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USUAL SUSPECTS

SWAPAN DASGUPTA

Bapu's disrespect in UK is insult to India

Among the many functions of the media, one that strikes me as being significant is its ability to give publicity to those who least deserve it. The media, thanks to its innately competitive character, tends to highlight the bizarre and the weird. Increasingly, outlandishness is becoming a foolproof way of guaranteeing publicity.

Last Thursday's edition of *The Times* (London) — thanks to the online editions you no longer have to wait for the deliveries of the hard copy — contained a characteristically bizarre news item. It seems that there is a proposal to instal a statue of Mahatma Gandhi outside the Manchester Cathedral to both commemorate the Mahatma's 150th birth anniversary and the horrible terrorist incident that led to the deaths of 22 concert-goers in 2017. Gandhi was sought to be commemorated as the apostle of non-violence.

There may understandably be differences over the choice of the Mahatma as the most appropriate personification of peace and goodwill outside a Christian church. Some may have felt that something more abstract would fit the sensibilities of the 21st century. These debates can be never ending and differences of opinion are bound to persist.

In any case, the relevant people decided in their wisdom that in the multi-ethnic surroundings of Manchester, a statue of Gandhi would fit the bill. Consequently, and without too much fuss, the decision was taken to instal his statue and a donor was found to underwrite the costs.

Unfortunately, the story does not end here. A bunch of publicity seekers in the Manchester University Students' Union have initiated a "Gandhi must fall" campaign to prevent the Mahatma from having a prominent presence in the city. Taking their cue from the "Rhodes must fall" campaign that was waged in Oxford University to remove all traces of the adventurer and colonist who bequeathed a part of his massive fortune to his alma mater, the student activists decided that now was the turn of Gandhi. The problem with Mahatma it would seem was his inability to include black

Africans in his battle for civil rights in South Africa. Additionally, Gandhi had apparently made some disparaging comments about South African blacks.

How should we react if some people in Manchester become so frightened of causing offence that they withdraw the offer to instal a statue of the Mahatma outside Manchester Cathedral? It is the sovereign right of the civic authorities in that English city to either have the statue or not have it. However, I don't think we in India should let it rest it at that. We should make it very clear that any second thoughts on the statue would be construed as an act of insult to India

This was the logic behind the removal of a Gandhi statue from the University of Ghana a year ago. Now the same thing is being attempted in Manchester.

Hopefully nothing more will come of this and having secured their five minutes of fame in the media the impetuous students will move to their next obsession. That may well happen but it is also time that the rest of society starts taking note of the rising level of absurdities that are defining public life all over the world.

The point to note is that there is a mad rush to detect behaviour that somehow or the other has caused offence. Prickliness has become the norm so that almost everything is being treated as offensive to someone or other. People have even begun determining their own gender status. For example, if a man decides he is actually a woman but someone describes him as a man, that is considered evidence of offensive behaviour. In some Western countries, even the police force is being sensitised to take into account such individual quirkiness on the ground that a man who chooses a self-image of being a woman may be scarred for life and suffer trauma in case he is referred to as 'he' rather than 'she'.

Frankly, all this is getting rather tiresome. While everyone recognises the importance of stopping gratuitous insults on individuals, it is becoming more and more difficult keeping pace with everything that is potentially offensive. Last week, a writer in a Kolkata daily berated Prime Minister Narendra Modi for Good Samaritan act of removing litter from a beach in Chennai. This obsession with tidiness, we were informed, was a characteristic of Adolf Hitler. The implication was clear: Swachh Bharat was a fascist act. I guess sooner or later we will also be told that vegetarianism is inherently fascist because Hitler shunned meat.

The question is: How should we react if some people in Manchester become so frightened of causing offence that they withdraw the offer to instal a statue of the Mahatma outside Manchester Cathedral? It is the sovereign right of the civic authorities in that English city to either have the statue or not have it. However, I don't think we in India should let it rest it at that. We should make it very clear that any second thoughts on the statue would be construed as an act of insult to India. India did not ask for that statue to be installed. But once it was decided to instal it, any U-turn counts as a gratuitous insult to a man we revere. It should also be made clear that we will view any disrespect to Gandhi as an unfriendly act against India.

It is time to stop this great onslaught of rubbish.

Safe zones set up for apple dealers in J&K

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NEW DELHI/JAMMU

Taking a serious note of the killing of three outsiders involved in apple trade in Kashmir earlier this week despite the large presence of security personnel, the security establishment has revisited its strategy by providing a safety umbrella in the hinterland dotted with apple orchards.

The Army and paramilitary forces have fanned out in such areas besides population centres to instill confidence among masses and deny terrorists time and space to move.

However, setting up of safe pickup points for collection of apple crops in the wake of the killings have created problems for the orchard owners located far away. While traders have been advised to use smaller vehicles for apple transportation from interiors of the district, they are finding it difficult to ferry their produce to these mandis due to lack of smaller vehicles. If this is cutting into their profit margins, it is also affecting the timely transport of the produce to markets outside Kashmir.

On an average, one truck carries 800 to 1,000 apple boxes. Transporters are charg-



A security person patrols as trucks stand parked at a safe zone for fruit dealers in Shopian on Saturday

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ing ₹135-140 per box compared to ₹80-90 earlier.

Kashmir produces over 20-24 lakh metric tonnes of apple worth ₹10,000 crore annually. The attacks on apple traders and truck drivers in Shopian have triggered a fresh wave of terror among the truck drivers and large number of non-local workers engaged in the laborious task of packing, loading and unloading of apple boxes.

Effort is to ensure that apple traders in the hinterland of major apple growing centre

of Sopore, which has Asia's biggest mandi for this fruit, Shopian, Pulwama and Anantnag in South Kashmir are able to continue with their routine economic activities.

In the meantime, a positive development has come in the way of the security forces as intelligence flow about militants has improved in the last few days. Explaining the significance of this factor, officials said since August 5, the local police and intelligence agencies were concentrating on main-

Forces revisit plan for secure trade in Valley after terrorists kill traders

5 detained for murder of UP Hindu leader

Inciting speech in 2015 led to Kamlesh's killing, claims UP DGP

PNS/AGENCIES ■ LUCKNOW

Denying any terror link behind the murder of Kamlesh Tiwari, leader of a little-known Hindu outfit, Uttar Pradesh's Director General of Police OP Singh on Saturday claimed to have made a breakthrough within 24 hours of the killing by arresting three accused, including the mastermind. All the three accused were taken into custody in Surat in Gujarat in a joint operation of the police forces of the two States.

Two more arrests were made in Bijnor district of UP where Muslim clerics Mohammed Mufti Naeem Kazmi and Imam Maulana Anwarul Haq were held after being named in an FIR lodged by Tiwari's wife Kiran.

The UP DGP claimed that the suspects were "radicalised" and appeared to have targeted



UP DGP OP Singh addresses the media on the murder of Kamlesh Tiwari, in Lucknow on Saturday

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Kamlesh for his inflammatory remarks made in 2015.

"So far, there is no terror angle associated with this incident," the DGP said at a Press conference here, a day after the Hindu Samaj Party chief was killed at his home in Lucknow's Khurshed Bagh.

Tiwari's wife named the two accused held in UP in her complaint alleging that the duo had announced a bounty of ₹1.5 crore on Kamlesh head in 2016. However, Tiwari's mother Kusuma alleged that he was killed by a "local BJP leader" due to a temple dispute in a village.

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BJP-Sena win certain, but rebels may play spoilsport

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

With the ruling BJP-Shiv Sena combine's return to power in Maharashtra becoming more or less certain, the debate preceding the State Assembly polls scheduled for Monday has narrowed down to numbers. Notwithstanding the saffron alliance's confidence of winning more than 220 out of total 288 seats, the numbers are quite not adding up if reports from the ground are anything to go by.

The questions being asked are: Will the BJP and the Shiv Sena at all cross the 200 mark? Will the BJP retain 122 seats it had won in the 2014 State Assembly polls? Will there be a drop or an increase in the number (63) of seats won by the Shiv Sena in the previous Assembly polls separately?

The BJP and the Shiv Sena, which had contested the 2014 Assembly polls separately, had together won 185 out of the total 288 seats, as against 83 seats bagged collectively by the Congress (42) and the NCP (41).

It is the rebel factor that is threatening to play a spoilsport for the ruling saffron alliance in the polls. Nearly 50 rebels,



belonging to both the BJP and the Shiv Sena, are in the poll fray in as many constituencies across the State. Almost all the rebels are contesting the polls against the saffron alliance's official nominees after having been denied tickets by their respective parties. At least 30 to 35 of the rebels have the potential to sabotage the chances of the official candidates of the two parties. The BJP is facing the brunt of rebels in the fray.

The presence of such a large number of rebels in the poll fray should be seen in the light of the fact that the BJP and the Shiv Sena had contested the 2014 Assembly polls separately. The BJP had contested 260 out of 288 seats, while the Shiv Sena had put up candidates in 282 seats.

While the BJP and its allies are contesting 164 seats, the

Sena is contesting 124 seats.

Sensing a certain victory, a large number of candidates had sought tickets from their respective parties, especially the BJP, even in seats that have gone to the other saffron party in the alliance.

Two days ahead of the withdrawal of nominations, Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis had sent out stern message to rebels to opt out of the fray and said that there would be no place for rebels in the BJP-led "Maha-Yuti".

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Campaigning in Haryana ends

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

The campaigning for the Haryana Assembly elections ended on Saturday evening with Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressing two rallies in Rewari and Ellenabad on the last day.

The elections will be held on October 21, results of which will be declared on October 24. Of the over 1.83 crore voters, over 83 lakh are women.

100 new Mohalla Clinics opened



Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal is undergoing the blood pressure check after the inauguration of an Aam Aadmi Mohalla Clinic near Sangam Vihar Flyover, Wazirabad, in Delhi on Saturday

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AAP Govt okays Kesh Kala Board for well-being of barber community

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Government on Saturday approved the setting up of "Delhi Kesh Kala Board" to revive and promote the traditional art of hair grooming by implementing welfare measures for barbers and providing them advanced training and financial assistance.

Significant technological solutions have fuelled the growth of the hair care industry and the demand of hair care products is increasing both in rural and urban markets, an official statement said. Unofficial estimates peg the worth of India's hair care industry at ₹22,500 crore, it said.

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Boris defeated as MPs vote for Brexit delay

London: In a setback to UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson, British lawmakers on Saturday voted to back a motion that delays his Brexit deal struck with the European Union (EU).

The 322 versus 306 vote on an important amendment means that the UK Prime Minister is bound by the Benn Act passed earlier by the Parliamentarians to write to the EU by midnight on Saturday seeking a delay to the October 31 deadline as no new deal has been passed in the Commons by the October 19 cut-off date.

While Johnson and some of his team have previously said that he will abide by the rule of law, it remains unclear what next steps are expected from Downing Street. **PTI Detailed report on P6**

Donkey's milk to help stop their extinction

Population of donkeys has fallen by 61% since 2012

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

In the last seven years, India has lost more than half of its donkeys. The population of donkeys has fallen by a massive 61 per cent since 2012, as per the livestock census report 2019. The total number of donkeys in India now stands at just 1,20,000 down from 3,20,000 seven years ago.

The decline in the four-legged animal population is uniform with almost all the States witnessing a decrease in their numbers. Alarming, donkey population is on the



verge of extinction in Leh and Ladakh as their number has drastically decreased and is less than hundred there.

Rajasthan tops the list of States with most donkeys, followed by Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat and Bihar.

Taking note of their declining numbers, the Ministry of

Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying has asked the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) to explore possibilities of promoting donkey milk in the country that can lead to their conservation. Donkey milk has four times the vitamin C as cow's milk, and contains casein, lactose, vita-

mins A, B1, B2, B6, D, and E besides being used for beauty products.

As per the donkeys' census, the population of donkeys has fallen to 23,000 from 81,000 in Rajasthan. The maximum donkey population is in Barmer district followed by Jaisalmer, Bikaner, Churu and least in Tonk district.

Maharashtra has only 18,000 donkeys as compared to 29,000 in the previous census. The State Animal Husbandry Department has already launched a "Save Donkey" programme in the lines of "Save Tiger" to protect donkeys.

The population of donkeys in UP has declined majorly from 57,000 to 16,000, while both Gujarat and Bihar have 11,000 donkeys. In 2012, there were 39,000 donkeys in Gujarat and 21,000 in Bihar.

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SHOW TIME

Powered by
Saif Ali Khan



LAAL KAPTAAN
*ing: Saif Ali Khan, Manav Vij, Zoya Hussain, Deepak Dobriyal, Simone Singh, Sonakshi Sinha
Rated: 6/10

There are a few problems that *Laal Kaptaan* has. First, the look that Saif Ali Khan supports. While the make-up artist who painstakingly worked on giving this look to the actor, there is need to understand that there is no need to copy. Some elements are familiar — inspired from Captain Jack Sparrow. We fell in love with that look but it doesn't mean we want it replicated.

Second, from the opening scene we understood that the film is about revenge and that the victim needs to meet his Maker in the manner that was avowed. What follows in the next 155 minutes leads to sheer boredom.

Third, the storyline is weak and is stretched out. Some slick editing could have taken *Laal Kaptaan* on a fasttrack.

Fourth, a big disappointment is

Manav Vij who spends the entire time grunting and nothing much even though he has so much screen presence.

Director Navdeep Singh may not have been to tell a compelling story of revenge by keeping it on a fasttrack with a backdrop in 18th Century but he does manage to redeem himself by keeping the audience guessing how a boy who was strung up on a tree and assumed dead managed to survive just to spend the next 25 years hunting for the man who betrayed the entire nation against a war with *firangis*.

Then there is the fact that there are no songs. While the story has been told a thousand times and we know that the hero will win, yet one is glued to the seat due to some great performance by Saif Ali who dons a new look and plays a Naga sadhu helms and powers this film.

Another person who needs a special mention here is Deepak Dobriyal who plays the mad-hatter tracker is absolutely brilliant.

— Shalini Sakseena

Beautiful and full
of colour

MALEFICENT: THE MISTRESS OF EVIL
*ing: Angelina Jolie, Michelle Pfeiffer, Harris Dickinson, Elle Fanning, Sam Riley, Ed Skrein, Imelda Staunton, Juno Temple, Lesley Manville
Rated: 7.5/10

Malificent is back; the evil witch is back; her wrath in full form against the human race. In the middle of all this is her Goddaughter— a human — whom she raised as her own. Those who watched Part 1 would have a fair idea of what is happening here. Familiar faces and certain references to what happened earlier, (*Maleficent*), make it a rad easier to follow the thread in thus one. However, fret not if one has not seen the earlier movie.

Malificent:Mistress of Evil can be enjoyed even otherwise such is the storytelling by director Robert Stromberg.

But that is not the only good thing about this film. It is full of colour, the brilliant, vibrant and wonderful hues that exist in Nature. Add the fairies, pixies and all creatures magical and there is a heady combination of wonder that keeps you in a story that is nothing new new but told excellently. It is a fight of good over evil. No guesses who wins and yet one watches with baited breath for what is to come.

Angelina Jolie as Malificent is brilliant. Her attempts and rehearsal to smile and be pleasant to her Goddaughter's would be in-laws is not only sweet but makes one smile as well. Her getting teary eyed at the climax is the icing on the cake. Michelle Pfeiffer as the Queen of Ulstead is just as good.

What makes this film a must for those who love Nature is that there is a message that this one has to convey — Man is the evil here, ruining Nature. But all is not lost here. There is time. Humans need to find a way to co-exist with Nature otherwise it is bound to destroy us.

— Shalini Sakseena



‘Music is my soulmate’

ANU MALIK talks to MUSBA HASHMI about the latest season of Indian Idol and how reality shows open doors to opportunities for singers



■ This year the theme of Indian Idol is Ek Desh Ek Awaaz. Can you explain more?

In simple words, we are a radical country and we have a lot of talent in every nook and corner. The theme — *Ek Desh Ek Awaaz* — encapsulates the fact that we are only looking for talent irrespective of his background or race. We believe that the talent unites us through a musical manner. We welcome each and every voice in the show without focusing on a particular form of music.

■ What things do you keep in mind while judging?

All the three of us — Vishal Dadlani, Neha Kakkar and I are looking for out of the box talent that is realistic. In this world, you can't look for Lata Mangeshkar, Asha Bhosle or Mohammad Rafi, no one can beat them. They are the best. They are just one of a kind. And I had the chance to work with them when I was 18. Now I am 55; its time to move on and get fresh voices. If someone has something different to serve on the table, we are welcoming them with open hearts. I believe that we have found what we were looking for — magical singers.

A case in point is Azmat, who won a singing reality show when he was just 10-11 years old. Then he stopped singing and fell in bad company. But, he was brave enough to come up and accept that he lost the track at some point. We gave him a second chance. This is what *Indian Idol 11* is all about.

■ You have been judging the show since a long time. How has the journey been?

The audience has started saying that this is the best trio of judges on *Indian Idol* so far. The reason being we get along very well. We do have difference of opinions sometimes but that's fine. The

journey has definitely been a great one.

■ Do you see any difference in the talent from five years ago and now?

Talent is talent. Music is ingrained in the DNA of Indians. But, when I look at the youngsters today, technology has made a lot of difference. The youngsters are doing a lot of *riyaaz* before coming for the auditions. They are well-prepared but they also know that there's a lot of competition. The youngsters know that technology is available for everyone and they are trying to walk an extra mile to make a difference. They are committed to their work much more than we ever were.

■ Do you think reality shows can be a turning point in a singer's career?

Yes. Today's generation is blessed to have reality shows. We never had this opportunity in our time. When you are talented and you are on a show, you come into everyone's radar. If you win the show or are in the top 10, you are suddenly in demand. You start getting work. I always joke about this on the show too that Salman Ali's (winner of *Indian Idol 10*) passport is thicker than mine.

■ What does music mean to you?

Music is everything to me. It is my soulmate and the only thing that has been with me through my highs and lows. Apart from my daughters, music is the only thing that has kept me alive all this while. It is a tool to remove any pain that a person is going through. When I made *Moh Moh Ke Dhaage*, people called me up and said that the song is healing them. That was a big compliment for me.

■ Do you have a favourite song?

It's yet to come. (laughs)

■ What was the most challenging project?

The *qawwali* from *Main Hoon Na* was quite challenging. I wanted to make a *qawwali* that would set a trend and after that many composers started making *qawwalis*. Before that there were no *qawwalis* and then suddenly *Kajra Re Kajra Re* came and many more followed.

■ An advice for the aspiring singers?

Just a simple one: Nothing can help anyone except for hard work and commitment towards your work. A lot of people ask me how have you survived in the industry for 42 years? I started when I was only 16 and I kept working since then. Also *riyaaz* is the key. I keep on making songs irrespective of the fact that whether it will be used in the film or not. And there has been not even a single day when I haven't made a song. Everyone is working hard so you have to work even harder. Nothing comes easy. It is tough, but it is worth it.

Meet Verma, the live wire

Bhabhi Ji Ghar Par Hain fame SAANAND VERMA speaks with MUSBA HASHMI about how acting happened to him and that he had to sell his car in the early days of his career

He is *anokha*, humorous and one of the most entertaining character in &TV's rib-tickling show *Bhabhi Ji Ghar Par Hain*. Meet Anokhe Lal Saxena aka Saanand Verma, who have never feared challenges in his life.

Verma has been receiving immense love and appreciation for playing *Saxenaji*, however doing TV was not on his cards until he had an encounter with the show's director Shashank Bahl.

"I never wanted to do TV. My aim was to pave my way into Bollywood. Therefore, I didn't want to expose myself much at that time because then you get restricted to TV. One fine day, I came in contact with Shashank Bahl and I started doing *FIR*. The reason I chose the show was because it gave me space to hide my identity as I had to play different characters in disguise for different episodes. After the show got off-air, Shashank offered me to play *Saxenaji* in his new show. I wasn't sure of taking it up. But, once I read the script and got to know about my character, there was no reason to turn down the offer. It was the character which was never played on screen before and I was blessed to have gotten the opportunity to play such a character," he says.

Verma believes that a director is like the captain of the ship. If the director is good, the end results will definitely be good. "During the shoot, Shashank not only help us improvise our characters but he tries to bring out the best of the script. It is all about team work. If you see my character closely, the punch line is 'I like it'. The line and when *Saxenaji* rolls his eyes was Shashank's brainchild and I gave it the right tone. So, definitely a director's part is of immense importance but when you work together on a project, it all depends on team work. We all do new improvisations in our characters on a daily basis and the learning process is never ending," he tells you.

Verma is all praise for his



director and believes that he is the most funny person on the sets. "The atmosphere on the sets is very light-hearted and the credit goes to Shashank. He tries his best to make everyone feel comfortable on the sets. He gives the script a vision and almost 40 per cent of the comical elements are added by him in the final script. Apart from him, I am the most *mazakiya* person on the sets. I make sure that everyone is laughing and is in a happy mood during shooting," he tells you.

But, as everything comes with a price, to reach this stage in his life, Verma too had to make several sacrifices. "I come

from a humble background. There were times when my family didn't have money to eat. But as time passes, those time passed too. I went on to study and eventually got a job in a MNC. I worked with the company for nine years and there was a time when I had a package of ₹50 lakh per annum. But, I wasn't satisfied with my work. It felt like something is missing and that was acting. Since my childhood, I was always interested in performing arts. Then one fine day, I decided to quit my job and go on to pursue acting. I had a house in Mumbai, which in itself was a big thing. But I had to pay the

home loan, with the PF money that I got after quitting my job, I paid my house loan. I was left short on money. I had to sell my car because I wasn't in a position to pay the EMIs. I suffered from a financial crunch again during that time," he recalls.

