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## Arrest PC if needed: Court to ED

### Judge allows agency to quiz Chidambaram in Tihar jail today

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The trial court on Tuesday permitted the Enforcement Directorate (ED) to interrogate and arrest, if necessary, former Finance Minister Chidambaram in the INX Media bribery case. Armed with the order, the ED is expected to take Chidambaram in its custody on Wednesday.

After this development, even if Chidambaram's bail petition in the Supreme Court in the CBI case is favourably disposed, he might end up spending Diwali behind bars.

Trial court judge Ajay Kumar Kuhar on Tuesday evening passed the order allowing the ED to interrogate Chidambaram in Tihar jail on Wednesday and arrest him if necessary. The court said three ED officials can interrogate Chidambaram on Wednesday after 8.30 am and asked the jail superintendent to make arrangements in this regard.

The former Finance Minister's judicial custody in the INX Media corruption case, which was filed by the CBI, ends on October 17. Since his arrest on August 21, he has till Tuesday spent 54 days in custody — both of the CBI as well as judicial — in nine spells.

After the court passed the order, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta and Special Public Prosecutor Amit Mahajan, appearing for the ED, sought permission to question



Senior Congress leader and former Finance Minister P Chidambaram after being produced in the Rouse Avenue Court in connection with the INX Media corruption case in New Delhi on Tuesday

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Chidambaram in some space available on Rouse Avenue court premises. The court, however, said, "It's not in the dignity of this person that you interrogate and arrest him here in public view." The court also rejected Chidambaram's petition against the production warrant.

Chidambaram on Tuesday sought bail from the Supreme Court in the INX Media corruption case saying the CBI wants to keep him in custody to humiliate him. The court

will hear on Wednesday the arguments of Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, representing the CBI. Citing his attempts to meet to two crucial witnesses, the agency reiterated that Chidambaram should not be given bail. Justice R Banumathi headed Bench will resume hearing on this petition on Wednesday morning and the ED is expected to make arrest early in the morning.

After the trial court's permission to the ED, Chidambaram's bail petition in

the apex court has literally become useless. The ED will get maximum 15 days custody of Chidambaram following which he may be remanded in judicial custody till he gets bail in the ED's case.

Senior advocates Kapil Sibal and Abhishek Manu Singhvi, appearing for Chidambaram, told a 3-judge Bench headed by Justice R Banumathi that there were no allegations against their party colleague or his family members of having ever tried to

approach or influence any witness in the case.

Sibal told the Bench, also comprising justices AS Bopanna and Hrishikesh Roy, that Chidambaram is in custody for last 55 days and the Delhi High Court had rejected his bail plea in a "strange way".

Chidambaram, 74, was arrested by the CBI on August 21 and is lodged in Tihar jail under judicial custody in the corruption case.

The CBI had registered an FIR on May 15, 2017 alleging irregularities in a Foreign Investment Promotion Board (FIPB) clearance granted to the INX Media group for receiving overseas funds of ₹305 crore in 2007 during Chidambaram's tenure as the Finance Minister.

Thereafter, the ED lodged a money-laundering case in this regard in 2017.

Chidambaram moved the top court challenging the Delhi High Court's September 30 verdict denying him bail in the INX Media case lodged by the CBI.

Sibal told the Bench on Tuesday that earlier the ED had argued before the apex court that they want custodial interrogation of Chidambaram, but later they opposed his application filed in the trial court to surrender in the money laundering case.

"Bail should be granted to him (Chidambaram). They (CBI) want to keep me in jail to humiliate him," Sibal argued before the apex court.

## Praful summoned over deal with Mirchi's wife

**ED to question NCP leader on Oct 18; Patel claims case 'unsubstantiated'**

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

Another senior Minister from the earlier UPA Government landed in trouble on Tuesday as the Enforcement Directorate (ED) summoned Praful Patel for questioning on October 18 in connection with an alleged property deal between him and Hajra Iqbal, the wife of late Iqbal Mirchi, an erstwhile close aide of Karachi-based underworld don Dawood Ibrahim.

As it readied itself to arrest former Union Minister P Chidambaram on Wednesday for custodial interrogation in the INX Media case, the ED prepared the ground for the questioning of former Civil Aviation Minister Praful Patel on allegations of quid pro quo in a property deal with late Iqbal Mirchi's wife Hajra.

Official sources said that at its office in Mumbai on October 18, the ED would record Patel's statement under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) in connection with a deal between a real estate company promoted by him, his wife and late Mirchi's wife.

The ED documents have revealed that Millennium



Developers Pvt Limited, a company promoted by Patel and his wife, constructed Ceejay House and transferred its third and fourth floors to Mirchi's wife Hajra Iqbal in 2007 "towards beneficial interest of Mirchi in the land on which the structure is built". Patel and his wife own a significant number of shares in Millennium Developers Private Limited.

However, Patel dismissed the case, saying, "It is an old case and since I am on election tour, I am not privy to the documents. But I can tell you that the allegations against me are false and unsubstantiated."

Talking to mediapersons here, he said, "Documents may have been leaked to media. Obviously, you are in possession of some papers which may have never been brought to my attention."

The ED is investigating several property deals, including Ceejay House at Worli in south-central Mumbai, which

was reportedly owned by Mirchi's first wife Hajra Memon. Ceejay House is constructed on a plot allegedly owned by Iqbal Mirchi. The ED's contention is that Patel redeveloped Ceejay House in 2005. The ED considers the property as "proceeds of crime".

The ED's move to question to Patel comes in the wake of the grilling of Mukhtar Memon, an alleged key person who handles various properties of Mirchi in Mumbai. Memon is the brother-in-law of Mirchi.

In his interaction with the media, Patel said that the matter was under investigation and the issue is if the "person at Ceejay House is linked with me". The building, according to Patel, was there in 1970. "After my father's death, there was dispute in the family among 21 co-owners. The Mumbai High Court was asked in 1978 to take charge and look after the property," Patel said.

According to the list of Mirchi's properties located in India and the UK, Ceejay House was constructed in 2006-07 as a joint venture (JV) between Mirchi and Millennium Developers Pvt Ltd.

The ED probe has revealed Mirchi had bought/developed several properties in India and abroad from the proceeds of crime generated through various illegal offences.

The NCP is seeing the action against its leader as "political vendetta" in the run up to the Maharashtra Assembly polls.

## CAPSULE

### MODI ACCUSES CONG OF BAD-MOUTHING INDIA

**Thanesar/Charkhi Dadri:** Slamming the Congress over its stand on Article 370 and the Rafale deal, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday accused its leaders of bad-mouthing India and showing negativity on matters that bring joy to the people of the country.

### INDIA RETAINS FASTEST GROWING TAG: IMF

**New York:** In the gloomy global economic picture painted by the International Monetary Fund, India retains its rank as the world's fastest-growing major economy, tying with China, with a projected growth rate of 6.1 per cent for the current fiscal year, despite an almost one per cent cut in the forecast.

### WILL WIN WAR WITH DESI ARMS, SAYS ARMY CHIEF

**New Delhi:** Army Chief General Bipin Rawat on Tuesday pitched for greater inclusion of indigenous technology in the armed forces and asserted that India will fight and win the next war with home-grown solutions.

### UZBEK NATIONAL HELD WITH DOZEN PARROTS

**New Delhi:** An Uzbek national was apprehended by CISF personnel at the Delhi airport on Tuesday for allegedly trying to smuggle out a dozen parrots.

## Odd-even fine doubled, no curbs on 2-wheelers

**Scheme violators to cough up ₹4K**

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

After women commuters, A two-wheelers have been exempted from the odd-even scheme which will be rolled out from November 4 to 15, Transport Department officials said on Tuesday, adding that the penalty for the scheme violation has been hiked from ₹2,000 to ₹4,000.

Unlike last year, the private CNG vehicles will not be exempted from the car rationing scheme this year.

"The Delhi Government will engage 2,000 private buses during the odd-even period to bear the additional load at ₹50 per kilometre. We have also met with Uber and are going to meet other cab operators and strictly warned them for not indulging in indiscriminate surge pricing. Uber has committed to us that they will not permit more than 1.5 times the regular fare during the period," Transport Minister Gahlot said.



Besides, the Government will deploy civil defense employees to make commuters aware about the scheme.

According to the scheme, vehicles will play on the road on alternate days as per the last digit of their number plates. Vehicles with number plate ending with even numbers: 2, 4, 6, 8 and 0 will play on "even" dates, while vehicles with odd numbers 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 will play on "odd" dates.

Earlier, on Saturday, the AAP Government had exempted women from the odd-even scheme.

"Keeping the security of women in mind, we have decided to exempt women from odd-even scheme. All women driving cars or and those with women drivers carrying children below the age of 12 will be exempted," Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal had said earlier.

## Bharat Ratna for Savarkar in Maha BJP manifesto

### Sankalp Patra wants highest national award for Phule also, promises 1 crore jobs

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

The bestowal of "Bharat Ratna" upon social reformers Jyotiba Phule, Savitribai Phule, and freedom fighter Veer Savarkar, creation of one crore jobs in five years, making Maharashtra "drought-free" in five years and ₹5 lakh crore investment in infrastructure sector are among the promises made by the ruling BJP in its manifesto for the State Assembly polls.

In its manifesto "Sankalp Patra" released three days after its ally Shiv Sena released its manifesto "Vachan Patra", the BJP has also promised houses to all the homeless in the State by 2022, pure drinking water to each household, to set up a grid for Marathwada to solve water problem in the region and to provide job opportunities to one crore women by bringing them under "Mahila Bachat Ghatak" scheme.

Releasing "Sankalp Patra" along with the party's working president JP Nadda, Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis said, "On our return to power in the State, we will recommend to the Centre a proposal to bestow 'Bharat Ratna' upon social reformers Jyotiba



Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis, BJP working president JP Nadda, State BJP president Chandrakant Patil and other leaders release BJP's manifesto ahead of Maharashtra Assembly elections in Mumbai on Tuesday

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Phule, Savitribai Phule, and freedom fighter Veer Savarkar. These three great leaders deserved to be honoured with Bharat Ratna as they spent their whole lives for social activities. The Shiv Sena has also for some time been demanding bestowal of Bharat Ratna upon Veer Savarkar."

The promise to bestow Bharat Ratna upon the Phule couple and Veer Savarkar is being seen as a move to attract Dalit and Hindu votes.

"The focus of our manifesto is three-fold — to address drought, increase availability of water and employment," the

CM said. The project to link various rivers, uninterrupted power supply, education, economic development, health, agriculture, social welfare, air transport, port development, water supply for irrigation and rural development are the BJP's other focus areas.

In its "Sankalp Patra", the BJP also promised to seek financial assistance from the Centre to invest to the tune of ₹1 lakh crore on infrastructural facilities, to generate solar energy in next five years that is enough to supply electricity to farmers for 12 hours in a day

and to set up a solar power grid.

In a first of its kind initiative, the BJP has promised to set up an independent authority to repair all kinds of roads. The ruling party said it would connect the entire Maharashtra by internet through Bharat Net and Maha Net.

"We will register all kinds of labourers at one place and bring them under the ambit of the social security... We will undertake a special rehabilitation programme for the retired soldiers, families of martyred soldiers and officials who died during the call of duty," the BJP manifesto said.

## RBI stopped printing 2K notes since Apr 1 to prevent hoarding

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Reserve Bank of India has not printed a single ₹2,000 note from April 1 onward this year. The move is seen an attempt to curb stockpiling of black money.

The RBI confirmed this in response to an RTI reply in which it said that soon after the demonitisation, the Central bank printed 3,542.991 million ₹2,000 notes to match with the demand after the existing ₹1,000 and ₹500 notes were cancelled in October 2016.

As per the RTI reply, the volume of printing of ₹2,000 notes came down drastically in the following year as the bank



went in fast gear to print currency notes of other denominations. In 2017-18, only 111.507 million notes were produced, which was further reduced to 46.690 million notes 2018-19, said the RBI.

Earlier, the RBI had refuted the reports of withdrawal of ₹2,000 notes but many experts feel that the stopping production in the financial year will lead to withdrawal of the high value note in near future.

## Farooq's sister, daughter detained for protest sans order

**SMS services in Valley withdrawn after terrorists kill truck driver**

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

The police on Tuesday detained a small group of women led by daughter and sister of National Conference president and sitting Member Parliament Farooq Abdullah in Srinagar when they tried to stage an "unauthorised" sit-in protest against the abrogation of Article 370 and bifurcation of State into two Union Territories.

Farooq Abdullah's sister Suraiya Mattoo, his daughter Safiya Khan, former J&K High Court chief justice Bashir Ahmad Khan's wife Professor



A paramilitary woman detains a Kashmiri woman who was among the protesters in Srinagar on Tuesday

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Hawa Khan and others were detained by the police from Pratap Park area.

The women arrived at the busy Lal Chowk area on Tuesday morning wearing

black arm badges and holding several placards. Safiya Khan was seen car-

rying a banner reading "Kashmiri brides not for sale", apparently implying to the statement made by some BJP leaders of Haryana and UP after the abrogation of Article 370. Other protesters were seen holding placards which demanded the release of detainees and restoration of civil liberties.

As they started assembling inside the Pratap Park, women cops, along with paramilitary forces, prevented them from staging sit-in dharna. The cops also demanded them to produce permission letter, if any, issued by the office of District Magistrate.

When these women refused to call off the dharna, women cops pushed them inside the police vans before escorting them to the nearest police station.

In a written statement, these women said, "We the

women of Kashmir disapprove the unilateral decision taken by the Government of India to revoke Article 370 and 35A and downgrade and split the State of Jammu & Kashmir. We feel betrayed, humiliated and violated as people."

"We demand immediate release of detainees. We express our outrage against the national media for their false and misleading coverage of ground realities in Kashmir," reads the statement.

Meanwhile SMS services were withdrawn by the State administration barely hours after the postpaid mobile phone services were restored across the Valley on Monday. The decision was taken after review of the prevailing security situation arising after the killing of a truck driver hailing from Rajasthan by a group of terrorists in Shopian late on Monday evening.



# PARLIAMENT RENOVATION LS Secretariat seeks MPs' suggestions

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Lok Sabha Secretariat has sought suggestions from MPs on changes needed in the present structure of the Parliament and the scale of renovation required in the new scheme of things where Government is set to remodel and develop the whole area in and around it, to be completed by 2022.

The suggestions were sought in a letter sent to the Lok Sabha members on October 11. According to the plan, the Government would also redevelop the 3 km-stretch of the Central Vista spanning from Rashtrapati Bhavan to India Gate.

The letter said, "... There is active consideration regarding either renovation of the existing Parliament building or construction of altogether a new Parliament building within the given premises."

It sought suggestions from the members to "rectify the drawbacks or faulty features" causing inconvenience in their day-to-day functioning in the existing building.

They have also been asked to suggest features or facilities which should be provided in the new building to make it "foolproof".



The Lok Sabha MPs have to email their suggestions within a week. They have also been advised against sending in hard copies of their responses.

The idea to either construct a new Parliament building or to renovate the present structure, which is over 90 years old, has been floating since UPA 1. The idea was given a fresh push under the present Government.

It is also said that the present dispensation would seek to add new structures to the existing Parliament building, round in shape, to make it 'Vastu friendly'.

According to sources in the Union Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry, five Indian architectural firms have submitted bids for the project to be executed by the Central Public

Works Department.

Describing the whole exercise as a "dream project" of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Housing and Urban Affairs Minister, Hardeep Singh Puri has maintained that not a single tree will be cut while the redevelopment takes place until 2022.

A committee of experts will now evaluate the technical proposals submitted by the firms. Financial proposals of only those bidders whose technical proposals qualify will be opened. As of now there is no estimate as to how much would it cost to undertake the entire project in the area which is the nerve-centre of the power structure that controls the country.

## CR Patil directs to cut facilities in illegal abode of MPs

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Putting further pressure on VIP squatters, the Lok Sabha Housing Committee chairman CR Patil on Tuesday issued directions to cut electricity, water and gas supply in the accommodation illegally occupied by MPs. The committee, chaired by BJP MP CR Patil, decided to approach Delhi Police to ensure that the ex-MPs vacate the accommodation allotted to them in Lutyens Delhi.

According to the rules, former MPs have to vacate their bungalows within one month of dissolution of the previous Lok Sabha. As many as over three dozen former MPs are overstaying in their bungalows and flats. Despite several notices, they have not vacated their accommodations.

On May 25, President Ram Nath Kovind dissolved the 16th Lok Sabha with immediate effect on the recommendation of the Union Cabinet after the Modi Government was formed for a second term. With these former MPs not vacating their bungalows, the newly-elected members of parliament have been staying in transit accommodation such as their respective State guest houses or the Western Court, sources said. The panel has been unable to allot houses to the MPs despite their repeated requests, they added.

## Art 370 abrogation decisive battle waged by Govt to end Pak-sponsored terror: Shah

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The abrogation of special status to Jammu & Kashmir under Article 370 is a "decisive battle" waged by the Narendra Modi Government to end years of Pakistan-sponsored proxy war and terrorism, and it will bring long-lasting peace in Jammu & Kashmir, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said at an event of counter-terror body NSG's garrison at Manesar (Gurgaon).

Speaking at the 35th Raising Day celebrations of NSG as the Chief Guest here, Shah said the recent decision to repeal special provisions in J & K will help "completely eradicate" Pakistan-supported terrorism from the Kashmir Valley.

The Minister asserted that his government is firm on the policy of "zero tolerance" on terrorism and to defeat all its forms.

The National Security Guard (NSG) is an important instrument to achieve this goal, he said.

"I believe that with the abrogation of Article 370 by PM Narendra Modi, we have initiated a decisive battle against years of proxy war and terror acts perpetrated by our neighbour (Pakistan) and this step will ensure long-lasting peace in Kashmir and the region," Shah said.



India has been facing terrorism for many years and there would be very few countries across the globe who have waged such a long battle against terrorism. Terrorism is a curse on any civilised society and the biggest impediment to development, he said.

"Hence our Government is firm on continuing the zero tolerance policy on terrorism and ensuring victory on terror always," Shah added.

The recent big step of repealing Article 370 taken by Modi is aimed at completely eradicating terrorism from Kashmir and to safeguard the country from this scourge, Shah said.

Shah also lauded the elite commando force saying it has impressed the world with its capability to counter any terror attack as he recounted its stellar operations at Akshardham temple in Gujarat and the 26/11 attacks in Mumbai in 2008.

"This inspires confidence in the minds of the citizens that they are in safe hands," he added.

## Army Chief pitches for inclusion of indigenous technology in armed forces

**New Delhi:** Army Chief Gen Bipin Rawat on Tuesday pitched for greater inclusion of indigenous technology in the armed forces and asserted that India will fight and win the next war with home-grown solutions.

In his address at the 41st DRDO Directors Conference, he also said the development of weaponry and other systems should be done keeping "future warfare" in mind. "And, if we are looking at contours of future warfare, it may not necessarily be contact warfare. So, there is realm of non-contact warfare. We need to start looking at development of cyberspace, space, laser, electronic warfare and robotics. And, along with that Artificial Intelligence (AI)," Rawat said. "And, if we do not start thinking on it now, it will be too late," he said. He praised the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) for its achievements in the last few decades and said India is making great strides in research and development. "We are confident the services will greatly benefit from it," he said.

"India is one of the largest importers of weapons and ammunition, and after 70 years of Independence, it is not a very proud statement to make. But in the past few years, it is changing. DRDO is striving to ensure our requirements of services are met with home-grown solutions," Rawat said. **PTI**

## Shah to be replaced by Nadda as BJP president by Dec

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Amit Shah will demit his post as BJP president by the year end and is likely to be replaced by a new one with working president JP Nadda expected to succeed him.

Shah, who is holding the crucial portfolio of Union Home Ministry, would only be stressing his party's dictum of one-man-one-post by demitting the post of the party president once organisational polls are completed by December. In an interview to a news channel, he said that the new president would take over by December and rejected the notion that he would remain the "super power" running the party from behind the scene.

"BJP is not the Congress party and nobody can run it from behind the scenes," he said saying it will be run as per its constitution. Nadda, who is already appointed party's working president, is expected to take charge from Shah in December.

To another question, he denied that his party was looking at former cricket captain Sourav Ganguly as the face of the party in West Bengal. He rejected any involvement in the election of the next BCCI chief and that there was any deal with Ganguly, who was elected as cricket body's Chief.

## 'God save this country': Cong on BJP's demand for Bharat Ratna to Savarkar

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

With the BJP in Maharashtra calling for Bharat Ratna award for Hindutva ideologue V D Savarkar, the Congress on Tuesday said that if the Government considers it on the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, then "God save this country".

The opposition party's response came after the election manifesto of Maharashtra BJP, released on Tuesday, said the party will ask the NDA Government at the Centre to confer India's highest civilian award on Savarkar.

"In a country where Mahatma Gandhi is being made to commit suicide in examinations, anything is possible," Congress spokesperson Manish Tewari said at a press conference, referring to the row over a question in the internal assessment examination of some schools in Gujarat. Savarkar had faced criminal trial in the murder of Mahatma Gandhi, Tewari said, adding that he was later acquitted.

The Congress spokesperson cited an article which claimed that the Kapur Commission concluded that facts pointed towards a "conspiracy to murder by Savarkar and his group" in Mahatma Gandhi's case.



"If on the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, this Government considers any such thing (giving Bharat Ratna to Savarkar), then all I want to say is that God save this country," Tewari said.

Asked if there was a contradiction between the recent praise for Gandhi by RSS Chief Mohan Bhagwat and the demand for Bharat Ratna for Savarkar, Tewari alleged that it was a coordinated and well thought out strategy "that on one hand keep praising Mahatma Gandhi and on the other hand make such a demand".

"But if what has been written in the article about the conclusions of the Kapur Commission is correct, then the Government should seriously think that on Mahatma Gandhi's 150th birth anniversary, is this step appropriate," he said.

## Cong raises issue of IT raids on its employees with CEC

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

A Congress delegation on Tuesday met Chief Election Commissioner Sunil Arora and raised the issue of income tax raids on some of its employees last week. They alleged that the tax department is behaving like a "department of BJP".

The delegation comprising former ministers Anand Sharma, Kapil Sibal, Manish Tiwari and Pranav Jha alleged that the party was prevented to use its designated bank account to fund its candidates in the assembly polls in Maharashtra and Haryana. The Congress leaders alleged that the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) officials raiding the opposition across the country without document and warrants.

After the meeting, Congress leader Kapil Sibal said "The position is such that people of CBDT have been sitting at the homes of our employees from Friday to Sunday. There is no warrant and no papers. What is this? We know that they are misusing ED and other agencies. If this is not an attack on democracy then what is it?" The Congress has demanded to the poll body to intervene in the matter as their account have been paralysed.

"The Congress is required



to transfer, whatever funds it has, to its candidates in Maharashtra and in Haryana, in their designated bank accounts by cheque, that is what the elections require and we have been prevented from doing that and that is illegality and we have conveyed to the EC that they should intervene," Sibal said.

