a trade war with the US drags on. Some of the latest data for

Some of the latest data for September, such as investment and lending, showed improvement, but "pressure on economic activity should intensify in the house of the latest and the second some second s in the coming months, Julian Evans-Pritchard of Capital Economics said in a commentary.

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APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that this person Name: Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: 40-41 Years, Sex: Male Height: 5'6", Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Oval, Built: Thin, Wearing: Badami Colour T-Shirt and Green Colour Payjama was found dead at Footpath, Near Oriental

Bank, Asaf Ali Road, Darya Ganj, Delhi on 16.10.2019. registered at P.S. Daryaganj, Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this person but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this person may kindly inform to the following.

DP/6665/CD/19 Ph.: 011-23279331, 8750870421

P.S. Daryaganj, Delhi

SHO



General public is here by informed that one lady Namely: Zoya Goan, R/o Village Wad No. 3, Nigam Puri, Tehsil Mera Pani, Assam Age: 21 years, Height: 5'2", Complexion: Shallow, Face: Round, Wearing: Yellow Suit-Green Salwar and Hawai Chappal in feet has been missing / kidnapped since 05.10.2019

from A-1/217, Paschim Vihar, Delhi the area of PS. Paschim Vihar In this regard a DD No. 37-A dated 05.10.2019 has been registered at P.S. Paschim Vihar, Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this lady but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this lady kindly inform to the following

SEARCH FOR MISSING

F-Mail: cic@chi.gov.in Website: http://cbi.nic.in Fax: 011-24368639 Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641

P.S. Paschim Vihar, Delhi Ph. 011-25263471, 25267286 DP/2785/0D/19

Appeal for Identification



General Public is hereby informed that a Female dead body Name: Unknown, D/o Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: 25-30 years, Height: 4'6", Gender: Female, Wearing: Brown colour kamii present on body, black thread with clavate locket present around the neck & black thread with amulet tied around the right leg. was found dead at Haiderpur Water Treatment Plant, Sector-13, Rohini, Delhi on 15.10.2019.

n this regard, FIR/DD No. 47-A dated 15.10.2019 has beer lodged at PS K.N. Katju Marg, Delhi. Note: The Dead body has been kept in BSA Hospital Sector-6, Rohini, Delhi

efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this female but no clue has come to light so

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

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED BOY



General public is hereby informed that this boy namely Shiv Shankar S/o Hari Nath Yadav R/o C-402, Block-C Jhuggi Suraj Park, Delhi Age: 13 years, Height: 4'8", Face: Round, Complexion : Sallow, Build : Normal, wearing red colour T-shirt, blue colour jeans and hawai chapple in feet 28.09.2019 from the area of P.S.

Samaipur Badli, Delhi. In this regard FIR No. 697/19 dated 28.09.2019 u/s 363 IPC has been registered at P.S.

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

Ph.: 011-27854799, 27854757

SEARCH FOR MISSING PERSON



General public is hereby informed that one person namely Dev Kamti, S/o Shri Mahender Kumar, R/o M-289, Sector-1, Bawana, Delhi, Age 45 years, Height 5'8" Complexion Shallow, Round Face, Wearing Clothes and shoes in feet has been missing / kidnapped from the area of PS Bawana, Delhi since 12.09.19. In

Ms. Manu Goel Kharb

Metropolitan Magistrate-05 (North),

Room No.114, 1st Floor, Rohini Courts, Delhi

this regard a vide DD No. 34-A dated 24.09.19 has been lodged at PS Bawana, Delhi.

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

E-mail ID:cic@cbi.gov.in Tele: 011-24368638, 24368641 PS: Bawana, Delhi Ph.: 27751949, 27756090 Fax: 011-24368639

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that ar unidentified person about 30-35 years of age whose name, residence and family is unknown, was found dead at Twin Pool (Closed) near Haiderpur Water Treatment Plant, Sector 13, Rohini, Delhi on 17.10.2019. In this regard a vide has been registered with **DD No: 4-A dated 17.10.19**

at P.S. K.N. Katju Marg, Delhi. The dead body has been kept in BSA Hospital, Sector-6, Rohini, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to identify the deceased person but no

clue has come to light so far. The description of the UIDB is as under Sex: Male, Age: About 30-35 years, Height: About 5'6". Complexion: Wheatish, Wearing: Blue & yellow coloured strips T-shirt, Dark grey colour cargo capri, black belt, holy thread

around neck and kadda on the right wrist. If anyone has any information about his relatives, kindly inform the SHO/K.N. Katju Marg, Delhi. ${\bf SHO}$

P.S. K.N. Katju Marg, Delhi Ph.: 011-27571171, 27571162, 27570233 DP/3388/RD/19



Om Parkash

General public is hereby informed that a male (depicted in the photo) namely Om Parkash @ Pappu S/o: Siya Ram, R/o B-254, J.J. Colony, Choukhandi, Tilak Nagar, Delhi, Age: 53 Years, has been reported missing / kidnapped since 09.10.2019 from his house, vide DD No. 19-A dated 12.10.2019 lodged at Police Station Tilak Nagar, Delhi.

His physical description is as under:-Complexion: Shallow, Face: Round, Height: 5'5", Physique/Build: Thin, Clothing: Pink Colour Shirt, Grey Colour Pajama and Brown Colour Chappal in Feet. Any person is having any information/clue about this missing / kidnapped male, may inform SHO, Tilak Nagar, Delhi at E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.nic.in, website: http://cbi.nic.in, Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641

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Respect deal or will escalate op, warns Erdogan

warned that Ankara would restart its operation against Kurdish forces in Syria on Tuesday evening if they do not withdraw from a "safe zone".

After US Vice-President
Mike Pence came to Ankara for talks with Erdogan on Thursday, the NATO allies agreed Turkey would suspend its offensive for five days in northern Syria while Kurdish fighters withdraw from the area.

"If the promises are kept until Tuesday evening, the safe zone issue will be resolved. If it fails, the operation... Will start the minute 120 hours are over," Erdogan told reporters during a foreign media briefing in

He said Turkish armed rie said Turkish armed forces would remain in the region "because the security there requires this", adding that there had been no issues so far. But the Syrian Observatory

Istanbul: Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan on for Human Rights said Friday there were Turkish air strikes on the village of Bab al-Kheir, east of Ras al-Ain on the bor-der. The war monitor said 14

civilians were killed.

Turkey launched the cross border incursion on October 9 after repeatedly threatening to clear the border area from the Kurdish People's Protection Units (YPG) militia.

The Turkish forces are sup-

porting Syrian rebel fighters under the "Syrian National Army" banner but the proxies have been accused by Amnesty International of committing "war crimes" including summary executions.

Erdogan also condemned the abuses that some Syrian proxies are accused of committing during the offensive.

'Whoever commits such an act is no different from (the Islamic State group). We cannot accept such a thing," he said, adding that the army was investigating the claims. AFP

Sanctions on Turkey no longer necessary: Trump

Washington: President Donald Trump has said that America's proposed econom-ic sanctions on Ankara are no longer necessary after the US and Turkey struck a deal for a five-day cease fire in Syria.

As per the deal announced by Vice-President Mike Pence in Ankara on Thursday, Turkey will suspend its operations for 120 hours to allow Kurdish fighters to withdraw from a designated safe zone along the Turkish and Syrian border.

Protesting Turkey's mili-tary offensive in northeast Syria, US President Donald Trump on Tuesday signed an executive order to slap sanctions against Turkish officials, raising of steel tariffs and ending negotiations on a \$100 bilDeadly Turkey airstrikes shatter NE Syria truce

Tal Tamr: Deadly Turkish air strikes Friday shattered an hours-old US-brokered deal to stop Ankara's military offensive against Kurdish forces in northeastern Syria.

The ceasefire announced late Thursday was meant to provide a pause for the evac-uation of Kurdish fighters from the battleground border town of Ras al-Ain and other

areas Turkey wants to control along its border with Syria. The five-day suspension looked designed to help Turkey achieve its main territorial goals without fighting but its Syrian proxies continued to clash with Kurdish fighters Friday and an airstrike killed 14 civilians. "14 civilians were killed in

It is notified for the information that my Original Examination Certificate of Main Secondary School Examination (X) of Year 2008 and Roll No. 5194011/ Senior Secondary Examination (XII) of Year 2010 and Roll No. 5682153 issued by CBSE has been actually lost. Name of the Candidate Swapnil Gupta Full Address WZ-227, Sri Nagar, Shakur Basti, Delhi-110034.

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Turkish airstrikes on the village of Bah al-Kheir east of Ras al Ain," Rami Abdel Rahman, head of the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, said. AFP

> **ERDOGAN SAYS KURDISH** FIGHTERS WITHDRAWING

Ankara (Turkey): Turkey's president say Syrian Kurdish fighters are withdrawing from parts of northeast Syria. That follows a cease-fire agreement reached between Turkey and the United States a day earlier. Recep Tayyip Erdogan told reporters in Istanbul Friday that his country's defense minister confirmed that the Kurdish fighters had begun

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Johnson returns to London to drum up support for Brexit deal

backing of European Union leaders for his new Brexit deal, Prime Minister Boris Johnson was in London on Friday look-ing to secure enough support to get the deal through the fractious British Parliament.

Johnson returned from an EU summit in Brussels overnight for a busy day attempting to persuade law-makers to ratify the divorce deal at a rare Saturday sitting of Parliament.

He was due to brief his

London: After winning the ahead of what's expected to be

a knife-edge vote.