Leaving behind a luxurious lifestyle and starting everything from the scratch was not a piece of cake. "I had never travelled in Mumbai's local trains. The first day when I was going for auditions, I tried to board a train, I was shocked to see the situation. I knew I couldn't do that. I thought of commuting by bus, which again was a tedious task. Affording a rickshaw or a taxi was not in my budget so I decided to walk to the audition venue. I used to walk almost 14 hours a day," he tells you.

Now, after 10 years, Verma feels blessed to have got the opportunity to play some of the best roles which people still cherish. Tharki Patel in *Pataakha* (his first film as lead), Satyanarayan Dubey in *Apharan* and the most recent hostel staff in *Chhichhore* where though the role was small but a prominent one, he believes.

His approach towards acting is to get into the skin of the characters.

"For me, there is no existence of Saanand Verma. I am just the characters that I play. I am nothing apart from that. I believe in living and feeling my characters. Whenever you are playing intense characters for instance *Saxenaji*, you have to be careful enough to maintain the comical timings and to express your character without losing the essence of it," he tells you and adds that when not acting he is an unpredictable person. Some people think he is arrogant and others that he is a humble and down-to-earth person. And he loves to remain like this.

Verma, currently is in talks for some projects which are not yet finalised. But, definitely good things are waiting ahead for him which the audience will get to know about soon.



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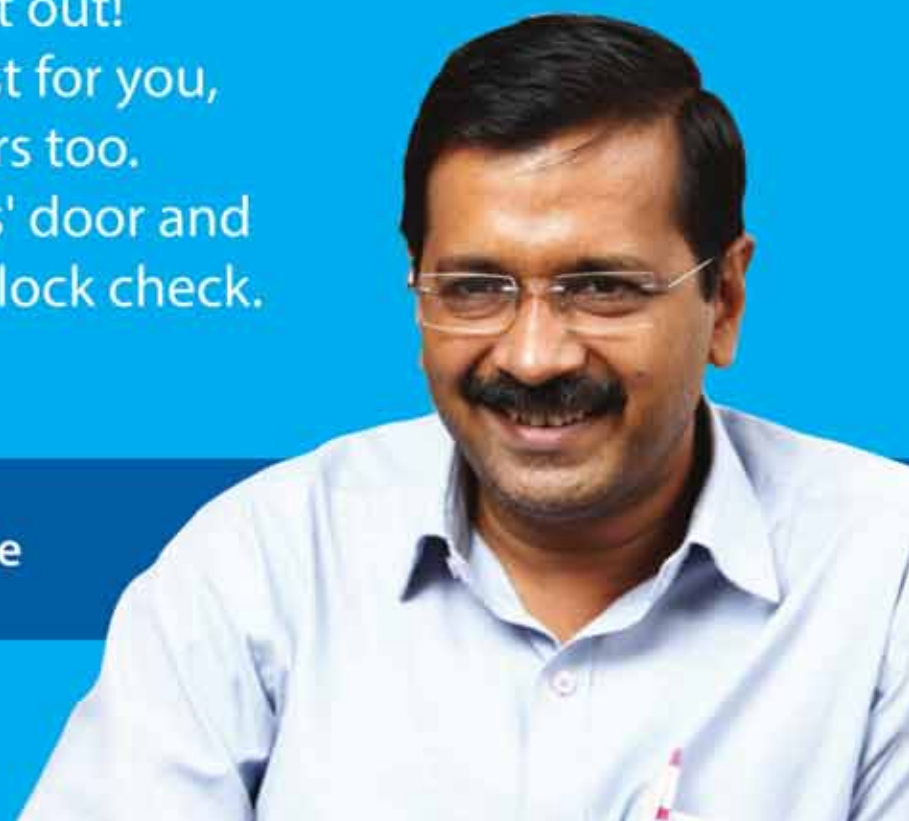
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Delhi Cabinet OK's ₹36 cr for anti-pollution drives

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Cabinet on Saturday has cleared a proposal of its environment department to carry out a mass awareness campaign on pollution and pollution-control measures. The Cabinet has approved an expenditure of ₹36 crore from the Budget of the Directorate of Information and Publicity (DIP) towards the mass awareness campaigns.

"One of the challenges faced by any Government in such a situation is regarding compliance and participation of the citizens in such emergency measures as these often intrude upon the regular day-to-day life of people and hence mass awareness campaign is necessary," Delhi Government said.

It is pertinent to mention here that level of harmful pollutants have recorded three times higher than their prescribed standards. Center-run pollution monitoring agency SAFAR advised masses to keep door and windows closed of homes and office to avoid expo-



sure. Central pollution Control Board (CPCB) also recommends corporate employees to work from home.

"Air pollution is one of the most serious public health concerns faced by the citizens of Delhi. Rising pollution levels, especially in the winter months, affects the health of all citizens but especially that of children and senior citizens," Delhi Government said in a statement.

While the Delhi Government has claimed 25 per cent reduction in air pollution but due to unfavorable Meteorological conditions and stubble burning, Delhi has

recorded higher levels of PM 2.5 in city atmosphere.

"One of the major reasons behind this increase in pollution levels is the stubble burning that happens in the neighbouring States of Delhi, something over which the Government of NCT of Delhi has no control. Therefore, the only option available to the people of Delhi are emergency measures to severely cut down on any sources of pollution emanating from Delhi, as well as to find mechanisms by which people can cope with the rising pollution levels," Delhi government said in a statement.

To encourage people not to fire crackers on Diwali, AAP Government is arranging a laser show as a community Diwali celebration in Central Park. "Various measures being taken by the Government of NCT of Delhi include Odd-Even rule from 4th-15th November, distribution of free masks to citizens of Delhi via school children, as well as encouraging a crack-free Diwali by organising a laser show," Delhi Government said in an official statement.

Cong dares Modi to tell people who dismembered Pak

New Delhi: The Congress has slammed Prime Minister Narendra Modi for only high-lighting abrogation of Article 370 in the Assembly poll campaigns and dared him to tell the people who split Pakistan into two.

"Wherever the Prime Minister goes, he only remembers (Article) 370. He (Modi) does not know when Pakistan was divided and by whom. It was we (Congress) who broke apart Pakistan into two. Where were you (Modi) then?" senior Congress leader and former Union Minister Kapil Sibal said here on Saturday.

Sibal said Modi must tell the people of Haryana that it was because of the Congress that Pakistan was divided into two. "It happened under the Congress rule," he said.

The Congress leader said what had the Modi's BJP government done for implementation of Article 47 of the Constitution, which stated that raising the level of nutrition, standard of living and public

health was the duty of the state.

"You only remember Article 370, don't keep in mind your constitutional duties. Around 93 per cent children are not getting proper nutrition and your focus is on Article 370. You are doing this because of the Assembly polls. You don't know about the people who are suffering," Sibal remarked.

Sibal attacked Modi and Home Minister and BJP President Amit Shah over their remarks that J&K lagged in development because of Article 370.

Citing data on poverty, infant mortality, unemployment, along with gross enrolment ratio in higher education and the human development index of Haryana, Maharashtra, UP, MP and Gujarat, Sibal said they didn't have Article 370, but they lagged J&K on those parameters.

He also cited the US Customs and Border Protection data to say that in the past three years the number of Indians arrested for trying to illegally enter the US had trebled. **ANS**

Cong failed to abrogate Art 370 despite promising it in 1964: Modi

Rewari (Hr): Continuing his diatribe against the Congress, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday accused its leaders of failing to abrogate Article 370 despite having promised it in Parliament in 1964.

He was addressing a rally in Rewari on the last day of campaigning for the Haryana assembly polls.

"During a debate in Parliament in 1964, the country's distinguished leader got upset... there was division in the Congress. There was a demand that Article 370 be nullified and there be a debate on this issue in Parliament," he said.

"At that time, Congress leaders, with folded hands, had said that their demand would be met and Article 370 would be nullified in one year. But the matter was again put on the back burner," said Modi while addressing his second rally of the day.

"What was the compulsion and what game was being played," he asked, urging people to punish the Congress for it in the Assembly polls. **PTI**

Sukhdev Dhindsa resigns as leader of SAD in Rajya Sabha

Chandigarh: Rajya Sabha member Sukhdev Singh Dhindsa on Saturday said he has resigned as the leader of the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) in the Upper House.

Dhindsa (82) said he tendered his resignation to Rajya Sabha Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu on Thursday and also informed the same to the party on Friday.

However, he said that he did not give any reason for tendering his resignation.

Meanwhile, the SAD, while reacting to Dhindsa's resignation, clarified that the party had already informed the Parliamentary Affairs Minister about the change in its leadership in the Rajya Sabha in June this year. A copy of the same was also sent to Secretary General of Rajya Sabha, it said.

SAD senior vice president and former Minister Daljit Singh Cheema said the party had already elected Rajya Sabha MPs Balwinder Singh Bhunder as party's leader and Naresh Gujral as deputy leader in the Upper House. **PTI**

India to host 91st Interpol General Assembly in 2022

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

India will host the 91st Interpol General Assembly in 2022 after a proposal in this regard was cleared with "overwhelming support" from members countries of the international police cooperation body. According to an Ministry of Home Affairs press note, voting in this regard took place today at the 88th General Assembly of the Interpol at Santiago Chile with India winning with an overwhelming majority.

The Interpol is an international organisation with 194 member-states and has 100 years of experience of intl cooperation in Policing. Home Minister Amit Shah had proposed to host the General Assembly in India to Interpol Secretary General Jurgen Stock when the two met here on August 30. The biggest congregation of law enforcement officers will coincide with country's 75th Independence anniversary celebrations, they said. The officials said that the CBI Director Rishi Kumar Shukla moved this proposal before the 88th General Assembly in Santiago, Chile which got over Friday, they said.

RTC-led bandh in T a non-event

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

As Telangana State woke up to its first statewide RTC-led bandh on Saturday with the State Government continuing to its wait and watch attitude, it turned out to be virtually a non-event in the capital city because of the house arrests and detentions of prominent leaders and the fact that it was holiday for the IT sector and the last day of the extended vacation for students.

Except for the difficulty of finding public and private buses and the appearance of additional private vehicles on the roads, the shutdown did not have any major impact on the citizens, most of whom perhaps chose to remain indoors.

Of course, the striking Road Transport Corporation employees observed statewide bandh on Saturday — the 15th day of their agitation.

Stray incidents of stone-pelting and attacks on temporary employees recruited by TSRTC to operate bus services marred the shutdown.



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BJP-Sena win certain, but...

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On his part, Shiv Sena president Uddhav Thackeray - at his annual Dussehra rally held on October 8 — subsequently apologised to those party workers who have been denied tickets, in an effort to defuse rebellion within the party ranks over the distribution of tickets. Both Fadnavis and Uddhav have not succeeded in reining in the rebels.

Rebellion within ranks apart, both the BJP and Shiv Sena look very formidable on paper. A cursory study of the Assembly segment-wise results of the 2019 Lok Sabha polls (which saw the BJP and Shiv Sena win 23 and 18 seats respectively) shows that the BJP established a lead in 122 Assembly constituencies, while the Shiv Sena was in the lead in 105 constituencies.

Between the two saffron alliance partners, the BJP — in the Lok Sabha polls — established lead in the same number (122) of seats it had won the 2014 Assembly polls, while the Shiv Sena increased its tally from 63 to 105 in terms of the Assembly seats won in the 2014 polls and the leads established in the Assembly segments in the 2019 Lok Sabha polls.

Together, the BJP and Shiv Sena established leads in 227 out of total 288 Assembly segments, in the 2019 Lok Sabha polls. It is the figure of the leads in the 227 Assembly segments that has prompted ruling saffron alliance leaders to claim that that the two saffron parties would win more than 220 seats in the Assembly polls.

As against 164 and 124 seats being contested by the BJP (plus its allies) and Shiv Sena respectively, the Congress and NCP are contesting 147 and 121 seats respectively in the State Assembly polls, where as their allies are contesting the remaining 20 seats. The CPI and CPI(M) are contesting 16 and 8 seats respectively. The Mayawati-headed BSP is contesting 262 seats, while the Raj Thackeray-led MNS has fielded candidates in 101 constituencies.

Between April-May 2019 Lok Sabha polls and now, there has understandably been a sea change in the political scene in the State. The ruling saffron alliance is taking on a very weak Opposition, especially after the Congress and NCP have suffered a body blow in recent months - in the form of large-scale election-eve desertions from their ranks.

The desertions by 30-odd sitting MLAs and leaders in the

last three months have not only eroded the traditional bases of the Congress and NCP, but they have made matters easy for the ruling BJP and Shiv Sena to prepare for the State Assembly polls.

Such is the level of the confidence in the ruling BJP circles that Prime Minister Narendra Modi, BJP president Amit Shah and Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis have repeatedly gone to town, saying that the BJP-led saffron alliance's victory in the State Assembly polls is a foregone conclusion. Modi and Shah have anointed Fadnavis as the next Chief Minister. On his part, Fadnavis has said that the saffron alliance would sweep the polls with an unprecedented majority.

Contrast the BJP-Shiv Sena alliance's confidence with the already down-in-the-dumps mood prevailing in the Congress and NCP.

Hemmed in by the crisis triggered by the resignation of Rahul Gandhi as the party president and the delay in Sonia Gandhi taking over as his successor, the Congress does not look like a national party once it was. The recent resignations by party's sitting MLAs and leaders have weakened the Congress' organisational structure at the grassroots levels.

The Congress' campaign has been listless from the beginning. That the Congress leadership has given up on Maharashtra well ahead of the polls could be evidenced from the fact that while Congress leader Rahul Gandhi addressed mere six public rallies, party president Sonia Gandhi and its leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra stayed away from Maharashtra. Confined to their respective constituencies where they are contesting and the neighbouring areas, senior Congress leaders like Ashok Chavan and Prithviraj Chavan could not campaign much across the State.

The predicament that the NCP faced was of two folds. First, the switchover by a large number of its MLAs to either the BJP or the Shiv Sena has resulted in unprecedented erosion of its base in its stronghold of sugar cane-rich western Maharashtra. Secondly, the NCP has psychological jolt after its founder-president Sharad Pawar, former Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar and several of its leaders across the State have been booked by the Enforcement Directorate for alleged irregularities and its

senior leader Praful Patel's name figured in a deal with the wife of Iqbal Mirchi, an aide of Karachi-based don Dawoon Ibrahim.

Sr Pawar was the lone full-fledged campaigner for the NCP. Pawar, who undertook two rounds of tours across the State, addressed a total of 65 rallies.

Of all the parties, the BJP campaigned extensively. Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed nine public rallies, while BJP national president Amit Shah will hold 16 rallies during the 15-day long campaign.

Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis - who is leading the ruling BJP-Shiv Sena alliance into the Assembly polls - has been the only leader who has campaigned extensively across the State. As part of his 4,000 km-long campaign tour "Mahajanadesh Yatra" and also in the run-up days to the Assembly polls, Fadnavis covered 220 constituencies across the State.

From the Shiv Sena side, both its president Uddhav and Yuv Sena leader Aditya Thackeray addressed 50 rallies each.

Local issues took a backseat in the campaign in the State. At their rallies, Prime Minister Modi and BJP president Shah by and large concentrated on the Centre's recent decision to abrogate Article 370 in Jammu & Kashmir.

On his part, Chief Minister Fadnavis spoke on some local issues, including making Maharashtra a drought-free State by 2024, connecting rivers in coastal Konkan region with those in western Maharashtra, creating water grid in Marathwada region to address the drinking water problems, initiatives like loan waiver and crop insurances taken by the State Government to address farmers' distress and the development push it has given in urban areas, including Mumbai, Nagpur, Thane and Pune, through various infra projects including the Metros and expressways.

Like in the Lok Sabha elections, the Opposition Congress leaders campaigned on issues like agrarian distress, continued farmers' suicides, improper implementation of loan waiver scheme, ineffective handling of recent floods by the State Government, allegations of corruption faced by the Ministers in the Devendra Fadnavis Government, massive unemployment and economic recession in the country.

PM meets actors on ways to mark Gandhi's anniversary

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday met Bollywood actors and filmmakers, including Shah Rukh Khan and Aamir Khan, to discuss initiatives to mark the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

In an interaction with them at his official residence here, the prime minister said several people from the world of films and television have been doing great work when it comes to popularising the ideals of Gandhi. Referring to Gandhi, he said the power of creativity is immense and it is essential to harness this spirit of creativity for the nation.

Among others present in the meeting were Sonam Kapoor, Kangana Ranaut, directors Rajkumar Hirani, Rajkumar Santoshi, Ashwini Iyer Tiwari, Nitesh Tiwari and producers Ekta Kapoor, Boney Kapoor and Jayantilal Gada. The Prime Minister pointed out that members of the film industry had come with a lot of suggestions. **PTI**

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This will result in the Army going after the terrorists already holed up in the sensitive areas and 70-odd militants managing to infiltrate into the State from across the Line of Control (LoC) in the last two months, they said.

The killings came at a time when normalcy was returning with the apple trade considered to be the lifeline of Jammu & Kashmir picking up. People were going about their daily economic activities

after abrogation of Article 370 giving special status to the State on August 5.

The security establishment thus redrew its strategy by deploying the Army and para-

military in the hinterland and populated centres of Kashmir especially those engaged in the apple trade, sources said on Saturday.

The Army is now carrying

out area domination patrols in large areas to instill confidence amongst the masses on the one hand and denying terrorists time and space to move, they said.

- 6.82 lakh metric tonnes of apple has already been exported from Kashmir
- Kashmir produces over 20-24 lakh metric tonnes of apple worth ₹10,000 crores annually
- So far, 30 per cent of the apple crop worth ₹2,773 crores has been exported outside Kashmir
- An estimated number of 400-600 trucks are moving out of Kashmir Valley to ferry apples to different destinations across the country
- Under the Market Intervention Scheme (MIS), total number of 1,38,409 apple boxes have been procured.
- Apple crop worth ₹10 crores has been procured by the Jammu & Kashmir Department of Horticulture Marketing and Planning and NAFED — nodal agency to buy apples from farmers in Kashmir.
- A total of six procurement centres are operational in Kashmir
- The MIS will continue till December 15

Donkey's...

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The donkeys' population also declined from 17,000 to 10,000 in Jammu & Kashmir. Assam has 13,000 while Haryana now has 10,000 donkeys.

According to Agriculture Ministry's officials, the decline in population might be due to their decreased working utility, as alternate economical sources of mechanisation are available. Besides, the wildlife mafia who used to supply tiger skin and parts, have now switched over to donkeys, which are in much demand in China for its medicinal use. Some cases of donkey killings have been reported in Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra.

Donkeys are normally used for transportation of agricultural goods, building materials and people all over

the world. "Majority of the donkey population is owned by socially and economically deprived landless people and these animals serve as the source of livelihood for their masters and play an important role in their socio-economic status also," officials added.

In Rajasthan, 70 per cent of donkeys were of grey colour and remaining animals were of white colour. In Gujarat, both white and grey coloured donkeys were available. In another cold desert (Leh), donkeys were dark coloured, mainly dark grey (42 per cent), brown (42 per cent) and black (16 per cent) in colour. In Haryana, most (90 per cent) of the donkeys were grey coat coloured while in Bihar, grey coat colour (54.17 per cent) was prominent, followed by white grey (36.11 per cent) and brown (5.66 per cent).

As per the census, the

5 detained...

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Tiwari's cremation was also delayed as family members were adamant on meeting Chief Minister Adityanath to put forth their nine demands, including a probe by NIA, Government job for victim's son and security to family members.

The Chief Minister, meanwhile, said he was ready to meet Tiwari's family members. He said such incidents will not be tolerated, and those involved will not be spared. According to police, the three persons detained in Surat by Gujarat Anti-Terrorist Squad (ATS) were identified as Faizan Yunus Bhai, Maulana Mohsin Sheikh and Rashid Ahmed Khursheed Ahmed Pathan. The DGP said

that Uttar Pradesh police and their Gujarat counterparts were interrogating them.

Elaborating on the arrest of the three persons in Surat, the DGP said, "On the basis of a packet of sweets obtained from the crime spot, the Gujarat Police was contacted and a team was sent there. A CCTV footage of a Surat-based sweets shop was examined and Faizan Yunus Bhai was identified."

He said later Sheikh and Pathan were detained. "Going by investigation and joint interrogation, it was clear that these three persons were part of the conspiracy to murder Kamlesh Tiwari," Singh said, adding that their interrogation revealed that they had no links with any terror organisation.

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PM only remembers Art 370: Sibal

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

With the Prime Minister Narendra Modi espousing the nationalism cause by highlighting the abrogation of Article 370 from Jammu & Kashmir during the campaigning for Haryana and Maharashtra Assembly polls scheduled for October 21, the Congress on Saturday sought to counter it by projecting its own tough image by pointing out how India under it split Pakistan and created Bangladesh.

Modi ji only remembers (Article) 370. He does not know when Pakistan split and who did it. It was we (Congress) who split Pakistan's integral part from it... Where were you (Modi) then?" senior Congress leader Kapil Sibal asked.