The Congress leader said that they have seen it happening in the last elections, it is happening now brazenly. "India cannot be converted into a state where democracy is under perpetual seizure and the Tax department of the Government cannot become a department of the ruling party, the BJP," Sibal added.

Party leader Anand Sharma said "They have (EC) has the constitutional mandate to ensure free and fair elections. There cannot be targeting using and abusing. For three days Congress party's accounts section was totally paralysed. Whatever meagre funds the Congress party has at its disposal considering the BJP is the world's richest political party."

## Govt reviews retail prices of essential food items, vegetables

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Ministry of Food and Consumers Affairs on Tuesday reviewed the skyrocketing of retail prices of essential food items and vegetables. It was informed that onion prices have stabilised and showing declining trend with the arrival of kharif (summer sown) crops.

The 18th meeting of the group constituted for monitoring cartelisation, hoarding, speculative trading etc with respect to essential food items such as pulses, onion, tomato and oilseeds was held under the chairmanship of Secretary, Consumer Affairs, Avinash K Srivastava. Representatives from Ministry of Agriculture, Intelligence Bureau, Delhi Police, NAFED, Director General of Foreign Trade, Ministry of External Affairs, Delhi Government attended the meeting. The Ministry has also advised the Ministry of Commerce to extend the import licensing deadline for pulses from October 31 to November 30 in view of the expected delayed arrivals.

Retail prices of onion and tomatoes have been ruling high in the country due to supply constraints. Tomato prices reached up to ₹80 per kg while onion was costing ₹60 per kg last week. The representatives



briefed the group about the prevailing scenario with respect to essential food items.

"It was informed by representatives of agriculture sector that arrivals of Kharif onions have started and prices have since shown stable to declining trend." The group decided that appropriate policy interventions might be recommended at the appropriate time to augment availability of pulses across the nation.

"All the Chief Secretaries will be advised again to hold regular meetings with wholesalers, traders, importers, exporters etc. Of onions, pulses, edible oils & oilseeds etc at state and district levels especially during the festive season up to December, 2019," the statement said.

The Committee of Police of NCR States should hold regular meetings under the chairmanship of a senior Delhi Police officer to keep watch on hoarding of stock by the traders near the State borders of Delhi and take suitable action against them.

## Scientists warns of wasp causing loss to Jamun tree growers

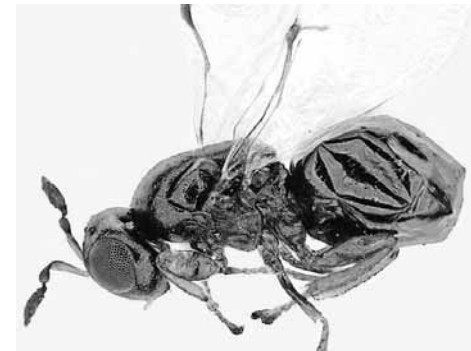
ARCHANA JYOTI ■ NEW DELHI

Indian Scientists have warned that a Jamun berries and seed-eater wasp, scientifically known as 'A. kerrichi' is fast spreading its wings, threatening to inflict losses on Jamun tree growers.

Commonly found, evergreen Jamun is an economically important tree in India, which also has medicinal properties. Its berries and seeds are much sought after for their antioxidant, anti-inflammatory, anti-microbial and free-radical-scavenging properties.

However, the tiny but a potential pest of Jamun, A kerrichi, an eulohid seed borer which was reported from the agricultural fields in Pune way back in 1957, has been recently found seriously damaging the berries in Jamun trees (S Cumini) in fields in Karnataka's rural Bangaluru too.

The result of the study conducted by the scientists from ICAR-Indian Institute of Horticultural Research, country's leading institute in Bangaluru is published in the latest journal of the Current



Science.

The scientists have called for spraying botanical pesticides as heavy infestation of jamun fruits by the wasp renders the berries unmarketable and hence loss to the farmers.

The authors of the study noted that A kerrichi was initially reported from Pune, Maharashtra in 1957. "Besides this, no reports that highlight the economic importance and nature of damage of this eulohid seed borer in Jamun are available, possibly due to its limited distribution/occurrence and pestilence.

"However, in the recent past, several incidences of A kerrichi attacking S. cumini fruits causing extensive crop loss have been noticed in farmers' fields in rural Bangaluru," says the study that provides experimental details of the critical fruit stages that are susceptible to the pest for planning management interventions.

"In Jamun both whole fruit as well as seed are economically important. Considering the vast damage it can cause and the ability to build up in huge numbers (85 per fruit) in over-

lapping generations, A kerrichi can become a major problem to Jamun growers. Further, larval feeding affects seed viability and rate of germination. As the critical stage for infestation is G2, application of safe botanical pesticides at this stage may help reduce seed borer infestation," said the scientists.

They had randomly collected A kerrichi infested jamun fruits in different developmental stages from the infested trees. The collected fruits were separated into five groups, namely G1-G5 based on their size, colour and hardness. Observations on fruit diameter, length, mesocarp thickness and seed diameter from all the phenological stages (G1-G5) were made and recorded daily.

It was noted that heavy infestation of jamun fruits by A kerrichi had rendered the fruits unmarketable.

The scientists included P D Kamala Jayanthi, BR Jayanthi Mala and Anjana Subramoniam (Division of Entomology and Nematology) and A Rekha (Division of Fruit Crops) from the Bangaluru based institute.

## ICAR devise kits to detect, control JE, bluetongue diseases in animals

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has developed diagnostic kits to detect and control 'Japanese Encephalitis' (JE) and 'bluetongue' diseases in animals. These diagnostic kits have been developed by the Indian Veterinary Research Institute (IVRI) under the ICAR. Japanese Encephalitis virus spreads from pig to human.

Talking about JE ELISA kit for swine, ICAR Director General Trilochan Mohapatra, said JE is a re-emerging viral zoonotic disease leading to death of children every year in the country. "India is importing one diagnostic kit for this virus at Rs 1,200-1500. Now, ICAR-IVRI have developed this kit for just Rs 180-200," Mohapatra said. Earlier this year, more than 100 children died in Bihar's Muzaffarpur due to an outbreak of acute encephalitis syndrome (AES).

This diagnostic kit has

been developed as per the 100-day programme of the premium research institute, the DG said.

The government and ICAR would now work towards making this kit available in village and block levels, he said.

Talking about the second kit to diagnose 'bluetongue', Mohapatra said the disease is found in cattle and goats and is even cause of death of these animals.

"We are the first country in the world to develop a diagnostic kit for bluetongue disease," he said, adding that it can also provide export opportunities in long-term.

Mohapatra, who is also the secretary of Department of Agricultural Research and Education, said the two kits would help in controlling these diseases at very early stage and prevent them from spreading.

The disease is widespread among sheep, goats, cattle, buffaloes and camels in the country and is even cause of death of these animals.

## SC quashes Delhi HC order restraining IT department taking action against Gautam Khaitan

**New Delhi:** The Supreme Court on Tuesday quashed the Delhi High Court's interim order restraining the Income Tax (IT) department from taking any action against VVIP chopper scam accused Gautam Khaitan, against whom a separate black money laundering case has been lodged, saying it was "not sustainable in law".

The apex court set aside the May 16 order of the high court which had also said that the black money law cannot be allowed to operate with retrospective effect from July 1, 2015.

A three-judge bench headed by Justice Arun Mishra asked the high court to decide the petition pending before it on its own merits and uninfluenced by the observations of the top court.

The bench, also comprising justices M R Shah and B R Gava, said that the scheme of the Black Money Act is to "provide stringent measures for curbing the menace of black money" and various offences have been defined and stringent punishments have been pro-

## INSHORT

**AMIT KHARE GETS ADDL CHARGE OF SECY MHRD**  
**New Delhi:** I&B Secretary and 1985-batch IAS officer of Jharkhand cadre Amit Khare was on Tuesday given additional charge of the post of Secretary, Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of HRD till further orders. He replaces Rina Ray, IAS (1984), who was repatriated to her parent cadre with immediate effect.

**PROTECTION OF NAVLAKHA EXTENDED**  
**New Delhi:** The Supreme Court Tuesday extended by four weeks the interim protection from arrest granted to civil rights activist Gautam Navlakha in the Koregaon Bhima violence case. A bench of justices Arun Mishra and Deepak Gupta, however, asked Navlakha to approach the concerned court to seek pre-arrest bail in the case.

**MEDIA CAMPAIGN UPSETS JUSTICE MISHRA**  
**New Delhi:** Supreme Court Judge Justice Arun Mishra took strong exception Tuesday to a social media campaign and news reports seeking his recusal from a Constitution bench which is hearing the interpretation of provisions of the land acquisition Act.

**HIGH COURTS FACE 420 JUDGES SHORTAGE: DATA**  
**New Delhi:** While the Supreme Court is working with its full sanctioned strength, vacancy of judges is on the rise in the 25 High Courts of the country, according to latest Law Ministry data. The figures released by the ministry on October 1 show that the high courts faced a shortage of 420 judges — the highest till now this year. As on October 1, the high courts were working with 659 judges as compared to the sanctioned strength of 1079.

**INDIA, NETHERLANDS HELP EACH OTHER: KING**  
**New Delhi:** Dutch King Willem-Alexander on Tuesday said India and the Netherlands complement each other extremely well and have the potential to make each other stronger in the areas of technology and innovation. Speaking at the inaugural session of the India-Netherlands Technology Summit, the king said that for ten years now, the two countries have been close partners in the areas of innovation.

**ARMY CHIEF COMPLIMENTS FORCE**  
**New Delhi:** Army Chief Gen. Bipin Rawat has complimented his force for steadfastly facing various challenges along the eastern and western border, saying it has responded to difficult operational situations in the most "innovative" manner. In his address at a conference of top commanders of the Army, Gen. Rawat particularly mentioned about the Army foiling operations by Pakistan's Border Action Team (BAT) along the Line of Control, and activities by terrorists in the hinterland in Jammu and Kashmir, sources said.



vided under the law. "It would further be relevant to note that sub-section (3) of section 1 of the Black Money Act, itself provides that save as otherwise provided in this Act, it shall come into force on 1st day of July, 2015. A conjoint reading of the various provisions would reveal that the assessing officer can charge the taxes only from the assessment year commencing on or after April 1, 2016. However, the value of the said asset has to be as per its valuation in the previous year," the bench noted in its 13-page verdict.

"As such, we find that the high court was not right in holding that, by the notification/order impugned before it, the penal provisions were made retrospectively applicable," the bench said.

It noted that the Black Money (Undisclosed Foreign Income and Assets) and Imposition of Tax Act, 2015 was passed by the Parliament on May 11, 2015 and it had received Presidential assent on May 26, 2015. **PTI**



# Indirect elections for Mayor, Chairperson posts

STAFF REPORTER ■ RAIPUR

After a gap of 20 years, corporators have once again been empowered in urban bodies to elect their mayors and chairpersons. The cabinet sub-committee constituted by the state government to recommend about the same has decided on Tuesday to amend the existing rules in urban bodies act to pave the way for the indirect elections of mayors and chairpersons of civic bodies.

Recently, neighbouring Madhya Pradesh too had taken the same step to go for indirect elections for mayor and chairpersons of urban bodies. The existing rule of



electing directly the mayor and chairperson was prevailing in Chhattisgarh since 1999 when the state was part of undivided

Madhya Pradesh. The urban bodies' elections in the state are slated to be held in the month of January next year.

Members of the sub-committee include Urban Administration minister Shiv Kumar Daharia, ministers

Mohammad Akbar and Ravindra Chaubey.

After the meeting of the committee members while briefing media persons about their decision, informed that a draft regarding necessary amendment in the urban bodies act is already prepared and soon it would be tabled before the meeting of state cabinet.

"The roster which has already been decided will be followed and the elected leader had to fulfill that criterion of reservation", informed Daharia.

Minister Akbar claimed that the decision of the committee will reduce the expenditure on elections and ruled out the possibility of horse trading of corporators.

## 12 agri-science centres run by IGAU get 'A' grade from ICAR



STAFF REPORTER ■ RAIPUR

In yet another feat for Indira Gandhi Agriculture University (IGAU) Raipur, 12 agricultural science centres run by the university. Six of these were opened during 13th five-years plan which have not been included in the list, the officials stated.

IGAU agriculture science centres have received 'B' grades and no centres in Chhattisgarh run by the university have been graded 'C' or 'D'. Public Relation Officer (PRO) IGAU

Sanjay Naiyyar informed.

These gradings have covered only those science centres that were opened in 12th five-year plan, officials said while adding currently 27 science centres are run by the university. Six of these were opened during 13th five-years plan which have not been included in the list, the officials stated.

IGAU agriculture science centres at Balrampur, Bastar, Dantewada, Dhamtari, Janjgir-Champa, Korea, Narayanpur, Raigarh, Rajnandgaon, Surajpur and Kanker dis-

trict were graded 'A' while centres in Bhatapara-Balod Bazaar, Bijapur, Bilaspur, Durg, Gariaband, Jashpur, Korba and Mahasamund were in 'B' grades.

The centres are rated on the basis of work done by them in past five years. The centres were evaluated on the basis of infrastructure, technical evaluation dissemination and training, impact on primary activities and secondary activities. Vice Chancellor IGAU Dr SK Patil has congratulated the centres on their achievement.

## National Science exhibition commences



STAFF REPORTER ■ RAIPUR

The 46th Jawaharlal Nehru National Science, Mathematics and Environment Exhibition for Children was inaugurated by Chhattisgarh Governor Anusuiya UIkey on Tuesday at B.T.I. Campus, Shankar Nagar, Raipur.

The exhibition will be open for viewing from 11.00 AM to 5.00 PM from October 15 to 20.

Around 127 science models have been exhibited from 27 states. The Chhattisgarh flagship programme 'Narva, Gharuva, Ghurva aur Baari' (NGGB) model is also on display.

Government Girls Higher Secondary School Mungeli, class 11th students Deepanjali Namdeo and Julie Sonkar model 'Kabaad se Jugaad' (Garib Pump) is drawing attention as it generates elec-



tricity. The model is on riding bicycle to pull water through a pump and it also helps to generate electricity.

Few other exhibits include sewerage system, disaster management robot, robot which cleans house, Chandigarh based girls have developed 'Smart Spoon' for Parkinson patients, Madhya Pradesh boy has developed system to generate biogas from coconut, wood powder and leaves, making of

bricks from waste, Chandigarh boys developed ropes, paper and bag from banana plant and others.

Governor and School Education Minister Dr Prem Sai Tekam could see the human body's internal structure in detail through virtual reality kit and could feel it. Governor UIkey said seeing live and working model of human body gave a feel of thrill and was amazing.

## Hardcore Naxal gunned down

SUKMA: A hardcore Naxal carrying a cash reward of Rs 3 lakh on his head was gunned down by security forces in an encounter that happened in a forested patch of insurgency-hit Sukma district, police said here on Tuesday. A joint team of DRG, STF and district police from Puspall police station had launched a search operation about 400 km south of state capital Raipur. The forces had a faceoff with armed guerrillas in a forested hilly terrain near Tuli Dongri village and both sides engaged in gun battle, Deputy Inspector General (Naxal Ops) Sundarraj P said. "After intense gun fight Naxals slipped in dense jungle. While searching the area body of a man was found who was identified as Mahupadar LOS (local organising squad) deputy commander Kosa," the DIG said while adding, a country-made pistol, a large number of improvised explosive devices (IEDs) and other Naxal materials were also seized from the site.

## HC stays Khetan Committee probe against OP Chaudhary

BILASPUR: High Court of Chhattisgarh, Bilaspur on Tuesday stayed a probe by Khetan Committee against bureaucrat turned politician O.P. Chaudhary for alleged land scam in Dantewada during his tenure as a district collector. Notable, Chaudhary was allegedly indulged in irregularity in exchange of land during his tenure as a district collector Dantewada. It was during BJP regime in 2016. After Bhupesh Baghel government came to power, it ordered the probe under Commissioner of Enquiry Act against Chaudhary and handed over the probe to Indian Administrative Officer C.K. Khetan headed panel in May. Chaudhary challenged this decision in the high court.

Meanwhile, the court of Justice P. Sam Koshi on Tuesday restricted the probe by Khetan committee and had issued notice to the state government. Gary Mukhopadhyay and Vivek Sharma pleaded on behalf of Chaudhary in the High Court.

## State-level youth fest from January 12 to 14

STAFF REPORTER ■ RAIPUR

As per the instructions of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, Block, District and State-level Youth Festival is being organised on the occasion of Swami Vivekananda Jayanti, with the objective to provide special opportunity and platform to youngsters to connect with cultural activities and polish their talents.

Block-level youth fest will be organized from October 15 to November 15, District-level youth festival will be held from November 15 to December 15, and State-level Youth Festival will be organized in capital city Raipur from January 12-14. Chief Secretary has issued necessary



guidelines to all the district collectors for successfully organising of these events.

Youth Festival will be based on theme 'Gadbo Nava Chhattisgarh', reflecting the

basic values of Indian culture and cultural heritage of Chhattisgarh. Contestants securing first position in Block-level youth festival will be qualified to participate in District-level youth festival and the ones securing first position in district-level youth festival will be qualified to participate at State-level Youth Festival.

District collectors have been directed to organize youth festival based on the open-category competition and ensure participation of maximum number of youth. Collectors have been directed to ensure compliance to the guidelines issued by Sports and Youth Welfare Department- the nodal department for Youth Festival.

## IFS officials from 14 states study NGGB

STAFF REPORTER ■ RAIPUR

During the concluding two-day training session of Indian Forest Service (IFS) on topic 'Role of Forestry in Sustainable Development of People' organised by State Forest Research and Training Institute, Chhattisgarh on Tuesday, 22 IFS officials from 14 states studied the state government's flagship programme 'Narva, Gharuva, Ghurva aur Baari' (NGGB).

The officers had arrived from states of Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Maharashtra, Jharkhand, Gujarat, Kerala, Manipur, Meghalaya, Madhya Pradesh, Assam, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka and Odisha.

The workshop had different technical sessions on forestry and also highlighted the innovations being undertaken in the state.

Commissioner and secretary, MGNREGA T.S. Mahawar in his addressed spoke on role of the



forestry in human development. Chhattisgarh which has 44 percent forest has around 33 percent of tribal residing in them. The forest

produce and other products not only fulfill their daily needs but also a source of their livelihood. He briefed the participant officials on

importance of innovative project like NGGB and linking it with livelihood of local residents. Panel discussion was also held.

## BJP to hold 'Save Democracy' demonstration today

STAFF REPORTER ■ RAIPUR

Chhattisgarh BJP will hold a day long sit-in demonstration and protest under the theme 'Save Democracy' near Motigabhi on October 16 from 2.00 to 5.00 PM against the proposed decision of the state government to hold the civic bodies' election indirectly.

After the protest, a delegation will hand over a memorandum regarding the proposed decision to Governor and urge not to give consent to the ordinance.

BJP leaders said that Congress government fears its failure due to which instead of direct election of chairman or



Mayor, it is denying the people the right to elect chairman or mayor of their civic bodies. So, BJP has decided to protest it at every level.

Meanwhile, Leader of Opposition and BJP leader Dharamlal Kaushik termed the decision of the cabinet sub-committee as muddling

with democracy.

Kaushik further said instead of holding poll through EVM, the Congress led government by use of ballot paper is conspiring to pollute democracy as it can be manipulated after the polls. He alleged for the Congress democracy has no value and is making all efforts to crush it for its political gains. So, the people's mandate will have no value in such prevailing situation, he claimed.

BJP leader said Congress has got the feel before the civic bodies' election that its support among the people is waning and so it's taking undemocratic steps.

## Special revision period of electoral roll extended

STAFF REPORTER ■ RAIPUR

Election Commission of India has extended the special revision of electoral roll with Electoral Photo Identity Card (EPIC) programme to November 18 in Chhattisgarh.

The final publication will be on January 20. Those youth who will attain 18 years of age on January 1, 2020 will also be eligible. Earlier, as per programme the date was October 15, 2019.

Chief Electoral Officer, Chhattisgarh Subrat Sahoo, while informing about the revised programme, said the

primary publication of the integrated electoral roll will be done on November 25, 2019 after which the electors can make the claims and objections till December 24, 2019. The claims and objections thus received will be resolved by January 10, 2020 and the supplementary electoral roll will be prepared by January 17, 2020. The final publication of electoral roll will be done on January 20, 2020.

Sahoo in a directive to all the district electoral officers cum collectors have urged them to implement the programme of Election Commission as per the announced schedules.

## BJP fallaciously shouting foul play

### Indirect elections for Mayor, Chairpersons

STAFF REPORTER ■ RAIPUR

The state Congress has hailed the decision of the state government to reinstate indirect elections of mayors and chairpersons in urban bodies of the state.

In a statement party's state general secretary and chairman communication wing Shailesh Nitin Trivedi said when Prime Minister and chief ministers in our country are elected by elected members of parliament and MLAs respectively, why then there is objection by the opposition over election of



mayors and chairpersons by the elected corporators.

Main opposition BJP very well knows that it is going to register a shameful defeat in urban bodies' elections and that was why it is shouting foul play,

Trivedi said.

Due to inability to fight in a larger area because of expensive election process of mayor and chairpersons, small leaders and common worker lag behind in competition, he said. Hence, an active and energetic worker finds it difficult to fight the direct election of mayor and chairpersons, he added.

BJP, which is opposing the move of the government, should not forget that the Prime Minister Narendra Modi himself had been elected to the coveted post by this indirect election, he said.



# Cong spreading rumours about Art 370: PM

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH/CHARKHI DADRI /KURUKSHETRA

Back in Haryana for the second day in a row, Prime Minister Narendra Modi kept his campaign pitch focused on national security and took a swipe at Congress leaders, who, he said, were spreading ‘rumours’ about the Government’s decision to scrap Article 370.

He said, “The entire country is standing with Jammu & Kashmir with this decision (to scrap Article 370). But some Congress leaders are spreading rumours about this decision in the country and abroad”.

“Bangkok, Thailand, Vietnam... You (Congress) are free to import abuses from wherever you want, say what you want. But please, don’t backstab India that is moving forward,” PM Modi said.

The Prime Minister did not explicitly explain the reference to the south-east Asian countries. But it is seen a reference to the buzz on social media about Rahul Gandhi’s recent trip abroad.

Modi also dared the Congress to announce that it would bring back Article 370 when it comes to power if it was so convinced that the decision to scrap the provision wasn’t in public interest.

The PM who spoke about the steps that his Government had taken for ex-servicemen and defence personnel, told farmers that he had started working on stopping water flowing into Pakistan that rightfully belongs to the people of Haryana and Rajasthan. He said India would not allow its water to flow to Pakistan. “For 70 years, the water which belongs to India and the farmers of Haryana flowed to Pakistan. Modi will stop this water (from flowing into Pakistan) and bring to your houses,” the Prime Minister said in an election meeting.