Johnson's Conservative
Party holds only 288 seats in the 650-seat House of Commons, so he will have to rely on support from other parties and inde-pendent lawmakers to get over

Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab started drumming up sup-port early. "We've got a real opportunity now to get Brexit delivered faithful to the referendum, move on as a government, and I think as a country, and lift the clouds of Brexit," he

Government has not given up hope of winning the support of its Northern Ireland ally, the Democratic Unionist Party, which has rejected the new deal. But the chances of that

appeared slim.
The DUP's Brexit spokesman, Sammy Wilson, said Johnson's Brexit package — which carves out special sta-tus for Northern Ireland to keep an open border with EU member Ireland — is bad for his region and its bonds with the rest of the U.K. AP

Macron says does not want further **Brexit delay**

"Sanctions won't be nec-

essary because Turkey is doing what they're doing," Trump told reporters on Thursday as

he congratulated his Turkish counterpart President Recep

Tayyip Erdogan for reaching a deal with the United States.

"He's a friend of mine and I'm glad we didn't have a problem because frankly, he's

a hell of a leader and he's a

tough man. He's a strong man. He did the right thing. And I

really appreciate it. And I will appreciate it in the future," Trump said, describing the

cease fire as a great news.

Terming it as an incredible outcome, Trump said that

Turkey had a legitimate prob-lem on the 22 mile (34 kms)

strip for many years.

Brussels: President Emmanuel Macron declared on Friday that France does not want to see Britain's departure from the European Union delayed beyond October 31 now that a new divorce agreement has been reached. "I think the October 31 date should be respected. I don't think that new deadlines should be given. We need to end these negotiations and get on negotiating the future relationship," he said at an EU summit. On Thursday, EU leaders approved a Brexit withdrawal agreement negotiated between the EU and Johnson's Government to over-see Britain's departure. *AFP*

Blast at Afghan mosque kills 62 during prayers

Kabul: An explosion rocked a mosque in eastern Afghanistan as dozens of people gathered to offer Friday players, causing the roof to collapse and killing 62 worshippers, provincial officials said

Attahullah Khogyani, spokesman for the governor of Nangarhar, said the militant attack wounded 36 others.

He said it was not immediately clear if the mosque was attacked by a suicide bomber or some other type of bombing. "Both men and children are among those killed and wounded in the attack," he said. No one immediately claimed responsibility for the attack, but

both the Taliban and the ISIS group are active in eastern Afghan, especially Nangarhar province. Zahir spokesman for the public health department in Nangarhar Province, said 23 of the wounded were transferred to Jalalabad. the provincial capital, and the rest were being freated in the Haskamena district clinic. The violence comes a day after a UN report said that Afghan civilians are dying in record numbers in the country's increasingly brutal war, noting that more civilians died in July than in any previous one-month period

since the UN began keeping statistics.

AFP

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The particulars of the said asset specified herein above have been stated to the best of the information and knowledge of the undersigned, who shall however not be responsible for any error, misstatement or omission in the said particulars. The interested participant/s are therefore requested, in their own interest, to satisfy himself / themselves/ itself with repard to the said asset and

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'Most overrated general' Mattis takes swipe at Trump

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New york: Former US defense secretary James Mattis said he was honoured to be the "world's most overrated general" in a swipe at his former boss Donald Trump who insulted him earlier this week.

At a gala charity dinner in New York on Thursday evening, Mattis told diners he had now achieved greatness."

"I'm not just an overrated general. I am the greatest, the world's most overrated," he said.

"I'm honored to be considered that by Donald Trump because he also called Meryl Streep an overrated actress," he Memorial Foundation dinner.

The retired Marine general said he wasn't bothered by Trump's comments.

"Of course not, I earned my spurs on the battlefield... And Donald Trump earned his spurs in a letter from a doctor," Mattis said, in a jab at the medical condition which allowed Trump to avoid the Vietnam draft. *AFP*

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withheld Ukraine aid said. "So I guess I'm the Meryl Streep of generals, and frankly that sounds pretty good to me," Washington: A top White he said to laughter and applause at the annual Alfred E Smith House official found himself in the middle of a political storm after he indicated, only to

walk back later, that President Donald Trump asked his administration to withhold nearly \$400 million in military aid to Ukrainian to further his political interests.

Acting White House Chief of Staff Mick Mulvaney's during a White House briefing on Thursday suggested that the Trump Administration held up the military aid to Ukraine in part because the president wanted it to investigate an unproven conspiracy theory about Ukraine's involvement in the hack of the Democratic National Committee (DNC) server in 2016.

Mulvaney, however, later in evening recanted his remarks and accused the media of "misconstruing" his comments to advance a "biased and political witchhunt" against President Trump.

Responding to a question

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NOTICE OF BOARD MEETING

In pursuance of Regulation 47 of SEBI (LODR) 2015. Notice is hereby given that the meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on Thursday, the 14th November, 2019, at 4.00 P.M. at its Head Office 319-A, Hemkunt Chambers, 89 Nethur Place, New Delhi - 110019, inter alia, to consider, approve and adopt unaudited Financial Results for the quarter ended on September 3, 2019 pursuant to Regulation 33 of LODR. The said information is also available on th ww.msei.in respectively

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during the press conference also mention to me in the past that the corruption related to

the DNC server? Absolutely no question about that. But that was it. That's why we held up the money."

"The look back to what

Top White House official

indicates Donald Trump

happened in 2016 certainly was part of the things that he was worried about in corrupwas worried about in corrup-tion with that nation. And that is absolutely appropriate," Mulvaney said, suggesting that Trump wanted assistance with an ongoing investigation by the Justice Department. *PTI*

PROTESTS OVER PROPOSED TAXES

An anti-Government protester makes victory sign, as he holds a Lebanese national flag and walks fire of tires that sits to block a road during a protest against Government's plans to impose new taxes in Beirut on Friday

Beirut: Nationwide protests paralysed Lebanon on Friday as thousands of demonstrators blocked major roads in a second day of rallies against the government's handling of a severe economic crisis and the country's political class they perceive as being corrupt. The protests are the largest Lebanon has seen since 2015 and could further destabilise a country whose economy is already on the verge of collapse and has one of the highest debt loads in the world.

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(Amount in Rs in Lakh					
SI. No.	Particulars	Half Year Ended 30.09.2019 (Audited)	Half Year Ended 30.09.2018 (Audited)	Year Ended 31.03.2019 (Audited)	
1	Total income from operations (net)	34,691.11	30,980.67	60,403.10	
2	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period (before Tax and Exceptional items)	18,241.24	18,088.48	25,739.90	
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional items)	18,241.24	18,088.48	25,739.90	
4	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional items)	13,232.90	12,892.19	17,880.01	
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit/(Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	13,232.90	12,892.19	17,880.01	
6	Paid up Equity Share Capital	1,813.45	1,813.45	1,813.45	
7	Reserves (excluding Debenture Redemption Reserve)	53,684.57	41,903.65	44,658.45	
8	Net Worth	116,185.02	99,178.88	109,590.15	
9	Paid up Debt Capital	-	8,796.02	9,262.55	
10	Debt Equity Ratio	2.46:1	2.86:1	2.43:1	
11	Earnings Per Share (of Rs 10/- each)				
	1. Basic:	72.97	71.09	98.60	
	2. Diluted:	72.97	71.09	98.60	
12	Debenture Redemption Reserve	60,687.00	55,461.78	63,118.25	
13	Debt Service Coverage Ratio	1.52:1	1.24:1	1.41:1	
14	Interest Service Coverage Ratio	1.46:1	1.08:1	1.10:1	

Note:

a) The above is an extract of the detailed format of half yearly unaudited financial results filed with the Stoc Exchange under Regulations 52 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations 2016. The full format of the half yearly unaudited financial results are available on the websites of the Stoc Exchange(s) and the listed entity (URL of the filings).

The above financial results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors of the Company at their meeting held on October 17, 2019

Ratios have been computed as follows:

(i) Debt Equity Ratio = Paid up Debt Capital/Equity, where

Equity represents issued, subscribed and paid up share capital and other equity Paid up Debt Capital represents long-term and short-term borrowings excluding deferred paymen liabilities and finance lease obligations.

(ii) Interest Service Coverage ratio = Earnings before finance costs, tax and depreciation / finance costs (iii) Debt Service Coverage ratio = Earnings before finance costs, tax and depreciation / [finance costs + ne principal repayment of paid debt capital during the period/year].

(iv) Net worth represents Equity.

(v) Paid up equity capital represents issued, subscribed and paid up share capital.

For the items referred in sub-clauses (a), (b), (d) and) (e) of the Regulations 52(4) of the SEBI (Listings and Other Discissione Requirements) Regulations, 2015, the pertinent disclosures have been made to the NSt Stock Exchange (s) and can be accessed on the URL (specify URL). For and on behalf of Board of Directors

> Sanjit Baksh DELHI. Director DIN - 00020852

THE KANGRA CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.

POSSESSION NOTICE

(For immovable property)

having its registered office at 1916, Chuna Mandi, Pahar Ganj, New Delhi-110055, under the Securiti sation and Reconstruction of the Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, the Bank had issued a demand notice or dated: 13-07-2018, calling upon the borrower and mortgagor Sh. Jagbir Singh S/o. Sh. Jee Singh, R/o. H.No. 11/1125, Top Floor, Right Side, Govind Puri, New Delhi-110019 and also a M/s Samrat Car Rental, Shop No.38, Mini Market, DDA Flats, Kalkaji, New Delhi-110019, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being ₹10,30,120/- (Rupees Ten Lakts Thirthousand One Hundred Twenty, only together with further interest penal interest. repay the amount mentioned in the notice being \$11,0,0,120F (Rupees ien Lakins interest and other charges as are applicable to this Loan account from time to time, from the date of the notice till the date of payment, with in 60 days from the date of receipt of the notice. The above mentioned borrower/mortgagor/surety having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the Bank has taken possession of the property described here in below in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 9 of the said rules, on this 15THday of October 2019.