"Tell the people of Haryana that it was because of the Congress that Pakistan's integral part was split from it. This happened under the Congress rule. Praise the Congress, but you don't have the guts to do that," he said.

Training his guns at Modi, the Congress leader asked what has the BJP Government under him done for implementation of Article 47 of the

Constitution which states that raising the level of nutrition and the standard of living and improving public health is the duty of the state.

"You only remember Article 370 but you do not keep in mind your constitutional duties. Around 93 per cent children are not getting proper nutrition and your entire focus is on Article 370," he said. "You are doing this because of the Assembly polls... You do not know about the people who are suffering," Sibal said.

He further attacked Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah over their remarks that Jammu and Kashmir lagged in development because of Article 370.

Citing poverty, infant mortality and unemployment rates, along with gross enrolment ratio in higher education and human development index rank of Haryana, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat to Sibal said, "These states did not have Article 370, but most of the corresponding figures of Jammu and Kashmir were way better."

Referring to data from a US Customs and Border Protection report, Sibal claimed that in the last three years the

number of Indians arrested for trying to enter the US illegally has "tripled".

This means a lot of poor Indians are leaving the country in search of employment opportunities, the Congress leader said, adding, "Modi ji please respond why is this happening as you have been running the country for the last five-and-half years."

He also took potshots at the Prime Minister over India ranking 102 in the Global Hunger Index, saying Modi should concentrate less on politics and more on the people of the country.

Citing the latest GDP growth projections by international agencies, Sibal said, "Despite India's GDP growth rate slipping to a six-year low of 5 per cent in the April-June quarter, the Modi Government

still insists that all is well with the country's economy and that it remains among the fastest growing in the world."

"But revised projections for India's GDP growth rates this year alone indicate otherwise. In fact, some analysts have dropped growth projections for 2019-20 from 7.5 per cent all the way to just 6 per cent," he said.

Improve economy, do not run circus: Priyanka to Centre

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Congress on Saturday hit out at Union Minister Piyush Goyal for his remarks on Nobel laureate Abhijit Banerjee with its leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra saying the Government's job is to improve the "collapsing" economy and not to run a "comedy circus".

Goyal on Friday said Banerjee supported 'NYAY', a minimum income scheme proposed by the Congress, which was rejected by the Indian voters and there was no need to "accept what he thinks".

The 'NYAY' scheme was one of the highlights of the Congress manifesto for the April-May Lok Sabha polls.

The Union commerce and industry minister, at a media briefing in Pune, also described Banerjee as a "Left-leaning" person. Lashing out at Goyal for his remarks, Priyanka Gandhi said instead of doing their work, BJP leaders are try-



ing to belie the achievements of others. The Nobel laureate did his work honestly and won the Nobel Prize, she said in a tweet in Hindi.

"The economy is collapsing. Your job is to improve it, not to run a comedy circus," the Congress general secretary said.

She also tagged a media report which claimed that the slowdown in the auto sector continued in September.

Banerjee, an Indian-American who has been critical of the Narendra Modi government's economic policies, won the 2019 Nobel Prize for Economic Sciences.

Raids on 'Kalki' Bhagwan's properties yield ₹93 crore

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Searches in multiple premises of firms and trusts founded by spiritual guru 'Kalki' Bhagwan — whose original name is Vijay Kumar Naidu — have led to the detection of undisclosed income of nearly ₹500 crore including unaccounted cash receipts of about ₹409 crore.

A total of ₹43.9 crore in cash and US currency worth ₹18 crore were seized. The total value of the seizure is about ₹93 crore, which includes gold and diamonds, a tax department official release said. About 88 kg of undeclared gold jewellery, valued at ₹26 crore, diamonds amount to 1,271 carats worth about ₹5 crore, have also been seized.

The raids were conducted after a tip-off from the Intelligence Bureau that Kalki's son Krishna is suspected to have made huge investments in several ventures of his associates including real estate with the use of illegal finance.

Besides the sprawling headquarters of Kalki Bhagwan near Chittoor bordering Tamil Nadu, searches were also on at 20 places in Chennai and other

premises in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.

Around 300 personnel of Income Tax (IT) department are involved in the searches which commenced early on Wednesday morning continued through Thursday and are expected to last till Friday, officials familiar with the development maintained. According to IT officials, besides cash, IT officers also seized incriminating documents about shady investments and purchase of vast tracts of land in Tamil Nadu and even in Kenya in violation of rules.

During IT raids, it was found that Krishna also runs a few construction firms in the name of While Lotus, Golden Lotus, Blue Water and Dream View among others. Krishna, resides in Chennai, is said to have invested heavily in the business ventures of his associates, which too have come under the scanner. According to sources, nearly 20 of Krishna's business associates are under investigation.

The 70-year-old Naidu started his career in 1971 as a clerk at Life Insurance of India and then joined J

Krishnamurthy Foundation during the '80s. But he was expelled from the foundation and later set up his own trust.

He had gone into hiding following a business failure in 1989 and later emerged as Lord Vishnu's 10th avatar 'Kalki' in Chittoor district of Andhra Pradesh. He also claimed that his wife was the incarnation of the lord's consort. He got name and fame after many top brass politicians, industrialists and celebrities started coming to his ashram. The Chittoor ashram also hit the headlines in 2008 when five people died and many were injured in a stampede.

At the ashram, an ordinary darshan of the couple is priced at ₹5000 and special darshan at ₹50000. Similarly, the meditation classes offered at Oneness Temple starts from ₹50,000 onwards and these sessions attract a huge number of foreigners.

During the late '90s, the self-proclaimed spiritual leader set up a campus in Chennai called Somamangalam, and also started 'Oneness University' in Chennai's Varadiahpalem.

India invites heads of foreign missions to visit Golden Temple

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

As the Government prepares to celebrate the 550th Birth Anniversary of Guru Nanak, India has invited the heads of foreign missions based in New Delhi to visit the Golden Temple in Amritsar.

"Over 90 Resident Heads of Missions in New Delhi are expected to travel to Amritsar on 22 October. The visit is being organized by the ICCR (Indian Council of Cultural Relations) in collaboration with the state

Government of Punjab and the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee," the Ministry of External Affairs said in a statement

The committee is responsible for the management of Gurudwaras in the states of Punjab, Haryana and Himachal Pradesh, besides the Golden temple in Amritsar.

Hardeep Singh Puri, minister of state for civil aviation, housing and urban affairs and minister of state for commerce and industry and Vinay

Sahasrabudhe, president, ICCR, will accompany the heads of missions, the statement said.

Guru Nanak Dev's teachings of love, peace, equality and brotherhood have universal appeal and convey the message of spirituality, humanity, devotion and truth," the statement added. India and Pakistan are also working on opening the Kartarpur corridor to facilitate pilgrims visit Kartarpur Sahib Gurdwara in the Narowal district of Pakistan's Punjab province.

Govt rules out separate flag, Constitution for Nagas

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Ruling out a separate flag and Constitution for the Nagas as demanded by the NSCN-IM, the Centre has made it clear that the endless negotiations with the insurgent group under the shadow of guns were not acceptable.

The Central Government is also determined to conclude the 220-year-long peace process without delay, interlocutor for the Nagas talks and Nagaland Governor RN Ravi said in a statement.

Ravi said a mutually

agreed draft comprehensive settlement, including all the substantive issues and competencies, is ready for inking the final agreement. "Unfortunately at this auspicious juncture, the NSCN-IM has adopted a procrastinating attitude to delay the settlement raising the contentious symbolic issues of separate Naga national flag and constitution on which they are fully aware of the Government of India's position," the statement, issued on Friday night, read.

Ravi's statement bears sig-

nificance as the central government on August 5 announced abrogation of special status given to Jammu and Kashmir under Article 370 and bifurcated the state into Union territories.

With the annulment of the special status, the separate flag and the Constitution of Jammu and Kashmir cease to exist. The ruling BJP, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah on many occasions had made it clear that they believe in only one flag and one Constitution for whole India.

Ravi said the NSCN-IM has "mischievously" dragged in the Framework Agreement and began imputing imaginary contents to it.

The framework agreement was signed on August 3, 2015 by NSCN-IM general secretary Thuingaleng Muivah and the government's interlocutor Ravi in presence of Prime Minister Modi.

Some NSCN-IM leaders through various media platforms are misleading the people with "absurd assumptions and presumptions" over what they have already agreed with

the Government of India, he said.

In view of such unfortunate attitude of some NSCN-IM leaders, Ravi held a detailed consultation meeting with the primary stakeholders of the Naga society on October 18 in Kohima.

The meeting was attended by the apex leadership of all the 14 Naga tribes of Nagaland, all the minority non-Naga tribes of Nagaland, the Nagaland Gaon Burha Federation, the Nagaland Tribes Council, church leaders and civil society organisations.



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Johnson defeated as British MPs vote for Brexit delay

PTI ■ LONDON

In a setback to UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson, British lawmakers on Saturday voted to back a motion that delays his Brexit deal struck with the European Union (EU). The 322 versus 306 vote on an important amendment means that the UK Prime Minister is bound by the Benn Act passed earlier by the parliamentarians to write to the EU by midnight on Saturday seeking a delay to the October 31 deadline as no new deal has been passed in the Commons by the October 19 cut-off date. While Johnson and some of his team have previously said that he will abide by the rule of law, it remains unclear what next steps are expected from Downing Street. Soon after the voting in a historic weekend Parliament session, the first in 37 years, Johnson declared that he will not be seeking an extension to the end-October Brexit deadline, adding that "I will do all I can to get Brexit done by October 31". At the special Parliament session, dubbed 'Super Saturday' because of its significance, UK MPs backed an amendment tabled by

Conservative Party MP Oliver Letwin demanding that no new Brexit deal be voted on until the requisite legislation to see it through in time for the October 31 deadline was in place. The Government had already indicated that it would pull its own motion on Johnson's "great new deal" and move it to next week if MPs were to back the delay amendment, introduced as an insurance policy against a default no-deal crash-out by the month-end deadline. Johnson stressed that he was neither "daunted nor dismayed" by Saturday's vote and that the Government would place the required legislation around his new EU withdrawal agreement next week, expected to be tabled on Monday and then voted on Tuesday. Opposition Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn declared that the 'Super Saturday' vote was a clear message from MPs that they have "declined to back the Prime Minister's deal". Earlier, MPs began debating the new Brexit deal motion, which was to be followed by what had been characterised as a knife-edge vote in the House of Commons on the so-called



divorce arrangements between the UK and the 27 remaining members of the economic bloc. Johnson opened the session with a plea for all sides of the House to come together behind the "great deal". "Let us come together as democrats to end this debilitating feud. Let us come together as democrats behind this deal, the one proposition that fulfils the verdict of the majority but which also allows us to bring together the two halves of our hearts, to bring

together the two halves of our nation," said Johnson in his statement to the Commons. In reference to the 52 per cent versus 48 per cent vote in favour of Brexit in the June 2016 referendum, he said: "Let's speak now both for the 52 and the 48. Let us go for a deal that can heal this country, let's go for a deal that can heal this country and allow us all to express our legitimate desires for the deepest possible friendship and partnership with our

neighbours. "A deal that allows us to create a new shared destiny with them. And a deal that also allows us to express our confidence in our own democratic institutions, to make our own laws, to determine our own future, to believe in ourselves once again as an open, generous global, outward-looking and free-trading United Kingdom." The complex arithmetic in the Commons for Johnson's minority government means

that he is not assured of the magic 320 MP mark required for his Brexit deal to cross the parliamentary hurdle in a fully sitting house. That number varies depending on the number of MPs voting and also how many choose to abstain. The Northern Irish Democratic Unionist Party (DUP), which props up the Conservative Party Government, has refused to back the new Brexit withdrawal agreement on the grounds that it goes against its unionist principles because of different customs arrangements to be imposed on the island of Ireland post Brexit. Anti-Brexit MPs and most of the Opposition Labour Party will also be voting against, leaving a handful of Labour MPs representing Leave supporting constituencies in the UK who are prepared to defy their party's official line and vote with Johnson. It is this group that could hold the cards for Johnson after the headline Brexiteer group within his own Tory party, called the European Research Group (ERG), came out in support of the deal just as the Super Saturday session got underway.

Anti-Brexit activists march to Parliament as MPs debate deal

AFF ■ LONDON

Tens of thousands of pro-EU protesters from across Britain wielding banners, placards and flags converged on parliament on Saturday, as MPs debated the Government's Brexit deal. Beneath largely clear blue skies, demonstrators rallied near Hyde Park in central London before marching to Westminster to call for a second referendum on Britain's planned EU departure. Walking behind a pink banner proclaiming "together for the final say", they chanted: "What do we want? People's vote! When do we want it? Now." "The first referendum was jumping on a train without a destination," said Douglas Hill, 35, from Oxford, south central England, with his Estonian wife and their baby daughter. "Now that we have a destination, we need to have a second referendum." Another attendee, Theodor Howe, a 20-year-old student in Dundee, eastern Scotland, conceded another poll could be divisive but insisted it was still necessary. "People should have a say in what is going to happen," he told AFP, expressing hope that MPs reject Johnson's deal and that he is forced to ask Brussels for another delay. Politicians including John McDonnell, from the main opposition Labour party, and London Mayor Sadiq Khan, were due to address the crowds. Organisers from the People's Vote pressure group laid on 172 buses to bring people to the British capital, with the cost covered by supporters from sport, business and entertainment, it said.

Hong Kong anti-Govt protesters vow to hold 'unauthorised' rally

AP ■ HONG KONG

Hong Kong anti-Government protesters are set for another weekend of civil disobedience as they prepare to hold an unauthorised protest march to press their demands. Supporters held a prayer rally on Saturday night to call for international help for their cause. The protest march is planned for Sunday, with organisers vowing to hold the event even though it failed to win approval from police, who cited risks to public order. As the semi-autonomous Chinese territory's political crisis extends into a fifth month, protesters are trying to keep the pressure on the Government to respond to their demands,

including full democracy and an independent inquiry into alleged police brutality. They're also using Sunday's rally to raise a more recent demand for the government to scrap a ban installed this month on face masks at public gatherings. Organisers said demonstrators would defy the police because Hong Kong's constitution guarantees the right to protest. "We don't think that because police haven't given their approval we shouldn't demonstrate," Figo Chan, vice-convenor of the Civil Human Rights Front, told reporters. "Even though they have rejected our appeal, there will surely be many residents taking to the streets." Meanwhile, a bipartisan group of US lawmakers including Republican Sen. Ted Cruz and Democratic Rep. Alexandra Ocasio Cortez wrote to tech company Apple and video game studio Activision Blizzard to condemn what they called protest-related censorship on behalf of China.

Hong Kong says Murder suspect wants to surrender to Taiwan

AP ■ HONG KONG

Hong Kong's leader says the murder suspect whose case inadvertently helped ignite the city's protest movement wants to surrender to authorities in Taiwan. Carrie Lam told reporters Saturday that she had received a letter from Chan Tong-kai requesting help to give himself up. Chan is wanted by Taiwan authorities for allegedly killing his girlfriend during a trip to the self-ruled island. He was not sent back to face charges because of the lack of an extradition agreement. He was however jailed in Hong Kong on money laundering charges and is due to be released this week. In an attempt to close the loophole, Lam proposed extradition amendments. But that sparked massive protests over fears it would put residents at risk of being sent into mainland China's Communist Party-controlled judicial system.

Trump backs Turkey ceasefire even as it appears shaky

AP ■ WASHINGTON

President Donald Trump is pushing back at criticism that his Syria withdrawal is damaging US credibility, betraying Kurdish allies and opening the door for a possible resurgence of the Islamic State. He touted a cease-fire agreement that seemed at risk as Turkey and Kurdish fighters differed over what it required and whether combat had halted. "We've had tremendous success I think over the last couple of days," Trump declared Friday. He added that "we've taken control of the oil in the Middle East" — a claim that seemed disconnected from any known development there. He made the assertion twice Friday, but other U.S. Officials were unable to explain what he meant. Calling his Syria approach "a little bit unconventional," the President contended that Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan as well as the Syrian Kurdish fighters the Turks are



pullout by the Kurdish-led forces, who accused Turkey of violating the cease-fire with continued fighting at a key border town. They also said the accord covers a much smaller section of the border. And some fighters have vowed not to withdraw at all, dismissing the deal as a betrayal by the U.S., whose soldiers they have fought alongside against the IS. Eric Edelman, a former U.S. Ambassador to Turkey who served as the Pentagon's top policy official during the George W. Bush administration, said he doubts Turkey and its Syrian proxies could control the entire border area from the Euphrates to Iraq without help from Russia or others. "That's a very big expanse of territory to hold, albeit a lot of it is uninhabited," Edelman said. "That probably means they've cut already some deal with the Russians and the Iranians." Even so, Trump insisted peace was at hand. There was no sign of any

Syrian Kurds accuse Turkey of scuppering US-brokered deal

AFF ■ BEIRUT

The commander of Kurdish forces in Syria accused Turkey of sabotaging a US-brokered truce on Saturday by blocking the withdrawal of his forces from a flashpoint border town in northeastern Syria. In a wide-ranging interview with AFP, Mazloum Abdi, head of the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF), said he still wished to see a role for the US in Syria to counterbalance Russian influence, while recommitting his forces to countering the Islamic State group. "The Turks are preventing the withdrawal from the Ras al-Ain area, preventing the exit of our forces, the wounded and civilians," Abdi said in a phone interview from Syria. Under a US-brokered ceasefire announced Thursday evening, SDF forces are meant to withdraw from a key strategic area near the Syrian-Turkish border within five days. But Abdi said he could not abandon his forces in the town, which is besieged by Turkish troops and their Syrian allies.

Turkey accuses Syrian Kurd forces of violating ceasefire

AFF ■ ISTANBUL

Turkey on Saturday accused Kurdish forces of violating an agreement to suspend its Syria offensive if they withdraw from a "safe zone" along the border. "The Turkish armed forces fully abide by the agreement" reached on Thursday with the United States, the defence ministry said in a statement. "Despite this, terrorists... Carried out a total of 14 attacks in the last 36 hours." The Ministry said 12 of the attacks came from the border town of Ras al-Ain in northeastern Syria, one from Tal Abyad and another from Tal Tamr region, adding that various light and heavy weaponry including rockets were used. Turkey had agreed to suspend its Syria offensive for five days but President Recep Tayyip Erdogan warned on Friday he would resume a full-scale operation against Kurdish forces if they do not withdraw from a border "safe zone."

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Shifting explanations from White House alarm Republicans

AP ■ WASHINGTON

The shifting White House explanation for President Donald Trump's decision to withhold military aid from Ukraine drew alarm on Friday from Republicans as the impeachment inquiry brought a new test of their alliance. Trump, in remarks at the White House, stood by his acting chief of staff, Mick Mulvaney, whose earlier comments undermined the administration's defense in the impeachment probe. Speaking Thursday at a news conference, Mulvaney essentially acknowledged a quid pro quo with Ukraine that Trump has long denied, saying U.S. Aid was withheld from Kyiv to push for an investigation of the Democratic National Committee and the 2016 election. He later clarified his remarks. Trump appeared satisfied with Mulvaney's clarification and the president dismissed the entire House inquiry as "a terrible witch hunt. This is so bad for our country." But former Ohio Gov. John Kasich, who ran against Trump in the 2016 Republican primary, said he now supports impeaching the president. Mulvaney's admission, he said, was the "final straw." "The last 24 hours has really forced me to review all of this," Kasich said on CNN.

In Congress, at least one Republican, Rep. Francis Rooney of Florida, spoke out publicly, telling reporters that he and others were concerned by Mulvaney's remarks. Rooney said he's open to considering all sides in the impeachment inquiry. He also said Mulvaney's comments cannot simply be undone by a follow-up statement. "It's not an Etch-A-Sketch," said Rooney, a former ambassador to the Holy See under President George W. Bush. "The only thing I can assume is, he meant what he had to say — that there was a quid pro quo on this stuff," he said. The tumult over Mulvaney's remarks capped a momentous week in the impeachment investigation as the admission, from highest levels of the administration, undercut the White House defense and pushed more evidence into the inquiry. GOP leaders tried to contain the fallout. But four weeks into the inquiry, the events around Trump's interaction with the Ukraine president, which are at the heart of impeachment, have upended Washington. A beloved House chairman, Rep. Elijah Cummings, D-Md., a leading figure in the investigation, died amid ongoing health challenges.



A Catalan pro-independence protestor throws a stone during clashes with police in Barcelona, Spain on Friday

AP

Sri Lanka removed from FATF's Grey List

PTI ■ COLOMBO

Sri Lanka has been removed from the "Grey List" of the international terror financing watchdog FATF, according to a media report. The island nati on will no longer be subject to the Financial Action Task Force's monitoring under its on-going global anti-money laundering and countering the financing of terrorism (AML/CFT) compliance process, the Colombo Gazette reported on Saturday. The FATF, whose five-day

plenary concluded in Paris on Friday, said Sri Lanka made significant progress in addressing the strategic AML/CFT deficiencies identified earlier, the daily said. In October 2016, the FATF announced that Sri Lanka will be subjected to a review of the International Cooperation Review Group (ICRG) of the terror financing watchdog to assess the progress of AML/CFT effectiveness in the country. The Paris based organisation indicated Sri Lanka had

not made sufficient progress in four parameters — international cooperation, supervision, legal persons and arrangements and targeted financial sanctions on proliferations (North Korea and Iran), the daily said. At its meeting at Buenos Aires, Argentina in October 2017, the FATF listed Sri Lanka as a jurisdiction with strategic AML/CFT deficiencies which is more commonly identified as "Grey List" and provided a time-bound action plan, the report said.