He said the farmers of Haryana and Rajasthan have the rights over the water that is flowing to Pakistan and was not being stopped by earlier Indian Governments. “Modi aapki ladai ladega (Modi will fight your battle),” he assured the

## BATTLEGROUND HARYANA



Prime Minister Narendra Modi in his rallies in Haryana on Tuesday Pioneer photo

people at the rally.

The Prime Minister said that Chinese President Xi Jinping during their informal summit in Mahabalipuram, told him that he had watched the Aamir Khan-starrer Dangal “which showcased excellent performance of daughters of India”. “During my recent informal summit with Chinese President Xi Jinping, he said to me that he had seen ‘Dangal’ which showcased excellent performance of daughters of India. I felt really proud of Haryana on hearing this,” he added.

Praising Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar, Modi said: “Beti Bachao Beti Padhao’ campaign would not have been effective without the support of Haryana villages.” Playing an emotional card, the Prime Minister said: “I don’t come to Haryana for election rallies, I don’t campaign for the BJP in Haryana, I don’t ask for votes in Haryana. Haryana itself calls me. I can’t stop myself from coming here. You have given me so much love.”

Confident of his party’s return to the second consecutive term, the Prime Minister said the BJP was going to form the Government again in the State. He said this Diwali should be dedicated to “our daughters”. “We will have two types of Diwali this time. A ‘diya’ (earthen lamp) Diwali, and a ‘kamal’ (lotus) Diwali. We should dedicate this Diwali to our daughters and celebrate their achievements.”

“It’s clear, the BJP has decided to serve Haryana

again, these people have decided to let BJP serve them,” he added. Haryana has been witnessing change due to a “double engine” of development, according to the Prime Minister.

“The double engine of Modi in Delhi and Manohar Lal Khattar in Haryana has resulted in unprecedented development of the State,” he said.

In his speech in Thanesar he said the Centre was making all arrangements to celebrate the 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev, founder of the Sikh faith, across the world.

“The whole country is busy with the 550th birth anniversary celebrations of Guru Nanak Dev and the Centre is making all arrangements to celebrate this event across the world,” Modi said.

“I am happy that the Kartarpur Corridor (project) is going to complete,” he said, adding that his Government had got the opportunity to rectify, to some extent, the “political and strategic mistake” that took place seven decades ago. “I am hopeful that Parkash Purb will bring joy,” Modi said.

The corridor will connect Darbar Sahib in Pakistan’s Kartarpur with Dera Baba Nanak shrine in Gurdaspur district in Punjab. It will facilitate visa-free movement of Indian pilgrims who will have to just obtain a permit to visit Kartarpur Sahib, which is located in Pakistan’s Narowal district across the Ravi river.

# Holy Kartika: Auspicious things that Odias do

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

The month of Kartika is considered to be the most auspicious time in the Odia calendar. In Kartika, also known as the month of Damodar i.e. Krishna, some distinct annual rituals are observed. Here are a few of the practices that Habisyalis (those who observe these rituals) adhere to.

Refraining from non-vegetarian meals, onion-garlic dishes

Odia households are known to make simple-cooked meals, without using onion and garlic during this entire month. It is a custom in many families to avoid eating non-vegetarian dishes at this time of the year.

## Chaura Puja,

AakasadeepaTraditionally women and widows wake up pre-dawn and bathe. They pray in front of the chaura (holy basil planted in small podium or pot in front houses) after making colourful rangolis using muruja around it. They then walk around the chaura clockwise for nine times to pay respects to Rai Damodar (Radha-Krishna).

Akasadeepa is a lighted deepa (earthen lamp) filled



with ghee, placed inside an earthen pot and pulled atop an erect pole using a pulley and fastened. It is lighted near the chaura during the evening and burns throughout the night.

## Habisa Dalma

Habisa dalma is a variant of the iconic Odia dish, Dalma devoid of oil, onion, garlic or any other garnishing, prepared especially for the Habisyalis during Kartika month. It is cooked using ghee, khamba aloo (elephant foot yam), kanda mula (sweet potato), pumpkin, saaru (taro/colocasia), raw banana, oon (elephant apple), grated coconut, grated ginger and moong dal.

## Badabadua Daaka during Diwali

One of the biggest Hindu

festivals, Diwali, is the occasion for Odias to pay obeisance to their ancestors. The ritual called Badabadua Daaka is held in the morning and continues till late evening at ‘Bada Danda’ (the grand road) of Puri and is also performed at the villages.

Holding bunches of jute sticks (Kaunria Kathi) in hand, the people set these sticks afire to invoke their ancestors to descend from their heavenly abode and visit the Earth to bless them.

The invocation process involves the chanting of prayer “Badabadua ho, andhaare aasa, aalua re jaa! (Oh hon’ble ancestors, come in darkness and go back along the lighted path!)”. The eldest male member of the family chants these lines and the other members follow suit.



## Anla Nabami, Radha Pada darsana

As per tradition, Radha Pada darshan is observed every year on Sukla Nabami, also known as Anla Nabami, in the holy month of Kartika.

This is the only day when people get a chance to look at Goddess Radha’s feet in Sakhigopal temple of Puri, which otherwise remains covered throughout the year. It is called the ‘Odiani’ besa of Goddess Radha. It is believed that whoever witnesses the holy feet gets Moksha (salvation).

On the occasion of Anla Nabami, anla (gooseberry) in the form of fruit or juice is offered to deities. Married women offer red bangles, vermilion and sacred thread in front of anla trees for the well-being of their spouses.

## Panchuka

The last five days of Kartika month is called panchaka or panchuka. For people who could not follow the rites for an entire month, this is the time to fulfil the customs. Many people visit Lord Jagannath temple in Puri to pay respects to Lord Vishnu at this time of the year, though many devotees (especially widows) from all corners of Odisha, flock to Puri and spend the entire duration of Kartika there.

## Boita Bandana, Bali Jatra

Boita Bandanna is observed on the Kartika Purnima that marks the end of the holy month. It is a colourful and vibrant event that celebrates Odisha’s maritime glory and trade relations with foreign countries.

# Govt staff demand 5% hike in DA Submit memo to Naveen

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

Members of the Odisha State Government Employees’ Coordination Committee has submitted a memorandum to Chief Minister Naveen Patanik with demands, including a five-per cent hike in their dearness allowance (DA) as in the case of Central Government staffs.

Committee president Lingaraj Mohanty said, “The Central Government recently has hiked the DA by five per cent for its employees; and in line with this we have submitted a memorandum to the CM requesting him to hike our DA



by five per cent.”

The other demands include reappointment of retrenched, outsourcing, data entry and contractual employees working in different department like Water Resources, Water Supply and Agricultural Research in the same departments and introduction of a permanent pension system.

Committee leaders Biswamohan Mahapatra, Srimati Sahu, Kahnu Charan Mallick, Mahesh Patnaik, Laxmidhar Jena, Sefali Das, Sanghamitra Swain and Basant Behera were present at the Press meet.

# Himachal sponsored week-long programme inaugurated at IIFM

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

A weeklong training programme on Capacity Building-Demand Based Short Term Course on Environmental Accounting on SEEA Framework was inaugurated at IIFM on Tuesday.

The two day event is sponsored by Directorate of Economics and Statistics, Government of Himachal Pradesh, commencing from Tuesday will continue till Friday at IIFM Bhopal.

The genesis of the programme begins with a request received from Vinod Rana, Economic Advisor, Government of Himanchal Pradesh to conduct a one week training programme for the officials of State.

For this programme 15 participants were nominated



by the Directorate of Economics and Statistics, Govt. of Himachal Pradesh. Out of 15 participants 13 participants were registered in this programme.

This training programme was inaugurated today at IIFM and the occasion was graced by Pankaj Srivastava, IFS, Director IIFM, Prof. CS Rathore, Dean, Prof. Sandeep Tambe, Chairperson-MDP Cell including Programme Directors, SP Singh, Pradeep Chaudhry, IFS, Asha Khanna

It was informed by the Programme Director, this programme has two important and integral course module. Course Module-1 deals with the class room sessions consisting of wide dimension covering various aspects of Environmental Accounting on SEEA Framework.

Three days class room sessions would be conducted at IIFM and the Module-2 consists of two days Field Work programme at World Heritage site, Sanchi and ecotourism site at Halali dam and interaction with the villagers, assessing the cost benefit analysis of ‘gauskath’ (conversion of cow dung into brikket) on machine installed at Anarkali Gau-Shala to reduce the fuelwood dependency from forests.

# B’deshis residing within Paradip IOCL boundary walls Involved in crimes

PRASANTA ROUT ■ PARADIP

National Investigation Agency (NIA) DG Jogesh Chandra Modi has informed that Bangladeshi nationals are involved in terrorism in Odisha and Assam.

The Pioneer published a report on January 11 this year regarding the Bangladeshi infiltration residing in the Paradip area and their involvement in crime in slum areas of Paradip and Chanakana, Sandhakud, Bauriapalanda, Musadiha and Udayabata villages.

The Kendrapara police had arrested five Bangladeshi nationals for establishing a Bangladeshi radio station and making fake Indian currency notes, besides running sex rackets at Gupti and Pitapata villages in May 2012.

Given their track record, it is surprising to find that the



Paradip Refinery Project (IOCL) authority has permitted the Bangladeshi nationals to stay permanently inside the plant boundary. Near Udayabata village the boundary wall has been broken.

The Paradip Municipality has constructed a bridge for those inhabitants who are living inside the boundary by illegally occupying IOCL land.

More than 30 families are living this way. One inhabitant named Bhanu Amity told The Pioneer that his grandfather came to Paradip from Bangladesh in 1976.

And since then, they have

been living at Ghanagalia Salma, which is now inside the port’s prohibited area. His family was shifted to Udayabata village in 2000 by allotment a plot by the PPT.

But he sold the plot to a business man. Later, he built a thached house without PPT permission and stayed up to 2009.

Sources said that unknown persons are coming here and staying for 1/2 weeks. They are involved in smuggling of narcotics and gambling.

A resident, Bhanu Maity told that some unknown youths are coming from unknown places and staying one or two weeks and going out. They speak in Bengali and Urdu.

The oil refinery is a high security plant. Highly inflammable products are here. But how the plant authorities are giving chance for illegal people to stay inside, many ask here, demanding that they must be indentified by local police and necessary action be taken against them.

# MP to get 8 new industrial units



STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

The State Government has taken the decision to provide facilities under the Industrial Promotion Policy for the establishment of eight new industrial units and expansion of two industrial units in Raisen, Dhar and Damoh districts of the state. There will be a capital investment of Rs 6013.90 crore in the state through these industrial units. Out of these units, two industrial units will be set up in Raisen district, three in Dhar district and one in Damoh district. Also, two industrial units will be expanded in Raisen district.

Under the Industrial Promotion Policy, a Pharmaceuticals and Health Care Protect Project is being set up with a capital investment of Rs 175 crore and Personal Care Product Project with a capital investment of Rs 300 crore in Simrai village of Gauharganj tehsil at Raisen district. A Radial Tyre Manufacturing unit at Pithampur Smart Industrial Park in Dhar district with a capital investment of Rs. 1788 crore 50 lakh, Cement Manufacturing project with a capital investment of Rs. 425 crore 40 lakhs and a Bayer Rod Manufacturing Project with a fixed capital investment of Rs 225 crore will be established at Karondia village. An integrated cement plant of 2.20 million tonner per year capacity with a fixed capital investment of Rs 1400

crore is being established in Damoh district. Apart from this, the existing unit of M/s Procter & Gamble Home Products Pvt. Ltd. is being expanded with a capital investment of Rs 500 crore in Raisen district. Along with this, a project is being expanded in Mandideep by M / s HEG Ltd. with a capital investment of Rs 1200 crores.

In the Industrial Promotion Policy-2014 (as amended 2018), industrial units will be provided incentive assistance of 20 to 40 percent on fixed capital investment on buildings, plants and machinery in the first phase. The incentive assistance amount shall not exceed a maximum of Rs 200 crores. The benefit of employment and export counter will be obtained separately.

The industrial unit will be provided electricity at the rate of Rs 5 per unit for 5 to 7 years from the date of starting commercial production. The balance amount (if any) of the electricity bill can be obtained by the concerned power distribution company from MPIDC Exemption will also be given for 7 to 10 years in electricity charges.

On obtaining employment in the industrial unit, native residents of Madhya Pradesh will be provided with training facility in the allied courses of National Skills Qualification Framework by the Department of Technical Education, Skill Development and Employment.

# Cong pays tributes to Missile Man on anniv Party leaders termed Dr APJ Abdul Kalam as excellent scientist, great humanist

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

Rich tributes were paid by Congress workers to the former President Dr APJ Abdul Kalam on his birth anniversary on Tuesday.

At Rajiv Bhawan the office of State unit of Congress party, many leaders and workers assembled on the day and offered flowers on the portrait of the former President.

The Congress leaders termed Kalam as a great scientist and a great humanist.

The speakers on the occasion said the former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi had visualised the potential in a 30-year-old Kalam when she appointed him the director of missile programme of the country.



The Congress leaders who garlanded Kalam’s picture included Vice-President Surya Kant Dhasmana, spokesperson RP Raturi, Mahanagar President Lal Chand Sharma and others.

The activists of the Youth Congress, celebrated the birth anniversary of Kalam by distributing cake and teaching mate-

rial to the students of the Bal Vanita Ashram located at Tilak Road here.

The national coordinator of Youth Congress Sonu Hassan led the activists. The spokesperson of the Youth Congress Vikas Negi informed students about life and achievements of APJ Abdul Kalam.



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Sale of Machinery/Vehicle by Public Auction

Sealed tenders are invited for sale of following machineries on "as is where is, what is there is" and without any recourse basis"

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower and Account No.	Date, Time and Place of Auction Sale	Description of Machinery-Quantity	Regd. No. and Date	Reserve Price	EMD
1.	Mr. KAMAL NARAYAN SAHU A/c No- 78547910000320	23/10/2019 Time 11:00 Syndicate Bank New Raipur	APE PASSENGER	CG04-LC 0395 / 2015	₹ 81,900/-	₹ 8,190/-
2.	Mr. VARUN DURGA A/c No- 78549910000146	23/10/2019 Time 11:00 Syndicate Bank New Raipur	APE PASSENGER	CG04-LJ 6319 / 2016	₹ 94,000/-	₹ 9,400/-

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS:** (1) The intending bidders should send their bids in closed/sealed cover along with an EMD which is 10% of the Reserve price mentioned above (refundable without any interest to unsuccessful bidders) by way of DD drawn in favour of Syndicate Bank New Raipur. The EMD shall be liable for forfeiture without any prior notice if successful bidder fails to adhere to terms of sale, time and commit any default in any manner. Such bid shall be submitted /sent so as to reach the undersigned on or before 22/10/2019 at 5:00 pm. (2) The tenders will be opened at 11:00 am on 23/10/2019 in the Syndicate Bank New Raipur Bank premises, in presence of attending public. After opening the tenders, the intending bidders may be given an opportunity, at the discretion of Branch Manager, to have inter-se-bidding among them to enhance the offer price. (3) the purchaser of the machineries has to bear the cost/charges relating to transfer of machineries in his/her name, insurance and other charges. (4) The purchaser of the movables has to bear the cost/charge relating to shifting of the movables from place of storage. (5) The Branch Manager may cancel /reopen the sale and/or add/delete/change any of the terms at any time, without any further notice to the owner, bidder, public etc. (6) For auction the bidders are required to go through the website [www.syndicatebank.in](http://www.syndicatebank.in) and also the website <https://syndicatebank.auctiontender.net> for detailed terms and conditions of auction sale before submitting their bids and taking part in the auction and general auction sale proceedings. (7) For more details Branch Manager, Syndicate Bank, New Raipur Branch may be contacted (Mobile No 9424204031) during office hours on or before 22/10/2019. The machineries/Vehicle are available for inspection at following address: Machinery:- M/s Aambe Associates, in front of India Gandhi agriculture college, Raipur. (8) The successful bidder should deposit the balance 90% of the bid amount (exclusive of EMD) within 07 days from date of confirmation of sale. In case of default, the entire deposited bid shall be forfeited.

Date: 16.10.2019

Place: New Raipur

Branch Manager, Syndicate Bank



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(Notice Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of the Security Interest Act, 2002)

The following borrowers and co-borrowers availed the below mentioned secured loans from IDFC First Bank Limited (Formerly known as IDFC Bank Limited) The Loans of the below mentioned borrowers and co-borrowers have been secured by the mortgage of their respective properties. As they have failed to adhere to the terms and conditions of the respective loan agreements and had become irregular, their loans were classified as NPA as per the RBI Guidelines. Amounts due by them to IDFC First Bank Limited (Formerly known as IDFC Bank Limited) are mentioned as per respective notices issued more particularly described in the following table and further interest on the said amounts shall also be applicable and the same will be charged as per contractual rate with effect from their respective dates.

SR No.	Loan Account No.	Type of Loan	Name of borrowers	Outstanding as per 13(2) notice	Notice date	Details of secured asset
1	15019615	Home Loan	1. Jasvinder Singh 2. Paramjeet Kaur	Rs. 28,52,343.74	27/09/2019	Plot No.60, 61, 62, kh No.844/18, Ph. No.14/19, Mouja-Kurud, Teh. & Dist. Durg, C.G. 491001.

You are hereby called upon to pay the amounts due to IDFC First Bank Limited (Formerly known as IDFC Bank Limited) as per the details shown in the above table with contracted rate of interest thereupon from their respective dates and other costs, charges etc., within 60 days from the date of this publication, failing which the undersigned shall be constrained to initiate proceedings U/s 13(4) and Sec.14 of the SARFAESI Act, against the mortgaged properties mentioned hereinabove to realize the amount due to IDFC First Bank Limited (Formerly known as IDFC Bank Limited) Further you are prohibited U/s 13(13) of the said Act from transferring the said secured asset either by way of sale/lease or otherwise.

Sd/-

Authorised Officer

IDFC First Bank Ltd

Formerly Known as IDFC Bank Ltd

Date : 16.10.2019

Place : Chhattisgarh

## ERDOGAN ON TURKEY'S SYRIA OFFENSIVE

# Op to continue until 'objectives achieved'

**Istanbul:** President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said Tuesday that Turkey's operation against Kurdish militants in northern Syria would not stop until "our objectives have been achieved".

Turkey is in the seventh

day of its assault against the Syrian Kurdish People's Protection Units (YPG), which it sees as a "terrorist" offshoot of Kurdish insurgents in its own territory.

"God willing, we will quickly secure the region

stretching from Manbij to our border with Iraq and ensure that, in the first stage, one million, and then two million Syrian refugees return to their homes of their own free will," Erdogan said in a televised speech in Baku, where he was attending a regional conference.

He said 1,000 square-kilometres of Syrian territory had so far been "liberated from the separatist terrorist organisation".

Turkey plans to establish a safe zone stretching across northern Syria, to which it can repatriate many of the 3.6 million refugees that it is hosting from the Syrian conflict. **AFP**

## US imposes sanctions on Turkey

**Washington:** Protesting Turkey's military offensive in northeast Syria, US President Donald Trump has announced sanctions against Turkish officials, raising of steel tariffs and ending negotiations on a \$100 billion trade deal.

Trump has signed an executive order that empowers his administration to slap sanctions on Turkey.

The treasury department has already placed Turkish Defence Minister Hulusi Akar, Interior Minister Suleyman Soyulu and Energy Minister Fatih Donmez on its sanctions list, while Trump in a letter to Speaker Nancy Pelosi of the US House of Representatives has declared the Turkey issue a national emergency.

On Wednesday, Ankara launched a cross-border assault on Kurdish fighters after the US decided to withdraw troops from Syria, a move criticised by the Republicans, with some terming it a "betrayal" of the Kurds.

"This (executive) order will enable the US to impose powerful additional sanctions on those who may be involved in serious human rights abuses, obstructing a ceasefire, preventing displaced persons from returning home, forcibly repatriating refugees or threatening the peace, security or stability in Syria," Trump said in a statement.

Turkey's military offensive is endangering civilians and threatening peace, security and stability in the region, he said, adding that he has been perfectly clear with his Turkish counterpart that his action is precipitating a humanitarian crisis and setting conditions for possible war crimes. **PTI**

## Syria Kurds defend key town as Turkey ignores US

**Tal Tamm (Syria):** Kurdish forces held out in a key border town Tuesday seven days into a deadly Turkish invasion of northeastern Syria that has caused mass displacement and reshaped the political map.

The United States slapped sanctions on its NATO ally in a bid to stop an assault that its own troop withdrawal from the area triggered but Ankara showed no sign of relenting.

Using a dense network of tunnels, berms and trenches, Kurdish fighters from the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) have been mounting a desperate defence of Ras al-Ain. **AFP**

## PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON (SECTION 82 Cr.Pc.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that the accused person **Vijay Kumar, S/o K.S. Narendra Nathan, R/o H.No. 386, Sec-3, R.K. Puram, New Delhi** and the other address **H.No. F-353, Nanakpura, New Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No. 183/12 u/s 363/364 IPC, P.S. South Campus, New Delhi** and it has been returned to warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said accused person **Vijay Kumar**, cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Vijay Kumar**, has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Vijay Kumar, Under the FIR No. 183/12 u/s 363/364, P.S. South Campus, New Delhi**, is required to appear before the court on or before **16.11.2019**.