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DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

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The property under All the part and parcel of the built up property right side consideration is built up terrace rights of third floor (top floor), Consisting of two Right Side Terrace of 3rd. bed rooms, drawing/dinning, One kitchen, two tollet Floor, area measuring 75 bathrooms and balcony of built-Up property no.1125 sq. yds. (62.7 sq. mtrs.), out of total Measuring 150sq. ydrs situated at Govind Puri, Kalakaji, New Delhi-110019.

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AFP ■ MANCHESTER

iverpool manager Jurgen Klopp believes Manchester United will dturn their floundering fortunes description around, but wants to make sure they have to wait at least another week to do

Klopp's men travel to Old Trafford tomorrow already 15 points ahead of their rivals just eight games into the

United manager Ole Gunnar Solskjaer has called on his side to rise to the challenge of facing the European champions, citing it as the "perfect game" to motivate his struggling side.

Klopp has sympathy for Solskjaer's view, but he is confident of winning for the first time at Old Trafford as Liverpool boss.

"I don't think there are a lot of

teams who would love to play against us at the moment. It looks like Man Utd is the only team that wants to play us, and we have to

make sure that is a misun-derstanding," said Klopp on Friday.
"I would do the same

if the situation was the other way around. This is the game we can change the world, that is the way I would prepare it.

"They are in a situation that they don't like and they want to change it. We just have to make sure that if they want to change it, they start

a week later and that's all. United will be without the injured Paul Pogba and David de Gea, while

Anthony Martial and Aaron Wan-Bissaka remain doubts.

And Klopp expects the Red Devils to improve once they get a number of key players back

to improve once they get a number of key players back.

"They had a lot of injuries," he added. "A number of really decisive players for them. No one can play the same football when five or six firstteam players are out. That will change."

By contrast, Liverpool could head

to Old Trafford with a clean bill of health, with goalkeeper Alisson Becker set to return for the first time since the opening weekend of the season, while Joel Matip and Mohamed Salah have recovered from knocks.

"There are two more sessions to come from this afternoon and we have to see," said Klopp on whether all three will start. "Then we'll make decisions, that's how it is. Nothing is

'MATCH CAN SPARK REVIVAL'

Meanwhile, Manchester United manager Ole Gunnar Solskjaer believes

Suffer a little longer

Klopp keen to make Red Devils wait for turnaround



Manchester United defenders Luke Shaw and Victor Lindelof celebrates as Liverpool's Mohamed Salah reacts after end of Premier League match

AP/File Picture

the visit of rivals Liverpool could help galvanize his struggling side to pull themselves out of their alarming slump.

The difference in current fortunes between English football's two most successful clubs could not be greater, with Liverpool top of the table after eight wins out of eight and also on a run of 17 consecutive league victories, while United have made their worst start to a season for 30 years.

If results go against them today, United could even be teetering just above the relegation zone by the time they kick off tomorrow, but Solskjaer is bullish.

"They're doing well in the league that's for sure but we're looking forward to this game," said the Norwegian on Friday

"This is a perfect game for the players and the fans. We've had a tough time and a difficult time lately but I am sure we will give them a good game."

United have just nine points from their first eight league matches of this season and are currently 12th in the Stretching back to Solskjaer's per-manent appointment in March, they

have won only five games out of 21 in all competitions.

It is far below expectations, which

the manager knows, but he believes that the work going on behind the scenes will pay dividends eventually.



El Clasico postponed over Catalonia protests

Barcelona and Real Madrid have agreed a new date of December 18 for the Clasico after Spain's biggest football match was postponed on Friday due to protests in Catalonia.

The fixture was set to be Barcelona's first home game since nine pro-Catalan independence leaders were sentenced to imprisonment on Monday for their

role in the illegal referendum in 2017.

Barca and Madrid swiftly came to an agreement. hours after the Spanish Football Federation (RFEF) announced they had until 10:00am (0800 GMT) on Monday to find a revised date for the game.

All that remains is for the RFEF to confirm the change with La Liga, although the league would pre-fer the match take place on December 7.

December 7 is a Saturday and has more poten tial for broadcasters but it would require moving both Barcelona against Real Mallorca and Madrid against

December 18 is a Wednesday and would clash with the Copa del Rey but neither Barca nor Madrid will be involved at that stage of Spain's domestic cup

In a statement on Friday, Barcelona stressed their

In a statement on Friday, Barceiona stressed their belief that the original fixture, scheduled for October 26 at Camp Nou, should have gone ahead. "The club's desire was to play the Clasico at Camp Nou on the 26th, the date and time previously agreed and the Committee was informed of this in writing," read the Barcelona statement.

The club has the utmost confidence in the peaceful behaviour of its members and fans who always express themselves in exemplary fashion at Camp Nou.

Nevertheless, having received the decision of the RFEF Competition Committee to postpone the game citing exceptional circumstances' and given that it falls

to communicate that the date proposed by both clubs

Nothing to lose in title race: Virgil

iverpool have nothing to lose in the Liverpool have nothing to lose in the Premier League title race despite amassing an eight-point lead after just to defender eight games, according to defender Virgil Van Dijk. The European champions are in

pole position to end a 30-year wait to win a league title, but Van Dijk believes the pressure is still on Manchester City to win the league for a third straight

year.
"I don't think we have anything to lose," Van Dijk told *Sky Sports* ahead of tomorrow trip to Manchester United. "Man City are the champions, they're defending their title and we want to get it. In my point of view, we

just have to go for it.
"We definitely need to enjoy it and be full of confidence, especially with the way we've got these points, having not had the best games but still getting the

City's shock defeats to Norwich and Wolves have allowed Liverpool to surge ahead thanks to their perfect start

However, Van Dijk remains wary of Pep Guardiola's men, who overturned a seven-point deficit to pip

"There are so many games left, you can't really think about it (winning the title) — it's not realistic," added the Dutch captain.

"I don't watch Man City's games but I have family and friends who text me or say something, especially after the

Wolves game.
"That's just part of life but we've learnt from last year that we don't have to look to the others until the end of the campaign. So far, we have been doing well but Man City are definitely not going away."



to the clubs to agree a new date for the game before Monday, the club will propose December 18." Real Madrid later added: "Real Madrid wishes is the 18th of December."

Delhi face Bengal for PKL title



Dabang Delhi's Naveen Kumar & Bengal Warriors' Maninder Singh pose with

PNS NEW DELHI

An exhilarating, three-month long season 7 of VIVO Pro Kabaddi has reached its culmination with Dabang Delhi KC set to battle Bengal Warriors for the coveted title at the EKA Arena by TransStadia in Ahmedabad today. Judging by the sea-son's performances,

have deserved the right to play in the final, after having finished the

league stages While the likes of Delhi's

Naveen Kumar and Bengal's Maninder Singh have walked away with the plaudits, the teams' success on the mat have come largely due to their cohesion. Delhi's semi-final match against Bengaluru Bulls was an example of how backup raiders Chandran Ranjit and Vijay are vital cogs in the Dabang unit, contributing in both tackles and raids Similarly in defence, while Ravinder Pahal and Joginder Narwal grabbed the lime-light, Vishal Mane has gone about doing his work quietly as a cover defender. The seasoned defender now has the opportunity to become the first player PKL history to win the title with three different teams (having

Pro Kabaddi League Final STAR SPORTS 1& 2

already won with U Mumba

and Patna Pirates). Bengal Warrior have a fair share of unsung heroes. Sukesh Hegde, who will be playing his 100th match, has thrown down

the gauntlet to his doubters who called PRO both table toppers and maiden finalists **KABADD** with vital raid points whenever his team needed them. K Prapanjan has also had a

breakout season for the Warriors as a raider. Both players will be keen to avoid a defeat having suffered a heartbreak while playing for Gujarat FortuneGiants in earlier seasons.

STOPPING UNSTOPPABLE Both Dabang Delhi and Bengal Warriors have a wealth of talent as far as raiders go which would mean that the match will come down to which set of defenders play better. In Rinku Narwal and Baldev Singh, the Warriors have a strong corner duo, who have impressed with tackle points this season. Both are relatively inexperienced com-pared to Delhi's defensive stalwarts Joginder Narwal, Ravinder Pahal and Vishal Mane. However, the inexpe-

"We have a balanced team with defense along with Naveen's express raiding skills supported by Chandran Ranjith as well. We are fully prepared to face the toughest match of the season and our eyes are on the

-VISHAL MANE (Dabang Delhi defender)

"For any team reaching the Finals of vivo Pro Kabaddi itself is a big deal! Having said that, we are not taking the pressure of the finals and that's what we believe will bring the best game for us on the mat. The team has been practicing and focusing on their fitness and we are confident of lifting the

(Bengal Warrior raider)

'This will be a very exciting finals as both the teams will be competing in the finals for the first time. The experience of lifting the trophy is something confident it will be a match to

(Coach, Bengal Warriors)

"Both teams are very disciplined, and the finals will be a great game to witness."

—KRISHAN KUMAR HOODA (Coach, Dabang Delhi)

rienced duo will be looking to show that they are no easy pushovers by trying to make a statement against an in form Naveen Kumar who will be targeting his 21st consecutive Super 10. Both the teams are also at the top two in terms of most all-outs inflicted and least all-outs conceded this season (net All-Out of +16 for both teams).

Maninder Singh's availability still remains undecid-ed but Bengal Warriors showed that against a talent-ed U Mumba side in the semi-finals that they can produce the goods even without their star raider. In fact, when the teams first Prapanjan who scored a Super 10 after Maninder was substituted for a poor first-half showing.

Murray in Antwerp last 8

AFP ANTWERP

ormer world number one Andy Murray cruised into the quar

Former world number one Andy Murray cruised into the quarter-finals at Antwerp on Thursday with a 6-4, 6-3 defeat of Uruguay's Pablo Cuevas.

Murray, a three-time Grand Slam champion, currently ranked 243rd in the world, held serve throughout against eighth seed Cuevas before sealing victory in 84 minutes.