Catalan leaders demand talks with Madrid after violent clashes

AFF ■ BARCELONA

Separatist Catalan leaders on Saturday called on the Spanish Government to enter into talks as Barcelona braced for fresh violence after days of clashes between police and protesters. Nearly 200 people were hurt in another night of clashes with radical separatists hurling rocks and fireworks at police who responded with tear gas and rubber bullets. A hardcore movement of young separatists, Arran, called for a new demonstration "against repression" for 1600 GMT in central Barcelona. "We exhort the head of the Government to fix today a day and hour to sit with us for unconditional talks," regional president Quim Torra said in a speech. His demand for "unconditional" negotiations, addressed to Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez, appeared to be aimed at ensuring that a referendum on independence, currently a non-starter for Madrid, is up for discussion. Barcelona has been rocked all week by protests against a Spanish court's jailing of nine separatist leaders on seditious charges over a failed independence bid. Emergency services said Saturday that 152 people were injured in overnight clashes in Barcelona, and dozens more hurt elsewhere in Catalonia, taking the total to 182. Authorities had already

reported 500 injured since protests started on Monday even before the latest clashes erupted. The interior Ministry said 83 people were detained in the overnight violence, in addition to 128 arrests police had reported previously. "This can't go on, Barcelona does not deserve this," said Ada Colau, the city's leftist mayor on Saturday, condemning "all kinds of violence". Air in the Catalan capital was heavy with a burning stench as municipal workers cleared the streets of broken glass, rocks and rubber bullets, and repaired pavements where bricks had been ripped out. "All this is very sad, and is not helping our cause," said Assumpcio Segui, a 75-year old pro-independence pensioner. Torra urged demonstrators to remain calm, saying "the defense of rights and freedoms must always be expressed peacefully." Around half a million people had rallied in Barcelona on Friday in the biggest gathering since Monday's court ruling as separatists also called a general strike in the major tourist destination. While most marchers appeared peaceful, hordes of young protesters went on the rampage near the police headquarters, igniting a huge blaze that sent black smoke into the air as police fired teargas to disperse them, an AFP correspondent said.

AYODHYA LAND DISPUTE

Will delay construction of mosque if SC favours us

Move is to maintain harmony: Muslim litigants

Ayodhya: Some Muslim litigants in the Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid dispute have said that if the Supreme Court's verdict is in their favour then the construction of mosque should be delayed on the disputed land in Ayodhya to maintain harmony.



Jamiat Ulema Hind, also agreed with Mahboob.

A litigant, Haji Mahboob, said that keeping in view the condition of the country, the first priority is to maintain harmony.

"If the verdict is in favour of Muslims, then in the greater interest of peace and communal harmony, we should not build a mosque on the land, we should construct a boundary around it and leave it," he said.

"This is my personal opinion, what I think should be kept in view is the present situation of the country. I will also discuss this proposal with other litigants," he said.

Another litigant, Mufti Hasbullah Baadshah Khan, who is the local president of the

main Muslim litigants did not comment on the remarks, but said that they will not allow any breach in the communal fabric of the society. "Let the verdict be pronounced," he said.

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

Fourteen appeals have been filed in the apex court against the 2010 Allahabad High Court judgment, delivered in four civil suits, that the 2.77-acre land in Ayodhya be partitioned equally among the three parties -- the Sunni Waqf Board, the Nirmohi Akhara and Ram Lalla.

On December 6, 1992, the Babri Masjid, constructed at the disputed site in the 16th century by Shia Muslim Mir Baqi, was demolished. **PTI**

Kamlesh Tiwari's killing an act of mischief to create terror: Adityanath

Lucknow: Terming the murder of Hindu Samaj Party chief Kamlesh Tiwari "an act of mischief to create terror", Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Saturday said such incidents will not be tolerated and those involved will not be spared.

"This is an act of mischief to create terror. In this case, five people have been taken into custody. Of these, three have been taken into custody in Gujarat and two in Uttar Pradesh. A Special Investigation Team has been constituted to probe it," he said.

"The elements who create an atmosphere of fear and terror in the state will be strongly dealt with, and their plans crushed. This type of incident will not be tolerated, and those involved will not be spared," Adityanath added.

Tiwari (45), earlier associated with a faction of the Hindu Mahasabha, was killed at his home in Lucknow's Khurshed Bagh on Friday.

The Chief Minister said the killers were allowed to meet Tiwari by the security guard posted at his residence only after the leader of the lesser-known Hindu outfit gave him the nod.

The killers sat with Tiwari and had food and tea. Subsequently, the personal aide of Tiwari and his son were sent to the market to purchase something, and it was during this period that Tiwari was murdered, Adityanath said.

The Chief Minister said he was willing to meet the family members of Tiwari. **PTI**

EARLY RELEASE OF RAJIV ASSASSINS

Stalin asks ADMK to clear stand on Governor's refusal

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ CHENNAI

Politics in Tamil Nadu took a new turn on Saturday with MK Stalin, Leader of the Opposition, who is also the president of the DMK, asking the AIADMK Government to make its stance clear on the refusal of Governor Banwarilal Purohit to toe the State's line in releasing the seven assassins of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi who are serving life sentence in high security prisons.

There were reports in the local media that the Governor had informally conveyed to Chief Minister Edappadi Palaniswami that he was not inclined to agree with the Tamil Nadu Government's recommendation to release the seven convicts undergoing life term in the Rajiv Gandhi murder case. There has been no denial from Raj Bhavan about this report.

The Union Home Ministry's permission/approval is a must for releasing the seven accused because the case was investigated by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI). All political parties barring the BJP have been demanding the release of the convicts as they have put up more than 20 years in prison.

The convicts too argue that life term convicts are released after 14 years and they too should be set free. Nalini Sriharan, her husband Sriharan alias Murugan, suthendraraja alias Santhan, Robert Payas, S Jayakumar, AG Perarivalan alias Arivu, Ravichandran alias Ravi are the seven accused undergoing life imprisonment in the case.

The trial court which heard the case had awarded death penalty to all 26 accused in the case. In May 1999, the Supreme Court commuted the sentence to life term for three (Payas, Ravikumar and Jayachandran) while conforming the death sentence for the other four and the rest were released.

The death sentence of Nalini was commuted to life term in April 2000 by the then Governor Fatima Beevi following the recommendation of the State Government. The Supreme Court in February 2014 commuted the death sentence of the other three to life term. Various NGOs and Tamil organizations in the State have been pressing for the release of the seven from prison pointing out that they have put in more than 25 years of imprisonment.

Since the BJP is the only politi-

cal party to declare its opposition to the release of the convicts, a new Centre Vs State issue has cropped up. The DMK has been lambasting the AIADMK as the 'slaves' of the Centre despite the chief minister's announcement that the two parties were mere electoral allies. Stalin's challenge to the chief minister to make it known the stance of the AIADMK vis-à-vis the demand to set free the Rajiv Gandhi assassins has put the Congress in a tight spot. The party has not made its stance clear on the issue though senior party leaders have expressed their reservations privately.

Meanwhile, Vaiko, the MDMK leader who was elected to Rajya Sabha recently with the support of the Congress termed Governor's action 'very inhuman'. Vaiko is appearing for the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) in front of the tribunal for adjudicating whether there was any sufficient reason to continue the ban on the organization, which masterminded and perpetrated the assassination of Rajiv Gandhi. The MDMK leader said that there was no justification on the stance of the Centre to continue with the ban on the LTTE.

Shah dares Rahul to declare Cong will restore Art 370 in J&K

Navapur (Maha): Union Home Minister and BJP chief Amit Shah on Saturday dared Congress leader Rahul Gandhi to declare that his party will restore provisions of Article 370 in Jammu & Kashmir if voted to power.



"Due to the special provisions, Pakistan fomented terror in the state and over 40,000 people died. Development in Kashmir came to a standstill.

But Congress was not ready to scrap the provisions. It was worried about its vote bank and not about the national interest.

"No PM ever dared to take the decision. It was Modi with his 56-inch chest who made the move," he said.

"Rahul Gandhi asks what is the connection between Article 370 and Maharashtra. I dare him to declare that if voted to power, his party would restore the provisions of Article 370. There is still one day to go for the Assembly elections. See how the people will react. Don't you want Kashmir to be

an integral part of India?" the Union Minister asked.

Shah said Nandurbar has been included among the 115 districts under the Modi Government's tribal development policy.

"In the next five years, Nandurbar will be developed as a premier tribal district in the country and Maharashtra as the number one State," he asserted.

The Minister listed the development works being undertaken by the State Government and the Centre for tribal welfare.

"The Modi Government decided to construct a memorial for tribal freedom fighters. Similarly, Eklavya Model Schools have been started," he said.

Shah accused the Congress of using 'adivasis' (tribals) only for votes and never working for their development.

He also alleged that the Congress did not do anything for the welfare of Other Backward Classes (OBC) in 55 years and said it was the Modi Government which gave constitutional status to the OBC Commission. **PTI**

NCP writes to EC over denial of airspace to star campaigners

Mumbai: The NCP has written to the Election Commission claiming helicopters of two of its star campaigners were denied permission to fly in view of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Maharashtra on October 17.

The letter, dated October 18, asked the EC to take strict action against officials who "deliberately" cancelled tours of its campaigners.

The NCP said helicopters carrying MP Amol Kolhe and

another leader Amol Mitkari were denied flying permission on October 17 in view of the prime minister's movement.

Due to this, Kolhe could not hold public meetings in Pune, while Mitkari's helicopter was grounded at Sindhkheda constituency in Dhule, the party said.

The PM addressed rallies for BJP candidates in Parli (Beed), Satara and Pune on October 17.

"We are not aware if the ruling party and the prime minister of the country have different set of rules for air operations...During his tour, our star campaigners were denied airspace on two occasions," the NCP said in its letter to the EC secretary.

Not allowing NCP leaders to campaign indicated "bias", and cancellation of rallies also resulted in "huge losses" to the party in terms of "time, money and resources", it said. **PTI**

Pak violates ceasefire along IB in Kathua

Jammu: Pakistani Rangers violated ceasefire by targeting forward posts and villages with small arms firing along the International Border (IB) in Kathua district of Jammu & Kashmir, officials said on Saturday.

The firing from across the border in Manyari-Chorgali area in Hiranagar sector was unprovoked and started around 7.30 pm on Friday and continued intermittently throughout the night, the officials said.

They said the Border Security Force (BSF) retaliated effectively.

There was no report of any casualty or damage in the Pakistani firing which ended around 4.15 am on Saturday morning, the officials said. **PTI**

Goa: HC annuls Article 19 of Portuguese law on marriage

Panaji: The Goa bench of the Bombay High Court has struck down as unconstitutional Article 19 of the Portuguese law that gave legal sanctity to church tribunals in dealing with marriages and divorces of Catholics.

The division bench of Justices RD Dhanuka and Prithviraj Chavan, in their 95-page order this week, struck down Article 19 of Decree Number 35461 cancelling the marriages as unconstitutional and illegal.

Article 19 of Decree Number 35461, passed in 1946 during Portuguese rule, allowed a decision of annulment of marriage taken by the Church Patriarchal Tribunal to

be sent to court, which would then direct the civil registration office to cancel the marriage registration.

Portuguese civil law states that spouses who enter into a canonical (according to canon law) marriage renounce the civil right of applying for divorce.

Thus, civil courts in Goa could not grant divorce in case of a Catholic marriage.

The HC order was passed while hearing two separate petitions that challenged the order of ecclesiastical tribunals (those having jurisdiction in spiritual and religious matters).

"Article 19 of Decree Number 35461 is declared as

unconstitutional, illegal, null and void and ultra vires Articles 14 and 21 of the Constitution of India and is struck down," the order stated.

The bench said the services of the high court cannot be used as a post office for the purpose of transmitting decrees received from these two tribunals, namely Patriarchal Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Goa and Daman, and the Metropolitan Tribunal of Archdiocese of Mumbai, to the Registrar of Marriages without supervision or extraordinary jurisdiction of review under Articles 226 and 227 of the Constitution of India. **PTI**

Kashmiri apple growers send 6L tonnes of apples outside

Srinagar: Despite the shutdown and killing of a non-local apple trader and a driver, apple farmers in Kashmir have managed to send six lakh metric tons of apples outside Kashmir.

After halting for two days at Shopian, Mohammad Waris, a truck driver from Rajasthan has begun to load apples in his truck.

"We come to Kashmir to

earn our livelihood for years and we will continue to do that," Mohammad Waris said.

Kashmir produces 20 lakh metric tons of apples every year. The fruit is cultivated on more than 37 lakh hectares of land across Kashmir.

Kashmir accounts for 75 per cent of the total apple production in India.

The fruit earns Kashmir ₹8,000 crore annually and provides livelihood to 33 lakh people including seven lakh farmers. The Government had offered to buy the crop from the farmers due to the lockdown and shutdown after the revocation of Article 370 on August 5, under the Market Intervention Scheme (MIS).

The Government has made J&K Department of Horticulture Marketing and Planning and NAFED as the nodal agency to buy apples from farmers in Kashmir.

The Government has also revised the rates for procuring apples. Under MIS the Government has now offered ₹70 for extra gift pack of apples while ₹59 for grade A, ₹43 for grade B and Rs 23 for grade C variety of apple. Other varieties like American and Maharaj have been offered at lesser prices. **LANS**

Five of family burnt to death in Assam

Dibrugarh (Assam): Five members of a family including two children were charred to death when a cooking gas cylinder burst triggering fire at their house in Dibrugarh district of upper Assam, police said on Saturday.

The incident occurred at Niz Kodomoni near Thermal Colony in Dibrugarh town, district Additional Superintendent of Police Dhruba Bora said.

The cooking gas cylinder in their hut near the railway tracks burst around 1.30 am on Saturday when they were sleeping, he said, adding that they were "burnt to death at the spot" after the fire engulfed their house.

The deceased were identified as Maya Sonar (50), Bishal Sonar (19), Shib Sonar (5), Shankar Sonar (3), Nunu (50), the ASP said.

The bodies have been sent for post mortem examination. The fire damaged the hut completely and their belongings, Bora said.

Ruling out any sabotage leading to the fire, Bora said senior police personnel and officials of the district administration reached the spot and initiated a preliminary investigation. **PTI**

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 E-Tenders are invited for & on behalf of the President of India for the supply of following items. Only E-offer will be accepted for which vendors must have class III Digital Signature and registration on IREPS. The details of tenders are in the following sequence:- S.N. : Tender No. (Due Date), Description and Quantity, S.N. : 1, 05195130A, (05.11.2019), **Manila Rope for EOT**, 01 Set, S.N. : 2, 05195167, (13.11.2019), **Drive Chain**, 04 Nos., S.N. : 3, 05195170, (13.11.2019), **Motion Control Card**, 01 No., S.N. : 4, 05195171, (13.11.2019), **Encoder PCB EN**, 02 Nos., S.N. : 5, 05195172, (13.11.2019), **Filter Paper**, 15 Nos., S.N. : 6, 05195064C, (12.11.2019), **Deep Penetrating Electrodes Size 4x350mm**, **As per DLW Part No. 76019329**, 5377 Nos., S.N. : 7, 05191078A, (13.11.2019), **Line Up Tooling for Engine**, **As per DLW Part No. 15630018**, 15 Nos., S.N. : 8, 05191024A, (13.11.2019), **PRI Filter for Loco Paint**, **As per DLW Part No. 66020001**, 843 Nos., S.N. : 9, 05191021A, (13.11.2019), **Paint Arrestance Filter**, **As per DLW Part No. 66020013**, 1307 Nos., S.N. : 10, 05191022A, (13.11.2019), **Bag Filter for Loco**, **As per DLW Part No. 66020037**, 843 Nos., S.N. : 11, 02191088B, (13.11.2019), (i) **Name Plate DRG No. GM Part No. 8288610**, **Alt-a, PL No. 16250072**, Qty.: 95 Nos., (ii) **Name Plate DRG No. 9336410 DRG No. GM Part No. 9336410**, **Alt-a, PL No. 16250084**, Qty. No.: 77 Nos. The details of above tenders are available on www.dlw.indianrailways.gov.in and www.ireps.gov.in. **Corrigendum: Date: 14.10.2019**, Bid No.: E-29, Tender No.: 04191173 Panel Radiator Part No. 11420236, Revision: 4, Details of Correction: The date of opening of tender has been revised and now the same will be opened on 05.11.19 instead of 18.10.19. **Corrigendum : Date: 15.10.2019**, S.N. : 1, Bid No.: E-84, Tender No.: 06191885A Complete Panel Part No. 29178204, Revision: 1, Details of Correction: The date of opening of tender has been revised and now the same will be opened on 20.12.19 instead of 15.10.19 with same, S.N. : 2, Bid No.: E-30, Tender No.: 06191069 Tapered Roller Bearing Assembly Part No. 12491299, Revision: 1, Details of Correction: The date of opening of tender has been revised and now the same will be opened on 25.11.19 instead of 27.09.19 with same. **At Corrigendum Date: 18.10.2019**, S.N.: 1, Bid Inv. No.: IREPS 2019-20/34, Tender No.: 10191147, Rev. 1, Details of Revision: Opening date to be read as 25.10.2019 instead of 15.10.19, S.N.: 2, Bid Inv. No.: IREPS 2019-20/40, Tender No.: 10191227, Rev. 1, Details of Revision: Tender No. 10191227 due on 30.10.2019 treated as cancelled. **Note:** All other terms & conditions remain unchanged. **PRO/DLW/S-91** **Controller of Stores**
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IMF backs India’s corporate tax cut

Slashed tax will help revive investment: IMF

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The International Monetary Fund on Friday supported India’s recent decision to reduce corporate income tax, saying it has a positive impact on investment. It, however, said India should address continued fiscal consolidation and secure long-term stability of the fiscal conditions. “We believe India still has limited fiscal space so they have to be careful. We support their corporate income tax cut because it has a positive impact on investment,” Changyong Rhee, Director, Asia and Pacific Department, IMF, told reporters at a news conference here.

Following a marked slow-

down in the last two quarters in India, the economy is expected to grow at 6.1 per cent this fiscal year, picking up to 7.0 per cent in 2020, he said. “The monetary policy stimulus and the announced corporate income tax cut are expected to help revive investment,” said the IMF official. Anne-Marie Gulde-Wolf, Deputy Director, Asia and Pacific Department, IMF, said India should address the non-bank financial sector issues. “While there have been improvements that have been put in motion, including efforts to recapitalise the state banks, the issue of non-bank financial institution remains partly unresolved and regulatory equity is one of the issues that needs to be achieved,” she said.

Slowdown seen world over, but India fastest growing: Minister

Mumbai: Union Minister Prakash Javadekar said here on Saturday that an “atmosphere” of economic slowdown prevails world over, but India is still the “fastest developing” economy. Speaking ahead of October 21 Maharashtra Assembly polls, Javadekar also said that the BJP was banking on the government’s performance, while the opposition is bereft of issues and frustrated. The BJP-led NDA alliance will win 222 of the 288 Assembly seats in Maharashtra, he claimed. “Several of opposition’s candidates have conceded defeat, stopped campaigning and also stopped spending money,” he added.

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Ex-Jet CEO Vinay joins GoAir in advisory role

Mumbai: Former Jet Airways chief executive Vinay Dube has joined budget carrier GoAir in an advisory role, a source said on Saturday. Dube had quit defunct Jet Airways on May 14, nearly a month after the airline ceased operations due to severe liquidity crisis. According to the source, GoAir wanted to hire him for the position of CEO, which is lying vacant since March this year.

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PMC depositors hold protest outside RBI HQ

Mumbai: Depositors of the scam-hit Punjab and Maharashtra Cooperative (PMC) Bank held a protest outside the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) headquarters in south Mumbai on Saturday.

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Trade wars to impact flow of capital, goods: Sitharaman

New Delhi: Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has said the ongoing trade wars and protectionism have generated uncertainties and will ultimately impact the flow of capital, goods and services. She also called for “concerted action” to mitigate the disruption on account of synchronous slowdown and to invoke the spirit of multilateralism for global growth, the Finance Ministry said. Leading the Indian delegation to the Annual Meetings Plenary session of the IMF and the World Bank Group held in Washington DC on Friday, Sitharaman stressed that the increased trade integration, geopolitical uncertainties, and high accumulated debt levels necessitate strong global coordination.

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HDFC Bank Q2 net profit rises 25%

New Delhi: Private sector HDFC Bank Saturday reported a 24.7 per cent rise in its consolidated net profit at ₹6,638 crore for the three months ended September 2019, helped by healthy core income. The bank had registered a net profit of ₹5,322.41 crore in the same quarter of the previous fiscal. Total income on a consolidated basis rose to ₹36,130.96 crore during the three months to September.

Mercedes-Benz India bullish on Indian market

Chennai: German luxury car maker Mercedes Benz India said it was bullish on the Indian market as sales had surpassed 10,000 units annually for the fifth year in a row. In a move to strengthen its footprint in the market.