By order

**Dr. Saurabh Kulshreshtha**  
Additional Session Judge, Room No. 302  
Saket Courts Complex, New Delhi

DP/7103/SW/19

## बिहार सरकार स्थानिक अभियन्ता का कार्यालय बिहार भवन, नई दिल्ली संक्षिप्त निविदा आमरण सूचना

पञ्चांक-१९९०/स्थापना अधिनियम, नई दिल्ली दिनांक-१५/१०/२०१९  
बिहार भवन एवं बिहार निवास वाचनालय, नई दिल्ली हेतु निम्नलिखित कार्य के लिए समुचित श्रेणी में बिहार लोक निर्माण विभाग में पंजीकृत टेन्डरों पर निम्नलिखित को बिहार लोक निर्माण विभाग एक-२ एकराजमा में होने वाले कार्य के लिए मुहुरत निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जाती है।

- विद्युतपत्र वाता का नाम एवं पाठ-  
३०-१०-२०१९ (कार्यालय अर्थात् तक)
- परिमाण विवरण के बिना की निविदा एवं सम-  
३०-१०-२०१९ (अपरमाण ३.०० बजे तक)
- निविदा प्राप्त की तिथि एवं सम-  
३१-१०-२०१९ (अपरमाण ३.०० बजे से ५.०० बजे तक)
- निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं सम-  
३१-१०-२०१९ (अपरमाण ३.०० बजे से ५.०० बजे तक)

- परिमाण विवरण निम्न का स्थान-  
१. स्थानिक अभियन्ता, बिहार भवन, वाचनालय, नई दिल्ली  
२. उपस्थानिक अभियन्ता कार्यालय, बिहार निवास वाचनालय, नई दिल्ली  
३. स्थानिक अभियन्ता कार्यालय, बिहार निवास वाचनालय, नई दिल्ली

- निविदा प्राप्ति का स्थान-  
१. स्थानिक अभियन्ता कार्यालय, बिहार निवास वाचनालय, नई दिल्ली  
२. उपस्थानिक अभियन्ता कार्यालय, बिहार निवास वाचनालय, नई दिल्ली  
३. स्थानिक अभियन्ता कार्यालय, बिहार निवास वाचनालय, नई दिल्ली

क्र.सं.	कार्य का नाम	प्रारंभिक राशि	अंतिम राशि	कीमत राशि	कार्य अवधि
1	Painting & polishing work of 1st, 2nd & 3rd floor rooms of Bihar Niwas.	319123	6500	750	एक माह
2	Repair painting & polishing work of all rooms of Bihar Bhawan.	193709	4000	750	एक माह
3	Repair painting & polishing work of staircase and corridor old & new wing of Bihar Bhawan.	138411	3000	500	एक माह
4	Repair painting and polishing work of doors of rooms, bathrooms and shaft of Bihar Niwas.	700000	14000	1250	एक माह
5	Repair & painting work in out house of Bihar Bhawan.	343122	7000	750	एक माह
6	Repair & painting work of exterior surface of old wing of Bihar Bhawan.	288112	6000	750	एक माह
7	Repair & painting work of all parapet of Bihar Niwas.	202127	4500	500	15 दिन
8	Roof treatment with cico plastering work of east side roof of Bihar Niwas.	267004	6000	750	15 दिन
9	Roof treatment work with cico plastering of west side roof of Bihar Niwas.	267004	6000	750	एक माह

- निविदा के साथ अद्यतन निवेदन आयकर प्रमाण पत्र, वाणिज्य कर प्रमाण पत्र, वरिष्ठ प्रमाण पत्र, पैन कार्ड, लेबर लाइसेंस आदि की छाया प्रतियां जो राजपत्रित पदाधिकारी से अभिप्रायित हो संपन्न करना होगा।
- अग्रचन की राशि वाक्यर के एन.ए.सी./सावधि जमा के रूप में संलग्न की जाती है जो स्थानिक अभियन्ता वाचनालय, बिहार भवन नई दिल्ली की नाम से निविदा अवधि में चेकड हो।
- संबंधित के बिहार भवन निर्माण विभाग में पंजीकृत होना अनिवार्य हो।
- निविदाकर्ता को भारतीय मानक विनिर्देश के अनुसार कार्य हेतु अखंडित सामग्री की खुरद व्यवस्था करनी होगी।
- बिना कोई कारण बताए निविदा स्थगित एवं रद्द करने का अधिकार अग्रोहस्ताक्षरी को सुरक्षित होगा।
- प्रकल्पन की राशि घट बढ़ सकती है।  
उत्तरा संघ में किसी प्रकार की जनकारी हेतु अग्रोहस्ताक्षरी कार्यालय से कार्यालय अवधि में सम्पर्क कर प्राप्त किया जा सकता है।

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कार्यालय अभियन्ता-सह-

स्थानिक अभियन्ता

बिहार भवन, नई दिल्ली

## China urges Turkey to 'stop military action' in Syria

**Beijing:** China on Tuesday called on Turkey to stop its military action in northern Syria and "return to the correct way of political resolution", with Ankara's operation against Kurdish militants in its seventh day.

Turkey launched an assault last week against the Syrian Kurdish People's Protection Units (YPG), which it sees as a "terrorist" offshoot of Kurdish insurgents in its own territory. **AFP**

## Qatar defends Turkey's action

**Doha:** Qatar defended its close ally Turkey's controversial operation against Kurdish forces in northern Syria on Tuesday, saying Ankara had acted against an "imminent threat". Turkey has helped Qatar weather the effects of a two-year regional economic embargo led by Riyadh over claims of support for Iran and Islamist extremism, denied by Doha. But Ankara has faced widespread condemnation for its deadly incursion, with the US imposing sanctions on prominent Turkish leaders while France and Germany have halted arms sales. **AFP**

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Time Period: For Three Years  
EMD: 15,200/-  
Date & time up to which tender shall be received : 19-11-19 & 11:00 AM  
Date & time of opening of tender: 19-11-19 & 11:30 AM  
Tender specification can only be downloaded from PSPCL website <https://pspccl.abcpocure.com/> & no hard copy of the same will be issued by this office.  
Note:  
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2) It is informed that in case tender process is not completed due to any reason, no corrigendum will be published in newspapers. Details regarding corrigendum may be seen on official, PSPCL website [www.pspcl.in](http://www.pspcl.in).  
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Contact Number(s): Lajpat Nagar 1800-102-8012 / 011-40305228 / 207, Faridabad: 01294314725/4104450 and Gurugram Branch 0124-4276037, Panipat 0186-4067209 (Small Business Finance India Pvt. Ltd. (erstwhile Mape Finance Pvt. Ltd.) reserves the right to alter the number of accounts to be auctioned &/ or postpone / cancel the auction without any prior notice.)  
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## GOVT. OF BIHAR OFFICE OF THE RESIDENT ENGINEER, BIHAR BHAWAN, NEW DELHI NO.998 /Dated 15/10/19 Short notice inviting quotation

The reputed firms/registered contractor are requested to submit sealed quotation for following work in Bihar Bhawan and Bihar Niwas Chanakyapuri, New Delhi for the year 2019-20 Quotation will be submitted up to 28.10.2019 till .3.00 pm and opened on 29.10.2019 at .3.30 pm at the office of the Resident Engineer, Bihar Niwas Chanakyapuri, New Delhi undersigned office has right to cancel quotation without any further information. Registration, Tin No., Pan No. and authorization of firm/Registration paper here enclosed. Details information paper can be obtained from the office of the Resident Engineer Bihar Bhawan, New Delhi. Man power and cab registration certificate issue from Excise department must be enclosed.

S.No	Particulars
1	Replacement of treadmill in gymnasium of Bihar Niwas.
2	Changing damage with rain water pipe sewerage pipe etc. for Bihar Bhawan
3	Construction of grees chamber at Bihar Niwas for the year 2019-20
4	Supply of 29 Nos Sony make large size 43" T.V A3W 672 g at Bihar Bhawan and Bihar Niwas for the year 2019-20
5	Providing fitting and fixing 2 Nos Mane gate of Bihar Bhawan for the year 2019-20
6	Providing fitting and fixing 2 Nos Mane gate of Bihar Niwas for the year 2019-20
7	Supply fitting and fixing small size fridge 10 Nos at Bihar Bhawan and Bihar Niwas for the year 2019-20
8	Renovation and changing tiles, bathroom fitting, Electrical work of Room No 304, 305, and 306 at Bihar Bhawan for the year 2019-20

Sd/-  
Executive Engineer-cum-  
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Bihar Bhawan, New Delhi



Britain's Prince William and his wife Kate interact with students during their visit to a school outside Islamabad, Pakistan on Tuesday **AP**

## 85 civilians killed, 373 wounded during Afghan election campaign: UN

**Kabul:** Hundreds of people were killed or wounded in violence related to Afghanistan's recent presidential election season as the Taliban sought to undermine the democratic process, a UN agency said on Tuesday.

The United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) reported that 85 people were killed and another 373 wounded in election violence during the period from June 8 to September 30.

On polling day alone, 28

civilians were killed and 249 injured. Children accounted for more than one-third of the victims.

Despite the high toll, Afghan security forces said election day was a success because the Taliban failed to pull off any large-scale attacks that stole the headlines.

The majority of Taliban attacks involved the use of rockets, grenades and mortars, as well as homemade bombs planted near polling centres, including schools, the report found. **AFP**

## HRW warns against mass transfer of ISIS suspects to Iraq

**AFP ■ BEIRUT**

**H**uman Rights Watch warned European countries on Tuesday against transferring foreign jihadist suspects from prisons in war-torn northeastern Syria to Iraq. The New York-based watchdog expressed concern that some countries with significant contingents of prisoners in Syria were seeking to move them across the border.

A Turkish invasion of areas controlled by Kurdish forces has sparked deep concern in Europe about the potential for mass breakouts by members of the Islamic State group.

## Territory not becoming a police state: Lam

**Hong Kong:** Hong Kong's leader said on Tuesday that "it's totally irresponsible and unfounded" to suggest the semi-autonomous Chinese territory is becoming a police state as her Government grapples with protests now in their fifth month.

Carrie Lam has defended Hong Kong's 30,000-strong police force, now widely detested by protesters for its riot-control methods and nearly 2,600 arrests.

Responding to criticism from visiting US Senators, Lam

also said that she challenges every politician to ask themselves what they would do if faced by the scale of violence seen in Hong Kong.

The protests started in June over a contested extradition bill that would have allowed some criminal suspects to be sent for trial in mainland China and have snowballed into an anti-government, anti-police and anti-China movement.

The protests have increasingly ended in violence between hardcore demonstrators and police. Police on Monday said

a homemade, remote-controlled bomb intended to "kill or to harm" riot control officers was detonated as they deployed against renewed violence in Hong Kong over the weekend. Police say the device exploded not far from a police vehicle, but no one was injured.

An 18-year-old was to appear in court Tuesday facing a charge of intentional wounding for a slashing attack Sunday with a sharp blade, described as a box cutter by Hong Kong media, that cut a police officer's neck and severed a nerve. **AP**

## Brexit deal 'possible this week': EU's Barnier

**Luxembourg:** EU Brexit negotiator Michel Barnier said on Tuesday that a deal with Britain could be reached this week, but warned more tough talks are still needed.

British and EU officials are racing to reach a deal on Britain's exit terms before a summit of EU leaders starting on Thursday, as Prime Minister Boris Johnson seeks to fulfil his vow to take Britain out on October 31.

As he arrived in Luxembourg to brief the other 27 EU states on the state of the

closed-door talks, Barnier struck a cautiously upbeat note.

"This work has been intense all along the weekend and yesterday because even if the agreement will be difficult — more and more difficult to be frank — it's still possible this week," Barnier told reporters.

"Obviously any agreement must work for everyone — the whole of the United Kingdom and the whole of the European Union. Let me add also that it is high time to turn good intentions into legal text." **AFP**

## INDONESIA ARRESTS TWO DOZEN AFTER MINISTER ATTACK

**Jakarta:** Indonesian police said they have arrested more than two dozen suspected militants after members of a network linked to the Islamic State (IS) group tried to assassinate a Government Minister.

The world's biggest Muslim majority nation is on high alert ahead of President Joko Widodo's second-term inauguration on Sunday, with some 27,000 troops expected to be deployed in the capital Jakarta. **AFP**

## GLOBE TROTTER

### CHINA CHEMICAL PLANT EXPLOSION KILLS 4

**Beijing:** An explosion at a chemical plant in southern China has killed at least four people and injured six. The Guangxi regional emergency rescue service said on its official microblog that an investigation was underway into Tuesday morning's accident in the plant that made the commonly used plastic Bakelite.

### ZUMA FILES LAST-MINUTE APPEAL AT TRIAL COURT

**Pietermaritzburg:** South Africa's embattled former president Jacob Zuma will appeal a court ruling that he stand trial on corruption charges, his lawyer said on Tuesday, in a last-minute move delaying a case over bribery allegations dating back to a 1990s arms deal.

### AFGHAN ARMY CHOPPER CRASHES, 7 KILLED

Kabul, Oct 15 (AP) Officials say an Afghan army helicopter has crashed in northern Balkh Province, leaving at least seven army personnel, including the crew members, dead.

### PAPUA NEW GUINEA: WARRANT AGAINST EX-PM

**Port Moresby:** An arrest warrant has been issued for former Papua New Guinea Prime Minister Peter O'Neill on charges of corruption, authorities announced on Tuesday. The country's acting police commissioner David Manning said a district court had issued the warrant on Friday for the former leader, who was forced out of office in May after eight years in power.

### PUBLIC BUSES RETURN TO TRIPOLI AFTER 30 YRS

**Tripoli:** Parked in a hangar in downtown Tripoli, some 35 buses awaited this week's launch of a new urban public transport scheme — the first in the Libyan capital in three decades. Imported from China, the brand new vehicles will make their first trips in the coming days, across a city that for six months has lived with the deadly rhythm of combat in its outer suburbs.

### JAPAN TYPHOON TOLL REACHES 70, 15 MISSING

**Tokyo:** Nearly 70 people have been killed in Japan by Typhoon Hagibis, national broadcaster NHK said Monday, as the search for survivors continued for a third day. The broadcaster said 15 people were still missing after the deadly storm, which slammed into Tokyo and surrounding areas Saturday night.

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Date: 12.10.2019

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## Pakistan slips up

Though it may not be blacklisted, it does slide further on compliances required for countering terror at FATF



**P**akistan may not be blacklisted by the Financial Action Task Force (FATF), the inter-governmental forum that links terror funding to freezing international aid, but India's persistent campaign against it nursing terror hubs has clearly paid off. It now appears that Pakistan could slip into the "dark grey" list, a severe warning to take correctives, as it has but fulfilled only six of the 27 conditions of compliance to evade curfew altogether. Besides, the common cause on terror hubs impacting domestic politics that India has managed to drum up around the world, particularly winning US endorsement on this effort, means Pakistan has few friends. In August, the FATF's Asia Pacific subgroup placed it in the "enhanced blacklist" for its failure to meet global standards. Yet its Prime Minister Imran Khan has been lobbying hard for the overall FATF vote, diverting attention from the terror factory at home to Kashmir, forging a new Islamic alliance with Turkey and Malaysia for a crusade-like stance against the Western world, still dangling the Taliban sword to keep the US invested in its relevance for Afghanistan and playing on Chinese anxieties about the Indo-US axis. And while Pakistan may scrape through this time, requiring just three members' support to escape a funding ban, it has still got away by being a strategic counterweight for others' geo-political concerns rather than attempting any course correction at home. What else explains the renewed push for militancy in Kashmir? That problem continues and can only be beaten by now normalising life in the Valley. Discontent cannot be allowed to fester under lockdown for Pakistan's no-risk benefit schemes.

So what are India's obstacles? The recent incremental push in bilateral relations with China has meant that it has come around to agreeing with our viewpoint of combatting terror without referencing Pakistan. How else could it justify its own clampdown on Uighur Muslims? And though it dragged its feet at the UN, it did assent to designating Masood Azhar as a global terrorist. But as the new president of the FATF, China isn't expected to ignore concerns of its all-weather friend Pakistan. It has wriggled a bit here and there but cannot abandon its ally given its strategic interests in the region. Direct transactional benefits with China will frankly take a long time to mature as significant tradeoffs on Pakistan. Of course, there are two more nations, Turkey and Malaysia, to deal with. Both are now spearheading a new-Islamic axis as India has stepped up diplomatic engagement and is building on mutual understanding with the UAE and Saudi Arabia. In fact, India has made significant inroads in the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), which has traditionally been opposed to it on Kashmir. But with the UAE and Saudi Arabia inviting India as an "observer" in its last edition, the OIC has warmed up a bit albeit Malaysia and Turkey continue to support Pakistan. In fact, Khan is now advocating a trilateral forum for a neo-Islamic world distinct from the traditional pan-Islamism. This leadership challenge to religious legacies has not gone down well with even Saudi Arabia of late. India, too, has now given up the charm offensive with both Turkey and Malaysia and is hitting back economically. It is reviewing imports of palm oil and other products from Malaysia in response to its Prime Minister Mahathir Mohammed's United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) speech on Kashmir. With that country hosting radical Indian Islamic preacher Zakir Naik, there are some creases of discomfort. Reports say that following Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's address on the Kashmir issue, India pulled out of discussions with Anadolu Shipyard, which intended to tie up with us for building a 45,000-tonne fleet support ship. Simultaneously, India is also building bridges with the ring states around Turkey and Malaysia — Cyprus, Armenia and Greece around the former and Indonesia around the latter. India is now pegging its diplomacy on sound economic sense and that's delivering results, particularly in one-on-one negotiations in a multilateral world. It is demanding that sensitivities be shown to it in return, considering some of these nations are defaulting on rights records too — Turkey in Syria and China in Hong Kong, Tibet and in Uighur-dominated Xinjiang. In fact, India has stayed away from commenting on these issues until now, when it has condemned Turkey's action against Syria. Smart reasoning and corresponding posturing might change the way the world perceives our concerns.

## Wild chase

The aberrant behaviour by a lion at a wildlife park in Karnataka shows why we need a tourism protocol



**A**s if the existing threats to wildlife in the form of illegal poaching, encroachments and culling were not enough, a new provocation comes from intrusive tourism. Unknowingly or out of curiosity, tourists are heckling animals so much during safaris that the latter are now displaying aberrant behaviour. The latest such instance was captured by one of the passengers aboard a jeep at the Atal Bihari Vajpayee Zoological Park in Bellary, Karnataka, in August, which went viral this week. An aggressive male lion is seen chasing a jeep full of visitors until the driver accelerated enough to outpace him. It was sheer luck that the tourists managed to escape the wrath of the lion, who was hellbent on pouncing upon them. Now the king of the jungle is usually gentle when not on the hunt, even unperturbed by human behaviour. Besides, by virtue of park tourism, lions have become quite immune to human attention. So it was quite strange that Keshri, the lion in question, would become hostile unless he was teased or provoked. Turns out he had just been brought to the park and was yet to settle down. Clearly, he was not used to tourist behaviour and should not have been exposed to visitors either. Particularly, when he was yet to demarcate his territoriality and be sure of his limits, he was but expectedly insecure. In the age of daring selfies and their virality, tourists are not just happy taking routine shots but want a dramatic film sequence. And when they cross limits of admissibility, they run the risk of a chase or attack. Be it big cats or elephants, several videos of them raging after tourists have circulated on social media. In July, a similar video was captured as bikers were chased by a tiger at the Muthanga Wildlife Sanctuary in Wayanad, Kerala.

Our big cats are stressed in their fragmented habitats, some of which do not have enough roaming stretches, prey bases or transit corridors to deeper forests. Human encroachment and development have resulted in frequent man-animal conflicts. Hemmed in from all sides, such aberrant behaviour is being reported all too frequently now, even from reserves like the Kruger National Park. Tourist behaviour, therefore, should be respectful of protocol and mindful of the peace any sanctuary guarantees the wild. For example, protocol calls for the visitors to maintain a certain distance from the animals during an encounter, which is definitely not followed either by them or unscrupulous tour operators hellbent on selling a "sighting." With greater interest comes greater responsibility.

RK **PACHAURI**

**F**ormer Prime Minister of India IK Gujral was one of the most scholarly and well-read leaders we have had. At a public function organised by this writer, he mentioned that the battle of Panipat took place at that location only because it was the southernmost location, which had an open area suitable for warfare. According to him, right from the Khyber Pass to Panipat, the entire terrain was heavily forested where conventional warfare of that period was not possible.

A recent news report mentioned that the Government is planning to build a 1,400 kilometre-long "great green wall" of India. If this project receives official sanction and is backed by innovative institutional arrangements for its implementation, it would mark a remarkable step forward in greening India because we, as a nation, have failed to seize the importance of greening our degraded and deforested land.

The Green India mission was one of the eight key missions included in the National Action Plan on Climate Change. The purpose of this operation was to protect, enhance and restore India's decreasing forest cover and act on the growing extent of climate change through a combination of mitigation and adaptation measures. Unfortunately, the mission has been grossly under-funded. A report by the Parliamentary Committee, titled, "Performance of the National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC) pertaining to Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEFCC)," quotes MoEFCC as stating that the "budget allocation of ₹47.80 crore for FY 2017-18 is grossly insufficient. The committed liability of FY 2015-16 and 2016-17 is ₹89.53 crore, which is more than the budget allocation of FY 2017-18."

Expansion of population and encroachments by humans on forest land and the habitat of other species have not only reduced forest cover since independence but has also led to poor forest density even in those areas, which are regarded as forest land. The proposed "green wall" of India is planned to establish a green belt from Porbandar to Panipat and would help restore degraded land through afforestation, particularly along the Aravalli hill range, which covers Gujarat, Rajasthan, Haryana and Delhi.

It is well-known that the Aravallis have been heavily degraded in several areas, particularly in Haryana, as a result of the nexus between politicians and the builders' lobby. The establishment of the "green wall" would provide an effective barrier for dust coming from the deserts in Western India and Pakistan. It is now well-established that dust from deserts can travel large distances as has been seen with dust from Saudi Arabia travelling to northern parts of Europe. This writer has always advised officials in the Middle East, including a former Saudi Oil Minister, "Please convert your oil wealth to soil health."

Recently, the Conference of the Parties (COP 14) of the United Nations Convention

# The great wall of nature

The proposal for a 1,400km-long green corridor along the Aravalli range, which is still in the planning stage, is a remarkable step forward in greening the country



to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) was held in India and as a follow-up to that event, India can and should set an example for other countries that are threatened with desertification.

The UNCCD is an agreement to combat desertification and mitigate the effects of drought, based on long-term strategies and national programmes, supported by international cooperation and partnership arrangements. It was in 2006 that in order to gather support for the convention, the UN declared that year as the "International Year of Deserts and Desertification."

The convention has thus far been ratified by 190 States and the European Union (EU). However, on March 28, 2013, Canada became the first country to withdraw from it but reversed this arrangement on March 21, 2017.

In hosting COP14 of the convention, India made a major impact on this expanding problem in different countries of the world. Prime Minister Narendra Modi in his address to this conference stated: "I call upon the leadership of UNCCD to create a global water action agenda, which is central to land degradation neutrality strategy."

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) recently published a special report on climate change, desertification, land degradation, sustainable land management, food security and greenhouse gas

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fluxes in terrestrial ecosystems. The report states, "The level of risk posed by climate change depends both on the level of warming and on how population, consumption, production, technological development and land management patterns evolve. Pathways with higher demand for food, feed and water, more resource-intensive consumption and production and more limited technological improvements in agriculture yields result in higher risks from water scarcity in drylands, land degradation, and food insecurity."

It further states: "Many activities for combating desertification can contribute to climate change adaptation with mitigation co-benefits as well as to halting biodiversity loss with sustainable development co-benefits to society...Preventing desertification is preferable to attempting to restore degraded land due to the potential for residual risks and maladaptive outcomes."

The UN system, as is widely known, is currently underfunded and is actually facing a serious crisis. For several years now, there has been a growing realisation that the UN system needs to be restructured and reformed, starting, of course, with the composition of the permanent members of the Security Council, of which India should have been admitted as a member years ago.

In the case of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC),

the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and the UNCCD, there are distinct overlaps. Clearly, actions under one convention would have implications for the other two. The drivers of change underlying these three conventions are common, namely the increase in human society's ecological footprint as Gandhiji had warned us about all his life. It is to be considered whether a comprehensive convention, which covers climate change, loss of biodiversity and desertification, may be far more effective than fragmented actions being taken under each of these conventions.