He will take on Romania's Marius Copil

— who hit 13 aces past third seed Diego Schwartzman in a 6-4, 5-7, 7-6 (9/7) win for a place in the last four.
"I felt a bit better today. I thought I served quite well for most of the match and when I was able to get into the baseline rallies, I felt I was hitting the ball quite clean, which is good," Murray said. "He served very well, which made it difficult for me to get the breaks, but I thought for me it was a good match."

Italian teenager Jannik Sinner dumped out top seed and 2018 runner-up Gael Monfils 6-3, 6-2 to reach his first

ATP quarter-final.

Next up for the 18-year-old Sinne is American Frances Tiafoe, a straightsets winner over seventh-seeded German Jan-Lennard Struff.

"I played a very solid game. He didn't play his best tennis for sure. It's not easy if you make the final the year before and then to come here to play a young player and wild card," world number 119 Sinner told

atptour.com
"I think I played solid today. served good on the important points and I think that was the key today.



Manpreet, Rani to lead at Olympic Qualifiers

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Hockey India on Friday
named an unchanged
women squad, to be led by Rani
Rampal, along with the men's
team for the upcoming FIH
Hockey Olympic Qualifiers.
The 18-member men's
cand will be contained by

squad will be captained by Manpreet Singh and seasoned forward S V Sunil will be his

vice-captain of the women's squad.

The two teams are sched-

uled to take part in the two-legged FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifiers in Odisha where the World No 5 men's team will be up against World No 22 Russia, while the World No 9 women's side will face World No 13 USA.

The men's team has two goalkeepers in P R Sreeiesh and Krishan

Bahadur Pathak.
Captain Manpreet
leads the forward line which also includes Mandeep Singh, Akashdeep Singh, and

"After a good preparation tour in Belgium, it was always going to be a very difficult decision to pick the best 18 players for this tour-



Indian men's & women's hockey team captain Manpreet Singh & Rani Rampal

nament. We have chosen a wellbalanced side with a number of good flexible options," said men's chief coach Graham Reid. "We now need to focus on strategies against Russia, and ensure we are at our best when we step onto the field on 1st and 2nd November.

The women's team remained unchanged from its tour of

"We have a good balance 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

and mixture of players in the squad. It is important to stay in the rhythm with the same players who performed well in the preparatory tour. We now focus on making sure that we leave no stone unturned when we take on USA in the two matches," said women's team coach Sjoerd Marijne.
The winners of the

Qualifiers will ensure place in the

Defending champions eye course records in ADHM

PNS NEW DELHI

Defending men's and women's champions Andamlak Belihu and Tsehay Gemechu on Friday made their intentions clear that they will go for the course records in the Airtel Delhi Half Marathon here tomorrow.

The 15th edition of the

ADHM will see one of the best fields of international elite athletes with seven sub-60 minute runners among men and nine sub-70 minute runners among

An athlete finishing a men's half marathon in less than 60 minutes is considered world class. In the women's half marathon, a runner who can complete it in 70 minutes is considered top class.

Ethiopian Belihu had won the prestigious IAAF Gold Label Race, last year with a time of 59

course record on Sunday cannot be ruled out.

"It is possible to run better "It is possible to run better than the course record on Sunday. I am in good shape and India has been a happy place for me," said the 20-year-old, who had finished second in his debut season, in 2017. "It was a little frustrating just

missing out on the course record last year but after running here in the last two years, I have experience and think I know what it takes to run faster. The most important thing is to win but if the pace is good, I can beat the course record."

The course record of 59 minute 06 seconds still stands in the name of Ethiopia's Guye Adola, set in the 2014 edition. The temperature on Sunday

is also likely to be an ideal one. hovering around 23 degree

Belihu finished fifth in the 10,000m race in the World Championships in Doha last month and he said he has recovered from that race.

"I trained hard for two-three months for the World Championships and I knew this Delhi Half Marathon was also in my schedule. So, I am prepared. I have recovered from the World Championships race," he added.

A big threat to Belihu's bid to retain his title can come from a man who has yet to run the distance, another Ethiopian Hagos Gebrhiwet, who is set to make his half marathon debut. Gebrhiwet had planned to

make his half marathon debut in Delhi last year but a late bout of illness curtailed his training and he had to cancel his trip.

However, the two-time World Championships 5000m medallist wants to exorcise his frustrations at only being able to

finish 10th in 10,000m in Doha, despite having gone to the show-piece as the fastest man in the world over the distance.

"I am excited to make my debut at the half marathon. Andamlak has told me about this race and so I know that it is a very fast course," said Gebrhiwet, who will be running his longest ever competitive race on Sunday

In the women's elite section Gemechu made a huge impact on her debut last season, setting a

women's course record of 66:50 This year she has produced a string of sparkling perfor-mances both on the road and on track, including winning a highquality Valencia 10km race at the start of the season. She finished fourth in the 5,000m in the

Doha World Championships.

"Last year, I did not know much about running in this level of race, but I have had a lot more experience since then. I have had

"I just missed out on a medal in Doha but I am only 21 so I will have more opportunities. It was a fast race in Doha and I showed I was in good shape ahead of this Delhi race, so I think another course record here is a possibility," she added.

Among Gemechu's leading rivals will be the Kenyan-born

Caroline Kipkirui, the fastest woman in the race with a best of 65:07, who now flies the flag for Kazakhstan. "This will be a very tough

race. The Ethiopian women are very strong but don't discount me and the Kenyans like (Edith) Chelimo and (Irene) Cheptai," said Kipkirui, who is sixth on the all-time list for the distance

Both the men's and women's races have first prize cheques of \$ 27,000 with a total prize money purse (combined men and women) of \$ 275,000.







eing a good host and making guest feel welcome is the key to a good time together. Having friends round is fun and all, but not for them if you're a bad

We know that to some degree, the rules for hosting depend on the guest and the situation. Perhaps you are hosting an overnight guest, or maybe you're having a dinner party. If it's a very close friend or family member, you can be a bit more relaxed. However, if your family member is bringing a stranger to your home, you may need to step up your host game. No matter the guest or the situation, there are a few guidelines that you can follow to

help your guests feel at home.

Request people for meeting who you like and trust. Never bother to invite people if they don't appeal to you or you have no intention of growing close with them. Choosing good guests may enable you to be a better host. Consider also how well the guests will get along with each other. Try not to invite people that you know won't mesh well, or that have a history of winding up at each other's throats.

In case if it is the first time at your house give them a 'house tour', to let them know where everything is. Be alert to the fact that it's better to show guests the bathroom and let them know where they can do such things as change a baby's diaper, grab a glass of water, etc. without having to ask you direct. If there is somewhere your friends shouldn't go, such as a baby's room, an elderly person's room, etc., make this clear. It's better than having them embarrassed by wandering into baby's room and waking baby up

when looking for the bathroom, etc.

Time is important factor and it is important to know when to expect your guests. Make sure to give them plenty of advance notice — at least a week, and even more if the occasion is very important. Assume that they will also need to work around their own schedules. Don't tell them to come "sometime" if you really want them to show up. Tell them specifically when to come so that it feels more like an invitation. A range of times is also okay, but it should be no longer than a few hours.

The art of hostin

No matter the situation, there are a few guidelines that you can follow to help your guests feel at home, says TEAM VIVA



No matter if your guests show up late, try to make them feel welcome. Do not sulk for the rest of the evening, or you may compound the problem. Just continue laughing and ignore the fact they were

Try to tell your guest in advance is just a matter of courtesy. If they know what to expect, it will be much easier for them to plan their schedules around it.

Take care that before your guests

arrive, tidy up the space to convey that you care. If they arrive in a messy household, it shows you do not care for your surroundings, and it may make them feel less welcome in your home. Put away toys, tools, and clutter. Remove allergens by vacuuming carpets, rugs, and upholstered furniture.

After your guests arrive, open the door and show them where to put their things. Show them the bathroom on the way in before taking them to the living room and offering them a seat. Never leave them hanging at the front door; don't expect them to follow you if you don't say anything. If you still have things to prepare, engage with your guests whilst organizing what you have left. By now, you should have finished tidying the area, so that you have only the food to finish.

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Involve and engage your guests in conversation and talk about things that they want to talk about. Ask questions about their work, their travels, their families. Don't complain about how your child was sick all week or how you are having family issues. Show interest in what your guest has to say. Build on the conversation and let it flow. Business can be a good subject, but be careful with whom you bring it up. Many people like to separate their work from their social lives. Take cues from your guests, and don't try to force any topic.

Have your family or a housemate engage the guests so that you can finish preparing the rest of the food. Keep finger food on the coffee table in the living room to whet everyone's appetites. Ask vour guests if they would like a drink Offer them at least two options — what-ever you think is most suitable for the event. The options could range between

coffee, tea, water, beer, and wine.

Make your guests feel appreciated. If they want to leave, ask them to stay a bit longer since you have enjoyed their company. Tell them it has been a lovely time, and you are keen to see them again. If you noticed that they enjoyed part of the meal in particular, consider giving a portion of it to them. Tell them you won't need it; say that it's a pleasure to see

someone enjoy your food.

If you are constantly with someone, they won't get the chance to absorb the environment, and they might be distracted while you are with them later. This does not mean leave them for a long time — a minute or two tops should do it. People like having things to do with their hands. So having a drink or munchies can help. Don't offer your guest food and not eat yourself, they will feel rude and gluttonous. Take some snacks too.

Apart from other things your biggest jobs as the host is to keep everything going smoothly. You will need to set a going smoothly. Tou win need to set a positive tone, and act as moderator if any-thing goes awry. Be prepared to smooth tensions: always be ready to change the subject or talk to anyone who's causing trouble. Your social "job" as the host is to make sure that your home is a safe and welcoming space for all who enter — no matter who is causing the problems.