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EXTRACT OF STANDALONE AUDITED FINANCIAL RESULT FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER 2019				
Sl. No.	Particulars	Quarter ended 30.09.2019 (Audited)	Year ended 31.03.2019 (Audited)	Quarter ended 30.09.2018 (Audited)
1	Total Income from operations	4,330.34	17,450.34	4,194.10
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	45.30	1,252.66	114.91
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	45.30	1,252.66	114.91
4	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	7.73	971.11	53.15
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	3.95	962.70	55.77
6	Paid up Equity Share Capital	1,530.00	1,530.00	1,530.00
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of the previous year		16492.47	
8	Earnings Per Share (of Rs.10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations)-			
	1. Basic:	0.03	6.29	0.36
	2. Diluted:	0.03	6.29	0.36
Note: The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly/Annual Financial results filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly/Annual Financial results is available on the websites of the Stock Exchange(s), www.bseindia.com, and www.nseindia.com and the Company's website www.arotile.com.				
For and on behalf of the Board -Sd- Sunil Kumar Arora Managing Director				
Place : HOSUR Date : 19.10.2019				

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr. P. C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person **Rinku @ Vinod S/o Ram Richh Pal** R/o B-723A Sangam Vihar, New Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence under case **FIR No. 554/16 U/s 33 DE Act.** has been registered at **P.S.Neb Sarai, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said **Rinku @ Vinod S/o Ram Richh Pal**, cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said, **Rinku @ Vinod S/o Ram Richh Pal**, has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Rinku @ Vinod S/o Ram Richh Pal, FIR No. 554/16 U/s 33 DE Act** required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 23.11.2019.

By Order
 Court Matter **Sh. Anuj Kumar Singh, MM, Room No.212, Saket Courts, Delhi**

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr. P. C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person **Mahesh @ Vicky S/o Sh. Dukhi Dass Paswan** R/o Village- Gaddoli Khurd, Distt. Gurgaon, Haryana has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence under case **FIR No. 15939/15 U/s 379/411 IPC**, has been registered at **P.S. Mehrauli, New Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said **Mahesh @ Vicky S/o Sh. Dukhi Dass Paswan** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said, **Mahesh @ Vicky S/o Sh. Dukhi Dass Paswan** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Mahesh @ Vicky S/o Sh. Dukhi Dass Paswan, FIR No. 15939 U/s 379/411 IPC**, required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 10.12.2019.

By Order
 DP/5777/SD/19- Court matter **Sh. Vaibhav Mehta MM -05 Room No. 210, Saket Courts, Delhi**

PUBLIC NOTICE

I Sonia Singh alias Sonian Singh, D/o Shri Pal Singh, R/o F-318/1, Lado Sarai, Behind Punjab National Bank, New Delhi-110030, My Adhar No is 952074325356.
That My Name in the Educational Certificate of 10th, 12th and Enrollment Certificate of Bar Council of Delhi is Mentioned "Sonian Singh" and in the Graduation Certificate and LL.B Degree, Adhar Card, PAN Card, Voter ID Card is Mentioned "Soina Singh".
That Sonia Singh and Sonian Singh is one and Same lady.

S. E. RAILWAY TENDER

e-Tender Notice No.TRS-SRC-MISC-CLNG-3192 is invited by the Sr. Divl. Elect. Engineer TRS, S.E. Railway, Santragachi for and on behalf of the President of India for the following work.
Description of work : Miscellaneous maintenance and cleaning work at Electric Loco Shed, Santragachi for Two years.
Tender Value: Rs.2,57,84,453 including GST. EMD: Rs.2,78,900. Cost of Tender Document: Rs. 10,000. Date of Opening: 14.11.2019 at 15.30 hrs. Closing Date/Time for tender: 14.11.2019 at 15.00 hrs. Completion Period: 24 (Twenty Four) months. Tenderer may visit website www.reps.gov.in for all details, description, specification, corrigendum of the tender and submission of their bids. (PR-878)

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is notified for the information that my Original Qualifying Examination Certificate of Main, Secondary Examination of Year 2014 and Roll No.: 8148241, Senior Secondary Examination of Year 2016 and Roll No.: 9146379 issued by CBSE has been actually lost. Name of the candidate **Iti Aggarwal**, Full Address: H. No. : 34, Road No. : 61, West Punjabi Bagh, Punjabi Bagh, West Delhi, Delhi - 110026, Tel.: 9810288744

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Special Train No.	Station From	Dep. Time	Station to	Arr. Time	Frequency/ Day	Period	Accommodation	Stoppages
82365	Patna Jn.	20.30	Anand Vihar (T)	14.20	Thu, Sun	03, 07 & 10.11.2019	AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier, & Sleeper	Ara, Buxar, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyay Jn., Allahabad & Kanpur Central
03266	Anand Vihar (T)	18.35	Patna Jn.	16.30	Fri, Mon	04, 08 & 11.11.2019		
82527	Darbhanga	21.30	Delhi	22.10	Monday	04.11.2019	AC 3 Tier, Sleeper & General	Samastipur Jn., Muzaffarpur, Hajipur, Sonpur, Chhapra, Siwan, Deoria Sadar, Gorakhpur, Basti, Gonda, Barabanki, Lucknow, Kanpur Central, Etawah, Aligarh & Ghaziabad
05528	Delhi (Spl. train on special fare)	00.10	Darbhanga	23.45	Wednesday	06.11.2019		
05531	Saharsa	21.35	Delhi	02.00	Tue, Fri	05 & 08.11.2019	General & Sleeper	S. Bakhtiyarpur, Mansi, Khagaria, Hasanpur Road, Samastipur, Darbhanga, Kamtaul, Janakpur Road, Sitamarhi, Baigania, Raxaul, Narkatiaganj, Bagaha, Gorakhpur, Basti, Gonda, Sitapur Cantt., Bareilly, Moradabad & Ghaziabad
05532	Delhi	05.00	Saharsa	09.15	Thu, Sun	07 & 10.11.2019		
04062	New Delhi	10.55	Darbhanga	10.30	Fri, Tue	25 & 29.10.2019	AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier, & Sleeper	Kanpur Central, Lucknow, Gonda, Buxar, Gorakhpur, Chhapra, Hajipur, Muzaffarpur Jn. & Samastipur Jn.
04061	Darbhanga	12.00	New Delhi	13.10	Sat, Wed	26 & 30.10.2019		
04058	New Delhi	00.20	Darbhanga	23.55	Wed, Mon, Thu	23, 28 & 31.10.2019	Sleeper	Moradabad, Bareilly, Lucknow, Gonda, Basti, Gorakhpur, Narkatiaganj Jn., Bettiah, Bapudam Mothari, Muzaffarpur & Samastipur
04057	Darbhanga	02.30	New Delhi	00.30	Thu, Tue, Fri	24, 29.10.2019 & 01.11.2019		
82406	New Delhi	10.55	Saharsa	11.30	Thu, Sun, Fri	24, 27.10.2019 & 01.11.2019	AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier, Sleeper & General	Kanpur Central, Lucknow, Gonda, Basti, Gorakhpur, Chhapra, Hajipur, Barauni, Khagaria & S Bakhtiyarpur
04031	Saharsa	18.00	New Delhi	19.50	Fri, Mon, Sat	25, 28.10.2019 & 02.11.2019		
04086	Anand Vihar (T)	19.25	Saharsa	20.00	Mon, Thu, Sun, Thu	21, 24, 27 & 31.10.2019	AC 3 Tier & Sleeper	Moradabad, Bareilly, Lucknow, Gonda, Basti, Gorakhpur, Deoria Sadar, Sewan, Chhapra, Hajipur, Barauni & Khagaria
04085	Saharsa	22.15	Anand Vihar (T)	22.10	Tue, Fri, Mon, Fri	22, 25, 28.10.2019 & 01.11.2019		
04054	Anand Vihar (T)	19:00	Patna	16.30	Friday	25.10.2019	General	Moradabad, Bareilly, Lucknow, Sultanpur, Varanasi, Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya Jn., Buxar, Ara & Danapur
04053	Patna	19.20	Anand Vihar (T)	15.50	Saturday	26.10.2019		
04014	New Delhi	23:55	Patna	19.00	Friday	25.10.2019	General	Moradabad, Bareilly, Lucknow, Sultanpur, Varanasi, Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya Jn., Buxar Ara & Danapur
04013	Patna	21.30	New Delhi	18.30	Saturday	26.10.2019		
04020	New Delhi	20:15	Gorakhpur	14.00	Friday	25.10.2019	General	Ghaziabad, Moradabad, Chandausi Jn., Bareilly Cantt., Sitapur Cantt., Gonda Jn. & Basti
04019	Gorakhpur	16.10	New Delhi	11.10	Saturday	26.10.2019		
04026	New Delhi	09:20	Patna	03.30	Saturday	26.10.2019	General	Ghaziabad, Moradabad, Bareilly, Lucknow, Sultanpur, Varanasi, Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya Jn., Buxar, Ara & Danapur
04025	Patna	23.55	New Delhi	22.10	Sunday	27.10.2019		

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PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr. P. C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person **(1) Anuj S/o Bhola Prasad** R/o H.No.-D-403, Anand Enclave, Kali Badi, Katihar Bihar. **(2) Joginder Singh S/o Moti Ram** R/o H.No. L-11 & B-1205, Shastri Nagar, Delhi has committed (or are suspected to have committed) the offence under case **FIR No. 380/19 dated. 03.08.19 u/s 18/27 Drugs Act.** has been registered at **P.S. Bawana, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said **Anuj and Joginder singh**, cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said, **Anuj and Joginder singh** has absconded (or are concealing themselves to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Anuj and Joginder singh FIR No. 380/19 03.08.19 U/s 18/27 Drugs Act**, required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 22.11.2019.

By Order
 Court matter **Sh. Sanjeev Aggarwal, Additional Sessions Judge, North District Room No.202, IInd Floor, Rohini Courts, Delhi**

BEFORE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, DELHI

4TH FLOOR, JEEVAN TARA BUILDING, PARLIAMENT STREET, NEW DELHI-110001

OA No. 83/19 Date: 26.09.2019
BANK OF MAHARASHTRA APPLICANT
MR. NISHANT MATLOTIA & ORS. VERSUS **RESPONDENT**
To,
DEFENDANT
1. Mr. Nishant Matlotia, S/o Mr. Ashok Matlotia
A-3, Sect.-19, Noida, UP
Also at: House No. 1186, Sect.-29, Noida, UP
Also at: HOL Technologies Ltd., B-34/3, Sect.-59, Noida
2. Mrs. Mona Agarwal, W/o Nishant Matlotia
A-3, Sect.-19, Noida, UP
Also at: House No. 1186, Sect.-29, Noida, UP
Also at: Tech Mahindra, A-20, Sect.-60, Noida

Whereas the above named applicant (s) has/ have instituted a case for recovery of **Rs. 56,65,615/- (Rupees Fifty Six Lakh Sixty Five Thousand Six Hundred Fifteen only)** against you and where as it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in the ordinary way therefore, this notice is given by advertisement directing you to make appearance in the Tribunal on **26.11.2019 at 10.30 am**. Take notice that in default of your appearance on the day before the mentioned, the case will be heard and determined in your absence.

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

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Extract of ReviewedInd AS Financial Results for the Quarterended 30 th September 2019 (Standalone & Consolidated Financial Results under Regulation 47(1)(B) Of Listing Regulations)											
(₹ in Lakh)											
SI No	Particulars	Standalone						Consolidated			
		Quarter Ended			Half Year Ended			Quarter Ended			Year Ended
		30.09.19	30.06.19	30.09.18	30.09.19	30.09.18	31.09.19	30.09.19	30.06.19	30.09.19	
		Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited
1	Total Income from Operations.	3117.23	3480.01	3983.00	6597.24	8001.22	15453.23	3117.23	3800.88	6918.11	17940.24
2	Profit before Interest, Depreciation & Taxes (EBITDA)	59.79	386.26	357.55	446.05	710.42	1490.23	59.79	318.58	378.37	1620.65
3	Net Profit for the Period (before Tax and Exceptional Items)	(74.25)	246.38	217.64	172.13	438.06	1046.63	(74.25)	148.19	73.96	1059.48
4	Net Profit for the Period before Tax (after Exceptional Items)	(74.25)	246.38	217.08	172.13	437.50	997.65	(74.25)	148.19	73.96	1010.51
5	Net Profit for the period after Tax (after Exceptional Items)	(60.99)	184.79	156.53	123.80	315.63	785.17	(60.99)	86.60	25.63	797.95
6	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [[Comprising Profit] for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	(60.99)	184.79	156.53	123.80	315.63	785.17	(60.99)	86.60	25.63	797.95
7	Equity Share Capital	1133.00	1133.00	1133.00	1133.00	1133.00	1133.00	1133.00	1133.00	1133.00	1133.00
8	Reserves	4326.65	4387.64	3733.32	4326.65	3733.32	4202.85	4333.38	4494.28	4333.38	4366.71
9	Earnings Per Share (of ₹ 10/- each) Basic & Diluted:	(0.54)	1.63	1.38	1.09	2.79	6.93	(0.54)	0.76	0.23	7.04

Notes:

- The above is an extract of the detailed format of quarterly financial results filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (



Recent modifications in The Mines Act, 1952 allow women to work in shifts including night hours. SHALINI SAKSENA caught up with a few ladies who talk about what made them pursue a career in an industry that was until now male-dominated

On February 4, 2019, the Government allowed women to work in mines, both underground as well as opencast, during the day and at night with some riders like written permission from women is a must before employing them and they have to be deployed in a group of not less than three in a shift.

The Mines Act, 1952, had so far restricted the employment of women workers in underground mines and in opencast or above ground workings of the mine during night hours. The women labour force participation rate in the country stands at just 27% as against 51% in Indonesia, 58% in Bangladesh, 64% in China and 73% in Vietnam.

With the amendment, Tata Steel to boost gender diversity has recruited 10 women officers at its Noamundi Iron mine.

J Liril who joined Tata Steel in 2002 as Trade Apprentice from SNTI, Jamshedpur, after completion of her graduation says she joined the Iron-Ore Processing Plant as Fitter-cum-operator in 2006 and was subsequently promoted as a mechanic. She was later promoted as Chargehand, the position she holds at present.

“I belong to Noamundi. My father used to work with Tata Steel. I am the second generation who is working here. I started as a trade apprentice back in 2006. To begin with, there were some apprehensions since there were no women working in mechanical jobs. It was considered to be a man’s work. I had to work with them in the field since there weren’t many facilities available. We did our work with the help of our male colleagues. With times, things changed for the better,” Liril recounts.

While there were a few comments by men however the majority of them never made Liril feel uncomfortable that she was in the wrong department. “They never said that because I was a woman, I was best suited for a desk job. My job, at present, is providing others training on how to operate the machines and complete the job in the field. There have been times when the machine develops a snag. I have had to lend a helping hand in rectifying the issue,” Liril says.

It has been 13 years since she first began working in a job that was predominantly male. A lesson that Liril has learnt is that one must not shirk or run away from any job that has come her way.

“Whatever work has been assigned to you, needs to be completed to one’s best abilities. Hard work is important. We have to prove that even though we are working in a field that was male-dominated, today we stand with them. It is necessary to set an example for the other women who will come forward to take our place in the future. If today, we refuse to do a particular work, the coming generation will also not come forward,” the 42-year-old tells you who is married and has a baby boy.

“There is no difference between a boy or a girl today. I had been working since before my marriage. My husband encouraged me as did my in-laws. I want to grow professionally and take on more responsibilities by working in a shift,” Liril says.

Twenty-eight-year-old Karishma Kandoi who is working as Manager Mechanical in the Iron-Ore Processing Plant after doing her Bachelor’s in Mechanical Engineering from Assam Engineering College in the year 2013 who hails from, Dhubri, a small town in Assam tells you that her father is a businessman.

“He deals with automobile spare parts. My mother is a homemaker. I joined this unit in July so it has been only a few months. Till now working here has been amazing. I began my career with Jindal Steel after graduation. I am not bothered whether I am working in a job that was traditionally for men. I am more concerned in making a career for myself in this field. It doesn’t bother me whether there are other women working beside me. I just want to push myself and realise my potential. Now, at Tata Steel, the work culture is such that it doesn’t instill fear. The group has provided several faculties to make us feel safe. There is transportation with GPS tracer. There are CCTVs to monitor things,” Kandoi says.

Her interest in mechanics began as a child. She used to watch her father work with automobile parts. This made her pursue mechanical engineering. “When I got the opportunity to study this subject, I was thrilled. My parents encouraged me. They

never stopped me from pursuing my passion or go wherever I wanted to. Even when I was the only girl to be selected for the course, my parents supported me and were very proud of me. More so since I have started working here,” Kandoi says.

She has been working in the sector for six years and be away from home. “There were things that will always make you homesick. When you step out of your comfort zone there are bound to be difficulties. But the facilities in the township make it easy for us. Whether it is the work environment or otherwise, it doesn’t feel as if I am working in the mining sector. I can go out for a movie, or a swim. Whatever we need is within our reach,” Kandoi tells you.

That is the reason why safety is not such a big issue for her. “Safety is an issue the minute one steps out of the home. This is impractical if one wants to work. Even if I was living in a metro, I would have to fend for myself. I have to look after my safety. I can’t always be dependent on others,” Kandoi says who works as a shift-in-charge.

Her work involves washing of the ore that comes in before it is sent further down the production line. “After the ore is mined it is sent to us. There is a process that is involved. Primary and secondary wash plants. This involves complete manpower handling. We have to see which department requires how much manpower and what kind of work they need to undertake. We have to take corrective action as well if there is a machinery breakdown. These require snap decisions if problems arise since the ultimate goal is that there are no hindrances in production,” Kandoi shares.

She tells you that while she is not married at present if the subject came up, she would tell the person that he needs to accept her with her job. “I will tell him that there is no way I am going to leave my job. He has to understand that I will not go where his jobs take him since this is where I work,” Kandoi says.

Pratixa Kher working as Senior Manager Mining after doing a Bachelor’s in Mining Engineering from Government Engineering College, Bhuj in 2012 and holds a First Class Mine Manager’s Certificate of Competency by Directorate


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— PUSHPA RAI

General of Mines Safety hails from Mangrol in Gujarat.

Like Kandoi, her father too is a businessman and mother a homemaker. She is a long way away from home — West to East.

“Till recently girls were not allowed to work in mining. But thanks to the Government, this is now possible. I was the first girl from my batch to graduate with a mining engineering. It was not easy. My parents didn’t know what the field was like. I was told that this sector was not for women. That it was a tough field to work in. Even after I got my campus placement with Vedanta Hindustan Coal, I didn’t understand what they were talking about. It was only after I landed up on day one of the job and realised what the work entailed. It was such a bad day. But it has been seven years since then. I have worked in all the departments related to mining. One has to be ready to work in every condition. Now, I am here. I joined the unit in August this year,” Kher says.

The reason why she changed her job was that she wanted to work in shift. “In my previous, due to the law restrictions, I couldn’t work in shift. But here, I am shift in-charge,” Kher says who got married in 2016. She tells you that both she and her husband worked in the same department before she decided to move to Noamundi while her husband is still with Hindustan Coal.

Interestingly, she never thought about staying back home and looking for a job there. Or even help her father in his agriculture business. “My father never forced me to do what I wanted. But he wanted me to become an engineer. That is why I took the subject at graduation,” Kher tells you. She has a message for women who want to pursue a career in this sector. “They should not balk at taking up mining as a profession just because the working conditions are tough. There will be dust; one will have to work in the field where there is no AC. It is not a glamorous work environment. One should be ready all the time. Women should not be afraid to work in a particular department. On one hand, we talk about 21st Century and equal pay. We have to be ready to accept that comes our way,” Kher tells you.

Pushpa Rai who is working as Assistant Manager Mechanical after completing her Bachelor’s degree in Mechanical Engineering and Master’s in Industrial and Production Engineering from Uttar Pradesh Technical University.

Rai is from Lucknow. Her father is a retired Additional SP and mother a homemaker. Her six siblings — two brothers and four sisters are all working. She tells you that unlike most families and girls who found comfort by staying home.

“When I took up engineering, it never occurred to me that I had to look for work closer to home. I am blessed that my parents never stopped me from whatever I wanted to do. It was my decision to study engineering; it was my decision to work with Tata Steel,” Rai says.

She tells you that a typical day for her depends on what time her shift starts. “I am so excited to be working night shift and am shift in-charge. It is such a proud moment for us that we can command and the entire operation,” Rai says.

She agrees with Kher and opines that one can’t be bothered by weather conditions. “Even at home one can feel the cold or feel the heat and work even when it is raining. It is a mindset. We have to work around the weather conditions,” Rai says.

Though she is not married, she tells you that each person makes plans whether they materialise or not is another thing. Once her shift is over, there are several things that Rai does to entertain herself.

“There are so many things that one can do here. There are so many facilities here. One has to visit this place to understand what kind of entertainment is on offer for people. Most Saturdays are spent watching a movie,” Rai says.

Though her parents have not visited her yet, since she has recently joined, she plans to visit the family for Diwali. “Being the youngest means that I am the pampered one. I have to visit the family,” Rai says.

She has a message for women. “There are so many women who study mechanical engineering but pursue a job in another sector. If this is what they had wanted to do, why pursue mechanical engineering? What I sow is what the future generation will learn from like I have learnt that I can do whatever I set my mind to,” Rai says.