As far as India is concerned, the advance of desertification has negative implications for the country as a whole. To that extent, therefore, the "great green wall," which is being considered, would be an excellent initiative. However, just as in the case of acid rain in North America, which crosses national boundaries and, therefore, required a regional solution, it would be important for South Asian nations to cooperate on activities, which involve similar initiatives in Pakistan, Afghanistan and Bangladesh as well. Given that nature respects no political boundaries, we need to promote common solutions to problems that are regional in nature. Terrorism should give way to terra-ism.

(This writer is former chairman, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, 2002-15)

## SOUNDBITE

It is biggest irony of our times that while we are celebrating Gandhiji's birth centenary, the BJP is seeking Bharat Ratna for Savarkar, an accused in his assassination case.

**CPI general secretary**  
—D Raja



Professionally, it has been a very special year for me. Both the successes have only motivated and encouraged me to keep following my instincts and work hard.

**Actor**  
—Hrithik Roshan



The global security situation is in a flux. There is concern over the inherent dangers in nuclear brinkmanship pursued by countries as a cover for cross-border terrorism.

**Indian diplomat**  
—Pankaj Sharma



When a ship sinks in the middle of a sea, the captain evacuates everyone safely but Gandhiji is a captain who himself left after seeing the Congress sinking.

**AIMIM chief**  
—Asaduddin Owaisi



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Together, we can win

**Sir** — A large number of climate strikes have recently erupted around the world, directing attention to issues such as climate change and global warming. It is also interesting to note that many indigenous tribes have been praying for the protection of the Amazon rainforest as thousands of wildfires continue to destroy it. People often turn to prayer in difficult times. Such prayers not only lead to positive results but also strengthen relationships among people. The prayers for the Amazon and the protests have attracted the attention of the global population. One hopes that such admirable activities continue to inspire people around the world.

**P Senthil**  
Via email

### Misleading policy

**Sir** — Economists have forever been negotiating between the twin poles of wealth and poverty. In 1776, Adam Smith postulated that the existence of economic prosperity, more than the persistence of poverty, must be

### The historic China connect

**T**his refers to the editorial, "Finding an old connect" (October 14). The second informal summit between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping was historically significant. The choice of Mamallapuram as the venue of the meet was important on account of its historical links with China, which dates back to the seventh century. Mamallapuram, named after Narasimhavarmam I of the Pallava dynasty, is an ancient port town that has a strong mercantile history with China. It was also part of China's silk route and India's spice route. In fact, the origins of Kanchipuram's silk industry can be traced back to the import of raw silk from China via Mamallapuram. Sino-India links in the region can be traced back as far as 2,000 years. Chinese coins discovered in the region further establish the age-old link between the two nations. This rich history made Mamallapuram a befitting venue for this summit.

China has seen an exponential growth in cutting-



edge technology, leaping far beyond India. Electronic goods manufactured by it, which were once frowned upon, have now become much sought after. As India is a big market for Chinese goods, it is unlikely that Xi will take a harsh stand against India on the issue of Kashmir.

**TK Nandanani**  
Kochi

paid attention to. An eon was spent on identifying the conditions necessary for wealth creation. Then an era was spent on the distribution of income between capital and labour.

Finally, Nobel Prize-winning economist Angus Deaton delved into the cause, spread and measurement of poverty. But looks like Indian-American economist Abhijit Banerjee has analysed

the problem with poverty with an experimental approach. The randomised controlled field trials (RCTs) adopted by him has helped find out what works and what doesn't to fight poverty.

The traditional way of measuring wealth on account of the country's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is misleading. It probably further skews the distribution of wealth and accentuates income dis-

parity. We have journeyed long from exploring the creation of wealth to the distribution of income to now Nobel prize winner Abhijit Banerjee's treatise on poverty.

Strangely, it is seen that deeper the democratic mores, as it is in the US, the sharper has been the turn to the right wing ideology of wealth, inequality. It may take ages for the socio-economists, much less the Governments, to

move away from a trite GDP to even grasp the concept of creation and distribution of happiness.

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## Fight pollution collectively

Carpooling, using public transport, segregating waste to reduce burning, choosing not to burst firecrackers at Diwali can make a big difference



NAVDDHA MALHOTRA

The Diwali season comes with many debates: Does a ban on firecrackers make a difference? Could we have prepared better? Has the national Capital's air pollution decreased? What can Delhiites do to help bring it down?

This year the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Government announced a series of measures to tackle air pollution, including the odd-even vehicle rationing scheme; distribution of masks to prevent PM10 intake; a community pyrotechnic show for Diwali; mechanised road-sweeping; a tree plantation drive and a pollution plan for 12 hot spots. In September, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said that according to the air quality data of the last four years, the pollution levels in Delhi had reduced by 25 per cent. While the data is still being examined, this indicates a positive step in the fight for a cleaner Delhi.

In the past, there have been many claims and counter-claims over the impact of the odd-even scheme implemented in the Capital. While some studies indicated that it was a success, others claimed that there was no impact, and still others contended that it was impossible to isolate vehicular pollution from Delhi's data sets. However, the one thing all studies agree on is that the odd-even scheme will not succeed without a robust public transport system and without restrictions placed on heavy vehicles and two-wheelers, which make up the majority of Delhi's vehicular traffic. In the past, the scheme provided exclusions for two and three-wheelers, trucks, taxis and cars used by VIPs. These exemptions, and the limited hours of the odd-even scheme, made it harder to define the success of the project, especially as two-wheelers have the highest emissions levels. At the moment, the Delhi Metro and bus fleet are not equipped to keep up with the existing demand from commuters, let alone the demand that will be generated during vehicular rationing days. However, the undeniable benefit of the scheme is decreased congestion on the city's roads. This cuts down the number of hours citizens spend in their cars and the pollution caused by congestion. The scheme is a step in the right direction but it alone cannot solve the problems of vehicular pollution.

Given these concerns, the next logical solution would be to consider electric vehicles (EVs) and particularly electric public transport. Several cities around the country have committed to electric bus fleets and feeder buses and should these measures be implemented, they will certainly have a positive impact on air pollution. However, cutting down on tailpipe emissions is only half the battle. As long as EVs are powered by traditional electricity, they still contribute to fossil fuel emissions, just perhaps not in the same city they are driven in. EVs are a step in the right direction but not enough to tackle the air pollution crisis, unless they become solar powered in the future.

Like the different sources of the problem, the solutions to our air quality issues are also varied and complex. Pollution does not acknowledge State or city boundaries and our solutions must transcend these as well. Central and State Governments must work together to ensure heavy industrial and vehicular activity is kept outside cities; equitable and environmental solutions for stubble burning are implemented as quickly as possible; industrial activity is heavily regulated and fuel emission standards for vehicles continue to advance. Most importantly, this Government needs to ensure that air quality is monitored adequately and that the data is shared so that the benefits of schemes like odd-even can be evaluated.

At the moment, the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has a woefully incomplete monitoring network, with data gaps for many pollutants and locations. The newly-released National Clean Air Plan (NCAP) fails to include many of the Indian cities that require policy action and doesn't give local authorities the enforcement power they need to penalise offenders. As citizens, it often feels like there is little we can do beyond voting for the right candidate every few years. Installing air purifiers, limiting physical activity and wearing masks outside allows those who can afford it a break from the air pollution but it does not solve the issue. Each individual can take certain proactive actions: Carpooling and using public transport cut vehicular emissions. Ensuring that waste is segregated before it is discarded cuts down waste burning as does limiting open garbage and leaf burning in the winter. During Diwali, choosing not to burn firecrackers can make a massive difference, as we have seen in the last decade in New Delhi.

However, it is clear that only stringent policy can create the kind of widespread change that is needed to tackle air pollution. To make this happen, citizens must encourage their representatives to take action through their votes and their voice. Elections will be held in several States soon, including Delhi. We must make our priorities known to our leaders by raising our voices and demanding a better standard of air quality from our representatives.

(The writer is a social campaigns manager)

CONGRESS NE KHODA PAHAD, NIKLI CHUHIYA. WOH BHI MARI HUI. (THEY DUG A MOUNTAIN, ONLY TO FIND A MOUSE. THAT TOO A DEAD ONE).  
—HARYANA CHIEF MINISTER  
MANOHAR LAL KHATTAR

POINT COUNTERPOINT



THINK IN WHAT LIGHT DO THESE REMARKS SHOW WOMEN. BECAUSE OF PEOPLE WITH YOUR MINDSET, HARYANA IS KNOWN AS THE CRIME CAPITAL.  
—HARYANA CONGRESS PRESIDENT  
KUMARI SELJA

# A double-edged sword

While cities that experimented with free public transport achieved positive results for a while, sustaining them beyond a few years proved to be a problem



MEGHA KUMAR

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's announcement on offering free public transport to women has sparked off a debate across the country about the financial performance and pricing of public transport. As cities across the world struggle to keep the Mass Rapid Transit System (MRTS) and other modes of public transport financially viable, scholars and operators alike are trying to arrive at an economical sound formula for operations.

According to an estimate by the Delhi Transport Corporation and the Delhi Metro, women constitute around 30 to 35 per cent passengers in both buses and the trains. This comes to about 14 lakh women per day on the buses and 800,000 women per day on the metro. The Delhi Government is assuming that the scheme will see a rise of 50 per cent in female ridership, resulting in a decrease in the number of vehicles on the city's roads and improved safety for those vulnerable sections who cannot afford public transport otherwise.

Impact studies in cities that have experimented with a free public transport policy indicate tangible benefits such as higher ridership, less traffic congestion, better air quality, savings on printing, ticket-punching technology and the people engaged in ticket sales. Free public transport promises intangible benefits, too, such as a stronger democracy, higher citizen participation, better liveability and a vibrant economy.

However, it is easier said than done. Cities like Tallinn in Estonia and Châteauroux and Aubagne in France experimented with free public transport in the past and achieved positive results for a while. Sustaining the results beyond a few years, however, proved to be a problem. Also, while the combined effect of free service and happier commuters can significantly increase ridership, public transport can also experience a rebound effect, resulting in crowding and poor service quality due to a large demand response. Such a response can result in a higher tax burden for the transport agency.

The key to operating a free public transport is to identify alternate sources of revenue to finance it. Sustaining a free transport policy in the long-term, especially during times of economic volatility, can be highly strenuous. The city of Châteauroux, France could generate returns on public transport in 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2007. However, 2008 onwards, the returns declined. The city of Hasselt in Belgium had to wind up its free public transport policy after a few years as the Government could no longer support its financing.

So, the big question is, can Indian cities afford free transport for their citizens, given the burgeoning population of the country?

Cities in India face a severe shortage of public transport. City peripheries and low-income neighbourhoods often remain unserved and even if a network of buses and local trains and so on exists, the frequency of service is low, rendering it ineffective. Free or otherwise, the absence of public transport results in last-mile connectivity problems for the poor. Addressing the inadequacies of the country's public transport network will require huge capital investments and considering the amount of expenditure it entails, it could



be too much of a burden on the State Governments to then generate funds for operating expenses.

However, the good news is that, though it appears impossible at present, there are solutions worth exploring. Given that State Governments are finding it difficult to provide even partial support in the form of subsidies and grants to public transport agencies, relying on budgetary support to fund a free transport policy seems very difficult at present. Running free public transport may or may not be possible but every city must have at least an affordable transport system. There are a few strategies for long-term funding and cost-cutting that could be explored for achieving this.

**Cross-utility subsidy:** Although it's not very popular in the country, cross-utility financing is prevalent in many parts of the world, including Europe and North America.

There are many ways to enforce a cross-utility subsidy like imposing a levy on utility use or cross-subsidising a loss-making utility by a profit-making one. The loss-making transport department of the Brihanmumbai Electric Supply & Transport (BEST), for instance, was, for a long time, cross-subsidised by revenues generated by the profitable electricity department. If implemented in a prudent manner, cross-utility subsidy can offer a long-term solution for funding public transport.

**Targeted subsidy:** Grants often fail to benefit the desired user groups. So, the solution lies in introducing selective subsidisation for carefully identified beneficiaries. It is a difficult thing to pull off but one can take heart from the fact that over 10 million customers in India gave up their Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) subsidy in response to the Government's plea. If people are made aware about the purpose of a subsidy, there will be many who will give it up if they don't require it. At any rate, the Government should explore targeted subsidies to offer affordable pub-

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lic transport to the needy and the vulnerable.

**Dedicated transport fund:** Many experts have emphasised the need to exempt public bus transport corporations from the motor vehicle tax. For many bus corporations, the operational losses are almost equal to what they pay as motor vehicle tax. While there is a sound rationale behind taxing vehicles that generate huge negative externalities like emissions and congestion, imposing a similar tax on public buses is draconian. On a "per passenger kilometre" basis, public transport is more efficient and causes lower emission and congestion than private vehicles. Moreover, the tax gets directly passed on to the commuters as part of the fares they pay. Foregoing the tax will also make fares more affordable and improve the financial accessibility of public transport.

**New performance indicators:** There is also a need to develop new performance indicators for evaluating public transport corporations. These indicators must mainstream social and environmental goals. Currently, public transport operations in the country are guided primarily by financial parameters like earnings and cost-per-kilometre. Now, more emphasis needs to be placed on the intangible socio-economic benefits such as time savings, improved productivity, lower congestion and improved livelihood opportunities that public transport enables. Changing the way public transport corporations are assessed will also change the manner in which they operate and the goals they prioritise in service delivery.

While financial performance is critical for operating public transport, increasing the fare is not the best solution. The approach to the problem will change once it is realised that the objective of operating public transport is not to generate revenue but to offer affordable services to citizens. The need of the hour is to find innovative solutions to make public transport affordable for all.

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# Will the Thackeray clan see a s(o)nrise?

The timing is perfect for Thackeray scion Aditya to make his electoral debut with the BJP-Sena alliance poised to win the Assembly polls. The young Thackeray represents the changing political scenario and the Sena's evolving culture



KALYANI SHANKAR

How would the late Sena chief Bal Thackeray have reacted to the idea of his grandson Aditya entering electoral politics when the Thackeray clan had scrupulously kept out of it for decades? He would have chuckled.

So far, the family has run a powerful political party in Maharashtra without contesting elections. The youngest Thackeray, Aditya breaks that tradition in the forthcoming Maharashtra Assembly elections by contesting from the Worli seat in Mumbai.

Balasaheb had once told me he had taken three decisions — he would not contest elections, would

not write his autobiography and would not take any Government post and he had stuck to them till the end of his life.

After the first Shiv Sena-Bharatiya Janata Party Government (BJP) was formed in 1995, Balasaheb often quipped that he ruled the State via "remote control." Balasaheb's son Uddhav Thackeray surprisingly not only kept the party alive but also followed the "remote control" policy of his father.

However, the 29-year-old Aditya is different in this sense and he represents the aspirational Maharashtra youth. His image-makers are trying to project him as a suave, English-speaking Sena leader. Nine years ago, Balasaheb himself introduced his grandson to the political world in October 2010 and also named Aditya the head of the party's newly-created youth wing.

The timing is perfect for the Thackeray scion to make his electoral debut, with the BJP-Sena alliance poised to win the Assembly polls this month.



Aditya stated the obvious in an interview recently, "I chose this election because I thought this was the right time." There is a vacuum in the youth leadership in Maharashtra, which he hopes to fill.

As a child, Aditya used to travel with his father and grandfather and became interested in politics from then on. "If you have to do something good for society, politics is the way. I have been thinking of my journey for the last five years. We did several agitations. How to serve Maharashtra better, Shiv Sena style? I have always thought that I should join my party legislators," says Aditya.

Prior to this electoral contest, he had undertaken a *Jan Ashirwad*

yatra in July to thank the voters for the 2019 success but his real intention was to gauge the public mood for his own debut.

The young Thackeray represents the changing political scenario and also the evolving culture of the Sena. Much has changed since the days of Balasaheb. The party's clout in Maharashtra politics has certainly diminished. Politics has changed, the voters have changed and the Sena, too, has become a junior partner in the coalition, as compared to the earlier days of dominating the Sena-BJP alliance.

Aditya is experimenting with a different kind of politics, trying to change the old narrative. The Sena's image has been that of a muscular political party and he would have to change this if he wants to succeed. The Sena is no more a rabble-rousing party.

In the past it used to launch agitations against the South Indians, Gujaratis, Biharis and Muslims. Today, in a bid to woo non-Maharashtrian voters, his campaign

has multi-lingual posters. He does not mention religion or Hindutva and instead prefers to raise bread and butter issues like employment and development.

He talks about the ban on plastic, beach cleaning and the environment. Aditya is more cosmopolitan, modern and open to new-age electoral politics. He is accused of being comfortable with the Page 3 set but he is also trying to appeal to the ordinary youth.

Second, Aditya is emulating his grandfather by building a base among the youth. The senior Thackeray had a devoted youth following all his life. As long as he was alive, every *Vijayadasami* day, thousands of youth had attended his meeting at the Shivaji Park. Now, Aditya is targeting the millennial voters. He is being projected as a sensitive, modern, young leader, who is flexible and open to new ideas.

Third, it was the family's considered decision to support Aditya's electoral plunge. Bal Thackeray could run the Government through remote

control. Uddhav, too, managed to do that but Aditya, encouraged by his mother Reshmi, believes that the days of "remote control governance" are over and one needs to be in the system.

Above all, the Sena wants to strengthen itself on the ground fearing that the BJP might subsume the party. The family feels that the junior Thackeray's presence in the next Cabinet would give them some control.

Aditya is poised to win the Worli seat, if Dame Luck smiles at him, he might even become the Deputy Chief Minister. Though Uddhav says now, "The first step in politics doesn't mean that you have to become the Chief Minister of the State. He has just entered politics, this is just the beginning." He would push for his son when the time comes.

Aditya wants to prove that he is not just another son of a powerful political family but a grassroots leader in his own right. The Assembly contest will be his acid test.

(The writer is a senior journalist)



FOREIGN EYE



## A TIME OF RECKONING

Though some fossil fuel companies now promote renewable projects, they continue to expand their operations in the face of overwhelming evidence that their actions will drive ecosystem collapse and make much of the planet uninhabitable. It is difficult to confront the full implications of irresponsibility on such a monumental scale. But we, and our politicians, now have no choice but to try.

(The Guardian editorial)

# Young mother killed in Pak firing, 2 others hurt

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

Twenty days after giving birth to her first child, a 27-year-old young mother was killed in heavy mortar shelling in Noona Bandi area of Shahpur along the Line of Control in Poonch on late Tuesday afternoon.

According to ground reports, "27-year-old Shamim Akhtar w/o Mohd Maqsood was standing in front of her kitchen when she was directly hit by a mortar shell around 3.45 p.m.". Due to impact of the blast, her head was reportedly blown off, local villagers in the forward area, claimed.

Her 20-day-old son, miraculously escaped any grievous injury, as she had kept him on the floor inside the kitchen.

As heavy shelling continued in the forward areas, another couple hailing from Qasba village of Poonch sector received injuries and was rushed to the nearby hospital. The injured were identified as



Minzoor Hussain and Naseema Akhtar.

Meanwhile, large number of children remained stranded for several hours inside a local school (seminary) run by Sain Miran Baksh Educational Trust in Shahpur area of Poonch.

In the wake of intense shelling, which started early Tuesday morning around 9.00 a.m. the children could not be rescued. Local villagers and some parents, later in the afternoon managed to organise two ambulances and ferried children from the forward area to safer locations. "None of the child received injuries during heavy mortar shelling", official

sources said.

Defence PRO in Jammu, Lt-Col Devender Anand said, "Pakistan army initiated ceasefire violation in Qasba and Kirni sectors at about 9.30 a.m. by firing small arms and mortars". He said, "the Indian Army retaliated befittingly".

Late afternoon, the Pak Army also targeted forward areas of Shahpur and Karmara in the forward areas forcing the local residents to stay indoors.

The local villagers of Shahpur—Upper and Lower, Gountrian and Islamabad in Poonch appealed to the district authorities to expedite work on bunkers in the area to ensure safety of school going children and local villagers.

A Local villager, Shabir Rathore claimed, "these villagers were regularly targeted by the Pakistan army but so far work on bunker construction has not started in the area".

# Main accused held in Murshidabad triple murder case

PNS ■ KOLKATA

A week after much political hullabaloo the police have finally arrested a mason for brutally murdering a Jaganj school teacher, his pregnant wife and an eight-year-old son.

The mason called Pratik Behera had killed the trio out of personal grudge when victim Bandhu Paul refused to give him a receipt of ₹24,000 which he had taken from him for some insurance policy, he is known to have confessed to the police.

"There was grudge and there was a financial angle," Murshidabad SP Mukesh said adding the triple murder had taken place in a matter of five



minutes.

Earlier the police had claimed that the victim an RSS worker also dealt in some kind of chit fund business in which he used to accept monetary deposits from the people.

The mason was one of such depositors who deposited ₹24,000 with him but failed to procure any receipt for the amount.

When Paul refused to provide with any receipt an altercation followed and the mason killed the threesome.

# Harsh measures will isolate people, delay restoration of normalcy in Kashmir: NC

PTI ■ JAMMU

The National Conference (NC) on Tuesday condemned the arrest of party president Farooq Abdullah's sister and daughter during a protest in Srinagar, saying such measures would further alienate the people and delay restoration of normalcy in the valley.

It sought the immediate revocation of detention of political leaders and common citizens, including Abdullah's kin.

The police on Tuesday arrested half-a-dozen women activists during a march to protest the abrogation of provisions of Article 370 and bifurcation of Jammu and Kashmir into Union Territories.

Abdullah's sister Suraiya and his daughter Safiya, who were leading a group of women activists, were first detained and later arrested by the police.

The NC said such harsh measures would further alienate the people and delay restoration of normalcy in



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from party headquarters Sher-e-Kashmir Bhawan here.

The National Conference leaders expressed regret over the continued detention of political leaders and common citizens, saying the situation had touched the lowest depths and even the liberty of relatives of those in public life was under severe threat. "The detention of Suraiya Mattoo and Safiya Abdullah Khan, respectively sister and daughter of Abdullah and the aunt and sister of Omar Abdullah, reflect the sad state of affairs the State is in for the past over 70 days," the statement said.

# Bengal Govt working for empowerment of rural women: Mamata

PTI ■ KOLKATA

The West Bengal Government is working for the empowerment of rural women through various self-help groups, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee said on Tuesday.

On the occasion of the International Day of Rural Women, Banerjee referred to the success of the 'Anandadhara' scheme aiming for poverty alleviation through social mobilisation.

The scheme, initiated in 2012, is implemented by organising women into self-help groups (SHG).

"Today is #InternationalDayofRuralWomen. Our Govt in #Bangla is working for the empowerment of rural women through self-help groups. The scheme Anandadhara has been very successful in this regard," Banerjee tweeted.



"We also distribute animals for rearing by them, ensuring their economic prosperity," she added.

The International Day of Rural Women was first observed on October 15, 2008 to recognise the critical role and contribution of rural women, in enhancing agricultural and rural development, improving food security and eradicating rural poverty.