RANVEER SINGH

Simone has a unique creative closest friends since childhood. I wanted to support and celebrate her breakthrough moment in the world of fashion. We share fond memories of growing up together, and it makes me immensely proud to be a small part of he



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would like to urge people to led by females, because only that will initiate change. Until now, we (female actors) get five to 10 per cent payment as compared to the male actors, because audience prefers watching films led by them. I request the audience to help us achieve equality



AYUSHMANN KHURRANA It is not just in Hindi cinema

CIRCUITS

but also with the people living in an urban setup who have been caste-blind. Discrimination is so rampan in rural India, that it is disneartening to even witness it. With the response Article 15 received, I think the Indian audience is now mor open to such films



SOPHIE CHOUDRY

Fitness is a huge part of my life. I think the most impor tant message I want to get across through *Work It Up* is that fitness is not just about being skinny or hav-ing six pack abs. It is about your lifestyle, physical and mental health. Just because of my health and wanting to feel good and fit. I do a lot

PRIYANKA CHOPRA

Elsa is a fictional character who's known to be strongly opinionated and level headed, traits that I deeply connect with. This not only made me want to be part of the film Frozen 2, but also gives me a wonderful opportunity to present one of the most-successful animated films to ou local audiences.



ENCOUNTER 45 MINUTES

For anyone growing up in the 80s, actor, director, painter, photographer and writer DEEPTI NAVAL was an intrinsic part of the cinematic collage, says Saimi Sattar

The warmth of the laughter when you mention Deepti Naval's past co-stars is hard to miss even over the slightly erratic phone line which connects the two metros — the capital and the millennial city. But then, Ms Chamko, as she came to be popularly known after Chashme Baddoor (1981) was the quintessential girl next door with her sunshine smile and cheerful demeanour. However, the celebrated actor, painter and photographer, who was last seen in the web series, *Made in Heaven*, avers, "I was not the girl next door in real life. I was a New Yorker where I had gone to college and graduated in Arts as my major subject. I was running around theatre at Broadway and Museum of Modern Art and living in the neighbourhood of Andy Warhol. The sweet image was something that cinema created as this was the kind of girls people wrote about at that time. There was nothing dynamic where the female characters were strong, bold, dynamic and confident. I never got to play anything that came close to my own persona." However, Naval who recently got the

Excellence in Cinema Award at the 21st Jio MAMI Mumbai Film Festival, does agree that actors who were a part of the parallel cinema at that time weren't vic-timised as much by the division between good and bad characters, something that plagued commercial cinema. "We still got to experiment with the characters that came our way. My very first film, Ek Baar Phir was in the grey zone." She played Kalpana, a girl married to a film star, who falls in love with a struggling painter. "The fact that my character has second thoughts about what she was doing and whether it was provided in the start was provided in the star whether it was morally right staying in a marriage of convenience rather than

into the character?

was there in the script as well as

in the research that Craig (Mazin) did. It was also there in the desire

to not to sensationalise the story



being with the man she loved, certainly fell in the realm of a grey area. For that matter, the three of us — Shabana (Azmi), Smita (Patil) and I had no qualms about playing those roles. It was a really good time and you reminded me of it," she laughs, her voice taking on a tenor which can be described as richer as she looks back nostalgically. "We discussed each other's roles. Smita was a dear friend. And then there were the directors like Basuda (Bhattacharya), Hrishda (Hrishishikesh Mukherjee) and so many more," she says.

Talking of the old times with Naval

naturally brings up the name of Farooq Shaikh, with whom she was seen frequently in the early part of the eighties in films like *Katha* (1982), *Saath Saath* (1982) besides *Chashme Buddoor*. Naval remembers, "He was one of the most delightful and adorable co-actors to work with and had a great sense of humour even though he always made people laugh at my expense. He was a sensitive actor and somebody who continued to encourage me and tell me my strong and weak points. He often said, 'Dips, for that is what he called me, you have it in you. Please take your work more seriously." But the mention of Shaikh seemed to have

opened another floodgate of memories. opened another Hoodgate of memories. "There was Sanjeev Kumar in Angoor and Naseeruddin (Shah) in Katha. I love the way I am positioned in the film and the way I was working with the two best actors of the time. It was lovely," she adds. A remake of Chashme Buddoor was

released in 2013 but she feels that most old films which are recreated are a let down. "Though I encouraged it because David Dhavan is a dear friend but I did-n't watch the whole film as it couldn't hold me. I didn't want to wash off the impact of our very original, adorable one," she

Since content, which was hitherto considered parallel, has now become mainstream, does Naval feel that this is a better time to be a part of cinema "Definitely. Today there is a much wider audience for these subjects. We wanted to do so much more but we were always faced with the question whether it will work at the box office or not. But having said that, the films and the subjects were a record of that time and documented it. Today when I see these subjects and the way these films works, we too would have loved to be watched by millions rather than thousands. And I want to be a part of this scheme of things where you can



work on experimental subjects in a much interesting way and for a much larger audience," she says. Naval, who directed Manisha Koirala in *Do Paise Ki Dhoop*, Chaar Aane Ki Baarish, has three subjects that she is looking at helming. "I will float around the ideas and see which one we can raise the money for," she says.

As an actor, Naval sprung a surprise

in *NH10* (2015) where she played a Sarpanch, who gets her daughter killed for marrying outside caste, a strange combi-nation of an empowered woman who is intensely regressive. "I didn't see it com-

ing either," she says and laughs. Even though most people talk about Naval in terms of her association with cinema, she is also a celebrated writer, painter and a photographer. She believes that it was ingrained in her from her childhood as her mother was a painter and her father, a writer. "In my childhood my dad would insist that I read books and my mother would make me sit down on the dining table and teach me to sketch.

I inherited it and it depends on how you take it forward," she says.

All of them play an important part in her being. "These are my observations of life. It can only happen when you have a feel for these things. It is not something that you can acquire. It resides within you. I always felt a creative urge to express myself in one way or another. Writing and painting has been with me since my school days. Photography came in college

when I studied the subject."

Naval says that all of these ran parallel in her life. "There were a lot of times, when someone asked me if I had given

when someone asked me if I had given up acting, during an exhibition at the Jehangir Art Gallery. But there was no concept in my head of having giving up one thing for the other," says Naval.

For her, all of the arts that she practises are deeply connected. "I remember shooting for a film called *Main Zinda Hoon* with Sudhir Mishra and I was so impacted by it that I was reliving a phase of my personal experience on camera. In of my personal experience on camera. In the film's climax, I land up in a mental asylum and hallucinate that I am talking to my father. But it was real for the character. I went back home and painted that phase of mine where I am sitting, wrapped up in my own world communicating with my father who was long dead and gone," she says and goes on to talk about another work, Black wind, which were printing forced later. talk about another work, Black wind, which was a painting first and later became a poem. "It came from a very intense personal experience. I had furiously scribbled down my thoughts and then made the painting. But I felt that it didn't convey enough and went back to the protect and write the preom" che the notes and wrote the poem," she

Similarly, she visited a mental institution to do homework for a script that she was working on about an actress who has to play a mentally disturbed character. "I came back and wrote 24 poems on women in mental asylums. If you know my work, you would connect the loose ends. It might not happen immediately but several years down the line," she says.

It as on account of her writing and

interest in arts that Naval shared a deep and abiding connect with the firebrand writer Amrita Pritam whom she also portrayed on stage in *Ek Mulaqat* where she was cast with Shekhar Suman who played the role of poet Sahir Ludhianvi. She recalls, "I held her in high esteem. Amritaji's work was always very fascinating as she was ahead of her time. She was the sole woman's voice in Punjabi poetry which was dominated by male Sufi poets. She wrote unabashedly about female experience. It was nothing sensational but the fact that she wrote blatantly and boldly at that time made it so. She was a deep thinker. I knew her personally and I was very fond of her. On every single trip that I made to Delhi I visited her where she would be sitting or reclining on her bed and chatting while she smoked her cigarette and talked about life. In the play, I tried to remain as close to her as possible. When people who saw me said that 'aapne Amritaji ko zinda kar diya', that was the best compliment."

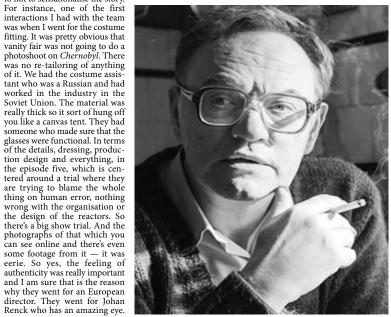
Naval believes that Pritam had a great love story between her and Imroz that she hugely admires. Naval says, "For the play they chose the relationship with Sahir, which was also very intriguing and inter-esting between two talented writers. They had a shared sentiment in language, so the mutual fascination was there for a long

Just the way we share a fascination for a certain doe-eyed Ms Naval.

CELEB TALK 15 MINUTES

Deleted pages of history

The desire for authenticity was here right from the beginning. It
Actor JARED HARRIS says that it was the first time that he portrayed a real character in *Chernobyl*, for which the research didn't turn out to be as helpful. By TEAM VIVA



You see a real visual flair without it being sensationalised. It took five months to shoots all the five

☐ In that time, how hard was it to go home at night? Do you let it go? Do you kind of wallow in that for five months?

There's no time for wallowing because you've got something enormous the next day. I mean, as soon as something's finished, there's a sort of relief. You get that off your plate. And then you're looking ahead. During the days you're shooting something, if you've got some time off, you're already trying to make sure that you're going be ready for what's coming down

☐ There were no light scenes that can give you a break. How did that go for you?

Yes, I asked for some comedy.

I did. I made a pitch to Craig. I said, vou know. Russians have a very good sense of humour. And he said 'no, no jokes for you.' He can even write funny but he didn't want to. I really wanted some comic element. All he gave me was one joke.