‘Employing women in mines leads to innovative ideas & perspectives’

SHALINI SAKSENA speaks with ARUN MISRA about Tata Steel’s initiative to hire women in mining

■ What was the idea behind hiring women in mining?
We, at Tata Steel, had started an initiative — MOSAIC — through which we ran a diversity programme where we looked at diversity of all kind — gender equality, sexual orientation and physical challenges. We went ahead with fulfilling various positions but were restricted by laws when we looked at mining when it came to gender equality and couldn’t employ them beyond 6 pm. We spoke with various Government agencies and



Arun Misra
VP Raw Material, Tata Steel

finally when it was cleared in February this year, it took us two months to get things in perspective and then started the recruitment.

■ Was it tough to convince men to allow women in a male dominated profession?
Mining, *per se*, was male dominated and associated with a lot of physical work. But in the last few years, technology has made it easy to operate the machinery in use. Most workplace is AC and plants are automated. Also, women were allowed to work till 6 pm in the plants.

They could not be put in shift. And hence they could not reach supervisors of an operations. Today, we have women engineers who joined as officers which stands at 10 and the number will only go up during campus recruitment. The total number stands at 344 women working at various positions. Nobody raised an eyebrow that something great has happened. We have men bosses and women as well.

■ Will this lead to more women studying subjects like mechanical, electrical

and civil engineering?

Yes, definitely. Like the IT did two decades back when it started hiring them and giving them a platform where it didn’t require arduous work. Now, mining is doing the same due to technology.

■ What are some of the things in place to ensure women safety?

There are guidelines that have been laid down by the Directorate General Of Mines Safety that include consent of women in writing. Then we have to put in certain security

measure which were already in place like transport, GPS, CCTVs, lady canteen staff and other things that the women wanted.

■ Has providing these facilities created animosity among men?

From the very beginning we made it clear that the arrangements were being made because we wanted to hire women in these positions. Nowhere did we say that we were creating a special category.

■ What was the idea behind hiring women in mining?

One was, of course, diversity of thought and idea. We have a culture of continuous improvement where we have 100 per cent involvement of workers participating in brainstorming sessions and generating ideas. With women workers, there is diversity. Second, due to technology, there is nothing manly about this profession.

■ What about promotional strategies?

Like any other employee, there is an orientation programme

where the same training is given. Salaries are similar as well depending on the position held. Promotions are merit based. Men and women have to go through the same process.

■ What is the aspiration of these women?

These women are upbeat and want to prove to the world that the work is not just for the men, everybody can work in mining. Women are progressive and are not afraid. Marriage is not only the option for them they want to grow professionally.

Rohit, Rahane, Ranchi & Rain

Sharma (117*) scores third hundred in his fourth innings as Test opener & adds unbeaten 185-run for 4th wicket with Ajinkya (83*) to put India front after top-order failure

PTI ■ RANCHI

Rohit Sharma continued his sensational run as a Test opener with his third hundred of the series, allowing India to regain control of the proceedings after a top-order collapse in the third and final game against South Africa at Jharkhand State Cricket Association (JSCA) stadium on Saturday.

With India reduced to 39 for three, Rohit (117 batting off 164 balls) and Ajinkya Rahane (83 batting off 135) shared an unbeaten 185-run stand to stage the home team's remarkable recovery.

India were 224 for three before bad light, followed by rain, forced an early end to play on day one with only six overs possible in the final session.

With his stellar effort, Rohit, who hammered 14 boundaries and four sixes, became the first Indian opener since Sunil Gavaskar to score more than two centuries in a Test series. Gavaskar had achieved the feat way back in 1970.

Rohit's Test century number six came with a massive six off spinner Dane Piedt. It was a typical knock from India's limited overs vice-captain as he exercised caution when Kagiso Rabada was steaming in the morning before going for his strokes.

If that was not enough, Rahane matched him at the other end and brought up his 21st half-century off just 70 balls.

Piedt, who was included in place of Senuran Muthusamy, cut a sorry figure against Rohit's fury, giving away 43 runs in his six overs.

Debutant left-arm spinner George Linde, who replaced an injured Keshav Maharaj, ended the day with tidy figures of 11-1-40-0. Such was the Indian duo's dominance after lunch that Rabada, who had a fiery opening spell of 7-4-15-2, looked listless in the second spell that read 4-0-30-0.

Rahane matched Sharma shot for shot and at one point even had

Rain forecast today

PTI ■ RANCHI

Rain may affect the second day's proceedings as well in the final India-South Africa Test, the local weatherman predicted on Saturday.

"There is a possibility of thundershowers and lightning at isolated places in Ranchi. Chances are less by Monday onwards," an official of the Indian Meteorological Department, Ranchi, said.

a better strike rate than his explosive Mumbai partner as he notched up his fastest half-century in India.

Sharma, however, had a testing opening session as he survived on seven after reviewing an LBW successfully.

He also survived a run out chance when he was out of crease but Zubayr Hamza's throw from point missed the stumps.

Uneven bounce with a few staying really low greeted the Indian openers in the morning as Rabada and Lungi Ngidi made full use of the conditions to give the visitors their best start of the series.

Rabada got rid of opener Mayank Agarwal (10) and Cheteshwar Pujara (0) inside the first-hour of play.

The first breakthrough came in Rabada's third over when the pacer swung it away with Agarwal edging it to Dean Elgar at third slip.

Rabada went on to dismiss Pujara for a duck in his fifth over following a successful review by the South Africans after the on-field umpire Richard Illingworth turned down an lbw appeal.

But it was Nortje who earned the biggest wicket as he sent back Pune Test's double centurion Kohli after the skipper failed to read one that came back in sharply.

Kohli took the review but only to be turned down with an umpire's call and the skipper went back to the pavillion frustrated.



Ajinkya Rahane, right, pats on the helmet of teammate Rohit Sharma to congratulate him on scoring century

Mental adjustments key to Hitman's success

RANCHI: India's batting coach Vikram Rathour on Saturday attributed Rohit Sharma's success as Test opener, in the ongoing series, to mental adjustments.

"He is such an experienced player. I don't think you need to change anything with his technique. The only adjustment I think he had to make was his game plans," Rathour told reporters after the first day's proceedings.

"I always believed he is too good a player not to be playing in any format. It was a good call to make him to open. With the amount of runs he has scored, he has settled the issue for the time being," Rathour added.

"Somebody of his experience and the kind of cricket he plays, if he starts coming good top of the order, it changes everything for the Indian team, even when you're touring."

Rohit looked tentative early on and was given LBW on seven by umpire Richard Illingworth, but survived following a successful review, which showed a faint inside-edge.

"In Tests, you need to play through those tough spells that you will get. I think he's doing that well in this series. Once he's set, he's a phenomenal player, we all know that he can really punish you."

Rohit started to break

free towards the end of first session when he pulled Anrich Nortje for the first of his four sixes, while Ajinkya Rahane too came on his own in a difficult second session for the visitors.

"Ajinkya showed great intent today. Whenever he bats with this intent, he looks a really good player. As I said earlier also, they bowled in good areas initially and there was help in the wicket, so Rohit had some problem early on.

"Of course, as a batsman, you need to survive that time, which Rohit did really well. Anybody will look uncomfortable because those were tough conditions." **PTI**

'Not now' Proxy captain

FIANS ■ KOLKATA

A video of unbeaten Accenturion Rohit Sharma shouting 'not now' as the skies turned grey just before he smashed a six to reach his third hundred of the series took social media by storm.

Rohit reached the three-figure mark with a six as he was batting on 95 in the 45th over. The limited overs vice-captain brought up his third century of the series, his sixth overall, off Dane Piedt's bowling. Just before that, Rohit shouted 'not now' when it started to drizzle and the groundsman set

themselves up to bring the covers.

He took the single off the second ball of the over to reach 95 and at the same time, the rain started coming down.

Batting as an opener for the first time in this series, Rohit added yet another feather to his cap by becoming the batsman to hit the most number of sixes in a Test series.

During the ongoing three-Test series, he has so far hit 17 sixes and has surpassed Shimron Hetmyer's tally of 15 which came during the two-match series between West Indies and Bangladesh in 2018/19.

RANCHI: In a bid to end his losing streak at the toss, South Africa skipper Faf du Plessis on Saturday brought Temba Bavuma as proxy captain for the third and final Test.

However, luck did not favour South Africa as the coin landed in favour of India skipper Virat Kohli who chose to bat for the third time in the three-match series.

After winning the toss, even Kohli couldn't help but laugh at Faf's helplessness.

"It shows that it isn't meant to be (win the toss with a proxy captain)," du Plessis said after losing his 10th consecutive toss in Asia.

Graeme Smith, however, didn't seem impressed with du Plessis' idea of coming out with a proxy captain and said it reflected the mindset of the visitors who have been struggling to get going in the ongoing series. **PTI**



Nortje rues slip-up after strong start

PTI ■ RANCHI

South African pacer Anrich Nortje on Saturday rued letting India off the hook after reducing them to 39 for three on the opening day.

Hoping to avoid a 3-0 whitewash, South African bowlers gave a good account of themselves by taking three wickets quickly, but Rohit Sharma and Ajinkya Rahane shared an unbeaten 185-run partnership to take India to

224/3 in 58 overs when bad weather forced an early stumps.

"We were definitely better as in the previous Test. We just tried to control the game little bit better. Unfortunately, we couldn't get another wicket... It would have been nice to have them four-five down," Nortje said after the first day's play.

"We had one or two overs where we went on top, later on we just pulled it back again. So, maybe, here and there we lost but, in general, a good effort by

everyone.

"Overall, it was a good effort by the bowlers. There was little bit in it this morning, tried to utilise as much but one or two overs didn't go our way."

Kagiso Rabada was the pick of the attack with 2/54 in 14 overs, while Nortje (1/50 from 16 overs) picked up the wicket of India skipper Virat Kohli.

"I was hoping for a wicket somewhere and to get him was unbelievable, but just try

and come with a plan. I try and put as much pressure as possible and finally got the wicket."

He said there's still hope in the side as they look to bounce back.

"I think there were quite a lot of opportunities right through the series. Lots of nicks going through the gaps or falling short. Something happened today here there, that's normal to cricket. We have to take it forward going from here. Just keep on asking those questions and control the controllables, I guess."

Kohli could be rested from B'desh T20s

PTI ■ NEW DELHI



India skipper Virat Kohli could be rested from the three-match T20 series against Bangladesh, beginning here on November 3.

Kohli has been playing almost non-stop, featuring in 48 of India's 56 games since October last year. The squad for the Bangladesh series will be picked in Mumbai on October 24.

"There is a possibility that Virat could be rested keeping the workload management pro-

gramme in mind. But the selectors will only speak to Virat once the Test match (against South Africa) ends," a source close to the selection committee said.

"It will also depend on how the skipper himself feels. He knows his body the best and if need be he can himself ask the selectors for rest," the source added.

After the first T20 in Delhi, Rajkot and Nagpur will host the second and third game on November 7 and 10 respectively.

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Indian athletes eye course record bonus

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Top Indian elite athletes, including women's course record holder L. Suriya, on Saturday said they would look to break the course record in the Airtel Delhi Half Marathon held today.

Suresh Kumar Patel, Srinu Bugatha, Pradeep Chaudhary in the men's category and Suriya, Parul Chaudhary and Priti Lamba in the women's category are the top domestic athletes vying for honours in the prestigious IAAF Gold Label race. There will be 23 women and 22 men Indian elite athletes taking part in the race. Suriya, who created the course record in 2017 with a time of 1 hour 10 minutes 31 seconds, said she enjoys running in ADHM.

"The route at the Airtel Delhi Half Marathon is very nice. In 2017, I really enjoyed the run as the weather was also good. Therefore, I put up a good performance that year. I am looking forward to another great experience in ADHM. Hopefully, I will

break the course record again," said Suriya.

The runners of the Airtel Delhi Half Marathon will be awarded ₹1 lakh as a bonus prize if they break the course record this year.

Parul Chaudhary, who is keen to make an impression this year, was delighted about the bonus cash prize on offer. "It's great that the runners will be rewarded with a bonus cash prize for breaking the course record. We are very happy and I will definitely give it my all to achieve a bonus prize this year," said Parul.

Speaking about the conditions, Pradeep Chaudhary said that the weather has changed for the better since Friday and hopefully the conditions will suit the runners today.

"The weather suddenly changed on Friday. It was very windy making the conditions very cool and suitable for runners. I am looking forward to a great run and good weather on a beautiful track will be an added bonus," said Chaudhary.

AFP ■ ANTWERP

Former world number one Andy Murray reached his first semi-final since the 2017 French Open with a battling three-set win over Romania's Marius Copil in Antwerp on Friday.

The 32-year-old British star, steadily rebuilding his career after major hip surgery earlier this year, defeated qualifier Copil 6-3, 6-7 (7/9), 6-4.

"I feel OK, it's more how you pull up the following day," said Murray, who is two wins away from a first title since Dubai in March 2017.

"The good thing about the indoor matches is that the points are fairly short so it doesn't take as much out of you as on some of the slower courts outside."

Murray, now ranked a lowly



Andy Murray plays a return shot during Antwerp Open quarterfinal match

AFP

243 in the world, had the chance to wrap up the quarter-final when he had a match point in the second set tiebreak.

He eventually sealed victory after more than two and a half

hours on court with an ace for his third win in three meetings against the 92nd-ranked Copil.

Murray goes on to face France's world number 70 Ugo Humbert who put out

Argentine fifth seed Guido Pella 5-7, 6-4, 6-4.

Italian teenager Jannik Sinner became the youngest ATP semi-finalist in five years when he defeated Frances Tiafoe of the United States 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.

Sinner, 18, is the youngest to make the last four on tour since 17-year-old Borna Coric at Basel in 2014.

However, he faces a daunting semi-final against three-time major winner Stan Wawrinka after the former world number three got past fellow 34-year-old Gilles Simon of France 6-3, 6-7 (6/8), 6-2 in his quarter-final.

Sinner, who lost to Wawrinka at the US Open this year, will become the youngest ATP finalist since Kei Nishikori at Delray Beach in 2008 if he downs the experienced Swiss.

once again sizzled for the Warriors with some mature raiding, often getting the better of Ravinder Pahal in Delhi's left corner.

Perhaps the smartest move from the Warriors' camp was to deploy the experienced Jeeva Kumar in a shifting cover role, depending on the raider's strong foot.

The decision helped as the Warriors clinched another All-Out in the 8th minute of the half to open-up a 4-point lead.

Delhi's Naveen Kumar clinched his Super 10 in the 10th minute (21st consecutive) but his side struggled to get a stranglehold of the match as Warriors corner combination of Rinku Narwal and Baldev Singh also got into the game.

The Warriors inflicted another All-Out with six minutes remaining to open-up a 10-point lead.

Bengal Warriors lift maiden PKL title

PTI ■ AHMEDABAD

A clinical Bengal Warriors on Saturday clinched their maiden Pro Kabaddi League title by defeating Dabang Delhi 39-34 in a pulsating summit clash here.

Naveen Kumar was brilliant once again with 18 raid points for Delhi but uncharacteristic errors cost their title hopes in front of a packed audience, including Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju, at the EKA Arena by TransStadia.

The Warriors did not have the services of star raider and captain Maninder Singh but got support with his presence as assistant coach of the team in the final match of Season Seven.

The pressure of the final got to the Warriors in the early minutes as Delhi stormed to a 6-0 lead. Naveen Kumar certainly looked charged up for the event

while Delhi's cover combination of Anil Kumar and Vishal Mane also seemed keen to stop any raider coming their way.

The Delhi side clinched their All-Out in the 8th minute to open a four-point lead but the Warriors were a different side after the restart. Stand-in captain Mohammad Nabibakhsh picked up his game, clinching valuable raid points, as the Warriors quickly reduced Delhi's lead.

Delhi's Iranian player Meraj Sheykh impressed as a substitute, picking up two raid points in pressure situations, but the Warriors secured their first All-Out with under four minutes remaining for the break.

The closely-contested first-half ended with the scores levelled at 17-17.

The Warriors maintained that momentum in the second half as they quickly got into the lead. Sukesh Hegde

Spurs stumble again as Chelsea, Leicester win

AFP ■ LONDON

Tottenham narrowly avoided an embarrassing home defeat to bottom club Watford on Saturday as Chelsea and Leicester leapfrogged champions Manchester City in the Premier League.

With leaders Liverpool not in action until today, it was a chance for the chasing pack to press their credentials for top-four spots.

Chelsea's Marcus Alonso broke the deadlock for Frank Lampard's side at Stamford Bridge against Newcastle for a 1-0 win while Yuri Tielemans sealed a 2-1 victory for Leicester at the King Power Stadium.

But Spurs boss Mauricio Pochettino saw his side labour to a 1-1 draw at home to Watford, following a 3-0 thrashing at Brighton and a humiliating 7-2 defeat at home to Bayern Munich.

Spurs, who reached the Champions League final in June, have now won just three of their opening 12 games in all competitions and appear unable to halt their slide.

Tottenham got off to an awful start as they fell behind in the sixth minute, Abdoulaye Doucoure finishing superbly from Daryl Janmaat's assist.

Dele Alli grabbed a late leveller for Spurs with his first goal since January. There was major confusion as it appeared as if VAR had ruled out the effort, but it was allowed to stand.

Leicester held a minute's silence before kick-off to remember their late owner Vichai Srivaddhanaprabha, who was killed in a helicopter crash at the stadium last October.

Chris Wood put Burnley in front but Leicester's in-form forward Jamie Vardy headed an equaliser just before half-time and Tielemans completed the turnaround with just over 15 minutes to go.

Ahead of City's match at Crystal Palace later on Saturday, Leicester were second in the Premier League table, seven points behind leaders Liverpool, while Chelsea, also on 17 points, were third.

Matt Targett scored a goal deep into injury time as Aston Villa came back from 1-0 down to beat Brighton 2-1.

Southampton took the lead against Wolves at Molineux, courtesy of a Danny Ings goal but Raul Jimenez hit back from the penalty spot just eight minutes later after Matt Doherty



was brought down. Bournemouth drew 0-0 at home to Norwich.

EVERTON RELIEVE PRESSURE

In the early kick-off on Saturday, Everton climbed out of the Premier League relegation zone with a well-deserved 2-0 victory against West Ham that eased the pressure on Marco Silva.

A first-half goal from Brazil forward Bernard and a late second from substitute Gylfi Sigurdsson gave Everton the three points in a match in which they had 19 shots.

"It was a fantastic performance," Sigurdsson told *BT Sport*. "We had a lot of chances, especially in the second half. You never know when it's 1-0 — you always want to get more."

"They are dangerous going forward and their goalkeeper made some spectacular saves. I was pleased to come on and give us a bit of comfort. There was a real purpose to our game today."

Manchester City head to Crystal Palace in the late match on Saturday. Pep Guardiola left Sergio Aguero and Riyad Mahrez out of his starting lineup but there was a place on the bench for defender John Stones after an injury lay-off.

Liverpool travel to face struggling Manchester United at Old Trafford today, chasing a record-equalling 18th consecutive Premier League

FIGURATIVELY

94 Matt Targett's strike in the 94th minute was Aston Villa's first winning goal scored in the 90th minute or later of a Premier League game since Christian Benteke against West Brom in March 2015.

3 Callum Hudson-Odoi (18y 346d) is the second youngest player in Premier League history to assist in three consecutive appearances, behind only Michael Owen (18y 27d) in January 1998.

4 Danny Ings has scored in four consecutive appearances in all competitions for the first time in English football.

15 Since Brendan Rodgers' first Premier League game in charge of Leicester, Jamie Vardy has scored 15 Premier League goals — two more than any other player.

21 Since making his Premier League debut in January 2012, only Christian Eriksen (22) has scored more goals from outside the box than Gylfi Sigurdsson (21).

2 Bernard has scored two goals in three Premier League appearances against West Ham, one more goal than he has in 38 games combined against every other side he has faced in the competition.



WERNER FINDS SHOOTING BOOTS

Timo Werner scored his first goal in five games for Leipzig in a tight tussle against Wolfsburg at the Red Bull Arena.

It was not enough. Wolfsburg scored a late equaliser when Dutch striker Wout Weghorst finished a William cross to keep the race at the top close.

Wolfsburg are the only unbeaten team in the division.

At the Weserstadion, Werder Bremen opened the scoring at home against Hertha Berlin as Josh Sargent's strike took a useful deflection on its way into the net in the seventh minute.

Dodi Lukebakio hit back in the 70th minute for Hertha to secure a 1-1 draw. He beat three defenders, including Theodor Gebre Selassie twice, in a mazy run from the wing.

Union Berlin claimed just the second win of their debut top-flight season by beating Freiburg 2-0 at a bouncing Stadion an der Alten Foerstererei.

Marius Buelter gave them the lead with a long-range strike, his third goal of the season.

A second goal from distance by Marcus Ingvarsten, over substitute goalkeeper Niclas Thiede, making his debut, was enough to secure victory for the home side.

Elsewhere, Rouwen Hennings scored a late winner to seal Fortuna Duesseldorf a 1-0 home win over 10-man Mainz.

PSG punish 9 Nice boys

AFP ■ NICE

Angel Di Maria grabbed two goals while Kylian Mbappe struck on his return from injury as Paris Saint-Germain won 4-1 at Nice on Friday to surge five points clear at the top of Ligue 1.

PSG lost Neymar and the influential Idrissa Gueye to injury over the international break while Mbappe and Edinson Cavani were only fit enough to make the bench for the trip to the Cote d'Azur.