# Rajasthan bypolls to test Cong performance; will win both seats: Pilot

PTI ■ JAIPUR

Rajasthan Deputy Chief Minister and State Congress president Sachin Pilot on Tuesday said Mandawa and Khinwsar Assembly bypolls will be the test of the work done by his party Government and claimed it will win both the seats with "huge" margins.

The bypolls were necessitated after Khinwsar (Nagaur) MLA Hanuman Beniwal and Mandawa (Jhunjhunu) MLA Narendra Kumar (BJP) were elected to Lok Sabha in May this year.

"The bypolls are the test of the work of the Government and we are prepared for that. We will win the seats with huge margin. When the Congress was in opposition for five years, we won all bypolls and this time, we are in the Government and there is no reason for not winning the bypolls," Pilot told reporters here. "The State Government's first and foremost priority is to make the



life of people better. We ought to do whatever is possible to help people at personal, social and administrative level," he said.

Pilot said it is important for every public representative to stay connected with people.

While Congress has fielded former MLAs Rita Chaudhary in Mandawa and Harendra Mirdha in Khinwsar, the BJP has given ticket to Sushila Siga in Mandawa and is contesting the bypolls in alliance with MP Hanuman Beniwal's Rashtriya Loktantrik Party (RLP) on Khinwsar where Beniwal's brother Narayan Beniwal is the alliance candidate.

# UP Govt doing away with 25,000 home guards

PTI ■ LUCKNOW

The Uttar Pradesh Government is doing away with 25,000 home guards, saying the State cannot afford the new allowances the Supreme Court has asked it to pay.

The daily allowance for the home guards is now ₹672, up from the ₹500 before the court order in July.

The Government said this would have cost the State an extra expenditure of ₹10 to ₹12 crore every month.

It, therefore, decided not to deploy home guards meant for security at police stations and traffic signals. The home guards are not permanent employees and are recruited on a casual basis.

Officials said a large number were taken on in April. The Supreme Court in July, however, meant a hike in the cost of deploying them.

According to an order issued by Additional Director General (ADG) BP Jogdand, "The decision not to deploy 25,000 home guards was taken on August 28 this year in a meeting chaired by the Uttar Pradesh chief secretary."

The home guards were deployed through a government order dated April



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Home Guards do not have any fixed monthly salary and are paid based on the number of days of duty. Till now they have been expected to work for 25 days but the government decreased it to 15 days.

Uttar Pradesh Director General of Police OP Singh said this step has been taken due to the extra financial burden on the police department following the Supreme Court order and it is a temporary one. "After the Supreme Court order, the police department would have had to bear the extra burden of ₹10 to ₹12 crore per month. This decision of not giving postings is a temporary one, and if and when required they will be called for duty," the DGP said.

# 88 Bru refugee families repatriated from Tripura to Mizoram

PTI ■ AGARTALA/AIZAWL

A total of 408 people belonging to 88 displaced Bru families staying in six relief camps of Tripura have left for their homeland Mizoram since the repatriation exercise began on October 3, officials said on Tuesday.

A total of 4,447 Bru families, lodged in the relief camps at Kanchanpur and Panisagar sub-divisions of North Tripura district, are scheduled to return to the neighbouring state from where they had fled since 1997 following ethnic clashes.

The Bru community, also called Reangs, is among the 21 scheduled tribes in the country. They are scattered across Assam, Mizoram and Tripura. Sub-divisional Magistrate

(SDM) of Kanchanpur, Abhedananda Baidya, said 235 Bru people of 45 families have been repatriated.

His Panisagar counterpart N Darlong said 173 people belonging to 43 families have left for Mizoram till date during the ninth round of repatriation which is termed as the "final" one.

The repatriation is scheduled to continue till November 30. Mizoram officials said 22 Bru families from various relief camps have been repatriated on Monday.

The repatriation is being carried out though some Bru organisations are against the exercise.

On October 4, posters opposing the repatriation and demand for a separate autonomous district council

for the Bru community were found in the relief camps. However, no untoward incident was reported then.

Mizoram Bru Indigenous Democratic Movement leader Phillip Apeto had said they were not satisfied with the rehabilitation package and a district council for the Bru under the sixth schedule of the constitution must be created.

A memorandum submitted by three Bru organisations to Mizoram Home Minister Lalchamliana had also expressed apprehension that the Bru community would lose their identity if they return to Mizoram in the present situation.

During the eighth round of repatriation, the Ministry of Home Affairs had warned that

the relief camps would be closed down from October one 2018 and free ration and money doled to the displaced families would be discontinued.

However, that phase did not bear much fruit.

While the MHA did stop the free ration and cash dole from October one, 2018, the Centre restarted it apparently due to political reasons as Mizoram assembly election was nearing.

The Centre has approved ₹350 crore for the ninth phase of repatriation and the amount covers transportation and rehabilitation package expenses, which include ₹5,000 per month for each resettled Bru family in Mizoram and free ration for them for two years.

# Tributes paid to Abdul Kalam on 88th birth anniversary

PTI ■ RAMESWARAM (TN)

Former President APJ Abdul Kalam was remembered here on his 88th birth anniversary with the late scientist's family and the district administration paying tributes at his memorial here.

The leader's memorial at Pekarumbu was dazzling with electrical lights and floral arrangements, as there was a steady stream of visitors including school children who paid homage to the former president.



Ramanathapuram district collector K Veera Raghava Rao paid floral tributes at the memorial while Kalam's relatives led by his elder brother

Muthu Muhammad Meera Maraikkayar held special prayers.

School children also paid floral tributes and took a pledge to follow Kalam's ideals.

An American Indians Association, as part of honouring the late leader's services, presented a prize for Global Peace, which was handed over to Maraikkayar.

# Railways initiates 'Sewa Service' train for last mile connectivity

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

In order to provide better travel opportunities to passengers who travel daily from neighbouring cities mainly to earn livelihood and education purposes the Railways has initiated nine new 'Sewa Services' spread across eight States of India.

Minister of Railways Piyush Goyal, Union Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas Dharmendra Pradhan, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare Dr Harsh Vardhan, MoS Railway Suresh C Angadi and Meenakshi Lekhi, flagged off the inaugural run of Delhi — Shamli train service in a ceremony held at New Delhi Railway station on Tuesday.

Indian Railways has always strived to provide convenient and comfortable service to its users.

To provide better travel opportunities to passengers who have to travel to neighboring towns and cities mainly for livelihood and education purposes the Railways has initiated nine new Sewa Services spread across eight states of India. These daily or six days a week short distance services will be a boon to the daily



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passengers.

According to the statement, "Inaugural runs of train services in the other six states were also initiated with the flagging off by the dignitaries being received through video conferencing in the respective venues.

Speaking on the occasion Goyal said that based on the hub and spoke concept these trains will provide better rail connectivity between smaller and satellite towns and important cities. "Railway is working on how to be an effective engine of growth in the country. The

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common passengers will greatly benefit from these services," he said.

He also shared that Railways is not going to use any

new assets in these trains, with efficient planning and by enhancing operational capabilities the lie-over rakes of trains are to be used for short services during the long stationed time between two services.

This will not only increase trips but also earn revenue from the otherwise stationed coaches, he added. Dr Harsh Vardhan appreciated the work being done in all areas with a special mention of the up-gradation of stations in the National Capital Region.



A worker makes firecrackers for the upcoming festival Diwali at a factory on the outskirts of Ahmedabad on Tuesday



## MAHARASHTRA POLLS

# PM diverts attention from issues: Rahul

PTI ■ YAVATMAL/WARDHA,

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday called Prime Minister Narendra Modi a "loudspeaker" of certain industrialists, and said his strategy was like that of a pick-pocket who diverts attention to steal.

On campaign trail in Vidarbha for October 21 Maharashtra Assembly elections, he also targeted the Modi government for "waiving" corporate tax.

Addressing a rally in Yavatmal district, Gandhi said the Prime Minister speaks of the moon mission and abrogation of Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir, but is silent on issues such as farmers' plight and lack of jobs.

"The Goods and Services Tax (GST) and demonetisation broke the back of small and medium enterprises, farmers, labourers and poor people. As

long as the Modi Government is in power, the issue of joblessness will continue to haunt the country. The problem of joblessness will grow in the next six months," he claimed.

Criticising the Government's decision to "waive" (slash the rates of) corporate tax, Gandhi said such benefits were extended to certain industrialists, but not to the poor.

The Congress leader also alleged that the Union Government was planning to privatise National assets such as ports, coal mines, and public sector units such as Air India.

"Modi is the loudspeaker of (industrialists) Adani and Ambani. Just like a pick-pocket, who diverts attention of people before stealing, his (Modi's) only job is to divert your attention so that he can pass your money to a select few industrialists," Gandhi said.



While the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MNREGA), Right to Food, land acquisition and laws for tribals were being amended, amendment to the GST act was not acceptable to the Government, he said.

"When the poor person gets money, he starts purchasing, when the demand increases, manufacturing gets a boost," he said, adding that the NAY minimum income scheme, proposed by the Congress before the Lok Sabha elections, would

have jump-started the economy.

The annual budget of MNREGA is ₹35,000 crore and the Modi Government cut corporate tax worth ₹1.25 lakh crore in a single day, Gandhi said.

Referring to Defence Minister Rajnath Singh's France visit, he said the latter did a puja of the Rafale fighter jet (while taking symbolic delivery of the first aircraft). "But ₹35,000 crore were stolen from the jet deal. The media will not write about this because it is being controlled by industrial-

ists.

Your money is given to the media so that they publicise Modi," he alleged.

Maharashtra has the opportunity to solve all these problems by voting for the Congress and NCP, he said.

"We will install a government which will work for the poor, farmers, labourers, and small and medium businesses," he added. At a rally at Arvi in Wardha district, Gandhi accused the Modi Government of weakening all pro-poor schemes of the UPA regime, including the MNREGA, RTI Act, Right to Food and the land acquisition bill. "BJP made fun of MNREGA which had given a boost to the economy," he said.

The GST's purpose was to finish off small and medium businesses, the Congress leader claimed. "Don't let this happen in Maharashtra. Let's stop this here," he said.

# Maha BJP manifesto repetition of old promises, says Cong's Deb

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The All India Congress Committee women's wing president Shushmita Deb called the BJP manifesto released on Tuesday for the Maharashtra Assembly polls as a repetition of old promises.

Creation of one crore jobs in the next five years, providing houses for all by 2022 and ushering in USD 1 trillion economy are the key promises made in the ruling BJP's "sankalp patra".

"It is a classic case of repetition of old promises. The reason is simple. Promises of 2014 remain unfulfilled. This explains why after five years, BJP-Shiv Sena Government has no concrete achievement to showcase," she said at a press conference here.

Deb said agriculture sector had worsened, unemployment had risen sharply, crimes

against women had seen a severe spike and promise of clean drinking water remain unfulfilled.

While the BJP-Sena Government promised double-digit growth in agriculture, the actual rate was a meagre 0.4 per cent, which had led to eight farmers committing suicide every day, she claimed. "The BJP's manifesto promises one crore jobs over the next five years. This is yet another jumla given sharp rise in unemployment which has tripled under this Government. In fact every third young person in urban areas is today jobless," Deb said. She said 2000 factories had shut down and Maharashtra was no longer the preferred destination and lagged behind Uttar Pradesh and Jharkhand in ease of doing of business.

Crime against women were rising sharply, including a 300

per cent increase in cases of abduction besides 11 rapes registered every day, Deb stated, adding that the Devendra Fadnavis government had not used a single rupee from the Nirbhaya Fund.

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# Rane-led MSP merges with BJP, Sena miffed

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

In what came as a snub to the Shiv Sena, the Maharashtra Swabhiman Party (MSP), headed by former Chief Minister Narayan Rane, merged with the ruling BJP, in the presence of Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis.

Undeterred by the stiff resistance from its ally Shiv Sena to the entry of Rane and his two sons, the ruling BJP went ahead and allowed the MSP's merger with it at an election rally organised for Sr Rane's son Nitesh and the BJP candidate at Kankavli Assembly constituency in Sindhudurg district.

While Nitesh had joined the BJP and filed his nomination from his new party early this month, Sr Rane, his another son and former MP Nileshe and their supporters formally entered the BJP.

Speaking at Nitesh's campaign rally, Chief Minister Fadnavis heaped praise on Sr Rane saying: "Narayan Rane has a special place in Maharashtra politics. He is well-versed in many subjects. In way, he has been a part of the BJP ever since he went to Rajya Sabha early last year with the BJP's support".

"All were waiting for this (merger) for a long time. It has

finally happened today.

There is hardly any competition here. The BJP will benefit hugely with the Rane's entry to the party," Fadnavis said.

Meanwhile, the Shiv Sena leadership has not taken kindly to the MSP's merger with the BJP. Sena President Uddhav Thackeray, who will be campaigning in Kankavli and Savantwadi constituencies, is expected to spell out his stand on the MSP's merger with the BJP. On its part, the Sena - notwithstanding its alliance with Sr Rane - has put up its candidate against Nitesh Rane. In sence, the fight would be between the Sena and BJP in

Kankavli constituency.

Fadnavis said that Nitesh would win the Assembly polls with a thumping margin. He, however, advised Nitesh, known for his losing his cool on some pretext or the other, to restrain himself and learn to remain calm.

There had been speculation in the State political circles that he would join the BJP along with his two son Nitesh and Nileshe. His entry to the BJP was being resisted by its ally Shiv Sena for a very long.

He had earlier announced that he would join the BJP on October 2. Rane made an announcement about merging

the MSP with the BJP, while campaigning for his party candidate Rajan Teli. "The BJP is getting strong in Konkani region. My son Nitesh and his supporters joined the BJP earlier. I will merge my party with the BJP in the presence of chief minister Devendra Fadnavis on October 15," he said.

Having been associated with the Shiv Sena since early seventies, Rane had emerged as a senior leader in the party and was made the chief minister of Maharashtra, a post he held between February 1, 1999 and October 17, 1999 when the Sena-BJP alliance was ruling the State.

# NCP MLC, ex-MLA join BJP

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) MLC Ramrao Wadkute and former party MLA Bappu Pathare joined the BJP on Tuesday, ahead of the next week's Maharashtra Assembly polls.

Wadkute, a prominent Dhargar (shepherd) community leader from Marathwada region, was appointed member of the Maharashtra Legislative Council in June 2014 from the governor's quota.

He submitted his resignation on Monday evening to Legislative Council Chairman Ramraje Nimbalkar who

immediately accepted it. Pathare is a former MLA from Pune.

Both Wadkute and Pathare were inducted into the BJP in Mumbai on Tuesday in the presence of the party's working president J P Nadda. Wadkute, a native of Parbhani district in Marathwada, was earlier chairman of the Punyashlok Ahilyadevi Sheli-Mendhi Vikas Mahamandal (Goat and Sheep Rearing Development Corporation) before being appointed as the MLC.

# Won't allow Bharat to become 'Hindu Rashtra': Owaisi

PTI ■ THANE

AIMIM president Asaduddin Owaisi has said Bharat is "not a Hindu Rashtra" and they will also not let it become so.

His comments came after RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat last week said the Sangh is firm on its vision that "Bharat is a Hindu Rashtra".

Addressing an election rally on Monday night in Kalyan town of Maharashtra's Thane district for party candidate Aiaz Moulavi, Owaisi said a section of society wants to paint the entire country in one colour, but "we see Hindustan in multiple colours, it is the beauty of Hindustan".

"Bharat is not a Hindu Rashtra, and Inshallah, we will not allow it to become so," he said.

Alleging that the Shiv Sena was against the green colour, he said, "Change your spectacles and you will see the green colour in the National flag also".

He said Bharat is unique because of itssecularism and pluralism. There is no other country in the world as Bharat and "we are proud of it". "I want to tell those in the RSS that we are not living here on your sympathy. If you want to measure the index of my happiness or sorrow, you and we should see what the Constitution has given to us," Owaisi said.

# Opp claims trees chopped for PM's Oct 17 Pune rally



PTI ■ PUNE

Opposition parties in Maharashtra have alleged that some trees located on the campus of Sri Parshuram (SP) College in Pune were chopped on Monday for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's October 17 rally, which will be held on the college ground.

The college authorities on Tuesday denied the allegation saying only certain branches hanging dangerously were cut for the safety of students who play there, which has nothing to do with the PM's event.

NCP MP Vandana Chavan alleged some 'subabul' trees around the ground, where the rally will be held, were felled by the college administration.

"As per the information with us, trees were cut from the stems which is unacceptable," alleged Chavan.

She demanded stringent action against those responsible for the "cruel act". Maharashtra Navnirman

Sena (MNS) leader Rupali Patil also said the trees were hacked.

"They have cut the trees because they believed that the trees would prove hindrance for the PM rally," she claimed.

However, Pune BJP unit president Madhuri Misal, one of the trustees of Shikshan Prasarak Mandali (SPM) which runs the SP College, refuted the allegations saying chopping of trees had no connection with the PM's programme.

# After Savarkar, BJP may propose Bharat Ratna for Godse: D Raja

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Slamming the BJP for moot- ing Bharat Ratna award for V D Savarkar, Communist Party of India general secretary D Raja on Tuesday said the ruling party may even propose the honour for Mahatma Gandhi's killer Nathuram Godse.

The election manifesto of Maharashtra BJP, released on Tuesday said the party will ask the NDA Government at the Centre to confer India's highest civilian award on Vinayak Damodar Savarkar, popularly known as Veer Savarkar.

"This is biggest irony of our times that while we are all celebrating the birth centenary of Gandhiji, the BJP is seeking Bharat Ratna to Savarkar, who was an accused in his assassination case," Raja told PTI here.

"The day may not be far off for BJP to demand Bharat Ratna to Gandhiji's assassin Nathuram Godse. This is part of their agenda," the CPI leader said.

# UNIDENTIFIED DEAD BODY

General public is hereby informed that one unknown male person was found dead at Bawana Kanjhawala Road, Bawana, Delhi on Dated 09.10.2019 Time 03:14 PM. In this regard a DD No. 06-A Dated 09.10.2019 has been lodged at P.S. Bawana, Outer North Distt. The description of the dead body is given as under Name: Unknown S/o: Unknown R/o Unknown Age: Approx 40-45 years, Height: 5'7". Complexion- Sallow, Built: Thin, Wearing-Dark Blue Colour T-Shirt and Pant. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the dead person but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about this dead person please inform undersigned.



SHO  
P.S. Bawana Outer North Distt  
Ph.: 011-27752534  
8750870321  
DP/704/ON/19

# SEARCH FOR MISSING LADY

General public is hereby informed that one lady namely Pratesh, W/o Shri Prem Bhaskar, R/o Sukar Bazar Road, Begumpur, Delhi, Age 26 years, Height 5'2" Complexion Wheatish, Round Face, Wearing Pink colour suit & salwar has been missing/kidnapped from the area of PS Begumpur, Delhi since 06.10.19. In this regard a vide No. 11-A dated 07.10.19 has been lodged at PS Begumpur, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about this missing/kidnapped lady may kindly inform to the following.  
E-mail ID:cic@cbl.gov.in SHO  
Tel: 011-24368638, 24368641 PS : Begumpur, Delhi  
Fax: 011-24368639 Ph.: 25489080  
DP/3361/RD/19

# GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PHE MECH. DIVISION NORTH JAMMU

**NOTICE INVITING TENDER**  
e-NIT No. 50 of 2019-20  
For and on behalf of Governor of J&K State, Executive Engineer, PHE Mech. Division North Jammu, invites tenders by e-tendering mode from the reputed/registered firms for the below mentioned work:-

**S. No. 1, Name of Work :- Fabrication, providing, installation, testing and commissioning of LT control panel for 50 HP motor and allied works at tube well no. 21.**  
**Name of Division :- PHE Mech. Division North Jammu**  
**Cost of document / tender fee (in Rs.) :- 200/-**  
**Earnest money :- 02% of quoted rates**  
**Validity of Rates :- 180 days**  
**Bid validity :- 180 days**  
**Position of funds : Demanded**  
**Date of Publishing : 12-10-2019 06.00 pm.**  
1. Bid documents can be seen at and downloaded from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> from 12-10-2019 (06.00 pm).  
2. The Bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> from 12-10-2019 (06.00 pm) to 22-10-2019 (04.00 pm).  
Sd/- Executive Engineer  
PHE Mech. Division North Jammu

# SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General Public is hereby informed that one girl namely Babli D/o Sohan Lal R/o R-71, Vikas Nagar Phase-II, Delhi has been missing/Kidnapped since 31.07.2019 from the area of P.S. Ranhola, Delhi. In this regard a case vide DD No. 28-A dated 01.08.2019 has been registered at PS. Ranhola, Delhi. The description of missing girl is as under:

Name: Babli, Father's Name: Sohan Lal, Age: 19 years, Height: 5', Face : Long, Complexion : Wheatish, Wearing : Red Top White Jeans Pant and black shoes in feet. If anyone having any clue/information, kindly inform the undersigned.

SHO  
P.S., Ranhola, Delhi  
e-mail : cic@cbl.gov.in  
Fax : 011-24368639  
Ph. : 011-24368638, 24368641  
Ph. : 011-28363001  
28363002, 28363003  
DP/2723/OD/19

# SEARCH FOR MISSING

General Public is hereby informed that a person namely Vedpal S/o Sh. Mahendra R/o H.No.F-21, Village Gazipur, Delhi has been missing since 22.09.2019 from the area of P.S. Patparganj Ind. Area, Delhi. In this regard a DD No. 26A dated 30.09.2019 has been lodged at PS, Patparganj Ind. Area, Delhi. The description of missing person is as under:

Name: Vedpal, Father's Name : Sh. Mahendra, Age : 22 years, Height : 5'3", Face : Round, Complexion : Shallow, Wearing : Yellow colour check Shirt & Blue colour Jeans Pant. If anyone having any clue/information, kindly inform the undersigned at following phone numbers.

SHO  
P.S., Patparganj Ind. Area, Delhi  
e-mail : cic@cbl.gov.in  
Fax : 011-24368639  
Ph. : 011-24368638, 24368641  
DP/7074/ED/19 Ph. : 011-22146490, 22146491

# PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

**See Section 82 Cr. P.C.**  
Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused Arun Kumar S/o Amar Nath R/o Shop. No. 5, Furniture Market, Near Krishna Nagar Mandir, Najafgarh, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case registered vide FIR No. 617/17 u/s 33/38/58 Delhi Excise Act has been lodged at P.S. Sultan Puri, Delhi, punishable and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused Arun Kumar cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Arun Kumar has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Arun Kumar of case FIR No. 617/17 u/s 33/38/58 Delhi Excise Act at PS. Sultan Puri, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 20.11.2019.