☐ How difficult was it for you

to prepare for a role like that?
Well, I was playing a real person and when you play a real character, there's so much infor-mation out there — books and videos. But my character, the Soviets had, quite successfully, cut out of the story. They threatened to erase him from the history. And so, in a lot of the books that I read, he wasn't even mentioned. This was probably the first time that I have played a historical character where the research wasn't really that help-ful. Craig had a different thing in mind because the character I play is in contrast to Stellan's (Skarsgard) character. I needed to occupy a different space. In real life, what I observed about Legasov was that he had kind of Slavic Soviet swagger about him. He was an alpha male and projected confidence and that was exactly what Stallan's character was. So I had to find something different to serve the narrative You do all your research but in the end you're not going to play your research, you're going to play what the script demands. And the writer has made decisions on the story. You play the version of the character that the writer has written for you. And that makes for some tense shoot-

ing days.
(Chernobyl will premiere on Star World with a special play of back to back episodes on October 20 at 12 pm.)

'Entertainment

happened by chance'

 Γ videos, films and web series, actor Hina Khan has done it all. But show-biz wasn't a planned move. She says entertainment happened by chance and the journey has been wonderful so far. She was part of one of the longest running TV shows, *Yeh Rishta Kya Kehlata Hai*. She again won the audience's hearts when she got in the reality shows space with Fear Factor: Khatron Ke Khiladi and Bigg Boss. Her film Lines took her to the prestigious Cannes Film Festival this year.

"Entertainment happened by

chance to me and the journey so far has been wonderful. My dream is to continue growing as an actor, to transcend boundaries and work on projects which are across the world," Hina said.

Her dreams are clearly coming true as she has taken the next step in the international market by signing an Indo-American film, which is based on HG Wells' novel, The Country of the

Blind.
"I had never thought of becoming an actor and when my first show hap-pened, it wasn't a plan. I went with the flow and the rest of course followed," said Hina, who has bagged a film by filmmaker Vikram Bhatt.

Bollywood or not, she says she is here to entertain. "Give me a good challenge as an actor and I shall lap it up," said the actor, whose negative avatar in the show Kasautii Zindagii



Kay was loved by many. She also has an interest in doing something in the fitness space. "Fitness is a part of my life and hence doing anything related to it, comes naturally to me. I would love to do something in the fitness space soon but as of now nothing is there in the pipeline," said



STUDIO CHAT 30 MINUTES

PRACTICAL LIVING



For GAURI KHAN, usage of recycled materials and handmade products to make high-end and luxurious designs will continue to be the ultimate decor trend. Sustainable practices and use of renewable resources are here to stay, she tells Team Viva

*Designers have a constant role of making changes in their designs as trends vary with every season. How do you keep yourself updat-ed with the latest decor trends and handle the pressure? What keeps you going?

The execution of good design is an art by itself. So, in that regard, I think learning the art of design and honing your skills consistently in that area is extremely valuable. Also, with aversines experience you took to with a second or the second of th with experience, you tend to understand people's minds better. As you travel more, experiences in life equip you to design multiple spaces for people from different backgrounds. I think most women are mas-

ters at juggling roles, be it at work or on the personal front. For me personally, the key is to maintain a certain degree of discipline and also having a supportive partner like Shah Rukh, who makes it easier to handle the pressure handle the pressure.

*How do Indian aesthetics inspire you?

The sheer variety of culture,

art and handicraft changes every few kilometres in a country like India, so what could be more inspirational! India could eas-ily have multiple luxury brands coming out of here, especially since we have excellent

raftsmanship. However, I feel the ecosystem around promoting these arts and craftsmen is not adequate

In fact we at Gauri Khan Designs did a pro-ject with local Indian artisans called Tattvam, which I am very proud of. It was our collection for Jaipur rugs, designed in collaboration with women weavers of Rajasthan. In January 2018, it was displayed at Maison & Objet, Paris. The weaving tradirans. The weaving tradi-tions have been kept alive by these women. It's so wonder-ful and exciting to be part of a project that champions both women empowerment and our Indian heritage.

*Indians are increasingly becoming comfortable with global trends and styling. Has impacted your work ethics?

India is among the most difficult markets for design because there are vastly different tastes to cater to. However, due to extensive travel and experiences around the globe, Indians are exposed to many more

industry of late and it's a very posi-

more experimentation. So, it's an exciting time to be in the design space as you are constantly learning an evolving with your clients, it's a dynamic process and we have worked with local and Indian designers to cater to our clients tastes.

*How would you define your

We don't just focus on interiors but on design as a broader concept. At the AD Design Show 2019, our aim is to showcase that our design philosophy can be applied to all areas of life. This includes extending my design philosophy to interiors and commercial spaces like retail outlets, restaurants, spas and turnkey pro-jects. Apart from this we also do product designs, branding, endorse-ments, working with international designers and collaborations with local craftsmen. We have managed to execute multiple projects all over the country and I want to continue to showcase this kind of variety through our work. This year will be showcasing our premium range of furniture which is new line being launched at the show, different from the range we showcase at the store and will be available online at gau-rikhan.in.

*****Where are the trends heading in 2020?

As we enter a new decade, one As we enter a new decade, one of the biggest trends seen in the design industry is the usage of recycled materials and handmade products to make even the most high-end and luxurious designs. Sustainable practices and renewable resources have been the focus of the design

⊳How do you strike a balance between following your aesthetics and factoring in the clients' brief as well, while transforming spaces?

Being a designer is tougher than it appears, people entrust you with their properties just on the basis of our vision, without any tangible evidence of what you are going to do. To be able to deliver something excellent, not just satisfactory, to a client is my goal and that's what

Leers in goal and that's what keeps me going.

Design comes to me naturally and instinctively but I did spend a lot of time honing my skills, whether it was designing our own homes and properties to collaborating with friends and then venturing out by myself. Since most of my learning happened on the job while dealing with people from all backgrounds I have a certain sense of comfort and confidence while designing for my clients which brings in that balance.

&If you want to transform the entire set-up with just one thing, what would it be?

Honestly depends on the set-up, as one needs to know what is missing. But I think a signature piece of furniture, the right kind of lighting or the right pop of wall colour can make all the difference.

*What's the 2019's trend of the

I think practical pieces that adorn your space with an element of design is a great trend. Things with utility don't necessarily have to look

> restaurant owner in India. Her stint as a model too has influ-

> enced her cooking in many

ways. "As a model, people think that they don't eat but it's

absolutely untrue. I have been a

model for 10 years and I have constantly looked for ways to

prepare dishes that are healthy.

experiment a lot. I certainly

cooked a lot when I was mod-elling. And travelling and living

at so many places, experiencing

different cultures also benefit

However, the connection

tritious and tasty. I used to

WALKTHROUGH 15 MINUTES



Through Salinger's eyes

a glimpse into the author's life and work

s he worked on early drafts As he worked on early drafts for *The Catcher in the Rye*, a novel which proved both scandalous and life-changing, JD Salinger considered adding his generation's idea of a trigger

alert.
"I think there's going to be a lot of swearing and sexy stuff in this book," warns narrator Holden Caulfield, in a paragraph Holden Caulfield, in a paragraph on page 18 of Salinger's manuscript, part of an upcoming exhibition at the New York Public Library. "I can't help it. You'll probably think I'm a very dirty guy and that I come from a terrible family and all."

"The trouble is," Holden adds. "everybody swears all the

adds, "everybody swears all the time. And everybody's pretty sexy." Salinger apparently changed his mind. He drew a large X through the passage and wrote "delete" in the margins. Starting in 1951, when the book was published, millions of readers would discover the truth for

The library exhibit, titled JD Salinger, opens Friday and runs through January 19 at the historic Fifth Avenue branch in Manhattan. It continues a surprisingly eventful centennial for Salinger, who died in 2010 and avoided publicity for much of his writing life. His literary estate approved new print editions for the first time in decades of the four books he allowed to come out in his lifetime — The Catcher in the Rye, Franny and Zooey, Nine Stories and Raise High the Roof Beam, Carpenters and Seymour: An Introduction. And for the first time ever, the literary estate authorised e-book

In announcing the exhibit, his son, Matt Salinger, cited the public's lasting curiosity. "When my father's long-time publisher Little, Brown and Company, first approached me with plans for his centennial year my immediate reaction was that he would not like the attention," Matt Salinger wrote. "He was a famously private man who shared his work with millions, but his life and non-published thoughts with less than a hand-ful of people, including me. But I've learned that while he may have only fathered two children there are a great, great many readers out there who have their own rather profound relationships with him, through his work, and who have long wanted an opportunity to get to know him better."

Drawing upon archives made available by Matt Salinger, the exhibit is not the tell-all that some fans might have wanted There are no unreleased novels or stories, and no images of Salinger's widow, Colleen Salinger, or of the mother of Salinger's two children, Claire

A library exhibit offers
a glimpse into the

Douglas. His affair in the early 1970s with author Joyce Maynard, a college student when he befriended her, is not mentioned. But the library does offer an eclectic, revelatory and sometimes quirky range of materials, from a Royal manual type-writer to a bowl Salinger made as a boy to videocassettes of Marx Brothers comedies and other films he liked to watch. A bookcase from his bedroom includes The Oxford Book of Detective Stories, a collection of Robert Browning poems and three volumes on Zen and the Zen Classics, reflecting his immersion in Eastern religion and philosophy. Letters to his literary representatives document his immersion in the publishing

> Declan Kiely, the library's director of special collections and exhibitions, said that the materials on display demonstrat-ed Salinger's "meticulousness, possibly bordering on the obses-sive," although "obsessive in a good way."

Salinger's career as an author captured through clippings of his early stories, manuscripts, copies of his books and letters to his publishers. A working draft of Franny and Zooey was titled of rhamy and 200ey was titled Ivanoff the Terrible, subtitled, An Ontological Comic Drama With a Little Morning Music, and included an opening section which apparently refers to his years as a counter-intelligence officer in Europe during World War II. (Salinger fans had long wondered whether *Ivanoff* was a separate, unreleased book).