"At the start of a run of six very intense matches, it's always good to start with a win," said PSG coach Thomas Tuchel.

"We had a good first half, I was happy. We had chances to control the match but at the start of the second half, we forgot to close it out."

A spectacular triple save by Walter Benitez kept out Presnel Kimpembe and Abdou Diallo in the opening minutes at the Allianz Riviera but PSG soon made the breakthrough.

Di Maria raced on to a first-time pass from fellow Argentine Mauro Icardi before calmly guiding beyond Benitez in the Nice goal on 15 minutes.

Only Mbappe has been involved in more goals in France this year than Di Maria, who duly doubled his tally six minutes later with a sublime lob from an unfavourable angle.

Marquinhos replaced PSG captain Thiago Silva at half-time and headed against the crossbar at a corner, but a mistake from the Brazilian presented Nice a lifeline on 67 minutes.

An ill-advised attempt at chesting down a cross allowed Karim Doucoure to tee up Ignatius Ganago to blast home via the underside of the bar.

Any chance Patrick Vieira's side had of salvaging a result effectively evaporated though with the dismissal of Wylan Cyprien and Christophe Herelle in a matter of minutes.

Cyprien was shown a second yellow card for dissent with Herelle sent off following a VAR review for a petulant slap on Leandro Paredes.

Tuchel threw on Mbappe, restricted to just two substitute appearances since August, for the final eight minutes and PSG made the most of their two-man advantage.

Mbappe drove low under Benitez to claim his first goal since August 11 and then laid on an assist for Icardi to tap home in stoppage time.



AFP ■ MUNICH

Bayern Munich were denied top spot in the Bundesliga when Alfred Finnbogason's injury-time equaliser snatched Augsburg a dramatic 2-2 draw on Saturday.

Niko Kovac's men sit one point adrift of both leaders Borussia Moenchengladbach and second-placed Wolfsburg, who drew 1-1 at RB Leipzig.

Gladbach face a difficult trip to Borussia Dortmund later on Saturday with a chance to move three points clear at the summit.

It was the second league match in succession that reigning champions Bayern had slipped up, having lost 2-1 at home to Hoffenheim before the international break.

Augsburg opened the scoring in stunning fashion, Marco Richter kicking the net just 30 seconds after find-off, the fastest goal of the season so far.

Richter took advantage as Bayern struggled to clear a bouncing ball deep in their own box. The 21-year-old sweetly struck a right-footed volley to grab a rapid lead — just as Augsburg had done in the corresponding fixture last year.

Bayern replied as Robert Lewandowski stretched his scoring streak to eight games in the 14th minute from a Serge Gnabry cross.

Costly slip-up

Bayern hit by last-gap equaliser as Sule suffers injury



After a host of missed chances, former Arsenal winger Gnabry threaded the needle in the 49th minute to put Bayern 2-1 ahead.

But a strong, bullying run in injury time by Sergio Cordova on the wing set up Finnbogason, who fin-

ished past Manuel Neuer to earn a point for Augsburg, and put another early dent in Bayern's title defence.

Thomas Mueller missed two chances after coming on as a late substitute after a week of controversy over the fact he has not started a game since September.

she said.

"I am not against her. She might be good in future, let her have the experience and focus on preparation for the highest level. I have been fighting for last 20 years. To challenge is easy but to perform is difficult."

For selection of men's team, BFI had decided that the medallists of the World Championships will be sent directly to the first Olympic qualifiers to be held in China.

In women's competition, BFI had said in August that only the Gold and Silver winners at the World Championships in Russia would be selected directly for the Olympic qualifiers in February.

However, BFI now has decided to call a selection committee meeting next week to discuss Zareen's plea.

Mary Kom said there should be gender quality in the selection criteria.

"I don't care about all this. Let BFI take the decision. There should be gender equality, can't have separate rules for men and women."



me".

"It has happened with me in the past also. Perform on the ring, that is the real thing. BFI sends us for exposure trips so comeback with a Gold, prove yourself,"



MSG take Barca top

Blaugrana's front three Griezmann, Messi & Suarezs score in Eibar's win; Atletico held by Valencia

AFP ■ MADRID

Barcelona's 'MSG' strike force is finally clicked into gear as Lionel Messi, Luis Suarez and Antoine Griezmann all scored in a ruthless 3-0 victory over Eibar on Saturday.

Griezmann's place in the newly-formed attacking trident has not been secure but the Frenchman opened the scoring at Ipurua before teeing up Messi and then playing the crucial pass for Suarez to make it three.

"There will be good and bad days but we are getting to know each other and bit by bit we will do even better," said Griezmann.

An authoritative Barca display thrust them to the top of La Liga, for a few hours at least before Real Madrid play Real Mallorca. They moved three points clear of Atletico, who drew 1-1 at home to Valencia.

The victory also dismissed suggestions their players might be affected by Friday's postponement of next Saturday's Clasico due to protests in Catalonia.

The victory against was their fifth consecutive victory in all competitions, a sequence which is swiftly erasing memories of a stumbling start to the season.

The resurgence has coincided with Messi's return from injury yet it was the fluidity and cohesion of the front three, rather than the Argentinian's familiar solo brilliance, that will have been most pleasing for Valverde.

"Great players always understand each other," Valverde said. "With time and matches they will understand each other even more."

Griezmann has four goals since joining Barca from Atletico Madrid last summer but a series of underwhelming showings led to Ousmane Dembele starting against Sevilla before the international break.

There was good news too for Barcelona in defence, where Samuel Umtiti came through 90 minutes in what was his first appearance of the season. Umtiti, who has been out with a foot injury, replaced the banned Gerard Pique.

The only blot on the result was an injury to Sergi Roberto, who hurt his left knee and was replaced at half-time. He will be a doubt for the Champions League game away at Slavia Prague on Wednesday.

Griezmann's finish clipped the inside of the post and found the net after 13 minutes.

Barca made it two just before the hour as Frenkie de Jong's incisive ball was collected by Suarez. As he lost control, Griezmann took over, flicking left to Messi, who made no mistake.

The third involved all three again. Griezmann's superb reverse pass set Messi clear and he generously slipped the ball left for Suarez who was left with an open goal.

Meanwhile, Atletico lost ground as they were undone by a late Dani Parejo free-kick against Valencia at the Wanda Metropolitano, where both sides finished the game with 10 men.

Diego Costa scored a first-half penalty. In a mad final 10 minutes, Joao Felix limped off with all three of his team's substitutes already used, Parejo struck in the 82nd minute and Valencia's Lee Kang-In was sent off in injury-time.

Felix's fitness will be a concern ahead of Atletico's Champions League game at home to Bayer Leverkusen on Tuesday.

Mary not scared to fight Zareen in trials

After Nikhat, Pinki questions rule tweak

IAN S ■ NEW DELHI

Boxer Pinki Jangra has backed Nikhat Zareen's demand for a fair trial for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics and wondered why the Boxing Federation of India (BFI) was tweaking the rules and favouring six-time champion Mary Kom.

Speaking to IANS, Pinki said, "On Thursday, I came to know that Mary Kom would not be competing in the trials and will be directly sent to the qualifiers. This is not right. The same thing happened before the World Championships. We had then also raised our concerns but we were told that rules are different for different tournaments and that trials would be conducted for qualifiers."

"What are we doing here? We have also come into the camp as national

champions. I had defeated Mary Kom in the trials before 2014

Commonwealth Games. Then there's no reason why I cannot defeat her again. I know she is a legend and I have huge respect for her. But if she is a legend, then why is she not competing in trials? We will feel satisfied if she defeats us and goes to the Qualifiers."

"We also have the same goal as qualifying for the Olympics just like Mary Kom. We also want to represent India at the world stage but for that we need an opportunity first," she added. Pinki further said that she has demanded a clarification from her coaches as to why the rules are being changed. "If I don't get a clarification, I will write to the BFI. If by Monday I don't get a response, I will personally go and meet the BFI President."



Talktime

DEEPAK DOBRIYAL

He is known for his roles in films like Omkara and Tanu Weds Manu. He speaks with Musba Hashmi about how he decided to become an actor, his dream role and a change that he would like to see in the industry

‘I don’t want to enter politics’

■ You played Sancho Panza in Laal Kaptaan. Was it hard to get into the shoe of the character?

Not at all. It was interesting to play such a character. I didn't face any challenges. Even my costume was well-designed and my look was perfect. All this helped me a lot to get into the skin of the character.

■ Was acting always on your cards?

I was extremely expressive since childhood. I had the calibre of making people laugh and cry with my actions. After completing my studies, I wasn't sure of which field to opt for. Some of my friends became doctor and some went for journalism so I thought of utilising my best quality and give acting a chance.

■ How supportive were your family in your decision?

My mother was happy. She likes everything that I do. But, my father didn't like it. He always asked me to leave acting and come back. He wanted that I should look for a stable job. My neighbours used to make fun of me. They used to say things like *akela kahan ghumta rehta hai, subah nikalta hai raat ko aata hai* and what has he done to himself. There was no support at all. But as they say after every storm comes clear skies so was the case with me. Once I entered Bollywood, everyone's behaviour towards me changed manifold. Now whenever I visit them, it's like a festival for them. They all have framed my photos and put it on their wall. Also, the rigid mentality of only taking up the conventional career path has changed there. The youngsters from my area are now trying their hands in singing, dancing and other fields and the society is supporting them. They see me as an example. All this makes me feel happy.

■ How did you get on board for Maqbool?

It was a funny incident. One day my roommate told me that there was a casting process going on somewhere and one of my friend Honey was in the cast-

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ing team. So he asked me to speak with Honey and see if there's any role for him. The deal was that the night's dinner was on him. I immediately said yes and we both went to Honey's office. After we reached there, Honey asked for a photo of both of us and went on to show it to Vishalji, a casting director. Vishalji came outside and told me that he was

looking for an actor who could play the role of Irrfan Khan's right hand in the film, but there's no dialogues for the character. He asked me if I could play it and I said yes. That's how I got my first project. After that my friend taunted me a lot and asked me to thank him. (laughs)

■ Are you satisfied with where you are today or is there something you are looking for?

Some people tell me that this is not where I should be, I deserved more and I should have been on a different level. But, I am happy with wherever I am and whatever I have. If I was on a higher level then probably things would have been more complicated. And once you reach a higher stage there's a certain kind of pressure on you.

You may feel that I don't deserve this or I know nothing. So it's better to stay grounded and be satisfied. *Mujhe jitna aata hai uss hisaab sey main ekdum theek hoon jahan bhi hoon*. This way, I am learning every day and I am enjoying it. My priorities have changed now. Earlier, it was to look for good work. Today, I am looking to do different work.

■ Was there a dream role in mind? Not really. In 2007-08, I started say-

ing that I want to do biopics *aur woh sabney kar liya* except me. Since then I decided not to look for anything specific. The industry typecasts you. To avoid this, you have to take the initiative of showing all your shades. Moreover, if you are an outsider, you won't get served everything on a platter. You have to struggle your way.

■ A change that you would like to see in the industry for actors and other working professionals?

There should be a royalty system in the industry. Whenever a film earns profit, a part of it should be given to the cameramans, spot boys, makeup artists and others. Otherwise only the big names will benefit from it. As for us also, we are not at a stable position. We don't have any funds or any extra income. Here the easy way out is to enter politics or start your own business. Once you do this, art becomes secondary for you. Your focus shifts to remain politically correct. I don't want to enter politics. To avoid this, some percentage of the profit should be distributed among the whole team associated with the film. This will encourage them to work with greater enthusiasm and put in more efforts in their work.

Make it special

Diwali is just round the corner. SUNDAY PIONEER suggests ways how to make the festival special and memorable for friends and family

GIFT OF HEALTH



Good health is a treasure. A treasure you cherish and preserve. Presenting an exceptional assortment of fine organic herbal teas. Grown in organic farms with natural nutrients that sustain the environment and biological diversity, the ingredients within have all the therapeutic goodness that goes to create these wonderful elixirs that — Typhoo Treasures — bring. The result is a set of caffeine-free herbal blends with great taste and their own distinct remedial powers. Crafted to rejuvenate, cleanse and revive you and your loved ones any time of the day.

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These fairy lights cloth diapers come with one adjustable waterproof shell with a set of 100 per cent organic cotton soaker sets with a dry feel lining on top. It is an ideal night time diaper which lasts for 10-12 hours at night for most babies brought to you by #SuperbottomsUNO.



COOK UP A STORM



Cranberry Pesto Spaghetti with Basil
Prep time: Approx 20 minutes

Ingredients: ■ 1/3 cup pine nuts

■ 1/4 cup dried cranberries

■ 8 sprigs of basil

■ 1/2 cup grated parmesan

■ 8 tablespoons olive oil

■ Salt, pepper

■ 1 lb spaghetti

Directions:

■ Roast pine nuts in an ungreased pan until they are light brown and remove them from the pan. Coarsely chop the pine nuts and cranberries. Take basil leaves and chop them finely. Mix the pine nuts, cranberries, basil and 2/3 of the parmesan with oil. Season with salt and pepper.

■ Boil the noodles in accordance with the instructions on the packet. Strain the noodles and mix them with the basil cranberry pesto. If required, season them again with salt and pepper. Sprinkle remaining parmesan over the spaghetti and serve.

VIGHNAHARTA FOR YOU

No festival is complete without bringing Ganeshji home. Here are few options

Marble Ganesha with Silver jewels
Price: ₹3,51,000



Ganesha in Rosequartz stone with Silver jewels
Price: ₹3,51,000

Coloured cushion Ganesha with Silver jewels and marble base
Price: ₹35,400



Where: Ravissant 50-51, Commercial Complex, New Friends Colony, New Delhi, 110065

POCKET THEM UP



Pocket squares that seek to epitomise the qualities of a colourful passerine bird. Every piece unfolds the story of style, craftsmanship and history weaved together and presents an essential men's fashion accessory in its most luxurious avatar.

The hand-crafted pieces by Goulian Finch are hand-woven with mulberry silk and 3 gm of gold *zari*, redefining this classic essential of men's wardrobe. The credit for weaving a 16x16 inch piece with small motifs goes to a few weaving families in Benaras, who have resisted the use of power looms.

PRECIOUS AND BEAUTIFUL

The most jovial season is here and colours in attire and decoration add to its glory, so why lag behind in jewellery?

Flaunt the best of fine coloured gemstone jewels, in the most alluring designs and enjoy the celebratory season in its full & true spirit. Kohinoor Jewellers Agra presents Festive Glimmer, a wide range of fine jewellery options beaming with enticing colours in precious and semi-precious coloured gemstones. Curated for the upcoming festive season and countless weddings that follow, the collection offers something unconventional for each occasion. The collection is a perfect amalgamation of lively colours and vigorous cuts to suit the season and creating favourites for the new modern era!



BOX FULL OF GOODIES

Go for these interesting panoply of sweet and savory treats crafted to delight all gourmet lovers. From artisanal homemade *mithai*, rich dry fruit tea cakes to carefully selected confectionaries, delectable savories to handpicked assorted nuts to Kashmiri *kahwa* and a bottle of wine, this hamper by The Westin, Gurugram is sure to add grace to the festivities.



LET'S MAKE-UP

Gift your loved ones this Sicilian Notes Liquid Lip Colour Duo by Kiko Milano so that they can create a perfect pout this festive season. It gives a matte and shiny lip paint. Side 1 provides matte, comfortable and long lasting effect. Side 2 provides super shiny and one stroke. It gives 2 in 1 effect and finish for both day and night look.



Someone has rightly said: 'Home is Swhere our story begins'. One can easily find a house but to make it a home, requires lots of dedication, love and fine pieces of art that define your personality. More so during festivals. The place where we live, directly or indirectly affects our psychology and also give a glimpse of our personality.

Everyone wants to buy the best of the decor for their homes, but to find everything at one place is a task. If you are one of those with deep pockets there are several options that one can choose from that will take care of all your furniture and interior decor woes.

Finely hand crafted pieces of art, from delicate sofa sets to beds to marble tables to crockery to stellar chandeliers that will instantly light up the mood to dining tables, each piece is what one would take away.

Nitin Jain, Founder-MD, INV Home tells you that it is all about finding that one item for your home that fits in well. "Some people think that making their homes chock-a-block with furniture and decor is the thing. But it's a no-no. I would suggest to buy just one thing that will make your

Bring home a dream

MUSBA HASHMI speaks with Founder-MD, INV Home NITIN JAIN who shares tips on how to renovate your home for this festival

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home stand out and will break the cluster. No need to pile up your home with anything and everything," he says. Jain tells you that time has changed and people have realised the



importance of a well-maintained home. "There was a time when people didn't bother much about their home. The only aim was to keep it clean and

breezy. But, now they want to decorate it too. The hesitation of buying expensive stuff has gone away. But, yes if you see the middle-class they are still not so open for expensive home decor," he tells you and adds that the prices of the items are on demand.

If you are one of those who are willing to decorate your home without making it look too heavy, Jain has a few tips to share.

"For those who want a modest, classy look for their homes, they can went on to buy a chandelier for their halls. It will provide a delicate touch with a flair of elegance. If not this, one can also opt for a vase or a corner shelf to give a luxurious touch," he tells you.

However, coming up with a luxury store comes with its share of challenges. "We can't compromise on the quality so we have to keep a strict check on that. Since our collection is handcrafted we have to be more careful with even the slightest details," he tells you.

The studio is created in such a way that it resembles a home with separate rooms for different collections like bed room, living room and others to give you a full feel of a luxurious home and to help you make a wiser choice.

‘I had script but didn’t have cast for Article 15’



Director ANUBHAV SINHA was in the Capital recently. He speaks with SHALINI SAKSENA about how Ayushmann Khurrana came on board for Article 15

■ What inspired you to make a film which prohibits discrimination on grounds of religion, race, caste, sex or place of birth?

I read certain headlines that talked about the discrimination that were disturbing. These events compelled me to talk about it and attract the nation towards these. These headlines find a mention in the film as.

■ Were there any challenges while making this film?

Actually, none. I didn't find any during the making. Possibly the only challenge was when you try to make a movie on real issues, the general perception from the society is that it is not a comeical film. But thankfully, the film did brilliantly at the BO. So even that perction is damaged.

■ How did you zero in on Ayushman Khurrana?

There is an interesting story behind this. I had met him for another film. I ended up telling him about *Article 15* as well. Though I never saw him in this role in my head but he was so interested, so convinced about the project and pursued me and took the part away from me. However, while I had the script I didn't have the cast in place that is why it was just lying around. Therefore, I was working on another project that I met Ayushman for.

■ You have directed romantic films and serious one's as well. How does this switch work?

Technically speaking there is a switch. But it didn't happen like a switch for me. I have always made films that have attracted me at that point in my life. These stories happened at a certain stage, career and what was taking place in the world. There was no design behind doing these movies.

■ Is it becoming tough to make meaningful cinema?

No, on the contrary it has become easier. When a film like *Article 15* makes ₹70 crore at the BO, it is a heartening find. The economics of films like these is very different. There might be films that make ₹70 crore but made on a budget of ₹55 crore. But *Article 15* is made ₹15 crore, these are better business ideas. Even the people have a wider palate. They are interested in knowing more about their country. They are more receptive about such movies.

■ You recently wrapped up shooting for Thappad. Can you tell us about it?

The film is dedicated to the women on this country and hence it also releases on the eve of Women's Day — March 6, 2020. It deals with gender bias and inequality.

■ You were at Shiv Nadar School. What message do you have for the youth?

It is them who are going to change and improve the society. I try and make sure that my films engage with them. What they think is normal, is actually not. As long as they can process this information — this normal is incorret — they will bring about a change.

■ What next?

Until last week I was busy with *Thappad*. But I have a few scripts that I am working on. I know which one to take up and move on to that sooner than later.



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A photographic record of William Dalrymple's travels across the country over the last two years

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Watch your thought pattern

Our perception has a role to play in how intelligently, or otherwise, we deal with contrarian forces

My life is good because I am not passive about it. I invest in what is real. Like real people, to do real things, for the real me
— Gwyneth Paltrow



Rich in fibre, protein, B vitamins and other nutrients, Millets are making a big comeback in urban diets as an extremely versatile and sustainable food choice, writes KAVITA DEVGAN, as she makes a case for these forgotten superfoods

MIGHTY MILLETS

What's old is new again. And this is great news. Suddenly, whole grains with ancient pedigrees are being embraced by home cooks and restaurants and are widely available in the supermarkets. And, leading the pack are millets.

As a nutritionist, I have always believed that millets duly deserve space on your plates. Rich in fibre, protein, B vitamins and other nutrients, these ancient grains are extremely versatile and can be swapped for pasta or rice in dishes, added to salads and power bowls, and cooked like oatmeal for a warm breakfast bowl topped with fruit and nuts. Plus, for the environmentally conscious people, the feel good factor is that millets require little water, grow well in arid and semi-arid regions of the world and thus, consuming them amounts to you leaving a lower carbon print in the world. This could be your contribution to ensuring that we leave behind some food for the future generations as well.

THE HEALTH BONUS

For the starters, the dense, earthy flavour takes some getting used to, especially since our palate is more used to the bland softness of wheat and white rice. But, there's a lot going for them. Millets are gluten-free grains and that makes them a boon for those who are gluten resistant and even for those who wish to reduce the gluten load in their diet. Additionally, it is now a well-proven fact that consuming millets on a regular basis can help you lose weight, owing to the rich content of fibre and bioactive compounds in them.