By Order  
Ms. Upasana Satiya  
Metropolitan Magistrate-01  
Room No. 102, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Rohini Distt. Courts, New Delhi

DP/2769/OD/19

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NSD Campus, Bhagwandas Road,  
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Entry cards are available at NSD Reception  
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between 11.00 am — 1.00 pm & 2.00 pm — 5.00 pm and if  
available, one hour before the show at the auditorium.  
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NSD Bahawalpur House, Bhagwandas Road, New Delhi -110001  
Enquiries : 011-23389402 / 7916/ 2821 Website: www.nsd.gov.in  
davp-09130/11/0032/1920

# EAST DELHI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER [M. Shah-(N)-II]**  
**C-12, YAMUNA VIHAR DELHI-110053**  
NIT No. EE-[M Shah (N)-II]/19-20/20 Dated 14.10.19  
Executive Engineer M-II/Shah(N) invites tender on behalf of the Commissioner, EDMC from registered contractors of MCD.  

S. No.	Item/Name of work	Tender Amt. (in ₹)	E/M (in ₹)	Time of Compl.	Tender No.
1.	Providing and Laying Rising main of Bhajanpura Pump House at Bhajanpura main market to Gokalpur drain (Wazirabad road) in ward no. 45-E, Yamuna Vihar, Shahdara (N) Zone. Item Rate 1,90,450/- 5 Months 1,000/- 316802				
2.	Improvement Dev. of gali no. 5 from Rubber factory road to Gamri road in K-Block Gangotri Vihar by pdg. RMC in ward no. 46-E, Ghonda, Shahdara(N) Zone, Item Rate 73,500/- 6 Months 500/- 316803				

Note: From Sr. No. 1 to 2 for above mentioned each work Validity: 6 Months and H/A: TYADB  
Last date & time of Download of tender document 25.10.2019 upto 14.00 PM.  
The detailed documents can be seen and downloaded by the registered contractor from website <http://mcdetenders.com>  
The tender will be opened in the office of E.E.-M-II/Shah(N) on 30.10.2019  
RO No. 66/DPI/East/2019-20 E.E.[M Shah(N)]-II  
EDMC's Citizens Helpline No. 155303



# India retains fastest-growing rank: IMF

## IMF revises India's growth projection to 6.1% in 2019

IAN S ■ NEW YORK

In the gloomy global economic picture painted by the International Monetary Fund (IMF), India retains its rank as the world's fastest-growing major economy, tying with China, with a projected growth rate of 6.1 per cent for the current fiscal year, despite an almost one per cent cut in the forecast.

However, the IMF's World Economic Outlook (WEO) released on Tuesday projected India's economy to pick up and grow by 7 per cent in the 2020 fiscal year.

The WEO cut India's

growth rate by 0.9 per cent from the 7 per cent made in July and by 1.2 percent from the 7.3 per cent in April.

In contrast to the dark view of the economy within India, when viewed globally, the nation's picture seems brighter despite the cuts.

The world economy is projected to grow only 3 per cent this year and 3.4 per cent next year amid a "synchronised slowdown", according to the WEO.

Explaining the cut in growth projection for India, the WEO said: "India's economy decelerated further in the second quarter, held back by sec-

tor-specific weaknesses in the automobile sector and real estate as well as lingering uncertainty about the health of non-bank financial companies."

It added that "corporate and environmental regulatory uncertainty" were other factors that weighed on demand.

IMF's projected growth rate of 6.1 per cent for 2019-20 is consistent with the Indian Monetary Policy Committee's forecast.

About the international

scenario, IMF's Chief Economist Gita Gopinath wrote in the foreword to the WEO: "The global economy is in a synchronised slowdown, with growth for 2019 downgraded again — to 3 per cent — its slowest pace since the global financial crisis (in 2007-08). This is a serious climb down from 3.8 percent in 2017, when the world was in a synchronised upswing."

WEO projected China's economic growth to slow down to 5.8 per cent next year.



## Global economy is in a synchronised slowdown: IMF

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

The global economy is in a "synchronised slowdown" amidst growing trade barriers and heightened geopolitical tensions, the IMF warned on Tuesday as it downgraded the 2019 growth rate to three per cent, the slowest pace since the global financial crisis.

"This is a serious climb-down from 3.8 per cent in 2017, when the world was in a synchronised upswing," Indian-American Gita Gopinath, chief economist of the International Monetary Fund said in the foreword to the latest World Economic Outlook.

"With a synchronised slowdown and uncertain recov-

ery, the global outlook remains precarious. At 3 per cent growth, there is no room for policy mistakes and an urgent need for policymakers to cooperatively deescalate trade and geopolitical tensions," she said.

Besides supporting growth, such actions can also help catalyse needed cooperative solutions to improve the global trading system, Gopinath said.

Released ahead of the annual meeting of the IMF and World Bank, Gopinath in the World Economic Outlook said that this subdued growth is a consequence of rising trade barriers; and elevated uncertainty surrounding trade and geopolitics.

## Man, who lost job at Jet, money at PMC Bank, dies Heartbroken

PTI ■ MUMBAI

A 51-year-old city resident whose deposit of over ₹90 lakh was stuck with the scam-hit PMC Bank died of a heart attack, hours after taking part in a protest by bank customers who are seeking their money back.

Sanjay Gulati, the deceased, had lost his job at Jet Airways when the airline was grounded in April, his family said. He also had a specially-abled child to support.

Gulati and his 80-year-old father CL Gulati participated in

the depositors' protest in south Mumbai on Monday morning. Later, while having a late lunch at his house in suburban Oshiwara, Sanjay collapsed, his family said.

He was rushed to a hospital where he was declared brought dead. The cause of death was given as cardiac arrest.

"He had lost his job recently and was extremely stressed for the last few days after the bank crisis. He feared we will not get any of our money back," wife Bindu Gulati told reporters on Tuesday.

## MORE BAD NEWS

### Jewellery industry stares at a dark Diwali

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The jewellery industry is looking at a dark Dhanteras and Diwali as it expects sales to decline at least 30 per cent over last year in spite of the ongoing price corrections.

The industry's only hope is in falling prices, which had scaled a record of ₹4,000 a gram last month, to get better footholds. Currently, the metal is trading at around ₹3,800 to a gram.

In 2018, the industry managed to close with flat sales over 2017 Diwali season.

"Gold prices have soared to ₹40,000 per 10 gram last month, just in the beginning of the festival season and still remains high. This has further dampened the already weak consumer sentiment."

"But if prices continue to correct during this week there may be some improvement in retail demand. However, the overall business will still be 30 percent lower than last year," All-India Gem & Jewellery Domestic Council chairman Anantha Padmanaban told PTI on Tuesday.

World Gold Council man-



aging director for India Somasundaram PR said this Diwali is not going to be very shiny following very high prices and already poor consumer sentiment dented by the deepening all-round gloom in the economy with every key indicators contracting or plunging month after month for nearly

a year.

"Buying is still happening at the very high-end, but bulk of purchases, that is the low-to-mid range, are affected badly. Looking at the current trend we may have to revise the overall 2019 demand target, which was earlier predicted at 750-850 tonne," he said.

Somasundaram said imports were much higher than demand over several quarters since Q1 of 2017, but July and August saw imports plunging 60 per cent, reflecting the already weak trade sentiment.

## Exports decline 6.57% in Sep; trade deficit at 7-month low

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India's exports remained in the negative zone for the second consecutive month in September contracting by 6.57 per cent to \$26 billion mainly on account of significant dip in shipments of petroleum, engineering, gems & jewellery and leather products.

Imports too declined by 13.85 per cent to \$36.89 billion in September, narrowing the trade deficit to a seven-month low of \$10.86 billion, according to the government data released on Friday.

Gold imports plunged 62.49 per cent to \$1.36 billion in the month. Imports during

the month slipped the most after August 2016, when inbound shipments had contracted by 14 per cent. The trade deficit stood at \$14.95 billion in September 2018.

## India's services exports up 10% in Aug at \$18.24 bn

Mumbai: India's services exports rose by 10.4 per cent to \$18.24 billion in August in the current financial year, data from Reserve Bank showed on Tuesday.

The services exports or receipts were \$16.53 billion in the same month of 2018. PTI

## BUSINESS CORNER

### PNB, OBC, UBI HOLDS TOWN HALL MEETING

New Delhi: Punjab National Bank, Oriental Bank of Commerce and United Bank of India held its Town Hall meeting on 14th October, 2019 at Siri Fort Auditorium, New Delhi. The meeting was presided by current MD's of the respective Banks which includes Ch SS Mallikarjuna Rao, MD & amp; CEO Punjab National Bank, Mukesh Kr. Jain, MD & amp; CEO Oriental Bank of Commerce & amp; Ashok Kr. Pradhan, MD & amp; CEO United Bank of India. The theme of the meeting was "Amalgamation — Embarking On a New Journey Together To Create A Promising Future". Speakers of the event addressed around 2000 staff members of the all the three Banks.

### AIR INDIA BECOMES FIRST AIRLINE TO USE TAXIBOT



New Delhi: Air India has had the distinction on Tuesday of becoming the first airline in the world to use a TaxiBot on an Airbus A320 aircraft operating a Commercial flight with passengers onboard. A TaxiBot (Taxiing Robot), is a pilot controlled semi-robotic towbar-less aircraft tractor used as an alternate taxiing equipment. History was created when Air India CMD Shri Ashwani Lohani flagged off AI665 from Delhi to Mumbai at Terminal 3 on Tuesday.

### SM CHOUDHARY TAKES CHARGE AS DIRECTOR IN SECL

New Delhi: SM Choudhary, a qualified Chartered Accountant, Cost and Management Accountant and Company Secretary with over 3 decades of experience in coal industry has taken charge as the Director (Finance) in South Eastern Coalfields Limited. Prior to taking charge at SECL, Shri. Choudhary was the Director (Finance) in Western Coalfields Limited since 3rd March, 2016. During this period, he also had additional charge of Director (Finance), SECL from 28/12/2018 to 04/04/2019.



### CIVIL AVIATION SECY INAUGURATES ICAO PBN WORKSHOP

New Delhi: Pradeep Singh Kharola, Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation today inaugurated the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) Performance Based Navigation (PBN) Workshop for ATCOs at the Indian Aviation Academy, Vasant Juni, New Delhi in the presence of Shri. Anuj Aggarwal, Chairman, Airports Authority of India; IN Murthy, Member (Operations) and Shri. Vineet Gulati, Member (Air Navigation Services), AAI. Assisted by PBN experts of AAI; Raphael Guillet and HuHo Ha from ICAO Sub-Regional Office Beijing, are imparting training. This workshop is being attended by delegates from CAA Nepal, DGCA India and Air Traffic Controllers from 44 airports in India. The workshop is scheduled to be held between 15th-18th October 2019.

### CLW PRODUCES 200 ELECTRIC LOCOMOTIVES



New Delhi: Chittaranjan Locomotive Works (CLW) has produced 200 electric locomotives (32595) upto 15th October of the current financial year 2019-20. 163 nos of WAG-9H, 26 nos of WAP-7 & 11 nos of WAP-5 series locomotives were produced till 15th October 2019. On 15th October 2018 itself, 184 locomotives were made. It shows an overall increase of about 10 per cent over the same corresponding period. With this trend in production, it is expected that, CLW will be able to achieve yet another highest production figure in the annals of Indian Railways in manufacturing of record numbers of latest technology electric locomotives in a year.

NORTHERN RAILWAY			
E-TENDER NOTICE			
Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/Traction Distribution, DRM's Office, State Entry Road, New Delhi for & on behalf of President of India, invites open e-tender under single packet system for the under noted work:			
1.	Name of Work with its location	Raising of muf of OHE structures/portals to avoid corrosion in DUK section.	
2.	Approx. Cost of work	Rs. 23,01,684.77	
3.	Earnest Money Deposit	Rs. 46,000/-	
4.	E-Tender Bid Online Submission Period	24.10.2019 (00:00 Hrs.) to 07.11.2019 (15:00 Hrs.)	
5.	E-Tender Bid Submission End Date & E-Tender Open Date & Time	07.11.2019 (15:00 hrs.)	
6.	Fund Allocation	07041032	
7.	Website particulars where complete details of tender documents can be seen	www.ireps.gov.in	
E-Tender No.: 11-TRD-NDLS-2019-20 Dated 14.10.2019			3294/2019
SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE			

## PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

(See Section 82 Cr.PC)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that (1) Sangeeta W/o Ravi Kumar (2) Bindiya W/o Arby, both R/o H. No. 1343/C, Street No. 9, Govind Puri, New Delhi and 2nd Address Vill - Gulkheri, P.S. - Pachor, Distt. - Rajgarh, M.P. (3) Seema W/o Shyam Babu R/o H. No. 1343/C, Street No. 9, Govind Puri, New Delhi and 2nd Address Vill - Kathiya Sansi, P.S. - Pachor, Distt. - Rajgarh, M.P. (4) Nisha D/o Varsha D/o Kamal R/o Vegabond Sarai Kalekhan, New Delhi and 2nd Address Vill - Jatkeri, P.S. - Pachor, Rajgarh, M.P. have committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 820/17 u/s 379/411/34 IPC, P.S. Tilak Nagar, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accuseds (1) Sangeeta (2) Bindiya (3) Seema (4) Nisha @ Varsha cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accuseds (1) Sangeeta (2) Bindiya (3) Seema (4) Nisha @ Varsha have absconded (or are concealing themselves to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accuseds (1) Sangeeta (2) Bindiya (3) Seema (4) Nisha @ Varsha of FIR No. 820/17 u/s 379/411/34 IPC, P.S. Tilak Nagar, Delhi are required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before 18.11.2019.

By Order,  
Sh. Atul Krishana Agarwal  
Metropolitan Magistrate, Room No. 25,  
DP/8465/WD/19 - (Court Matter) Tis Hazari Court, New Delhi

## SEARCH FOR MISSING



Sandhya

General public is hereby informed that this lady (depicted in the photo) namely: Sandhya with her two daughters (1) Name: Khushi, (2) Name: Priya, W/o Ramesh Chand R/o H. No. D-103, Humayun Mandir, J.J. Colony, Camp No. 2 Nangloi, Delhi is Missing/Kidnapped from the P.S. Nangloi since 10.09.2019. In this regard a DD No. 60-A dated 10.09.2019 has been lodged at P.S. Nangloi, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the lady but no clue has come to light so far.

Her physical description is as under:-  
Sex: Female, Age: 35 years, Height: 4'10",  
Complexion: Fair, Face: Round, Wearing: Unknown.

Sex: Female, Age: 8 years, Height: 3' ft., Complexion: Fair, Face: Round, Wearing: Unknown.

Sex: Female, Age: 5 years, Height: 2'5" ft., Complexion: Fair, Face: Round, Wearing: Unknown.

Any person is having information or clue about this missing lady & daughters may kindly inform to the following:-

SHO

Website: <http://cbl.nic.in> P.S. Nangloi, Delhi  
E-mail: [cic@cbl.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbl.gov.in) Ph. No.: 011-25947225, 25949470  
Tel. No.: 011-24368638/24368641 Mob. No. 7065036127  
Fax No.: 011-24368639 DP/2779/OD/19

## SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED WOMAN



Asha Devi

General public is hereby informed that this woman namely Asha Devi W/o Uday Prakash R/o C-293, Inder Enclave, Ph-II, Kirari, Delhi Age : 35 years, Complexion : Wheatish, Height : 5'6", Face : Round, wearing yellow green colour suit and red colour lagging has been missing/ kidnapped since 10.09.2019 alongwith her daughter's namely 1. Angel : Age : 5 years, Complexion : Wheatish, Height : 3'5", Face : Round, wearing grey & white colour checkard shirt and skirt and 2. Somel : Age : 3 years, Complexion : Wheatish, Height : 3', Face : Round, wearing blue colour T-Shirt and blue colour jeans, from the area of P.S. Prem Nagar, Delhi. In this regard DD No. 86-A dated 14.09.2019 has been lodged at P.S. Prem Nagar, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about this missing/ kidnapped woman and her daughter's may kindly inform to the following.

E-mail: [cic@cbl.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbl.gov.in) SHO : P.S. Prem Nagar, Delhi  
Website: <http://cbl.nic.in> Ph. : 011-25489080  
Fax: 24368639  
Tel.: 24368638/24368641 DP/3354/RD/19

## SEARCH FOR KIDNAPPED



General public is hereby informed that one girl namely Durga, D/o Hira Lal, R/o: Kashmiri Colony, Village-Hiranki, Delhi, Age: 19 years, Height: 5'5", Complexion: Fair, Face: Round, Built: Normal, wearing White Suit & Salwar and Pink Hawaii Chappal in feet, has been missing from the Area of P.S. Alipur, since 25.08.2019. In this regard a DD No. 19-A, dated 26.08.2019 has been registered at P.S. Alipur, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the girl but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about her please inform undersigned.

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## PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF PERSON ACCUSED

See Section 82 Cr. PC

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused Bharat @ Mirchi S/o Dalip, R/o H.No. 8030, Gali No. 09, Multani Dhand, Paharganj, Delhi, has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the Offence in case FIR No. 009793/17 at Police Station Janak Puri, Delhi, which is punishable under section 379/411/34 of Indian Penal Code. A warrant of arrest issued thereupon has been returned unexecuted stating that the said Bharat @ Mirchi cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Bharat @ Mirchi has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Bharat @ Mirchi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 28.11.2019.

By Order,  
DP/8455/WD/19-(Court Matter) Sh. Deepak Vats  
Metropolitan Magistrate, Room No. 9, Ground Floor,  
Dwarka Dist. Courts, Sector-10, Dwarka, Delhi

## SEARCH FOR MISSING



General Public is hereby informed that one Boy namely Surjeet Kumar, S/o Mahesh Tanti, R/o 176, Karan Vihar-II, Kirari, Prem Nagar, Rohini, Delhi, Age: 16 years, Height: 5", Complexion: Shallow, Face: Round, wearing White Colour T-Shirt and Blue Colour Jeans, has been missing/ kidnapped since 14.09.2019 from the area of PS Prem Nagar, Delhi. In this regard a FIR. No. 529/19, dated 26.09.2019 has been registered at P.S. Prem Nagar, Delhi.

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

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## SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General public is hereby informed that a girl named Kajal Kumari, D/o Surender Podhar R/o H.No. Z-430, Gali No. 4, Prem Nagar, Delhi has been missing/kidnapped since 22.09.2019 from the area of Prem Nagar. In this regard, FIR No. 322/19 dated 24.09.2019 has been registered at P.S. Prem Nagar, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the missing/ Kidnapped girl but no clue has come to light so far. The description of the missing/ kidnapped girl is as under:

Name: Kajal Kumari, Gender: Female, Age: 17 years, Height: 5'2", Complexion: Fair, Face: Long, Wearing: Black colour jeans and black colour top.

If anyone has any information regarding this missing/ kidnapped Girl, kindly inform SHO/ Prem Nagar, Delhi.

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DP/3355/RD/19



Kajal Kumari

## PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

(SECTION 82 Cr.Pc.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused Naiyam, S/o Jahoor, R/o Budh bazar, Mohalla, Sarai Allo, Khurja, Dist. Bulandshahar U.P. has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence, in case FIR No. 89/19, u/s 420/468/471/120B/34 IPC, at P.S. Hari Nagar, Delhi and it has been returned to a Warrant of Arrest issued there upon (unexecuted) stating that the said accused Naiyam could not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Naiyam has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Naiyam accused in case FIR No.89/19, u/s 420/468/471/ 120B/34 IPC, at P.S. Hari Nagar, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 4th Day of December 2019.

By Order,  
Sh. Rakesh Kumar Singh,  
Metropolitan Magistrate, Room No.131,  
Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi  
DP/8457/WD/19



## Misbah disappointed with attitude of some players



PTI ■ KARACHI

Head coach-cum-chief selector Misbah-ul-Haq is extremely disappointed with the attitude of some Pakistani players, who shy away from proper training, lack discipline and don't adhere to professional standards.

Pakistan recently suffered a whitewash against Sri Lanka in the three-game T20I series at home and Misbah remains very disappointed at the way the top-ranked side capitulated to Sri Lanka in front of home crowds.

"What has disturbed Misbah the most in his first assignment as head coach and the chief selector is the reluctance of some players to follow directions of the management and do proper training to keep high fitness standards," one source said.

"He is unhappy that some players are just too relaxed and take training lightly and are not working on improving their cricket discipline. He has also not been encouraged by the attitude of captain, Sarfaraz Ahmed whom he feels shies away from taking responsibility when the chips are down."

Another source said that Misbah was surprised by the behaviour of three senior players — Wahab Riaz, Imad Wasim, and Haris Sohail.

"Several times he felt they were making excuses to shy away from training and proper nets. He got the feeling they had some sort of excuse ready to go easy on their training," the source said.

"Batsman, Haris Sohail has developed a painful habit of making excuses for having some nagging problem or pain when asked to push himself in training."

"Another problem which confronts Misbah is that most of the players don't appear to have the cricket discipline to follow and execute plans on the field which are discussed in the dressing room."

The source said at one stage Misbah even felt that the decision of former head coach Mickey Arthur to keep left-arm pacer Wahab Riaz out of the team was understandable.

The long-serving former Pakistan captain is also not pleased that some players are also not displaying the required professional standards.

"Two players bluntly informed their team's head coaches that they would reach for the National T20 Championship matches in Faisalabad on the morning of the games. When Misbah came to know about this he told the head coaches they should be more firm with the players and ensure they joined their provincial team a day before the matches," one source said.

Misbah is also surprised that Arthur and the ex-support staff didn't pay enough attention to developing proper batsmen in all formats and didn't look beyond Babar Azam.

"It is not a very happy situation now and one can expect Misbah to take some hard decisions as chief selector while selecting the T20 and Test squads for the coming tour of Australia," he said.

Zahid Mahmood, a leg-spinner who in the past has been ignored by the selectors and coaches, is now under the consideration of Misbah who is not satisfied with the form of current team leggies, Yasir Shah and Shadab Khan.

Similarly, Misbah is also on the lookout for some new pace bowlers and youngster Naseem Shah is under his scanner for the Australian tour.

The source said it will also be interesting to see whether Misbah supports Sarfaraz Ahmed to continue as a Test captain when the board meets to decide on the captains for the Australian tour.

## No politics behind my selection as BCCI chief: Ganguly

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

Even as Board of Control for Cricket in India president designate Sourav Ganguly returned to Kolkata amid a grand welcome the former Cricket India captain said there was no politics to be read into his getting nominated as the boss of Indian cricket.

Soon after landing at the NSI Airport the cricketing south-paw said, "there was no political pressure on me; neither is there any political deal," behind his getting the prized post. When asked as to whether he saw a shining political future ahead of him particularly after the 2021 Bengal Assembly elections, he remained non-committal saying "there was no talk with anyone on my political future."

Incidentally hours before being tipped off to be the first cricketer to become a BCCI president Ganguly had a brief meeting with Home Minister Amit Shah which many critic saw as a prelude to his becoming the Board president.

On whether there was any offer from any political bench for



him he said "there is nothing wrong if any politician wants good people to join politics. There is nothing wrong if Mr Amit Shah or Mamata Didi want good people to join their parties."