The one-room library exhibit tracks Salinger's life.
There are childhood photos and
images from his military service,
many highlighting his dark eyes,
extended jaw and the hint of a Holden-like smirk. Pictures from the 1960s and 1970s with his children, Matt and Margaret, capture Salinger in middle age, in rural Cornish, New Hampshire. A handful of shots show him in old age. After Salinger's death, an old friend from the military, John L Keenan, wrote to Matt, telling him about his father's horrifying experiences, which led to his ing hospitalised after the war.
"He was among the first

American troops to enter Paris, as well as with the first American to cross the German border at the Siegfried Line. He endured the hardship and perils of the battles of the Bulge and the Ardennes forest," Keenan's letter reads. "Though like the rest of us, not happy to be there, he accepted his 'lot' and did more than what was expected of him. He was brave under fire and a loyal and dependable partner. On many occasions in the course of an assignment, although pinned down by artillery, machine gun or small arms fire, he did what had to be

done.
"I admired him then and I grieve for him now."

FOOD 'O' CLOCK 20 MINUTES =

Flavours of the roots

Celebrity chef SARAH TODD says that the world hasn't yet seen enough of Indian cuisine, which is so rich and diverse. While signatures and favourites might have become well-known, regional cooking needs more exposure. By TEAM VIVA

However, she says that the cuisine still hasn't become a global favourite. "I honestly feel like the world hasn't seen enough of Indian food. I think it should take the centrestage. It has such a rich culture and diversity that the world needs to see it. The many healthy and nutritious facets in Indian cooking haven't really been presented. Traditional Indian cooking is definitely on the rise, global ly. It's already becoming wellknown for some of its signature favourites but the rest of Indian

No matter how much one relishes world cuisine and its impeccable delicacies, when it

comes to the most comforting food, it's always Indian. Model-turned-chef Sarah Todd believes

so too. She was much loved by

the Indian audience when she cooked the country's favourite

household dish Aloo Gobhi dur-

ing one of her tasks in season 6

of MasterChef Australia.

Sarah, who recently launched three restaurants in India - Antares in Goa, The Wine Company in Gurugram, NCR, and The Wine Rack in Mumbai — tells us how she curated the menus for all the three restaurants. "Location is the first aspect I take into consideration. In Goa, we are very focussed on seafood, very tropical and fresh. In Mumbai, again seafood is prevalent to some extent but since it's a metro city. the dishes need to reflect that as well. So we went a little bit more premium with the fact that it's The Wine Rack. Delhi obviously needs a bit of the typical North Indian influence. We have kept that in mind too. I feel like when we are curating the menus, it's

palate needs to reach the world."

really important to be inspired by the local influences and your surroundings," says the chef. who recently embarked on CRED's four-city tour in the country in New Delhi, Hyderabad, Pune and Bengaluru.

So what are the essential elements that she keeps in mind while working? For Sarah, it's important to always find a "way to connect with the audience" whether it's through nostalgia, a new technique, an ingredient or the cooking style. She adds, "I need to find just a few Indian elements for the plate and it can come by blending various modern techniques as well, for classic style of instance the French cooking.'

Well, one of her most important influences for her cooking has been travelling across the world and trying various cuisines — both known and unknown. "I just feel that experiencing food from all over the world and trying home food is something that I am really passionate about. I feel that has been the most major influence on my cooking and even my son. He made me think about food from a nutritious point of view. It made me realise that if I want my son to eat healthy food, it has to be tasty as well. So I learnt

how to make healthy as well as tasty food all in one," she says.

Some learnings she also credits to MasterChef, the biggest being how to balance a dish, which is due to the constant pressure contestants face at the competitive kitchen. She explains, "So you have to think on your feet. I figured out a way to balance a dish. There are three main aspects that I think usually about. First, balancing flavours and making sure that all the flavours — sweet, tangy, sour and salty — are perfectly layered. Second, textures. In the kitchen,

they always want something crunchy, which they can bite into, and yet it should be smooth so that it melts in your mouth Your dish should look beautiful because you first eat with your eyes. It's the first sense that hits

There have been many countries and cultures around the world which have recreated MasterChef in their own languages and versions. However, the Australia one has been the most successful of all. Sarah believes that it's because of its multi-cultural aspect, "Australia a multi-cultural country. When it comes to the variety of dishes, they come from all over the world. This is what appeals to people. Many different styles of cooking and various cuisines has definitely played a huge part in the show's success," she

Sarah's journey has been quite a dynamic one. For instance, she has transitioned from being a model to a mother to a MasterChef contestant to Cookbook) and then to a chain-

with understanding food wasn't new for Sarah. It had a link with her childhood. She says, "We didn't have a lot of money while we were growing up so with our Christmas presents, we used to make huge cookie jars to give to all our families and friends. We used to put a lot of time and decided to buy only presents and not add the cookie jars. I got really upset. It was our favorite gift. It made me realise that food is a strong influence and could

Apart from cooking, modelling and writing, Sarah's favourite pass-time activities are to spend time with her family, eating and travelling.

be a very emotional gift for







Complete Whitewash

In last outing before Diwali, Virat & boys go for Proteas hunt with aim to consolidate lead at top in Test Championship

would have been a dead rubber but with valuable World Test Championship points on offer. India would be eyeing victory while South Africa would be desperate for some consolation in a wretched tour when the third and final Test starts here today.

There are 40 points on offer and a 3-0 series whitewash, both of which India would be targetting against the hapless visitors.

India, who have 200 points from four games, have a massive 140-point lead over nearest rivals New Zealand and Sri Lanka in the WTC standings. Skipper Virat Kohli has also made it clear that there is plenty to play for in the final Test and the team cannot afford a drop in intensity. Going into the game, India have very few holes to plug, be it their batting or bowling.

The home team could not have

asked for more from their top-order with Rohit Sharma showing why he is such an impact player as he feasted on the South African bowlers with twin hundreds in the first Test

while opening for the first time. The *Mumbaikar's* opening partner Maynak Agarwal on the other hand went on to convert his maiden hundred into a double in Visakhapatnam and followed it up with another century in Pune.

Then it was the turn of 'King

Kohli' who came to the party in the Pune with a career-best double hundred —a majestic 254 not out — and made it look like a routine job.

Rohit will be eyeing a big score after not firing in the first innings

India vs South Africa STAR SPORTS 1 NETWORK

of the Pune Test while Cheteshwar Pujara, who has scored two fifties in the series, would be looking to cross the three-figure mark. That India have lost only 16

wickets while routing South Africa in both the Tests sums up their dom-

Toss has also been kind to India so far and things are likely to get more exciting if the stroke of luck favours Faf du Plessis in the final

The last time South Africa toured the India, rank-turners had welcomed the side but this time both the pacers and spinners have been able to extract something out of the

Umesh Yadav made a fine comeback in the Pune Test to return with fine figures of 3/22 with some brief hostile spells as wicketkeeper Wriddhiman Saha who took some breathtaking catches to aid to the pacer's tally Kohli played an extra pacer in

Umesh at Pune by benching Hanuma Vihari but only time will tell what combination he chooses for the final Test.
South African captain Faf du

Plessis has already predicted the Ranchi pitch to be a turner, bringing a third spinner into picture.
Since Kuldeep Yadav has been ruled out of the match due to a

shoulder injury, left-arm spinner Shahbaz Nadeem has been drafted into the squad and he might sneak into the playing XI as well South Africa batsmen showed some fight in Visakhapatnam but they let themselves down in Pune

It was only the tailenders who showed some character and frustrated the Indian bowling. Du Plessis has urged experiences players like Dean Elgar, Quinton De Kock and Temba Bayuma to bat with respon-

Their batting woes are further compounded by the absence of opener Aiden Markram who has been ruled out of the third Test with

an injury.

The pace attack comprising Kagiso Rabada, Vernon Philander and Anrich Nortje has also not been as effective as expected while the Indian pacers have managed to provide the breakthroughs.

With their senior-most spinner Keshav Maharai also ruled out, South Africa will find it tougher to stop the Indian juggernaut.

SQUADS
India: Virat Kohli (c), Mayank
Agarwal, Rohit Sharma, Cheteshwar
Pujara, Ajinkya Rahane (vc),
Hanuma Vihari, Wriddhiman Saha,
Ravichandran Ashwin, Ravindra
Jadeja, Shahbaz Nadeem, Mohammed Shami, Umesh Yaday Ishant Sharma, Rishabh Pant, Shubman Gill.

South Africa: Faf du Plessis (c), Temba Bavuma (vc), Theunis de Bruyn, Quinton de Kock, Dean Elgar, Zubayr Hamza, George Linde, Senuran Muthusamy, Lungi Ngidi, Anrich Nortje, Vernon Philander, Dane Piedt, Kagiso Rabada, Rudi



I share good understanding with Pant: Saha

The cut-throat competition for a place in India's playing XI has not affected Wriddhiman Saha's relationship with his understudy Rishabh Pant as the duo try to help each other with notes on glovework.

Saha was out of the Indian team for 20 months due to a shoulder surgery but his now back to his best as a keeper with some stunning catches in the second Test in Pune

Six days short of his 35th birth-day, the sprightly Saha is often seen helping Pant with keeping drills after his own training, something that has been directed by the team

managed.
Ask him if he is mentoring Pant and the ever-reticent Saha replied

in negative.
"There's nothing (mentoring) like that. We just discuss normally the way the wicketkeepers discuss. With Sridhar and Pant, we three jointly decide on how to go about our wicketkeeping on a particular type of wicket," he said.