MY TOP FIVE PICKS

Sorghum (*jowar*)

Our grandmothers preferred *jowar rotis* over regular wheat *rotis*. There was a reason for that. While the calcium content found in *jowar* is very close to the content in wheat and rice, it packs in a neat punch of iron, protein, and fiber. *Jowar* is also rich in policosanols, which help in reducing bad cholesterol in the body.

Pearl millet (*bajra*)

There's lots going for this millet. *Bajra* is an excellent detoxing agent and contains catechins like quercetin that help the kidney and liver function properly by excreting the toxins from the body.

It's particularly great for monsoon season when digestion gets a little sluggish. It's high fibre, gluten free properties help kick the digestive process into action. In fact, this millet is particularly loaded with insoluble fibre that provides bulk to the stool and keeps constipation, a common problem during this season, at bay.

It is also a friend of the heart. *Bajra* works on three fronts: It is rich in magnesium (that helps keep the heart healthy); has lots of potassium (which makes it a good vasodilator and helps reduce the overall blood pressure); and fibre rich (helps reduce the LDL or bad cholesterol). Magnesium present in *bajra* also helps

control the glucose receptors in the body and keeps diabetes away.

Finger millet (*Ragi*)

This underrated gluten-free grain has a lot going for it. It is a rich source of calcium and iron and its main protein fraction eleusine, has a high biological value, meaning it is easily absorbed and used in the body.

It helps the digestion immensely and is packed with cellulose, a type of dietary fibre that helps keep our digestion humming along, constipation away and cholesterol levels in check.

Plus, like barley, *ragi* is an ideal food for diabetics, and overweight people as its digestion is slow and glucose is released from the intestines very slowly into the blood.

Foxtail millet (*kangini* or *thinnai*)

It is loaded with smart carbohydrates, the kind which don't increase the blood sugar levels immediately, but slowly release glucose into the bloodstream. Additionally, it is rich in dietary fibre, and minerals like iron and copper. These help reduce the levels of bad cholesterol and keep the immune system strong as well

Barnyard millets (*jiangora*)

It tastes similar to broken rice when cooked and is called *samak ke chawal*. This nutrient dense millet has high fibre content, which can effectively help in losing weight.

It is a rich source of calcium and phosphorous, which helps in bone building, and has more fibre than most other grains and delivers both soluble and insoluble fibre that helps in preventing constipation, excess gas, bloating and cramping. It also has the highest amount of iron compared to other grains.

BOOST THEIR SUPERPOWER: SPROUT THEM

To make the most of the millet goodness, sprout them and consume. Sprouts have been the buzzword for healthy eating for a long time now. But somehow sprouting is limited to lentils — *moong dal*, *chana*, *lobia*... And even though other grain sprouts have been around for a while, they really have not become mainstream yet. It's now time to change that.

Sprouting increases the nutritional value by leaps and bounds as the process boosts vitamins, minerals and antioxidants of the food. There is an increase the concentration of a key nutrients like B vitamins, vitamin C, and folate. Plus, these nutrients become more bio-accessible (more easily assimilated and absorbed by the body) too. This is extremely helpful in the case of iron in particular, a mineral that is difficult to absorb from vegetarian sources.

A study conducted at the Central Food Technological Research Institute in Mysore, India, measured the changes caused by sprouting finger millet (*ragi*), wheat and barley. They found that sprouting millets increased the bioaccessibility of iron (> 300%) and manganese (17%), and calcium ("marginally"). The food also becomes of lower GI



BE CAREFUL THOUGH

There is no doubt about millets are one of the superfoods in our diet and nutrition chain but those who are suffering from thyroid need to go easy on them. "While millet is gluten free, it contains goitrogens, compounds in the food that suppress or reduce the thyroid activity. Goitrogens are usually reduced by the cooking process. Whereas, in millets, the cooking actually increases the goitrogenic effect. Thus, if one switched over completely to millets, the thyroid suppressing effects can be profound. If gluten is an issue then it is recommended, one shifts to another grain that is free of gluten and is non goitrogenic such as amaranth, buckwheat or cassava," points out Noida based nutritionist Himanshu Kapoor, founder of C.Green Organic Future Foods.

Plus, millets also contain certain enzyme inhibitors and phytic acid, which binds important minerals, not allowing the body to absorb the nutrients and minerals. So the rule to follow is to make them a part of your diet, but no to over do them.

RECIPES

● Ragi Kuzhu (Porridge)

Boil water. Slowly add 30 gm *ragi* powder to the boiling water and stir constantly to avoid forming lumps. Keep it boiling until it forms a medium thick fluid. Add salt (to taste), stir and put off the flame. Add lemon juice (1 lemon) and salt to 250 ml butter milk. Add butter milk to the thick *ragi* fluid and have it with lime pickle. You can even cook *ragi* at night and leave overnight in the fridge; in the morning add buttermilk to it and have.

● Bajra Pongal

Slightly dry roast the broken *bajra* till a bit hot. Pressure cook the green gram dal, roasted broken *bajra* (*bajra:dal* should be 70:30 ratio), and salt with 3 cups of water till soft. Heat some *ghee* and add cashews. When slightly golden brown, add cumin seeds, pepper, curry leaves and ginger paste and add it to the *pongali*. Have with *Chach* (buttermilk).

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(Glycemic Index) and is better digestible due to the enzyme activity that peaks during sprouting, and the starchy carbs in the seed on sprouting get converted into energy. So the resulting sprouted food has a higher ratio of protein and fibre to carbs. Proteins also become more digestible when the food is sprouted. And the biggest benefits is that sprouting helps decrease the presence of anti-nutrients (like physics acid, enzyme inhibitors, lectins, saponins etc), the naturally occurring compounds that are found in plant seeds that interfere with our ability to digest vitamins and minerals within the plants.

In fact, one big benefit of sprouting grains is that studies have found that there are widespread changes in gluten concentrations of the grains when they are sprouted. Looking at how much grains we consume today (a big chunk of our diet is made of these), it is a good idea to naturally reduce gluten consumption this way. So which grains can be sprouted?

You can sprout any kind of whole grains — the important thing is that the grain should be a whole grain, with the germ and bran intact. Refined grain cannot be sprouted.

Sprouted grains can be eaten raw, lightly cooked, ground into flour or made into a bread. So throw in a handful of sprouted grains like sprouted quinoa in your salad, add some sprouted rice to your stir fry or soup, or simmer sprouted buckwheat, quinoa, or millet in your milk to make a porridge, they hold a lot of good for your system.

CHEFS' FAVOURITE

Chef Anahita N. Dhondy, Chef Partner, SodaBottleOpenerwala CyberHub says she loves using millets in her recipes because she finds them versatile, easy to cook and add value to all dishes. "They are yummy as a salad where you can add crunch. In a soup, or even make a main course," she says. In the restaurant, she serves okra millet salad, millet soup, *ragi* bread and at home she keeps boiled millets (particularly *ragi* (finger millet) and barnyard millet (*samak ke chawal*)) in her fridge. Easy to toss and use. According to her they might be becoming popular as a culinary trend in restaurants today all over again, but they've been cooked in Indian homes forever. She herself discovered them at her grandmom's home ages ago.

THE MARKET FORCES

Millets in India have always enjoyed prime importance, as we are one of their largest producers in the world, but somehow the market forces recognised its potential only recently. Over the last few years, new age entrepreneurs decided to revive the culture, and are getting a good response too from the consumers. When

Delhi based Meghana Narayan and Shauravi Malik decided to become entrepreneurs, they conducted extensive market research, product research and development, put in a lot of thinking and then decided to follow their heart and focus on millets. This is how they launched Slurrp Farms in 2015. Realising that the answers to healthy cooking lay in our own grandmother's kitchens, they dug out old recipes to make their brand cookies using millets. Today, besides cookies, they offer cereals (for toddlers), dosa and pancake mixes, and munch — all made from millets.

Bengaluru based snacks brand Soulfull is another success story. Inspired by the the rising popularity of quinoa, during his stay in the US, Prashant Parameswaran, CEO and MD of the brand, struck upon the idea to come back to India and promote the humble Indian grains — Millets. He decided to make this enriching and nutritious lineage palatable for the daily consumption needs of the modern consumer. Today the band offers multiple millet-based options like millet Muesli and Smoothix including *ragi*, *jowar*, foxtail millet and *bajra*. They also combine the power of millets with a healthy mix of various grains, such as *ragi* with Bengal gram.

Definitely, there is an increased awareness of the importance of millets for our well-being. A lot of nutrition experts are talking about them. There is an increased impetus by the government too to educate people on how millets are not only nutritious but how they help the environment and farmers, thereby creating a sustainable ecosystem.

According to Parameswaran the biggest marketing challenge in making millets 'hot' with the millennials is to position millets right to meet their lifestyle needs. That is a tall order, but entirely doable as these brands are proving.

The need of the hour is to use unorthodox, creative measures to boost the popularity of millets via education, and by making them an appealing proposition for people (and the planet). This can be done by making fun foods with millets that appeal to today's generation. Millet noodles anyone? Minus the preservatives, of course!

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The swing, Mehrauli Archaeological Park, Delhi; Archival Pigment Print

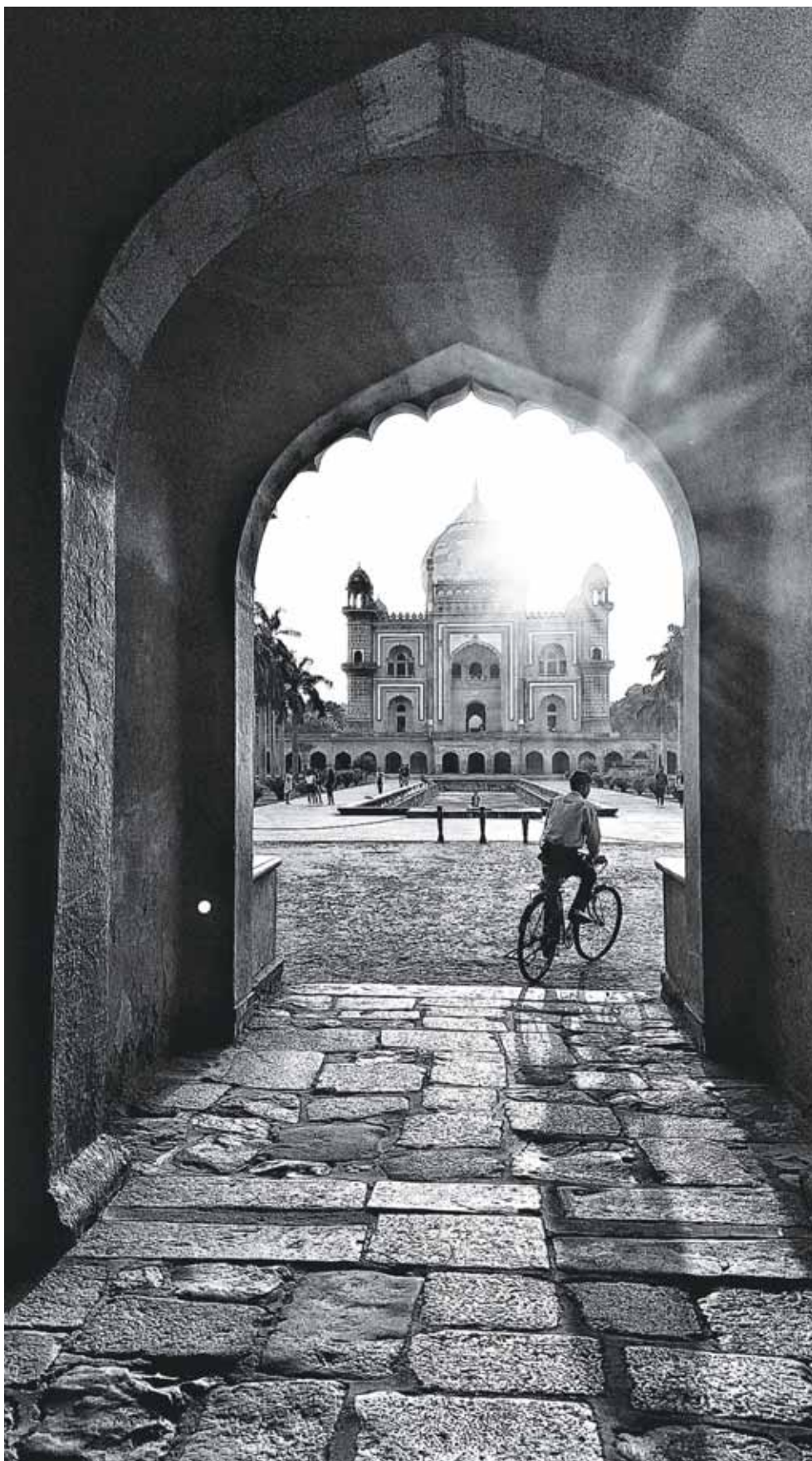
THE HISTORIAN'S EYE

WILLIAM DALRYMPLE is well-known and recognised for his writing, but photography, he claims, is his first love. An exhibition at Vadehra Art Gallery, New Delhi presents a photographic record of Dalrymple's travels across the country over the last two years while researching his latest book titled, *The Anarchy* (published by Bloomsbury in September 2019). This exhibition of black-and-white photographs, chronicles people and places, and the inter-relationships among them.

"I've been visiting all the places where this history took place — the battlefields and ruins, the mosques, sufi shrines and temples, the paradise gardens and pleasure grounds, the barrack blocks and townhouses, the crumbling Mughal *havelis*, the palaces and forts," he says. For sure, each photograph captured by Dalrymple reveals a narrative tension within itself, between stillness and movement, history and reality, creating a wrinkle in time that highlights an intermingling of the monumental past and fleeting present. A Photofeature.



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Monsoon afternoon, Safdar Jung's Tomb, Delhi; Archival Pigment Print



Early morning, Mehrangarh Fort, Jodhpur I; Archival Pigment Print



Jantar Mantar, Delhi; Archival Pigment Print



Jantar Mantar, Jaipur; Archival Pigment Print

Killing off Kurds to resurrect ISIS?



In this October 17, 2019 file photo, Syrians who were displaced by the Turkish military operation in northeastern Syria, carry their belongings as they walk to receive a tent at the Bardarash refugee camp, north of Mosul, Iraq.

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The recent happenings in Iraq and Syria have given the ISIS a new lease of life. The US pullback, leaving Kurds fighters — thousands of whom laid their lives to crush the Islamic terrorists — in the lurch and thus paving the way for Turkey's long-wished assault on Kurds, is set to turn the safest part of Syria into a war zone



SWARN KUMAR ANAND

Ten days after launching a long-anticipated military assault on the Kurdish People's Protection Units (YPG) militia in northeastern Syria, Turkey on October 18 agreed to the US-brokered five-day ceasefire on the condition that the Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) would withdraw from the proposed "safe zone" within the stipulated period. However, the terms and conditions, set by Turkey, hint at an ominous future for the region. Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has threatened to escalate Operation Peace Spring if the SDF fails to leave the safe zone buffer along the Turkish border. "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," he said. However, claims and counterclaims about the ceasefire conditions have already doomed the agreement. Soon after the truce declaration, the SDF claimed the deal covers only a 12-km stretch, disputing Erdogan's announcement that the "safe zone" would spread 30 km deep inside Syria and 440 km along the border with Turkey. Moreover, the sanctity of the agreement has been disrespected with both the sides accusing each other of violating the ceasefire agreement. European countries, particularly France, which condemned Turkey's invasion, are sceptical of the intention of the Erdogan Government. According to European Council President Donald Tusk, the ceasefire "is a demand (for the) capitulation of the Kurds", and the world community must not abandon the Kurdish partners. In fact, Turkey-Kurds conflict has a long history and the

root of the present crisis lies in the regional power dynamics in Turkey. Though the immediate trigger for the Turkish invasion of northeastern Syria was Erdogan's long-cherished desire to fill the vacuum created by the US pullback from Syria, Ankara admitted that its goal was "to destroy the terror (YPG) corridor" being established by Kurdish forces in Syria along Turkey's southern border. However, the real aim of Turkey's involvement in Syria is to "crush the heads" of the Kurdish fighters who aspire to form an autonomous state for the Kurds in south-eastern part of Turkey. Kurds — the biggest stateless nation primarily spread across Iraq, Turkey, Syria and Iran, and the fourth-largest ethnic group in the West Asia & North African (WANA) region — have been given false promises by vested interests at various treaties for over a century for the creation of a Kurdistan. In the recent years, Kurds' successful military campaigns against Islamic terrorists and enemies of the US paid dividends and raised its stature as a trusted partner in the fight against terror. However, the rise of the might of the Kurds has threatened the Turkey Government which fears it might be forced to meet the demand for a Kurdish autonomous State. This is why Ankara had opposed Kurdish independence in Iraq in anticipation that their success in northern Iraq would encourage the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) — which has strong ties with the Kurdish People's Protection Units (YPG) that was internationally acclaimed for being instrumental in wresting large stretches from the ISIS in Syria and Iraq — to strive for independence in the

neighbouring Turkey. However, the present crisis in Syria is caused by Trump's hasty decision to withdraw military from Syria, thus triggering the Turkish assault on America's Kurdish partners in Syria and jeopardising the efforts to contain the ISIS. In fact, Kurds have almost always failed to read the intentions of America that has been espousing contradictory goals in the WANA region. While the successive US administrations have maintained that the States' boundaries in the WANA region must not be changed, they have sought support of the Kurds in fight against the erstwhile USSR, Saddam Hussein in Iraq, and currently the ISIS in Iraq and Syria. But, when the Kurds were pinning their hopes on the Donald Trump administration to help them keep the part of Syria in their safe hands, they have been left in the lurch. It has also caused the Trump administration loss of credibility as a reliable partner in fight against terror. Reports have come that Israel is apprehensive and keeping tabs on the situation. No matter how much Trump defends his decision on Syria, he is being criticised by Americans and others for abandoning their Kurdish allies in fight against the ISIS. Slamming the US administration, French President Emmanuel Macron said the US decision to withdraw and abandon the Kurdish forces "weakens our credibility to find partners in the field who will fight with us, thinking that they are protected". Now the moot question is whether the ceasefire will sustain. The northeastern region of Syria was considered by the locals the safest place to live in the country till the Turkey

invasion turned it into a full war zone, forcing mass exodus in Iraq. Despite agreement to pause fighting, it is doubtful that Turkey will leave the region any soon. As per the plan, once the safe zone buffer is established, Turkey's military will set up 12 observations posts to ensure that Kurdish forces don't make a comeback. In this situation, the expectation from the stateless Kurds to bear Turkish highhandedness for long is unrealistic. Therefore, the edgy calm in the northeastern Syria is replete with severe repercussions. First, there is no plan to handle the ISIS prisoners who were under control of the Kurdish forces till the Turkish invasion. It has been reported that several of them have already fled the makeshift jails in prisonbreaks. There is no agreement on the transfer of the custody of the terrorists from the SDF to the Turkish forces. Moreover, ironically the US President seems least concerned about the ISIS prisoners' custody and many a time he called fugitive prisoners "least dangerous". The Syrian territory, now in Turkish control, may fall into the hands of the ISIS which has been emboldened by the US withdrawal and SDF's scheduled departure. Moreover, if Turkey leaves northeastern Syria without giving control to an able force, it can only lead to further destabilisation in the region. While, the military pullout is Trump's gift to the ISIS, the Turkish invasion, and the so-called five-day ceasefire are a win-win situation for Ankara and the terrorist force. Erdogan's sole focus is to "crush the heads" of the Kurdish fighters.

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Syria pullback strategic nightmare, says US Senate majority leader

US Senate majority leader Mitch McConnell on Friday attacked President Donald Trump's decision to pull troops from Syria as "a strategic nightmare" that will help Washington's foes and hurt its allies. "Withdrawing US forces from Syria is a grave strategic mistake," McConnell, the top Republican in Congress, wrote in an op-ed published in *The Washington Post*. "It will leave the American people and homeland less safe, embolden our enemies, and weaken important alliances." His comments come after Trump on Wednesday defended his decision to pull US troops out of Syria as "strategically brilliant." McConnell, usually a staunch supporter of the President, had earlier in the month condemned Trump's withdrawal of troops from northeast Syria, which sparked a week-long Turkish offensive against the Kurds who were allied with the US in the fight against Islamic State. Fighting has continued despite a temporary ceasefire Vice President Mike Pence bro-

kered with Ankara. "The combination of a US pullback and the escalating Turkish-Kurdish hostilities is creating a strategic nightmare for our country," McConnell wrote in his opinion piece. "Even if the five-day ceasefire announced on Thursday holds, events of the past week have set back the US' campaign against the Islamic State and other terrorists," he said. McConnell did not mention Trump by name, though he did liken the Syria withdrawal to the foreign policy of Trump's Democratic predecessor Barack Obama. "We saw the Islamic State flourish in Iraq after President Barack Obama's retreat. We will see these things anew in Syria and Afghanistan if we abandon our partners and retreat from these conflicts before they are won," McConnell wrote. "America's wars will be 'endless' only if America refuses to win them," he added in an apparent jab at Trump's insistence that the withdrawal was necessary "to get out of these ridiculous Endless Wars." AFP



In this image provided by Turkish Red Crescent, a woman carries aid being distributed by Turkish Red Crescent in Ras Al-Ayn, Syria on October 19, 2019

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