On his future chemistry with BCCI secretary designate Jay Shah he said "Jay and I have been very good friends."

Both of us are young and both of us have experience and both of us want to do something for the Indian cricket. So it will be a great inning for both of us. There will not be lack of any

effort ... whether I will be successful or not I can't say but I can say that I will work to the best of my capability for the cause of Indian cricket."

Dwelling on his priorities as the BCCI chief he said "my first priority is the whole lot of first class cricketers. It is this pool of cricketers from where the top payers emerge. But the remaining lot of first class cricketers gets very little for them. So it will be my first priority to do something for them. We will work collectively and change their lives."

## 'Want to reverse losing trend in knock-out games of ICC events'

PTI ■ KOLKATA

Former India captain Sourav Ganguly, who is set to be the new BCCI president, wants the Virat Kohli-led national team to reverse the trend of losing the knock-out games in ICC events.

"India are a good team. I know they have not won a big tournament. But they play well in big tournaments except the semi-finals and the final. Hopefully, Virat can change it around. He is a champion player," Ganguly told reporters here on Tuesday.

India have not won an ICC event since the 2013 Champions Trophy. The team finished runner-up in the 2017 Champions Trophy final after losing to Pakistan.

In the World Cup earlier this year, India were one of the favourites to win the title but ended up losing the semifinal to New Zealand.

## Smriti loses top spot

PTI ■ DUBAI

Injured India opener Smriti Mandhana has lost her number one status after being toppled by New Zealand's Amy Satterthwaite in the batting chart of the latest ICC ODI rankings.

Mandhana, who has 755 points, slipped to the number two spot after she missed India's recently concluded ODI series against South Africa due to injury.

The 23-year-old suffered a fracture in her right toe after being struck by a ball during a net session before the start of the ODI series against South Africa which India won 3-0.

Among others batters, skipper Mithali Raj moved down to the seventh spot while her Harmanpreet Kaur rose in the rankings to the occupy the 17th place.



Smriti Mandhana in a file picture. PTI

In the bowlers' rankings, Jhulan Goswami, Shikha Pandey and Poonam Yadav moved down to be placed sixth, eighth and ninth respectively.

Among the all-rounders, Deepti Sharma has moved down to the third place while Shikha Pandey broke into the top 10.

## Jaffer slams 'unfit' Vadodara pitches for Hazare trophy

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Domestic cricket stalwart and former India opener Wasim Jaffer on Tuesday slammed the "unfit" pitches being used in Vadodara for the Vijay Hazare Trophy.

Jaffer took to Twitter to vent out his frustration.

"Absolutely unfit pitches to play in 'List A' matches in Vadodara," he wrote.

Later Jaffer, who is the highest-run scorer in Ranji Trophy, said that the pitch at the Motibaug ground was "close to being dangerous".

"Yes, specially the pitch at Motibaug is close to being dangerous. Two-three players were hit by a ball and nobody is scoring more than 150-160 runs."

"Our tournament was (suppose) to start on 24th (September) but then there was rain for two

weeks. So, I don't know why the Baroda Cricket Association first of all took up (the job) to host Vijay Hazare," Jaffer said.

All the Group B matches have been played in Baroda and Jaffer's team Vidarbha won only two of their nine games, losing four. Three of their games had no result. They are languishing at the 8th spot in the Elite Group B standings and 13th in the combined Group A and B standings.

"And the matches we are playing on, if you look at the scores, you will get to know what kind of wickets we are playing on. In Bengaluru, Jaipur and Dehradun they are getting good pitches to play (on), so its just feels very sad," Jaffer said.

A senior member of the Vidarbha's coaching staff believes that the match-referee should submit a detailed report about the condition of pitches to the BCCI.

## Ireland, Scotland attempt to deny minnows 'dream'

AFP ■ DUBAI

Ireland captain Gary Wilson wants his side to ensure they finish "right at the top again" in the upcoming 2020 T20 World Cup qualifying tournament, but Nigeria and Jersey are among those chasing a "dream" appearance on the global stage.

Scotland are the highest-ranked team in the competition, with 14 nations vying for six places in the opening round of next year's World T20 in Australia, where they would join Bangladesh and Sri Lanka in attempting to reach the 'Super 12s'.

Ireland are the only Test team having to go through qualifying, which starts on Friday in the United Arab Emirates, and will be expected to book a sixth straight appearance in the tournament.

"We are here to compete at the world stage," said Irish skipper Wilson.

"We have a great record in the Middle East and the boys are looking forward to a great tournament and ensure we finish right at the top again."

The winners of each group of seven will qualify automatically, with the four remaining spots to be decided in playoffs.

Scotland, 11th in the world T20 rankings, claimed their first-ever win at a global ICC tournament in the 2016 edition by beating Hong Kong, but will be looking to put the pain of agonisingly missing out on the 50-over World Cup earlier this year behind them.

They had two chances to secure a place during last year's qualifying in Zimbabwe, but lost to Ireland before rain cut short their tense run chase against two-time world champions the West Indies.



"We know every team is dangerous in this competition," said Scotland captain Kyle Coetzer. "It is vitally important not only for us as Scotland but for every team here."

### JERSEY CHASING 'DREAM'

The Netherlands, who reached the 'Super 10' round in 2014, Oman, Hong Kong and hosts the UAE will all be among the favourites to qualify.

But the likes of Nigeria, Jersey and Singapore insist they are not going to just make up the numbers as they bid to give cricket a boost in their countries.

There was already a shock in the Asian regional qualifiers, with Singapore reaching this stage ahead of Nepal, the world's 13th-ranked outfit.

Island team Jersey are playing in their second consecutive qualifier, having fallen short four years ago despite surprise victories over Hong Kong and Nepal.

"For Jersey, it would probably be the biggest thing that has happened in our sporting history," admitted captain Charles Perchard.

"It's a dream of ours to potentially play in a World Cup next year..."

"We're a small island

and in a lot of sports we do punch above our weight, especially in cricket and qualification would be massive for our country."

Nigeria have reached the final stage of qualifying for the first time as cricket continues to grow in the African country, with their youth side booking a spot at next year's Under-19 World Cup in South Africa.

"It would be a great thing to be at the World Cup. It would be a great history for Nigeria," said their skipper Ademola Onikoyi, after his team took the place of Zimbabwe following their suspension by the ICC.

"Our juniors will be at the World Cup next year in South Africa, so we want to do that as well."

Singapore, led by Amjad Mahboob, are also debutants at the qualifying event, while Bermuda will be looking to repeat the heroics of their side who famously reached the 2007 World Cup.

The qualifiers get underway on Friday, with Scotland facing Singapore in the opening Group A game, while Ireland take on Hong Kong and the UAE play Oman in Group B.

## Delhi eye maiden PKL final place

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

With the VIVO Pro Kabaddi League Season Seven entering its penultimate phase, the semi-finals, all eyes are on the star athletes who have pushed their teams towards the coveted title. Defending champions Bengaluru Bulls have rode on Pawan Sehrawat's raiding brilliance all season but they will be up against League toppers Dabang Delhi KC, who have with them another brilliant talent in raider Naveen Kumar. In the second semi-final, Bengal Warriors will face an in-form U Mumba side, who outclassed a strong Haryana Steelers unit in the Eliminator.

### BATTLE OF RAIDERS

For most parts of this season, Pawan Sehrawat has looked the best Kabaddi player in the country, and he has carried that form into the crucial, knockout stages of the competition. His 20-point performance was vital in Bulls' comeback victory against UP Yoddha in the Eliminator and the defending champions will once again be reliant on the High-Flyer for the raid points against Delhi, especially with Rohit Kumar still looking troubled by his back injury. Pawan has 328 points from 23 matches this season, including 17 Super 10s, but the raider will be facing a familiar foe in Delhi's left corner Ravinder Pahar. Interestingly, the 'Hawk' has a better head-to-head history against Pawan in duels (8-7), and will take belief from Nitesh Kumar's performances for UP against the raider from the same position.

At the other end, Naveen Kumar will be keen to launch the wrecking ball onto a leaky Bulls' defence. Barring Mahender Singh, no defender looked convincing in their game against UP, and in Naveen they will be facing a raider of another class. The 19-year-old, a produce of the



### FUTURE KABADDI HEROES (FKH) programme

has 19 consecutive Super 10s this season (268 points from 21 matches), and will be a force to reckon with. With both the raiding departments looking strong, the match will most likely be won by the defence.

### "WELL-BALANCED" SIDES

Bengal Warriors, arguably, have been the most complete side in Season 7, with their defence and attack firing hand in hand. But they will be facing a U Mumba, often called a defence-reliant team, who have discovered a new dimension through two young raiders — Abhishek Singh and Arjun Deshwal. The duo scored 32 points for the Mumbai side in their Eliminator round, and with U Mumba also peaking at the right time, the second semi-final will be a tactical warfare.

Baldev Singh (averaging 2.59 tackles per match) and Rinku Narwal have been in good form for the Warriors and they will be keen to make life difficult for Mumbai's young raiders. Maninder Singh's injury concerns will be a concern for the Bengal team though, especially with Mumbai corners of Fazel Atrachali (top scoring defender in season seven with



81 points so far) and Sandeep Narwal in red-hot form. But in K Prapanjan and Mohammad Nabibakhsh, the Warriors have a great raiding unit to support Maninder.

The eliminator rounds were testimony to the fact that there can be no clear favourites in a Kabaddi match. Expect nothing short of fireworks as the most fiercely competed season of VIVO PKL enters the final stages.

The players had a take on the semi-final match:

Talking about the semi-finals Pawan Hi-Flyer Sehrawat, Captain of Bengaluru Bulls, said "It was a great match yesterday, I have never played such a high

Fest for sure!"

Talking about the semi-finals Fazel Sultan Atrachali, Captain of U Mumba, said "The last match with Haryana was very difficult as Haryana had played us very recently and they knew our gameplay. They had strategized accordingly to ensure the best result. However, it was a very important time for me because in the last season, we qualified to the playoffs and then couldn't go further so I wanted to not repeat the same mistake. Yesterday's game was really good because we won such a tough match so the team is very motivated and confident. We have strategized focusing on defence and when we have a controlled defence we perform really well. Even Bengal Warriors has a good defence but I think we can overcome that. We need to concentrate on team work and not depend on any one player during the match, everyone has to support each other and play as a unit."

Talking about the semi-finals Joginder Narwal, Captain of Dabang Delhi, said "The season has been tough and the competition during the league stage is high. The team worked hard and emerged as table toppers, we wish to continue the momentum and give our best during the semi-finals. We have always taken one game at a time and will do so even for our match against Bengaluru Bulls. Our aim is to pick the cup this year, and we are working towards it."

Talking about the semi-finals Nabibakhsh, Bengal Warriors, said "U Mumba put up a good game, they were on point with their defence and offence. We are preparing for the semi-finals and practicing rigorously to make sure we keep the pressure on our opponent from the beginning. The match against U Mumba will be a neck-to-neck battle and we will give our best to make sure we emerge victorious and advance to the finals."





IANS ■ KOLKATA

India snatched a 1-1 draw from the jaws of defeat against much lower ranked Bangladesh to dent their chances of qualification in a Group E Asian Qualifiers for the FIFA World Cup tie at the packed Vivekananda Yuba Bharati Krirangan here on Tuesday.

A first-half strike from Saad Uddin in the 42nd minute helped Bangladesh take a shock lead against India, who are 83 places above them and drew 0-0 against Asian champions Qatar in their last game.

The hosts had a flurry of chances to peg back with Anas Edathodika's shot headed off by Mohammad Ibrahim on the goalline in the second half. It was only in the 88th minute that centre-back Adil Khan headed in a goal to equalise.

Bangladesh too, could have doubled their advantage as Mohammad Ibrahim's shot found

the crossbar in the second-half and Adil made a goalline clearance.

The result means India move to two points from three games after losing their campaign opener to Oman. Bangladesh, who prior to this game had lost both their matches against Afghanistan and Qatar, logged their first point but remained at the bottom of the five-team group.

India missed defensive mainstay Sandesh Jhingran and holding midfielder Rowlin Borges due to injury and suspension respectively.

Chhetri got a chance to get India ahead in the 5th minute when his first-time volley after receiving a pass from Ashique Kuruniyan went straight to visiting goalkeeper Ashraful Islam.

India enjoyed the lion's share of ball possession and tried hard to open up the Bangladesh defence but the away side held firm as the hosts fluffed their lines in the final third.

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Bangladesh got their first opportunity in the 31st minute when Biplo Ahamed sneaked into the box only for Anas to intercept at the right time.

Four minutes later, Bangladesh goalkeeper Ashraful was forced into a fingertip save from Manvir Singh's looping header as India kept knocking at the door.

But against the run of play, Bangladesh nosed ahead three minutes before halftime. Skipper Jamal Bhuyan swung in a delectable free kick for Saad to nod in past Gurpreet who failed to catch the ball.

After the break, Bangladesh missed a golden opportunity to double their advantage when Sohail Rana cut in from the left to set up Mohammad Zibban, whose shot was saved well by Gurpreet.

India then fluffed two gilt-edged chances at and just after the hour mark as Anas' header was first saved on the goalline by Ibrahim and then in the 66th minute,

Manvir mistimed his run to spurn a header from close range.

At the other end, Adil made an acrobatic clearance to save Gurpreet the blushes after Zibban got behind the defence and lobbed the ball past India's tall custodian.

Chhetri wasted wide from substitute Brandon Fernandes' corner in the 76th minute as India threw the kitchen sink at their lesser fancied rivals.

The effort paid off as Adil powered in a header from Brandon's corner at the near post to send the crowd into raptures.

Chhetri dribbled past two defenders soon after but the 35-year-old's shot was weak as the stadium reverberated with his chants.

The packed 65,000 spectators were left high and dry in the end as India could not record a win which was expected. The result means Bangladesh, ranked 187, remain unbeaten in their last three meetings against India, ranked 104.

## ENGLAND 6 RACISM 0

England players suffer shocking abuse ++ Monkey chants at Sterling & Rashford ++ Bulgaria fans make fascist salutes ++ Match stopped twice & almost abandoned



AFP ■ SOFIA

England manager Gareth Southgate said his side made a statement by deciding to complete a 6-0 Euro 2020 qualifying win over Bulgaria after the match was twice halted by racist chanting.

The visitors led 2-0 through early goals from Marcus Rashford and Ross Barkley when play was first stopped and an announcement made to supporters that the game could be suspended if offensive chanting continued.

Once restarted, England quickly made it 3-0 through Barkley before a second stoppage as Croatian referee Ivan Bibek held discussions with players and coaching staff from both sides.

Raheem Sterling then netted twice either side of half-time before Harry Kane rounded off the scoring to take England to the brink of qualification.

"We know it is an unacceptable situation," Southgate told British broadcaster ITV.

"I think we've managed to make two statements really by winning the game, but also we have raised the awareness of everybody to the situation."

"The game was stopped twice and I know for some people that won't be enough, but I think we were as a group on board with that process."

In a statement, The English Football Association said their players "were subjected to abhorrent racist chanting" and called on UEFA to investigate immediately.

Tyrone Mings was one of those targeted on his England debut. The Aston Villa defender believed that stopping the game did have the desired effect of reducing racist abuse in the second half.

"The correct steps that were taken definitely helped," said Mings.

"We made the decision at half-time to come out and play the game which we thought

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for the game after racist incidents during games against Kosovo and the Czech Republic in June.

"I have to say the officials were onto everything very quickly," added Southgate.

"We reported everything immediately when we heard things, we had constant communication with the fourth official and the referee."

On the field, Southgate's decision to make five changes from the side beaten in Prague on Friday was fully vindicated.

Rashford was one of those recalled put his Manchester United woes behind him by smashing the opener into the roof of the net after just seven minutes before Barkley tapped home a second at the back post.

The first stage of UEFA's protocol followed as the game was temporarily stopped and a warning played over the loudspeaker in both Bulgarian and English that the match could be suspended after monkey chants were aimed at England players.

That warning was not heeded as after Barkley headed home Kane's cross, there was a second, longer stoppage in play.

A number of Bulgarian ultras were then ejected from the stadium.

When play did get back underway there were six minutes of stoppage time added and the visitors used it to increase their advantage when Kane crossed for Sterling to this time apply an easy finish.

Southgate's men could have scored plenty more in the second-half against the dispirited hosts on a terrible night all round for Bulgarian football.

Sterling's second arrived midway through the second-half with Kane again the creator before the England captain finally got on the scoresheet himself five minutes from time.

England now need just a point from their final two qualifiers against Montenegro and Kosovo next month to seal their place at next year's Euros.



AFP ■ KIEV

Ukraine beat Portugal 2-1 on Monday to clinch a place at Euro 2020 despite Cristiano Ronaldo scoring his 700th career goal.

Roman Yaremchuk and Andriy Yarmolenko put Ukraine two goals up after 27 minutes.

Although Ronaldo scored his landmark goal from the penalty spot in the 72nd minute and Taras Shepenenko was sent off, Ukraine held on to secure first place in Group B.

## 700 & counting

Cristiano scores 700th career goal in Portugal's 1-2 defeat against Ukraine



Turkey's players salute as they celebrate a goal against France during the group H qualifying match AP

Ukraine join already qualified Poland, Russia, Italy and Belgium at next summer's finals, while second-placed Portugal, who are eight points behind

Ukraine, have Serbia just a point behind them with two matches remaining after they beat Lithuania 2-1.

"There are days like these, when the

ball just doesn't want to go in," said Portuguese midfielder Danilo. "No need to do the maths now; we just need to win the next two games to reach Euro 2020."

Yaremchuk pounced from close range in the sixth minute. The centre forward reacted fastest after Rui Patricio dived to parry Serhiy Kryvtsov's header from a corner, and poke the ball across the line.

Yarmolenko added the second when outpaced the Portuguese defence to finish a swift counter attack with a low, crisp first-time shot.

Portugal dominated the second half and finally achieved a breakthrough when Shepenenko blocked a shot with his arm, receiving his marching orders before Ronaldo blasted home the penalty to make it 700 goals for club and country.

The goal was his 95th for Portugal. The 34-year-old is now just 14 goals behind the all-time international record of 109 held by former Iran striker Ali Daei.

While the exact number of goals scored by some of the game's legends is the subject of debate, Ronaldo is agreed to be the sixth player to reach 700 after Austrian Josef Bican, Brazilians Romario and Pele, Hungarian Ferenc Puskas and German Gerd Muller.

## Lakshya wants to break into top 30

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

A maiden BWF World tour title pushing him closer to top 50, Dutch Open champion Lakshya Sen says he will look to put up a good show in the remainder of the season to break into the world's top 30.

The 18-year-old on Sunday clinched his maiden BWF World Tour title by winning the Dutch Open title, beating Yusuke Onodera of Japan 15-21, 21-14, 21-15 in the summit clash.

"This is the biggest title of my career so far. I have reached quarters and a semifinals in the past, so it is good to finally win a super 100 tournament. It will boost my ranking and give me a chance to play the super 500 tournaments," Lakshya, who rose to world No 52 this week said.

"At the beginning of the year, my target was to reach the top 50 and after this win I would be close to that. I still have few events left in the year. If I can do well there, I can go further up. Hope I can break into top 30 early next year."

Lakshya will play the Saarlouis Open Super 100 (Oct 29-Nov 3) next, before participating in two International Challenge events at the Irish Open (November 13-16) and Scottish Open (Nov 21-24). He will also play the Syed Modi International Super 300 (Nov 26-Dec 1).



It was an impressive week for the teen shuttler, who displayed superb temperament and skills to outwit his opponents.

"The first round against Nhat (Nguyen) was tough, the second match was okay but again playing (Ygor) Coelho was difficult. I had played him before so I was ready for a big match," said the 2018 Asian Junior Champion.

"The finals was also a long match and I am happy how I performed overall in the week," he said.

## Sindhu starts with win

PTI ■ ODENSE

World Champion P V Sindhu made an impressive start to her campaign at the Denmark Open, claiming a straight-game win over Indonesia's Gregoria Mariska Tunjung in the women's singles competition here on Tuesday.

Fifth seed Sindhu, who had made early exits in China and Korea, got back her bearing as she overcame former World Junior Champion Gregoria 22-20, 21-18 in 38 minutes to keep her 5-0 record intact against the Indonesian.

The Olympic Silver medallist will now face Korea's An Se Young next.

World Championships Bronze medallist B Sai Praneeth also made it to the second round beating the legendary Lin Dan 21-14, 21-17 in a 35-minute opening round clash.

The Hyderabad shuttler is likely to meet world No 1 and two-time world champion Kento Momota of Japan next. He had lost to Momota at the World Championships in Basel, Switzerland.

Thailand Open champions Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty also made a good start to their men's doubles campaign, beating Korean pair of Kim Gi Jung and Lee Yong Dae 24-22, 21-11 in 39 minutes.



Former Commonwealth Games champion Parupalli Kashyap, who had reached the semifinals at Korea Open, failed to cross the opening round after losing 13-21, 12-21 to Thailand's Sittikhom Thammasin in the men's singles.

National champion Sourabh Verma, who had clinched the Hyderabad Open and Vietnam Open this year, also made an early exit after going down 21-19, 11-21, 17-21 to Mark Caljouw of the Netherlands.

## Paine backs Smith's return to captaincy

AFP ■ SYDNEY

Australian captain Tim Paine has addressed speculation over whether Steve Smith will again lead the team once a ban ends in March, saying he would be fully supportive if it happens "one day".

Smith skippered the team until he was suspended for 12 months over a brazen attempt under his watch to alter the ball with sandpaper in Cape Town last year.

Part of his punishment included a further year-long exile from any leadership role. Calls have grown for Smith to take over from Paine when the ban is lifted, following batting performances that helped Australia retain the Ashes



against England.

Paine, who will turn 35 in December, on Monday brushed off questions surrounding the Australian side's future leadership.

"I'm enjoying having the job at the moment... And I certainly hope Steve Smith does captain Australia again one day, and if he does, I'll be fully supportive of it," he told the Daily Telegraph.

Paine will not play in this summer's Big Bash League, instead joining broadcaster Channel Seven's commentary team. But he will almost certainly retain the captaincy for the home summer Test series

## Smith should be made captain once Paine's time is up: Ponting

IANS ■ MELBOURNE

Former Australia skipper Ricky Ponting believes Steve Smith should get another chance to lead the national team once Tim Paine's time is up.

"It's the million-dollar question: when Steve Smith's ban is up will he go straight back into the captaincy or will he not?" Ponting told 7NEWS.

"To be honest I think it's up to Tim how long he plays

He's the best keeper in the world. Whether that's as captain or not that's up to the hierarchy at Cricket Australia to make that decision. I've been on record already — when Tim's time is up I'd like to see Steve Smith have another go.

"I think he probably feels like there's unfinished business there as far as his captaincy's concerned. He's got to want to do it and obviously then the authorities have to say yes or no," he added.

against Pakistan and New Zealand, despite occasional criticism of his form during the Ashes.