The co-ordination and rapport between them helps it easier for them to work together. "We always observe each other's wicket-keeping. We work hard in

our practice sessions and have a good understanding and co-ordina-tion among ourselves. We always try to point out each other's mistakes. It's been going well so far," he said.

While his keeping has been

rated as the best in world cricket, even BCCI president-elect Sourav Ganguly has spoken about the need to improve on his batting aver-

ages.
"Whoever plays in the team wants to contribute. As a wicket-keeper, I look to get sometime in the middle and if I get time I try to build a partntership and score a fifty or so. Everyone tries like that. Sometime it works, sometime it

does not," Saha said.

Leading 2-0, Saha said, it's time to complete a whitewash against South Africa.
"I have good memory of the last

match. I made 117 in the last match. I remember how I approached the innings. I also remember the Steve Smith incident. If you see we drew it last time. We are 2-0 up in the series so this time we will try to make it 3-0 this time," he concluded.

Faf wants to 'bat big' like India



during the Euro 2020 qualifier between Croatia and

Wales. Bale is suffering with cramp in his calf while Modric is recovering from heavy bruising in his right

thigh. "Modric is not fit for tomorrow," said Zidane in

a press conference. "Gareth Bale is not going to be with us, neither Toni Kroos nor Lucas Vazquez. We

have to accept it. There are other players." Kroos injured his foot playing for Madrid against Granada while Vazquez has a calf problem.

JUNIOR BOXERS NOTCH UP 21 MEDALS New Delhi: Indian boxers packed quite a heavy punch at the Asian Junior Championships, clinching

nine Silver, to end with the best medal haul among 26

competing countries in Fujairah, United Arab Emirates. The Indian men's squad fetched two Gold, three Silver and an equal number of Bronze, while the

women claimed four Gold, six Silver and three Bronze

medals to round off a stupendous performance or Thursday evening. The team ended top in terms of

medals won but finished second behind Uzbekistan

LONDON: Former New Zealand spinner Jeetan Patel has been appointed as spin-bowling consultant of

England for the uncoming five-match T201 series

against the Black Caps. Patel, the native-born New Zealander, who is contracted to Cricket Wellington,

has been given dispensation to miss the first three

matches of the Plunket Shield season. He will join up

with the England squad when they arrive in

BULGARIA COACH QUITS AFTER RACISM ROW

Sofia: Bulgaria's coach quit Friday over the 6-0 loss to England in a Euro 2020 qualifier which was

overshadowed by racist abuse that sparked a storm

of protest. Monkey chants and apparent Nazi salutes

during Monday's match caused indignation in the

football world and led to the resignation of Bulgaria's

football federation chief. Bulgaria coach Krasimii

Balakov, who took over the team in May, said he

handed in his resignation during a meeting of the

Bulgarian Football Union (BFU) executive committee

"I said that if I am the problem of Bulgarian football,

I am handing in my resignation. There is no way

back," the former midfielder told reporters after the

meeting. "I will keep my fingers crossed for the next manager as the situation is not rosy at all." **AGENCIES**

Christchurch next week.

(20) which had a better Gold count of eight.

ENG ROPE JEETAN AS CONSULTANT

South African captain Faf du Plessis has urged his embattled batsmen to take a leaf out of India's book and "bat big" like the hosts in order to salvage pride in the third and final

. "For me it's important that the guys don't feel like there is one week left in India and almost when you get on that plane to South Africa, the Test series we play now is for Test championship, there is points still up for grabs every Test match. So for me the challenge is more mental," the South African

skipper told reporters.
The Proteas' batting showed some fight in Visakhapatnam but disappointed in the second Test. Urging his batsmen to convert their starts, Du Plessis said: "For all of us it is just about converting and I am not different to

any one of those players when I get to 50, I want to get a hundred.

"The fact that I have done it twice already this series, there is no reason for me not to go and get a big one. That's a challenge for myself because I understand that sixties is not going to win Test matches for us. I need to team has done and score

big runs." Du Plessis also asked

his bowlers to buck up as India lost only 16 wickets in two Tests, clearly reflecting their domi-

nance. "From the bowling point of view how can we get 20 wickets, we haven't done that this series. If we do those things then we will compete with India. It is tough when we are los-ing. We are very competitive people so for us it does take a dent out of your confidence," he said.

'Someone else' at the toss

RANCHI: Having lost nine successive tosses in Asia, an exasperated South Africa captain Faf du Plessis won't mind sending "someone else" in his place for the toss of the coin in the third and final Test. South Africa have struggled in Indian conditions and not winning the toss in the first two Tests has only made things tougher for them.

Visakhapatnam and Pune, India put up 500-plus totals to virtually bat the visitors out

He has quit longest format five years back but local boy Mahendra Singh Dhoni is expected to watch the third and final Test against South Africa

beginning here today, his man-ager Mihir Diwakar confirmed.

and you will see him during the first day's proceedings tomorrow (today). I was there with him in Mumbai and he will fly down tomorrow (Saturday)

down tomorrow (Saturday)

sociation pr

We have sent an invitation

Nafis Khan, has personally

to his family. Yeh to unka hi sta-dium hai (It's his stadium

sent an invitation to Dhoni's

mate Diwakar said.

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decided.

 $S_{\text{Rijiju}}^{\text{ports Minister Kiren}}$ Rijiju on Friday steered clear of the con-

troversy triggered by

"Mahi will definitely come

"We really want to make sure that we compete with this team in their own conditions We have done it in stages in the first Test, So, hoping that

we can start with the toss tomorrow. "Probably we will change... Send someone else to the toss tomorrow. I can give you that... Because my records so far has not been great," said du Plessis, in a lighter vein, on the eve of the game. Du Plesiss said "anything is

"If you put big runs in the first innings, that's where it need to stop. Then anything from there is possible. Hopefully that will unfold in the next couple of days and hopefully we can put some runs on. "The pitch looks a little bit

drier and crustier so first innings runs will be vital and then anything from there is possible in the second innings," Faf added.

Dhoni to watch today's proceedings



time." Khan said. However his friend, Diwakar, who is the founder of Aarka Sports that runs MS Dhoni Cricket Academy, said Dhoni is likely to come alone as the Indian

team is likely to have dinner at his sprawling farmhouse in Simaliya, in outskirts of

Dhoni has moved from his Harmu residence about two years back and lives with his parents at his farmhouse about 30 kilometres from the

Post India's World Cup semi-final exit, Dhoni's where abouts has been a matter of speculation as the 'Captain Cool' took a sabbatical and opted out of the series against West Indies and South Africa. fuelling retirement specula-

Dhoni is certainly not going to be picked for the upcoming series against Bangladesh.
Diwakar said nobody knows about Dhoni's cricket

"All cricketing decisions are solely made by him. No one other than him knows about his cricketing decisions. You have seen how he stopped playing Tests. It's difficult to predict, and we don't discuss that matter. What will be the difference between commmon public and friends if we start asking him the same questions?

Dhoni's childhood coaches Keshav Ranjan Banerjee still the sports teacher at the DAV School, also feel people

Sarfaraz sacked as MODRIC, BALE TO MISS MALLORCA TRIP MADRID: Real Madrid will be without both Gareth Bale and Luka Modric for this weekend's Liga match Test & T20 captain against Real Mallorca, Zinedine Zidane confirmed on Friday. Modric and Bale both picked up injuries

Babar to lead in T20s while Azhar Ali appointed as red-ball skipper

Sarfaraz Ahmed was on Friday sacked as Pakistan's Test and T20 captain with Azhar Ali and Babar Azam elevated to leadership roles for the upcoming tour of Australia.

In an official announcement on Friday, the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) said that experienced batsman Ali would lead the Test side in the two Tests in Australia while Babar Azam would be the captain in the three T20 matches Down Under.

Sarfaraz has been captain in all three formats of the game since the last two years and led Pakistan to the 2017 ICC Champions Trophy title. In Tests and ODIs, Pakistan's rank-

ing has slipped under his captaincy while they were whitewashed in the recent T20 home series against Sri Lanka.

Sarfaraz, who was the toast of the nation after Pakistan beat India in the Champions Trophy final, has had a torrid time in the Test and ODI formats in the last two years.

He came under fire recently when depleted Sri Lankan team swamped Pakistan 3-0 in the T20 series in Lahore.

With his own form suffering with the bat, speculations were rife that the new head coach cum chief selector Misbah-ul-Haq would move to make changes in the captaincy in the three formats but no one was expecting Sarfaraz to be sacked so quickly.

The PCB said the squad for the Australian tour would be announced on

The PCB also released a short statement from Sarfaraz.

'I wish the best for both Azhar and Babar in their new endevours and I must



thank my coaches, fellow players and the

selectors for having supported me a lot in my tenure as captain," Sarfaraz said. This is the first experience for Babar, 25, to lead the national team in

He has been Pakistan's leading scorer in the last two years in the white ball formats and is also slowly establishing himself in Test cricket.

Azhar, 34, who has played in 73 Tests and 53 ODIs led Pakistan in Oneday Internationals between April 2015 and February 2017, winning 12 and losing 18 matches.

He stepped down as ODI captain and was replaced by Sarfaraz in February 2017 after a 1-4 loss in Australia.

morning," Dhoni's manager and one-time Jharkhand team-The Jharkhand State



Minister should not be involved in selection of players: Rijiju intends to pick six-time world champion Mary Kom (51kg) for the event in China on the back of her recent Bronze medal at the world championships in Russia.

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for next year's Olympic qualifiers in China is response to Zareen's let-This was after the Responding to Rijiju's Boxing Federation of India (BFI) stated that it post, Zareen said she hopes for a fair chance.

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tweeted The BFI introduced a point-based selection system last year under which boxers are now being picked on the back of their performances in various graded tourna-ments and the national

camps.
Trial bouts, a norm earlier, are being conducted only in those weight categories in which the coaches and selectors find the compe-tition to be exceptional-



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